



## MASSILLON MASONIC NEWS

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### DEWITT CLINTON



**Pictured L to R: Bro. David Decker PM, Bro. Joe Burch, and Bro. Jason Gatsios holding a picture of DeWitt Clinton**

Clinton Lodge...why is our lodge called that? Well, Jason Gatsios and I asked that question and set out to find the answer. We started our quest by reading the minutes from the first stated meeting, then we researched the subject at several local libraries, and we spent many hours on the internet. We always came back to the name of DeWitt Clinton.

We found that DeWitt Clinton was the Grand Master of the State of New York and a Senator from that state. He is known for building a series of canals in New York and bringing the Erie Canal through the State of Ohio. When taking a trip along the Erie Canal, he would stop and make a speech in each town he passed through.

Clinton was very popular in his time, thus the town of Clinton, Ohio that is located on the canal and is named after him. We shared our findings with Bro. Dave Decker and came to the conclusion that the lodge was named after DeWitt Clinton. In honor of the lodge's namesake, a portrait of Clinton was purchased and is hanging in the entrance to the lodge room.

I hope that you are as excited as I am about this bit of history about Clinton Lodge.... Bro. Joe H. Burch, Chaplain.

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## FROM OUR SECRETARY



Clinton Lodge's Inspection was held on January 18 in the Entered Apprentice Degree. We had 23 members present. There were 11 Past Masters and 32 visitors. It was an exciting Inspection with W.B. Pat Jorden as our

Pro Tem candidate for the evening. W.B. Jorden was taken to the hospital during the degree work. W.B. Don Scott finished the work of the night as the candidate. W.B. Jack Bowen did a fine job in the conferring of the degree work. W.B. Daniel Schario also did a great job with the E.A. Lecture. Clinton Lodge received a passing report from our D.D.G.M., R. Wesley Webber, for the Inspection. W.B. James Brumbaugh gave W.B. Roger Koontz a good report for our Educational Programs last year. Thank you to W.B. Brumbaugh for his help when W.B. Jorden fell ill.

I am looking for the split rituals which are assigned to Clinton Lodge. There are several missing in each of the three degrees. The rituals were loaned to members who were taking part in the opening and degree work. These rituals have not been returned to the secretary! I would like to get an accurate register of who may have these rituals. Remember, they should only be on loan for a short time (less than six months) but can be "renewed" again at any time. Please help me find the rituals. This project has been ongoing for the two and one-half years that I have held the station of secretary.

Those of you who have and use email/web-site and would have the ability to receive and read your Clinton newsletter, drop me an email at [rlindeman@neo.rr.com](mailto:rlindeman@neo.rr.com) stating it would be okay to send the newsletter this way. I have received some responses in the past, but now things have been updated so I would appreciate another reply. The newsletter will get to you more quickly and also save the Lodge printing cost and postage. It takes up to two weeks to receive my copy after the members in Massillon have received theirs when it is sent using presorted postage. Many events are over by that time!

Ralph E. Lindeman, Secretary

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## FROM THE WORSHIPFULL MASTER



Brethren: I would like to thank everyone who participated in the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree at inspection. I was very pleased with the way it went, and I am sure we received a good report. Thanks again to everyone who was in a pro-tem position.

We all know that the more you put into something the more you get out of it. For this reason, it would be good to see you at more activities of the lodge. I understand that the weather this winter is a deterrent to getting out, but after the weather breaks, it would be nice to see some of you at the different activities.

Between myself and Dave Decker, we are attempting to visit all the other lodge's having inspections in Stark, Summit and Tuscarawas Counties. Hopefully this will improve attendance at our inspection next year by other lodges.

Respectively Yours,

Jack E. Bowen, W.M.

