

# 2018 October Newsletter

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## Linden Lodge #637, F&AM

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### Linden Lodge Annual Meeting

Linden Lodge will hold our Annual Meeting at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 1st, 2018. We invite you to join us for this important meeting. Hear the annual reports and see just how the Lodge is doing. Help choose our leadership for the upcoming year. Have a voice in how our Lodge operates and what you would like to see and do. The Senior Warden, Ed Kampbell, has met with the other officers and the Past Masters of Linden Lodge to outline his proposals for the upcoming year if he should be elected as Master.

### Linden Lodge Annual Retreat (The date has been changed)

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 **November 16 - 18, 2018**. We currently have 2 state park cabins reserved so we can accommodate around 10 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.***

### Open Installation Of Officers

Linden Lodge will hold an Open Installation of their Officers on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM. We will not have a tiled lodge this evening, so you can invite your family and friends for this event. Appetizers will be served prior to the installation along with ice cream and cake following.

### Linden Lodge Christmas Party and Awards Banquet

Linden Lodge will be joining four other lodges this year for our annual Christmas Party which will be held on Friday, December 14th at the York Golf Club. We will start gathering at about 5:30 PM with dinner being served around 6:30 PM.

For members of Linden Lodge you can attend for free if you come to one of our meetings in October, November or December. This free admission applies to you and any member of your household living with you. Others will need to pay \$30.00 per person. If you wish Santa to have a gift for your youngster please bring a modest, wrapped gift with their name on it.

### Linden's 2019 Inspection Scheduled

Linden Lodge will be inspected in the Fellowcraft Degree on Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This inspection will be held at the Northwest Temple and it will be preceded by a dinner served promptly at 6:15 PM. We encourage all of our members to come out and support our Officers for this important work. If you would like to join us for dinner please contact our Secretary, RWB Ron Leonard and let him know you are coming.

### Upcoming Meetings

**October 18, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

Special Meeting  
Master Mason Degree

**November 1, 2018**  
**7:30 PM**

Annual Meeting  
Officer Elections

**November 15, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

Officer Installation

**November 16 - 18, 2018**

Linden Lodge Retreat  
Dillion State Park

**December 6, 2018**  
**7:30 PM**

Stated Meeting

**December 14, 2018**

Northwest Temple Com-  
bined Christmas Party  
York Golf Club

**January 3, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**

Stated Meeting

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

## We Are Looking For A New Treasurer

Our current treasurer, Tom McCauley, has indicated that he would like to step down as the Treasurer of Linden Lodge, so we are looking for a replacement for him. We are looking for a person who would be able to keep the job for five or more years and who can attend most, if not all, of our meetings. If you think you can handle the job and would be interested please contact our Senior Warden, Ed Kampbell at ekampbell@sbcglobal.net or at 614 579-0975.



## 2019 14th District Inspection Schedule

(From the October Ashler)

The 2019 inspection season kicks off in the 14th district on Tuesday, January 8th at Sparrow Lodge No. 400. We will be averaging about 2 inspections per week, with all inspections set to be wrapped up by Monday, March 25th.

All EA and FC inspections begin at 7:00 PM, with dinner served at 6:15 PM. All MM inspections will begin with the first section at 5:30 PM, dinner will be served at 6:15 PM, and the second section will begin at 7:00 PM.

Brethren are encouraged to attend inspections. This is great opportunity to travel with and create stronger bonds among members from your lodge. It's also great chance for new members to get acquainted with brethren from around the District.

As a reminder, members can attend any inspection up to the highest degree they've received.

