

October 2007

Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

We had a fantastic September. Hard at labor, every Thursday was slotted for work. I thank **W.B. Dan Floyd** and all participating Past Masters and Brethren on Sept. 13th for a great FC degree on **Br. Dave Ritzie**. **S.W. Rich Dickerscheid** should also be commended on a job well done, as well as all participating Brethren. On Sept. 20th he gathered a majority of the First Masonic Districts Senior Wardens to exemplify the MM degree. Our Fellowcraft team filled in where needed. It is my hope that all participating Senior Wardens developed friendships that will grow and benefit their year in the East. Sept. 27th brought our Widows Night with entertainment by the Oola Khan Grotto Band. I personally thank the band and special thanks to our L.E.O. **Br. Harry Klein** and his commitment to our widows.

September's FMDOA meeting brought great joy and satisfaction to my heart and the hearts of those who have supported our lodge throughout the year. Our Lodge received perfect FMDOA attendance, President's award, Best E.A. degree, Lodge of the Year award, and Master of the Year award. **W.B. Al Young** received his perfect attendance apron for attending all First District inspections. Hard work does pay off, Brethren. Thanks to all brethren who helped in making us the best in the district.

For your information we have some Brethren who need your thoughts and prayers, **RWB Barrie Owen, WB Chuck Hicks, WB Don Perry, and Br. Foster Gould**. If you know of any of our Brethren that are sick or distressed, please inform one of our officers, so we can call, visit or send them a card.

October/November trestleboard: Oct 4th Stated, Oct. 11th dark, Oct. 15th FMDOA past president's night held at CH-HSJ, Oct. 19-20 Grand Lodge, Oct. 22 Syrian Shrine Business Meeting to present corn roast proceeds, Oct. 25th Bradford Lodge visit to perform a Kentucky degree, Nov. 1st Stated and election of officers, Nov. 10th Installation of officers, Nov. 22 Thanksgiving day raising on Br. Dave Ritzie.

In closing, I have only one month left before my term comes to an end. I can honestly say that I gave you my best. It was an enjoyable experience to sit in the East with my father as Chaplain, my brother-in-law in the west, and five other officers that are great friends and brothers. Before I was installed in the East, my father, **WB John Dsuban**, warned me that the lodge would come first, even before my own family. I didn't quite believe him, but as always he was right. The lodge does come first when you sit in the East, each master must lead by example and do his best for the lodge. I took and followed an oath to lead our lodge and continue the traditions of our forefathers. I must acknowledge that a great leader is nothing without great followers and our lodge has some of the hardest working, caring, and committed masons that believe in Free Masonry. Without the help of these dedicated Masons, we could not have had such a great year. I encourage all brethren to support their upcoming officers, their lodge, their district, and Freemasonry for the betterment of mankind.

Fraternally, **Tony Dsuban**

STATED MEETING-October 6, 2007

After a dinner of Chili and fixings, the WM opened a Lodge of MM for the purpose of holding the Oct. Stated Meeting. The proposed budget was read and held over to the next Stated Meeting. The report from the investigating committee on the Petition for

being full and favorable was voted on and approved. A thank you letter was read from **Pauline Baier**, widow of our former Treasurer, who will be 100 years old in November.

Sick and Distressed include **Barrie R. Owen P.D.D.G.M., Chuck Hicks P.M., Don Perry P.M. and Bro. Foster Gould**.

W.M. **Tony Dsuban** read the proposed legislation for the Grand Lodge 2007, and asked the membership for their opinion on each piece.

S.D. Steve Croucher gave the E.A. Lecture in near perfect manner. A \$500.00 scholarship was given to **R.W.B. Herb Kern** for his granddaughter, **Lydia Joy Kern**, who is attending Ohio State University., and another \$500 scholarship was given to **Mallory Diane Wood**, granddaughter of **W.B. Don Perry**.

Bro. Harry Klein gave his L.E.O. report on Lodges in Europe compared to those in America.

The Master recognized four 50 year members and five Past Masters **R.W.B. Herb L. Kern and W.B.'s George Siddall, Dick Wendt, Al Young, and Ira Greenlee**. Sixteen members enjoyed the evening. Submitted by **R.W.B. Herb L. Kern**, Acting Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING-September 13, 2007

Our honored Past Master, **W.B. Daniel Floyd** opened a Lodge of FC for the purpose of passing **Br. David Allen Ritzie** to the degree of FC. Br. Ritzie was first examined and found very proficient in the E.A. Degree. The FC Lecture and the "G" lecture were very well given by W.B. Floyd, and the Charge was given letter-perfect by W.B. Tony Dsuban. Two 50 year members and eleven Past Masters were

recognized and applauded. A total of 19 members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING-September 20, 2007

Our SW, **Br. Rich Dickersheid**, organized SW Night with strong representation from most of the Lodges in the 1st Masonic District. Our Grand Master, **M.W. Michael A. Himes** attended, along with several of his District Deputies. The work was well done, a full Fellowcraft team performed with precision, and the Lecture and Charge were presented very well.

WIDOWS NIGHT-September 27, 2007

The Grotto Band performed after a great meal of fried chicken. As usual, the band played many marches and allowed **W.B. John Dsuban** to direct one march. Our thanks to **Br. Harry Klein** for organizing this special event for the 50 members and families who attended.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, October 11, 2007

dark

Thursday, October 18, 2007

dark

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Bradford Lodge

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Annual Stated Meeting

At all meetings:

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

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE

We have \$500 scholarships available to members and their children and grandchildren. The student must be registered and have paid tuition at an accredited academic college. The member must attend a stated meeting to present the application,

and then return to another stated meeting to receive the scholarship. Call Dick Wendt at 851-1298 for information and an application.