



The G. C. Builder

January 2012- Issue 4

The Editor's Message

Greetings brothers; hopefully the new year finds you well. Although it has been a while since our last communication, Grove City has continued to stay busy! Our current Worshipful Master, Thomas Daft, has a stated goal for the year; to get Grove City more actively involved in the I-Care program, an affiliate of the Ohio Masonic Home. The primary purpose of the program is to provide assistance to aging Masons, wives, widows or Eastern Star members by helping them plan for home care options and linkage to community-based services and benefits. This assistance will also outline options that may allow seniors to remain independent longer in the least restrictive environment. To create an I-Care committee, we will need to find a chairman and a group of volunteers interested. If you are interested in being involved in the I-Care program, please contact WB Thomas Daft.

Secretary's Corner: Brother Charles (Chuck) P. Smith was elected secretary of Grove City Lodge on November 7, 2011 during our annual meeting. I have enjoyed eleven years as secretary and greatly appreciate your support and friendship during my time in office. I thank you for your cooperation and consideration shown me as I performed my duties.

The Lodge leadership is in good hands. However, it is the members support that has and is keeping the Lodge on solid financial and organizational footing. Your willingness to share your time, talent and resources is what makes Grove City Lodge "The Place to Be".

I encourage you to give your support to Brother Smith and retain your faithfulness to the Lodge by continuing to pay your dues promptly along with sharing additional funds through the Lodge Endowment/Trust Fund; Lodge Memorial Fund; Grove City Temple Operating Fund; Grove City Craft Club; Lodge Newsletter and the Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Fund. Many of you share your talents by participating in the various Lodge, Temple Company and Craft Club projects and this is greatly appreciated. Your dedication to the principles of Freemasonry and Grove City Lodge is truly remarkable.

Fraternally,
William E. McNicol

Grove City's annual installation of officers was held on November 14, 2011. The following officers were installed:

- Worshipful Master- Thomas Daft**
- Senior Warden- Aaron Marion**
- Junior Warden- Mike Jaynes**
- Secretary- Charles Smith**
- Treasurer- Bob Ewing, PM**
- Chaplain- Fred Ford**
- Senior Deacon- Dan DuCharme**
- Junior Deacon- Bill Bell**
- Senior Steward- Keith Fields**
- Junior Steward- Seth Kondrath**
- LEO- E. Mikel Goldhardt, PM**
- Tyler- Larry Knoll**
- Organist- Bill Morris**
- Trustee- David Sweeley, PM**

Grove City's Awards Night was held on December 12th and it was truly an honor to present service awards to 25 and 50 year members!

Congratulations to WB David Sweeley, who was installed as 14th District President at the district's annual meeting.

This months article- Paraphrased for space from *The Masonic Myth* by Jay Kinney

Stay in touch

Lodge website- grovecity689.com

For lovers of puzzles and mysteries, its symbols and historical lacunae provide endless opportunities for contemplation and speculation. For those wishing self-improvement, it provides a context that encourages them to live out their ideals. For those seeking brotherhood and sociality, it provides a fellowship of equals and an ongoing series of waist-expanding meals. For those in search of an initiation into manhood and a graduation from perpetual adolescence, Masonry provides a unique service-one developed and tested across three centuries or more. For those Masons who choose to be active, it teaches leadership skills, personal responsibility, group coordination, and individual patience.

What Masonry does *not* provide-and this may be a disappointment to some-is a hidden entree into the inner circles of political and economic power. Nor does it provide secret blood sacrifices, contacts with aliens, or a handy way to fix parking tickets. Alas, I found no hidden Masonic freeways, no tunnels beneath the lodge leading to reptilian shape-shifters, and no Zionist-Illuminati dupes. Watchers of FOX news, yes. Subverters of the republic, no. Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus, yes. Satanists, decidedly not.

When all is said and done, I discovered that, like many human institutions, Freemasonry is neither as perfect as it would like to make itself out to be nor as terrible as its detractors would like to believe. While the criticisms of the anti-Masons are mostly spurious charges based on mistaken notions, hoaxes, faulty interpretations, and urban legends.

For millions of men, over the course of several centuries, it has provided one of the modern world's few remaining initiations into manhood and maturity, as well as an outlet for sociality and charity. It has provided a template for the common man to undertake a "hero's journey" in search of self improvement. And perhaps most compelling for many of its members, it has provided a palpable link to the past-when men built the great cathedrals and temples, and when knightly chivalry was the order of the day. These accomplishments deserve recognition and respect, not secrecy and misunderstanding.

If you would like to receive email updates from the lodge, please email our Secretary, Bro. Charles Smith at csmith38@wowway.com.

If you are in need of lodge information or services from the lodge please email our Worshipful Master, Thomas Daft at tdaft203@gmail.com.

If you have any feedback or ideas for the newsletter, please contact E. Mikel Goldhardt, PM, editor is large-goldhardtm@gmail.com

The trestle-board

Stated meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 7:30pm.

The Temple Company meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

The Fellowcraft Club meets the 3rd Monday of every month following the stated meeting.

The Fellowcraft club holds a breakfast open to the public from 8am-10am the 1st Saturday of every month! Please come out and enjoy a morning of fellowship. The cost is donation only and the proceeds are used to support both Masonic and non-Masonic charities.

SUPERBOWL SUB SALE- subs are \$5, please have orders in by 1/28 to Ed Goldhardt (614)877-4176. Subs will be available for pickup on 2/2 and 2/3.

ATTENTION GOLFERS! The Hilltop Masonic Golf League, in existence for over 45 years, is looking to add interested golfers for its league held Monday evenings@ the Wilson Road Golf Course Please contact Roy Hedrick (614)875-2950 or Gene Dew (614)734-9974 if interested.

1/21- Masonic Code Course #1- open to all Master Masons at New England Lodge from 9am-12pm. Another course will be available on 3/3 at South Gate Potter.

1/28- Ritual School to be held at Reynoldsburg Lodge from 9am-10:30am for those interested in learning a lecture, the typed ritual will be available.

3/12- Grove City's annual inspection in the Entered Apprentice degree, of course, beef and noodle dinner to be held prior to inspection!