

Highland Lodge #762 F&AM
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Tidings from the East Brethren,

March was an excellent month for the lodge, and we have so very much to be thankful for. Our stated meeting was opened in form on the Entered Apprentice degree. The minutes were read and approved.

After reports from the investigating committees, the lodge elected Bro. Jason Miller, an Entered Apprentice by transfer. The lodge voted to reject a petitioner who did not meet the standards imposed by Masonry. I feel very proud that Highland members want only good men for our Fraternity.

Bro. Ed Snyder continues to update us on the status of our Adopt-A-Resident status. Bro. Andy Holman gave us an update on the upcoming Open House and Ladies night on April 6.

Bro. Mark Goebel talked to the Brothers about our upcoming MM degree and the practices that will help us be proficient. Bro. Artie Percy Jr. gave us a report of all the activities being planned for the rest of the year: Zoo, Crazy Pinz and the shooting range, and much, much more! Come out and have fun with your Lodge Brothers!

Masonic Education was provided by Bros. Art Percy III and Paul Martin on the Schoefield House. The lodge has made plans to make the trek down to Madison and conduct a degree for one of our candidates later in the year.

Our un-finished business consisting of the discussion and voting of the newly revised bylaws went very quickly and the new bylaws were voted in. Once we have Grand Lodge approval, they will be official. The biggest change in the by-laws is that Highland Lodge will no longer go dark in July and August, we are now open all year long. Special meetings are being planned for these hot months where it would be uncomfortable to meet in our normal lodge room.

Under new business, Bro. Tim Herald notified the lodge that the Highland Lodge app was updated and upgraded, especially with respect to how the app integrates with our Google Calendar. Again, it all goes towards more communication for our Brothers to help keep them in the loop.

Bro. Andy Holman talked to us about the Highland Lodge donation toward the Job's Daughter's SCAN Easter Basket project. Thank you to all the Brothers that contributed.

As far as other donations go, I was pleased to be able to present the Associated Masonic Trustees a donation check of \$500.00, the proceeds from the Temple Ghost Hunt conducted in February.

This represents over \$5,000.00 that has been donated to the Temple from such endeavors over the past four years.

On March 7, the lodge conducted a Fellow Craft degree for Bros. Jason Miller and Mike Doxsee. The night was very enjoyable and great ritual work was displayed.

Masonic License plate forms are still available through lodge Secretary, WBro. Jim Bishop.

Our financial report was given and the lodge was pleased to hear that our accounts are doing well and we are very much in the black.

Bro. Andy Holman has been doing an excellent job of heading up the Family committee. He spoke with Bro. Jack Glass, who is recovering from surgery, Bro. Roger Swisher Sr. who is recovering from illness, and sent cards of condolences from the lodge to Bros. Robert Hollenberg and William Hollenberg with the passing of their mom and wife, Helen Hollenberg. A card was also sent to Bro. Edward Snyder who's father-in-law passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with these Brothers and their families.

Here are the events that are currently planned on the calendar, check back for updates:

March 23 – Arena Dinner Theatre
March 25 – Lodge clean-up and work day
April 3 – Stated Meeting
April 6 – Open House
April 6 – Ladies Night

We also look forward to conferring another FC degree and in joining with Wayne Lodge #25 to perform the MM degree at the historical Old Fort Wayne.

Be Great! Lux ex Tenebris!
Respectfully and Fraternally,

Kurt A. Begue PM
Worshipful Master