

Garrettsville Free & Accepted Masons Lodge #246

February 2012

Master Mason Degree on February 9th

I have asked W. Bro. Ray Atwood to prepare for the Master Mason degree for Rory McMillin is ready to receive this last degree. W. Bro. Atwood has chosen on our next regular scheduled meeting. W. Bro. Orville West will preside over the second part and will portray King Solomon. We are expecting several Masons from Rockton Lodge to come and help us with the floor movements so they are in order with the ritual and to perhaps alleviate any confusion that we have experienced in the past. We need to teach our younger officers the correct floor work for this degree.

Inspection Up-date

As I reported last issue that we are scheduled to put on the Fellow Craft on March 29th. I would like to have two practices before that date. If at all possible I think we should try to attend other lodge inspections to observe how the degree is done without black light. Here are the dates of Lodges who are putting on the FC Degree.

Monday, Feb 13, 7 PM Cooper Penny
Wednesday, Feb 20, 7 PM Unity
Monday, Feb 27 7 PM Niles McKinley
Thursday, March 1 7:30 PM Tuscan
Thursday, March 15, 7:30 Jerusalem
Saturday, March 17, 7:30 PM Charity
Tuesday, March 20, 7 PM W K Ricksecker

I believe that Western Reserve Lodge will allow us to use their FC Carpet for our practices and inspection. With these new props we will need to practice floor movements, especially our stewards and W. bro. Irwin our FC Lecturer.

Service Awards Scheduled

Our Lodge held its service pin presentations. Bro. Charles Rezabeck received his 25 year pin. Bro. Mike Cook was scheduled to receive his 50 year pin but had family illness and was unable to attend. An alternative date will be schedule. DDGM Gary Evans was in attendance.

Pre-Inspection Complete

As required in the Masonic Rules and our Lodge had a pre-inspection meeting which was conducted by our DDGM Gary Evans. This task is done to ensure we, the lodge, are ready for our annual inspection on the 29th of March. W. Bro. Owens and Bro. John Porter do a fine job as Secretary and Treasurer respectfully, and we passed our pre-inspection, as we always do. Thank-you "Bill" and John for your continued dedication to a fine job for the lodge.

"Corrections"

It seems like I am always making "corrections" I confused the date for the "Type Written Ritual" it arrive on January 24th and we did not have a quorum for a meeting but we practiced FC 1st section and DDGM Evans counseled us on a few minor errors. Bro. Richard Callopy afterwards got to have a one-on-one with DDGM Evans concerning the EA degree, his degree when he will sit in the East,

Our Lodge Activities

As stated earlier we will have a MM to put on and I hope we can have two practices of the Fellow Craft degree. I am at a loss as to which day would be better but it seems a week night works better than a Saturday morning.

NO Suspensions!

The Lodge secretary reports that our lodge will have "NO" suspensions for non-payment of dues. I want to thank all who assisted in the reminding of those who forgot the due date as well as all who paid their dues, late or not.

Save us the postage!

If you have an e-mail address you can help us to be thrifty by supplying us with your e-mail address so we do not have to pay postage to use snail mail to send you the newsletter. The newsletter is also on our Lodge web site too! (Thank-you W. Bro. Wm. Whittenberger!!) Please send your e-mail address to Orville West, php144@yahoo.com .

Our Web Page

Did you know that we have a web page? Yes we do please check it out, the address internet is <http://www.masonic-lodges.org/Garrettsville-246/> Our web master is W. Bro. "Bill" Whittenberger and we thank him for the fine job he has done developing the web page and maintaining it. Check and see Inspection Schedule & important Dates.

No Feed Back On Table Lodge?

Last month I asked for comments on having a "Table Lodge". No one has responded. Do you want to do a table lodge? Please e-mail me roger@rogernorton.com or tell me at our next Lodge meeting. "The future of Masonry is in your hands"

"Terrific" 25th Masonic District – Blue Lodge News

W. Bro. Orville West, Bro. Richard Calopy and myself attended the Blue Lodge Officer Installation on Saturday, January 28th at Old Erie Lodge in Warren. The new Blue Lodge officers are: President George Edmiston III PM – Old Erie #3

1st Vice President David A. Everett PM – West Phoenix #42

2nd Vice President William Robinson PM – Triandria #780

3rd Vice President Anthony J. Marotta PM – Ricksecler #606

Treasurer Timothy A. Johnson PDDGM – Wm Farr #672

Secretary William H. Gore PM – Carroll F. Clapp #655

Trustees – Glenn M. Wilson PM; Robert R. Williams PM; Arthur "Pete" Furman

Clean up!

At our last meeting I asked Bro. Richard Callopy to head a committee (actually a work gang) to do some manual labor to clean up the old Miller's Restaurant. We have a tenant and we are finishing up with the wall coverings and plumbing. However, there are several areas that need our attention. First we need to either finish painting the old ceiling tiles and tracks that hold them, or buy new ones. If we paint them we must be careful of our new floor not to spill paint on it. In the basement we need to remove old plumbing and shower stall, clean up old drain PVC pipes, remove old milk crates and stack up two/three deacons tables and benches. There are several other projects like fix or remove lighting fixtures by front door and plug a hole above the light so sparrows don't make a home there. Bro. Callopy has a list. The tenants want to be in by March 1st. We need to get the work done so we can have the county building and plumbing inspections done.

The Worshipful Master needs your help!

A lodge is comprised of many members. We have members who have been raised, pay their dues and attend regularly; we have members who have been raised, pay their dues and attend sporadically; and we have members who are raised, pay their dues and we never see them and I realize that some live far, far away or are not able to attend, my point is we need all three groups and we want all three groups to feel welcomed. We are trying to have more interesting meetings with presentations of wisdom and information outside the realm of Masonry. I am open to suggestions like having a night when W. Bro. Ray Atwood can give us younger Masons a history of the Lodge and who are those folks in the pictures in hung in our social room. I have heard suggestions of playing pool or a pool league. How about cards at 6 PM like Euchre, I would like that. It's your Lodge, what do you want to do? As Master I agreed to sit in the East if I could have brethren who would step up and attend lodge meetings and lend a hand with "projects." I get discouraged when we have a meeting and the officers are not at the meeting and I do not know if I need to find a replacement for your place in the line, if you are hurt or there has been a family emergency. Bro. Lucas Whittenberger is a student at KSU and told me he has a class this semester on our meeting night, so I have asked Bro. Jon Trego to protem that chair, in addition to being a steward. If a committee has a meeting and you are a part of that committee and you are not able to attend let the chair person know, it is very discouraging when we call for or hold a meeting and no one shows up. Now, I admit that I have missed or forgotten a meeting or two but I am working on being a good Mason and meeting my responsibility knowing well that there will be times when a Brother can not be there. But at least call..

Our Next Lodge Meeting –

Thursday, February 9, 2012 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 24, 2012 7:30 PM

Traveling Award

On Saturday Rockton Lodge (Kent) is being inspected in the EA Degree with breakfast at 9.

It would be awesome if we could get all of our officers to be there, win the officers award and with a few other members win the traveling award! Stewards, count most, then deacons, then warden and WM last, lets show others in the 25th district the Garrettsville Lodge 246 is alive and well!
Meet at the police Dept. 8:15 sharp.

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