

Congratulations

I think I speak for all the members of Hiram Lodge #7 when I send out the most heartfelt congratulations to:

**Dale Pewitt
Butch Mays
Ryan Driber**

These brothers have been honored by the Nashville Valley of the Scottish Rite to receive Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH; 'red cap'). Please take the time to congratulate these brothers on a most excellent accomplishment.

- Russ Wharton, WM

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Letters to Hiram Lodge

Scholarship Recipient—Thank You Letters

Hiram Lodge Scholarship Trustees:

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I cannot tell you how much it means to me to have the support of people like you as I begin this new chapter of my life. Thanks again!

—KATY SANDERS.

Brothers of Hiram Lodge #7 F&AM:

I would like to say thank you for the generous scholarship that I was given. I am grateful to have been considered worthy of such an award. I am looking forward to continuing my education and I am thankful that you have helped make it possible. Thanks again,

—DAVIS BARNHILL.

Dear Hiram Lodge #7 Masonic members:

Thank you so very much for the \$500.00 scholarship I was awarded for college. There are so many expenses all at once for a Freshman. It will go a long way towards my books and school supplies. I'm very humbled to be given this by such a great group of men as the Masons. My father has been a Mason and Shriner for many years, and I have great respect for you all. I am excited to begin this new phase of my life at college. Words cannot express my gratitude for your scholarship and I look forward to competing for next year's scholarship. God Bless,

—ASHLEY MCGEE.

Dear Hiram Lodge #7 Free and Accepted Masons:

I would like to thank you so much for the generous scholarship of \$500.00 awarded to me. It is an honor to receive this from such a respected group of men. I am very excited to start my Freshman year at College. I greatly appreciated that at the awards ceremony, everyone went out of their way to make my family and myself welcome. I am overwhelmed with gratitude at your generosity. The award will be very helpful in purchasing my college books. God Bless you for all you have done for me, and for so many others as well as Free and Accepted Masons. Sincerely,

—JENNIFER MCGEE.

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Aug/Sep 2011

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	SM	16	17	18	19	20
21	OV	23	24	MM	26	27
28	29	30	31	*EA	2	3
4	C/C	6	7	FC	9	10
11	CO	13	14	15	16	17

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

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HIRAM LODGE #7

Meetings

Mon., Aug 22nd	6:45 6:00	Lodge Official Visit—K.I. Wright Dinner
Thur., Aug 25th	6:45 6:00	Master Mason Degree (Guy Michael Land—tentative) Dinner
Thur., Sept 8th	6:45 6:00	Fellowcraft Degrees (Jim Van Vleet) Dinner
Mon., Sept 19th	7:00 6:00	Stated Meeting Dinner

Other Masonic/Bldg Dates

Mon., Aug 29th	6:00	Civil War Degree Team—MM Degree Practice
Thur., Aug 25th	7:00	American Legion Meeting
Thur., Sept 1st	6:00	EA Degree/Lodge Opening Practice
Mon., Sept 5th	--	**No Chapter/Council Meeting** **Labor Day**
Mon., Sept 12th	7:00 6:00	York Rite Commandery Meeting Pot-Luck Dinner
Tues., Sept 13th	7:30 6:30	OES Stated Meeting Dinner
Thur., Sept 22nd	6:00	Williamson County Shrine Club Mtg Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse at Cool Springs Mall

Our Known Shut-Ins

Lewis Hollabaugh, PM (615) 794-5242	Jack Beldsoe's Son (Sam Bledsoe— www.samandlesie.com)
Bill Brewer (615) 337-5272	Sherri Darnell (Jimmy Darnell's widow)
Dwight Pennington (615) 791-1674	Bobby Rutledge
Don Wingfield (615) 406-1111	Marvin Rainey
Gary Hitchcock, PM (Claiborne & Hughes, Franklin)	

From the Lodge Room

Items discussed at Stated Meeting

Our Secretary, W. Bro. Dan Welch read a notice from WM Alberto Moctezuma Gomez of Quetzalcoatl 9 #161 Lodge, Mexico that Mr. Rodrigo Acosta would be visiting Hiram Lodge for the Stated Meeting. W. Bro. Welch read the obituaries of two brothers (see In Memoriam below) who passed away in July. Additionally, W. Bro Welch read the following announcements:

- {8/3/11} Corinthian Lodge #414 is organizing a Masonic Unity Day for Sept. 17th from 9am to 3:30pm. Invitations open to all Master Masons and their families. Representatives from all the appendant and affiliated bodies will be present to answer any questions.
- Martin City Lodge #551 is sponsoring their 4th Annual Fall Classic Charity Golf Tournament on October 15, 2011 at Doe Valley Golf Center. The format is a 4-person scramble and the fee is \$45/ person.
- Martin City Lodge #551 is also sponsoring their 5th Annual "Degree Among The Pines" - an open-air Master Mason Degree conferred by the Tennessee Civil War Reenactment Degree Team [from Hiram Lodge] on September 17, 2011. The degree will be held east of Dresden, TN. Lunch at 12:00pm and the degree will follow.
- {7/20/11} Helion Lodge #1, Huntsville, AL, is celebrating their Bicentennial of Freemasonry on August 20th, 2011. Events will include a Master Mason Degree by Helion Lodge #1 (9:30 am), a presentation of brief histories, a Master Mason Degree by McNeil Lodge #586 of Lebanon Junction, KY (1:00pm) and a tour of Historic Huntsville Twickenham District. RSVPs are requested.

