



July 2014

**Stated Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7 pm
848 Clough Pike**

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Annual Flag Retirement & Awards Luncheon June 14th, 2014

Guests at this year's Flag Retirement & Awards Luncheon were treated to an outstanding program that included in the words of Representative Doug Green, who brought a special recognition to the event, "If you leave this event without feeling a sense of pride and patriotism you need to check your pulse." The Ohio Patriot Guard Riders joined us again this year and along with Covert Commandery provided key components to our color guard.

The solemn ceremony of retiring flags was just one of many emotional moments of the event. Another significantly emotional moment of the event came when J. B. Covert member Paul

Brondahaver, a combat wounded veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, told of his time in Iraq and a special connection he had with a member of our audience. While in Iraq Staff Sergeant Paul Brondhaver was awarded



the Humanitarian Service Medal for arranging to have thousands of sandals, socks, and shoes for Iraqi children. Bro. Brondhaver's message was titled Faith-Family-Service and in recognition of RWB Gary Cox's service to veterans through the Masonic Service Association where Gary recruited Lodges to provide thousands of



pairs of socks to distribute to the VA and the Veteran's homes in Georgetown and Sandusky Bro. Brondhaver pulled his Humanitarian Service Medal off his chest and presented it to RWB Cox.

This annual event has become one of the capstone events for your Lodge and you should try to join us next year. The tentative date for the date is June 13, 2015 and will be confirmed with the new Lodge schedule in November.

Members recognized for their years of service to Masonry include:

Charles Ludlow	65 years	Robert Cropper	60 years
Lincoln Day	50 years	Lester Miley	50 years
Raymond Layman	50 years	Douglas Mowell	50 years
Carl Wade	50 years		

William Wright, Jr. 40 Years

John Dumford	35 years	Vito Folchi, III	35 years
James Guilliams	35 years	Doug Kinser	35 years
William Peters, III	35 years		

Anthony Brock 25 years

Congratulations to all of these Masons for their years of service to the fraternity.

**Pictured L-R
WM Olson
Bro. Day
Bro. Miley
RWB Wagoner**



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Alfred R. Determan

Master's Message

Greeting Brothers on this Summer Solstice,



We have completed half of our Masonic Year and prepare to go dark for the summer. The past month has produced some very significant accomplishments for our lodge. We have successfully completed our very long quest for tax exemption and it has been granted. We are now exempt from paying property tax and we will soon be receiving a refund of the first half taxes which we have already paid. This exemption will result in a savings of over \$6,000 dollars per year for our Lodge.

On the subject of membership, I am pleased to welcome Brother George Armstrong back to JB Covert. George was reinstated during our June meeting. We currently have two EA's who need to return their proficiencies and a petition which is currently being investigated. I hope to be busy with some Fellow Craft Degrees as soon as we return in September. We will have a Past Masters night for our first Master Mason degree and following that I will be asking the officers to move up to help Daniel prepare his degree team for his 2015 inspection.

After attending the Deputy Grand Master's rollout program it became very obvious that massive changes are on the horizon at all levels of Masonry in Ohio. Stand by for a new way of doing business brothers. The simple message which I came away from that meeting with is this, "Times, they are a changing" brothers. Accept change and conform or get left behind. There did not seem to me to be a lot of wiggle room in the Deputy Grand Master's message.

Even though most lodges are dark for the summer there are still activities going on. The 6th District Music Fest for Masonic Relief will be held on Saturday, July 26th at Amelia Lodge from Noon to 8pm. In addition, the 6th District car show will take place on Sunday, August 24th, also at Amelia Lodge. I thank the brothers who have already bought tickets for the Music Fest and encourage you all to attend to support this very worthy cause. I still have tickets available so come out and enjoy some great music including two bands that our own Butch Determan plays keyboards in and you will also hear J. B. Covert member Scott Dunford on guitar and vocals.

Look for an email about upcoming degree work if we add a special meeting in July or if we indeed get invited back to work a booth at Taste of Clermont on the first weekend in August. Last year the Taste of Clermont paid us nearly \$700 for a night of running some games. We are diligently working on getting back into that event.

Well Brothers, that's about all that I have, except to say Thank You to all of you for a fantastic first half of the year and to wish you all a safe and happy summer. See you in September.

Dale Olson

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He Rests From His Labors

Carmon W. Davidson

Born: June 1, 1932

Raised: March 29, 2003

Died: April 6, 2014



John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor
Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio
do hereby officially recognize

**J. B. COVERT LODGE #437
&
BOY SCOUT TROOP 443**

**ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

On behalf of the State of Ohio, we thank the officers and members of J. B. Covert Lodge and the Scouts of Troop 443 for your participation in today's flag retirement ceremony. The flag of the United States of America has been an inspiration to people around the country and around the world as a beacon of hope and justice. As you participate in this unique event, we encourage you to take pride in all that our flag stands for and remember those who have fought to preserve our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On this 14th day of June, 2014:


John R. Kasich
Governor


Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

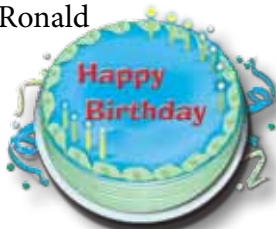


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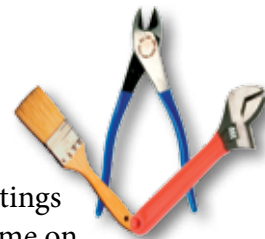
Our thanks to Bro. Jeffery Carpenter for his donation; and to the members of American Legion Post #72 for donating to our Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Birthdays For July

Kenneth Ballard, Matthew Beamer, Ronald Beamer, Raymon Blessing, Paul Brondhaver, Harold Buchanan, David Clark, Donald Devore, Merrill Ludlow, Gregory Marcum, Joseph Mason, Daniel Moore, Matthew Palm, James Paxton, Monty Proffitt, Paul Reuscher, Wayne Smith, Jake Terry, Robert Wolf, Forrest Wolfinger



Trustees' Trestle Board



While we are not holding Stated Meetings in July or August there will still be some on going project work within the building.

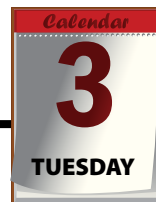
We are looking for a crew of 3-5 guys willing to spend a weekend working on stripping and sealing the dining room floor. This is a slow process and requires a mopping, stripping, and waxing. Please contact Dave Olmstead if you are willing to help. Equipment will be provided along with any meals.

We are also seeking the donation of the following:

- AED or Automated Electric Defibrillator
- 1 each janitor cart
- 1 each rolling tool box and associated hand tools for odd jobs around the lodge
- Lowes/Home Depot Gift Cards that you aren't doing anything with and would like to donate

Secretary's Notes

Reminder: 2015 Dues Notices will be mailed sometime in the Jul/Aug period. Payment is due prior to the November Stated Meeting.



Upcoming Events


NO STATED MEETING IN JULY

July 26 6th District Masonic Relief Fund Benefit Concert @ Amelia Lodge Noon-8pm
\$15 per person \$25 per couple & it includes a meal! Butch Determan's Bands will be performing!

Aug 8-10 Taste of Clermont *HOPEFULLY?*

NO STATED MEETING IN AUGUST

Sep 16 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm work

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