



THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN LODGE #14, TROY, OH

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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FROM THE EAST:

BY WORSHIPFUL MASTER TIMOTHY B. RAY

Welcome to Spring! Much has happened in our Lodge since the last Trestleboard was mailed in February. I hope you enjoy this issue of The Trestleboard. We have many exciting events and

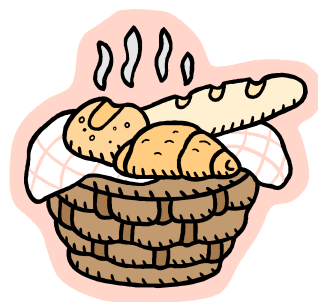
programs scheduled for June, as well as throughout the rest of 2005. So, relax and take time to read through the several articles in this issue. And, as always, please feel free to contact me with future articles.

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SPECIAL POTLUCK SUPPER ON TUES., JUNE 7

Franklin #14 will hold two potluck dinners in the month of June. The first one will be on Tuesday evening, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a representative from the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield in attendance, presenting a program on frequently asked questions about the OMH. Brother John Chang's wife, Mary Ann, will also relate their experience this year in moving her folks to the OMH. This program will commence at approximately 7:00 p.m., during the Potluck. Of courses, spouses and invited guests are welcome to stay and ask questions after Potluck, when the brethren will open Lodge.

The second (regular) Potluck will be on Tues., June 21, 6:30 p.m. with a short program about Big Brothers/Big Sisters activity here in Miami County.



FRANKLIN LODGE WEBSITE

www.franklin-lodge.org

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www.freemason.com

CRAFT CLUB IS COOKING!

The Franklin #14 Craft Club has been resurrected and is fast becoming more active in fundraising. Beginning on Feb. 12, they held their first monthly Community Breakfast. These are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, with Jun 11 being the next one (8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.) To date, just over \$390 has been cleared, to be used for our funding of high school scholarships. The Lodge has voted to fund three \$500 such scholarships for 2005 seniors.

Franklin #14 Marshall, Charles Hormell III, is doing a great job in efforts to re-establish a solid craft. With our many new members, it is anticipated that we will have a solid MM craft team in place for our 2006 inspection in that degree.

If you have an interest in being a part of the Craft Club and/or the Craft team for the MM degree, WB Hormell can be contacted at chaz82949@aol.com or at 937-676-2586.

MEMORIAL DAY MM RAISING

6:00 a.m. MAY 30TH

In observance of a long-standing Franklin #14 tradition, a Special meeting has been called for Memorial Day for a MM raising. This special meeting should be finished by 8:00-8:15 a.m., and a breakfast will follow at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor dining room.

Eastern Star will join us for this breakfast, and the names of those OES and Franklin #14 members who have passed away this past year will be read. Plan to join us for both the MM raising and the breakfast!

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

WB Dick Ovenshire underwent some surgery in April and is doing physical therapy now.

Lloyd Shroyer suffered a nasty fall from a ladder in late April and incurred serious injuries. He is now home recuperating.

PASSINGS:

George William McGee, February 24, 2005

Robert Lee Kimmel, March 10, 2005

Louis Harold Roeth, May 10, 2005

We extend our support and sympathy to the families of these fine brethren.

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FLAG POLE REMOVED FROM TEMPLE BUILDING ROOF



Pictured at left are two City of Troy fire fighters utilizing the TFD Tower truck and a power cut-off saw to cut the old cast iron flag pole into sections and remove from the roof of the Temple building on Sunday, May 15. Earlier this year, during a routine inspection, the pole was found to be insecurely attached, and presented a safety hazard. Danny O'Dell, president of the Temple Board, had requested assistance from the City of Troy in removing the pole, as estimates for a contractor to do the removal were in the \$6,000+ range. Our sincere thanks to the City for their gracious assistance!

Also on that Sunday, Brother O'Dell and WM Tim Ray worked together in repairing broken and hazardous areas in the sidewalk in front of the Temple. This sidewalk will be mandated by the City to be replaced in 2006 or 2007 with a new sidewalk with inserted brick pavers, as those in the first blocks around the square. Cost estimates for this work are \$15,000-\$20,000.

TEMPLE BOARD REACHES PRELIMINARY DECISION TO SELL

Franklin Lodge was notified by formal correspondence from the Temple Board in late March that the Board had voted unanimously to proceed with actions necessary to sell the Temple building.

This decision was prompted by the many needs to upgrade the building, and the costs of such upgrades. These would include windows, plumbing, electrical, exterior, and heating/cooling upgrades, the costs of which would total in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Danny O'Dell emphasizes that this vote was necessary in order to initiate the process of contacting Grand Lodge, as well as the appendant bodies that utilize the Temple. It does NOT necessarily mean the Temple will be sold. What is evident is that in order to keep the Temple

as the Masonic home for all the appendant bodies, it must be updated and the available rental space made useable, to facilitate maximum rental income.

