

May, 2009

Message From the East

Hello Brethren:

We had our Inspection last month which according to our DDGM was good. I would like to thank all the Brethren who came out and took part. We have an EA coming up on May 21st for **Matthew Thornburg**. Please come out and support your officers. There are quite a few things coming up in the District, like the One Day Class, St. Rita's, the Outdoor Raising, just to name a few. Brethren, it's almost time for us to go Dark for the summer, but there is still plenty to do around the District.

Fraternally yours,

W.M. Steve Croucher

STATED MEETING-MAY 7, 2009

After a meal of Pork Roast with vegetables, Corn Bread and Pies, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. Brother **Barry Wisecup** signed the Book of Constitutions and received his temporary dues card. The Minutes were approved with one correction. The Report of the Investigating Committee on Messrs. **Matthew Russell Thornburg** and **Timothy J. O'Keefe**, being Full and Favorable, the Lodge regularly elected them to receive the Three Degrees of Masonry. Mr. **Thornburg** is scheduled to receive his EA on May 21st and Mr. **O'Keefe** is scheduled to participate in the Grand Master's One Day Class. The Correspondence of the evening was distributed and or read. The Treasurer's Report was distributed, commented upon and ordered filed for audit. Upon a Motion by W.B. **Daniel Floyd**, seconded by W.B. **Robert O. Boyington**, the Lodge voted to pay the bills of the evening. RWB **Herb Luckey Kern** reported on his presenting the check that had been donated to the Transportation Fund of the Shrine Hospital in the name of the Grand Master's Lady at the G.M. Reception last Saturday. Our Lodge and others had taken up collections or otherwise donated to the gift. She was stunned by the amount and very

pleased with the charity selected. The Master noted that it had been brought to his attention that we had not donated to Hoffner Lodge for the use of their facilities at our joint picnic with McMakin Lodge last year. Upon a Motion by W.B. **Rich Dickerscheid**, seconded by W.B. **Boyington**, the Lodge voted to donate \$100 for last year and \$100 for this year. McMakin will match these amounts. Our Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented an extremely interesting Report on the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, followed by applause. The usual Committee Reports were received. The Master then set the Trestleboard and advised that the annual picnic will again be with McMakin at Hoffner Lodge on July 11th. Arrival time is to be 12 noon, with the meal to be served about 1 p.m. Lodge members are asked to bring a covered dish. CH-HSJ will provide the meat and buns and McMakin will provide the drinks and corn. W.B. **Boyington** rose to report he was glad to be in his home Lodge. While he visits a Lodge in Florida, he appreciates our Lodge more, as we participate in the forms and ceremonies of a Lodge, while the Florida Lodge does not. The Master then closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:57 p.m. and wished all a safe trip home. Twenty-two members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING-APRIL 16, 2009

After a delicious dinner of Ham, Escalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread and Cake, prepared by the members of Hoffner Eastern Star Chapter, the Master opened a Lodge of Master Masons in due form at 7:00 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 raising Brother **Barry Lee Wisecup** to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Past Masters of the Lodge then processed into the Lodge. These were RWBs **Herb Luckey Kern** and **Barrie R. Owen** and W.B.s **Richard Wendt**, **Tony Dsuban**, **John Dsuban**, **Al Young**, **Daniel Floyd**, **Donald Perry**, **James Mueller**, **Richard Dickerscheid**, **George Siddall**, **Henry Long** and **Dwight Ferguson**. Past District Deputy Grand

Masters RWBs **Kern**, **Owen**, **Robert Coster** and **Raymond Clark** then entered the Lodge, were introduced and applauded. District Deputy Grand Masters RWBs **Ralph E. McLemore**, **Richard R. Worthing**, **Keith L. Clepper** and **Gordon W. Kahle** and the Grand Marshal, RWB **Norman J. Mick** then entered the Lodge and were introduced West of the Altar. The Senior Deacon then conducted our Inspecting Officer, RWB **Kahle**, to the East where the Master lead the Lodge in Grand Honors. There being no objections, the Master then conferred the Degree of Master Mason on Brother **Wisecup**. The Fellow Craft Team was complete, all with Brothers of CH-HSJ Lodge. Brother **Seymour Brod** of Avon-Miami Lodge provided the music. The Master gave the Lecture and the Senior Steward, Brother **Richard Long** gave the Charge. The Bible was presented by RWB **Kern** and the Apron by RWB **Owen**. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented the usual booklets and gave a report on **William E. Hoy**, a deaf ballplayer who played from 1888-1902 and invented the signs for balls and strikes, safe and out, still used to this day. Comments and announcements were made by the representatives of visiting Lodges and Appendent Bodies. Fifty Year members RWBs **Owen** and **Kahle**, W.B. **Long** and Brothers **Tom Engle**, **Albert Mueller** and **Earl Reckel** were recognized and applauded. The Inspecting Officer gave a favorable report and congratulated the candidate in being admitted to an excellent Lodge. After his report, the District Deputies and the Grand Marshal commented on his service to the Grand Lodge and his previous service to the York Rite and the Scottish Rite. They congratulated him on his "retirement" and presented a card. After RWB **Kahle** closed the Lodge he met with the Officers and commented on their good work. Thirty-one CH-HSJ members and 28 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. Contact the Secretary for further details.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday May 14, 2009

DARK

Thursday, May 21, 2009

E.A. Degree for Matthew Russell Thornburg

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

Thursday, May 28, 2009

DARK

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Frederic Watson, Musician. He was the arranger of George M. Cohan's "*Over There*". Member of Charter Oak Lodge No. 249, New York City, NY.

IN MEMORIAM

There were no members' deaths reported this month.

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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 1/2 hem, pleated shirt 17 1/2 /34, black under collar bow tie and 1 pr. black onyx cuff links. Fairfield location. Call the Secretary for more details, if interested.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Mary Kipp, **Howard Kipp's** wife, called to let me know that Ruby, **Russ Wilson's** wife, has passed away. Please keep **Russ** in your prayers.