

May, 2010

Message From the East

Hello, Brethren

I usually try to compose this a month in advance, and then usually in the middle of the month, as it is now. I do this because usually there is little of note that goes on in the Lodge. This time I really blew it! Late last month, the Society of Past Masters' Banquet was held. Usually we come away with the Most Members attending. This was not the case this year. The Master of each Lodge is asked to submit a Past Master who he thinks is the most outstanding. From these submissions the SOPM officers then select the best in the District. When the announcement was made, I was extremely surprised and very happy. Our own W.B. **Don Perry** was named the Distinguished Past Master of the District. In my opinion, it was overdue. He is a person that gives of his time in all areas and has supported me since he was a member of the Investigating Team that recommended me as "full and favorable". Thanks **WB Don** for all your help and support over the years.

Moving on to more recent news, on April 17th, history was made in the State of Ohio. **MWB Terry Posey** mandated that 3 or more Lodges, up to an entire District, could come together for the purpose of holding a One Day Class. Right after Convocation, I sat down with the Masters of McMakin and Colerain Lodges to formulate a plan. April 17th was supposed to be the District Deputies Class, but since there was little other interest, they gave the date to us. Shortly thereafter Columbia and Western Hills-Cheviot came on board. I will tell you that I am not exactly a fan of the One Day Class and would say that more than likely very few of the people involved are either, but this year we have raised 5 so far and there should be 1 more, if he can get back from Officers' Candidate School in time for one of the next two scheduled Classes.

The day started out well. Our Lodge conferred a very good EA degree. Two Brethren from Columbia Lodge acted as our Stewards. At the last minute, **RWB Herb Kern** served as Senior Deacon and **W.B. Don Perry** ran the projector and was our prompter. A Brother from McMakin was our Tyler. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our **JW Dave Ritzie**. He gave an outstanding Lecture, Having only given it for the first time a couple of

nights before. Brother **Rick Long** gave a very good Charge. Colerain and Western Hills-Cheviot did a good Fellowcraft Degree and McMakin did the Master Mason Degree. I was their SW in both sections.

We must have done something right, because the candidates asked for exam books, and at least one of them is willing to come back and take the Degrees in our Lodge.

Before I close, I need to give a big THANK YOU to all of the Regular Officers for their help and support, especially to **RWB Barrie Owen** and **W.B. Dick Wendt** for going the extra mile and acting as Candidate Guides on top of their usual Lodge Duties. I also thank **Dennis Manning** for his help.

That's it for now. Hope to have more good news from YOUR Lodge in the future.

Fraternally yours,

Dan

STATED MEETING OF MAY 6, 2010

After dinner the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM. The usual Lodge business was transacted. Brother **Harry Klein** presented the LEO's Report on Brother **Peter Marshall**, U.S. Senate Chaplain. The Lodge voted to restore Brother **William Reist Wright** to membership from SNPD. **W.B. Richard Dickerscheid** advised he will be installed into the low chair in Rose Croix next Thursday. One 50 year Mason and seven Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Eleven members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2010

The Worshipful Master opened a Lodge of Fellow Craft in due form at 7:20 p.m. The Report of the Investigating Committee being Full and Favorable, the Lodge regularly elected **Mr. Donald Allen Witt** to receive the Three Degrees of Masonry. The L.E.O., Brother **Harry Klein** presented the Educational Program "What Should One Not Say About Freemasonry". Eight members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2010

On this date our Lodge participated in a Grand Master's One Day Class at which the three degrees of Masonry were conferred on 27 candidates from five Lodges. (See Master's message.) Five new Brothers were added to our Lodge: Brothers **Donald Roger Mason, Jr.; Vance Victor VanDrake, Jr.; Vance Victor VanDrake, III; Donald Allen Witt** and **Donald Andrew Witt**.

Seventy-five members of the five Lodges plus the District Deputy Grand Masters and the District Education Officers enjoyed the day.

SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2010

The Worshipful Master opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentices in Table Lodge form at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed two of our newest members, Brothers **Donald Mason** and **Vance VanDrake, III**. After a dinner of Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans and Bread, served by the Deacons, conversation ensued, followed by the usual seven toasts, unfortunately in grape juice, not wine. Those attending then spoke from three to five minutes on why they became Masons and on other topics of their choice. The Master presented a paper entitled "Who Am I?" **RWB Herb Kern** announced that **W.B. Tim Nobbe** is to receive the Grand Master's Community Service Award at the Grand Master's Reception on May 1st. The Master closed the Lodge in Table Lodge form at 8:55 p.m. Sixteen members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2010

After Dinner, the Lodge officers moved up and exemplified the EA Degree on Brother **Donald Andrew Witt**. **W.B. Al Young** obligated him, Brother **Dan Floyd** presented the Apron, Brother **David Ritzie** gave the Lecture and Brother **Rick Long** gave the Charge. Brother **Harry Klein** explained Lodge Protocol and presented a paper entitled "What Can One Say about Freemasonry." Thirteen Brothers enjoyed the evening.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

The second floor apartment is now available to rent. Call Trustee **W.B. Tony Dsuban** for details.

HOWARD KIPP

I called Mary (Murph) Kipp who said **Howard Kipp**, was now home from the rest home and making decent progress. Mary's hip is coming along, too. Call first, but go see them when you have a chance.

ROGER GIBLIN

Brother **Roger Giblin** phoned to let us know that he is home from the hospital with his two new knees. He is undergoing rehab and hopes to see us in Lodge in the near future.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, May 13, 2010

DARK

Monday, May 17, 2010

FMDOA Cook-Out at Western Hills-Cheviot Lodge. Come out and help us win the Travelling

Gavel. Family Invited

Thursday, May 20, 2010

FC Degree on one Pro-Tem candidate.

Thursday, May 27, 2010

DARK

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Stated Meeting

Dinners 6:30 p.m. Meetings 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE L.E.O.

Congressional Medal of Honor May 16, 1946. General **Johathan "Skinny" Wainwright**, on the other side of the world, a different kind of hero. After 39 months of imprisonment, liberated from a Manchurian P.O.W. camp two days before the Japanese surrender, flown to Tokyo to stand beside MacArthur during the surrender ceremony. Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, Kansas.

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE STANLEY DRYDEN

Born: January 4, 1918

Entered Apprentice: October 20, 1960

Fellow Craft: November 10, 1960

Master Mason: December 22, 1960

Died: April 18, 2010

ROY DILLARD HIATT

Born: December 18, 1919

Entered Apprentice: May 31, 1954

Fellow Craft: July 26, 1954

Master Mason: September 27, 1954

Died: April 30, 2009

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