We all know there is much local Masonic history and deep emotions attached to this Temple. So methods to raise donations for Temple restoration will soon be further investigated, including any available grants. This is a lengthy process; it will involve members of all the appendant bodies.

It is our hope that this article will inspire ideas and suggestions from interested Franklin #14 brethren. And we not only need such inputs, we need many volunteers to assist us. Please give this some deep thought.

The Temple Board meets on the 3rd floor of the Temple at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Plan now to attend on June 1st.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP PERFORMED

Bill Cusac, Larry Ratcliff, Steve Ward, WB Charles Hormell, Danny O'Dell, Kenyon Wessman and WM Tim Ray met on May 18 and performed the Spring clean-up along the designated 2-mile section of Route 41 east of Troy.

FRANKLIN #14 SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE

The brethren of Franklin #14 donated \$200 to the Relay for Life held at the THS Stadium on May 13-14. In addition, several lodge brethren worked after the event by assisting with clean-up of the stadium and grounds. Thanks!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS!

- Over \$3400 Raised -

Brethren of Franklin #14, with the assistance of OES volunteers, served over 400 people on March 19 at our annual Spaghetti Supper. Over 100 pounds of spaghetti, 50 lb. of ground beef, gallons of Brother John Chang's homemade sauce, and over 60 loaves of Italian and French breads were just a part of the ingredients of this great fundraiser for Ohio Special Olympics.



- Checks Presented May 17 -

Josh Gearhardt, SW of Franklin #14 and 2005 Chairman for the Spaghetti Supper is shown above presenting a check in the amount of \$1,902 to Tom Helbig, Miami Co. Special Olympics coordinator. At left, WB Charles O. Spicer, Secretary of Franklin #14, presents a \$1,500 check to DDGM Donald Mumford, who received it on behalf of the Ohio Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation for statewide support of Ohio Special Olympics.

Ohio Special Olympics scheduled for June 24, 25, 26 in Columbus

The Opening Ceremonies at the Jesse Owens Sports Complex on the grounds of The Ohio State University will take place Friday evening, June 24. Masons will gather at 5:30 p.m., and will receive a special hat and lapel pen for participating in the ceremonies. If you wish to attend with other Franklin #14 brethren, please contact WM Tim Ray.

TABLE LODGE JUNE 30

WM Tim Ray has called a Special Meeting for Thurs. June 30, 6:30 p.m. in order to hold a Table Lodge. This will be a tiled Lodge Meeting opened in the EA degree, to be held in the Temple dining room. It will be Franklin #14's first such Table Lodge since 1976.

A full meal will be served; there is no charge for this meal. And those attending will participate in the "Seven Toasts" as well as enjoy a guest speaker on An interesting Masonic topic. Finally, by Ohio Grand Code, a Box of Fraternal Assistance will be passed prior to closing. The evening should finish no later than 8:30 p.m.

RSVP to WM Tim Ray, 339-8393 or by email at timray48 @ yahoo.com

26 NEW FRANKLIN MASTER MASONS RAISED ON APRIL 9

The 2005 Grand Master's Class was a great success for Franklin #14. A total of 26 men became members of our Lodge that day, and many of those have returned on May 3 and May 17 to witness EA and FC degrees here at the Lodge. We welcome them and encourage them to become involved with our many activities.

FRANKLIN TAKES INSPECTION HONORS

At the May 11 Third District Appreciation Dinner held at Joyland Restaurant, Franklin #14 received three awards: to Bro. Josh Gearhardt, SW, for best 2005 FC Charge, to Bro. David Leytze, JW, for best 2005 FC Lecture, and one to Franklin #14 Lodge for best overall 2005 FC degree presented at an Inspection. Great work, and congrats!

ARE YOU RECEIVING LODGE EMAILS? PLEASE SEND US YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.

Calendar of Franklin #14 and Masonic Events

May 30 - Memorial Day MM raising, 6:00 a.m. and breakfast with OES at 8:00 a.m.

June 1 - Temple Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

June 3-5 - Troy Strawberry Festival, Lodge fundraisers, MC Shriners in parade.

June 5 - Ohio Masonic Home Day.

June 7 - Special Potluck Dinner, 6:30, with OMH representative presenting program; 7:30 p.m. - Stated Franklin #14 meeting.

June 9 - Order of Eastern Star stated meeting.

June 11 - Community Breakfast fundraiser, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Temple dining room.

June 14 - **Flag Day**; Coleman Commandery.

June 16 - MC Shrine Club, Joyland, Covington; Social Hr. 5:30, Dinner 6:30.

June 21 - Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., with a program about Big Brothers, Big Sisters; 7:30 p.m. - Stated Franklin #14 meeting.

June 23 - Order of Eastern Star stated meeting.

June 25 - Ohio Special Olympics, Columbus.

June 27 - 7:30 p.m. MV Court #53, Amaranth.

June 28 - York Rite Chapter & Council.

June 30 - **Special Table Lodge, 6:30 p.m.**

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