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Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

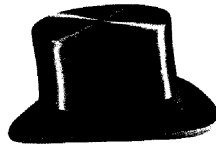
Only a life lived for others is a life
worthwhile.—Albert Einstein

Take a good look at yourself; you are someone's impression of Freemasonry.

As leaves on the trees, such is the life of man.
—Homer, ancient Gr. poet

The life which is unexamined is not worth living.
—Plato, ancient Gr. philosopher

From the East
Dan W. Self, WM



We had our first stated meeting this year and it was a long meeting. We had annual reports given from last year and two candidates voted into our Lodge. We also installed two officers that night so all officers are officially installed. I will keep my communication short this month due to all the committees and the trip itinerary that you will read about in this issue. I want to remind you to

make your reservation for the Sweetheart Banquet on February 13. Also, do not forget about the breakfast at the Lodge on February 7th from 7- 10 AM.

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From the Secretary Wm. Jeff Reagin, Secretary

Brethren, if you have not paid your dues (\$46.50), please attend to this as soon as possible; the paper work associated with late dues is terribly time-consuming and the time could be put to better use. We did pick up a couple of new Life Endowment members and I congratulate them on this decision. I do have 2009 validated license plate forms which are available on request. Your children, parents, OES members; and, our widows are eligible for Masonic plates. Also motorcycle enthusiasts may get a Masonic plate for your bike.

Jackson Lodge #146 Gary Wirt Scholarship Applications are available in the upstairs foyer; or, if you notify me in writing, I will mail an application to you. Sponsors, review the application to insure that the application has been filled out correctly. It seems every year we have a rejected applicant or two, because of an oversight on their part; this can lead to hard feelings toward the Lodge and the Scholarship Committee, when it really is just a case of failing to follow instructions. Pay close attention to those items which lead to automatic disqualification.

Itinerary – Lodge Trip to Pennsylvania, June 23 - June 27, 2008

Following are the high points of the Lodge trip to Pennsylvania this summer. Evening meals and breakfasts are included; lunches generally not included; lunch June 26 at Hershey Hotel is included. During significant travel times, a rest stop at a highway rest park is scheduled approximately every two hours.

June 23 – bus loads at 7:30 AM and departs 8 AM. Arrive at Breezewood, PA at 5:30 PM, with dinner at hotel at 6 PM.

June 24 – Continental breakfast at hotel. Load luggage at 7 AM; depart 7:30 AM. Arrive Philadelphia 12:30 PM for guided tour 1 PM - 5 PM including Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, Elfreth's Alley, and US Mint. Dinner 5:30 PM for those not attending Lodge; Meal with Melina Lodge at Masonic Temple at 5:45 PM and Lodge meeting with Melina Lodge 7 PM.

June 25 – Continental breakfast at hotel; check out and load luggage 9 AM; depart 9:15 AM. Tour Masonic Temple at 10 AM; lunch (not included) Reading Terminal Market; 2 PM - 4 PM Guided tour of Valley Forge (Continental Army winter site 1777 & 1778), and related area sites. Depart Valley Forge 4:15 PM and arrive at Best Western Inn 5:15 PM, with dinner buffet at 5:30 PM.

June 26 – Load luggage 7:15 AM; buffet breakfast at hotel 7:30 AM; depart 8:30 AM. Meet guide 9 AM at Chocolate World for 3-hour tour of Hershey Chocolate Town and Founders' Hall. Lunch (included) at Hershey Hotel and self-guided tour of Hershey Gardens, starting at 12 Noon. Depart 2:45 PM for 3:15 PM tour ride of Chocolate World. Chocolate-tasting time starting at 4 PM for 50 minutes. Depart 5 PM for Breezewood, PA. Arrive 6:30 PM at hotel for dinner.

June 27 – Continental breakfast; load luggage 7:30 AM; depart 8 AM. Arrive back at Jackson Lodge 5:30 PM.

Reservation information and cut-off date to be announced. (Reservations will be made, and additional information about trip obtained, by contacting Jeff Reagin, Lodge Secretary.)

