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BY JUNIOR WARDEN LARRY W. BRITTON

It hardly seems possible but 2006 is half over! The first six months of the year were busy ones at Franklin Lodge. The Lodge initiated seven Entered Apprentices, passed one brother to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised two new Master Masons, one of which was our annual inspection candidate.

If you were not in attendance at our inspection, you missed a fine portrayal of the Master Mason degree. In fact, Worshipful Brother Tim Ray received the Third District's "Best Charge" award at the district's annual awards banquet. This is the third consecutive year that Franklin Lodge has received this award. Next year's inspection will be in January in the Entered Apprentice degree, I highly encourage you to attend!

The fundraising activities have continued as well. The Spaghetti Supper to raise money for Special Olympics was a huge success with \$3000 donated to Grand Lodge for the Ohio Special Olympics and \$1300 to Riverside School for their Special Olympics program. The Lodge was also able to present two \$500 scholarships to deserving Troy High School Seniors. This money was raised from a variety of sources including: the community breakfasts (which have been very well attended), the sale of Masonic baseball caps and Brothers working at the Troy Strawberry Festival.

Franklin Lodge also participated in the state's "Adopt-A-Highway" program. Led by our trusty Tyler, Bill Cusack, a stretch of Highway 41 east of Troy was made clean again.

Autumn will be here before we know it and stated meetings will resume on September 5th. If you haven't attended Lodge in a while, I encourage you to make an effort to do so. Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. We have Potluck dinners every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge dining room. Come and enjoy a good dinner, reacquaint yourself with some old friends and quite possibly make some new ones. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

VISIT THE LODGE WEBSITE TODAY: [HTTP://WWW.FRANKLIN-LODGE.ORG](http://www.franklin-lodge.org)

FRANKLIN #14 TO PRESENT FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE AT OHIO MASONIC HOME

On July 18th, the Officers, Wardens and Brethren of Franklin Lodge #14 will once again be conferring the Fellowcraft degree on a candidate at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. The degree will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Lodge Auditorium of Rickly Hall.

Franklin Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft degree last year at the OMH, much to the delight of the Home's residents and Lodge Brethren. Your attendance is encouraged this year. Come support our Lodge and enjoy the fellowship of our Masonic brethren residing at the Ohio Masonic Retirement Village.

If you need a ride, we will be carpooling from Franklin Lodge in Troy and will depart no later than 6:00 p.m..

If you need directions, maps can be printed from the Home's website: http://www.ohiomasonichome.org/maps_direction.php

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS!

On the evening of March 25th, the brethren of Franklin Lodge served over 400 dinners at our annual Spaghetti Supper. The menu included Spaghetti with meat sauce, slaw, bread and a drink and was held at the Staunton Grange Hall. Senior Warden David R. Leytze was chairman of this year's dinner and did an outstanding job planning the event. When the last plate was cleared away, the Lodge had raised over \$4300 for Special Olympics. This amount includes ticket sales and contributions from businesses and individuals.

At the June 6th stated meeting, a check in the amount of \$1300 was presented to Tom Helbig, Miami County Special Olympics coordinator to help support local athletes. A check in the amount of \$3000 was sent to Grand Lodge to help at the state level.

Special thanks go to the spouses and family members of Lodge brethren who donated their time and to the business who donated supplies or made monetary gifts. Without their help, the fundraiser would not have been such a spectacular success.

ANNUAL SUMMER COOKOUT

It's summer.. And that means cookouts! Franklin Lodge's annual summer cookout will be held August 17th at 6:00 p.m. This year, the event will take place at the home of WB Marv Myers, 245 Grant Street, Troy. The menu will include char-grilled hamburgers, franks, grilled sausages, summer side dishes and all of the trimmings. Dinner is free to all members and prospective members. So bring a prospective Mason and join us for a summertime feast!

If you plan to attend or have questions, please RSVP WM Josh Gearhardt at 773-1713 or jbud97@hotmail.com no later than August 10th.

LODGE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Anyone with memories or stories of Franklin Lodge they would like to share, or if you would like to contribute material to the Trestleboard, please send them to the Franklin Lodge History Committee, c/o David Crouse, 430 S. Mulberry Street, Troy, OH 45373 or email them to dcrouse@woh.rr.com.

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