

February, 2010

Message From the East

Greetings Brethren:

I can hardly believe this is my third message to you! To bring all of you up to date on the activities, there is good news and bad news. The good news is that we got the Travelling Gavel award and had it for our Inspection. I was pleased to pass it on to McMakin Lodge. Our Inspection was a success!! Our Inspecting Officer, RWB **Charles Black**, thanked us for our hospitality and seemed to enjoy the evening. Our Secretary and Treasurer did their usual outstanding jobs for the Lodge and deserve hearty Thanks for their continuing hard work! The evening was completed by conferring the EA Degree on W.B. **Charles Stacy**, a pro-tem candidate. The rest of the Officers should be applauded for their outstanding work! It should be noted that our SS and JS were volunteers. **Stephen Kern** was our SS and did an outstanding job along with our JS who was RWB **Herb Kern**. Remember, **Stephen** was raised just last month. All of his hard work for the Lodge thus far should be applauded. Our January Stated Meeting had poor attendance, not because the Brethren did not want to come out, but because of the weather. I am thankful for everybody that attended. It was almost 12 years to the day that I had to cancel a Stated because of inclement weather. Brethren, we have a lot of exciting activities planned for the upcoming months. We have a Table Lodge, an Education Program with McMakin Lodge and our annual visitation with Bradford, our sister Lodge in Kentucky. Some of the bad news. We have 3 candidates in limbo, waiting for Waiver of Jurisdiction from the Kentucky and Indiana Grand Lodges. Remember, you do not have to be active to recommend a candidate!! You just have to be a Lodge Brother. Finally, I wish to thank the “Backbone of the Lodge”, the Past Masters, for going the extra mile as they always do. These and my Officers are the Brethren that make life in the Lodge easier. Before I close, I will always entertain suggestions on how to improve YOUR Lodge. I do ask you to come out either for a Stated Meeting or a Special Meeting to show the Past Masters and Officers that you really support them and are not just a Mason who carries a dues card. You will be welcomed with open arms, and I promise you that you will not be pressured into anything. If you wish

to attend and can't drive, the Officers can provide transportation. If you live out of town, drop us a line and let us know how you are doing. Remember, a Lodge is only as strong as its weakest member. Please help us to maintain the level of excellence that we now possess.

Fraternally yours,

Dan

STATED MEETING-FEBRUARY 4, 2010

After dinner, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, RWB **Herb Kern** examined his grandson, Brother **Stephen Kern** in the MM degree, which was accepted by the Lodge with applause for an excellent examination. Our L.E.O., Brother **Harry Klein**, presented an education program entitled “Every Mason is a PR Man for Masonry”. The usual business was transacted. Dues were remitted on 1 member. The very favorable Inspection Report was read. An Amendment to Standing Resolution No. 29, providing that a Ritual will be presented to any active Past Master, upon request, was presented as were a new S.R. 32, providing that the Lodge will present to new MMs a Bible and an Apron and a new S.R. 33, authorizing the Master, Secretary and Treasurer to pay bills during months when the Lodge does not have a Stated Meeting. These will lay over to the March Stated Meeting. Donations to the Salvation Army and to the Masonic Service Assn. for Haiti relief were approved. The W.M. read two Grand Master's Edicts relating to the One Day Class and provided details. The Lodge approved a reduction in the fees for the One Day Class for Servicemen, First Responders and the Clergy. The Lodge voted to request a Dispensation to hold the One Day Class. The Charges and Specification against one Past Master were read into the record and the Lodge voted to proceed with Unmasonic Conduct charges against him. The Lodge approved the expenditures for the work necessary to prepare apt. 2 for a new tenant. The Master recognized two 50 year members and five Past Masters. He closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 10:00 p.m. Fourteen members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2010

After dinner, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in short form to practice protocol for our

Inspection. After going to Refreshment and after the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, the officers practiced the opening and the first section of the EA degree. The Master obligated the candidate and gave the Apron Lecture. Brother **Richard Long** gave the Charge. After closing the EA Lodge, the MM Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor and closed in short form at 9:15 p.m. Eleven members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2010

After a dinner of Beef Stew over Noodles, Salad, French Bread and Cake, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM in short form at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, the Master announced that this Lodge of MM was opened for the purpose of our annual **Inspection**. Nine Past Masters of CH-HSJ processed into the Lodge, were introduced and accorded a round of applause. Six Past District Deputy Grand Masters and our D.E.O. were admitted, introduced and accorded a round of applause. Our DDGM, RWB **Charles Black** entered, was introduced at the Altar, conducted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. After making appropriate comments, he took his seat at the Secretary's desk. The MM Lodge was called to refreshment and a Lodge of E.A. was opened for the purpose of exemplifying the EA Degree on one pro-tem candidate, W.B. **Charles Stacy**. There being no objections, the Master proceeded with the work. After the First Section, six 50+ year Masons and several visiting Masters and representatives were introduced and applauded, as were representatives of the SOPM and the FMDOA. The Travelling Gavel was awarded to W.B. **Roger L. Strunk**, W.M. of McMakin Lodge No. 120. The W.M. gave the Apron presentation and the Lecture. Brother **Rick Long** gave the Charge. Our L.E.O., Brother **Harry Klein**, presented a program on Brother **James M. Varnum**, a Revolutionary War leader. Our Inspecting Officer, RWB **Black**, gave a favorable Inspection Report. The E.A. Lodge was closed in due form and harmony and the MM Lodge returned to Labor. There being nothing further to come before the MM Lodge, the Lodge was closed in short form by RWB **Black** at 9:15 p.m.

Eighteen members and twenty-nine 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.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

The second floor apartment will soon be available to rent. Call Trustee W.B. **Tony Dsuban** for details.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Education Program with McMakin Lodge

Dinner 6:00 p.m., EA Lodge 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18, 2010

DARK

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Lecture Night

Dinner 6:30 p.m., MM Lodge 7:30 p.m.

(Come to learn a Lecture or get one on the Record.)

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Medal of Honor in 1886 Geronimo vs. **Leonard Wood**, an Army doctor turned Line Officer, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions against the Apache. He had a long and illustrious military and medical career under five different presidents. Anglo Saxon Lodge No. 137, Brooklyn, NY.

IN MEMORIAM

No deaths were reported this month.

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