

2017 January Newsletter

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Linden Lodge #637, F&AM

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Our Linden Lodge Centennial Celebration Continues

As we are celebrating both 100 years of Linden Lodge and 300 years of Freemasonry, our special events continue.

Our 100 years of Linden Lodge Celebration, started with our Christmas Party & Awards Night ceremony, at the York Country Club. In addition to the Christmas Party, our Centennial Committee decided on a logo for the Linden Lodge 100 year celebration, which will be used on our new Lodge pin, as well as other commemorative items. Due to the efforts of MWB Steven Cokonougher we will be publishing a Centennial History of Linden Lodge. The pinnacle of our 100 year Celebration will be on Saturday March 11, 2017, when the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be performing a Reconsecration ceremony for Linden Lodge at the Northwest Temple. We have also added a Family Reunion and Picnic in June and we are working on other events to be held throughout the year. We invite you to come out and join us for all the special events we will be holding this year.

New Lodge Logo and Pin

Our Lodge Centennial Committee has chosen a logo for our year long celebration. This logo will be used in promoting our events and has also been made into a special lapel pin celebrating our Centennial. These pins will be available at any meeting or special event we hold this year. If you are unable to come to any of our events but still want a pin contact us and we'll see what we can do for you.



Upcoming Meetings

January 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Special Meeting
Balloting for GM One Day
Class candidates
Practice for MM Degree
Written Ritual Night

January 28, 2017

9:00 AM

MM Degree practice for
inspection

February 2, 2017

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:37PM

February 11, 2017

9:00 AM

MM Degree practice for
inspection

February 16, 2017

5:00 PM

Annual inspection in the
Master Mason
Degree

March 2, 2017

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:37PM

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

Lodge Reconsecration

Brethren, this is a special year for Linden Lodge. The Lodge is 100 years old, having been Chartered on October 18, 1917. This is a major milestone and one that very few will ever get to observe. But, you will have that opportunity on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 1:15PM. MWB Douglas N. Kaylor, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, has indicated he and the other Grand Lodge Officers will hold a Reconsecration Ceremony for Linden Lodge early Saturday Afternoon. This is something you will NOT want to miss. So put the date on your calendar now. More details will follow as they become available. The ceremony will be preceded by a light lunch at 12:30PM and there will be a program for the Ladies while the Reconsecration Ceremony is being held in a tiled Lodge.



Centennial Lodge Family Reunion and Cookout

Linden Lodge will hold a special Centennial Lodge Family Reunion and Cookout the evening of June 15, 2017. Everyone is welcome to come out and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will be announcing the time and location soon so keep watching.

Inspection

Linden Lodge will be Inspected in the Master Mason Degree on February 16, 2017. We are looking for Lodge members to be part of the Craft Team for the Second Section. If you can help, please contact WB Aaron Wyckoff at: aaronjwyckoff@gmail.com. We will have practices to prepare you for the job.

A Special Request:

MWB Steven E Cokonougher has been working on the history of Linden Lodge and he has made a special request: " I would like to include some pictures in the finished history. Here are some I would like if anyone has them:

- The Board Of Trade hall where we first met.
- Old Linden Masonic Temple
- Any Brethren who are worthy of inclusion and not Past Masters, such as John Quigley, Don Case, Banny Landis, Don and Ruth Carlock, Terry Devassie, Joe Green, Tom Colburn, Dick (Edgar Raymond) Phelps.

I am sure some you, particularly older members, will have others. The sooner the better. I will be wrapping up the first writing in the next couple of days."

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.



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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.

New Lodge Officers Elected, Appointed and Installed

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 Deacon	Michael J Flanigan	imhammer1@yahoo.com	614 736-6775
Tyler	WB Kent Wright	rkentwright@columbus.rr.com	614 329-5970
LEO	WB Richard Lohnes	rlohn614@gmail.com	614 537-1067
Chaplain	WB Ted Pummell	(none)	614 263-2828
Senior Steward	David King	(none)	513 341-3472
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.