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### Masters, Wardens, & Deacons Associations of Stark County

Each Master has been informed and asked to see that a representative be in attendance so that business can be transacted. The District Deputy Grand Masters have been hoping that this visible organization not fail and have been stressing to various lodge officers that they need to participate. Why? We need this organization to provide programs in regards to: assisting in ritual work, helping with lodge officers' duties and responsibilities, strengthening lodge interest and information through "interlodge" activities, sponsoring of important events involved in the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, and producing "District 21 Calendars." The opportunities are not limited to these, but with excellent leadership, many things can be accomplished. Let's make this a priority for this New Year. *Gordon L. Broome, Vice President*

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### The Bone Box

*In the early lectures of the last century, now obsolete, these questions were used as a test;*

*Q – Have you the keys to the secrets of a Mason?*

*A- Yes*

*Q- Where do you keep them?*

*A-In a bone box, that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys. The bone box is the mouth, the Ivory Keys the teeth. The key to the secrets is the tongue.*

## HIRAM Chapter No. 16



The Inspection for Hiram Chapter will be March 1 at 7:30 PM in the Mark Master degree. There will be a brief stated meeting first. Bring a companion and watch some new officers in their inspection.

The April stated meeting will be the visit from our DED, Excellent Steve DeNayer.

We will be conferring the MEM and RA in the following months as the schedule permits.

Grand High Priest Reception May 13 at 6:30 PM in New Philadelphia (next to Temple)

Region G School July 16 Breakfast 7:00 AM (donation) Toronto Temple.

### Inspection Schedule

March 14 7:30 PM Minerva No. 123 RA (Carrollton)

March 24 7:00 PM Tuscarawas No. 38 RA

April 25 6:00 PM Canton No 84 MEM

## Massillon Commandery #4 Knights Templar



Massillon Commandery #4 has three new Sir Knights, James Haught Jr., Charles George Sr. and our Inspection Candidate, Wayne Sperber. Our inspection was Saturday, February 5th. The Inspecting Officer was Sir Knight Richard L. Speer, Honorary Past Grand Commander.

THANKS to the hard work of our Officers and Sir Knights that helped out. WE PASSED!!!!

A special thanks to Sir Knight Don Scott for the fine dinner after the inspection.

The Sir Knights of the Month are Don Scott for December, Gene Lynch for January, and Delmar Jarvis for February. (Do not let him know it as we have our meeting on the 17th.)

We are always in need of candidates.

**We missed you at the last meeting. The program was informative. The dessert was good, and the friendship was warm. Won't you join us for our next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>?**

## TRESTLEBOARD

### March

Fri., March 4- 5:00PM – 7:00 PM Chili Dinner  
Tues., March 8- 7:30 PM Stated Meeting  
Tues., March 22-7:30 PM Stated Meeting  
Entered Apprentice Degree

### April

Tues., April 12- 7:30 PM Stated Meeting  
Fri., April 22 – GOOD FRIDAY  
Sun., April 24 – EASTER  
Mon., April 25 – 6:00 PM West Virginia Night  
Tues., April 26- 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tues., March 22-7:30 PM Stated Meeting  
Entered Apprentice Degree  
Mon., April, 25 – 6:00 PM West Virginia Night  
Tues., May 24 - 6:00 PM Widow's Night Dinner  
Mon., May 30 - 9:00 AM Massillon Memorial Day Parade

### Do You Know?

On the third Saturday of every month, we hold a breakfast that is open to all members and their families. This is also open to the public, so let all your friends know. The time is 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

This breakfast is to fund the lodge's annual Children's Christmas Party. So a good turnout is a necessity for a great children's party. It is also a great way for family and friends to meet at this breakfast.

Are you aware that there are ritual classes held every Saturday at the lodge from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM? These classes are for all members new and old alike. The classes are held in a relaxed atmosphere. The only requirement for attendance is to present a paid dues card.

