

THE TRESTLEBOARD



FROM THE EAST

BY WORSHIPFUL MASTER BRENT BAIRD

Well, it's over. Our annual inspection was an overall success. Yes, there were a few miscues, but over one hundred brethren witnessed an accurate portrayal of the Master Mason Degree. Franklin Lodge can be proud of the work presented.

I would be remiss if I did not thank those individuals who made the evening possible. It was truly a team effort and these individuals made it happen:

Order of Eastern Star: The ladies served dinner for 80 brothers. They really went above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you to Ray Phelps for working the door.

Coleman Commandery: Thanks for presenting the colors.

Officers: Robert Spiller, Tim Ray, Josh Gearhardt, John Chang, David Leytze, Mark Baird, John Reck, Charles Spicer, Herb Schmidt, Bill Cusac, and Joe Simpson.

Ruffians: Richard Colley, Bill Cusac, and Jay Kessler

Craftsman: Jake Hefner, Levi Northup, Dwane Northup, Kevin Northup, Larry Gustin, Steve Ward, Donald McCaslin, Louis Knife, Charles Hormell III, Norm Wolfe, William Christie, and Danny Odell.

Ship's Captain: Dick Ovenshire

Wayfaring Man: Robert Counts

Lecture: Tim Ray

Charge: Josh Gearhardt

Candidate: Allan Ganley

And special thanks are due to R.W.B. Steven Adams for his continued guidance.

I would also like to thank the brethren that came to Lodge to give their support. It was nice to see everyone. Please know that you're welcome back any time!

FRANKLIN #14 BLUE LODGE "BLUES BROTHERS" RAID STOKES LODGE #305

Mighty Third District Banner Claimed!

BY BROTHER TIM RAY

It wasn't exactly a "covert" operation, but the twelve brethren from Franklin #14 did exude an aura of stealth as they clambored up the stairs of Stokes Lodge #305 on a dark February 19th evening – the appointed night of Stokes's regularly scheduled meeting. With R.W.B. Steve Adams leading the way, the Stokes Tyler was momentarily overcome with awe (and no little bit of fear) at the sight of twelve men in dark suits and sunglasses. Needless to say, his were a nervous three raps on the door!

You see, it all started with a group of us talking after one of our regularly stated meetings, musing about how long Stokes had maintained possession of the Ohio Third District banner. Before the night was over, it had become a point of Lodge pride and duty to claim that emblem of distinction. The raid, announced at our next stated meeting, was well-devised, and not without forethought of sustenance and surprise.

On the evening in question, twelve of us traveled the road to Port Jefferson and enjoyed a great dinner at Hussey's Restaurant, even if Brother Colley did suffer a bit of a wetdown from a leak in the roof. But that did not deter us! Having a hearty meal and fine fellowship, we nearly missed our appointment, as Stokes was within five minutes of closing Lodge when the Tyler made those nervous raps. "There's an alarm at the door," was heard without by us. But it's unlikely those inside had any idea just what an alarm it was to be! When the laughter finally settled and the disappointment set in that we were not going to take "Catfish" (a.k.a. Don Wade) back with us along with the banner, Stokes's Master reluctantly turned over the eagerly sought goods. The Third District banner now stands proudly on the Master's Carpet at Franklin #14, and did so during our inspection this past March 12th.

The names of those participating in the raid will not go unprinted. Great job to Brothers Steve Adams, Brent Baird, Mark Baird, John Chang, Dick Colley, Bill Cusac, Josh Gearhardt, David Leytze, Tim Ray, Joe Simpson, Charlie Spicer, and Bob Spiller. . . . Franklin #14's own "Blues Brothers"!

We don't anticipate a return raid from Stokes. After all, it's hard to find a Hussey in Troy!

MOUTH IN THE SOUTH

THE MINISTRATIONS OF A JUNIOR WARDEN

BY BROTHER TIM RAY



Inspection is over, the Spaghetti Supper has been deemed a success, we've had several one-day candidates on the 29th in Sidney and our first EA degree of the year. March proved to be a busy and productive month, Brethren, and one we can all take pride in. And one particular point of pride for me is that our Lodge has officially become involved in the OhioReads Program, with Brother Bob Spiller being the first to volunteer an hour a week to assist two young students at Van Cleve Elementary School in their reading skill developments. Thanks, Brother Spiller!

As you read in last month's The Trestleboard, OhioReads is one of the programs promoted by the Grand Master for this year, and lodges having five or more volunteers will receive special recognition. I certainly don't want to short-change recognition from the Grand Lodge, but I suspect that it will pale in comparison to that from those youngsters

we're able to reach out and help. I, too, will soon be involved in the program (either at Van Cleve or Kyle), as will Brother John Chang. But the schools have already stated they need more help – as much as we can offer.

I know we have Brethren who are retired, or who can arrange their work schedules a bit in order to be available for this program. You can volunteer as little as a half-hour per week. You will work with the same student each week and you can make a difference in a child's life. And while you're at it, ask your wife to volunteer too!