January 19, 2017 - MM Degree practice for inspection

January 21, 2017 - Masonic Booth the Simon Kenton Council, BSA University of Scouting

January 28, 2017 - Practice for the Master Mason Degree

February 2, 2017 - Stated meeting

February 11, 2017 - Practice for the Master Mason Degree

February 16, 2017 - Annual Inspection in the Master Mason Degree

March 2, 2017 - Stated Meeting

March 11, 2017 - 100 year Lodge Celebration and Reconsecration (Afternoon)

March 11, 2017 - Grand Master's Reception (Evening)

March 16, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

March 25, 2017 - Grand Master's 1 Day Class (Location to be announced)

March 30, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

April 6, 2017 - Stated Meeting

April 20, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

May 4, 2017 - Stated Meeting

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

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

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

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

June 29, 2017 - Degree work or Social and Educational Meeting

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

September 7, 2017 - Stated meeting

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

October 5, 2017 - Stated meeting

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

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

October 27—29—Lodge Retreat

October 29, 2017 - Lodge Retreat (3 days at a State Park Cabin)

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

Grand Masters Reception Is Scheduled

On Saturday, March 11th, 2017, MWB Douglas N. Kaylor, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio and the Grand Lodge officers will be in the Fabulous 14th District for this year's Grand Master's Reception. The location of the reception will again be at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus 43229. Reservations for the buffet dinner are \$40 per person if received before February 18th. Late reservations will be accepted in the amount of \$50 per person until February 25th. No reservations will be accepted after this date so please plan accordingly.

Social hour will begin at 5pm with introductions beginning precisely at 6:10PM. Dinner will be entrée choices of beef tenderloin, chicken piccata, lasagna or vegetarian lasagna. Also served will be Italian salad, rolls and butter, steamed broccoli, red skin potatoes along with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade and water are included and a cash bar available for the evening. This is a great way to experience some quality fellowship with old friends, meet new ones and possibly reacquaint yourself with old friends you have not seen in some time. When a lodge has a group of members and their wives at these events it seems to bring them closer together and create a family atmosphere, which also helps with the working relationships in lodge. It is also a chance to show your wife or significant other just how much you appreciate all the time she is willing to share you with your lodge.

A Special Deal On The Reception For Linden Lodge Members

Linden Lodge will pay for one dinner for their members who wish to attend the Grand Master's Reception. Additional dinners will be available at the regular price. To take advantage of this offer you need to let our Lodge Secretary know you will be attending no later than February 17, 2017.

14th District Inspection Schedule Announced

From the Ashlar Newsletter

Lodges around the district are planning on getting back to work as our summer break is coming to a close. Worshipful Masters are filling their schedules for the remaining dates during their tenure in the east.

Lodges are also planning for their annual inspections and events throughout the year. You will see the inspection schedule for the district below. Hopefully, you can attend these inspections and support the respective lodges as they portray their assigned degree and provide light to candidates. These are excellent opportunities to share with candidates from your own lodge the exemplary degree work that the lodges of the district portray. Or perhaps your lodge would like to take home the traveling award for the most attended from a single lodge. These are outstanding events to travel to with your brothers and share in the rich tradition of fellowship.

1/17/17 - Tuesday - University 631 - MM
 1/18/17 - Wednesday - Groveport 240 - FC
 1/24/17 - Tuesday - Luther B. Turner 732 - FC
 1/26/17 - Thursday - Whitehall 761 - EA
 1/30/17 - Monday - Goodale 372 - FC
 1/31/17 - Tuesday - Sparrow 400 - MM
 2/6/17 - Monday - Blendon 339 - EA
 2/13/17 - Monday - Ralph R. Rickly 670 - MM
2/16/17 - Thursday - Linden 637 - MM
 2/22/17 - Wednesday - New England 4 - MM
 2/24/17 - Friday - Capital City 656 - FC
 2/28/17 - Wednesday - Columbus 30 - FC
 3/2/17 - Thursday - Triangle 748 - MM

3/6/17 - Monday - Grove City 689 - MM
 3/14/17 - Tuesday - Sunrise 783 - MM
 3/15/17 - Wednesday - Neoacacia 595 - MM
 3/20/17 - Monday - West Gate 623 - EA
 3/22/17 - Wednesday - South Gate Potter 782 - FC
 3/28/17 - Tuesday - Hiram 18 - EA
 3/30/17 - Thursday - Arts & Sciences 792 - EA
 4/3/17 - Monday - York 563 - EA
 4/18/17 - Tuesday - Magnolia 20 - MM
 4/19/17 - Wednesday - Lockbourne 232 - FC
 4/25/17 - Tuesday - Community 684 - EA
 4/27/17 - Thursday - Reynoldsburg 340 - MM
 5/8/17 - Tuesday - Avery 493 - EA

Looking For Something To Do?

