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## **Installation of New Officers**

Installation of new officers was held on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.

New officer for 2016 are:

WM – Bob MacDonald; SW – Steve Williams; JW – Bob Haley; Sec – Junior Wehr; Treas – Brent Campbell; SD – Jathan Jones; JD – Jerry Piquene; SS – Joe Gooding; JS – Steven Halchuck ; Tyler – Bob Shumate; Chaplain – Jay Allen. Several of the new Officers will be installed at the stated meeting on Jan. 7th. The event was attended by several of the Brothers wives and families. In fact all of the Master's family were there to support our new Master in his beginning of a very productive year. Following closing of the Lodge all were joined for pie and ice cream which extended to a gathering for photos and joyful conversation. The youngest attending was SD's son of 2 months, parents are doing well but suffering sleep deprivation, both have accepted the fact.

## **From The Master** - The Masonic

core principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth – Freemasonry instills in its members a moral and ethical approach to life: it seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things. Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but, importantly, Freemasonry also teaches and practices concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need. In short Freemasonry Cares. Freemasonry has at it's heart the three core principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

**Brotherly Love.** Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for opinions of others and will behave with compassion and understanding to his fellows.

**Relief.** From earliest times Freemasons have been taught to help those in distress without detriment to their dependents, and to give their support to outside charities.

**Truth.** Freemasons strive for truth both in their view of themselves and in their dealings with others. Masonry requires high moral standards and its member endeavor to uphold these principles in their public and private lives. In conjunction with the Celebration of our History, in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> festivities this year, I encourage our Brethern's focus to be in spreading these principle tenets "Brotherly Love", "Relief" and "Truth" to those we come in contact with in 2016. In the expression of these tenets in our daily relationships and specifically with our Brothers and their family we may project these important aspects of being a Mason to those we encounter locally or in our travels. May the opportunity to express these tenets abound for each of us in 2016.

### **Mason In The News**

This section of the newsletter is focused on members who are currently active in the Lodge and Masonry or stand out because of their prior contribution. In this issue Bob Haley is the Mason In the News. Bob comes from a family line of Masons which included his father Bill, who was twice the WM at Mt Etna.

When I asked Bob how he came to be a Mason, he said that his first exposure was as a teen in DeMolay at Warren when about half a dozen guys all joined the same year. "We all enjoyed each other and had a lot of fun. When I became an adult, my Dad and Great Grandfather both thought it would be a good idea to become a Mason." Bob was raised in 1992.

Bob is active in many different aspects at Mt Etna. He has served twice as WM in 2007 and 2011, is the cook for lodge meeting and special events, coordinates several special events in the lodge which includes the Valentine's Day Dinner, the Annual Car Show, and Halloween get-together, and leads many of the maintenance activities. When asked what he enjoys most about Masonry, he was quick to reply, "The fellowship. You have to like people and what better way to meet and get to know other like-minded men than through Masonry."

Bob lives in Huntington with his wife Cindy, has one married daughter and two grandchildren, and works at Ace Hardware.

## **A Look Back In the Lodge Minutes**

Minute entries often referred to the building(s) and property the Lodge owned. Just like today, the cost of buying and maintaining facilities would have been one of the largest financial considerations of the Lodge and at times a major focus of concern. Adding a degree of difficulty was that the Lodge apparently owned multiple buildings over the years that all or part of were rented for retail store space. While this would have added to the Lodge's revenue, it also required the Trustees or someone else to oversee. Where the Lodge met and what it owned becomes confusing since not all buildings, Lodge Halls, or properties have been determined.

Starting in 1903, and for the next five years, many Minute entries dealt with the discussion and decision to build a new Lodge Hall. As might be expected, committees were formed, discussions held, and questions of financing were all a part of the process. The final result was building the current hall which has been used since approximately 1908 by the Mt

Etna Lodge. Well, half of it. The original building was half the size of the current building. The building was two stories high, with a general store, sometimes referred as "the storeroom", downstairs. An entrance for the Lodge Hall was centered halfway across the south wall of the building at the foot of the stairway leading to the current Lodge Room on the second floor. It appears that an enclosure may have existed inside the Lodge entry at the base of the stairs to partition it off from the general store. Downstairs the Lodge was only as wide as where the current columns divide the eating area and lounging area. Upstairs was the area for the present Lodge floor but did not include the theatre seating area.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – One of the upgrades to the Lodge for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is to replace the carpet in both the upstairs and eating area downstairs. Per Bob MacDonald a company and fabric have been chosen and 50% deposit placed. Work days for January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> have been set to remove the old carpet and work on other repairs and updates to the Lodge building.

**Medical Update** - Brother David Swanson has had the first surgery on his hip and is waiting for results on infection tests. Hopefully in the near future the final determination will be made and his problems will be resolved and a new hip installed.

### **Upcoming Lodge Activities – 2016**

Looks to be a fun and exciting year as a number of family activities are being planned with the objective of having at least one activity a month.

Jan – Komets Hockey Night  
Feb – Valentines Party at the lodge  
Mar – Mad Ants Basketball game  
Apr – Potential Golf Outing –  
Dogwood Glen, Warren  
May – Open For Ideas/Suggestions  
Jun – Tin Caps Baseball game  
Jul – Salamonie Festival Fund Raiser  
Jul – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration (July 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Aug – Annual Car Show at the lodge  
Sep – Fun Target Shoot  
Oct – Halloween Party  
Nov – Open For Ideas/Suggestions  
Dec – Potential Feast of St John00

### **Upcoming Events**

Jan 7 – Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan 7 – Executive meeting to discuss goals for 2016 prior to Stated Meeting

Jan 9 – Founder Day in Indianapolis

Jan 16 & 17 – Workday to remove old carpet, etc.

Feb 4 – Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm

Mar 3 – Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm