



# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR GREATNESS?

MAY, 2007

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

**Hail Brethren !....** The Stated Meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM. Please contact Brother Aaron Busch at 574-658-9300 or [abusch@earthlink.com](mailto:abusch@earthlink.com) for your reservation.

The resolutions from the Grand Lodge for the 2007 Grand Lodge communication will be presented at the Stated Meeting. This is your opportunity for your opinion to be known. There are several additional items on the agenda that will be of great interest to the craft. The "Survivors" will be there with their own visions of the future.

The Masonic support for the WNIT Auction was awesome! Imagine an all Masonic night with brothers from the Lodges in St. Joseph and Elkhart counties, it was great!

Pay attention to the "Special Ladies Night" on May 8<sup>th</sup>, lets see a great turnout. Please see the Senior Warden's announcement of the pancake breakfast and Entered Apprentice Degree on May 12<sup>th</sup>.



Fraternally, *David Fuller* Master

## HARMONY BEING THE STRENGTH AND SUPPORT.....

The sole purpose of Freemasonry is to make Perfect Ashlars out of Rough Ashlars. As the ancient craft masons hewed stones from the quarries and cut them into perfect ashlar for the builders use, we are commissioned to do the same for each Entered Apprentice as he progresses through his Masonic Journey.

Just as the ancients could not do this as individuals, but banded together to work as a team, we must do the same when working at our craft. On Saturday May the 12<sup>th</sup> we are going to initiate a new Entered Apprentice and it will take more than the officers to impress this young man with the importance of the new journey that he is undertaking. Please let this young man see a strong supporting line on each side when he is first brought from darkness to light.

There will be a pancake breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by the degree at 9:00 AM. Let's have a great turn out.



May Brotherly Love Prevail, *Dick Engle* SW

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## FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

**May Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> – WB Fred Vaughn and James Obenauer, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Robert McPike, 4<sup>th</sup> – WB Harry Johnson, 6<sup>th</sup> – WB George Brown, 7<sup>th</sup> – Robert Wilkens, 10<sup>th</sup> – Duane Williams, 13<sup>th</sup> – Rodney Strowzewski, 27<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Dillman, 28<sup>th</sup> – Adam Collins, 29<sup>th</sup> – Edwin Forrest, Jr., 30<sup>th</sup> – James Hoffman, 31<sup>st</sup> – Dale Cooper and Everett Kalwitz.

**Contact these Brothers and wish 'em Happy Birthday!**

**Know of a Brother or Family member who is ill or distressed? Please call 574.286.5686 so we can help.**

**If we are missing anyone's birth date, please call 574.286.5686 and let us know.**



MW Jim Barkdull, WM David Fuller and friends present Brother Art James with his 50 Year AWG.

## ...THE GLORY AND BEAUTY OF THE DAY

Dean's Fellowship Days were instituted for a twofold reason; first, to give the members a chance to introduce their families to one another. The second was to have an opportunity to introduce prospective new members to our fraternity. So far we have been fairly successful... one new Entered Apprentice and four GREAT meals!



April's "Road Kill" menu featured barbequed venison, fresh off the street.

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our fifth Fellowship Day. The menu is a surprise, but guaranteed to please the pallet of young and old alike. Bring your family and your best friends who are not Masons and enjoy the fellowship of your Brethren.

So Mote It Be,

Dean Engle JW

## WHAT DID YOU EXPECT OF FREEMASONRY?

What does Freemasonry promise a candidate? Freemasonry exacts many pledges of them, but what pledge does Freemasonry make to them? NONE! Absolutely none! Nowhere in the ritualistic ceremony is any pledge or promise made. Nowhere, except in the historical lectures and in the charges is it even hinted that petitioners will receive any of the things they expect of Freemasonry – the things you and I expected – the things you and I have led others to believe they might expect.

Yet, many have received all they expected, and more – much more. We have developed an attitude toward life that has given us many hours of pleasure. We have found in Freemasonry the wisdom of ages, and some of the fleeting joys of the moment in a well-balanced program. But, you didn't receive those things, and neither did I, sitting around waiting for Freemasonry to bring them to us. You received these things, and so did I, through the discovery that we had promised everything and Freemasonry had promised nothing.

## CALENDAR

April, 2007

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.**

**8<sup>th</sup> – Special Ladies Night !! 6:00 PM. Watch for Details.**

**12<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast and Entered Apprentice Degree. Breakfast at 8:00 AM. Degree at 9:00 AM.**

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Grand Lodge. Indy.**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Officers Call Meeting. Granger Tap & Grill. 6:30 PM. All members welcome!**

**28<sup>th</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 PM. All Members welcome!**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.**

**COMING SOON !!!**

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