

GROWING MASONRY WITH PRIDE

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

Brethren,

As the days become shorter, the leaves begin to change and the temperature cools, remember your lodge is the place to be most every Monday night. The officers of the lodge have been quite busy attending to the business of the lodge. They always appreciate the input from the membership to help guide the direction in which we must choose as a lodge.

We have been blessed with many volunteers in confirmation of candidates this year from a lot of the usual veteran and trusted faces. We wish to build the core of individuals in ritual to improve our ability to confirm a new brother with men from our lodge. As always please let the officers know of your desire to be a part of this ritual work so that you are not left on the sidelines.

For those of you not in attendance at the last stated meeting, we once again had a very informative presentation from Brother Ralph Kaufman for the Masonic Home Foundation last month.

In the upcoming stated meetings, work will be done to approve the lodge budget for the next fiscal calendar year, and the trustees will keep us up to date with the challenges they are facing in the near future.

Please mark you calendars for this month up coming events and help out by doing your part to make "Good Men Better."



May brotherly love prevail!

Bill Balstin

Junior Warden

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!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST !!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM !! AT THE LODGE HALL

ALL OF OUR BROTHERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND ANY GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP!

BRING A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE n!

CALENDAR OCTOBER, 2008

October 6th – Stated Meeting and Dinner. 6:30 PM. Dinner is served. 7:30 PM. Lodge Opens.

18th – Junior Warden's Pancake Breakfast. 8 AM - 10:30 AM.

21st – Officers Call Meeting. Martin's Deli. Main and SR 23, Granger. 6:30 PM. All Lodge Members are invited.

27th – Executive Committee Meeting. 7 PM. At the Lodge Hall. All Lodge Members are invited.

30th – Past Master's Night and Dinner. Reggio's. 6:45 PM. Refreshments. 7:30 PM. Dinner. All Past Masters, their Ladies and others are invited.

!! STATED MEETING AND DINNER !!

COME AND JOIN US AS "CHEF" AND WB DAVE WOOD MAKES YOUR TUMMY FEEL WARM AND HAPPY WITH "REAL" CHILI AND STUFF!!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH – 6:30 PM. COME AND ENJOY A GREAT EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD!

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

Congrats To: WB D. Eugene Ralston !! Gene, an active member of our Lodge, was notified by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite that he has been nominated to receive the 33rd Degree in Boston next year.

Keep in Your Prayers:

WB David A. Fuller, our Secretary, is doing quite well as he takes on his tough battle with cancer.

October Birthdays: 2nd – Arthur James, Glen Klein and George Wharton; 3rd – Rick Ganser and Ritchie Hanefeld; 6th – WB James Gilchrist and WB James Shimp; 8th – James Greenway; 9th – Patrick Condon, Sr.; 10th – Richard Anderson and Jack Taylor; 11th – Lawrence Weaver; 14th – WB Paul Lehman; 19th – Frank Niespodziany; 20th – Robert Northage; 22nd – Roland Maurer; 24th – Morris Rosen; and the 25th – Carl Barberi.

Brick by brick the Masons builded
Till the highest crosses were gilded
 With the glory of the sun
Till the noble task was done
Step by step and one by one
Wall and rafter, roof and spire
Men were lifting even higher
 Not in some mysterious way--
With the tasks of every day.



Beaver's Quarry in Noblesville, IN, Was the scene of an outdoor conferral of the Mark Master Degree, on Saturday, September 4th. A beautiful day! Great BBQ prepared by WB Kent Hizer of St. Joe 45. Good degreewrok and GREAT fellowship!

BUILDING

Architects may do their dreaming
See their visioned turrets gleaming
 High above them in the skies
Yet the wisdom of the wise
 Cannot make one roof rise--
Hearts must sing and hands must labor
Man must work beside his neighbor
Brick on brick and toil on toil
Building upward from the soil.

So we build a lodge or nation
On the firmly fixed foundation
 Of a flag or craft or creed
But on top of that we need
 Many a noble thought and deed
Day by day and all the seven
Building slowly up to heaven
 Till our lives the lives shall seem
Of the Master Builder's dream.

DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Time flies! Very soon the notices will be sent and your 2009 DUES will need to be paid. Please note this, plan for it and try to pay them as soon as you can. Your dues are a big part in helping to maintain your Lodge as a productive one. Dave Fuller

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Please check out the Lodge's Website !! It's one of the windows we have for the world to find out more about Freemasonry. It has great info.: a Calendar of Events, Pics of Lodge doings, Info. on Freemasonry, a downloadable Petition. Past editions of the Trestle Board and great links to other websites like the South Bend Tribune and the Drudge Report. JW Bill Ralstin has done great work to set this up !! Please visit and see for yourself.



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