Committees 2009

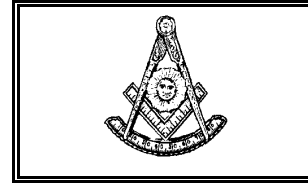
[To save space I am omitting titles; first name is chairman. – SKR]
Family – J. Riehl, R. Cupp, L. Kendall, B. Imlay,
G. Farrow, W. Wintin

Audit – J. Hackney, D. Gray, B. Imlay
 Relief – D. Self, J. Riehl, J. Kaiser
 Mas. Home Ambassador – S. Oathout
 TrestleBoard – S. Robison, S. Kroman
 (calendar), J. Reagin, D. Self
 Mem. Service – R. Cupp, S. Trueblood, S.
 Robison, F. Boling, H. Forgey, J. Riehl
 Moving Sign – P. Schaeffer
 Public Awareness – R. Nelson, S. Robison, S.
 Kroman
 Ritual – J. Reagin, B. Imlay, r. Trueblood, D.
 Self, J. Riehl
 Proficiency – J. Kaiser, R. Trueblood, D. Self, J.
 Riehl, J. Reagin
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 Reading – D. Self, J. Reagin, J. Riehl, J. Kaiser,
 R. Cummings
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 Lodge Photographer – H. Stogdill
 Investigating (Visitors) – D. Self, J. Riehl, J.
 Kaiser, R. Cummings, J. Reagin
 Road/Travel – T. Byrns, R. Schrader, G.
 Trowbridge
 Sweetheart Banquet – R. Cummings, D. Self, J.
 Kaiser
 Easter Egg Hunt – J. Kaiser, W. Wintin, J.
 Cooley, R. Smith, P. Lacy
 Labor Day Picnic – G. Spaulding, R. Nelson, J.
 Cooley, R. Schrader, D. Earley, D. Self, P. Lacy
 Breakfast – D. Self, J. Riehl, J. Kaiser, R.
 Cummings, G. Trowbridge, J. Cooley, R. Smith
 Reservations – J. Reagin, R. Cupp, J. Riehl, D.
 Self
 Scholarship – D. Self, J. Hackney, R. Trueblood,
 S. Kroman, W. Guinn, R. Cummings, R.
 Schrader
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 T. Byrns, J. Reagin, L. Thompson, W. Bentley,
 F. Cummings, C. Seybold, R. Ent, R. Trueblood,
 R. Cummings, G. Trowbridge, J. Cooley, W.
 Wintin, W. Guinn, R. Cupp
 Lodge Historians – S. Robison, S. Kroman, J.
 Reagin

Thoughts and Musings

Mas. Education – S. Robison, D. Self, J. Kaiser,
J. Reagin

Steven K. Robison, PM



Grand Treasurer John Grein is recovering from
 injuries in a fall suffered around Christmas-time.
 Grand Secretary Max Carpenter has recovered
 well from injuries sustained in a traffic accident
 in 2008. Both of these very fine Brethren are
 honorary members of #146.

In Memory

Since our last listing of deceased Brethren, the
 following Brethren have been called to the Grand
 Architect of the Universe:
 Charles Gardner Beatty 12/22/2007 Ernest Jim
 Jolly 1/9/2008 Ross Wallace 2/2/2008 Jimmie
 York 3/31/2008 Fred Manion, PM
 3/31/2008 Gary Elliott, PM 5/16/2008 William
 Willey 8/31/2008 Glenn E. Haley 11/4/2008

Odd Civil War “First”

The American Civil War featured a number of military “firsts,” such as use of the telegraph in military planning and execution, railroad-mounted cannon, and ironclad ships. I was perusing a list of these firsts and was struck by one such item: *the first aircraft carrier*. With the

Wright Brothers’ first successful flight not coming for some 40 years (early 20th Century), how could that be? Well, the Union Navy had one ship that was specifically designed to haul observation balloons, which were used in a number of campaigns during the Civil War . . .

Brother Alfalfa

Carl Switzer, “Alfalfa” in the old “Our Gang” series, was a Brother Mason. Born in 1927, raised as a member of Hollywood Lodge #355 (which included as members, i.a., Roy Rogers), Br. Switzer was killed in a shooting incident in 1959. The shooter, an acquaintance of Switzer’s, claimed self-defense – and walked free. Br. Switzer is buried in Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Br. Buster Babb

Br. Babb, a member of, i.a., Cowpens Masonic Lodge #210, SC, died January 3, 2009. [Br. Babb was an object of Masonic relief on one of the Masonic Lists in which I participate, several years ago, when he lost a leg to diabetes and suffered some resulting financial reverses. Br. Babb, I recall, refused to accept charity and insisted on making and donating trophies, plaques, and gavels to those who assisted him – while he was confined to a wheelchair. His is one of the more remarkable Masonic obituaries I have seen. See if you agree . . .]

[from the mortuary’s prepared obituary]

Buster was a native of Spartanburg and active in the community where he made his home for 66 years. He joined the United States Army in 1959

obtaining the rank of E-7 and was honorably discharged in 1974. Upon returning to Spartanburg, he started a paint contracting business until 1982. He retired from paint contracting and opened up a trophy business until he retired a third time.

Always active in his community, Buster availed himself of every opportunity to serve his fellow-man. He started a canned food drive to assist the elderly in Spartanburg County and was a volunteer at the Piedmont Blood Center, raising over 50,000 pints of blood. Buster raised more blood than any other member of the Hejaz Temple.

Buster was honored twice with the Dave Thomas Award for community service and in 1985 he received the Jefferson Award. He was the first Hejaz Shriner to receive 1 million points for his Crown of Honor.

Buster was a member of Cowpens Masonic Lodge #210 AFM, Calhoun Masonic Lodge #81 AFM, York Rite at Chicora Chapter #33, Blake Council 19, Spartanburg Commandery #3, Hejaz Shrine, and Converse Eastern Star No. 153. Buster was an honorary member of 519 lodges. He held honorary memberships in the Grand Lodge of NC, Georgia, and Jamaica. He spread light wherever he traveled and spoke in 987 different Lodges. He sat in 1023 Masonic lodges all around the world.

Due to his service to God, his community and his fellow-man, he was presented the second highest honor in Masonry, the Dalco Medal of Merit.

[from a GL of SC member, describing Br. Babb’s Masonic Memorial Service:]

Brother Babb was administered Masonic Rites by a bevy of jeweled collars this past Friday evening. A warmish evening, with a hint of rain, even warmer than usual by South Carolina weather history. I counted at least 5 Past Grand Masters and current GMs in attendance. A former GM of Georgia gave a brief eulogy and then two other South Carolina AFM PGMs gave a prayer and the short lecture on the sprig of acacia. Over 60 Masons were in attendance; in fact, there were more than could fit in the 8 rows reserved for the Brethren. By my estimate, eyeballing and then asking some others, there

were over 200 mourners present and it was probably closer to 300.

Some years ago, the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company ran an ad that read:

“There was once a man who loved nature with such a deep and moving love that nature shared with him one of her secrets. She gave him the power to create new plants. This man’s name was Luther Burbank. “Luther Burbank saw that every plant was a child. It had its own face, its own promise, its unique touch of genius or character, and that if that promise were tended and encouraged; the plant would grow more beautiful each year. With that insight Burbank made potatoes grow larger, whiter, more delicious than they had been before. He taught the cactus of the desert to drop its spines, so that cattle could fatten upon it, and made the blackberry shed its thorns, so that it would not cut the fingers of the pickers. For Burbank, the plum grew without pits, and strawberries ripened all year and he left the earth covered with flowers and fruits that no one had ever grown before.”

How could he do all of this? He learned a secret, “Choose to see new possibilities in everything.”

Put your mind to your dreams and almost without your noticing it, those dreams become realities. For the key to success on any level of achievement is “we become what captures our attention and imagination.”

