

Installation of Bartimaeus Officers

On May 24th, Nashville Lodge hosted the installation of the officers of Bartimaeus Lodge, U.D., by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by several of his Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year. Our own **Brother Stanley Fishel, P.M.**, was installed as Worshipful Master. Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffery P. Zaring presided and installed **Brother Stanley** and his other officers. Having only recently being installed as Grand Master, this was the Most Worshipful's first opportunity to close a Lodge in ample form as Grand Master. It was indeed an honor to host this event for Brother Stanley and a rare occasion for the Grand Master to visit and preside in Nashville Lodge. For those who have never heard of Bartimaeus Lodge, it is a lodge given special dispensation annually by the Grand Master to conduct degree work for candidates with physical impairments. The Master of this Lodge has the authority to alter portions of the degree work to accommodate the physical limitations of the candidate.

Parting Comments...

As you can see, we've been busy this summer! If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, I encourage you to come visit and be a part of what you've been missing. It has been a pleasure to serve this Lodge as your Master this year and I thank everyone who has done anything to assist me. I am looking forward to the new year and plan on assisting the new master in any way that I can. With the help of all, we can continue to grow our Lodge's membership and build on our standing in the community. After all, Nashville Lodge is the oldest and most respected fraternal organization in Brown County.

W.M. Mickey Frost

Calendar of Events

STATED MEETING

1st Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. (except July and August when we are Dark) Dinner at 7pm

NOVEMBER 2008

For current activities, check our web page, contact any of the lodge officers or email the W.M. (mfrost@qrvconsulting.com) or Secretary (rickwhite4790@att.net).

DECEMBER 2008

Annual elections will be held at our December Stated Meeting, December 2, 2008. If you would like to be elected/appointed to a position in the lodge line, this is the time to be at Lodge (some folks have been known to be elected or appointed even when they weren't there!).

Feast of St John 27 December 2008

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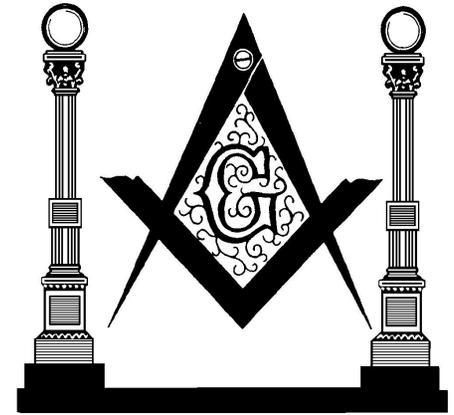
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MASTER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy year since our last newsletter. We have received **three** petitions for transfer from brother Masons and **eight** petitions for initiation. We anticipate our two newest Entered Apprentices being about ready for their Fellowcraft Degree. This past June the Brown County Democrat featured our Lodge and its history in their Founders Day issue. The multi-page article detailed our Lodge history, printed pictures of our past masters and other information. It was a wonderful service that the Brown County Democrat provided to the Lodge (if you didn't get your copy, we suggest you contact the Brown County Democrat to obtain a copy). We can make our Lodge more valuable to the community and thus promote Masonry with your ideas and assistance. Remember that the Stated Meeting in December is election night. Please be sure to attend. Visit your lodge when you can. If you need assistance in getting to lodge do not hesitate to call me at **(812) 837-9560**. If you have not attended lodge for some time, don't think that you have to work your way back into lodge. All you need is the Secretary's verification that you are a current member. **Believe me you will be welcome!** We need your suggestions for programs and activities that you think would help us to build membership, increase the visibility of the lodge in the community and that you would enjoy. Contact me at any time with your suggestions. You can help to make your lodge a visible and valued part of Brown County and thus encourage those who are eligible to join our illustrious fraternity.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

It is that time of year once again...yes...annual dues! In an attempt to save on postage, you should find your 2009 dues notice included with this newsletter. Those who are Life Endowed or 50-year members, your 2009 dues cards are also enclosed. Brethren, your annual dues are payable no later than December 31 each year; anything after that date and you are considered delinquent. A recent change to our by-laws requires that anyone delinquent by the April

Stated Meeting will be suspended for nonpayment. Don't let this happen to you. Many of us depend upon our wives to take care of this matter. Make sure you give her the dues notice now before you put it away and forget it!

Reminder....please note any change of address when submitting your dues payment. I will report any changes to Grand Lodge for you.

Awards of Gold

Brother **Jack McDonald** received his 50-year Award of Gold at our annual July 4th breakfast. Bro. **Ralph (Scotty) Bush** could not attend and received his Award of Gold directly from the Grand Lodge.

Our records indicate only one Brother will be receiving his 50-year Award of Gold this coming year - Brother **Carson Roberts** (May 2009).

25-year Membership Pins

In November when the annual membership list is received from Grand Lodge, the Secretary will determine which members are eligible for their 25-year pins and notify recipients accordingly.

Events

Breakfast for charity and the Flood

On June 7th Nashville 135 served a breakfast as a community fundraiser. Although hampered by mother nature's debilitating flood, we were still able to raise enough money to make a \$100 donation to the local Hickory Ridge Senior Center.

Benefit Dinner and Fish Fry for Hiram Waltz

For those unaware, our Past Master Hiram Waltz and his family lost their home to fire and flooding. In addition to assisting him through the Lodge's Relief Fund, we hosted a benefit dinner on June

14th, with the fish fry being provided by the Brown/Bartholomew County Shrine Clubs and the able assistance of our own in-house chefs. After the first \$500 was raised, one of our own members **matched** that amount with his own individual contribution. Donations continued pouring in well after the event and in total, a sizeable amount was provided to Brother Hiram and his family. It is nice to report that only very recently, Brother Hiram and his family are now residing in their new home.

4th of July Breakfast

Our annual July 4th breakfast was held with a very good turnout. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious breakfast and were treated to an informative slide presentation and comments by US Army SGM (Ret) Rick Caldwell of Columbus, on his recent deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the Indiana Army National Guard. His talk was followed by our traditional flag-raising on the Lodge's lawn.

CHIP

Masonry was present at the Brown County Fair with our lodge members promoting the Child Identification Program (CHIP). This program was conducted at the Lodge on September 20th. The program includes fingerprinting and videotaping children for identification purposes, in the event they are ever missing. All data is immediately handed over to the parents and no information is retained by the Lodge. By all accounts, this was a successful day as 42 children were processed. Our thanks to the men and women of the Nashville Police and Brown County Sheriff's Departments for their assistance with fingerprinting and the wives, friends, relatives and fellow Brethren who gave of their time and energy.