

2019 June Newsletter

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Linden Lodge #637, F&AM

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Going Dark

Linden Lodge will be going dark during the months of July and August however this does not mean we will not be doing things. We have degree work at The Ohio Village, A Family Cookout, A visit to a Clippers game along with several other events planned. There are also various events throughout the 14th District and the State of Ohio. We encourage you to attend these events for some great fun and fellowship. Check out some of these events in this newsletter, on our website and our Facebook page. We will also be sending out reminder emails so watch your inbox for them. The emails will be shown as coming from "The Grand Lodge of Ohio" so don't pass these over. They may contain information for Linden Lodge.

Linden Lodge Family Cookout

Linden Lodge will be hosting a Family Cookout at York Golf Club on Thursday, June 20th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This will be held in the lower level of the clubhouse and is open to all Linden Lodge members and their family. The cost will be \$10.00 which includes Brats, Burgers and sides. Children 12 and under will be free. The bar will be open for those who wish to indulge however alcoholic beverages will be at an additional cost. If you are interested in attending let Tom McCauley know how many you will be bringing so we can be sure there is enough food. If you have any interest in a round of golf before the cookout call Tom and he will make arrangements. Golf would cost \$80.00 which includes a cart.

Linden Lodge at the Clippers

On Thursday, August 1st many of our members will be getting together to attend the Clippers game against the Louisville Bats at Huntington Park. This will be an evening game with the first pitch at 7:05 PM. Tickets should cost around \$7.00 to \$14.00 (we are still deciding on seat locations and negotiating the price). This will also be a "Thirsty Thursday" night for the Clippers which means there will be special reduced pricing on drinks. Let David King know if you are interested in joining us for this evening of fun and fellowship.



Upcoming Events

June 20, 2019

6 - 8 PM

Family Cookout at York Golf Club

Linden Lodge will be dark in July and August however other events and special meetings will be held.

August 8, 2019

Linden Lodge at the Clippers Game

September 5, 2019

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting

September 19, 2019

7:30 PM

Fellowship Meeting

October 3, 2019

7:30 PM

Stated Meeting

October 4 - 6, 2019

7:30 PM

Linden Lodge Annual Retreat
Dillion State Park Cabins

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

Linden Lodge Annual Retreat

The annual retreat has once again been planned and we want you to join us. This year we will be at Dillon State Park near Zanesville the weekend of *October 4th - 6th*. 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 prime rib 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.*



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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.

Ohio Special Olympics

The opening ceremony for the Ohio Special Olympics will be on Friday, June 28th this year. You are invited to join our brethren from around the state as part of our participation in this event. This will be held at the Jessie Owens Stadium at The Ohio State University.

Fellowcraft Degree at the Ohio Historical Village

Linden Lodge will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree in the Historic Lodge Room at the Ohio Historical Village on Saturday morning, July 13th. We will meet in the parking lot and then proceed into the Village promptly at 9:00 AM. This weekend the Good Guys Car Show will also be at the State Fairgrounds so you need to enter from the 17th Avenue Exit off I-71, turn west and keep to the far right. As you enter the fairgrounds off 17th Ave, turn right into the parking area for the Ohio Historical Center. If anyone asks tell them what you are there for and you should not have to pay for parking. We invite all members of Linden Lodge to come out and see the degree work being done in this unique setting.

A Job Well Done!

Congratulations go out to the Officers and Members of Linden Lodge #637 for the Best Fellowcraft Degree in the 14th District during the 2019 Inspection season.

Linden Lodge also received the 100% attendance award for attending every inspection in the 14th District this year.

Well done and well deserved!



Who are your Linden Lodge Officers?

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Deputy Grand Master Rollout

Right Worshipful Brother Keith W. Newton, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, will roll out his plans and expectations for the 2019-2020 Masonic year in the month of August. The sessions are intended to provide Brethren and their ladies an update on Grand Lodge activity and future plans for the coming year.

The rollout for the 14th District is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th 2019, at 7:00pm at Grove City No. 689 located at 3558 Park St., Grove City. Each roll out will be preceded with light refreshments and social time. The dress code is business casual (No coats, no ties, and no jeans).

Other Masonic Dates To Keep In Mind

8/4 – 14th District Family Picnic and Quarterly Meeting – Blacklick

10/17- 10/18 – Grand Lodge Communication - Marietta

Grand Lodge of Ohio, Grand View Systems Member Manager

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has started using a new membership information system called Grand View. This will be used by our Secretary to manage all our members. We urge you to go online, check your profile and make any updates for your personal information and preferences. You can access the system at https://oh.grandview.systems/users/sign_in. Once there, you will need to click on the “Sign up” link just under the box where you would put your email and password so you can create your account. When you do this you will need your email address, the number on your membership card (do not include the letter at the beginning of the number or any preceding zeros) and you will need to create a password. Once online you can look at your information and make sure everything is correct. If you should ever move or change your contact information, you can update your information so you will not get lost by the lodge.

Do You Have Any Ideas about what you want Linden Lodge to do?

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

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 1st 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 31st 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, Earl Black, 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 (2020) 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).