

**December 2007**  
**Message From the East**

Hello Brethren: My name is Rich Dickerscheid and I am serving as *your* Worshipful Master for this Masonic Year. My wife of 23 years is Teri Dickerscheid and we have a son, Jonathan, who is 21 years old and a daughter, Amanda, who is 19 years old. With the short time I have been in Masonry, I have met a lot of people, many of whom I have become very good friends with. If I would have known what this great fraternity is about twenty plus years ago, I would have joined then, but as you all know how hectic life can be while your kids are little, things always happen for a reason.

I coached baseball for 5 years and football for 7 years while my wife was head of Ross Little Pro cheerleading. Some of the activities I have been involved with are bowling leagues in Oxford and the greater Cincinnati area, bass fishing in Butler County Bassmasters' Club (a lot of traveling) in both of which I have held many positions of leadership.

Beginning one month after being raised at CH-HSJ #641, I have been Trustee of the Lodge, officer in the line and served as many roles and functions as possible. I also currently serve as Chairman of the Future Planning Committee where there has been much discussion of where we go from here as a Lodge. With the decline in membership and participation, this will be a hot topic in the coming year(s).

I am also a member of the Valley of Cincinnati AASR, Cumminsville Royal Arch Chapter and the Syrian Shrine. I spend some of my time with these Appendent bodies of Masonry and have participated in degree and other work, but my interest and commitment is to the Blue Lodge. I am proud of the start of my year as Master with a successful Senior Wardens' Night and I am looking forward to a great year with a great line of officers to keep the positive eye of the First Masonic District shining upon our historic Lodge.

Please visit our new Lodge website for fast and up to the minute information at <http://www.chhsj641.org>. Always remember to replace yourself by bringing to light 1 or 2 friends you find worthy to keep our "World's Oldest Fraternity" prosperous.

I am honored and humbly serve in my new position.

Fraternally,

*Rich Dickerscheid*

**STATED MEETING-SEPT. 6, 2007**

After a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, prepared and served by Hoffner Eastern Star Chapter, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a Committee of Remembrance, consisting of W.B.s **John Dsuban, Don Perry and Chuck Hicks** was appointed in memory of our late Brothers **Charles Albertson, Dale Fishback and Jim Nikias**. The usual business was conducted. Mr. **Robert Lawrence Schlvetter, Jr.** was regularly elected to receive the Three Degrees of Masonry. His EA degree will be conferred on Jan. 18, 2008. Dues were remitted on three members. The MM exam of Brother **Chris Minelli** was extended due to his being out of town. The LEO, Brother **Harry Klein** gave his educational report on Pres. Millard B. Fillmore. W.B. **Richard Wendt** reiterated the need for backups for the Secretary and Treasurer. The list of 37 delinquent members was read. These will be sent a Notice of Suspension. W.B. **Ira Greenlee** is in the hospital, but is expected to be released tomorrow. Eighteen members enjoyed the evening.

**SPECIAL MEETING-Nov. 10, 2007**

The Annual Installation of Officers was opened in the MM degree by the W.M. at 3:00 p.m. The Past Masters were recognized and applauded. The W.M. presented Bro. **Steven Croucher** with his E.A. Lecture Bar. The officers were then installed by W.B. **John Dsuban**, P.M., assisted by W.B. **Chuck Hicks** as Chaplain, W.B. **Donald Perry** as Secretary and W.B. **Jim Campbell** as Marshal. The officers installed were: W.M. **Richard Dickerscheid**, S.W. **Steven Croucher**, J.W. **Al Young**, Treasurer **Richard Wendt**, Secretary **Barrie R. Owen**, S.D. **Tony Dsuban**, J.D. **Dick Jung**, S.S. (absent), J.S. **Ed Colwell**, Tyler **Earl Rechel**, Trustee 2010 **Tony Dsuban**, Trustee 1012 **Steven Croucher**, Chaplain **John Dsuban**, L.E.O. **Harry Klein**. A Memorial Service was held for our late Brothers **Dale A. Fishback, William Fletcher, Bobby Joe Gamble, Joseph R. Halpin, Jim Nikias, Robert Andy**

**Randolph, William G. Sonderman, Wilbert F. Wegert, Charles L. Woods and Lester E. Zorb.** After introductions of guests and presentations to the Master and appropriate announcements, the W.M. closed the Lodge at 5:10 p.m. and invited all to his home for dinner. Seventeen members and twenty-six guests enjoyed the afternoon.

**SPECIAL MEETING-November 22, 2007**

After a repast of coffee and doughnuts, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 a.m. and announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of Raising Brother **David Ritzie** to the Sublime Degree of MM and for the Thanksgiving Day Raising. Four PDDGMs were introduced and applauded. Two DDGMs and the SGD were introduced and accorded Grand Honors. There being no objections, the degree was very well given by members of CH-HSJ as well as members of several other Lodges. W.B. **Tony Dsuban** gave the Lecture and Brother **Steven Croucher** gave the Charge. After recognitions, RWB **Grathwohl** made appropriate comments and closed the Lodge at 10:10 a.m. Twenty members and sixteen visitors enjoyed the morning.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

*Saturday, December 8, 2007*

*Christmas Party*

***Breakfast 8-10 a.m., Party 10 a.m.***

*Thursday, December 13, 2007*

*Awards Night*

*Saturday, December 15, 2007*

***Christmas Basket Distribution***

*Monday, December 17, 2007*

***Grand Master's Visit at FMDOA***

*Thursday, December 20, 2007*

***DARK***

*Sunday, December 23, 2007*

*St. John's Day-see Bulletin Cover*

*Thursday, December 27, 2007*

***DARK***

*Thursday, January 3, 2008*

*Stated Meeting*

*At all meetings:*

*Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.*

**FROM THE L.E.O.**

**George Washington**, 1774-75 a Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress; Revolutionary War General of the Continental Army; 1787 member U.S. Constitutional Convention; 1789-97 President of the U.S. His portrait appears on the U.S. quarter, \$1 Dollar bill, various other denominations of U.S. currency & the Civil War Confederate States \$50 note. Fredericksburg Lodge #4, Fredericksburg, VA.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**WILLIAM GORDON SONDERMAN**

**Born: May 30, 1927**

**Initiated: April 17, 1952**

**Passed: May 15, 1952**

**Raised: June 26, 1952**

**Died: February 15, 2007**

**CHARLES LESTER WOODS**

**Born: November 24, 1928**

**Initiated: May 27, 1966**

**Passed: June 17, 1966**

**Raised October 7, 1966**

**Died: August 18, 2007**

**CHARLES ROBERT ALBERTSON**

**Born: October 20, 1930**

**Initiated: November 30, 1962**

**Passed: December 28, 1962**

**Raised: February 1, 1963**

**Died: November 27, 2007**

**DALE ALLEN FISHBACK**

**Born: June 29, 1923**

**Initiated: May 17, 1973**

**Passed: October 25, 1973**

**Raised: January 24, 1974**

**JIM NIKIAS**

**Born: August 18, 1934**

**Initiated: February 12, 1987**

**Passed: April 9, 1987**

**Raised: May 27, 1987**

**Died: November 2, 2007**

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