



The Trestle Board



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Hiram Lodge Masonic Scholarship Award 2009

Hiram Lodge is blessed with the opportunity to provide students with college scholarships. The Educational Trust Fund was established in memory of Hiram Past Master Leslie M. Mullen, in memory of Laura Mae Miller, a Masonic widow and retired Williamson County School teacher, in memory of Zachary Birdwell, the son of Hiram Past Master and Mrs. Kevin Birdwell, and in honor of Hiram Past Master and Mrs. A.B. Church.

2009 has been a challenging investment year. However, the Educational Trust Fund through prudent investment management by its Trustees and generous giving by contributors was able to provide a total of \$8,000 in scholarships this year.

Jordan Yeager, a graduate of Spring Hill High School, was awarded \$2,500. Jordan will attend Belmont University in Nashville to study scientific research. Lyndsay Jo Taulbee, a graduate of Franklin High School, was awarded \$2,500. Lyndsay plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University and study nursing. Amanda Roberts, a graduate of Brentwood High School, was awarded \$750. Amanda has not yet chosen her college but will soon and plans to study journalism. Jessica Locke, a graduate of Independence High School, was awarded \$750. Jessica plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga to study nursing. Emily Lynd, a graduate of Ezell-Harding Christian School, was awarded \$500. Emily plans to attend Belmont University to study education with the desire to become an English teacher. Novella Atkisson, a graduate of Blackman High School, was awarded \$500. Novella plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University to study psychology. Jimmy Mahon, a graduate of Independence High School, was awarded \$500. Jimmy plans to attend Tennessee Tech University to study civil engineering.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for their academic and community service achievements. Please join Hiram Lodge on Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. for the scholarship award presentations during the Widow's Tea.

James K. Newberry, P.M.

Chairman, Educational Trust Fund

VETERANS' HOSPITAL VISITATION

Volunteers are sought for structured visitations to patients at the Nashville VA Hospital located contiguously to the Vanderbilt Medical Center. Among other specialties, this VA Hospital is an Organ Transplant Center. The average in-patient population is 150 veterans, with periods of hospitalization of the order of three to six weeks. Some are homeless. Some are away from home and family. Some are destitute. Some may be Masons, but all are brothers. They could benefit from a degree of human touch beyond that which can be normally expected from busy hospital staff...reading the newspaper, friendly discussions, game playing, letter writing, a wheelchair ride to the canteen, chapel, or a buddy, running a personal errand, etc.

How can you help? Well, the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA), the folks who disseminate those interesting, monthly Short Talk Bulletins, would like to enlist your services. MSA has developed a Hospital Visitation Program, now in place at nearly 160 VA hospitals and numerous military hospitals, designed around

Lodge Dates

Jun 25—6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm EA Degree

Jun 28—2:00-4:00 Widow's Tea

Jul 9—6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm 2 FC Degrees

Jul 20—6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

Jul 13—6:00pm—Stated Meeting

OES Dates

Jul 14—6:30pm—Dinner

7:30pm—Stated Meeting

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VA Hospital Visitation (Cont'd)

Accredited volunteers. This is serious stuff and applicants are naturally carefully screened by the hospital before gaining access to the patients. Before that occurs, your application travels from the Grand Lodge to the MSA for approval.

The need is great. Brothers who would like to help satisfy this vital need would find this service to be most self-rewarding. You would be expected to reasonably commit to a schedule of your choosing, say four hours every other Sunday afternoon. If interested in making such visitations or assisting in administering the local program, and would desire more information, please contact the MSA Representative for the VA Hospital in Nashville. He's already at your elbow. Brother John Sylva can be reached at 615-591-3316 or jsylva6@msn.com. Brother Jerry M. Agan, Sr is MSA State Coordinator, an office previously held by Brother Jesse N. Riggs from 1999-2004.

John



By-Laws Change

We will vote on two by-law changes relating to dues and fees at our next stated meeting on July 20, 2009.

BBQ News

Russ Wharton reported that the BBQ was a great success and a big "THANKS" to all who helped. If you have not returned your ticket money, please do so as soon as possible so we can get our records in order.

York Rite News

On Saturday, June 27, 2009 the Chapter/Council Group Meeting will be held at Lebanon Lodge No 98. The Lodge is located at 106 N. College St in Lebanon. Lunch (cost \$8.00) will begin at noon and meeting to follow. All Companions and their families are invited to attend this event.

Franklin Council No. 134 will be holding a Table Council on Saturday, August 15 at the Holiday Inn The Crossings in Antioch, TN at 7pm. Information will be sent out to the Companions very soon. This event will be limited to the first 35 companions registered and paid for. Cost is \$25 per Companion



Illustrious Master,
Art Milbert

Eastern Star News

Franklin Chapter had another banner year for our annual Bake Sale in conjunction with the Hiram Lodge BBQ. We raised \$741 which will be split equally between the Hiram Lodge Building Restoration Fund, Christian Scholarship and the Cushing's Foundation.

Eastern Star members are asked to bring desserts and finger food to support the Widow's Tea on Sunday, June 28th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