–WB Wally Zink, MN

Without Scruples or Diffidence

–Author Unknown

All Masons are aware, of course, that FellowCrafts received their wages without scruples or diffidence. Very few of them have any idea whatsoever what this might mean. Indeed, the usage of these two words is now so far lost that the only way that we can come to an understanding of these words is

What We Become

through the responses we learn in the FellowCraft catechism.

“Scruples” are doubts or objections to a proposed action on the grounds of morality. We might refuse to join in a scheme to defraud someone on the grounds that it would be immoral; an “unscrupulous” person would have no hesitation in joining. When the FellowCrafts received their wages “without scruple” does this mean that they were unscrupulous?

The answer shows us that it’s the opposite, actually. They had no scruples because they knew that they had justly earned their wages and that no moral objection could be raised to their receiving them. Just think about that for a moment. How many employees, as they are getting their paychecks, ask themselves, “Did I really earn this money? Or did I slack off or do shoddy work or pretend to be sick when I really wasn’t or do anything else that would make my accepting this money morally tainted?” Isn’t it much more common to hear employees insist not only on their wage but on extensive fringe benefits while at the same time complaining that their employers want them to do their jobs properly?

The concept of diffidence is even more difficult. It is defined as “self-distrust, lack of confidence, modesty, shyness.” “Without diffidence” means “confidently, boldly.”

When I think of someone receiving wages diffidently I think of a teenage babysitter on the job for the first time. She is so shy about the payment end of the transaction that she will not even mention it if you forget to pay her altogether. She will certainly not raise the question of the amount of her pay. The experienced babysitter receives her wages without diffidence; she knows what she is entitled to and is not afraid to insist. It is experience, of course, that usually helps us overcome youthful shyness and lack of self-confidence. So why does the Work tell us that the ancient FellowCrafts lacked diffidence because of “the unbounded confidence they placed in the integrity of their employers.?”

Shyness is so often a fear that if one speaks up one will be treated with ridicule or contempt. But I imagine the FellowCraft counting his pay with a puzzled look on his face and then asking the Warden, “Does this include my pay for working last Tuesday?” He knows the Warden will give him a straight answer and in a kindly and courteous manner.

How many employers these days would do that?

The payment of wages in Masonry is often a symbol for the benefits we receive from life. God is our paymaster. Our job as human beings is to work not only in the mundane world but also in the spiritual quarries where we are building a temple to His glory. And we receive not only “our daily bread” or the benefits we require for our physical well-being but also spiritual benefits as our wage. How do we receive them? Do we think that “the world owes us a living;” that we can live the high life without doing our share, that we can cheat our way to the benefits that God offers? No, we receive them without scruple. We would not think of accepting the good things of life without doing our part; therefore, we do our job without stinting and earn our wage. Nor are we afraid of accepting the gifts God gives us. We accept that God wishes us to have them and to use them to benefit mankind and glorify Him. We are not diffident about accepting those benefits.

A Perfect Explanation

The wife came home early and found her husband in their bedroom, making love to a **very** attractive young woman.

And she was more than a little upset! “You are a disrespectful pig!” She cried. ‘How dare you do this to me – your faithful wife, the mother of your children! I’m leaving you. I want a divorce right away!’”

And the husband replied, “Hang on just a minute, love, so at least I can tell you what happened.”

“Fine, go ahead,” she sobbed, “but they’ll be the last words you’ll say to me!” And the husband

if you are confident in those around you those fears do not arise.

began – “Well, I was getting into the car to drive home, and this young lady here asked me for a lift. She looked so down and out and defenseless that I took pity on her and let her into the car. I noticed that she was very thin, not well dressed and very dirty. She told me that she hadn’t eaten for three days. So, in my compassion, I brought her home and warmed up the enchiladas I made for you last night, the ones you wouldn’t eat because you’re afraid you’ll put on weight. The poor thing devoured them in moments. Since she needed a good clean-up, I suggested a shower, and while she was doing that, I noticed her clothes were dirty and full of holes, so I threw them away. Then, as she needed clothes, I gave her the designer jeans that you have had for a few years, but don’t wear because you say they are too tight. I also gave her the underwear that was your anniversary present, which you don’t wear because I don’t have good taste. I found the sexy blouse my sister gave you for Christmas that you don’t wear just to annoy her, and I also donated those boots you bought at the expensive boutique and don’t wear because someone at work has a pair the same.”

