

BBQ Update

I am seeking chairmen for the following BBQ Committees:

- **BBQ Transport/Delivery:** This person is responsible for coordinating drivers to transport BBQ from Skeet Winstead's farm to the lodge, and to deliver pre-sale orders by noon.

- **Carry-Out Setup/Service:** This person is responsible for coordinating volunteers to setup the Carry-Out area and serve customers. Larry Davis has accepted this chairmanship

- **Clean-Up:** This person is responsible for coordinating volunteers to clean up the lodge, dining hall, and kitchen after the event.

The coupon sponsor for the BBQ ticket will be firmed up this week and the final version of the ticket will be printed next week. A sample BBQ ticket was passed around for members to view.

The most important thing to remember is that I will be having a BBQ Meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Dining Hall. The Committee Chairmen need to attend and submit their volunteer schedules. I will also need volunteers to stuff envelopes at this meeting. I will send out an email to the lodge membership to announce this meeting and to request the names and addresses of up to five (5) family members, friends, and/or neighbors to whom we can mail a personal letter about the BBQ event.

I requested volunteers to help collect and split wood at Skeet Winstead's farm on Saturday, April 23rd, 2011. I sent an earlier email with those details.

The Lodge will also be participating in the Franklin Heritage Foundation's "Historic Weekend," June 3-5, 2011, which also includes the Historic Tour of Homes. This is the same weekend as our Annual BBQ Dinner, but our lodge will also be open for events and tours during all three days. Dale Pewitt will make sure the lodge is available on Friday and Sunday. Art Milbert will be in charge of the lodge tours during the BBQ on Saturday and will assist on the other days.

James Amundsen
Junior Warden

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Philip Phillips (5 years)	David Moran (2 years)	Jeff Bailey (5 years)
Craig Feldner (4 years)	Mark Eddy (1 year)	Patrick Craddock (4 years)
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James Newberry (2 years)		Bob Canaday (2 years)
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Dale Pewitt (5 years)		
James Newberry (4 years)		

Apr/May 2011

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	MM	29	30
1	C/C	3	4	EA	6	7
8	CO	10	11	FC	13	14
15	SM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	MM	27	28

SM = Stated Mtg CO = Commandery Mtg
C/C = Chap/Coun. Mtg * = MM Practice-No Degree
ME = Masonic Educ.

Committee Chairmen

Investigation
Jesse Riggs(972-0942)

Public Relations
Unconfirmed

Historical
Chad Gray(972-2253)

Benevolence
Craig Feldner(Sick/Shut Ins).....(426-0088)
Mal Clissold (Vice-Chmn - Widows/Orphans)(397-9506)

Lecture/Masonic Education
Philip Phillips.....(364-7912)

Events/Hospitality
Dan Dugger(591-6966)

Ritual
James Newberry(812-1436)

Funeral
Dale Pewitt.....(533-6714)

Civil War
Art Milbert(400-2225)

Fundraising/BBQ
James Amundsen(364-4096)

Conduct
James Amundsen(364-4096)

Financial/Budget
Jesse Riggs(838-0929)

Building Trustee Subcommittees
Facility Rental/Custodians
Bob Canaday(838-1679)

501(c)3 Corporation
Jeff Bailey(390-5970)

Building Maintenance
Unconfirmed

Construction
Ed Atkisson.....(419-4420)



HIRAM LODGE #7

Meetings

Thur., Apr 28th	6:45	Master Mason Degree (Benjamin Davis Barnhill)
	6:00	Dinner
Thur., May 5th	6:45	Entered Apprentice Degree (Wm. Wiggs Thompson)
	6:00	Dinner
Thur., May 12th	6:45	Fellowcraft Degree (Guy Michael Land)
	6:00	Dinner
Mon., May 16th	7:00	Stated Meeting
	6:00	Dinner
Thur., May 26th	6:45	Master Mason Degree (James T. Taylor)
	6:00	Dinner

Other Masonic/Bldg Dates

Thur., Apr 28th	7:00	American Legion Meeting
Mon., May 2nd	7:00	York Rite Chapter/Council Stated Mtg
	6:00	Pot-Luck Dinner
Tue., May 3rd	6:00	Proficiency Card Practice/BBQ Letter Stuffing
Mon., May 9th	7:00	York Rite Commandery Meeting
	6:00	Pot-Luck Dinner
Tues., May 10th	7:30	OES Stated Meeting
	6:30	Dinner
Tue., May 17th	6:00	Proficiency Card Practice
Thur., May 19th	6:00	Williamson County Shrine Club Mtg Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse at Cool Springs Mall

Petitions

For Dual Membership

TERRANCE ALLEN SMITH, DOB 6/18/1956. Resides at 9019 Fallsworth Ln, Brentwood, TN. Currently a member in good standing at Marion Lodge #70, Marion, OH.

In Memoriam

Abram Baker Church, Jr......April 22, 2011
W. Bro. Baker was born on XX/XX/XX in Thompsons Station, TN. Korean War veteran. Initiated 4/12/66, Passed 5/30/66 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 1/31/67. Served as Worship Master in 1970. .

It is with a tremendously heavy heart that we say our goodbyes to A.B. Church, Jr. Few understood the amount of charity, good will, and love that A.B. bestowed to worthy distressed brothers, friends and acquaintances. To state that he will be missed, is the greatest of understatements. While we grieve our loss, he sits with our Father in heaven—without pain, fear or regret. He has been made perfect.

