



MASSILLON MASONIC NEWS

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From the Secretary's Desk:

Our 2009-2010 Masonic year is coming to an end. The dues notices were sent out the middle of September. We have 559 members living in 25 states. I attempt to keep all of the addresses up-to-date for Grand Lodge and Clinton Lodge mailing purposes. I can do this only with your help. Again, as I reiterate every so often, please keep me advised of any address changes.

We have endowed, annuity, and 50+-year members who are not required to pay dues. This leaves us 333 members required to pay dues each year. At this time (10/17/10), there are 153 members with unpaid dues. If you are one of these, remember that dues must be paid on or before our Annual Meeting which is Tuesday, November 9. Dues are still \$75.00.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio Communication was held in Dayton on October 15 & 16. The officers in the line moved up as expected. I will bring you up-to-date on legislation that passed in a later bulletin.

The election of officers of Clinton Lodge will take place on Tuesday, November 9 at our Annual Meeting. The slate of officers for 2010-2011 Masonic year is as follows: WM – Jack Bowen, SW – David Decker, JW - Jason Gatsios, Treas. - Bill Rodgers, Sec'y. - Ralph Lindeman, SD - Gary Massey, JD - Brad Cioca, SS - Jim Wolgamott, JS - Jim Haught, Tyler - Chuck George, Chaplain - Joe Burch, and L.E.O. – Roger Koontz. Also on this night we will be electing a MWB Thomas D. Zahler Mason of the Year. The five nominations this year for this award are: WB Donald Robinson, WB David Decker, Jack Fox, Robert Zickefoose and Jim Wolgamott. Please come and vote for one of these men.

The Installation of Officers will be Friday, November 19 at 7 p.m. This evening will also be the Service Awards with dinner (by reservation) at 6 p.m. Those eligible: 70-yr. – Frank J. Moesle; 65-yr. – John H. Carnes, Jr., Guy F. Laursen, William K. Wallace; 60-yr. – Ronald E. Armitage, Art Goodspeed, Duane D. Kirby; 50-yr. – William O. Burrier, Roger G. Cherryholmes, Martin J. Fultz,

Larry Q. Lawrence, Wayne E. Lawson, Theodore W. McCollins, Jr., Donald S. Merrill, Joseph E. Nameth, Jr., John R. Phillips, Donald B. Wilkinson, Jr.; 25-yr. – Henry F. Aegerter, Charles E. Allen, William J.B. Harris, Jr., Vincent W. Harvey, Lonny D. Lawrence, William E. McGraner, Joe Mullins, Samuel D. Pappas. As of this writing, there are many who have not returned an answer – yes, you're coming or no, you're not coming!

The month of December will also be a busy month: Children's Christmas party, Friday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.; Stated meeting, Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Christmas Breakfast, Saturday, December 25 at 6 a.m.; New Year's Eve dinner, Friday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m. Remember, we have only one stated meeting in December.

Then comes January, and that's the beginning of Inspection season! We have several dates sent in to our D.D.G.M. for approval of just one date. Our Inspection this year will be in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Ralph Lindeman, Secretary

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Brethren,

My term of office is coming to a close. It has been a busy year! We had a very good inspection, raised new Master Masons, honored the widows of those who passed from our Lodge, participated in the Memorial Day parade, helped to sponsor the summer concerts, and a local little league baseball team. We also had our annual West Virginia Night and continue our monthly breakfasts, and hold many other dinners and events. The new lodge directory from the Summerfield Studios will be available in a few months. All of these things will help to make Clinton Lodge stronger and keep our members working with each other.

I was honored at Grand Lodge held at Dayton, Ohio to receive a Gold Medal Award in recognition of and great appreciation for our support of the 2010 Special Olympics State Summer Games. We contributed over \$2000.00.

I would like to thank each of you for your time and efforts in making this a positive year for Clinton Lodge. As we begin another year, continue to give your support to the new Master and his officers. We will remain a strong and viable Lodge only with your efforts.

Brethren: be sure to make use of our new web page:
Clintonlodge47.com/

Again, thank you for all that you have done to make this a GREAT year for Clinton Lodge 47.

Robert H. Parker Sr.

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Open Installation and Awards Night

On Friday November 19th there will be a dinner in the lodge dining room at 6:00 PM. Following, at 7:00 PM, is the open Installation of new Officers and Presentation of Awards.

Dinner reservations are required by Nov. 16th.