The husband took a quick breath and continued - “She was so grateful for my understanding and help that, as I walked her to the door, she turned to me with tears in her eyes, and said, “Please, sir ... Do you have anything else that your wife doesn’t use?”

ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY

[Heard on a Minnesota radio station reporting on the incident.]

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator for \$42,500.00 (with monthly payments of \$860.00).

He and a friend go duck-hunting in upper Minnesota. It’s mid-winter; and of course all of the lakes are frozen. These two guys go out on the ice with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the new NAVIGATOR.

They decide they want to make a natural- looking opening in the water for the ducks to focus on, something for the decoys to float in. Now, making a hole in the ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a little more power than the average drill auger can produce. So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40-second fuse. Now our two rocket scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the following course of action:

They light the 40 second fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the stick of dynamite as far away as possible.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the NAVIGATOR, the GUNS, and the DOG...? Let's talk about the dog: A highly-trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING; especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it – The dog takes off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as it hits the ice.

The two men swallow, blink, start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the dog to stop. The dog, now apparently cheered on by his Master, keeps coming. One hunter panics, grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 bird shot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab.

The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused, then continues on. Another shot, and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane.

The dog takes off to find cover – UNDER the brand new Navigator.

The men continue to scream as they run. The red hot exhaust pipe on the Navigator touches the dog's rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the Navigator, and takes off after his Master.

Then, BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!! The Navigator is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving the two idiots standing there with "I can't believe this just happened" looks on their faces.

This could be worse – at least the Navigator owner has insurance, right? Well, . . . no. The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is NOT COVERED by the owner's insurance policy. (And he still had yet to make the first of those \$860.00 a month payments.)
The dog is okay . . . doing fine.
And you thought Rednecks only lived in the South . . .

Good Books

I have written about several books over the past few years describing the situation in the Middle East. There are a number of others, some with fairly unsettling perspectives, which someone interested in trying to make sense of the conflicts and tensions in that part of the world might find interesting and/or enlightening. A few of them: **The Bin Ladens**, by Steve Coll, is the story of the Bin Laden family and its founder, Mohamed Bin Laden, an illiterate Yemeni bricklayer who managed to travel to the new kingdom of Saudi Arabia and quickly became an essential character in its development, forming the backbone of Saudi economic development which made himself and many of his children, including Osama, multimillionaires. It also provides good insight into the Saudi royal family.

Kingmakers, by husband and wife Karl E. Mayer and Shareen Blair Brysac, is an account of the colorful personalities which have helped shape the Middle East, a region whose development has been defined in the authors' view by a "grandiose imperial overreach of Great Britain and the United States."

Terror and Consent, by Philip Bobbitt, of Columbia University and the University of Texas, posits that the United States, with its overwhelming strategic dominance, is actually the cause of global networked terrorism. This isn't a blame situation, says Bobbitt, but, rather, a ground for reflection on the issues which influence the tensions. Bobbitt does assert that we have defined the "war on terror" in such a way as to make it virtually impossible to win.

A Choice of Enemies, by Lawrence Friedman, chronicles the evolution of the Middle East quagmire from three events in 1979 which played a critical role in the evolution of American policy: the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the overthrow of the Shah in Iran; and, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Friedman notes that the US has found itself in the unenviable position of being in conflict simultaneously with Iraq, Iran, and al-Qaeda – three entities who all have been bitterly antagonistic to each other.

Here are a couple of riddles (answers later in this issue): (A) What do the bacteria *Lactobacillus burglaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus* have in common? (B) What American institution did Napoleon's grand-nephew Charles Bonaparte found in 1908?