LODGE NAME	#	INSPECTION DATE	Degree
Sparrow	400	Tuesday, January 08, 2019	FC
Reynoldsburg	340	Tuesday, January 15, 2019	FC
Capital City	656	Friday, January 18, 2019	EA
Columbus	30	Tuesday, January 22, 2019	EA
West Gate	623	Monday, January 28, 2019	MM
Hiram	18	Tuesday, January 29, 2019	MM
Arts & Sciences	792	Thursday, January 31, 2019	MM
Blendon	339	Monday, February 04, 2019	MM
Triangle	748	Thursday, February 07, 2019	FC
Ralph R. Rickly	670	Monday, February 11, 2019	FC
Groveport-Lockbourne		Tuesday, February 12, 2019	EA
South Gate Potter	782	Wednesday, February 13, 2019	EA
University	631	Tuesday, February 19, 2019	FC
Linden	637	Thursday, February 21, 2019	FC
Goodale	372	Monday, February 25, 2019	EA
Community	684	Tuesday, February 26, 2019	MM
York	563	Monday, March 04, 2019	MM
Sunrise	783	Tuesday, March 05, 2019	FC
Grove City	689	Monday, March 11, 2019	FC
Magnolia	20	Tuesday, March 12, 2019	FC
Avery	493	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	MM
Neoacacia	595	Wednesday, March 20, 2019	FC
New England	4	Monday, March 25, 2019	FC

## Congratulations!

Bro. Shawn Pak, a member of Grove City Lodge No. 689 since 2011 and a Plural member of Linden Lodge since 2013, because he lives in the Dublin area, is a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy. He was recently promoted to Lieutenant. Congratulations, LT Shawn Pak!

## Contact Information

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someone you think  
would make a good  
Mason?**  
You can download and  
print membership  
petitions from our web-  
site.

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petitions for  
Restoration, Affiliation,  
and Dual Membership  
there too.

## 2018 Grand Lodge Annual Communication

The Grand Lodge of Ohio held their 2018 Annual Communication at the Kalahari resort in Sandusky on October 12 and 13, 2018. Most Worshipful Brother Jess N Raines was elected to serve as the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio for the next year. Linden Lodge would like to wish him all the best during his term. MWB Raines theme for the year is INVEST. He is asking the Brethren to Invest in themselves, their Lodges, Communities, and their Fraternity. In his message, he asks each of us to be proud of our membership and prepared to tell our own story of how we came to Freemasonry and why we stay.

Other news from the Communication includes the passing of all legislation with the exception of Honorary Membership and the assignment of RWB Daniel Rannebarger as Linden's District Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Secretary reported there are now 77,449 Lodge members in 461 Chartered Lodges in the state of Ohio.

As expected, the following brothers were chosen to move up or serve as Officers in the Grand Lodge.

NAME	POSITION	EMAIL
Jess N. Raines	Grand Master	<a href="mailto:jessnraines@gmail.com">jessnraines@gmail.com</a>
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C. Michael Watson	Grand Secretary	<a href="mailto:mwatson@gl ohio.com">mwatson@gl ohio.com</a>
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Paul A. Weglage	Grand Marshal	<a href="mailto:paul.weglage@gmail.com">paul.weglage@gmail.com</a>
William M. (Bill) Carter III	Senior Grand Deacon	<a href="mailto:carter489@icloud.com">carter489@icloud.com</a>
Shawn A Johnson	Junior Grand Deacon	
Shaun R Marolt	Grand Tyler	

## Grand Master's Education Award

We are pleased to announce that Linden Lodge received the Grand Master's Education Award for the 2017 - 2018 Lodge year. Congratulations to WB Richard Lohnes and all those who helped during the year.

## Who are your Linden Lodge Officers?

Worshipful Master	WB Keven Clouse	<a href="mailto:brotherclouse@yahoo.com">brotherclouse@yahoo.com</a>	614 653-6388
Senior Warden	Ed Kampbell	<a href="mailto:ekampbell@sbcglobal.net">ekampbell@sbcglobal.net</a>	614 579-0975
Junior Warden	WB Earl Black	<a href="mailto:earl.a.black2.mil@mail.mil">earl.a.black2.mil@mail.mil</a>	614 895-2619
Secretary	RWB Ron Leonard	<a href="mailto:rleon95596@aol.com">rleon95596@aol.com</a>	614 778-4168
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Treasurer	Thomas McCauley	<a href="mailto:mccauley.thomas1@gmail.com">mccauley.thomas1@gmail.com</a>	614 893-7670
Senior Deacon	Michael J Flanigan	<a href="mailto:imhammer1@yahoo.com">imhammer1@yahoo.com</a>	614 736-6775
Junior Deacon	David King	<a href="mailto:dking.2@go.ccad.edu">dking.2@go.ccad.edu</a>	513 341-3472
Tyler	WB Kent Wright	<a href="mailto:rkentwright@columbus.rr.com">rkentwright@columbus.rr.com</a>	614 329-5970
LEO	WB Richard Lohnes	<a href="mailto:rlohnesh614@gmail.com">rlohnesh614@gmail.com</a>	614 537-1067
Chaplain	WB Ted Pummell	(none)	614 263-2828
Senior Steward	Kevin Bice	<a href="mailto:kevbice@gmail.com">kevbice@gmail.com</a>	614-905-1000
Junior Steward	Nathan Britton	<a href="mailto:nsbritton@@gmail.com">nsbritton@@gmail.com</a>	614 506-5732

