



MAKING FREEMASONS FOR LIFE!

JULY, 2006

...TO SET THE CRAFT TO WORK AND GIVE THEM GOOD AND WHOLESOME INSTRUCTION...

Hail Brethren!... Welcome Back! While we were traditionally “dark” during the months of July and August, we were busy! We conducted our standard Officers Call meetings, plus, our newly formed Executive Committee met to take care of the routine Lodge business, as part of the Ultimate Lodge program. And..., we conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Brothers William Brockie and Gary Newcomer. A hats off to SW David Fuller, SD Dean Engle and the rest of the Officers for performing exceptionally in these two degrees! Yes, brethren, our degree work is coming along very nicely! Come and see.

What the passing of two Fellowcrafts means is that we now have work to confer on the Master Mason degree. We are planning to confer one of them at our **Outdoor Degree on Monday September 18th**. The degree work will be held at the **Robert L. Miller estate on Douglas Road**, just west of State Road 23. **Lodge opens at 7 PM** and there will be light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

As the first Monday of September is Labor Day, our by – laws state that our Stated Meeting be “held on the Monday following.” Our September Stated Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 11th**, with dinner at 6:30 PM and Lodge at 7:30 PM. This Stated Meeting will be a Table Lodge, with all the activities being held in the Fellowship Room. A Table Lodge is a very pleasant way to conduct a lodge meeting. Our featured speaker will be **MW Brother James M. Barkdull**, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. MW Brother Jim, of Plymouth – Kilwinning Lodge in Plymouth, has been a tireless builder of the craft throughout his entire Masonic service; and he certainly will share his programs and ideas about the future of the craft.

See you at Lodge!

Fraternally, *Dave Wood*, Master



HARMONY BEING THE STRENGTH AND SUPPORT..... Brethren, we only have four months remaining in this Lodge year! How time flies! That said, there are two important duties to be performed as we move into the final months of 2006.

First, **Membership! ... Membership! ... Membership!** Brethren, our ritual work is very good and improving with every candidate we get. Membership is the lifeblood of any fraternity, especially of ours. We desire petitions. If you have anyone that you feel would make a good Freemason, or someone that you would really like to sit in Lodge with and enjoy doing things with them... **NOW** is the time to act and get a petition into their hands. We have many petitions available for your use. Ten new candidates for our Lodge by the end of the year is still a reachable goal. We know that some of you have potential candidates out there. Get them into our hands... we will make good use of them.

Second, our Budget. We plan to have our **2007 Budget set for approval by November 1st**. If you have ideas for things you would like to see in our Budget, please contact me or present them at one of our next Executive Committee Meetings. This will give a chance to adequately discuss them and include them for 2007.

May Brotherly Love Prevail, *David Fuller SW*



...THE GLORY AND BEAUTY OF THE DAY

Our CHIP Program will be held on Saturday, September 9th, from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Babies ‘R Us Store, next to the Super Target Store on University Park Drive, in Mishawaka. It’s part of a Safety program the store is having. The CHIP Program is a childhood identification program designed to help parents have good information about their children for unforeseen or criminal events.

It is a great program that goes beyond most identification programs; as it features fingerprints, photos, a DNA sample and a video interview. It is suitable for any age child.

Last year’s event, our first, was a big success; as we ID’d over 100 children. We need at least a dozen volunteers to make this year’s event really successful. Please contact me if you want to help.



So Mote It Be,

Jeff VanMele, JW

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FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

- **Broken Column..** Bro. Stanley F. Lipowski entered the Celestial Lodge Above on Friday, August 18th. He had been a Freemason for forty – one years.

- **Keep in your prayers..** WB Jerry Jank had surgery for a detached retina in August. He also was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He and Priscilla are currently residing in a rehab center in Niles, and hope to move to St. Paul's Retirement Community soon.

- WB Tommie Campbell continues his recovery from a stroke.

- WB Bill Kabay had heart by – pass surgery in August and is recovering at home.

- WB Lou Macakanja fell at home and is pretty banged up.

- WB George Brown also had eye surgery at the end of August.

- WB Jerry Smith is having some health problems.

Brethren, if you can, visit or drop these people a note of encouragement!

- **September Birthdays:** 2nd - John Perkins; 3rd – WB Vernon Cornwall; 5th – Thomas Smith; Jay Guy; 8th – Paul Leeser; 12th – Gary Daymon; 13th – WB William Fox, Jr.; 14th – Jerald Freeman; 15th – JS Chad Klein; 19th – Arthur Jacomet; 22nd – Robert Nellans and Jack Tiller; 25th – WB Les Selig and the 27th – WB Robert Lamber, Phillip DeLong and Michael Cress.

Contact these Brothers and wish 'em Happy Birthday!

WISDOM

I have found it interesting that age is held in the highest regard in most countries other than the United States. Throughout the world, age and wisdom are interrelated. Across the globe and down through the ages, there is belief that the young can learn invaluable lessons from their elders.

Unnecessary mistakes can be avoided, the most beneficial path can be followed, and the sacred continuity of one generation to another is unbroken. In other words, with age comes wisdom. Only now in the United States are we beginning to recognize that the future is more secure if we look backward as well as forward, if we listen to voices other than our own. Although a few have had their mentors in politics, business, the arts and education, we are now coming to appreciate and even celebrate the value of learning from those who walk before us. All this, of course, is nothing new to Freemasons around the world.

It has long seemed to me that the wisdom of our Fraternity is one of its most significant gifts to our members, one that may not be fully appreciated by today's Masons. There is an utter simplicity to Masonic wisdom. Perhaps this is the definition of wisdom: seeing life simply and clearly. Wisdom is the pane of glass that's so clean we do not even see it.

My idea of Masonic wisdom rests in our Fraternity's unique ability to help a man stay pointed in the right direction. Since we all make mistakes, there are those who urge us to learn from these errors. This is only partially true. We all know those who make one mistake after another and never seem to learn from what they are doing. They repeat – time after time – the mistake. They never move forward.

There are others who are able to view what they have done against a standard of performance. They make necessary adjustments and move forward. Have they learned from their mistake? Not really. They actually learned to compare what they had done against a better standard.

The unique contribution of Masonic wisdom of a man's life is simply keeping him pointed in the right direction. He has a standard by which to measure his actions. He gets more out of life because he remains on the right path more than others.

Our Masonic symbol of the Square and Compasses is no accident. It serves a unique purpose. No matter how many times a Mason see these tools, he cannot escape being reminded of how he is expected to live! This is the wisdom of our Fraternity.

Francis G. Paul

Sovereign Grand Commander, 1985 - 1993

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CALENDAR September 2006

4th – **LABOR DAY! No Stated Meeting.**

9th – **CHIP Program. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At Babies 'R Us, next to the Target Store on University Park Drive.**

11th – **Stated Meeting and Table Lodge. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.. Our featured guest will be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, MW Bro. James M. Barkdull. RSVP your dinner reservations: abusch224@earthlink.net Or call the Lodge Hall.**

18th – **Outdoor Master Mason Degree. 7:00 PM The Robert Miller residence, 17526 Douglas Road, South Bend.**

19th – **Officers Call Meeting. 6:30 PM. Granger Tap and Grill.**

25th – **Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 PM.**

October 2nd – **Stated Meeting.**

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