Should there be any questions concerning these two items, please feel free to send me an e-mail at [dschario@clintonlodge47.com](mailto:dschario@clintonlodge47.com) or leave a message at the lodge with your phone number, and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

Daniel J. Schario, PM

**Clinton Lodge has had the following deaths reported since the last newsletter:**

Christ Lekorenos-11/8/10; Earl Kulgoske, Jr.-12/8/10;  
Ian MacCartney-12/9/10; James Johnson-12/14/10;  
Roy Weidner-12/16/10; Jack Strobel-12/22/10;  
Robert Beazel-1/8/11 Others: Sam Marang-12/21/10

**Members who are shut-in and need prayers, cards and visits:**

Robert Alexander, 4369 SE 23<sup>rd</sup> Ct., Okeechobee, FL 34974  
David Brown, 5306 Beverly Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44714  
James Edwards, Jr., 327 Mohawk Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44708  
Ed Evans, Inn at University Village, 2650 Ohio State Dr. SE, Unit 112, Massillon, OH 44646  
Harry Hamilton, Altercare of Navarre, 517 Park St. NW, Navarre, OH 44662  
James Howenstine, 4788 Echolake Dr. NW, North Canton, OH 44720  
Dr. Allan Pence, 226 Sheri Dr. NE, Massillon, OH 44646  
Donald Robinson, Wyant Woods Care Center, 200 Wyant Rd., Akron, OH 44313  
George Williams, Legends Care Center, 2311 Nave Rd SE, Massillon, OH 44646

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**THE FIVE POINTS SYMBOLISM**

*By BRO. N. A. McAULAY  
(From The Builder, Anamosa, Iowa, October, 1916)*

Foot to foot that we may go,  
Where our help we can bestow:  
Pointing out the better way,  
Lest our brothers go astray.  
Thus our steps should always lead  
To the souls that are in need.  
  
Knee to knee, that we may share  
Every brother's needs in prayer:  
Giving all his wants a place,  
When we seek the throne of grace.  
In our thoughts from day to day  
For each other we should pray  
  
Breast to breast, to there conceal,  
What our lips must not reveal;  
When a brother does confide,  
We must by his will abide.

Mason's secrets to us known,  
We must cherish as our own  
Hand to back, our love to show  
To the brother, bending low:  
Underneath a load of care,  
Which we may and ought to share.  
That the weak may always stand,  
Let us lend a helping hand.  
  
Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,  
That our lips may whisper cheer,  
To our brother in distress:  
Whom our words can aid and bless.  
Warn him if he fails to see,  
Dangers that are known to thee.  
  
Foot to foot, and knee to knee,  
Breast to breast, as brothers we:  
Hand to back and mouth to ear,  
Then that mystic word we hear  
Which we otherwise conceal,  
But on these five points reveal.

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**DO YOU KNOW AN ILL OR DISTRESSED BROTHER**

If you do, please let the Lodge Secretary know. Also, all of us should make a special effort this year to make sure we know of any of our Brethren who are in need of help and/or assistance of any kind. Visiting them (with their approval) or dropping them a card would be greatly appreciated.

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**CHILI DINNER**

Mark your calendar for Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> as there will be a Chili and Cornbread Dinner in the lodge dinning room. The time will be between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM with a donation of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. All are welcome. Please bring your family and friends. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the new members and their families as well as supporting the lodge. So mark your calendar and come out for some good fellowship.

If you are not one who likes Chili, there will be bean soup available.

## Masonic Association

Planning a donation to the Masonic Association? You may use the form below as a guide for your cash, quarterly, semi-annually, or yearly donation.

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### Masonic Association of Massillon, Ohio

Maintaining the Clinton Lodge

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Street Address or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

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Masonic Association of Massillon

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### What are you doing?

What are you doing to insure that Clinton Lodge 47 is expanding? The Lodge needs new membership for it to be successful and to progress. This can only take place if, as a member, we make it happen.

We currently have 559 members. If each "old" member would bring in at least one new petition, we would be able to double in size and guarantee the lodge's future.