*J. Russell Wharton
Worshipful Master*

From the Lodge Room

Items discussed at Stated Meeting

Our Secretary, Bro. Dan Welch read a synopsis of the Grand Lodge proceedings and made announcements of the new District 8 representatives.

Our Chaplain, Bro. Craig Feldner reported on our sick and shut-in brethren. Please keep Brothers Bill Brewer and A.B. Church, Jr. in your prayers and wish them quick recovery.

A note from W. Bro. James Newberry that scholarship applications are online and are due by Friday, April 22nd. Awards will be presented at the Widows Tea in June.

M. W. Bro. John Palmer presented a paper titled "The Death Throws of the Tyranny." Congratulations to Bro. Craig Feldner, who conferred his first EA degree this month.

Hiram's Civil War Degree Team will be conferring the MM Degree next Thursday (April 28) please consider supporting our Degree Team as they prepare for their conferral on the 30th in Fountain City.

Shrine Paper Sale is the weekend of April 28th. Any help from Master Masons is greatly appreciated.

Chad Gray spoke on behalf of the Historical Committee. He is attempting to catalogue all of the Lodge's artifacts by year's end. He is soliciting assistance in this endeavor.

Bro. Craig Feldner reported that the Middle Tennessee York Rite Association was hosting a York Rite Festival April 29th and 30th at McWhirtersville Lodge in Hermitage.

We are trying to accommodate brothers who cannot attend Lodge by coordinating rides for those in need. If you have time and are willing to help, or you are in need of assistance, please email Russ Wharton at russ@chaplaine-wharton.com.

Masonic Education

Temperance

One of the four cardinal virtues; the practice of which is inculcated in the First Degree. The Freemason who properly appreciates the secrets which he has solemnly promised never to reveal, will not, by yielding to the unrestrained call of appetite, permit reason and judgment to lose their seats and subject himself, by the indulgence in habits of excess, to discover that which should be concealed, and thus merit and receive the scorn and detestation of his Brethren. And lest any Brother should forget the danger to which he is exposed in the unguarded hours of dissipation, the virtue of temperance is wisely impressed upon is memory, lay its reference to one of the most solemn portions of the ceremony of initiation.

Some Freemasons, very properly condemning the vice of intemperance and abhorring its effects, have been unwisely led to confound temperance with total abstinence in a Masonic application, and resolutions have sometimes been proposed in Grand Lodges which declare the use of stimulating liquors in any quantity a Masonic offense. Put the law of Freemasonry authorizes no such regulation. It leaves to every man the indulgence of his own tastes within due limits, and demands not abstinence, but only moderation and temperance, in anything not actually wrongs.

*An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences,
Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33_*

May Birthdays

1st Brian Parker Hulsey	20th Russell Warren Hooper
2nd Keith Hammock	21st Wm. Roland Schwartz, III
4th Marvin Rainey	23rd Gregory Duane Duke
8th Guy Michael Land	John Claude Story
William Witt	24th Austin Davis Locke
Harry Thompson	John L. Palmer
10th Keith Wayland Smith	26th James Daniel Amundsen
14th Larry J. Barnhill, Jr.	Wm. Jeffrey Bailey
15th Gary Lee Hitchcock	27th Hollis Gilliland, Jr.
James L. Woodard	Russ Wharton
17th Butch Mayes	28th Art Milbert
Daniel Lee Dugger	30th Jason Rein
18th Robin Lee Rice, Jr.	31st Edwin Voekel
19th Terry C. Koons	

**If we have missed your birthday, please email the WM so that we can update our records.

Our Known Shut-Ins

Lewis Hollabaugh, PM (615) 794-5242	Dwight Pennington (615) 791-1674
Bill Brewer (615) 337-5272	Don Wingfield (615) 406-1111

Call for Assistance—Fundraising

Brothers and friends, The Craftsman's Apron is helping to raise money for the restoration and conservation of Hiram Lodge No. 7's (Franklin, TN) historic, 1864 printed, Bible. This volume of the Great Light is significant to its Lodge because it is the one given in 1865 as a replacement for the one (ca. 1825) lost during the building's occupation by the Union Army from 1863 to 1865. As we enter the 150th Anniversary season of the American Civil War we are reminded, by this artifact, of the importance of remembering those Brothers – Blue and Gray – that carried off to war the great light of Masonry in their hearts. Still used today by the Lodge's Historic Degree Team to obligate new members, this Volume of the Sacred Law is in dire need of professional restoration and a worthy artifact to be cherished for many more generations.

The Craftsman's Apron is attempting to raise \$1,000.00 toward this project by selling a limited run of art prints showcasing a few of the custom aprons we have made. Please consider supporting this cause by purchasing one of these posters for your home, office or as a gift to your Lodge. And, we ask that you please pass this along to your friends and Brothers and ask them to help support this laudable project by purchasing a copy of this beautiful print.

Images of this Great Light and ordering information can be found at: <http://www.craftsmansapron.com/preservation.php>

The Craftsman's Apron will only print as many copies as orders received. **Orders will be accepted until Monday, May 16th, 2011. On Tuesday, May 17th the orders will be sent to the printer's and they will be shipped the following week.** Sorry, but this offer will be terminated on May 16th and will not be available after that date. So, place your order today and help preserve this historic gem.

Multiple copies sent to the same address will only be charged the shipping fee once. I thank you for your support and for helping this Lodge protect this historic artifact.

Patrick Craddock
The Craftsman's Apron