

2017 April Newsletter

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Linden Lodge #637, F&AM

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Linden Lodge Centennial Family Reunion and Cookout

Linden Lodge will hold a special Centennial Lodge Family Reunion and Cookout the evening of June 15, 2017 at the York Golf Club. The event will start at 5:00PM and will continue for several hours. Everyone is welcome to come out and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you wish to golf before or during this outing contact Tom McCauley and he can make arrangements.

VA Hospital Visitation

Come out and join us May 7th, 2017 for our annual visitation to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe. Capital City Lodge will be taking the lead this year and they will be joined by University Lodge, Community Lodge and Linden Lodge. We will meet at the Northwest Temple in the morning and then carpool down to Chillicothe. You can also just drive yourself down if you want. The Veterans at the facility really like this diversion during their stay, so come out and help us bring a little light to their lives.

Linden Lodge Annual Retreat

Plans are being made for our next weekend retreat in October. This year we will be at Dillon State Park near Zanesville the weekend of October 13 - 15, 2017. We currently have 3 state park cabins reserved so we can accommodate around 15 to 20 people. The cost is expected to be around \$50.00 to \$60.00 per person which includes lodging and food for the weekend. Kent Wright and Richard Lohnes will do the cooking (if you really want to help we won't turn you away) and we plan to have a charcoal grilled steak dinner for our Saturday meal. Non-alcoholic beverages are included however you are welcome to bring "other" beverages if you wish. Come and join us for fellowship, cards, scenic beauty, fishing and just plain fun. Make your plans now to join us and feel free to invite brothers from other lodges as well as prospective new members. This will be an all adult, all male event. If you want to attend contact RWB Ron Leonard and let him know. We will need your payment by our first stated meeting in September, so we know how many cabins to hold for the weekend.

Ohio Special Olympics

The opening Ceremonies for the games of the Ohio Special Olympics will be held Friday, June 23rd, 2017 at the Jessie Owens Sports Complex on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Masons from all over the state will help lead off the parade at the ceremonies. If you wish to attend you should wear a white shirt and dark (black) trousers along with a white apron.

Upcoming Meetings

May 4, 2017

7:00 PM

Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:37 PM

May 11, 2017

VA Hospital Visitation

May 18, 2017

7:30 PM

Social Meeting
Location to be announced

June 1, 2017

7:00 PM

Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:37 PM

June 15, 2017

5:00 PM

Linden Lodge Centennial
Reunion and Cookout at
the York Golf Club

June 24, 2017

14th District / Statewide
300th Anniversary
Celebration

All these meetings will be at the Northwest Temple unless otherwise stated.

300 Years of Modern Masonry:

On Saturday, June 24, 2017 there will be a coordinated celebration to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Modern Freemasonry. Each District in the state will hold special events for this celebration. Keep watching for updates as they are available.

Ohio Masonic Home Day

On Sunday, June 4, 2017 the Ohio Masonic Home will hold their Ohio Masonic Home Day. This year is special, as it is the 125th anniversary of the Ohio Masonic Home. Among other activities going on throughout the day there will be a special reenactment of the Cornerstone Ceremony conducted by the Grand Lodge Officers. Everyone is welcome at this event so bring your family and enjoy yourselves.

2017 Annual Communication

The Grand Lodge of Ohio will hold their Annual Communication on October 20 & 21, 2017 at the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton Ohio.

14th District Inspections

There are just a few more opportunities to attend a 14th District Inspection for the current Lodge year. Stop by and join us to see how the other Lodges in the district are doing.

- 4/25/17 - Tuesday - Community 684 - EA
- 4/27/17 - Thursday - Reynoldsburg 340 - MM
- 5/2/17 - Sparrow 400 - MM
- 5/8/17 - Tuesday - Avery 493 - EA

More Light Night

The Lodges which meet at the Northwest Temple will be combining the evening of Tuesday, May 30, 2017 for a More Light Night. This will be an evening filled with fellowship and information to bring more light to all our members. Come out and hear a guest speaker and see what is happening.

Table Lodge

Linden Lodge will be holding a Table Lodge at 6:30PM on Friday, June 30, 2017. We invite you to come out to the Northwest Temple and join us for this unique experience.

Ohio Village Visitation

Linden Lodge will be holding our annual visit to the Historical Lodge at the Ohio Historical Village on Saturday, July 8th at 9:00AM. We will meet in the parking lot and then proceed into the Historical Lodge room (about a block or so) where we will hold either the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degree. If you haven't seen this Lodge room or the Village this will be a great opportunity. Please note that this does involve climbing stairs to the second floor of the Lodge building.

Biermiester's Tour and Dinner

Come out and join us at the Hofbrauhaus on Thursday, August 17, 2016 at 5:30PM for a special behind the scenes Biermiester's Tour along with dinner to follow. The tour will cost \$10.00 which will include a beer tasting for those aged 21 or older. Dinner will follow which will be paid individually.



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**Do you know
someone you think
would make a good
Mason?**

You can download and
print membership
petitions from our web-
site.

You can also find
petitions for
Restoration, Affiliation,
and Dual Membership
there too.

