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News From The East

Dining Hall

Work has been completed and a big improvement has been made to the dining hall! The building maintenance committee has done an excellent job in fixing up the dining hall. Brethren, please come and enjoy your new dining facility. The members of the committee are as follows: Brother Craig Feldner; Chairman, John Silva, Jack Bledsoe, and Jim Howard, with assistance from David Moran, Ed Atkisson, Robert Peay, Richard Rust and Justin McCord. With special thanks to Brother Dan Welch for the use of his commercial sprayer and painting of the dining hall. In addition we had contributions from the following bodies: DePayens Commandry - \$100, Franklin Council #134 Cryptic Masons - \$100, Franklin Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons - \$100 and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #449 - \$100.

Items For Sale

As a result of the dining room improvements, we have two items for sale. The upright piano and piano stool will be sold to the highest bidder on or before December 22nd. Please direct your bids to Worshipful Master Ed Atkisson at 790-9506. We also have eight, 8 foot- two tube fluorescent light fixtures with lights, available for \$10 a piece. Contact Ed Atkisson.

Candlelight Tour

This year Hiram will be participating in the Franklin Candlelight Tour Saturday December 6th and Sunday December 7th from 5:00 until 9:00 pm. Lodge clean up for this event will be Wednesday December 3rd starting at 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the clean up as well as hosting the visitors during the tour. Brethren and Sisters wishing to volunteer to host please call Brother Pat Craddock at 207-7413.

Lodge Dues

Dues cards have been sent out. Brethren, please be prompt in sending in your dues monies for 2009.

Election Time in the Blue Lodge

Brethren, we will be voting in new officers and trustees at our December stated meeting. Please come and participate in the election and show your support for your new officers and the lodge.

Lodge Dates

- Nov 20** 6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Master Mason Degree
- Dec 6** 5:30pm Widow's Christmas Dinner
- Dec 6 & 7** Candlelight Tour of Hiram Lodge
- Dec 15** 6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

- Dec 6** 5:30pm Widow's Christmas Dinner

OES Dates

- Dec 9** 6:30pm Christmas Potluck
7:30pm Stated Meeting

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Bicentennial Commemorative Knives

The Bicentennial Committee is now taking orders for commemorative pocket knives. A lot of 200 Knives will be offered sequentially numbered from 1 thru 200. Each Knife will be sold for **\$40.00**. Brethren purchasing a Knife will also be able to bid for a preferred number of the Knife. Bidding for this is separate from the Purchase of the Knife. Only 200 Knives will be made and orders are on a first come first served basis. If you are one of the first 200 orders received you are guaranteed a knife. The number stamped on the knife you will receive depends upon being the highest successful bidder for the number desired. Orders will be taken thru January 2009.

A special gold plated Knife will be offered to the highest bidder. The successful bidder will be able to choose a knife embossed with either No. 55 (Hiram's original No when chartered under North Carolina) or No. 7 There will be two knives produced and the one not selected will be donated to the Grand Lodge Museum. A special web Page has been setup on the Hiram Webs site <http://www.hiram7.net/> for posting bids, much like e-bay. Orders forms can be obtained thru the Secretary Bro. Dan Welch or Bro. John Palmer PGM - Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee.



York Rite News

We will hold our annual Widow's Christmas Dinner in conjunction with the Lodge and the OES on Saturday, December 6, 2008. This is always a special event, as it provides a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our Masonic widows, who are our guests of honor. Please join us this Saturday at 5:30pm for an excellent dinner, followed by a short Christmas message.



Eastern Star News

Our chapter had the honor of initiating two new members into our Chapter at our November stated meeting. We welcome our new members Phillip Phillips and Sharmila Patel!

We will have our Christmas potluck dinner on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the dining hall. The chapter will provide the meat. So bring a tasty trimming and join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Donna Isbell and Allan Potts
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