Huh?

It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people.
–Logan Pearsall Smith

Actual Country Song Titles:

- * I've Been Flushed from the Bathroom of Your Heart
- * I've Got the Hungries for Your Love and I'm Waiting in Your Welfare Line
- * You Stuck My Heart in an Old Tin Can and Shot It Off a Log

Happy Holidays to Game Show Idiot
Family Feud host Richard Dawson: Name one of Santa's reindeer.
Contestant: Nixon

One Tired Man, One Tattered Kilt
Spokeswoman Susan Seenan said, "We know from talking to patients and clinics that there is only one active sperm donor covering the whole of Scotland at the moment."
–from the Glasgow Herald

Painter Pablo Picasso was used to complaints that his portraits weren't realistic because his abstracts didn't look like the people who had posed. One disgruntled American collector said he preferred photography to paintings because photos showed what was really there. To prove it, he handed Picasso a photo of his girlfriend. "Is she really that small?" the artist countered.

Cell Phone Customer Lacking Gray Matter

Tech support: How can I help you?
Customer: My phone's locked up and I can't get it unlocked.
Tech: Well, what exactly happened?
Customer: I dunno, just suddenly the screen said Press Menu followed by #.
Tech: So, did you try that?
Customer: Try what?
Tech: Pressing Menu followed by #?
(pause)
Customer: OH MY GOD. YOU FIXED MY CELL PHONE. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
–actual call to tech support line

Dumb Cons

A woman rolled up a shopping cart filled with merchandise to the checkout counter in a Wal-Mart, then tried to pay with a counterfeit one million dollar bill. The United States government has never printed a one million dollar bill. And, exactly how did the counterfeiter think Wal-Mart was going to make change?

We'll Provide One if You Don't Have One
Please Hold a Dog in Your Arms While Walking in the Lobby.
–Sign in Tokyo apartment building lobby

Illogical Logic

He might have won the war, but the battle's not over.
–football player Cadillac Williams, on friendly competition with Auburn teammate Ronnie Brown, picked three spots higher than Williams in 2005 NFL draft

Thoughts

Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are your own fears.—Rudyard Kipling, 1865 - 1936 The principle of all successful effort is to try to do not what is absolutely the best, but what is easily within our power, and suited for our temperament and condition.—John Ruskin, 1819 - 1900* It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.—Whitney Moore Young, Jr., 1921 - 1971* Recipe for success: Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing.—William A. Ward* We should always be prepared for future technologies, because otherwise they will come along and clobber us.—Arthur C. Clarke, 1917 - 2008 For, what other dungeon is so dark as one's own heart! What jailer so inexorable as one's self!—Nathaniel Hawthorne 1804 - 1864, The House of the Seven Gables (1851) There is no unbelief; Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod, And waits to see it push away the clod, He trusts in God.—Lizzie York Case (1840 - 1911), Unbelief, Stanza 1 The process of living seems to consist in coming to realize truths so ancient and simple that, if stated, they sound like barren platitudes.—C. S. Lewis* Science advances through tentative answers to a series of more and more subtle questions which reach deeper and deeper into the essence of natural phenomena.* In the fields of observation chance favors only the prepared mind.* Imagination should give wings to our thoughts but we always need decisive experimental proof, and when the moment comes to draw conclusions and to interpret the gathered observations, imagination must be checked and documented by the factual results of the experiment.* When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments; tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become.* I am on the edge of mysteries and the

Aaron Graham 26 yrs
Denver Gray 26 yrs
Carl Arnold, III, PM 24 yrs
Don Warner 22 yrs
Brian Burke 22 yrs
Steven K. Robison, PM 18 yrs
Gary Trowbridge 9 yrs

veil is getting thinner and thinner.* A bottle of wine contains more philosophy than all the books in the world.—all from Louis Pasteur, 1822 - 1895 The only thing that saves us from the bureaucracy is inefficiency. An efficient bureaucracy is the greatest threat to liberty.—Eugene McCarthy

Answers to riddles: (A) Both must be present in a product for it to be labeled as yogurt according to US Food and Drug Administration guidelines. (B) The F.B.I. – Bonaparte was US Attorney General at the time.

