



January 2016

Stated Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7 pm
848 Clough Pike

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How's your foundation holding up?

When each and every one of us became a Mason we had an expectation of what Masonry was going to be like. And each one of those visions was as unique as the person who conceived it, but the excitement of being a Mason was present in each of us. Since our respective first nights as Masons each of us have gone down our paths with the light of Masonry guiding us in varying degrees.

For some the light was a blazing torch that was carried in front to set a path that included immediate involvement, perhaps over-involvement, and then just as a signal flare on the ocean it ran out of fuel and went out.

For some the light was a glowing ember that made them feel warm from time to time as they saw their dues card or thought of the family member who encouraged them to get involved and that was the only time they thought of themselves as a Mason.

In between these extremes there are truly thousands of levels of brightness of that Masonic light, but each of us was given a foundation in the teachings of Masonry. That foundation however is incomplete without your own toils in the quarry of your life and the honing of your own ashlar.

In the military it is often said that soldiers will rise to their highest level of training in a combat situation. The

same is true for all of us in daily life as well. If you were expecting an epiphany the morning after you became a Mason and instead you woke up to your alarm clock, traffic on the way to work, and the daily grind without feeling a significant difference you are not alone. The epiphany only comes when you realize that the lessons taught in the degrees of Masonry require practical application before they become truly real in your life and part of who you are.

You see, Masonry is a lifelong process of personal growth and application of principles. The title of "Master Mason" is relatively easy to earn, but only in a life well lived will the record of your life be clean and spotless as a lambskin. The real challenge is to build upon the foundation that Masonry represents and for people to see you and know without seeing a ring or emblem that you have to be a Mason by the way you live your life.

If you're ready to work on your foundation and want to be around other men that are working on their foundation as well, then come back to your lodge. Don't worry if you've forgotten signs and symbols we can give you a quick refresher and help you get back to the *truly important* task of making you a better man.

See you on the third Tuesday of each month. Come as you are and grow with your brothers.

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

Back on December 10th, Brother Russ Shipley, Worshipful Brother Daniel Campbell, and I were able to join many of our brothers from the 6th Masonic District at the District Townhall Meeting at Amelia Lodge. This is part of a series of events hosted by Right Worshipful Brother Rich Dickerscheid, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as he travels the state of Ohio receiving input on the current status of Freemasonry and what the future might hold for our fraternity.



There were many topics that Right Worshipful Dickerscheid posed to the audience, including; perceptions on ritual and degree work, membership numbers, Masonic education, effectiveness of the District and Grand Lodge structure, and challenges in member engagement. There were also a few incorrect perceptions dispelled, including one where the members of Grand Lodge travel to Florida every year on the dime of Ohio Masons. Overall, the event was very well received by all in attendance and the open communication and personal connection of Right Worshipful Dickerscheid was appreciated by all.

I think the best part of this type of event is the discussion it generates among the brethren and the reflection of members and lodges in what their true purpose is, what that means for the future, and what steps might need to be taken to secure a flourishing, successful future.

It has been my goal, and I know it has been the goal of all of you, to make J. B. Covert Lodge better each and every day and to establish a positive future for our lodge and our fraternity. I believe we, as a lodge, have made great strides in this endeavor thus far, but the journey is not over. And it is not the job of one man, but of all of us! So if you have ideas how we can improve J. B. Covert Lodge through events, new programming, education, or operations- please share them! As it requires an entire crew to sail a ship toward the rising sun of a brighter day, so is the case with this fraternity we love, it takes all of us working together to sail Masonry into the future.

May God bless you and our fraternity!

Fraternally,

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Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship

J. B. Covert Lodge, #437



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Inspection Jan. 15th, 6 pm Master Mason Degree

Bring your dues card and join us for our annual Inspection on Friday January 15th. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and we will open at 7 pm.

WB Jack Lennon and the officers have been working hard to prepare for the annual inspection and are ready to provide a truly memorable experience for our candidate. Your attendance at this event is greatly appreciated and will certainly add to our candidate's excitement.



Thank You For Your Support!

We helped a lot of kids have a Merrier Christmas!

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Flag Retirement & Awards Luncheon

June 11th, 2016 10:30 am



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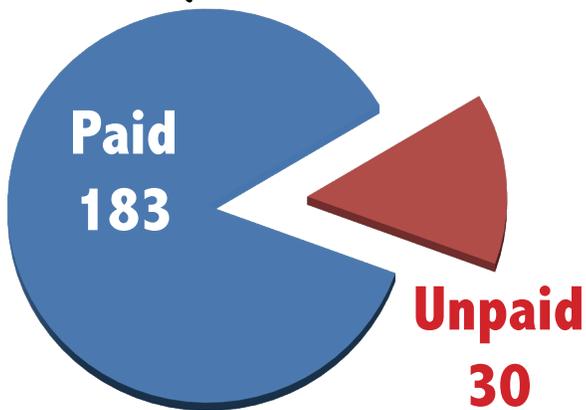
Birthdays

For January

Robert Abner, Barry Bender, Robert Billingsley, Edward Brock JR, Anthony Brock, Ronnie Carlton, Rodger Clapper, Alex Cordes, Joshua Davis, Alfred Determan, Scott Dunford, Branden Durham, Raymond Layman, Thomas Marcum, Alan Olson, John Rowe JR, David Terry, Stanley Wilfert, John Ziggas.



Please Pay Your Dues



Donations To Lodge

Our thanks to the following members who donated to the Lodge & special funds: John Rowe JR, Vito Folchi III, Nicholas Henry, David Terry.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 30 Pre-Inspection 6:00 pm & **MM Degree Practice** 7:00 pm Practice
- Jan 5 **MM Degree** 6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- Jan 15 **J. B. Covert Annual Inspection** 6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- Jan 19 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting** 6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work



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