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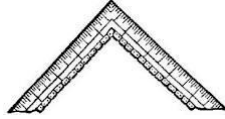


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Greetings from the East

Tidings from the East

Brethren, we have accomplished many things this year. As we have not had much degree work, we have focused on the business of the Lodge and the improvement of the condition of the building and grounds.

Going back to last year with me as Chairman of the Finance Committee and this year as WM, we have hired a new financial adviser, implemented a new investment strategy and have approved an annual budget.

The Lodge bylaws have been rewritten and may have been approved at this time.

The condition of the building and grounds needed attention and was improved by repairing trim around the building and painting. A landscaping company was hired and the grounds look great.

We think this effort and these steps will insure the stability of the business of the Lodge will be secure into the foreseeable future.

Cordially,
Charles E. Bushor Jr.
Worshipful Master

Special Information & Callouts

Bylaws Vote

- November 6

Election of Officers

- December 4

Breakfast with Santa

- December 16

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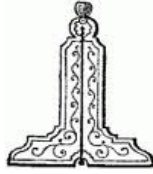
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Masonic Education

TEACHING NEW MASONS

Many of us have told newly made Masons that he will get out of Masonry what he puts into it. While this is largely true, we must also consider though that many times we speak those words without offering much of any guidance. Young Masons often don't know what they want from Masonry, nor do they know the path to set there. Masonry is much more than a meeting place where Masonic ritual is exemplified. Myself, like so many other Brother Masons, continually learn more and more as we continue to attend lodge. But far too often, we see new Masons coming to a degree and sitting alone. Does he understand what he's seeing? What if he has questions? Our mentoring of a new, young Mason needs to go beyond confirming proficiency. We aren't here to build "club members." We're here to build Masons. Our actions shape the new Mason. Brothers, the time is now to re-examine the education of our new Brethren. Your attendance at Lodge is crucial. Let's keep our fraternity on path.

Fraternally,
Devin Calvert
Senior Warden



Tidings from the West

Brothers, I would like to take a moment and ask you to reflect upon why you chose Masonry as a part of your life. I'm sure each of us can pinpoint things we have been enriched by during our Masonic journey. That being said, this makes you a very valuable resource to our fraternity. Masons young and old can and do benefit from your experience. As our fraternity ages, we need that experience now more than ever. I personally have benefitted from the mentoring of our tenured Masons in ways I won't forget. Brothers, I offer this challenge to you... if you haven't attended lodge lately, deeply consider returning. Your lodge needs YOU. Our fraternity needs YOU. The knowledge you bring is invaluable. Masons young and seasoned desire to learn from you. The fire that once burned within you for our Craft can be refueled in yourself and begun in another Mason just from your presence. Come and see what's happening at 270. The brethren would be honored to have you. From the West, I thank you.

Fraternally,
Devin Calvert
Senior Warden



Stewards Report

Greetings from the Senior Steward Jonathan Vaughan. As I continue to grow in Masonry I would like to reflect on how our year has gone. We have been low on attendance from brethren on the sidelines. Your attendance is encouraged to make our fraternity stronger and more noticeable in the darkness of midnight. I was asked to be a Steward and was honored to be so taken by the WM to start my progression to get to the East. The building is coming together from much-needed repairs and upkeep. Our senior officers have been my mentors on my journey through the steps necessary to get where I want to go. Most importantly brethren your attendance and input is much needed to make our lodge "Our Lodge."

Jonathan M. Vaughan
Senior Steward



Tidings from the South

First off, I would like to thank the Lodge and the officers for the honor of assisting in Lodge as JW. Second, I would like to say special thanks to the WM and officers for a year that had a lot of accomplishments from the East. I want to invite all the brothers to come out to enjoy the fellowship with your brothers. Please brothers let's all take the time out and think how special it was to have a full lodge room for us going through our degrees. I know that schedules are crazy busy, but please make every effort possible to make it to lodge at least one time a month. Bring another brother that we, or you, haven't seen in a while; give them a call. If anyone would love to come out and participate in any degree or anything else or help with the officer line, please get in touch with the WM, Wardens or officers. OH! Don't want to let this go by without mention the food has been great; come and enjoy the meals.

Yours fraternally,
Paul Ney, PM
Junior Warden

Committees

Funeral Committee	
Kenneth R. Ruckersfeldt, PM	413-6265
Eric N. Lawrence, PM	796-2910
Clyde McAdams - Secretary	882-1140
All Officers	
Masonic Relief Board	
Robert Sexton, PM	882-9895
Communications	
Jarrett B. Hill, PM	319-0659
Kent Holaday	840-8062
Proficiency / Mentors	
All Officers and Past Masters	
Finance	
Devin Calvert, Chair	654-6350
Jarret B. Hill, PM	319-0659
Dave Weiger	
Joseph Vernon	
Garry Clark, PM	
Audit	
Ronald Bolyard	782-0978
Preliminary Instruction	
W. Hugh Burns, PM	786-2108
Paul S. Ney, PM	410-2737
All Officers	
Mentors	
All Officers and Past Masters	
Investigations	
Larry Chapman, PM	
Eric J. Ruckersfeldt, PM	612-1356
Dan Gillahan, PM	5387078
All Junior Officers	
Masonic Home/Foundation	
Eric Ruckersfeldt, PM	612-1356
Masonic Education	
All Officers	
Custodian	
John Winkler	787-0844

Job's Daughters Bethel #32



Hello from Bethel 32, Southport!

Bethel 32 has been very busy lately! In the past month we have initiated 2 young ladies into our Bethel! We continue to grow, and I could not be prouder of this group of girls! We have also been traveling around the state visiting other Bethels, and helping them with meetings and initiations.

In August, our Supreme Session was held in King of Prussia, PA and we had several Daughters representing our Bethel, as well as the state of Indiana in the International Ritual Contest. Laila Wheeler (Sr. Princess) and Claire Donley (Jr. Princess) were on the Supreme Messenger Team and represented the state of Indiana. They also competed in individual categories along with Olivia Alldredge (3rd Messenger). Laila brought home 1st place in the Story of Job category, Claire earned 2nd Place in 1st Messenger, and Olivia earned 1st place in proficiency and brought home MANY medals in Arts and Crafts. We are so proud of them for representing our Bethel so beautifully.

If you know any young ladies between the ages of 10-20 that would like to find out information about our beautiful organization, please feel free to contact me anytime.

We are so thankful for our Masonic Heritage, and the support we have from our Mason's at Southport Lodge. Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to join us anytime.

Tina Wheeler
Bethel Guardian, Bethel 32 Southport
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Trestle Board

Dec Jan

Stated Meeting (1 st Mon)	4	2
Past Master Degree	7	
Officer Installation	9	
Breakfast with Santa	16	
Masonic Home Visitation (2 nd Sun)	10	14

Trustee Report

The trustees are working to maintain the building and grounds. The front porch and columns have been repaired. The building and garage have been painted. A landscaper has been hired to maintain our lawn. We are working to maintain the lodge building and grounds to the satisfaction of the craft.

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Worshipful Brother and trustee Mike Brummett who passed to his final reward. He will be missed.

Submitted with sincere and fraternal regards,
Trustees for 2017

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Trustee

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