

FRANKLIN LODGE #14

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STATE OF THE WHAT?

How many members does Franklin Lodge have? What does it cost to meet in that old building all year? How much money did we make this year and who gets it? Who are the candidates for next year's officer line? What's this I hear about a DeMolay chapter? These questions and many more will be answered at the first annual State of the Lodge meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30pm in the Lodge's second-floor dining room. A light Chili and Chocolate meal will be served, followed by a 45-minute presentation explaining the state of our Lodge, including accomplishments made this past year, the current financials, next year's Worshipful Master candidate's plan, and a few words regarding the incoming Grand Master's agenda. Mark this important event on your calendar and be sure to attend!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED AN ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP?

What is an Endowed Membership? It's a way for you to contribute to the financial stability of your Lodge, not only now, but for many years into the future. The benefits of purchasing an Endowed Membership are many. Among the most important is that you will have given the Lodge a gift that will continue to provide much needed revenue as long as the Lodge exists. Even after your death, Franklin Lodge will continue to receive revenue from your Endowed Membership. This is possible because Grand Lodge invests the funds received from Endowed Memberships and pays the Lodge a portion of the dividends each year. And you benefit too. After purchasing an Endowed Membership, you are only required to pay your Lodge dues one more time; after that, you never pay dues again. The Secretary will continue to mail you a dues card each year. How much does an Endowed Membership cost? Currently the cost is \$800 which is payable over 5 years. When you consider that dues increases are inevitable, an Endowed Membership is excellent way to protect yourself from ever increasing costs. If you would like an application for an Endowed Membership, or if you have questions, please contact the Lodge Secretary WB Timothy B. Ray at 339-8383 or email him at timray48@yahoo.com

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER ARTHUR D. HADDAD TO RECEIVE WHITE CAP

On October 15th, 2006, the Valley of Dayton will be presenting the White Cap to Franklin 14's Illustrious Brother Arthur D. Haddad. The presentation will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Dayton Masonic Center. Any Franklin #14 brother who wishes to attend may do so, and may bring his spouse. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Valley of Dayton office by October 9th at 937-222-9103 or johnsmith@daytonaasr.org. Illustrious Brother Haddad received the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, on August 29th, 2006, in Chicago.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Franklin Lodge will be holding its annual Election of Officers on November 21st at 7:30 pm. Potluck is at 6:30 pm. Come and have a good meal and then participate in the government of your lodge. The Installation of Officers will be December 2nd at 4:00 pm. Plan now to attend!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Plan to join us in the Lodge dining room on Saturday, November 11th for a homemade breakfast of scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, baked sausage, and hash browns along with juice and coffee. We'll be serving from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Our breakfasts are open to the public and are scheduled for the second 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 2006, the Lodge gave three \$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!

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.

TIPP CITY SENIOR CITIZENS TO VISIT SHRINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN LEXINGTON, KY

The Tipp City Senior Citizens are having a bus tour on October 13th for a one day trip to the Shrine Children's Hospital in Lexington, KY. They will tour the hospital and also have lunch there. All members of the Antioch Shrine and their Ladies are welcome. Contact Roma Watkins at 667-6126 for further information.

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