Who are your Lodge Officers?

At our Annual meeting , new officers were elected or appointed to serve Linden Lodge for the 2016—2017 Masonic year. They were installed two weeks later during an open installation.

Worshipful Master	Keven Clouse	brotherclouse@yahoo.com	614 402-6388
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Junior Steward	Kent Wareham	kentwareham@att.net	614 878-6838

Calendar for the 2017 Lodge Year

Listed below is the Calendar of remaining Events for 2017. All of these events will be at the Northwest Temple unless otherwise stated. Please note that some of these dates are subject to change. Other events may be added so keep watching and keep up to date on what we're doing by visiting our website or ask to be put on our email list.

May 4, 2017 - Stated Meeting

May 18, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

May 30, 2017 - More Light Night

June 1, 2017 - Stated meeting / Past Master's Night

June 4, 2017 - Ohio Masonic Home Day

June 15, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

June 23, 2017 - Special Olympics Opening Ceremony

June 24, 2017 - 14th District's 300 years of Freemasonry Celebration (Location to be announced)

June 30, 2017 - Table Lodge

July 8, 2017 - Ohio Village Visitation

August 6, 2017 - 14th District Picnic (Location to be announced)

August 16, 2017 - Biermiester's Tour / Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus

September 7, 2017 - Stated meeting

September 21, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

October 5, 2017 - Stated meeting

October 13 - 15, 2017 - Lodge Retreat (3 days at a State Park Cabin)

October 19, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

October 20 - 21 - Grand Lodge annual Communication (Dayton)

November 2, 2017 - Annual Lodge Meeting and election of Officers

Sick And Distressed Members

Brethren, often we are not aware that you, someone in your immediate family or another member of the Lodge that you know has experienced a hospitalization, or death. Contact our Senior Warden, WB Aaron Wyckoff, and let him know. He will report that information to the Lodge. You will find WB Wyckoff's contact information listed above.

E-mail Contact

Brethren, would you like to find out what is happening at the Lodge in a more timely fashion? Snail-mail is not a timely way to keep you up-to-date. We can provide quick notification of Lodge meetings, Funeral Specials, Degree conferrals or other events in 24 hours or less. But, we cannot do this by traditional methods. For the last year or two, we have found that e-mail gets the job done. If you have an e-mail account, simply send your address to the Lodge Secretary. His e-mail address is: rleon95596@aol.com. Your e-mail address is not published in any way. Only the Secretary and our e-mail coordinator, W. Bro. John P. Stains, will have it.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

While most of our members pay their dues on time every year there are a few who do not. It is important that your dues are paid every year to maintain your status as a Mason. If you don't pay your dues and the Lodge carries you on the roster waiting for you to pay, we still have to send money to the Grand Lodge to cover you as a Mason. Making the other members cover your membership is not fair to your Brothers in the Lodge. Please help your Lodge and Brothers by paying on time.

Dues Notices

Dues notices for the 2017—2018 lodge year will be sent out around Labor Day and payment is due by our annual meeting on November 2nd. Remember that you received a plastic membership card when you paid last year. You will use the same card for the next few years so don't throw that card away, you will not receive a new card when you pay. If your card gets lost or damaged, contact RWB Leonard for a replacement. If you have moved and changed your address in the last couple of years contact RWB Leonard to make sure your records are up to date.

Endowed Membership

Brethren, have you ever thought about leaving a legacy to Linden Lodge? Perhaps you have made provisions in your Will or you have designated a Life Insurance policy, some stocks ,etc. There is another way you can do this and at the same time eliminate the need to pay dues. The Grand Lodge has established an Endowed Membership Fund and the funds collected are invested and each year, a portion of the investment is returned to the Lodge in lieu of the Lodge collecting your Dues. The Legacy is the fact that after your death, those funds continue to be paid to the Lodge in your memory.

At present, the cost to purchase an Endowed Membership is \$800.00 plus one more year's dues at the next Annual Meeting following the purchase. If you desire, you may purchase the Membership on the Installment Plan. If you choose this method , you will still pay your Annual Dues each year until the \$800.00 is collected plus one last year's of Dues as noted above. Obviously, this would be a great choice for our younger members, but would also work for anyone.

If you are interested in this, please contact the Lodge Secretary and he will start the process and let you know the steps involved. You must be current with your Lodge Dues, so if you are reading this and your Dues card does not say 2017, you need to get current.

Masonic Services Of Ohio

Brethren, your Ohio Masonic Home has a number of programs for the Brethren of Ohio. Many of you who are reading this Newsletter are Senior Citizens. Perhaps many of you could use some help but do not know where to go to obtain what you need. The program is called the "I-CARE Program". It is part of the Masonic Senior Services. If you live in Ohio, all you need to do is make a phone call and talk to one of the service coordinators and let them know what type of help you need and they will try and assist you. The "I-CARE Program" serves Masons, wives, widows and Eastern Star members, age 65 and older. If you need assistance with applications, making connections with service providers, need referrals to agencies offering resources or support, need governmental services or other Senior-related issues, help is just a phone call away. Call toll-free at 888-286-0010 or go online to www.ohiomasonichome.org .