

October, 2010
Message From the East

Hello all my Brethren:

It is October already, and this is my next to last time to reach out to all of you. During the year, I have thanked all of my Officers and the Dedicated Brethren who have been there for the Lodge. I have done this on many occasions and will continue to do so up until my term as Master is over. With their help, we have participated in many projects and won numerous awards.

When I was asked to step back into line, it was for a couple of reasons. First to help the Junior Officers and the incoming Worshipful Master. Second to make sure there were no holes in the line. When I say help, I mean to slow down the progression of the line so that each Officer gets the opportunity to spend a year in each chair and not fast track to the top as had been done for several years. My Senior Warden, who also is a Past Master, was in line for the same reason.

This year has been fun for me, and I think that is because I sat as Master before, and had 12 extra years to watch how the Lodge is governed. My first time through, I was a victim of fast tracking. I was raised in 1994 and was Master in 1998. I missed the opportunity to sit in the junior chairs, and honestly was not as prepared to be Worshipful Master as I should have been.

I am telling you all of this to make a point. Attendance at Lodge has been less than stellar. And participation in all activities has been limited to the same hard working Masons as are always there. This is not just the problem in our Lodge, but also in many other Lodges and organizations. What I am asking for is for those who can, come to a Lodge meeting, get involved, even if it is something small. You cannot keep relying on the same group of men all the time. We are getting tired, and when we are gone, where will the Lodge be?

Remember, YOU are the Lodge and it is up to you as to whether it fails, or continues well past its 100th anniversary in 7 years.

Fraternally,

Dan

STATED MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2010

After dinner, the W.M. opened a Lodge of MM at 7:30 p.m. The usual Lodge business was conducted. The Report of the Investigating Committee being full and Favorable, the Lodge duly elected W.B. **Matthew Rosensweet** of Avon-Miami Lodge No. 542 to Plural Membership. Upon a Motion by RWB **Barrie Owen**, seconded by W.B. **Hicks**, the Lodge voted to receive the Petitions of **Roger James Roy** and **Jonathan Alan Wooten** and to refer them to the Investigating Committee. The W.M. presented to Brother **David Ritzie**, representing the Trustees, the FMDOA President's Award, the Travelling Gavel Award, the Award for 100% Attendance to Inspections and FMDOA Meetings that we had received at the FMDOA September 20th Meeting. He also presented a FC Lecture Bar to Brother **Ritzie**. He advised the Lodge that he had received "The Mason with Outstanding Service to the Fraternity" Award. In order to bring the matter up for discussion, upon a Motion by RWB **Owen**, seconded by W.B. **George Siddall**, the Lodge considered whether to increase the approval for floor repairs to the Banquet Room to \$3,500. After considerable discussion the Lodge voted NOT to increase the approval. The consensus was to make some temporary repairs until the drought is over and we see if we have remedied the water problem. The Secretary then read the proposals for amendments to the Code to be considered at the Grand Lodge Communication of October 15th and 16th. The W.M. appointed a Committee of Remembrance consisting of W.B.s **George Siddall** and **Matthew Rosensweet** and Brother **David Ritzie** in memory of Brother **Osprey Godbey**. The Chaplain, W.B. **Hicks** recited the 23rd Psalm. There were no objections to Brother **Donald Mason's** Request for a Dimit. Upon a Motion by RWB **Owen**, seconded by W.B. **Donald Perry**, the Lodge voted to request a Dispensation to visit Bradford Lodge on October 21st to confer the E.A. Degree on one candidate. Members should meet at the Lodge for transportation. The Treasurer read the proposed Budget, commented thereon and advised that it will lay over until the November 4th Stated Meeting. The W.M. appointed an Audit Committee consisting of RWB **Herb Kern**, W.B. **Matthew Rosensweet** and Brothers **Richard Long** and **Douglas Sitzler**. The Audit Meeting was set for

October 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge. The Master set the Trestleboard. Two 50 Year Masons present were recognized and applauded. Ten Past Masters present were recognized and applauded. Fifteen members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPT. 23, 2010

After dinner the Oola Kahn Band gave a concert of dance music. The Master then opened a Lodge of FC for the purpose of hearing Brother **Dave Ritzie** present the FC Lecture. The Master gave the "G" Lecture. Both efforts were applauded. Twelve members, 6 visitors and 20 guests enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPT. 30, 2010

This being **Past Masters' Night**, W.B. **Lenox Cornett** opened a Lodge of Master Masons at 7:30 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 exemplifying the MM degree on one pro-tem candidate, Brother **Harry Klein**. There being no objections, he proceeded with officers, as follows: S.W.-W.B. **Danny Cornett**, J.W.-W.B. **James Mueller**; S.D.- W.B. **Daniel Floyd**; J.D.-W.B. **Richard Dickerscheid**; S.S.-RWB **Herb Luckey Kern**; J.S.-W.B. **Matthew Rosensweet**; Chaplain-W.B. **Charles Hicks**; Treasurer-W.B. **Richard Wendt**; Secretary-RWB **Barrie Owen**; Tyler-Brother **Earl Rechel**; Projector Operator-W.B. **Donald Perry**. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented a question and answer program regarding members of the Lodge who had served as Master two or more times. The W.M. then thanked the **Cornett Brothers** for taking parts this evening and to all who participated. W.B. **Dickerscheid** congratulated W.B. **Floyd** for having received an Award entitled "Mason with Outstanding Service to the Fraternity" at the September 20th FMDOA Meeting. There being no further business to come before this Lodge of MM, W.B. **Cornett** closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:25 p.m. Seventeen members and one visitor enjoyed the evening.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

The second floor apartment is now available to rent at an excellent rental of \$495 per month. Call Trustee W.B. **Tony Dsuban** for further details.

Thursday, October 14, 2010

DARK

Thursday, October 21, 2010

Visit to Bradford Lodge

Thursday, October 28, 2010

DARK (Audit Committee Meeting)

Thursday, November 4, 2010

November Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Congressional Medal of Honor **Joe M. Jackson**, LtCol, USAF, Korean Veteran. He earned the Medal at Kham Duc, Vietnam, landing his C-123 on an airstrip under continuous intense enemy mortar, recoilless rifle, automatic and small arms fire to rescue a 3 man USAF Combat Control Team. Under almost impossible landing and takeoff conditions he brought them home safely. Coweta Lodge No. 60, Newman, GA.

PETITIONS

Roger James Roy-age 64, Retired USAF

6225 Cary Ave., Cincinnati

Recommended by Robert Benton and Barrie Owen

Jonathan Alan Wooten-age 25, Sales-AT&T

937 Winsray Ct., Cincinnati

Recommended by Dan Floyd and Barrie Owen

IN MEMORIAM

OSPREY GODBEY

Born: March 15, 1922

Entered Apprentice: March 8, 1979

Fellow Craft: April 27, 2002

Master Mason: April 27, 2002

Died: July 16, 2010

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