W. Bro Jesse Riggs gave a Treasurer's report and gave updates on the several Trust Funds. Our Chaplain, Bro. Craig Feldner reported on our sick and shut-in brethren. New to the benevolence report was an update on Don Wingfield and PM Gary Hitchcock. An update on Sherri Darnell was also discussed. Condolences were made for the loss of SW Dale Pewitt's aunt-in-law. Bro. Chad Gray reported that the Historical Committee will be having another work day on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30 until 11:30am. The committee will be furthering their work on cataloging the lodge artifacts. Any help would be greatly appreciated (contact Chad Gray for details). Bro. Art Milbert reported that the Civil War degree team will be conferring a Master Mason degree at Martin City Lodge on Saturday, September 17th at noon. M. W. Bro. John Palmer delivered Masonic education relating to the TN Masonic Code Correspondence Course. Several brethren reported "good news" at the Stated Meeting:

- Jim Full reported that his brother had been raised a MM in Massachusetts.
- Dale Pewitt, Ryan Driber and Butch Mays were congratulated on their receiving their KCCH in the Scottish Rite.
- Charles Land announced that his son Guy would be ready to get his MM Degree on the 25th.
- Davis Barnhill announced he is leaving for college this week.
- Craig Feldner announced that his daughter Sarah has settled in Chicago after graduating from UVa.
- Les Roberts announced that his daughter is participating in a walk between England and Scotland.

In Memoriam

Herbert Arthur Whidby.....July 26, 2011
Bro. Whidby was born on 9/30/30 in Franklin, TN. 42-year employee of the City of Franklin Water Treatment Plant. Initiated 12/5/67, Passed 5/7/68 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 6/27/68.

Wm. ("Bill") Denton Cook.....July 29, 2011
Bro. Cook was born on 11/25/28. Korean War veteran. 33-year employee of American Airlines. Initiated 4/15/54, Passed 9/2/54 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 2/7/56.

Masonic Education

Fellow

The Saxon word for fellow is felaw. Spelman derives it from two words be and toy, which signifies bound in mutual trust a plausible derivation, and not unsuited to the meaning of the word. But Hicks gives a better etymology when he derives it from the Anglo-Saxon folgian, meaning to follow and thus a fellow would be a follower, a companion, an associate. In the Middle Ages, therefore, the Operative Masons were divided into Masters and Fellows. Thus in the Harleian Manuscript, No. 2054, it is said: "Now I will rehearse other charges in singular for Masters & fellows." Those who were of greater skill held a higher position and were designated as Masters, while the masses of the Fraternity, the commonalty, as we might say, were called Fellows. In the Matthew Cooke Manuscript this principle is very plainly laid down. There it is written that Euclid "ordained that they who were passing of cunning should be passing honored, and commanded to call the cunninger Master and commanded that they that were less of wit should not be called servant nor subject, but Fellow, for nobility of their gentle blood" (see lines 675-88). From this custom has originated the modern title of Fellow Craft, given to the Second Degree of Speculative Freemasonry; although not long after the revival of 1717 the Fellows ceased to constitute the main Body of the Fraternity, the h Masters having taken and still holding that position.

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

New Business

WM Russ Wharton opened a discussion regarding a potential change to Hiram's Building Trustee bylaws. In 2009, the Building Trustees completed the first phase of structural improvements to the building. This work depleted the majority of the Building Fund. The Benevolence committee offered to loan the Building Comm the necessary funds to complete the 2nd phase and allow access to the 3rd Floor. This effort was stopped because the existing Bylaws prevented any borrowing of money (via internal or external sources). Whereas several construction tasks are imminent, the Building Trustees are proposing a change to allow for an INTERNAL LOAN ONLY between Lodge trusts. A formal Bylaws change will be submitted at the September Stated Meeting.

September Birthdays

1st	Howard Maxsom Gordom O. Reese	Michael D. Padgett Thomas Lee Randolph
3rd	Millard Jefferson James Saleem	18th Edwin B. Atkisson 19th Mike A. Franks
4th	Marlin L. Beard, Jr. Stephen Moody	Kevin D. McDuffee Nathaniel D. Smith
5th	Bradley Perkinson	20th David B. Greer
6th	Wm Dudley Brown	Bryan O. Hicks
8th	Eddie Allen Brown	22nd Terrance J. Moon
9th	Ronald D. Hooper Thomas P. Witkowski	23rd Frederick B. Bennett Terry M. McRee
10th	Wm. Wiggs Thompson, IV	James O. Slaughter
11th	Ralph Barger	24th Rusty L. Simmons
12th	Marc Lindsey Oliver	28th Leslie W. Roberts
17th	Chandler Darnell Kenneth Meadows Thomas H. Outlawe	29th Larry T. Davis R. Monte Richards

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

Old Business—Call for Assistance

- **BICENTENNIAL BOOK SUBMITTALS**
- Brethren—The March 21st deadline for submittals for the Bicentennial Book has long since passed. However, we are still lacking several pieces to complete this historical account of Hiram Lodge.
- **I implore you to please help in this process. If you are behind in submitting your information—please do so ASAP!!**
- Some of the following material for the Lodge's Bicentennial Book: (1) Outstanding biographies of Past Masters; (2) text/ photos relevant to past ten years of Lodge activity; (3) text/ photos relevant to Lodge membership participation in conduct of "civil war degrees" and enactments; and (4) details of recent renovations of Masonic Hall. E-mail submittal to Brother John Sylva is preferred - jsylva6@msn.com. If assistance is desired, call him at 615-591-3316. It would be appreciated if any close friends of recently departed PMs Robert C. Bartlett, James D. Jones, Robert L. Carter, Thomas L. Hightower, Floyd Moss or Charles F. Berry would care to submit anything regarding them.
- Russ Wharton, WM