

**April, 2009**

**Message From the East**

Hello Brethren:

Well, it has finally arrived. Our Inspection is this month on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be conferring the MM Degree on one Brother, **Barry Lee Wisecup**. Brother **Wisecup** is a live candidate. I encourage all to come out and watch. This is sure to be a fine degree. I want to send out a thank you to all who helped out at our Open House. Also, I would like to congratulate our SW WB **Dan Floyd** for receiving the Lodge Outstanding Past Master Award. All our Past Masters need to be congratulated for once again we received the highest attendance award at the SOPM annual banquet. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Breakfast will start to 8 a.m. The Egg Hunt will start at 9 a.m. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,

*W.M. Steve Croucher*

**STATED MEETING-APRIL 2, 2009**

After a delicious dinner of Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Toast and Banana Pudding, our members heard a presentation regarding the OMH I-Care program from our coordinator, Shelley Fricke. This was found to be very interesting. Petitions were received and referred to the Investigating Committee from Messrs. **Matthew Russell Thornburg** and **Timothy J. O'Keefe**. Mr. **Thornburg** is a Pipe Welder/Fitter and is recommended by Brother **Robert Schlueter** and W.B. **Steven Croucher**. Mr. **O'Keefe** is a Restaurant Owner and is recommended by W.B.s **Al Young** and **John Dsuban**. A Committee of Remembrance was appointed, consisting of RWBs **Herb Kern** and **Barrie Owen** and W.B. **Dwight Ferguson**, for our late Brother **Foster Gould**. A Eulogy written by his widow, **Suzzane**, was provided. The usual Lodge business was conducted. Upon the recommendation of our Deputy, RWB **Gordon W. Kahle**, the Lodge voted to purchase the new LEO Manual and the new "Aid to the Rubrics". RWB **Kern** presented an educational report entitled "The Candidate". The S.W. presented to the W.M. the "Largest Attendance Award" won by the P.M.s at the SOPM Annual Banquet. W.B. **Floyd** examined Brother **Barry Lee Wisecup** in the FC Degree, short form. The Lodge

voted to accept the exam. The usual Committee Reports were received. W.B. **Floyd** reported on the York Rite Festival, noting that the Royal Arch degrees will be conferred on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Cumminsville Chapter will be conferring the Royal Arch degree on 5 to 10 candidates on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge then went to Refreshment, was opened in the MM degree and heard the recital of the MM Charge by Brother **Richard Long**, followed by applause. The Lodge then returned to Labor. Four 50 year members and eight Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Nineteen members and one visitor enjoyed the evening.

**OPEN HOUSE-MARCH 21, 2009**

By Order of the Grand Master, the Lodge held an Open House from 2-5 p.m. Several Masonic and Eastern Star brochures were available in quantity. Refreshments were provided by Hoffner Eastern Star Chapter and consisted of Hamburgers and fixings, Metts, Brats, Potato Chips, Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Cookies. The Lodge sign was used to indicate the event. The local Fire Dept. station members were invited, but declined due to several runs. Ten members, two visitors and fifteen guests attended.

**SPECIAL MEETING-MARCH 26, 2009**

After a meal of pizza and sweet rolls, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of practicing for our Inspection. The Fellow Craft team practiced the Second Section and were thanked and dismissed. The Officers then practiced the First Section. After comment by our District Deputy Grand Master, RWB **Gordon Kahle**, the Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:59 p.m. and wished all a safe trip home. Twenty members and one visitor enjoyed the evening.

**THE PILLARS SOCIETY**

The Pillars Society has been established as a means for individuals wishing to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April 9, 2009*

**Social Get-Together and MM Practice Officers at 6 p.m.; FC Team at 6:30 p.m.**

*Saturday, April 11, 2009*

**Easter Party-Breakfast at 8 a.m.;  
Easter Egg Hunt at 9 a.m. Families invited.**

*Wednesday, April 15, 2009*

**McMakin Lodge Inspection**

**Dinner 6:15 p.m.; MM Degree 7:15 p.m.**

*Thursday, April 16, 2009*

**CH-HSJ Inspection**

**Dinner 6:15 p.m.; MM Degree 7:15 p.m.**

*Thursday, April 23, 2009*

**DARK**

*Thursday, April 30, 2009*

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*Thursday, May 7, 2009*

**Stated Meeting**

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

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

**Jonathan Bancroft**, Revolutionary War soldier who witnessed the execution of Major Andre. Member of St Paul's Lodge, Groton, Mass.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**FOSTER CLYDE GOULD**

Born: September 8, 1918

Entered Apprentice: October 8, 1984

Fellow Craft: March 25, 1985

Master Mason: June 24, 1985

Died: March 10, 2009

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**TUXEDO AVAILABLE**

The widow of one of our late Brothers has available for sale a tuxedo, jacket size 46, trousers waist 39-41 (adjustable sliding buckle), inseam 30 with 3 ½ hem, pleated shirt 17 ½ /34, black under collar bow tie and 1 pr. black onyx cuff links.

Fairfield location. Call the Secretary for more details, if interested.

**INSPECTIONS (continued from Bulletin Cover)**

**Apr. 23**, Queen City-Dinner 6:15 p.m., MM Degree 7:15 p.m. No Res.

**Apr. 27**, Melrose-Dinner 6:15 p.m., EA Degree 7:15 p.m. No Res.

**Apr. 28**, Montgomery-Dinner 6:15 p.m.-EA Degree 7:15 p.m. Res. 754-8545.

**Apr. 30**, Mariemont-Dinner 6:15 p.m., EA Degree 7:15 p.m. No Res.

**SCOTTISH RITE**

The Valley of Cincinnati will be having a one day class Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Ask any Scottish Rite member for a petition or go online to [http://www.32masons.com/what\\_is.html](http://www.32masons.com/what_is.html).

**TRAVELERS**

When you leave home for a while, or when you move, we get your bulletin returned at a cost to the Lodge of \$.42 with the notation "Temporarily Away" or with your new address. Then we spend another \$.42 to send it on to you. So, you can save the Lodge a few bucks by letting the Secretary know that you are moving or if you will be away during the week following the Stated Meeting so we can send you your bulletin at the correct address. Thank you for your consideration and for saving your Lodge the money. Also, if you would like to receive your bulletin as soon as it written, just send your e-mail address to me. The printed bulletin has been coming out late, due, I guess, to overwork at the Post Office, so this will get you the information sooner.

*Barrie*