

November 2008

Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

My year as Master of your Lodge has come to an end and has been the most enjoyable job that I have had in any organization that I have belonged to. The events that we had as a Lodge and the other events with the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio this year were awesome! I will never forget them or the friendships that have evolved during my term.

Last month, our Lodge was decorated with "The Best Fellow Craft Degree of the Year"; "The Grand Master's Award"; "Perfect Attendance at FMDOA" and "The President's Award". WB **Al Young** and I had the honor of receiving aprons for Inspection Perfect Attendance, and I, "The Master of the Year" for the First District. This is the second year in a row that our Lodge has been recognized for our accomplishments, and the Brethren are to be well commended for their efforts.

I am not going into retirement though, but took positions as "President of the Wild Bunch" and an appointment to the "First Masonic District Officers' Association" line.

I hope that you will support YOUR Lodge by lending a hand to the upcoming officers by getting involved. As I said last month, we are looking into the Lodge's future and possible consolidation if we do not get help soon.

The Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 14th in conjunction with Cincinnati-Lafayette Lodge downtown at the Masonic Building. Let me know if you plan to attend.

Always 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. Rich Dickerscheid

STATED MEETING-NOVEMBER 6, 2008

After a dinner of Beef Stew, Rolls and Cake, the W.M. opened a Lodge of FC 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 FC was opened for the purpose of holding our November Stated Meeting. A Committee of Remembrance for our late Brothers **W.B. Charles E. Rice**, P.M., **Edward W. Herget** and **Joseph T. Davis** was appointed and the In Memoriams and Masonic Histories of these Brethren were read. The usual business was conducted. W.B.s **Tony Dsuban** and **Daniel J. Floyd** examined Brothers **Richard Long** and **Matthew Long** in the FC degree and these examinations were accepted. The Secretary read the list of members who had not yet paid their dues. The Budget for 2008-2009 was adopted. The Auditors' Report was read into the record. A proposed Amendment to the By-Laws, changing from 5 to 3 Trustees was read and laid over to the next Stated Meeting. A matter was referred to the Grievance Committee. The proposed amendment to Standing Resolution No. 7 was adopted. The L.E.O., Brother **Harry Klein**, gave a report on various Masons in history. The Lodge then regularly elected the following to serve for the 2008-2009 Masonic Year: W.M.-**Steven Croucher**; S.W.-W.B. **Daniel J. Floyd**; J.W.-W.B. **Al Young**; Treas.-W.B. **Richard H. Wendt**; Secy.-RWB **Barrie R. Owen**, S.D.-**David Ritzie**; J.D.-**Robert Schlueter**; Tyler-**Earl Rechel**; Trustee 3 Years-W.B. **Richard Dickerscheid**; Trustee 1 Year-**David Ritzie**. A Dispensation was requested to install two Stewards at the Dec. Stated. The Master read Section 19.01 of the Code. The Master set the Trestleboard. Three Fifty-Year Members and eleven Past Masters were recognized and applauded. The Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 10:10 p.m. Twenty-four members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING – October 9, 2008

On this date, 14 members of CH-HSJ travelled to Bradford Lodge No. 123, Independence, Kentucky for our annual visitation to that Lodge. The Master and Officers of Bradford Lodge opened the Lodge at 7:30 p.m. in due form and held their monthly Stated Meeting. The Lodge was then called to Refreshment and the CH-HSJ Officers assumed their usual stations and places. Pro-tems were W.B. **Donald E. Perry** as J.W., W.B. **Daniel J. Floyd** as S.D., RWB **Herb Luckey Kern** as S.S. and Brother **Harry Klein** as J.S. The W.M. opened a Lodge of

F.C.s and stated that Brothers **Richard Alan Long** and **Matthew Alan Long** were in waiting to receive their Fellow Craft degrees. The Dispensations of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were read by the respective Lodge Secretaries and, there being no objections, the Master proceeded with the work. The Worshipful Master gave the Lecture, Brother **Steven Croucher** gave the Middle Chamber Lecture, the Master gave the "G" Lecture and W.B. **Floyd** gave the Charge. After thanking all who participated, the Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony and returned the gavel to Bradford's Master who returned the Lodge to Labor. That Lodge conducted further business and was then closed in due form and harmony at 9:48 p.m. All present then adjourned to the Banquet Room and enjoyed a meal of Bean and Ham Soup, Corn Bread and Banana Pudding. All agreed that this tradition should continue and that they were looking forward to Bradford's visitation to CH-HSJ in 2009. Fourteen CH-HSJ members and 26 Visitors 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. Entry requires either a one-time or cumulative donation of \$50. Anyone can contribute, Masons or non-Masons. Checks may be made payable to *Spotlight Cincinnati 2014* and mailed to PO Box 14446, Cincinnati, OH 45202-0446. Contact the Secretary for further details.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday November 13, 2008

E.A. Degree-Mr. Jason Preston Funk
Dinner 6:30 p.m., Degree 7:30 p.m.

Thursday November 20, 2008

MM Degrees-Brothers Matthew Long and Richard Long-Dinner 6:00 pm., Degrees 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2008

DARK-Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

John Shore, English inventor of the tuning fork.

Was Sergeant Trumpeter to King George II. Member of a Lodge which met at the Griffin in Newgate Street, circa 1725.

IN MEMORIAM

W.B. CHARLES EDWARD RICE, P.M.

Born: October 5, 1949

Entered Apprentice: June 22, 1989

Fellow Craft: November 9, 1989

Master Mason: December 14, 1989

Died: October 17, 2008

EDWARD WILLIAM HERGET

Born: July 8, 1918

Entered Apprentice: September 14, 1950

Fellow Craft: October 19, 1950

Master Mason: November 30, 1950

Died: July 2, 2008

JOSEPH T. DAVIS

Born: April 15, 1938

Entered Apprentice: April 27, 2002

Fellow Craft: April 27, 2002

Master Mason: April 27, 2002

Died: October 14, 2008

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DUES

On October 30th I sent out reminders to 85 members who had not yet paid their dues. This took 4 hours and cost the Lodge \$35.70 for postage, plus \$10 for the reminder forms plus the cost for labels. 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 out to those who still have not paid by late November. This is very time consuming and an expense to the Lodge. 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

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