

## *Calendar of Events*

### **STATED MEETING**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Eat at 6:30pm

### **MAY 2013**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> - Spring Blossom Parade - Meet at the Lodge at 9am or High School parking lot at 10am
- May 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Open House - Lunch served at 11:00 am until 4 pm. Live Music & Veteran Info

### **JUNE 2013**

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast at the Lodge as part of the Shrine Brown County Summer Festival 8am until 10am.

### **JULY 2013**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast - serving begins at 8 a.m. Presentations and Flag raising to follow breakfast
- July 4 - Child Identification Program at Nashville Elementary from 4pm until the Fireworks.
- The Order of the Rusty Nail – July 17 eat at 6pm work at 7pm

### **OCTOBER 2013**

October 12 – Shop with a Cop Breakfast Fund Raiser

### **DECEMBER 2013**

- December 14 - Breakfast with Santa
- December 27 – Feast of Saint John

### **CRAFT PRACTICE / TRAVELING NIGHT**

Craft practice will be Wednesday nights the weeks following the usual Stated Meeting.

### **COMPUTER USERS!**

Email saves the Lodge money and improves our communication with you. Please email Secretary Buzz King at [nashville135@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nashville135@sbcglobal.net) to get your copy via email. Check out our home page at [www.nashville135.org](http://www.nashville135.org).

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## The Trestleboard

NASHVILLE #135 F. & A. M.

**A Proud and Lawfully  
Chartered Lodge of the Indiana  
Free Masons**



**Spring 2013**

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## Lodge Officers - 2013

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**Mickey Frost, PM, Worshipful Master**

**Jim McDonald, Senior Warden**

**Bruce Tuxhorn, Junior Warden**

**James Gredy, Treasurer**

**Buzz King, Secretary**

**Michael Lusinger, Senior Deacon**

**Jason Aycock, Junior Deacon**

**Raymond Coffman, Senior Steward**

**Matthew McDonald, Junior Steward**

**Gene Cooper, Chaplain**

**Dean Back, Tyler**

**Dean Back, Trustee**

**Bob Ferguson, Trustee**

**Martin Bock, Trustee**

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

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Brethren, your lodge needs you. The state of our Lodge is strong but should be stronger. Our first priority should be the spreading of Masonic light to all good and true men, especially in our own community. Unfortunately our membership is shrinking with the deaths of so many of our valued brothers. Masonry is needed in our society now more than ever but has to compete with the many less wholesome distractions that are available to our young men. We can help improve the world one good man at a time. **You can make a difference!** Talk to your friends and family about our Lodge. Make sure that you have a petition handy that you can give to someone you think would embrace our philosophy and make a good Mason. Invite potential candidates to our public events. 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 us to make your lodge a visible and valued part of Brown County and thus encourage those who are eligible to join our illustrious fraternity.

As Master I have set three goals for our Lodge.

**One** - Education: Ritual work has always fallen to a select few of our members to perform. We have more members present at the Stated Meetings than at the making of new Masons. To improve our ritual work I have designated Wednesday nights at 7pm as Craft or Traveling Night. I have also asked, and he has consented, Past Master Stanley Fishel to assist us in our learning. Of course more work will also aid in the process.

**Two** - Increased Membership: New members are the life blood of any organization. We need qualified candidates who will be active in the Lodge. With this in mind I have appointed a Membership committee who are actively seeking ways of introducing Masonry to the eligible members of our community. I expect great things from this committee. If you have someone in mind to approach about becoming a member please contact **Harry Bond at (812) 988-6128** or email [hbond@att.net](mailto:hbond@att.net) to get that person added to the list that we are working with.

**Three** - Facility Improvement: Our Lodge building is showing its age and needs to be updated to become our show place. Thanks to Past Master Hiram Waltz, his tireless efforts to get a new roof are paying off. We will soon have a new metal roof for our Lodge. Other work that needs to be attended to are the parking lot, floor coverings, trim paint, and heating and air conditioning system.

I would like to solicit your ideas on how to achieve significant improvements in these areas.

## A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

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It is with deep regret that we announce the following Brethren have been called home by the Grand Architect:

<b>Michael McDonald</b>	<b>12/31/ 2012</b>
<b>Billie Lee Burk</b>	<b>07/04/2012</b>
<b>Kenneth J. Galm</b>	<b>04/12/2012</b>
<b>David Lee Derringer</b>	<b>06/12/2012</b>

<b>Richard Thomas Acton</b>	<b>10/12/2011</b>
<b>Joseph Burton Black Jr</b>	<b>06/23/2011</b>
<b>Cecil Marvin Cody</b>	<b>08/04/2011</b>
<b>Thomas Verlon McGuire</b>	<b>02/02/2011</b>
<b>Robert Eugene Hale</b>	<b>01/04/2011</b>

<b>Frank William Arnold</b>	<b>12/09/2010</b>
<b>Elmer Eugene Haase</b>	<b>12/11/2010</b>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these fine Brethren.

## Lodge Bylaws

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We have a motion that has been seconded to have 12 Monthly Stated Meetings each year instead of 10. This means that if it is approved that Nashville Lodge will not be "Dark" in July and August. This motion will be voted on at the Stated Meeting on May 7, 2013. If passed changes will be made to the Bylaws and it will become effective as soon as Grand Lodge approves the changes. If you have an interest in voting on this issue please attend the May Stated Meeting.

