

The G.C. Builder

January 2014



The Master's Message: Greetings and Happy New Year Brothers! I hope everyone has enjoyed a great holiday season. Another year has passed and so many have agreed with me that 2013 was the quickest year ever! Being elected Master of this lodge is a great honor. If you have not been to lodge in a few years, chances are we have not even met. I only recently joined in 2009, and quickly became Junior Deacon. In this short time we have already lost too many of the same Brothers that were present during my degree work. It is yet another grim reminder of our mortality, but it should also encourage us to live what we have to the fullest. A new year is here, and with your help I hope to humbly assist this lodge as it continues to grow new roots. Our membership is slowly regaining while most lodges struggle. The Craft Club is very strong and growing in it's volunteerism and fundraising. You are a member of a great lodge, perhaps not without it's own past struggles, but if you have not attended lately please try to do so this year. I would like to share a story that I've found to be relevant:

The Silent Summons

A member of Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting".

Brothers, consider yourselves included in this "silent summons". Our upcoming annual inspection would be the perfect time to rekindle your own embers, as well as see another example of Grove City Lodge's newest generation being raised. The **Inspection will be on March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm**, with the traditional **Beef 'n Noodles dinner at 6:15pm**. We would love to "pack the house" and prove to all how proud we are to be members of this ancient fraternity and especially Grove City Lodge! All Master Masons, please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this special evening. Fraternaly, Worshipful Master Mike Jaynes

Message from the Secretary: MWB Norman Mick, Grand Master of Masons has announced that a Grand Master's Class will be held on **April 5th, 2014**. The location will be determined and announced by the February E-News. This Class will be a District Wide One Day Class rather than a regional class. **The petition deadline to Grand Lodge is March 15th**. This gives brethren, enough time to get petitions in, potential candidates to be investigated and voted on as there will be **NO** extension for petitions to be turned in per the Grand Secretary. The fees for the degrees need to be paid to the respective Lodge when the petition is received. In addition to the GM Class, MWB Mick has chosen to have, if the candidate is interested in continuing as a York Rite Mason that the Royal Arch Mason Mark Master Degree be presented at the conclusion of the Master Mason Degree. Petitions for Chapter of Royal Arch Masons need to be processed by the individual RAM Chapters. Don't wait until the last moment to contact potential members! Start now talking to those men that you feel would benefit membership in Freemasonry. When talking with potential members, be sure to explain that the benefits of membership as well as one main responsibility in that they will be paying dues to maintain their membership unless they should select to become an endowed member. Contact should be made to brethren who have been waiting to complete their degrees.

2014 Trestle Board

Stated meetings: 7:30pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, Sept - June
Craft Club breakfasts: 8-10am, first Saturday of each month, year round
Temple Company: 7:00pm, second Tuesday of each month, Sept - June

Community Open House - Sat, 2/8/2014
VA Visitation w/ Lockbourne & Groveport - Sun, 3/2/2014
Annual Inspection in MM Degree – Mon, 3/10/2014
Grand Master's One Day Class – Sat, 4/5/2014
Past Master's Night – Mon, 6/9/2014
Lodge Family Picnic w/ OES – Fri, 6/13/2014
Opening Ceremony for Special Olympics - Fri, 6/27/2014
Labor Day meeting - Mon, 9/1/2014
Annual Meeting (Elections; Dues deadline) - 11/3/2014

2014 Officers

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