**Bring in a petition.**

## New Year's Eve Pictures



**Kitchen crew on New Year's Eve**



**In line for Pork and Kraut on New Year's Eve**



**A long line for the Pork and Kraut**

## New Year's Eve Pictures



The crowd on New Year's Eve



Enjoying a New Year's Eve Dinner

## Inspection Pictures



Refreshments after the Inspection

## More Inspection Pictures



Good Fellowship after the Inspection



In line for refreshments after the Inspection



The kitchen crew at work

*The following article is by Mark Bennett, Historian at a Freemasons Lodge in Asheville, N.C.*

Despite the impression given by books such as author Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* and *The Lost Symbol*, and movies like *National Treasure*, the Masons are not a clandestine group.

"We're not a secret society," Bennett says. "We're a society with a few secrets." In an effort to boost flagging membership across the USA, an increasing number of Masonic lodges, like other fraternal service groups, are abandoning secretive ways and inviting the public in to see what the organization is really all about.

There are fewer Masons today — by nearly a million — than there were in 1941, as the country came out of the **Great Depression**, says Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America. There are an estimated 3 million members worldwide and 1.5 million in the USA, he says, compared with more than 4 million members in the USA in 1959.

Why? Blame the Baby Boomers, Fletcher says. "We had what I call the '60s syndrome," he says. "That was the whole concept of the generation. You turned against anything that was main-stream."

In 2005, the association produced a report called "It's About Time," which encouraged lodges to invite the community in, Fletcher says. But most didn't start opening their doors until Masons in Massachusetts saw successes in 2009 with the policy, he says.

Since then, a growing number have opened their doors:

- In Asheville, Mount Hermon Masonic Lodge 118 allows prospective members to dine with members before official meetings to learn more about Masonry. The effort has paid off. Seven years ago, the lodge was struggling with low attendance and now has about 500 members, says John Burchfield, the local district deputy grand lecturer.
- In Ellwood City, Pa., three lodges in the 37th Masonic District held open houses in August.
- In New Hampshire, Freemasons held statewide events in March and October. "It was very well received in New Hampshire," says Nashua, N.H., Rising Sun lodge member Bob Porter. The Nashua lodge got 30 new members, Porter says.

### **Tough times**

The Mason decline is mirrored by other fraternities. Amos McCallum, a Chairman of the Past National Presidents of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, says his group has 900,000 members, down from 1.6 million in 1980.

Membership in Rotary Clubs has dropped nearly 42,000 since 1995 in the USA to 360,790 last year, says Rotary spokeswoman Elizabeth Minelli.

Some civic clubs say they are starting to see an uptick. Lions Club International reported 20,000 new members last year after decades of decline. It has 1.35 million members worldwide, says spokesman Dane La Joye.

Reaching out to women has been key, La Joye says. "Women are the fastest-growing segment of our membership today," he says.

Freemasonry dates to stonemason guilds in the Middle Ages, according to the national association's website. Its exact origins are unclear. In 1717, four lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge of England, according to the association. Women are not allowed to join, and the policy is not up for debate, Fletcher says.

Masons nationally give nearly \$1.5 million a day to charities, the association says. The best known is the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Freemasonry promotes individual freedom, the right of people to worship as they choose, democratic government, and public education, Fletcher says.

### **Debunking myths**

Masons have long been the target of conspiracy theorists, and today are tackling the myths through the service association's website and the open-door policy at local lodges, Fletcher says. The fraternity denies being part of a "one-world order" or controlling the United States government, he says. That theory has centered on the Great Seal of the United States and its "eye in the pyramid" design. The all-seeing eye icon is used in Masonry but, the organization says, the image on the seal and the back of the \$1 bill have nothing to do with Masons.

Masons also dispute other claims, including that every U.S. president was a Mason. President Obama is not. President Ford was the most recent president who was, according to the association.

The Internet and the rise of online social networks may have something to do with a rise in membership, Fletcher says. "Freemasonry is a social network," he says. "It always has been."

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### Food for thought

What do you think makes a person's life a success?

What modern convenience could you not live without? Why?

Would you rather give up your car or give up your computer and cell phone for a month?

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