## Awards of Gold

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The following Brothers received their 50-year Award of Gold in 2013:

<b>Jackie Eugene Altop</b>	<b>7/6</b>
<b>James Louie Miller</b>	<b>9/12</b>
<b>Thomas Larry Nickhols, Sr</b>	<b>9/13</b>
<b>James Laurent Gredy</b>	<b>11/23</b>

We intend to present the award of Gold to Brother Jackie Eugene Altop at our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast. Please make plans to attend this event if at all possible.

## 25-Year Pin for 2013

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<b>Ronald Neal Carney</b>	<b>2/13</b>
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## Special Events

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**Spring Blossom Parade – May 4<sup>th</sup>** Every May on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday we load up on a float with white aprons and gloves for a ride through town to show the people of Brown County that Masonry is alive and well and that we know how to have a good time. Join us at the Lodge at 9am for donuts and coffee and to catch a ride on the float.

**Veterans Open House – May 11** Help us provide an enjoyable event for our guests at the Lodge. Lunch will be served from 11am until 4pm. Veterans benefit information will be available and the county Veterans Coalition will be present to provide information about the American Legion, VFW and Brown County Vietnam Veterans organizations. Live music will be provided for your listening pleasure by Hamilton Creek bluegrass string band.

## A Poem to Contemplate

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### **Shrine Brown County Summer Festival – Jun 6-8**

Brothers from June 6 thru June 8 the Indiana Shriners will be in town. Many fun activities are planned. If you are a Shiner you cannot miss this! Contact **Harry Bond at (812) 988-6128** for more info or on the website [www.browncountyshiner.org](http://www.browncountyshiner.org).

**Shrine Club Corvette Show - June 29** The Brown County Shrine Club will host their Annual Corvette Show at the Brown County Inn parking lot. Last year was a huge success and we are building on that. If you have a Corvette or just like to look and socialize this will be a fun event for you.

### **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast and Flag Raising**

Please join us for breakfast at 8am on Independence Day. Breakfast is served at 8am and is followed by an inspirational presentation by a noteworthy Mason, Masonic Awards and the raising of a new American Flag. This annual event is our way of bringing our members together to reflect upon what is important to us as Masons, renew our friendship and express our patriotism.

**Child Identification Program – July 4** Bring your children or grandchildren to Nashville Elementary School from 4 pm until dusk to assemble a packet for you to have should your child become missing. This is a big problem in this county, every year more than a million children become missing for one reason or another in this country. Our free program provides you with the packet your law enforcement activity would need in just this case. No personal information is retained by the Lodge or law enforcement officials and we do not put chips in kids.

**The Order of the Rusty Nail – July 17** This short program is designed to refresh the memories of Brethren holding valid dues card and who are not regular in their Lodge attendance. It refreshes the memory regarding the passwords and signs, touches on Lodge customs and reviews the mysteries of the legends of Freemasonry as taught in the present Masonic ritual of Indiana. Dinner will be served at 6pm and the work will commence at 7pm. Brethren make a point of putting this on your calendar. It will be a night to renew old friendships and see what your Lodge has been doing.

### **Brown County Playhouse Show – August 3**

Something new this year will be a Shock Hop at the Brown County Playhouse. This is a show sponsored by the Brown County Shrine Club and supported by members of the our Lodge. The theme of this show

will be a sock hop with 50's and 60's music. It should be a fun time for all.

### **Shrine Club Car and Truck Show – September 21**

The Brown County Shrine Club will host their Annual Car and Truck Show in the Brown County High School parking lot. If you like fancy cars and trucks, this is the event for you. Variety is the key to this show; you never know what will be on display.

### **Shop with a Cop Benefit Breakfast – October 12**

This is our annual breakfast to help raise money for the Nashville Police Department's Christmas program. All proceeds go to helping our local needy children to have a Merry Christmas. This is a good cause and you get a good breakfast as part of the deal.

**Shrine Club Turkey Shoot – October 26** Once again this year we will have a great time busting clays and boards with turkey prizes while raising money for a worthy cause. The shoot will be held on State Road 46 West at Pittman's Farm.

### Parting thoughts ....

Brethren we currently have 10 candidates in process and looks like the efforts of our Membership Committee is well on its way to helping our Lodge grow. Watch our website "[www.nashville135.org](http://www.nashville135.org)" and Facebook Group "**Nashville Masonic Lodge #135**" for announcement about degree work and events. We need you to do what you can to aid in the endeavor to grow our membership with good men. If you can recommend a relative or friend to us, our committee will take the time to contact, inform and make them feel welcome. Please contact our Lodge Secretary (**Buzz King at (812) 988-4294**) or the Membership Chairman (**Harry Bond at (812) 988-6128**) with the name and phone number of the good man that you think would be interested in our Fraternity.

### Let's Go To Lodge Tonight

**My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;  
You haven't been for years.  
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white  
And sit among our peers.**

**I feel a kind of longing, see,  
to climb those creaky stairs;  
I know it'll be a thrill for me  
to lay aside my cares.**

**We'll meet the Tyler at the door  
and though he'll hesitate,  
we'll hear him say just as before,  
"Come in or you'll be late."**

**I'd like to get out on the floor--  
Come on, let's get in line;  
I want to face the East once more  
And give the same old sign.**

**I want to hear the gavel rap  
the Craftsmen to attention  
and see the Master don his cap;  
a night without dissention.**

**So come! Pass up that picture show,  
or your wrestling bout or fight;  
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!  
Let's go to Lodge tonight.**