We will be hosting **A Special Night Out with Linden Lodge**, @Savoir Cooking & Wine, a great new place in Powell. There will be a wine tasting and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited to the first 30 paid reservations (\$15 each) to Bro. McCauley (614-893-7670). This event will take place from 6 to 8 PM on Saturday, February 11th. This could be a great Valentines gift for your significant other! Savoir is located at 28 North Liberty Street in Powell Ohio.

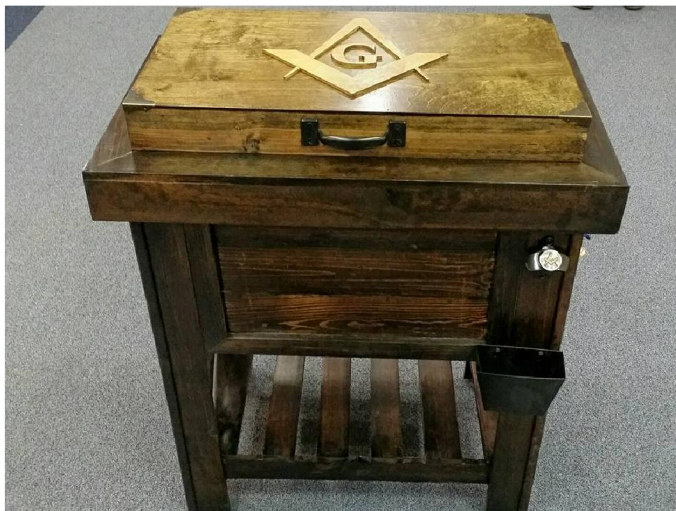
Come join us for our **Centennial Lodge Inspection and Dinner**. We are celebrating 100 years of Linden Lodge and this year our inspection will be in the MM degree. There will be a prime rib dinner served with all the trimmings. We plan to open lodge and do the first section at 5:30p, with dinner following (6:15p) and then complete the second section after dinner. Our Senior Warden, Aaron Wyckoff is assembling the cast now - if you are interested in taking a part let him know. Dinner reservations preferred (\$15 each) to RWB Leonard, 614-799-9637.

Raising Funds for Special Olympics

Linden Lodge will be holding a raffle to help raise funds for Special Olympics. Brother Jack M Allen, currently an Entered Apprentice with our lodge, created a special cooler to help celebrate the 300th anniversary of modern Freemasonry. This is a standard cooler which has had a custom stand, made out of re-purposed wood, built around it. It has a bottle opener on the front and a drain on the side which will allow you to drain it.

Linden Lodge will be selling raffle tickets to win this cooler throughout the 14th District inspection season. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. Tickets will be available at any Linden Lodge Meeting or at any 14th District inspection in 2017. If you still want to buy tickets for this raffle but can't make it to a meeting or inspection contact our Lodge Secretary, RWB Ron Leonard or any of our Lodge Officers and they will help you get some.

Later this year Brother Allen will create another cooler to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Linden Lodge. It will be raffled off in the same manner. Purchase tickets and help raise funds for Special Olympics.



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 on page 3.

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.

Dues Cards

Brethren, in case you did not notice, your 2017 Dues card looks different. The Grand Secretary's office has begun using a new plastic dues card which will be used for 3-5 years before being replaced. Dues will, of course, continue to be paid on a yearly basis.

Remember, we mailed dues notices in early September and dues are payable by the Annual meeting on November 3, 2016. Dues cards are processed and mailed, usually within 1 week of receipt of your check.

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.

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 .