

December 2008
Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

First, I would like to thank the Brethren who elected me Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Now for those of you who don't know me my name is Steve Croucher. I was raised in January of 06 by P.M. **Tony Dsuban**, joined the officer line as soon as I took my exam, and have running ever since.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the Brethren to attend our St. John's Day celebration this year (details are on the back of the Bulletin). We also will have Awards Night on December 11. Please come out and show these hard working Masons how much we appreciate them.

Last but not least, as Worshipful Brother **Dickerscheid** would say remember to replace yourself by bringing to light 1 or 2 friends you find worthy to keep our "World's Oldest Fraternity" prosperous.

Fraternally,

W.M. Steve Croucher

STATED MEETING-NOVEMBER 6, 2008

After a dinner of Spare Ribs in Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce, French Bread and Cupcakes, provided by Hoffner Eastern Star Chapter at no cost to the Lodge, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. W.B. **Dan Floyd**, assisted by W.B. **Tony Dsuban**, examined Brothers **Richard Long** and **Matthew Long** in the MM degree which the Lodge voted to accept. The W.M. then ordered a Brother suspended for failure to pass the MM exam. He ordered a letter sent to a Brother regarding continuing with his degrees. The W.M. then appointed RWB **Herb Kern** to be Chaplain, Brother **Harry Klein** to be L.E.O., Brother **Richard Long** to be S.S. and Brother **Matthew Long** to be J.S. RWB **Kern** then obligated them and the Master installed them. The Minutes of the past Stated and Special Meetings were approved as if read. The Lodge voted to receive and to refer to the Investigating Committee the Petition of Mr. **Barry Wisecup** for the Three Degrees. The Correspondence was read as were the names of 26 members who had not yet paid their dues. The Lodge voted to adopt the Change to the By-Laws, which changed the number of Trustees from 5 to 3. W.B. **Richard Wendt** presented and explained the Treasurer's Report, which was ordered filed for audit. The LEO Report by Brother **Klein** consisted of a "This is Your Life, **Richard Wendt**" regarding his year as Master, followed by applause. The Lodge received

Scholarship applications from Evan Lahmer, grandson of the late W.B. **John Lahmer** and Katherine Mosure, daughter of Brother **Steven Mosure**. These will be awarded next month. The Lodge voted to pay the bills of the evening. Brother **Klein** reported on Brother **Thomas Mitchell**, who had a four-way bypass and is in Christ Hospital. Brother **John Rossi** has a kidney stone the size of a softball. The doctors have not decided on how to treat it. RWB **Owen** reported that Brother **Carl Zimpelman** is home from the hospital recovering from pneumonia and would like visitors (as would Brother **Mitchell**). The dues were remitted for two Brothers for good reasons. A Committee of Remembrance was appointed for our late Brother **William R. Spraul**. The Lodge voted to pay the Master's expense of \$50 for the Past Masters' Convocation. The Lodge voted to request a Dispensation to install the new J.D. at the January Stated Meeting. W.B. **Dickerscheid** was conducted West of the Altar and presented his personal Ritual. W.B. **Dickerscheid** then presented a Master's Award to W.B. **Al Young** and a Gavel to the W.M. W.B. **T. Dsuban** gave the Trustee's Report. The Lodge voted to proceed with further action by the Grievance Committee against a delinquent Brother. York Rite and Shrine reports were given. W.B. **Dickerscheid** reported that RWB **Jerry Stemmer** was improving from a torn aorta. W.B. **Hicks** reported on the visit to Brother **Foster Gould** by RWB **Owen**, W.B. **Dickerscheid** and him. W.B. **Dickerscheid** reported for the FMDOA on the P.M. Convocation Saturday and the Grand Master's visit on December 15 at the downtown Masonic Center. For the SOPM he recommended the F.I.L.L. program for our newer officers. The Master set the Trestleboard. Three 50-year Masons were recognized and applauded as were twelve Past Masters. The Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:50 p.m. Twenty-one members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2008

The Annual Installation of Officers and the Annual Memorial Service for deceased members was held in a Lodge of MMs on this date. RWB **Barrie Owen**, P.M., PDDGM, as Installing Officer, W.B. **Richard Dickerscheid**, as Installing Marshal, W.B. **Charles Hicks**, as Installing Secretary and W.B. **Tony Dsuban**, as Installing Chaplain, installed the following for the ensuing year: W.M.-**Steven Croucher**, S.W.-**Daniel Floyd**, J.W.-**Albert Young**, Treasurer-W.B. **Richard Wendt**, Secretary-RWB **Barrie Owen**, S.D.-**David Ritzie**, Tyler-**Earl Rechel**, Trustee 1 year-**David Ritzie**, Trustee 3 years-W.B. **Richard Dickerscheid**. Absent officers will be installed at a later date. A Memorial Service was conducted for 14 late Brethren: RWB **Gordon W. Kahle**, DDGM, was in attendance and made appropriate comments. The event was followed by a Lasagna

dinner with sides. Fourteen members, one visitor and 17 guests enjoyed the day.

SPECIAL MEETING-NOVEMBER 20, 2008

After a meal of Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and cookies, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, he announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree on **Richard Alan Long** and **Matthew Alan Long**. There being no objections the Master proceeded with the Work. Brother **Richard Long** was raised by his father, W.B. **Henry E. Long** and the W.M. Brother **Matthew Long** was raised by his father, Brother **Richard Long** and his grandfather W.B. **Henry Long**. W.B. **Daniel Floyd** gave the Lecture and W.B. **Tony Dsuban** gave the Charge. Three 50-year members and fifteen Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Twenty-five members enjoyed the evening.

THE PILLARS SOCIETY

The Pillars Society has been established as a means for individuals wishing to assist the 1st Masonic District in meeting the financial obligations required to host the Communication of Grand Lodge in 2014 by encouraging individuals to donate a nominal amount each year. Contact the Secretary for further details.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday December 11, 2008

Awards Night

Dinner 6:30 p.m., Degree 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

Christmas Party (See Bulletin Back)

Thursday December 18 2008

DARK

Saturday, December 20, 2008

Widow Basket Delivery – 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2008

DARK-Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 2008

St. Johns' Day (See Bulletin Back)

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Charles W. Somers, (1868-1934). Principal owner of the Cleveland Blues baseball team. Was raised in Tyrian Lodge No. 370, Cleveland, Ohio, March 3, 1895.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM ROBERT SPRAUL

Born: September 12, 1929

Entered Apprentice: November 14, 1957

Fellow Craft: December 19, 1957

Master Mason: January 23, 1958

Died: November 29, 2008

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DUES

On November 25, 2008 I sent out Second reminders to 42 members who had not yet paid their dues. Please help the Lodge and your Secretary by paying your dues in the next few days, if you can, as I am required to send notices of suspension out to those who still have not paid, right after the December Stated Meeting. If, due to health or financial concerns, you are not able to pay your dues, please let us know, as we do not want to suspend anyone.

Barrie Owen, Secretary