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LARRY W. BRITTON, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

WB TIMOTHY B. RAY, SECRETARY

SPAGHETTI SUPPER TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year—the Spaghetti Supper to raise money for Special Olympic athletes—will be held on Saturday, March 8th, in the Staunton Grange Hall, 1530 North Market Street, Troy from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are now available, and the cost is \$6.00 each (dine-in or carry-out).

Brother Fredric M. Francis, Senior Warden, is the 2008 Chairman of the Spaghetti Supper. Br. Francis will be setting the work schedule of volunteers, so please contact him with your preferred time to assist. He can be reached at 937-684-2298 or fmfrancis@verizon.net. Brethren, as you know, putting on a dinner of this size takes a considerable amount of planning and a lot of hard work the day of the event. Anyone wishing to help is most welcome. If you are able to help, please contact Br. Francis. We will need help cooking, serving and cleaning up at the end of the day.

The menu will include spaghetti with sauce (with or without meat), slaw, bread and your choice of a beverage as well as WB Tim Ray's now famous cookies! Cooking the spaghetti, readying the side dishes, serving, bussing, and washing dishes will be a team effort, as in years past.

In 2007, Franklin Lodge #14 was proud to donate over \$6500 to Ohio Special Olympics. Most of that money stayed right here in Miami County with over \$4900 going to support local Special Olympic efforts. Overall, Franklin Lodge ranked sixth in the state among lodges contributing money to Special Olympics. A fact that we can all be very proud of!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! APPLY NOW!

Once again, Franklin Lodge is proud to offer three scholarships to deserving area students. If you have a friend or relative that is looking for a way to help ease the financial burden that comes with a college education, suggest that they apply for one of our scholarships. The only requirement is that they be a graduating high school senior. The application process is easy: all they need to do is compose an essay of approximately 500 words outlining why they would like one of our scholarships and what their educational goals are. They then need to mail their essay to Franklin Lodge #14, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 501, Troy, OH 45373. Applications are available at the Lodge or by visiting our website at <http://www.franklin-lodge.org>. The application deadline is April 15th, so time is of the essence.

2008 OFFICER LINE

In 2007, several of our junior officers dropped out of the officer line for work and personal reasons. Fortunately, several brethren stepped up and filled the vacant positions and for that they have the Lodge's undying gratitude. The 2008 Franklin Lodge officer line is as follows: Larry W. Britton, Worshipful Master; Senior Warden: Fredric M. Francis; Junior Warden: Robert M. Counts, PM; Treasurer: Robert C. Spiller, PM; Secretary: Timothy B. Ray, PM; Senior Deacon: David W. Wagner; Junior Deacon: Timothy R. Francis, Jr.; Senior Steward: Timothy A. Wagner; Junior Steward: Jeremy D. Locke; Chaplain: John R. Reck, PM; Marshal: Charles W. Hormel, III, PM; Lodge Education Officer: Steven L. Adams, PM, PDDGM; Tyler: William G. Cusac.

<http://www.franklin-lodge.org>

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Plan to join us in the Lodge dining room on Saturday, March 15th, for a homemade breakfast of scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, baked sausage, bacon, French toast and syrup, and hash browns along with juice and coffee. We'll be serving from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Everything is served buffet style and is all you can eat! Our breakfasts are open to the public and are scheduled for the third Saturday of every month throughout the year. The purpose of the breakfasts is to raise funds for the scholarship program of the Blue Lodge. In 2007, the Lodge gave four \$500 scholarships to deserving students.

So, come on up and enjoy a homemade breakfast. Your donations will be greatly appreciated, and the food will be delicious. **Please note the date change:** in the past the breakfasts have been held the **second** Saturday of the month. Until further notice, they will be held on the **third** Saturday of the month.

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

The 2008 Grand Master's Reception will be held at the Sidney Holiday Inn on Friday, March 14th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available by contacting Larry W. Britton, WM, at 937-573-6077/lbritton1@woh.rr.com or WB Timothy B. Ray at 937-339-8393/timray48@yahoo.com. The cost of the meal is \$15 and you will have your choice of beef, fish or a vegetarian platter. The reception is the Third District's opportunity to honor the Grand Master, the Grand Line Officers and their ladies. Please join us for an entertaining evening with the Grand Master!

LODGE HISTORY UPDATE

Due to the diligent efforts of Br. Richard Shepherd, Franklin Lodge will soon have a detailed history! Br. Shepherd has graciously volunteered to comb through the nearly two hundred years worth of meeting minutes and compile them into a single volume. Look for that impressive volume to arrive soon!

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