

Tidings from the East brethren!

Spring is here, which means Masonic events across the state are in full swing. Much is starting to happen. Since our last meeting Bro. Bradley Baker, received his 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a sincere congratulations to Bro. Baker.

Following prayer, dinner started at 6:30, Bro. Tim Herald prepared a great variety of bratwursts for our enjoyment, I was glad to see some of the brethren bringing family members to our dinner, and have family involved in our fellowship at dinner.

At 7:30, the pledge of allegiance was given to our Nation's colors was given, and the Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree. Minutes were read, and Lodge business was conducted. I am pleased to say, we will start having very active month's ahead of us. We are going to start conducting Degree practices, so Officers of Highland I hope you are going through your blue cipher books and digesting its contents and practicing for the Degrees of Freemasonry to be conferred.

In lieu of the week of Easter, Masonic education was given on a very Christian Masonic Degree; that is still conferred, and is often forgotten about over here, The Royal Ark Mariner degree. It is a beautiful degree and explicitly Christian in nature. It is still conferred here in the United States under the authority of the Allied Masonic Degrees. In other Countries like the UK, it is controlled by Mark Master Lodges, and in Canada conferred under the authority of Royal And Select Master Councils. It is interesting to point out as well, that there are so many degrees that are continuously practiced/conferred, and often unheard of over here in the United States, and the different bodies that have authority over certain Degrees.

The Lodge then closed on the Master Mason Degree, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Highland Lodge was pleased to Make a visit down the road to Roanoke 195, on the night of the 7<sup>th</sup>, we had a great night with our brethren of Roanoke, and enjoyed fellowship after wards.

Lastly, our very own Senior Warden, Bro. Jason Miller; who is this years Excellent High Priest for Fort Wayne Chapter 19 Royal Arch Masons, had the distinct honor of opening this years Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Indiana, on April 11th at the Grand Wayne center. This is the first time Fort Wayne Chap. 19 has had that honor since 1963. Bro. Miller did a phenomenal job in his Masonic labors. In attendance were many brethren of Highland, who are also members of Fort Wayne Chapter 19, it was a fantastic day. On behalf of Highland 762, a sincere congratulations to W:Bro. James B. Coleman for a successful year as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Indiana.

As a reminder:

April 23rd - 6:30 PM EA Practice

May 2nd - 10:00AM Master Mason degree at the Old fort, Brethren even though we do not have any candidates this year for the MM degree, please show your support by attending the MM degree at the Old Fort, hosted by Wayne Lodge No.25, they have always put on a great outdoor MM degree!

May 18 & 19 - Do not forget Annual Communication, I will be driving down this year and bringing Brethren with me, if you plan on going or would like a ride, please let me know ASAP.

May the hands of the Lord continue to bless all of you!

Be Great! Lux Ex Tenebris!

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