

# THE TRESTLEBOARD



## FRANKLIN INSPECTION SETS BENCHMARK FOR THIRD DISTRICT

BY WORSHIPFUL MASTER TIMOTHY B. RAY

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, Franklin #14 not only had the first inspection of 2005 in the Great Third Masonic District, it also had a very impressive and successful inspection. The Fellow Craft degree work was very well done. The lecture was superbly delivered by Junior Warden David Leytze without the aid of slides. And the charge, given by Senior Warden Josh Gearhardt, was letter-perfect.

The inspection followed a delicious roast pork dinner prepared

by Brother John Chang and served by members of the Eastern Star. Many, many thanks to all who worked to make the evening a success.

Many favorable comments were received from brethren, Past Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, and the two Past Grand Masters in attendance (H. Ray Evans and C. Michael Watson).

And now, we need to begin preparing for the 2006 inspection. Let's make it the best Master Mason Degree work yet!

## AWARDS NIGHT/FRIENDS NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup>

Mark your calendars and set aside the evening of Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Franklin #14 will hold a Homemade Chili and Chocolate Supper at 6:30pm, to be followed in the Lodge dining room by the presentation of 25-, 50-, 60- and 65-year service awards. The dinner is complimentary for members and spouses, but reservations are needed in order to know how much food to prepare.

In conjunction with this dinner, a few men who have expressed an interest in becoming Masons (and their wives) have been invited as "friends" to join us. They will enjoy dinner with us, listen to the memories shared by the awardees, and then attend a brief meeting

(with their wives) where RWB Steve Adams will explain the Masonic fraternity to them.

While the "friends" are listening to RWB Adams, the other guests will be enjoying a program presented by *The Errett Family Singers*, a group from nearby St. Paris who will sing some old favorites as well as new gospel songs.

Plan now to join us. Phone WM Tim Ray at 339-8393 to reserve a spot, or email him at [timray48@yahoo.com](mailto:timray48@yahoo.com).

If you know of a man interested in learning about Masonry, invite him and his wife to join us! Simply inform WM Ray that you will have guests attending.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Franklin Lodge dining room from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are now available, and the cost is the same as last year: \$5.50 each (dine-in or carry-out). The Riverside Bell Choir will perform at approximately 6:30pm. And what a treat they are!

Brother Josh Gearhardt, Senior Warden, is the 2005 Chairman of the Spaghetti Supper, and Brother John Chang will once again work his magic in the kitchen, preparing the special sauce. Cooking the spaghetti, readying the side dishes, serving, bussing, and washing dishes will be a team effort, as in years past. Anyone wish-

ing to assist is welcome. Brother Gearhardt will be setting the work schedule of volunteers, so please contact him with your preferred time to assist.

Franklin #14 was able to donate a total of \$3,400 last year to Special Olympics, with \$1,500 going to Grand Lodge to support the State Special Olympic Games, and \$1,900 going to Miami County Special Olympics to assist in getting our local athletes to these games. Franklin was among the top ten Masonic Lodges (out of Ohio's 500-plus lodges) in funds raised for Special Olympics in 2004. Let's do it again in 2005. These Special Olympians are counting on us!

## FIRST MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>

Plan to join us in the Lodge dining room on Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, for a homemade breakfast of eggs, toast, fried potatoes, and pancakes, along with juice and coffee. We'll be serving from 7:00am to 10:00am. This will be the first of our monthly Community Breakfasts, open to the public and scheduled for the second Saturday of every month throughout the year, summer included.

The purpose of the breakfasts is to raise funds for the scholarship

program of the Blue Lodge. In 2004, the Lodge gave two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at Troy High School, and this program is not only to be continued, but hopefully expanded.

Our Community Breakfast will be patterned after that of Stokes #305 of Port Jefferson, which was initiated last year to raise funds for Special Olympics. Stokes's breakfast is held on the first Saturday of every month, and last year's results proved very positive.

So, come on up and enjoy a breakfast. Your donations will be

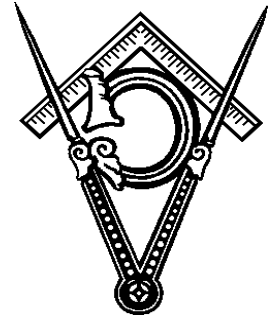
## FRANKLIN CRAFT CLUB RETURNS!

At the January 18<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, WM Ray asked that the Franklin #14 Craft Club be re-established, having been made aware by Brother Bill Cusac that he was a charter member of the Craft Club when it was established in 1964.

The 1964 officer line of Franklin Lodge is responsible for instituting that Craft Club. They were: Frank Brown (WM), Gaylord Eichhorn (SW), James Anderson (JW), Dale Davis (SD), Don Null (JD), Max Martin (Sec), Harley Davis (Treas), Charles Hoke (SS), B. Wagner (JS), Robert Emerick (Tyler), Carson Markley (LEO), Roy Bitzow (Chap), John Pask (Marshall).

The goal of 2005 WM Ray is that the Craft Club once again come to life and not only practice to perfect the work in the Master Mason degree (our inspection degree in 2006), but also to serve as the primary fundraising arm of the Lodge. As such, brethren of the Craft Club would assist committee chairs with special events, including the Spaghetti Supper, our Community Breakfasts, the Widows Evening Dinner, and other fundraising dinners and activities, including a yet-to-be-determined fundraiser to be held during Troy's annual Strawberry Festival.

Please inform WM Ray or Lodge Marshall Charles Hormell if you have a desire to serve the Lodge as a member of the Franklin Craft Club.



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**FEBRUARY 2005**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00pm Temple Board Mtg. 7:30pm - Lodge	2	3	4	5 Stokes Breakfast & blood drive Drive
6	7 7:30pm Inspection Temperance EA Degree	8	9	10	11	12 Community Breakfast 7-10am
13	14	15 6:30pm - Potluck 7:30pm - Lodge	16 7:30pm Inspection Social #217 EA Degree	17 6:30pm Awards & Friends Dinner	18	19 A.A.S.R. Reunion, Dayton
20	21 7:30pm Inspection Jackson Center MM Degree	22	23 7:30pm Inspection Fort Black EA Degree	24	25	26 6:45pm Inspection Mount Olivet EA Degree
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**MARCH 2005**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:30pm Inspection Greenville, MM 7:30pm - Lodge	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:30pm Inspection Gettysburg FC Degree	9 7:30pm Inspection Arcanum MM Degree	10	11	12
13	14 7:30pm Inspection Tippecanoe FC Degree	15 6:30pm - Potluck 7:30pm - Lodge	16	17	18 GM's Reception 7pm UVJVS	19 Bradford Recon'tn. 10am Spag. Supper 4-7pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 7:30pm Inspection West Milton FC Degree	30 7:30pm Inspection Bradford MM Degree	31 7:30pm Inspection Versailles EA Degree		