TRESTLEBOARD

Tues. – Nov. 9 - 7:30 PM Annual Meeting, Election of Officers for 2010/2011

Fri. - Nov. 19 – 6:00 PM Open Dinner
7:00 PM Open Installation and Awards Night

Tues.-Nov. 23 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Fri. – Dec. 3 – 5:00 PM Chili Dinner (Open to Public)

Fri. Dec., 10 – 6:30 PM Children's Christmas Party.

Tues.-Dec. 14 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Sat.-Dec. 18 – Salvation Army Red Kettle Day

Sat.-Dec. 25 - 6:00 AM Christmas Breakfast

Fri.-Dec. 31 – 6:30 PM New Year's Eve Pork & Kraut Dinner

Tues.-Jan. 11, 2011 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Tues.-Jan. 18 -7:00 Pm Inspection in E.A. Degree (Tentative)

Tues.-Jan. 25 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Fri.-Feb. 11 – 6:30 PM George Washington Dinner

Mon.-April 25 – West Virginia Night

Tues.-May 24 – 7:30 PM Widow's Night Dinner And Program

Hiram Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons

To keep Royal Arch Masonry strong and everlasting, we need the younger members to come forward and take over for the companions that got us this far. History has proven there is strength in numbers. The more companions we have show up, the less the load is for everyone. Don't give up on something you have not tried.

The next meeting is Tuesday November 2nd at 7:30 PM, please plan on attending

Massillon Commandery #4, Knights Templar

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is Thursday November 18th, plan on attending.

Chili and Cornbread Dinner

Mark your calendar for Friday December 3rd, as there will be a Chili and Cornbread dinner in the lodge dining room. The time will be between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM with a donation of \$6.00. 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.

Children's Christmas Party

This year's annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Friday December 10th at 6:30 PM in the lodge dining room. There will be a sign up sheet out on the table at the November 9th and 23rd meetings. The cut off for signing up is December 4th.

We are looking for volunteers to help with planning the party and working the night of the party. Please contact Steve Nevel.

Red Kettle Day

Clinton Lodge 47 will be helping out the Salvation Army Red Kettle Day on Saturday December 18th, 2010. Volunteers Bell Ringers are needed to work two hour shifts from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Fisher Foods on Lincoln Way East. The signup sheet will be on the table at the November 9th meeting.

This is a good time for the lodge to help out the community during the holiday season, so please come out and help.

ILL OR DISTRESSED BROTHERS

If you know of an ill or distressed Brother, please let the Lodge Secretary know. All of us should make sure we know of all our Brethren that may need help and/or assistance of any kind. Visiting them (with their approval) and or dropping them a card would be greatly appreciated.

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 lodges future. **Bring in a petition.**

Masonic Funerals

Brethren, when we join this great fraternity, one of the rights we are apprised of is the right to a Masonic Funeral. Too often, we learn that a brother has not received this honor because either the family or the funeral home conducting the services was unaware of his entitlement. Please ensure that your loved ones are informed as to your wishes in this regard, where to locate your Masonic apron, of the need to inform the funeral director of your desire for a Masonic Funeral, and that it is incumbent upon the funeral director to contact the Secretary of your Blue Lodge.

Suggestion for Estate Planning

Brethren: In making your Estate plans, please consider making a bequest in your Will to the Masonic Association of Canton, Inc. (often referred to as the "Canton Temple Association"). The Association has striven for many years to maintain the Temple in a safe, clean, attractive condition. A gift in your Will would be an excellent way to show your support for efforts to preserve a beautiful building that holds so many memories for those of us who have received so much from our Search for Light in Masonry. And, it would be an excellent way to ensure the proceeds of your Estate are utilized in a manner consistent with your beliefs and views concerning our great Fraternity.

Please consult with your attorney or tax advisor concerning the ramifications of a bequest to the Masonic Association of Canton, Inc. in your will.

COATS FOR KIDS

We are collecting COATS FOR KIDS again this year. There's a box at the lodge for them. With this tough economy, there are a lot more kids that need help. If you have coats for adults, those would be appreciated as well. Please do what you can.

Special Contribution to Clinton Lodge Maintenance Fund

Your contribution is urgently solicited

Amount \$ _____ Name: _____

Please clip and mail to:

Clinton Lodge Maintenance Fund
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BULLETIN BOOSTER CLUB

An audit has been done of the contributions toward the bulletin and many names have been removed because that person no longer meets the criteria of "Your name will be listed in each bulletin for one year. When you see your name disappear from this listing, it's time to make another donation." Your donation helps defray the cost of bulletin production and mailings. The list shown below will be used for one year, through October 2011. Please donate during dues collection time, September through October, thus making it easier to keep an accurate record. Bulletin Booster will be shown as a line item for a donation, if you so desire, on next year's dues notices.

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