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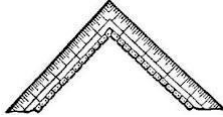


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Greetings from the East

Greetings from the East brothers,

I want to start off with saying that it is an honor and a privilege to serve the Lodge. My focus this year is on restoring peace and harmony in the Lodge. I want to start a chapter of the Demolay. I have several brothers that are interested and if anyone else is interested please feel free to contact me. I am opening all meetings that we have at Southport Lodge to you and your families, that includes all degree work and stated meetings, obviously they will not be allowed into the tiled Lodge, however the ladies will be allowed to remain in the building and have a social activities in the dining hall, no that doesn't mean they stay and clean. I do ask though that if you are bringing your loved ones please inform the Lodge or the Junior Warden so that the proper amount of food can be prepared. We have several committees that are actively involved this year there will be several functions that will be happening in your Lodge so please keep up on the events line and on our website page for upcoming activities. In closing I am encouraging you to come to the Lodge for at least once a month if possible and participate in the ceremony and or be there for our new brothers, and I am happy and pleased to say if you have not been to an Master Mason degree in a while it will be worth your time. Thanks again I am here to serve Southport Lodge and the brethren let's have a great year and I hope to see each and every one of you.

Fraternally,
Paul S. Ney
Worshipful Master



Special Information & Callouts

Fish Fry

- June 18, 19 & 20
- 11am-7pm
- June 15 Prep
- June 21 Clean up

Euchre and Lunch

- Tuesday and Friday
- 10 am-2pm
- Lunch \$2 per person
- Contact Ken Ruckersfeldt, PM OSM

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Masonic Education

THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

The lion has always been the symbol of might and royalty. It was the sign of the Tribe of Judah, because this was the royal tribe of the Hebrew Nation. All Kings of Judah were, therefore, called the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." This was also one of the titles of King Solomon. This was the literal meaning.

In the Middle Ages, the lion was a symbol of resurrection. There were common tales that the lion cub when born lay dead for three days until breathed upon by its father. This breath brought the cub back to life. Representations of roaring lions symbolized the resurrection of the dead on the Last Day. The lion, being such a majestic animal, has long been considered the "king" of beasts; associated with the sun because of its mane. Its likeness is commonly found on the thrones and palaces of rulers.

Reference: A Basic Masonic Education Course for Master Masons with Questions.

Prepared by the Committee on Masonic Education and Information of The Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Of Ohio

Craft Club

Craft Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month and its purpose now is to work on the craft and we want to encourage any brothers to come and support and learn a part of the ceremonies and to help the craft and officers out

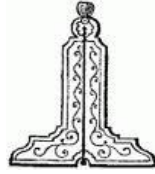
Activities Committee Held a Chili Supper / Chili Cook off on Saturday Feb 27, 2015.

Congratulations to our Chili Cook Off winners.

1st. Corey Nelson, 2nd Eric Ruckersfeldt, 3rd.

Mike Moore, Honorable Mention Steve Moore

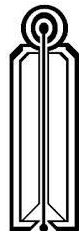
All the food was great. Thank you to the contestants and for those that came to eat and enjoy the fellowship. The activities committee is working to have at least one activity a month. If you have ideas for events or want to volunteer contact Activities Chair Jeff Baker.



Tidings from the West

I'd like to first say thank you to the membership for electing me as Senior Warden. I'm looking forward to a fun year and a very active year. We've already raised two members to the sublime degree of a Master Mason back in December as we usually don't do degree work during the holidays and have already initiated four new members in January. Some of you may remember the costumes that were used during Master Mason degrees and we've pulled them out to be used this year and have already used them. If you haven't seen a Master Mason degree with costumes, I invite you out to see the degree and participate as one of characters.

Fraternally,
Jarrett B. Hill
Senior Warden



Tidings from the South

Hello Brothers. Greetings from the South. In my first contribution to the Trestle Board I would like to talk about keeping newly raised Brothers coming back to the Lodge. I would like to see the Officers and Brethren engage the newly initiated, passed or raised Brother after each Degree. Speak with him about details of the ceremony that he was just a part of. Educate him as to the meaning of the symbols and more complicated language that he may not understand. In my opinion, this will engage his mind and have him wanting to come back. I hope to serve you well as Junior Warden and as always, Look to the East.

