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TRESTLE-BOARD

All stated meetings start at 7:30 p.m. -
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are
required, 440-257-6964

- May 13 Stated Meeting -
- May 20 Grand Masters Reception
- May 21 Family Bowling Night - See Article
- May 27 Stated Meeting -
- May 28 CCW Class - See Article
- Jun 10 Stated Meeting -
- Jun 17 Lodge Friendship Night starting
at 6 p.m.
- Jun 24 Stated Meeting -

"Don't walk behind me; I may
not lead. Don't walk in front of
me; I may not follow. Just walk
beside me and be my friend." -
Albert Camus

From The East



Greetings Brethren,

The first four months of this Masonic year has been filled with a lot of work. Our Lodge Fellow Craft team has met numerous times during and between Stated Meetings to practice its floor work (circumambulations) in advance of our Inspection in the Master Mason Degree this past April 22nd. As I write this, we have not yet been inspected in that degree so I cannot tell you whether we received a passing grade. However, I am proud to report that we have put a great deal of work into the process! We have come a long way since last October, when we performed the Degree with a lot of new faces in different places. Now, everyone is well-versed in what to do and how to do it and I look forward to having a solid Fellow Craft team for years to come. I would like to extend a special thank you to W.B. Ted Daly, the Dean of our Fellow Craft team for his leadership during practices - we couldn't have done it without you, Worshipful. Also, a big thank you to past Masters like WB Dave Ponsart, Al Paynter, and Greg and David Mumaw for attending each and every practice and imparting their knowledge in how to perform this very complicated - yet sublime - Degree!

With the work out of the way, Acacia Lodge will have the opportunity to relax and have fun these next few months. On Saturday, May 21 we will be hosting a Family Bowling Night from 6-8 p.m. at Wickliffe Lanes (30315 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). (Note that this is the bowling alley located in the same parking lot as United Skates of America and not the Freeway Lanes location we've used in the past by the Ford dealership at Bishop and Euclid). Tickets are just \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 12 years old and under. Tickets include three frames of bowling, shoe rental, and food and soft drinks provided by the Lodge. This has always been one of the Lodge's most popular events so be sure to register early. Our Secretary, WB Jim Cogan, will be taking reservations - family and friends are definitely invited.

Also, it's never too early to think about the summer. As in 2015, Acacia will be hosting several social activities in June, July, and August. Stay tuned for more information about our annual golf outing, Lodge picnic, fishing trip, and Lake County Captains game. Last year, I saw many of the same brethren at all four events. Needless to say, a good time was had by all and this year should be no different.

Finally, please join us at 27271 Tungsten Road on Friday, June 17 at 6 pm. And while you are at it, invite someone you believe would make a good Mason to our Lodge's Friendship Night. The Grand Lodge will be lending a hand and I look forward to officers from the 22nd District helping us spread the light of Freemasonry throughout our neighborhoods! But we need your help as well. A complimentary dinner will be provided and all are invited to not only attend but share the virtues of Masonry with the community.

Fraternally,

Mark Novak, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the Wild West,

As many of you know I am a public school teacher. Whether I am at the high schools, or elementary, I find repeatedly I am saying the same three things over and over again. **Follow directions, wait your turn, and stay in line.**

When students are learning I say **follow directions**, not to be harsh, but because I have taught the last 16 years and I know what happens when directions are not followed. The whole plan of the day gets "screwed up". **Wait your turn** is said so that students can watch those ahead of them and learn, it also teaches them patience. It lets them see jobs both well done, and not so well done. **Stay in line** is simple, don't try to go alone without leadership, direction or knowledge of where you're supposed to be. It also implies behaving, respecting authority, and those who have experience, and have demonstrated success.

I try to put Masonic Principles into my daily life. Lessons I learned from more informed Brethren repeatedly come to me during my day. Thinking of my day I think these three statements could be brought to Acacia, **Follow directions, wait your turn, and stay in line.**

Senior Warden,

Errol Savage P.M.

From the South

Brethren,

It's getting closer to summer and that means its fishing season. I hope I can interest you to join us this year. In addition to the Golf and Family Picnic, we're fishing right out of downtown Cleveland this

year from Wildwood Marina (16975 Wildwood Dr.). For \$50 we provide a day on the water including; snacks, refreshments, lunch on Lake Erie, and prizes for catches of the day. Exact date to be determined. There's room for 24 of us and we anticipate that places will fill quickly, so please feel free to contact me at home (440) 269-9611 (please leave a message) or email tgallagher@marousbrothers.com. I would entertain any sort of feedback from the brethren.

*Additional boat available that holds 16 passengers.

Thank you.

Tim Gallagher, Junior Warden

Writing your *own* obit

How many times have you read the obituary of somebody you know and wonder where did they get "that" information? Well, they got it from the family, and we ALL know that Masonic information is a "deep dark secret". Maybe it's about time we sit down and write our own obituary, that way it has a better chance of being correct.

Another of my pet "peeves" is the fact that we know the person is 95 years old, but there is a high school graduation picture, or a picture of when he got out of the service, when he was 26.

I know that there are different thoughts on this subject, but, as far as I can tell most people agree that it should be a more recent photo.

Make sure you provide information regarding your family, hobbies, special interests, etc. Next, in order to get the "best" Masonic info, you need to spell it out and provide the detailed information for your loved ones.

Fraternally,

WB Don Ritchie

Need a Ride?

If you are in need of a ride to come to lodge please call Jim Cogan at 440-257-6964 and arrangements will be made to pick you up. This is my home phone; please leave a message if I don't pick up when you call.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason. - Benjamin Franklin



In Memoriam

Brother

Passed

Bro. Robert H Lee	April 21, 2016
Bro. Steve D. Tanner	March 15, 2016
Bro. Frank A. Kasper	March 29, 2016
Wor. Bro. William Dornback	March 6, 2016
R.W.B. Richard J. Davis PDDGM	March 7, 2016
Wor. Bro. Robert W. Keener	February 19, 2016
Bro. Glen A. Davison	February 25, 2016

They rest from their labors.

From time to time we lose contact with our Brethren, so if anyone knows the current address or phone number for **Bro. Lindsay C. Smith** please call WB James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

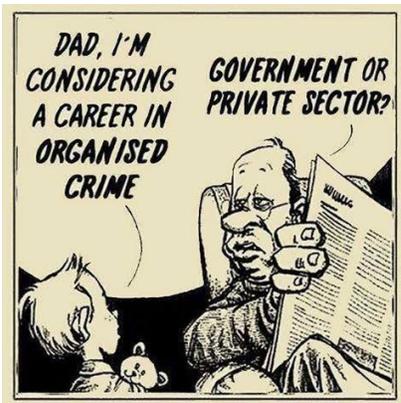
Grand Lodge News:

The Grand Secretary's Newsletter of March 15th reported that the Grand Lodge of Ohio will continue its transition to computerize the operation. One project will be a "Permanent" Dues Card this card will be identical in size and shape to the traditional credit card. The card will have your name, lodge number, location and membership status.

This will save on printing time and costs and the plastic card will withstand the test of time only needing to be replaced occasionally.

Eventually a member "look up" application will be available for web-based apps that will be available on any smart device.

This project will save time, effort and postage.



Family Bowling Night, May 21st, Sliding Into Fun at Wickliffe Lanes, 30315 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio. Cost of \$5.00 per adult, children under 12 \$2.00. The evening will include a complimentary dinner, three games of bowling and shoe rental. Reservations required – call James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

CCW Class

Our lodge brother, Mike Januszczak (retired Cleveland Police Officer), has offered to teach a Carry Concealed Weapons Class for our lodge brothers, their families and friends. Bro. Januszczak has reduced the cost for this one day class to \$100 per person. This includes the class, tests and range time.

Every student will need to provide their own weapon and ammunition. (Brother Mike will have some extra weapons but you will have to pay for the ammunition.)

Only twenty people per class, the classroom training will be held on May 28th at The Euclid Masonic Temple and the range time will be held at the Grays Armory, 1234 Bolivar Rd., Cleveland. Please call James Cogan, 440-257-6964, with your reservation.

We have some openings in this class so if you are interested please call as soon as possible.

New Puns for those with higher IQ's

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - It taint yours and it taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

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Tear off and post on you refrigerator!

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June 24, 2016	Stated Meeting – Degree Practice
July and August, 2016	Fishing Trip, Captains Game, Golf Outing, Lodge Picnic

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