

2017 August Newsletter

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Coming From Darkness To Light

After taking some time off for the Summer, it's time to begin our Stated Meetings again. While many of us had a nice relaxing summer and some were keeping busy with family, friends and their fellow Masons, many of the brethren of Linden Lodge still kept busy with picnics, degree work, visitations and planning meetings. Other masonic groups like the Shrine, and the York and Scottish Rite bodies kept us busy too. Now it's time for Linden Lodge to start meeting again and we need your participation. We will have two or three new members beginning their journey into the fraternity during the next few months and a few other members who have already started, but still need to complete their degree work to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. To do this we need participation from our members. You can help by supporting our new members and showing them they're welcome and we want them here. It really makes them feel great when we can fill the sidelines for their initiation. We also need help filling out our craft teams for the Master Mason degree work. Don't worry or be embarrassed if you forgot the signs or think you won't know what to do. We will be there to help you through it and we are always happy to have you there.

Linden Lodge Annual Retreat

The annual retreat is coming up fast and we want you to join us. 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 \$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 either a grilled ribeye steak or maybe even a prime rib dinner for our Saturday dinner. 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.***

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.

It's About Time To Pay Your 2017 / 2018 Dues

Unless you are a Endowed Member, watch for your dues notice which will be coming soon (or was enclosed with this newsletter if it was snail-mailed to you).

Upcoming Meetings

September 7, 2017

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting
Entered Apprentice
Degree Work

September 21, 2017

Past Master's Night
Master Mason
Degree Work

October 5, 2017

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting
Entered Apprentice
Degree Work

October 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Fellowship Meeting
Possible Degree Work

November 2, 2017

7:30 PM

Linden Lodge Annual
Meeting

November 16, 2017

7:00 Pm

Open Installation of
Officers

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

Annual Meeting Coming In November

Linden Lodge will hold their Annual Meeting at 7:30PM, November 2nd, 2017 at the Northwest Masonic Temple. We invite you to come out and join us for this important meeting. Hear the reports of how the lodge is doing and help choose your leadership for the next year. As always, the meeting will be preceded with a fellowship dinner at 6:37PM.

Open Installation Of Officers

Linden Lodge will hold an Open Installation of their Officers on Thursday, November 16th at 7:30PM. We will not have a tiled lodge this evening so you can invite your family and friends for this event.

Annual Holiday Dinner and Awards Banquet

Our Holiday Dinner and Awards Ceremony will be on Friday, December 15th at York Country Club. ***If you attend a regular stated meeting by December 7, 2017 we will provide you with up to two free tickets to the event, provided you make a reservation by the deadline, which is also December 7th.*** Children and grandchildren (under 12) are free, provided you make a reservation. Additional tickets are available for \$30/each. We will begin our social time at 5:30 p.m. and eat dinner at 7:00 p.m. to allow everyone to arrive. Award presentations will follow Dinner.

The Station

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip the spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows we drink-in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at the crossings, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plants, of rows upon rows of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly replace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering – waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

“When we reach the station that will be yet we cry.” “When I’m 18.” “When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes-Benz.” “When I put the last kid through college.” “When I have paid off the mortgage.” “When I get a promotion.” “When I reached the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!”

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no place to arrive at once at and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly out distances us. “Relish the moment” is a motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24, “This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.” It isn’t the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is his regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear of the twin thieves which rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.



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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?

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Calendar for the 2017 - 2018 Lodge Year

Listed below is the proposed calendar for Linden Lodge. All of these events will be at the Northwest Temple unless otherwise stated. As always, due to changes in our degree work schedule as well as other things beyond our control, these events are subject to change. Also 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.

September 7, 2017 - Stated meeting - Entered Apprentice Degree Work
 September 21, 2017 - Past Master's Night - Master Mason Degree Work
 October 5, 2017 - Stated meeting - Entered Apprentice Degree Work
 October 13 - 15, 2017 - Annual Lodge Retreat - Dillon State Park
 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
 November 16, 2017 - Open Installation of Officers
 December 7, 2017 - Stated Meeting
 December 15, 2017 - Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet along with York Lodge at the York Golf Club
 January 4, 2018 - Stated meeting
 February 1, 2018 - Stated meeting
 February 15, 2018 - Annual Inspection - Entered Apprentice Degree
 March 1, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 April 5, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 May 3, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 June 7, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 June 21, 2018 - Lodge Family Cookout
 July 18, 2018 - Ohio Village Visitation
 September 6, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 October 4, 2018 - Stated Meeting
 November 1, 2018 - Annual Lodge Meeting and election of Officers

Past Master's Night

Linden Lodge will hold our annual Past Master's Night on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00PM where we will be raising a new Master Mason. All Past Masters are encouraged to attend. If you are available and would like to be part of the cast please contact Aaron Wyckoff and let him know. His contact information is listed at the top of this page.

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 on the next page.

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.

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: leon95596@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.

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 .

About Your Lodge Membership Card

Remember that you have received a plastic membership card which is intended to be used for about 5 years. Don't throw that card away, you will not receive a new card each time you pay. This does not mean you don't need to pay your dues each year. Even though there is not an expiration date on this card, it is not valid unless you pay your dues. As Masons, we expect you to be honest, upstanding citizens and to always act as such. Remember, you can avoid paying dues each year by getting an Endowed Membership. See the article below for more information about this program. 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.