

November, 2009

Message From the East

Brethren:

This month looks to be one of our busiest months so far this year. We will be having 2 EA degrees, our Lodge will join with McMakin for an educational night and we will be having our annual meeting with Bradford Lodge from KY. The Grand Lodge will also convene in Toledo this month. Brethren, for our first EA we will have quite a show. RWB **Herb Luckey Kern**, P.M., PDDGM, will be doing the Master's work while his sons are going to occupy the Wardens' stations. All of this is being done because the candidate is his grandson. Our second EA will be a move-up night for the other officers. So come out and enjoy some good ritual work and great fellowship.

Fraternally yours,

W.M. Steve Croucher

STATED MEETING-OCTOBER 1, 2009

After a dinner of Chicken Alfredo over noodles, mixed vegetables, garlic toast and cake, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. W.B. **Daniel J. Floyd** examined Brother **Barry Wisecup** in the MM degree. The exam was accepted by the Lodge. The Lodge then duly elected Messrs. **Stephen Kern** and **John Light** to receive the three degrees. The Lodge then restored Brother **Robert Abner** to good standing after SNPD. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented a report on Masonry during the Civil War. The Secretary proposed an Amendment to Standing Resolution No. 5 to reduce the size of the Budget Committee and proposed a new S.R. No. 31 regarding awards of 25, 35 and 40 year pins. These will lay over to the November Stated Meeting. The Secretary read the legislation due to come before Grand Lodge this year for comments by the members. The Treasurer's Report was presented and ordered filed for audit. The Lodge voted to pay the bills of the evening. The Treasurer presented the proposed Budget for next year, which will lay over to the November Stated Meeting. The Master appointed the Audit Committee and set their meeting for October 29. The Minutes of the last Stated and Special Meetings were approved as printed. The

Master set the Trestleboard. Reports were received from the Trustees and on behalf of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shrine. The Master then recognized the 50 year members present: RWB **Barrie R. Owen** and Brother **Earl Rechel** and the Past Masters present: RWBs **Kern** and **Owen** and W.B.s **Richard H. Wendt**, **Robert O. Boyington**, **Dwight Ferguson**, **Daniel J. Floyd**, **Al Young**, **Richard A. Dickerscheid**, **Donald E. Perry** and **Charles R. Hicks**. The Master then closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:40 p.m. and wished all a safe trip home. Seventeen members and two visitors enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING-OCTOBER 8, 2009

After an enjoyable dinner of Beef Stew, Rolls and Cake, RWB **Herb Luckey Kern**, opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentices in due form at 7:30 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, he announced that this Lodge of E.A. was opened for the purpose of initiating Mr. **Steven Lawrence Kern**, who is his grandson. The candidate's uncle **Christopher Kern** sat as Senior Warden and another uncle, **Jeffrey Kern**, sat as Junior Warden. There being no objections, RWB **Kern** then proceeded with the work, including giving the Apron Lecture. W.B. **Tony Dsuban** gave the lecture and Brother **Jeffrey Kern** gave the charge. Brother **Harry Klein**, our Lodge Education Officer, presented the usual booklets, informed the new Brother of Lodge protocol and gave a presentation regarding Brother **Jonathan Potts**, a Revolutionary Army physician. The Lodge presented a Scholarship to Brother **Steven Kern**. RWB **Kern** then introduced the new Mason's other grandfather, Brother **Joseph Unthank**, a member of Wyoming Lodge No. 186. Eight visitors were introduced and applauded, as were three 50 year plus Masons and nine Past Masters. RWB **Kern** closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:10 p.m., after thanking all for attending. Twenty members and eight visitors enjoyed the evening.

WIVES' & WIDOWS' NIGHT-SEPT. 24, 2009

After a dinner of fried or roast chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, coleslaw, rolls and cookies, the Master of Ceremonies, Brother **Harry Klein** welcomed the audience at 7:25 p.m. The

Prize Winning Oola Kahn Grotto Band, under the direction of Brother **Thomas Mitchell** opened the Concert with the *National Anthem*. The following selections then followed: *Keifer's Special*; selections from Cole Porter tunes; *Body & Soul*; *Washington Post March*; *Chicago Tribune March*; Selections from *Camelot*; songs of the various Armed Forces; *Manhattan Beach March*; *Satin Doll*; *The Grotto March*; *The Colonel Bogie March* (in honor of Brother **Ralph Center**, who was in attendance and who is to receive his 60 year award at the Awards Ceremony on December 10, 2009. The program concluded at 8:35 p.m. with the *His Honor March*, followed by a rousing round of applause.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday October 8, 2009

E.A. Degree – Steven Kern

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Education Night at McMakin Lodge

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Visit from Bradford Lodge – F.C. on one or more Bradford candidates by Bradford officers.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

E.A. Degree – John Light

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Audit Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. at all meetings.

FROM THE L.E.O.

Admiral **Carraciola**, Italian Naval Officer and Freemason during the uprising at Naples in 1799 was hanged from the masthead of his own vessel and his body thrown into the sea.

I-CARE COMMITTEE

The I-Care Committee is seeking members. Please contact Brother **Rick Long** if you would be interested in helping in this very valuable charitable effort. He will schedule training (1 to 1 ½ hours) in the near future (at our mutual convenience). Please call Rick at 851-5166.

IN MEMORIAM

NO DEATHS WERE 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 ½ hem, pleated shirt 17 ½ /34, black under collar bow tie and 1 pr. black cuff links. Call the Secretary for more details, if interested.

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.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year are due by November 5, 2009. The Senior Grand Warden has decreed, if elected, that there will be no extension of time on the payment of dues this year. Therefore, if dues are not paid by December 31st, the member will be suspended. If illness or your financial situation makes the payment of dues impossible, please let the Master or Secretary know, so your dues can be remitted.

CH-HSJ SHIRTS

If you would be interested in buying a Lodge shirt, please go to the following link <http://www.fmdoa.org/docs/2008-2009/2009-EmbroideryOrderForm.pdf> . **Do NOT fill out the order form and send it in as indicated.** Instead, please fill out the order form as it applies to you and send it to me along with your check made out to CH-HSJ 641. I will consolidate our orders and send in one order. If we don't make the minimum, we will return your check. Individual names are \$5 more.