Happenings, Events, and Reports

Sweetheart Banquet

Announcement in this issue.

Anniversaries

Masonic

Earl Miracle 53 yrs
Everett McGill, Jr. 52 yrs
Robert "Gene" Pearson, PM 52 yrs
Bob Conway 50 yrs
William Prewitt 48 yrs
Robert Brown 43 yrs
Jerry Hatton 38 yrs
Jim Harrell, PM 33 yrs
Mike Dutton, PM 30 yrs
Marcus Stockhover 26 yrs

George Anthony 2 yr
William "Dexter" McKain 2 yr

Widows' Birthdays

Mrs. Pauline Sander
Mrs. Dorothy Hash

OES Anniversaries

Alice Tally 69
Juanita VonDielingen 62
Dorothy Ruddick 60
Carlene Price 56
Glenna Stewart 53
Pearl Fletcher 32
Charles Leffler 19
Connie Leffler 19

OES News

Mollie Brown, Worthy Matron
Jack Riehl, Worthy Patron

OES welcomed two new members in January and looks forward to working and socializing with them. Seymour Chapter will give a reception at the lodge honoring Sister Margaret Kroman, District Deputy #4, on Saturday afternoon, February 7, 2009. Announcement below. Members are encouraged to join us at the February 5 stated meeting at 7:30 PM.

<p>Our own Sister Margaret Kroman, District Deputy #4, will be honored at a reception at Jackson Lodge on February 7, 2009, starting at 3 PM. All members are encouraged to</p>

Ladies of the Lodge News

Ora Lee Schwade-President

The Ladies of the Lodge held their Christmas meeting December 10th with eleven members and one guest in attendance. Following a delicious meal and a short business meeting the group enjoyed Bingo. Terry Byrns called the game so each member could choose a Christmas gift as they won.

Officers were installed at the January 14th meeting. Those installed were: President-Ora Lee Schwade, Vice President-Faye Kovenor, Secretary-Nancy Byrns, and Treasurer-Laura Geiger.

Pearl Fletcher presented the Program. Concern was expressed for Pauline Sanders and Virginia Linn, who are experiencing health problems. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11th, at Jackson Lodge. All Ladies associated with Jackson Lodge are invited to attend.

Rainbow News

Ally Snyder, Worthy Advisor
Loretta Riehl, Mother Advisor

We extend our congratulations to Ally Snyder, who has been installed as Worthy Advisor for this term, and all the officers who were elected and appointed. February 3rd is the educational meeting beginning at 4:00 PM at the Lodge. The 14th will be the DeMolay dance in Indianapolis, and the 17th is our regular meeting. Happy Valentines Day!

Happy Valentine's Day!
-from Jackson Lodge #146

You are cordially invited to attend **Jackson Lodge #146 Annual Sweetheart Banquet** at the Pines Evergreen Room on **Friday, February 13, 2009**.

Doors open at 5:30 PM followed by a buffet-style dinner at 6:30 PM. Following the dinner, the Jackson County Community Theater will present *The Sunshine Boys*, a Neil Simon play, about a cantankerous comedy duo. Walter Matthau and George Burns starred in the 1975 movie adaptation, and we are sure you will enjoy the show!

Please make your *reservations at the Lodge (522-4945) by February 6, 2009*; Jeff Reagin will take reservations or you may leave a message. *Timely reservations are required in order to ensure sweetheart gifts.* PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF when making a reservation. The Lodge is charged based on reservations; *if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please call Jeff promptly to cancel.*

☞ This announcement is the invitation; no other invitations will be sent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars! The 2008 Jackson Lodge #146 Sweetheart Banquet will be held at the Pines Evergreen Room on Friday, February 8, 2008. Buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 PM with special entertainment to start at 7:30 PM. Please contact the Lodge ASAP at 522-4945 to make your reservation!
