

January 2012
Message From The East

Brethren:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season; now it is time to get back to business. I would like to thank everyone who came to the E.A. Degree for our newly obligated Brother **Larry Dinkins**. I have to say that he has been well tutored by his mentor based on his first exam which was given at our January Stated Meeting. This was the best exam I have witnessed in quite some time.

As you all know we have entered into our Inspection season and are looking forward to giving the best MM Degree we possibly can. I would like to ask for help from all of you to help fill our Fellowcraft Team. Any Brother interested in taking part in our Inspection, please contact our LEO Brother **Harry Klein** at (513) 661-1536. We are looking forward to working with all who can help. Please, Brethren, come out and show your support for your Lodge. We are all working very hard to improve your experience when attending our meetings and other functions so we really need to hear how you feel about the work we are doing and what we can do to improve.

Fraternally,
David Ritzie, W.M.

STATED MEETING OF JAN. 5, 2012

After A dinner of Chili, Potato Soup, Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches and cookies the W.M. opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Nation, he announced that this Lodge of EA was opened for the purpose of holding our January Stated Meeting. The Minutes having been pre-printed and distributed and there being no changes were accepted as printed. W.B. **Richard** Wendt then examined Brother **Larry Dinkins** in the EA Degree. Upon a Motion by W.B. **Dwight Ferguson**, seconded by W.B. **Matthew Rosensweet** the Lodge accepted the examination, followed by applause for an excellent job. W.B. **Rosensweet** withdrew the proposed Standing Resolutions 34 and 35, which had been proposed at the December Stated Meeting. Dues were remitted for four Brothers and a Dimit issued to one. The Treasurer's Report was preprinted and distributed,

discussed and ordered filed for audit. Upon a Motion by W.B. **Steven Croucher**, seconded by W.B. **Donald Perry**, the Lodge voted to pay the bills of the evening and to make the usual donations to Masonic charities. W.B. **Rosensweet** presented proposed Amended Standing Resolutions 5 and 13. Resolution No. 5 is being amended to provide for the election, annually, of an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer and their duties outlined. The Assistant Treasurer is added to the Budget Committee. The authorized signatories to the Lodge checking account were listed. The modified Resolution No. 13 is being changed from remitting the dues of members age 80 and over to read those members who were born in the year 1932 or earlier. Dues will continue to be remitted for members who have been in good standing for 50 years or more. The Correspondence of the evening was read and/or distributed. The Secretary reported that 4 of the Wal-Mart Gift Cards which had been sent to our Lodge Widows for Christmas had been returned, one due to the death of **June Ipp** and three for bad addresses. Upon a Motion by W.B. **Rosensweet**, seconded by W.B. **Croucher**, the Lodge voted to donate the Cards to Hoffner Chapter, OES, for the Pantry Fund. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented the mandatory LEO Report on "America – Yesterday and Today". W.B. **Croucher** reported for the Trustees regarding the ceiling tiles to be replaced and other items. The Master set the Trestleboard. 50 year members and Past Masters were thanked by the Master for their support of the Lodge. The Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:05 p.m. Thirteen Members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF DEC. 15, 2011

After a dinner of Beef Barbeque, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw and Cookies the W.M. opened a Lodge of E.A. at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, he announced that this Lodge of EA was opened for the purpose of initiating Mr. **Larry Wayne Dinkins, Jr.** There being no objections, he proceeded with the work. The Master obligated the candidate. W.B. **Steven Croucher** presented the Apron. Brother **Richard Long** gave the Lecture and W.B. **Croucher** gave the

Charge. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein** gave the Candidate the Lodge Walk About and presented a Mandatory Education Program "Why should he come back?" W.B. **Daniel Floyd** presented the Master with his MM Lecture Bar. RWB **Barrie Owen** announced the details of the St. John's Day observance this next Sunday at his Church. A collection was taken for the needy. There being nothing further to come before this Lodge of EA, the Master closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 9:20 p.m. Sixteen members enjoyed the evening.

FROM THE L.E.O.

Michael Hillegas, born April 22, 1729 in Philadelphia, the son of a German immigrant. He was engaged in sugar refining. In June 1774 he was Treasurer of the Committee of Safety. From 1775-1789 he was appointed by the Continental Congress Treasurer of the United States. He died September 28, 1804. He belonged to St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, PA.

DUES

Your dues were due by November 3, 2011. If you have not yet paid, you are no longer in good standing and are scheduled to be Suspended effective December 31st. The Grand Master is being so informed. If you cannot pay please let the Worshipful Master or me know.

Barrie.

DONORS

The Lodge thanks the following members for their donations to our several funds:

Dallas R. Barton, Robert O. Bias, Jerry Wayne Butler, Cary Jay Daly, Michael H. Fayard, II, Henry E. Long, Douglas E. Sitzler, Gary L. Sturgill, James R. Huber, James A. Mueller, Danny K. Evans, Roy W. Johnson, Donald E. Schnecker, Donald R. Yates, Robert O. Boyington, George E. Hamm, Fritz K. Kattau, Justin D. Kattau, Gayle E. Lyons, Christopher M. McCardle, Scott T. McCardle, Fred R. Rothacker, Thomas W. Sams, Lowell E. Baker, Clifford A. Christensen, Cloyd J. Jenkins, Albert R. Mueller, Jr., Daniel J. Floyd, Lenox R. Cornett, Paul G.

Wilson, Glenn T. Mattingly (Bequest), Ryan S. Combes, Louis E. Fayard (several gifts), and William V. Kirby, Jr.,

TRESTLEBOARD

Thursday, January 12, 2012

DARK

Monday, January 16, 2012

**FMDOA Meeting at CH-HSJ
(See Bulletin Cover)**

Thursday, January 19, 2012

**Pre-Inspection & F.C. Degree – Larry Dinkins
Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Degree 7:30 p.m.**

Thursday, January 26, 2012

**MM PRACTICE FOR INSPECTION
Dinner 6:30 p.m., Practice 7:30 p.m.**

Thursday, February 2, 2012

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

**MM PRACTICE FOR INSPECTION
7:00 P.M. (no meal)**

Thursday, February 9, 2012

**ANNUAL INSPECTION
MASTER MASON FOR BROTHER LARRY
DINKINS**

Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Degree at 7:00 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

RUSSELL EARL WILSON

Born: April 25, 1931

Entered Apprentice: February 24, 1969

Fellow Craft: March 27, 1968

Master Mason: April 27, 1968

Affiliated (Plural): January 3, 2002

Died January 3, 2012

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