

January 2009

Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

Happy New Year and a belated Merry Christmas. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I would like to thank everyone who came out for St. John's Day.

It's hard to believe that 2009 is here. It seems like 2008 only lasted a week or so. This year is already starting out to be a busy one with degree work over the next couple of months. For those of you who haven't been to Lodge for a while I would like to invite you to come out and see your new officers performing some of the best ritual work in the District. We are going to perform the EA degree on Jan. 15 and on Jan. 22 for two new candidates. Along with the new year comes Inspection season. By the time you see the bulletin it will be well under way. Brethren, if anyone would like to attend an Inspection of a Lodge the schedule is posted on our web site courtesy of PM Rich Dickerscheid.

As the year progresses we will be having family get togethers at various Brethren's homes along with other various activities which will be listed on the Trestle Board.

Fraternally,

W.M. Steve Croucher

STATED MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2009

After a delicious dinner of Beef Barbeque, Cole Slaw, Rolls, potatoes and Cake, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge was then called to Refreshment and guests were admitted. Scholarships were presented to Katie Mosure, daughter of **Steve Mosure** and to Evan Lahmer, Grandson of the late W.B. **John Lahmer**. Brother **Harry Klein** presented the L.E.O. Report on the late Brother **James Shields** who is one of the few men who ever became a U.S. Senator from three different States. Labor resumed and the Minutes were approved as printed. A Petition for Restoration from Brother **James Ronald Hugo** was received and referred to the Investigating Committee. The Report of the Investigating Committee on Mr. **Barry Lee Wisecup** being Full and Favorable, the Lodge regularly elected him to receive the Three Degrees

of Masonry. The dues of one Brother were remitted due to health and finances. The Treasurer's Report was read, explained and ordered Filed for Audit. The Lodge voted to pay the Bills of the evening. The Secretary read the list of 12 delinquent Brothers. The Lodge voted to request a Dispensation to install the Junior Deacon when he is able to attend. A new Standing Resolution was presented and laid over. This would pay the expenses of the W.M. at the P.M. Convocation annually. Committee Reports were received. Under Good Cheer, it was reported that Brother **Fritz Kattau** was out of the ICU and is now in his own room. Brother **Carl Stevens** is in the Hospital. W.B. **Rich Dickerscheid** reported on upcoming Inspections, the FMDOA Meeting on Jan. 19 and the SOPM F.I.L.L. Program on Jan. 17. Both will be hosted by Avon-Miami Lodge No. 542 which is now meeting at Mad-Mad Lodge # 419. Two 50 year members and ten Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Seventeen members and three guests enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2008

After a delicious meal of Make Your Own sandwiches, Potato Salad and Macaroni Salad, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. He announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of holding our Annual Awards Night. RWB **Gordon Kahle** was accorded Grand Honors and represented the Grand Master. The Lodge was called to Refreshment and our guests were admitted. The Master and RWB **Kahle** presented a 25 year pin to Brother **Gary Gruber**. They presented 50 year pins and certificates to W.B. **William Shroyer** and to Brothers **John Gobich**, **Ron Hugo** and **Stanley Stanford**. They then presented a 60 year pin and certificate to Brother **Paul Foertsch**. All were followed by a standing round of applause. After the Lodge was called back to Labor, RWB **Kahle** led the Lodge in Grand Honors to the 50 and 60 year awardees. Nine 50 plus year members were recognized and applauded. Seven Past Masters were recognized and applauded. One Honorary Member was recognized and applauded. The Master then closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:45 p.m. after which all enjoyed cake for dessert. Twenty members, three visitors and twelve guests enjoyed the evening.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 13, with Cincinnati-Lafayette Lodge at the Cincinnati Masonic Center. Of the 270 present, 23 were from CH-HSJ. It has been reported that a good time was had by all.

ST. JOHN'S DAY

The semi-annual St. John's Day Observance was held at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church on December 28, 2008 with five officers, two members, one visitor and eight guests present. Lunch was served by the Church after services.

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 January 15, 2009

**E.A. Degree-Barry Lee Wisecup
Dinner 6:30 p.m., Degree 7:30 p.m.**

Thursday January 22, 2009

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

Thursday, January 29, 2009

DARK

Thursday, February 5, 2009

Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Otho Shrader (?-1811) Pioneer Judge in Missouri and member of the first Lodge West of the Mississippi River. He came from Sunbury, PA. Member of the old lodge at Kaskaskia, IL, he was elected Master of Louisiana Lodge No. 109 at Ste. Genevieve, MO in 1808.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD EMERSON MATRE, JR.

Born: September 17, 1926

Entered Apprentice: June 9, 1955

Fellow Craft: September 8, 1955

Master Mason: October 20, 1955

Died: July 31, 2008

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CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued from October)

The Lodge thanks those who have contributed to the various Lodge Funds:

Fred Sess, John Sellman, William V. Kirby, Jr., Raymond F. Muddiman, Robert O. Boyington, Eli Junior Garrett, Thomas W. Sams, Fritz C. Kattau, Christopher McCardle, Scott McCardle, William F. Welland, Carey J. Daley, Roy W. Johnson, Jr., Albert R. Mueller, Jr., Donald E. Perry, Howard B. Hunt, Jr., Fred R. Rothacker, Ronald E. Schnecker, Clifford A. Christensen, Justin D. Kattau, Dennis S. Kettler, Oliver C. Nieman, Jr., Louis Fayard, Henry Long, Karl Elliott, Richard H. Wendt, Michael C. Jonson, Estate of Dorothea Martin, Lillian Behrman, Anonymous, David L. Driscoll, Richard Jung and Barrie R. Owen.

INSPECTIONS (continued from Bulletin Cover)

Note: The Jan. 21 Inspection is at Western Hills-Cheviot #140 and the Jan. 27 Inspection is at Columbia #44.

Feb. 11-McMillan #141-D-6:15 p.m., Insp. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 12-Mariemont #707-D-6:15p.m., Insp. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 18-Oakley #668-D-6:15 p.m. Insp. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 20-Norwood-Winton-Carhage #576 - D-6:15 p.m.-
Inspection 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 23-Delhi Hills #775- Insp. 7:00 p.m.-Refresh after.

Feb. 24-Colerain #759-Insp. 7:00 p.m.-Refresh after.