

January 2008
Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

First of all, I congratulate our Brother SW, **Steven Croucher**, for organizing a successful Christmas Party and I want to thank all that participated in the delivery of 68 Widows' Baskets on a snowy December day. Those who miss out on events like this are really missing many gratifying moments. I also congratulate our new Senior Steward, Brother David Ritzie, on his new position in line.

How many of our Brethren and their families know what resources are available to them from Grand Lodge programs? These programs are not used to promote business interests or to sell you anything, but are there to help. The **I-Care Program** assists in giving our Senior Masons, their widows and Eastern Star members persons to contacts for assistance on U.S. Government programs, insurance forms or any other help that may be needed, **ALL FOR FREE**. The **Grand Lodge Scholarship Foundation** gives a \$2,000 scholarship to each of the Ohio Masonic Districts each year. All that is needed is to apply by March 1st. Look into these and other programs offered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio and other bodies of Masonry at www.freemason.com or call me personally at 513-319-3857. If I cannot help, I will find someone who can.

Please keep in touch with your Lodge by providing a change of address when you move, or by calling us when there are sick or distressed in need of good cheer or just when you need help.

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. Inspection season is upon us and it is time to go from refreshment to labor.

Fraternally,
W.M. Rich Dickerscheid

STATED MEETING-JAN 3, 2008

After a delicious Meal of Potato Soup with all the fixings, French Bread and Cookies, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. with all officers, except the J.S. present. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Master announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of holding our January Stated Meeting. The Minutes were approved as amended. The LEO, Brother **Harry Klein** presented a report on Baraboo Lodge, home Lodge of several of the Ringling Brothers. The Treasurer's Report was distributed, commented upon and ordered Filed for Audit. Dues were remitted on two members. A Motion was passed to pay the bills of the evening and also to make our usual donations. The list of 14 delinquent members was read. This list will be sent to the Grand Master. Eleven Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Three 50-Year plus members were recognized and applauded. Eighteen members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING-Dec. 13, 2007

After a delicious dinner of Beef Stew, Rolls and Brownies, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. and announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of holding our Annual Awards Night. The Lodge was called to refreshment and a guest admitted. 25-Year recipients Brothers **John R. Gatliff, Daniel G. Schneider, Ronald G. Steward, Marvin J. Swafford** and **Dennis L. Wade** were not present and their pins will be mailed to them. 50-Year recipients W.B. **William A. Cilley** and **Dallas R. Barton** were presented their pins by RWB. **Robert Coster** and the W.M. Brothers **Edward G. Bolia, John J. Dirk, Jr., Herbert L. Lindsey, Glenn T. Mattingly, William Newman, Jr.,** and **William R. Spraul** were absent. (Secretary's Note: The W.M. and the Secretary have since delivered their materials to Brothers **Newman** and **Spraul**. The materials for the others have been mailed to them.) After remarks from RWB **Coster**, the Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor, the guest excused and the Lodge was led in Grand Honors by RWB **Coster**.

Brother **Steven Croucher** then examined Brother **David Ritzie** in the MM degree, which was accepted by the Lodge. The W.M. then appointed Brother **Ritzie** to the position of Senior Steward and installed him. The Past Masters present, RWBs **Herb Luckey Kern** and **Barrie R Owen** and W.B.s **Charles Hicks, Richard Wendt, Daniel Floyd, Dwight Ferguson, John Lahmer** and **Donald Perry**, were recognized and applauded. The 50-Year members present, RWB **Owen**, W.B.s **John Lahmer** and **William Cilley** and Brothers **Earl Rechel** and **Dallas Barton** were recognized and applauded. The W.M. then invited RWB **Coster** to the East and led the Lodge in Grand Honors for him. The Master then closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:40 p.m. and wished all a pleasant trip home. Fourteen members, one visitor and one guest enjoyed the evening.

St. John's Day Observance – December 23, 2007

The following met at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church to observe St. John's Day: RWBs **Herb Luckey Kern** and his wife, Joe Ann, and **Barrie R. Owen**, W.B.s **Al Young** and his wife, Pat, **Richard Dickerscheid** and **Richard Wendt** and Brothers **David Headley** and his wife, Mary, **Steven Croucher** and his wife, Jessica, **David Ritzie** and his wife, Michelle, and **Richard Jung** and his wife, Juanita. In addition, four children were in attendance, Kaitlyn and Krysten Croucher and Olivia and Sophia Ritzie. During the service, the minister, Sam Stover, welcomed the Brethren and their families. After the service most of the attendees enjoyed lunch together at Frisch's in Forest Park and all wished each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren:

My thanks go out to all who sent me cards or visited me during my confinement at the nursing home in October. Special thanks to those who made cigarette runs and those who transported me when I needed to get somewhere. You are true Brothers.

Barrie

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Lecture and Charge Review Night

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Grand Lodge Formation Celebration

See Bulletin Cover

Thursday, January 17, 2007

DARK

Saturday, January 19, 2008

SOPM F.I.L.L. Program at Avon-Miami Lodge

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Family Get-Together at the Master's Home,

beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 21, 2008

FMDOA Meeting at Shrine Hospital

Thursday, January 24, 2008

E.A. Degree – Mr. Robert L. Schlveter, Jr.

Thursday, January 31, 2008

DARK

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Stated Meeting

At all meetings:

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

William Clark 1803-04 commanded campaign with Lewis to Oregon. 1813-1820 Governor of Missouri Territory. His portrait along with Lewis appeared on the \$10 U.S. Note from 1898-1927. St. Louis Lodge #111, St. Louis, Missouri.

IN MEMORIAM

No Deaths were reported this month.

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