This program highlights all the tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly love (for the youngsters in our community), Relief (for the teachers and teaching system), and Truth (demonstrated by our sincerity and commitment to becoming better men). Join us, won't you? For more information, please contact me at 339-8393 or timray48@yahoo.com. I can help you get in touch with the school contact of your choice. Let's read!

THE LODGE

EDUCATION FLAME

BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL STEVEN ADAMS

The Brethren of Franklin Lodge #14 are very pleased to see the return of The Trestleboard. It is my desire to include informative education material in each of the upcoming issues. To begin with, Lodge education has been an important aspect of the Fraternity. Education is administered in two basic forms.

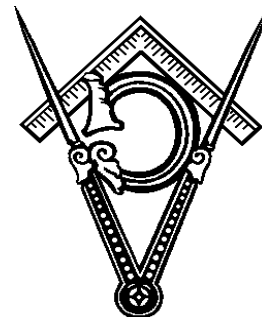
First, a certain amount of time is allotted at each regularly stated meeting for the purpose of imparting Masonic knowledge to the Brethren in general. This is done by short talks, group participation discussions, or informative presentations by various members. The Lodge Education Offi-

cer is responsible for ensuring that some sort of educational presentation is provided at as many meetings as possible. The education presentation does not need to be done by the L.E.O. each time. Anyone who would like to contribute can do so. There are many sources of information from which to draw, from the library to the Internet to personal experiences. If any Brother would like to contribute, just contact the L.E.O. and a date will be arranged.

The second form of Masonic education involves the training of new candidates. Masonic education of candidates is limited to certain sources as prescribed by Article 11 from the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information. This article specifies the only sources to be used in candidate counseling. Sources include the *flip chart*, pamphlets given to the candidate (such as

"On the Threshold"), the Candidate Counselor's Handbook, and the Grand Lodge Code. These sources are designed to give the candidate enough information to make him comfortable with the Fraternity and are presented at specific points in time as he progresses through the degrees. An important teacher for the candidate is the Candidate Counselor, who can be any Brother who is knowledgeable about Masonry in general. He is assigned to a candidate by the L.E.O. and follows the candidate through his degree work.

I hope this introduction to Lodge Education has been helpful and I look forward to contributing more Masonic information in future articles. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, please come visit Franklin Lodge and enjoy good fellowship and perhaps a little Masonic education.



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"...I see no reason why thou shouldst be so superfluous to demand the time of the day" Shakespeare

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>April Fool's Day</i> 1 • #14 Blue Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30pm ● <i>New Moon</i>	2 • Coffee Klatsch 7:00am • Temple Board 7:00pm	3	4 • Antioch Shrine Circus, U.D. Arena	5 • Antioch Shrine Circus, U.D. Arena
6 • Daylight-Saving Time • Antioch Shrine Circus, U.D. Arena	7	8 • Coleman Commandery 7:00pm	9 • Coffee Klatsch 7:00am	10 • Eastern Star 7:30pm	11 • A.A.S.R. Valley of Dayton Spring Reunion, Dayton Masonic Temple	12 • A.A.S.R. Valley of Dayton Spring Reunion, Dayton Masonic Temple
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 13	14	15 • Potluck 6:30pm • #14 Blue Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30pm, welcoming newbrothers from All-Degree Day	16 • Coffee Klatsch 7:00am ○ <i>Full Moon</i>	<i>Passover Begins</i> 17	<i>Good Friday</i> 18	19
<i>Easter</i> 20	21	<i>Earth Day</i> 22 • Franklin Chapter & Council 7:30pm	23 • Coffee Klatsch 7:00am	<i>Passover Ends</i> 24 • Eastern Star 7:30pm	25	26
27	28 • Order of The Amaranth 7:30pm	29	30 • Coffee Klatsch 7:00am			



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- Franklin Blue Lodge: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Franklin Chapter & Council: 4th Tuesday
- Coleman Commandery: 2nd Tuesday
- Eastern Star: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- Amaranth: 4th Monday

Hungry? Bring your lady and a dish to the potluck dinner, every third Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Franklin dining room.

Can't walk the steps? Franklin Lodge provides elevator service to both the dining room and Lodge room floors.

Do we have your correct address? If not, please let us know so we can keep you up-to-date with what's happening in your Lodge!

Can you identify these just and upright Brethren? Do you think you know the year that they were Franklin #14 officers? If you think you can answer these questions, just jot down the year and the names by row (you don't even need to specify the office each held), and mail it to: WHO & WHEN, c/o Franklin Lodge #14, Box 501, Troy, OH 45373. Or, e-mail your guess to dleytze@earthlink.net. Names of those with all correct will appear in the next issue of The Trestleboard, along with the correct identification of the date, names, and offices held by those pictured above. And if you want to see how gracefully a couple of these gentlemen have aged, please join us at Lodge on April 1 or April 15.

If you have an article or an announcement that you would like to see in The Trestleboard, please submit it to David Leytze, c/o Franklin Lodge #14, or e-mail it to dleytze@earthlink.net. We'll do our best to pass your information on to the Brethren.