## Do You Have Any Ideas?

If you have ideas to contribute about fellowship events for 2019, we are eager to hear about them. I hope that we get some opportunities to involve the spouses and the children next year.

## Information About Your Lodge Dues

Over the last few years we have noticed a lot of misconceptions, misinformation and general misunderstanding about the Lodge Dues that you pay. Hopefully, this article will clarify and answer your questions and concerns.

First, you should understand the 3 tiers of our dues. Those 23 members who have chosen to become Endowed Members do not pay any Annual Dues. They contributed \$800.00 which the Grand Lodge invests and returns the value of that investment each year to the Lodge to offset those dues. This is also a Legacy program in that those funds continue to be returned to the Lodge even after the member has passed to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Second, those members who have had 50 or more years in the Fraternity, not including any time under suspension, only pay \$22.00 per year which just covers the annual per capita from Grand Lodge and the 14th Masonic District plus some postage. This is 6 cents per day or 42 cents per week. This is not an impact on a Senior's income. About one-third of our membership, or about 63 members, is in this category.

Third, all of the remaining 100 members pay \$60.00 per year which is 16 cents per day or \$1.15 per week, less than a cup of coffee from most places. Brethren, we have held our dues to the above 2 categories beginning in 2014 and we do not have any plans in the works to increase them any time soon. Obviously, our expenses are going up for food, rent, supplies and programs for the membership but we have been able to offset those costs by the income from our Investment Portfolio, which is governed by the spending policy provisions.

The Secretary mails the Dues notices out around Labor Day which has been the norm for more than 25 years. This is done for 2 reasons: **to give you time to pay them by the Annual Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in November and to beat the Christmas expenses.** Actually the Grand Lodge Code requires the Dues be paid by the Annual Meeting which gives you a 2-month window to do so. Over the last few years, approximately 70-72 % of our members pay their Dues by that date. Once you miss that date, you are considered "Not in Good Standing". The next deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, after which, by the Code, you have automatically suspended yourself.

For years, the Lodge opted to cover the per capita for a second year, hoping the delinquent member would pay. Most of the time the member did not pay which cost the Lodge those funds with no income from the member. As of the January 4, 2018 Stated meeting, a motion was approved to no longer do this. Accordingly, **if a member does not pay his Dues by 12/31 of each year, the member is SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES and is reported to the Grand Secretary's office.** This is the same provision most Lodges, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine follow. This also has the effect of suspending your membership in ALL Masonic Bodies.

Each year in the Dues notice, it is noted that any member, who may be having a financial or health reason why he cannot pay his dues, needs to inform the Lodge Secretary of that need for the Lodge to consider Masonic Charity. Do not let this problem keep you from membership in your Lodge.

The Lodge operates under a yearly Budget which is predicated on the membership doing its part by paying their dues. Hopefully, this explanation will guide you to processing our Dues request in a more timely fashion in the coming years. If you still have questions, contact the Lodge Secretary and he will try and resolve those questions.

## 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, Ed Kampbell, and let him know. He will report that information to the Lodge. You will find Ed Kampbell's contact information listed on the previous page.

## 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 paid your current (2018) years dues. 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. You can also use Grand Lodge web portal to do this (<https://oh.grandview.systems>). Currently only 11 of our members have taken the time to go to this site and set up their member portal. It's simple; only requires one's membership number and the email address they have given the lodge. They set their own password and then they can keep their records current for us (a blessing to the already overworked lodge secretary).