



FAMILY-COMMUNITY-MASONIC PRIDE

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

Brethren... This month's Stated Meeting will be a table lodge. Come join us as we break bread together and be a part of the fellowship. This month's dinner will be cooked by WB AJ Hall and Br. John Cabanaw. Masonic education will be presented by WB David Wood.

As Master of the Lodge, I am very proud of the efforts we made this year for the "Relay for Life" event. Our team, lead by JW Steve Traphagen, made a great impact on this event. There was truly a special feeling being there that night, knowing that you were surrounded by those who have been touched by this dreaded disease, however also by those who chose to fight. Our team consisted of brothers both from Council Oak and other local lodges as well as folks from the general public. What is really amazing, our team, being involved for the first time and ended up being "number one" in fund raising for this event. We raised \$5,424 for the event. Approx \$31,000 total were raised this year.

Thank you to all who donated their time, money and services. During this event, newspaper articles and television interviews were shared with the public, giving them a little insight as to who we are, as Free and Accepted Masons.



Bill Ralstin

Master

CALENDAR

July, 2010

July 10th - Family Canoe Trip and Picnic. St. Patrick's Park.

12th - Stated Meeting and Dinner. Dinner at 6:30 PM. A Table Lodge opens at 7:30 PM.

17th - The JW's Fellowship Breakfast. 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. At the Lodge Hall.

21st - Officers Call Meeting. 6:30 PM. Martins at the corner of Main St. and St. Rd. 23. All members are invited to attend.

26th - Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 PM. At the Lodge Hall. All members are invited to attend.

FAMILY PICNIC AND CANOE TRIP !!

SATURDAY, JULY 10th

ST. PATRICK'S PARK

AUTEN ROAD, SOUTH BEND

MEET AT THE LODGE - 9:00 AM, OR...

MEET AT THE PARK FOR THE PICNIC 12:30 PM

\$20 TO CANOE - POTLUCK PICNIC

RSVP TO: JW STEVE TRAPHAGAN

!! STATED MEETING AND DINNER !!
MONDAY, JULY 12th, 6:30 PM

JOIN US AS WB A.J. HALL AND BRO.
JOHN CABANAW FEED US
SUMPTUOUSLY !!

A TABLE LODGE OPENS AT 7:30 PM

THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 17th

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Come and join us for a great morning
of food and fellowship!!

...mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm, good!!

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

Broken Column: None.

Keep in Your Prayers: Chaplain Bob McNerney's son, Bob, Jr. is undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers.

Bro. Art James was recently released from the hospital after suffering kidney difficulties.

Bro. Jim Dillman had a heart catheterization. No heart surgery planned.

Congratulations: To JW Steve Traphagan for his outstanding effort on The Relay For Life project!

July Birthdays: July 4th - Ralph Prawat and Chris Maurer; 7th - Tommie Campbell; 10th - Howard Bellinger; 12th - Jacque Hollister; 12th - Joel Girard; 15th - Dick Engle; 16th - Nelson Weaver; 21st - Jack Parisey; and the 22nd - John D. Sidorowicz

Contact these Brothers and wish 'em Happy Birthday!

The Oldest Masonic Lodge in the World

The oldest Masonic Lodge in the world is the **Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland**...sometimes known as Mary's Chapel. In July, 1949, it observed its 350th anniversary of its establishment. In 2008, (at the time of this writing), Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 is 409 years old.

- **Oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes - July 31, 1599:** Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has records to prove its long time Existence as the Oldest Masonic Lodge. Most impressively, its first 5 pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes which are dated December 28, 1598. Six months later, on **July 31, 1599**, are to be found the minutes which confirm the lodge's claim as having the oldest existing Masonic minutes. It must be noted, however, that from these minutes there exists no conclusive evidence that the lodge was actually constituted on this date.

- **Schaw Statutes:** The Schaw Statutes (part of the [Old Charges](#)) are named for William Schaw, who was Master of Work to His Majesty and General Warden of the Masonic craft. In these Statutes, he declared that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of lodges considered the lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first and principal lodge in Scotland. Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 was first called "The Lodge of Edinburgh" and retained this name until 1688, when the Grand Lodge of Scotland confirmed its charter, designating it as "The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1"

- **Prominent members belonging to the Lodge of Edinburgh in its very early days were:**
 - His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales (afterward called King Edward VII)
 - His Royal Highness King Edward VIII

Both were affiliated with the lodge, taking the obligation on the "Breeches Bible", which was printed in 1587. The pen with which these 2 brothers signed the roll is still preserved in the Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 museum.

- **First Operative to Speculative in Scotland - 1600:** As early as 1600, The Lodge of Edinburgh began to admit non-operative Freemasons. In June, 1600, the Laird of Auchinleck was made a speculative member, the first authentic record of the making of such a member. The famous Dr. Desaguliers visited the The Lodge of Edinburgh on August 24, 1721. He had served as Grand Master of England and was referred to as "General Master Desaguliers". On the next day, while he was present, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Treasurer, the Deacon Convener of the Trades and the Clerk to the Dean of the Guild Court were admitted as members. This date is thought to mark the change over from operative to speculative Freemasonry in Scotland.

- **Inception of Grand Lodge of Scotland - 1736:** When the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established on **November 30, 1736**, Lodge of Edinburgh took an active part. Thirty-three lodges were represented at the meeting which was held in the lodge room of Edinburgh Lodge. Because the oldest minute of a lodge was that of Edinburgh Lodge, it was placed first on the roll of the Grand Lodge.

- **Lodge Kilwinning - 1642:** Lodge Kilwinning was the second oldest Masonic lodge because of its records dating to **December 20, 1642**. Considerable friction developed in 1807 when the Grand Lodge of Scotland permitted Kilwinning to prefix the word "Mother" to its name.

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