

September, 2010

Message From the East

Greetings, Brethren:

Hope you had a great summer. Seems like we just went dark and are now getting ready to go right back at it again. While you vacationed, the Officers and regular attendees of the Lodge were very busy. We worked St. Rita's Festival, Donated Blood at the annual Blood Drive, Worked a Red's game in the concession stand and the Platform Officers attended 2 crucial meetings. The first was a follow-up meeting of the Convocation I attended last December and the other to see what programs the incoming Grand Master is presenting. Several of our members attended the Outdoor Raising where we took part in the second section of the Degree. Also the Past Masters' Banquet where we got to find out a little about the plans the upcoming officers have, if they are elected. The work of all the Officers and regular attendees is greatly appreciated and should be reflected in what happens at the Awards Ceremony at the end of the year.

That is the upbeat part of the news. On a more somber note, as you probably know, we have lost to death several distinguished Masons. First and foremost was Bro. **Howard Kipp**, our Tyler Emeritus and founder of the Corn Roast. He will be missed by not only us but also by the entire District. Also W.B. **Larry Turner**, 2 time Worshipful Master, Bro. **Donald Klein** and Bro. **Dave Driskell**, who was in line when I came over and showed me that it was more important to continue the fight than to win or lose. All of these brethren will be missed.

Early on in my term and as the year went on, I have often asked for suggestions on what to do to make YOUR Lodge better. I can assume one of 3 things is happening. 1) that Your Lodge is perfect and needs no changing, 2) You do not read the Lodge Bulletin, especially my Ramblings, or 3) You just don't care about the fate of YOUR Lodge. I know that #1 is not true from attendance at Degree work and special events. #2 is quite possible and bothers me just a little, but I am hoping against hope that #3 is not the case. Remember that our 100th Anniversary is approaching. If present trends continue, there is a possibility we might be in jeopardy of not reaching it. We are not the only Lodge out there which is facing challenges, and they are nothing which cannot be solved by the entire

Lodge working together. This can only be done with the help of each and every member of the Lodge. We need Junior Officers, Committee people, suggestions and many other things. If you can't come out for various reasons, just let us know how things are going. If you are willing to serve the Lodge in other capacities, come out and talk to us. Remember, that even the little things will help to make the great even greater.

Fraternally yours,

Dan

STATED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

A Scholarship was presented to the parents of Casey Lynn Kuhn, a granddaughter of the late W.B. **John Lahmer**. Mr. **Christopher Thomas Burnett** was regularly elected to receive the Three Degrees. The Lodge received the Application of W.B. **Matthew William Rosensweet**, P.M. of Avon Miami Lodge No. 542 for Dual Membership. Brother **Harry Klein** presented the LEO's Report on the "Great Chain" at West Point during the Revolutionary War. In Memoriams were read on the five members who had passed away since the last Stated Meeting. The Master set the Trestleboard. Three 50 Year Masons present were recognized and applauded. Eleven Past Masters present were recognized and applauded. Eighteen members, One visitor and 2 guests enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2010

The Fellow Craft Degree was exemplified on Brother **Timothy O'Keefe**, a pro-tem candidate. The W.M. presented RWB **Charles Black** with his Honorary Member's Certificate and Card. There being no objections, Brother **David Ritzie** gave the obligation. The Worshipful Master gave the Lecture and the Charge. Bro. **Harry Klein** presented a report on Brother **Dominique You**. Two 50 year Masons and eight Past Masters were recognized and applauded. Thirteen Brothers enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2010

The MM degree was exemplified on pro-tem candidate Brother **Matthew Long**. There being no objections the Master proceeded with the work. W.B. **Floyd** gave the Lecture and Bro. **Rick Long** gave the Charge. The Master presented RWB **Herb Kern** with a Chaplain's Pin and W.B. **Young** presented Bro. **Rick Long** a certificate and pin for completing the T.E.L.L. program. A Moment of Silence and the 23rd Psalm were held for Bro.

Howard Kipp. Three 50 year Masons were recognized and applauded as were twelve Past Masters. Twenty Two 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.

Thursdays, Sept 9 and 16. , 2010

DARK

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

Wives' & Widows Night – Grotto Band will play dance music. (See cover)

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010

Past Masters' Night (See cover)

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010

Sept. Stated Meeting

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

FROM THE L.E.O.

Congressional Medal of Honor **Hulon Whittington**, Sgt, Grimenil, France, July 29, 1944. He assumed command of his platoon when his platoon leader and platoon Sgt became casualties. He mounted a tank and directed fire through the turret upon an advancing column of German Mark V tanks, disabling the first. The remaining vehicles were destroyed in a courageous bayonet charge mounted by him. When the Aid man was wounded, he personally administered First Aid to his wounded men. Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, Oak Harbor, Ohio.

MASONIC LAST RITES FORM

Enclosed is a Masonic Last Rites Form for your possible use. This form is adapted from a form sent to its members by Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2 and which their Secretary has graciously allowed us to use. Your use of this form is entirely optional, but may be of use to you as you make your preparations.

ANNUAL REPORT

Members August 1, 2009 341
Raised 7
Affiliated 0
Reinstated 5
Total Gains 12
Died 12
Withdrawn 1

SPND 2
Expelled 1
Total Losses 16
Variance 1 *

Members July 31, 2010 338
*(Variance due to transfer from old system to new.)

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD HENRY KLEIN

Born: September 5, 1933
Entered Apprentice: March 10, 1955
Fellow Craft: April 21, 1955
Master Mason: May 19, 1955
Died: June 14, 2010

HOWARD KIPP

Born: March 7, 1920
Entered Apprentice: September 11, 1952
Fellow Craft: October 16, 1952
Master Mason: November 20, 1952
Died: June 24, 2010

LARRY TURNER

Born: April 5, 1950
Entered Apprentice: March 13, 1975
Fellow Craft: April 10, 1975
Master Mason: May 22, 1975
Died: July 13, 2010

DAVID LEE DRISKELL

Born: November 8, 1941
Entered Apprentice: June 11, 1992
Fellow Craft: September 17, 1992
Master Mason: October 22, 1992
Died: July 24, 2010

CHARLES FREDERICK AMMERMAN

Born: February 22, 1923
Entered Apprentice: January 20, 1956
Fellow Craft: March 2, 1956
Master Mason: April 2, 1956
Died: June 16, 2010

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