



August 2015

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

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When was the last time?

When was the last time you ate a great meal? Or saw a great play in a ball game? Or decided to come to a meeting or degree at YOUR Lodge?

Masonry is truly a unique organization in that there have always been more card carrying members than those attending meetings and for the most part the organization moves forward year after year. The question proposed here today is actually more of an introspective philosophical debate for each of us.

What did I want from Freemasonry when I knocked at its door?

There are some of you who will say, "I did my time as an officer" and without a doubt your service is part of J. B. Covert's long legacy of excellence and is certainly appreciated. You are still welcome to come by and enjoy some fellowship with your brothers.

For some the answer may be, "I didn't know for sure, but all of the men in my family were Masons and I kind of felt like I had to join." To you Brother we say reach out to your family members and other Masons and learn more about what Masonry has meant to them. You should also come by and try it out for a while and see what it could mean to you. We all have

different experiences and the more you learn about Masonry the more you will enjoy it.

There are others like those pictured in the group of current officers above who enjoy the camaraderie and sense of purpose that they currently feel serving in a myriad of roles.

Our current Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master are all under the age of 30, but our Deacons and Stewards are over 40 (maybe even 50, but we're not saying). Our Preparation Steward is one of our youngest members and he turned 20 this year!

Why is this important to you? Because Masonry is a life-long journey and we all have the opportunity to become involved on different levels at different stages of our lives. If you're at a stage where you can come by and check things out, then we'd enjoy seeing you at a meeting or an event!

If you haven't been to J. B. Covert for a degree in a while check in with us via E-mail at web@jbcouvertlodge.com and we'll make sure you get notified of the next degree dates. We have at least two Fellow Craft degrees coming up this summer that you can come and watch.

Now some of you might be saying to yourself it has been so long since I was there I wouldn't remember any of the people or signs and tokens. Don't worry! Bring your dues card and drivers license and we'll get you squared away prior to the meeting. All of the officers and members are willing to help a Brother in need you know.



Other things to know about coming back to lodge:

- Dress code for stated meetings does not require you to wear a suit and tie.
- Officers will typically wear a suit or sport coat and tie or business casual attire
- Typically a meal and fellowship time will precede every meeting/degree and these times are a big part of developing the fraternal relationships with your Brothers so come a few minutes early and enjoy
- J. B. Covert polo shirts are available and are worn by several members to meetings.

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

I am happy to announce that on July 10th we initiated another new brother. The night also served as an initiation of a different kind. Per the request of our Senior Warden, Bro. Jack Lennon, this degree also served as the first “step up” night for the officers. Overall, I am very pleased with their efforts.

I firmly believe that, with their continued efforts and dedication, they will be more than ready to lead our Lodge into the future. I greatly look forward to that future.



We were also very fortunate to have three of the officers from Alembic Lodge #793 visiting that night. For those who are unaware, Alembic Lodge is one of the newest Lodge's in Ohio, having been officially chartered at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 2014. I was fortunate enough to be present for that historic moment.

After the degree, I had a conversation with the Master of Alembic, Worshipful Brother Ben Rosenfield. He brought up the subject of Lodge culture. I think that it is safe to say that any of us who have traveled have experienced it. We know that every Lodge has its own particular “feel” and personality, which is a reflection of the men who comprise the Lodge. Ben noticed that our Lodge is made up of brothers from many different generations. He further observed that we all seemed to get along very well and that it didn't look like there were divisions along generational lines. I was able to respond, with a great sense of pride, that our Lodge culture is devoid of any power struggles, political machinations, or classism.

It isn't that all of us agree all of the time. We wouldn't be freethinking men if that were the case. It's that we will put our differences aside to work towards the common good. We remember that we are all Masons, that we are brothers, and that we have a duty to each other and the community.

As we move forward, let us always remember that this trait is part of who we are and our culture. It is a truly Masonic legacy that we must preserve.

May God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

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Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship

J. B. Covert Lodge, #437



gofundme.com/kyleadkins

Donations To Lodge Projects and Campaigns

We received several donations to support the 2015 Flag Retirement and Awards Luncheon and we would like to thank Bro. Jack Lennon, American Legion Post 72, and an anonymous donor for their support.

E-mail Address Collection

The Communications Committee has a simple request at this point. Please share your e-mail with us in one of the following 3 ways:

1. Text the keyword **Hiram** to 42828 on your cell phone and follow the simple prompt
2. Go to www.jbcovertlodge.com and enter your e-mail under the map and click on the "Join E-List" button
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J. B. Covert Lodge will not sell or share our e-mail list with any other organization and will only pass information related Lodge or other Masonic activities. We also will not send out thousands of e-mails, but just enough to keep you up to date.

This is a great way for out of state brothers to keep up with the activities of J. B. Covert Lodge.

Our thanks to Roy Elliott for his generous donation of a full Campership for 2016 Flag Retirement and a full Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship for 2016.



Birthdays For August

Clarence H. Allen, Donald L. Barger, Jerry K. Belcher, T. A. Biggs, Jeffrey S. Carpenter, Joseph K. Carpenter, Troy D. Clawson, Robert E. Desgrange, Dana Disney, Olan Engle, Glenn D. Finley, Vito Folchi III, Donald W. Franklin, Bradley Hayslip, Hayward J. Jackson, Jerry A. Jones, Richard L. Martin, Morton F. Mc Arthur Jerry R. Mc Bride, Taylor Olmstead, William A. Peters III, Charles B. Rickey, Terry L. Shepherd, Boyd Swafford, William O. Swift Sr., Dillon Terry, Donald W. Valenzuela, Daniel F. Wolfangel, Jeffrey R. Young



J. B. Covert

Family Range Day & Picnic

Saturday, September 19th

11 am until 4 pm

Jack Lennon's Wild Adventure Land

(otherwise known as the property off of SR32)

Event Details:

- You don't have to own a gun or even want to shoot one to enjoy this fellowship event. Plenty of other fun to be had!
- To help out the members who will be sharing guns please be prepared to help them with their ammo costs if you decide to shoot
- Bring your own guns & ammo if you have them
- Everyone is encouraged to bring some milk jugs and other items for targets
- This is a rustic location you will want to bring the following:
 - Chairs
 - Bug Spray
 - Picnic-ware & Water
 - Dish to pass for potluck- (no on site refrigeration)
 - Something to grill
- This is a come and go event. There will be no formal opening/closing. The grill will be fired up all day and you can graze at the potluck table all you want!
- There will be some contests throughout the afternoon including:
 - Bullseye
 - CD Center Punch
 - Q Tip Shot
 - The Equalizer Clay Pigeon Thrower Shot
- We will end the day with a "Mad Minute" as our only slightly formal event, just because it's pretty darn fun!
- Some folks are camping Saturday night to prepare range
- Contact Jack Lennon at 513-600-8813 or Dave Olmstead at 513-617-0906 for more details

Directions to JLWAL:
 SR 32 East 65 miles from Eastgate
 Turn Right onto Dever Road
 If you make it to SR 104 you just missed it!
 Go 100 Yards on Dever through gate

MANAGED EVENT

Upcoming Events

- Aug 1 **Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum**
8:30 am car pool departs JBC
Open to Family and Friends
- Aug 18 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- Sep 15 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- Sep 19 **Family Range Day & Picnic**
11 am gathering at site
9:30 am car pool departs JBC
Open to Family and Friends
See info at left & on website

You can add the Lodge's Calendar to your Outlook or phone by clicking on this button on the calendar page of the website.

www.jbcovertlodge.com/calendar

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