



October 2015

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

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Family Picnic & Range Day a Great Success

On Saturday September 19th nearly 20 people ventured out to Sr. Warden Jack Lenon's property (known as Jack's Wild Adventure Land) near Piketon Ohio for a day of food, fellowship, and friendly competition.

The day included a picnic meal with a menu of grilled chicken, pheasant, venison steaks, hamburgers, and much more.

Even more important to the day than the food was the fellowship that was the primary reason for the event. The diverse audience of wives and friends for the day included guests such as a Mason and his son from Kentucky, DDGM Rodney Kirker 6th Masonic District and his grandson, and RWB Rich Dickerscheid of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Of course, there was a little friendly competition that included tasks such as shooting the fuzz off of a Q-Tip at 40' with a .22 caliber rifle, shooting through the center of a CD without hitting any plastic, and new this year was drawing a very familiar symbol with a .22 rifle. Shown below are Rich Disckerscheid, Jack Lennon, and John Rowe working hard to line up those dots.



Pictured above is our overall winner for this year's competition Josh Schott seen here at the left with the second place winner Rob Cordes on the right.



Pictured bottom left: PM Bob Desgrange and Roy Elliott enjoying a break from competition. Immediate left: Jack Ladrigan receives some instruction from Dave Olmstead

Due to our busy fall schedule our next social activity will be announced via e-mail and at the October Stated Meeting. Stay up to date by linking J. B. Covert's Google calendar on our website to your phone, outlook, or tablet!

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Did you see your 2016 Dues Card in the mail?

Brethren, the 2016 dues notices have been mailed. Please tend to them as soon as possible, so it doesn't drag into the Holiday period. To remain "In Good Standing" dues need to be received by the November Stated Meeting (17th) latest.

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

In last month's newsletter, I briefly mentioned the significance of the mentor-candidate relationship. It is a topic of great interest to me and during my time in Freemasonry, I have had the great fortune to mentor several candidates. The process is important and meaningful.



When a candidate petitions the Lodge, often times one of his sponsors is already a personal friend. This brother frequently takes the central role of mentor. Other times a candidate petitions the Lodge without knowing any of the Brethren and a brother volunteers to act as mentor.

In Masonry, we are often fond of saying that "everything we do has a reason." This is accurate but sometimes we forget to explain to our new members what those reasons are. The purpose of the proficiencies (and therefore, the candidate-mentor relationship) is twofold. The first is the obvious reason to teach the candidate the very basic tenets of Freemasonry. The second is perhaps the more important. The proficiencies are written in "code" so that every candidate must work with an informed brother in order to become proficient. The complexity and difficulty of the work necessitates frequent and multiple meetings outside of Lodge events.

In my view, the relationship of the mentor and candidate is absolutely crucial to the long term success of the candidate's membership. The fundamental building block of our Order is the fraternal bond between brethren. The mentor-candidate relationship is the start of that bond. The ideal mentor is an established brother in the Lodge. He is active, conversant in Masonic topics, and has a deep bond with his brothers. The typical candidate begins with few to no connections with the brethren but is still drawn to the fraternity by a need to learn and belong. Through the mentoring process and the degrees, the candidate should develop a fraternal bond with his mentor, which, in turn, should lead to eventual bonds with the rest of the brethren.

So the next time you sign a petition for a friend or meet a new candidate in the banquet room, consider volunteering to act as his mentor. The Master and Lodge Education Officer will be more than happy to provide you with the appropriate guidance and materials. I promise that it will be a rewarding experience.

May God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

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Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship

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Disproving the Myth

If you watch any cable TV or read anything on the Internet you have undoubtedly heard of great claims of Mason's being responsible for all sorts of things and that we have "mystic" rituals. Well after considerable research and real life application we have disproved yet another myth: the Lodge Secretary does not have ESP!

Please advise us of any change in address/phone/e-mail information!

Birthdays For October

William Beckman, Brian Carlson, Larry Conley, Robert Cropper, John Disney II, Donald Goodcase, Allen Hicks, Charles King, Robert Lally Sr, Charles Ludlow, Thurman Mullins, Bryan Olmstead, Robert Ringland, Peter Sheldon, David Snider, Dewey Snyder, Frederick Tissot, Carl Wade, Richard Wheeler Jr, Kirk Wilson, Terry Wright.



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

Donations To Lodge

Our thanks to the following members and friends who donated to the Lodge & special funds: Keith Holbrook, Hayward Jackson, Alex Cordes, Harrie Coulter, Morton McArthur, Paul Wheeler, Daron Terry, Olan Engle, Robert McGee, Gary Morgan, Roy Elliott, Stanley Wilfert, Robert Desgrange, Ronald Beamer, Charles Shanks, David Miller, Gene Smith, Ben Blust, Howard Thompson, Frederick Tissot.

Fellow Craft Degree

Our next degree night will be October 16th as we confer the Fellow Craft Degree on a worthy Entered Apprentice. This will be an important night in this brother's journey and as such your attendance is requested. Dinner and Fellowship will start at 6 pm and the Lodge will open at 7 pm.

Heat Pump Stolen-AGAIN

We cannot begin to tell you how disheartening it is to get a phone call from a member while out of town and be told that thieves have once again stolen a heat pump.

Even with the cage that was built and installed the thieves dismantled the unit and made off with the metal for the scrappers. We are now installing a device which was created specifically because of these types of thefts that should be a deterrent. We have had numerous offers and ideas relating to "rigging" the units, but legal counsel advises us that we cannot do that.

In the interim we want to say a special thank you to Honorary Brother Rick Lawson of Lawson HVAC who has helped us through this process. If you need work done on your HVAC system please see the ad on the back of this newsletter.



Upcoming Events

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| Oct 16 | Fellow Craft Degree
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |
| Oct 20 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |
| Nov 17 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |
| Dec 15 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |

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