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SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS!

Despite having been rescheduled due to the uncooperative weather of March 7th and 8th, the annual spaghetti supper to raise funds for Special Olympics was a great success. On April 26th, the brethren of Franklin Lodge served several hundred dinners at this annual event. The menu included Spaghetti with meat sauce, slaw, bread, cookies and a drink and was held at the Staunton Grange Hall. When the last plate was cleared away, the Lodge had raised over \$4500 for Special Olympics. This amount includes ticket sales and contributions from businesses and individuals.

At the May 6th stated meeting, it was voted to donate all the funds raised from the Spaghetti Supper to Grand Lodge's Special Olympics program. The Lodge also voted to donate an additional \$825 to this worthwhile cause, bringing Franklin Lodge's total to \$5325!

At the June 3rd stated meeting, a check in the amount of \$1800+ will also be presented to Paul Brown, Miami County Special Olympics coordinator to help support local athletes. Funds for this donation come from collection boxes strategically placed at area businesses.

Special thanks go to the spouses and family members of Lodge brethren; to the ladies of Eastern Star #256 who helped at the event and to the businesses who donated supplies or made monetary gifts. Without their help, the fundraiser would not have been such a spectacular success.

FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

Once again, Franklin Lodge is proud to offer four scholarships to deserving area students. The scholarships will be presented at the May 20th meeting. Funding for the scholarships comes from Franklin Lodge's Community Breakfasts and the Troy Strawberry Festival Trailer monitoring activities. As you can see, Franklin Lodge is a generous lodge but that generosity requires a lot of hard work. If you haven't volunteered at one of our fundraising activities, you are encouraged to do so.

FRANKLIN COUNCIL #14 RECONSECRATED

On the afternoon of April 27th, Franklin Council celebrated a milestone: 160 years of Cryptic Masonry in Troy. The reconsecration was conducted by Bobby G. Campbell, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio. The ceremony was immediately followed by a dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, salad and "birthday cake". The dinner was provided by the Companions from Tipp City. A special thanks goes to Illustrious Master Robert Terrell for coordinating the activities!

Council is the second body of York Rite Masonry and is composed of three degrees. If you would like additional information on any of the York Rite bodies, feel free to contact WM Larry W. Britton at lbritton1@woh.rr.com or 335-3042.

CHECK US OUT AT [HTTP://WWW.FRANKLIN-LODGE.ORG](http://www.franklin-lodge.org)

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Plan to join us in the Lodge dining room on Saturday, May 17th, 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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASTER MASON RAISING

In observance of a long standing tradition at Franklin Lodge, we will once again be having a Master Mason raising on Memorial Day. The degree will start promptly at 6:00 am and should be completed no later than 8:30 am. Please join us in welcoming a newly raised brother!

ANNUAL SUMMER COOKOUT

Franklin Lodge's annual summer cookout will be held August 19th at 6:00 p.m. This year, the event will take place at the Troy Community Park Brick Shelter House. More details will be forthcoming.

CORNERSTONE RE-ENACTMENT/BICENTENNIAL PARADE IN COLUMBUS

Don't forget that on June 21st, there will be a Masonic Parade in downtown Columbus, just prior to the re-enactment of the cornerstone laying ceremony at the Statehouse. The festivities will be immediately followed by a Family picnic at the Ohio Village. Every Mason and his family are invited to participate in the day's activities. For more information, check the Grand Lodge website at <http://www.freemason.com> or the recent issue of The Beacon.

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