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## **From The Master**

### **WHAT A GREAT YEAR**

I cannot adequately express the extreme joy and happiness I feel in being honored to share and be a part of this year with my Brothers, their Families and Friends. Yes, much planning was in place prior to my being raised in our Lodge and many activities have been a standard part of our programs and outreach to our immediate members, Brother Masons and those in the community for years. Attendance at these functions, confirm that many are enjoying these times together.

Paramount in my mind is the wonderful start we had this year in bonding together and accomplishing the slated updates to our lodge. This combined effort resulted in not only enhancing our Lodge for the 150th celebration and rededication but for our future use. Yes, there were surprises and items to deal with along the way but all in all the individuals necessary stepped forward and were committed to moving Mt. Etna #333 forward. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

## **MEMORIES OF OUR 150<sup>th</sup>**

Yes, your WM was anxious, definitely up and through the initial opening and introductions. Despite the fact that many of you provided comforting words and support throughout. While this assisted me, it could not wipe out last minute thoughts on this or that and the realization that such special occasions and opportunities to share your Lodge and who you are occur "infrequently" and often over a span of many years.

It was indeed our pleasure to not only have our Grand Master (Carey B. Carter) and his Grand Lodge officer's in attendance, and providing our rededication, but the Grand Master of Kentucky (Cloyd J. Bumgardner) and his Deputy Grand Master (P. Todd Jones, cousin to our SD Jathan Jones) honor us with their presence. Additionally, sitting WMs David Barton and Steve Dooley along with many other PMs and Brothers from lodges who we have traveled and broke bread with us through the years.

As I attempt to reflect back on the day it went by like a flash. As expressed to many, much like a wedding day when after all the preparation "whoosh" the ceremony begins and the day is over. My

only wish being that I would have had more time to speak to and share with each and every one of you during the day. Guess I will have to accept this impossibility and focus more on the importance of time with each of you in the future.

Several notes were received after “Our Day” expressing their congratulations to us on our organization and preparedness and how wonderful the day was.

My brief thoughts e-mail to some of you at the end of the day:

**All is well!**

**Thanks so much for the assistance and support**

**Not just for those who could participate today but in its preparation and planning through the years**

**Let's keep up the good work and fellowship, as our lodge continues to moves forward**

### **Goals For Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

Besides a good look at and review of our By-Laws I would ask for your assistance in the final portion of 2016 in:

1. Completing the outstanding degree work we have at hand.
2. Presenting outstanding awards and Bibles.
3. A visitation with or Brothers in Warren.
4. Several group visitations to area lodges.

5. Continuing our spread of “Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth”

## **Mason in the News**

The Mason in the News for this issue is Junior Wehr. Junior’s father, Guilford Wehr, Sr is a long time Mason and Past Master. “It seems like Dad was always a Mason. You knew when in was Lodge night because Dad would get all cleaned up and put on his suit in the middle of the week. Back then you couldn’t be asked to be a Mason and it was something that I thought I didn’t have time for. Eventually I was raised in 1998 and only wish that I had joined a long time before.” Junior got involved right away becoming Master in 2004 and serving as Secretary almost continuously since. Junior is also involved in a number of behind the scenes activities such as building maintenance, snow plowing, and work days.

When asked what he enjoys most about Masonry, he responded “The friendship and the challenge of the ritual work”

Junior owns Farm Drainage, Inc. the business that his father started. In his spare time, he has a Red 1994 Corvette he enjoys and a 1977 Corvette to be restored. “My problem is that I don’t have any spare time.”

Junior is a great asset to the Lodge, has a dry sense of humor, and is a very worthy Mason.

## **Scholarship Awarded**

Katelyne Kline, the daughter of Ryan and Rachel Kline, is again a recipient of the Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite Nursing Scholarship for the 2016-17 School Year. This scholarship is awarded to nursing students who are enrolled at either St. Francis University or IPFW. Katelyne, a junior nursing student at St. Francis University in Ft. Wayne, was also awarded a scholarship from the Indiana Grand Lodge for the current school year. Congratulations to Katelyne!

## **Salamonie Festival Recap**

The food tent at the Salamonie Festival over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was a success. Total sales, \$2539. Net income, \$1113. Two blenders were purchased from the proceeds and are now part of the Lodge equipment. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have participated in the festival, with this year's sales over \$1000 more than in 2015. Thanks to all who participated, including 17 members, 2 regular attenders from other Lodges, and 4 Lodge family members.

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

In years gone by Masonic family gatherings were always a part of the social aspect of the Lodge with dinners, special events, and picnics being held. In the early nineteen hundreds multiple Minute entries were made as to where the annual picnic was to be held, what would be served for refreshments, and the appointment of a committee to handle the arrangements. While the picnic usually consumed a sizeable amount of discussion and Minute entry, the location chosen was always one of two places and the menu was always the same. "The Sec was instructed to notify all members not present of the picnic the fourth Saturday in Aug at A.R. Larges." (Minutes Aug 1, 1903) "R.H. Fisher and Jas Gallagher were appointed to furnish ice cream, lemonade and watermelons for picnic" (Minutes Aug 15, 1903) "Family night was discussed and a committee of three was appointed to look after strawberries and other eats. June 17 was decided upon for family night and also to observe anniversary day of St John the Baptist." (Minutes Jun 3, 1939)

## Annual Car Show Recap

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Mt Etna Lodge Car show was held on Saturday, August 6. The weather was great, there was a good turnout of entrants, and a number of people attended who simply came to enjoy the show. Bob Haley and Dave Williams handled most of the planning, with Steve and Dawn Williams serving up a variety of very good food, and several other members and friends helping out. Bob Haley said, "I think this was our best show ever. We had a number of different people help, and that is the key to any successful activity. It just makes it so much easier." Thanks to all who were involved.

## Upcoming Events

Sep 1- Executive Meeting prior to Stated Meeting  
Sept 1- Stated Meeting, 7:30  
Sep 11 – Masonic Home Festival, Franklin, IN  
Sep 29 - Lodge of Instruction, Amity (Host Lodge), 7:00 (scoring is based on officer's in attendance)  
Oct 6- Executive Meeting prior to Stated Meeting  
Oct 6- Stated Meeting, 7:30  
Oct 29- Halloween Party, 6:30

## Sage Masonic Thoughts

Ernest Borgnine was an accomplished actor, winner of the Academy Award for Best Actor in 1955, and best remembered as Lt Commander Quinton McHale in the 1960's comedy McHale's Navy. Borgnine was also a very accomplished Mason and ambassador for Masonry. In the May 2012 Knights Templar magazine is the following quote: "As I advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbors....We should always be proud of the order which we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But – we are hiding our light under a bushel basket."