Yours fraternally,
Charlie Bushor
Junior Warden

Committees	
Good Cheer (sick) Visitation Scott Bostwick, SD	225-9098
Funeral Committee Eric Ruckersfeldt, PM Richard S. Blocker, PM All Officers	612-1356 782-3971
Masonic Relief Board Eric Ruckersfeldt, PM	612-1356
Communications Jarrett B. Hill, SW Kent Holaday Jeff Baker	319-0659 840-8062 640-8952
Proficiency All Officers	
Finance James Prosch Barry Maxwell, PM Dave Weiger Jeff Baker	627-3364 856-6128 507-6383 640-8952
Audit Ronald Bolyard	782-0978
Preliminary Instruction W. Hugh Burns, PM Barry Maxwell, PM All Officers	786-2108 856-6128
Mentors All Officers and Past Masters	
Investigations Charles D. Sampson Hank Bosworth Richard S. Blocker, PM Barry Maxwell, PM All Junior Officers	882-3893 538-4151 782-3971 856-6128
Masonic Home/Foundation Scott Bostwick, SD Eric Ruckersfeldt, PM	225-9098 612-1356
Charity Daniel W. Gillahan, PM Eric J. Ruckersfeldt, PM Scott Bostwick, SD	538-7078 612-1356 225-9098
Masonic Education All Officers	
Craft Club Charles Bushor, Pres Devin Calvert, Vice Pres	345-9506 654-6350
Custodian John Winkler	787-0844

Trustee Report

James R. Prosch is now serving as the newly elected trustee along with Eric Ruckersfeldt PM. The trustees have decided to be much more proactive in support of the lodge and are meeting every month for a working session to discuss and determine actions required to satisfy our commitments to the members of the this lodge.

The lodge building has many deficiencies that have been neglected and are very much in need of remediation. The list is long and the work will take to time to coordinate all the necessary solutions. The trustees have developed an itemized listing of projects and issues on a spreadsheet that will be a useful tool in managing the list as it continues to grow. The projects and concerns for the lodge are organized with categories to identify scope, schedules, cost and priorities. This document will allow us to offer updates and share information with any of the lodge members that are interested in the details.

The trustees have already completed many repair items so far during the short period from the first of the year such as repair of light fixtures, replacement of lamps, battery replacement in emergency fixtures and repair to one of the basement furnaces. A few of the projects ready for implantation include the updates to the security system and obtaining a new insurance policy for the lodge property and liability coverage. There are many more items in the works and we hope to accomplish most of them this coming year with the help and support of the lodge membership.

Submitted with sincere and fraternal regards,

Trustees for 2015

Trestle Board	Apr	May	Jun
Stated Meeting (1 st Mon)	6	4	1
Fellow Craft (2 nd Mon)	13	11	8
Entered Apprentice (3 rd Mon)	20	18	16
Master Mason (4 th Mon)	27	25	22
Craft Club (3 rd Thu)	16	21	18
Breakfast (3 rd Sat)	18	16	
Masonic Home Visitation (3 rd Sun)	19	17	21
Eastern Star (1 st Wed)	1	6	3
Fish Fry			18-20

** Please call the event line 317.824.7350 for latest information

Officers

Worshipful Master

Paul S. Ney
410-2737

Senior Warden

Jarrett B. Hill
319-0659

Junior Warden

Charles E. Bushor, Jr
345-9506

Organist

John Winkler
787-0844

Trustee

James R. Prosch
627-3364

Secretary

Clyde V. McAdams
882-1140

Treasurer

Randal W. Bradley, PM
363-9400

Tyler

Eric J. Ruckersfeldt, PM
612-1356

Chaplain

Richard S. Blocker, PM
782-3971

Trustee

Eric J. Ruckersfeldt, PM
612-1356

Senior Deacon

Scott Bostwick
225-9098

Junior Deacon

Jeff Baker
640-8952

Senior Steward

Devin Calvert
654-6350

Junior Steward

Michael Moore
246-0207

Marshal

Steve Moore
519-4185

To All Members who HAVE NOT PAID their Dues for 2015:

Your 2015 Dues are now PAST DUE. To avoid the lodge spending \$5.50 per member to mail out a final notice please pay your dues immediately. At the Stated Meeting April 6, 2015 the lodge is required to read all names of members who have not paid their dues, a vote will be taken on suspending members who have not paid. If you are having problems paying your dues for a legitimate reason please contact me by either phone or email, we will make every effort to work with you to get your dues paid.

Fraternally,

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