

Highland Lodge #762 F&AM
216 East Washington Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

First Wednesday at 7:30pm

www.highland762.com

Greetings from the East Brothers!

During our December stated meeting, we elected two candidates for the degrees of Masonry. We look forward to proceeding with the degree work in late January after our new Officers get a chance to practice their parts.

Brothers thank you very much for the opportunity to represent you as the Worshipful Master of Highland Lodge for the 2013 calendar year. Thank you again for your attendance and support of the Officer's Installation. To say that it was an excellent night is simply an understatement. My thanks go out to all the families, who were able to be in attendance, and make the evening a very special family experience. To see the pictures from the evening, please visit the Highland Lodge website and click the Officers link. As well, we have an excellent line of Officers for the upcoming year, they include:

Senior Warden - Mark Goebel
Junior Warden - John Tuttle, PM
Treasurer - Ed Snyder
Secretary - Jim Bishop, PM
Senior Deacon - Andy Holman
Junior Deacon - Arthur L. Percy Jr.
Senior Steward - Tim Gehring
Junior Steward - Adam Wagner
Chaplain - Clayton Mance
Tyler - Brice Herald

I know that they will work hard, and produce both fun and productive work for the lodge.

Dinner before the installation was excellent, and I want to thank both Bros. Mark Goebel and Ed Snyder for setting it all up.

Yes, I have been installed before, and have witnessed many other installations, but never have I seen one done with such grace, elegance and class as was bestowed by our Installing Officers. Thank you to WBro. Jim Bishop, PM. His organization throughout the installation was incredible. All of the "little" things were thought of, and that is what made the evening extremely special. WBro. Ed Fodrea, PM and Bro. Paul Buckles did an incredible job on very short notice.

Speaking of good productive work, my first written Official act as Worshipful Master was to

sign a petition for our very own Bros. Tim Hearld and Brice Hearld to receive the Boy Scout's "Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award". Both Tim and Brice have been heavily involved in Scouting. Brice gained the honorable title of Eagle Scout being one of the youngest to receive this title.

The Motto for the Lodge in 2013 is: "Be Great! Lux ex Tenebris."
Lux ex Tenebris is Latin for: Light from Darkness

This intent of this motto is to remind us of our Masonic obligations. We must do good in all our thoughts and actions. We need to help our Brothers in need, contribute to the greater good of our Lodge, and contribute to our Community in general. Whether you are focusing on: being a better Husband, a better Father, doing better at work, doing good deeds for your place of worship, whatever your aspiration, Be Great!

My goal of the Highland Lodge Officers for 2013 is to provide the members with a fun, fraternal experience that lifts their lives and gives them relief and comfort from their daily lives. A place where they can come and be with great men of like morals and have camaraderie to the benefit of all.

Brothers, at my time of writing this, December is upon us, and there are many family oriented obligations that you will need to attend to. I would take a verse from our EA Charge: "yet it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations; for these are on no account to be neglected".

So my advice, take the remainder of the year, read through your Masonic Monitor and digest its contents. For you ritualists, spend time in your code book and brush up on your parts and the lectures. Officers, learn your parts, and be ready to do your best with proficiency.

Our first Stated Meeting of the new year (jacket and tie required of Officers) will be on Wednesday, Jan 2, 2013 (barring any intervention by the Mayans), and we WILL do the following:

1. Have FUN!
2. Appoint Committees which will oversee the good work to be done in 2013
3. Setup practices for the EA degree
4. Receive some petitions for membership!
5. Prepare for our Founders Day Trip on January 12, 2013

Brothers, have a joyous and pleasant holiday season.

And remember, Be Great! Lux ex Tenebris.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Kurt A. Begue, PM
Worshipful Master