

Tidings from the East Brethren!

A special thank you to Bros. Edward Snyder and Jim Bishop PM for their coordination of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist on December 27. It was a great evening, and many of the comments received from the visiting Brothers was that this was the BEST feast that they had ever attended. There were 42 Mason's in attendance from 6 lodges.

Committee chairperson Ed Snyder ran the event so well, that the \$10 that each Brother paid to eat, covered all the expenses and Highland was not financially impacted! In addition, the Brothers who were in attendance, contributed \$216.00 to the donation to this year's charity, Turnstone (<http://www.turnstone.org/>). By the way, how appropriate for a donation, \$216 from the Masons at 216 E. Washington St. Perfection!

Next another special thank you to Bro John Tuttle PM for fixing an excellent lasagna dinner prior to our stated meeting. The members of Highland Lodge really have a lot to look forward to with regards to excellent food for 2013!

In the stated meeting we read and approved four sets of meeting minutes (December stated, Close Lodge of Sorrow 2012, Installation, Open Lodge of Sorrow 2013). We had one Dissolution of Plural membership and two petitions for transfer.

The Standing Committees gave their Year End summary reports. Motion was moved to make a \$15.20 contribution to the Masonic Relief Board. Paid our Bills. Installed Bro. John Tuttle PM as our Junior Warden.

There are currently 38 Brothers who had not yet paid their 2013 dues, that is out of 78 members. So if you have not yet paid, please do so as quickly as possible. For those Brothers who are having a difficult time financially, please contact the lodge so that we can extend some Masonic relief. At the January stated meeting, we remitted the dues for two Brothers.

2013 Committees were appointed:

Committees:

Masonic Home – Edward Snyder

Masonic Education - Paul Martin, Jim Bishop PM, Brice Herald, Arthur Percy III

Finance - Mark Goebel, Paul Martin, Tim Herald

Charity - Kurt Begue PM, Mark Goebel, John Tuttle PM

Family – Andy Holman, Arthur Percy Jr., Paul Buckles, Tim Herald

Optional Committees:

New Member Mentoring - Jim Bishop PM, Paul Buckles, John Tuttle PM

Activities / Family Fun - Arthur Percy Jr, Tim Gehring, Cade Buckles, Brice Herald

Fund Raising - Mark Goebel

Ritual Proficiency – Tim Gehring, John Tuttle PM, Jack Glass
Degree Cast Director - Mark Goebel
Bylaws Committee - Jim Bishop PM, Ed Snyder, Jack Glass
Dues Committee - Mark Goebel, John Tuttle PM, Jim Bishop PM
Funeral Committee - Jim Bishop PM, Tim Gehring, Brice Herald

If you are interested in helping out on any of the committees, please let me know, because we sure could use some extra help!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Note: All events can be found on our website at: <http://www.highland762.com/calendar.html>

Second Note: Bro. Paul Martin made an excellent suggestion about having these dates available in writing at our stated meetings. I think it is a great idea and will do my best to have them available for the next stated meeting.

Jan 3, 2013 - 7:00pm EA Practice
Jan 10 - 7:00pm EA Practice
Jan 12 - Founders Day - Leave Temple parking lot at 5:30am
Jan 14 - 5:30pm - Lodge Visitation to Sol D Bayless #359 - EA Degree
Jan 17 - 7:00pm - Lodge Visitation to Leo Lodge #224 - EA Degree
Jan 23 - 6:30pm - Dinner for EA Degree
Jan 23 - 7:30pm - EA Degree
Jan 24 - 7:00pm - Masonic Preparedness - The nuts and bolts of Free Masonry
Feb 6 - 6:30pm - Dinner for Stated Meeting
Feb 6 - 7:30pm - Stated Meeting
Feb 11 - Ritual Workshop on EA Degree in Ligonier
Feb 12 - Ritual Workshop on FC Degree in Columbia City
Feb 13 - Ritual Workshop on 1st Sec MM Degree in Menton
Feb 19 - Ritual Workshop on 2nd Sec MM Degree in Butler
Mar 6 - 6:30pm - Dinner for Stated Meeting
Mar 6 - 7:30pm - Stated Meeting
Mar 23 - 8:00pm - Arena Dinner Theatre - Mason's only in attendance

NOTE: the Open House and Ladies Night scheduled for Feb 16 has been cancelled. Apparently the Temple calendar had a glitch, and what appeared to be an open weekend at the Temple, was in fact rented. So we are not able to have our event at that time. I will defer to the Family Committee to reschedule these events.

For Masonic license plate applications and Indiana Grand Lodge Scholarship forms (will be available after Founders Day) please see Bro. James Bishop PM, secretary.

We briefly held discussion about an automated calling tree. Bro Mark Goebel is going to look into the Scottish Rite calling tree and see if that is available.

We discussed sickness and distress and special thoughts and prayers go out to: Bro. Jack Glass and his wife Sharis. Many of our Brothers have been battling sicknesses over the past December and we wish them all a speedy and complete recovery.

Masonic Education was regarding Masonic Dates. Since it was the new year it seemed an appropriate time to discuss.

Again, the Officers of Highland Lodge would like to wish you a very Happy New Year, and we truly hope to see you in Lodge at the February 6 stated meeting, dinner at 6:30pm.

Be Great! Lux ex Tenebris!

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Kurt A. Begue PM
Worshipful Master