

Grand Secretary's Newsletter

June 8, 2011

Lodge Annual Returns—Notify Grand Lodge!

When you have completed your membership updates in MORI for the year, send an email to Gayle Kozak at the Grand Lodge Office (gkozak@freemason.com) letting her know your name and Lodge number. When you have notified us that all your updates for the year are complete your Annual Return and your Master List of members will be printed and sent to you along with the amount owed by the Lodge. When we receive the Lodge's check we will mail a report of your Lodge members eligible for a 25, 35, or 40 year award. Also, a 50, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80 year award order form will be sent to the Lodge. Lastly, your 2012 dues cards will be mailed in this package.

The Lodge's check must be received prior to August 31, 2011. If the check is not received by this date then the Worshipful Master will not receive mileage and per diem for attending Grand Lodge in October. This check must be separate from any other Lodge check coming into Grand Lodge, such as donations to the Charitable Foundation, Scholarship Foundation, or Endowed Membership, etc.

Gifts to The Masonic Home

As a reminder, payment of donations or contributions to the Ohio Masonic Home should be sent—by separate check—directly to the Home, and not to the Grand Lodge.

Annual Grand Lodge Communication—2011

Information concerning events, meals, and lodging for the 202nd Grand Lodge Communication to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on October 14 & 15, 2011 has been sent to each Lodge. Please share this information with your Lodge delegates and get your reservations made to attend our Annual Communication.

Proxies and Call Items will be mailed in a few more months.

All Lodges to be on MORI by July 31st !!

If you are one of the handful of Lodges still NOT using the MORI membership management system, you have until July 31, 2011 to start using it. As of August 1, 2011, any "green sheets" that come into the Grand Lodge Office will be returned. All Lodges must be on the MORI system by that time.

Reminder: Special Olympics-June 24th

The opening ceremonies for the Summer Games of the Ohio Special Olympics will be Friday, June 24, 2011, 6:00 P.M. at The Ohio State University football stadium in Columbus. Masons in aprons will lead off the parade at the opening ceremonies.

Traditional dress has been black (dark) trousers with short sleeve white shirts. Remember to bring your apron!

We Honor Those Who Serve

Masons are a patriotic lot. We honor those who serve our country and we honor those who protect and serve our communities. But, we also pay tribute to those who serve our fraternity.

I previously inquired about our Lodge Secretaries' length of service and who served under the Past Grand Secretaries. I heard from many of you. We have many dedicated Secretaries who have put in many years of faithful service.

The following Brethren have served you as Grand Secretary (all Past Grand Masters):

Robert Hinshaw 1970—1985

Vernon Musser 1986—1990

David Dresser 1991—1999

George Braatz 2000—2008

Michael Watson 2009—

Brother Robert Kishler Secretary of Rushville #211 since 1983 has served under all 5. So has Brother Robert Bachman, Secretary of Grand Rapids #289 who recently celebrated 30 years of service as Lodge Secretary. Brother Jay Maxwell also just celebrated 30 years as Secretary of New Carlisle #100. Brother Ed Peppel, Secretary of Groveport #240 since 1978 has served under all 5. Most Worshipful Brother Jack Allen, Secretary of Sunrise #783 has served under all 5. Brother Al Johnson, Mechanicsburg #113, has been serving for 38 years as Lodge Secretary. Brother Donald Muse, Webb #252, has also served 38 years. Lowell Anderson, Mt. Sterling #269 has served under all 5. Paul Strobe of Ionic #438 served all 5 as well as Brother Lloyd Naylor, Sardinia #254.

My sincere thanks to you veteran Secretaries and to ALL Lodge Secretaries for your devotion to the office and your dedication to the craft.

The Senior Secretary in Ohio is.....

Most Worshipful Brother Andy White also served as Grand Secretary from 1958 until 1969. Brother **Robert McMillan**, has been Secretary of Stow Lodge #768 since 1968 and served his first year under MWB Andy White. He has served under 6 Grand Secretaries!

Congratulation to Brother McMillan for his 42 years of dedicated service as Secretary of his Lodge!

Hubert Installed as Amaranth Grand Secretary

Worshipful Brother Robert Hubert, Jr., Secretary of John W. Barkley Lodge #621, was installed on May 21, 2011, as the Grand Secretary of Ohio Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

Congratulations Worshipful Brother Hubert!

Deputy Grand Master's Programs

A message from our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd:

The Deputy Grand Master's rollout programs are designed to attract the leaders of the Lodges in Ohio. All officers and members are encouraged to attend these sessions. While a planned program will be available, these sessions are to allow the Deputy Grand Master to hear of your concerns as well as the Lodges to hear of his planning and expectations for the next Masonic year.

Dress for the programs will be business casual. Please take a few hours to learn the programs that will help your Lodge become more proficient in the programs and promotion of Ohio Freemasonry. The rollouts will be an open forum gathering—a tiled meeting will not be opened.

The following are the locations and dates for the Deputy Grand Master's 2011 Rollout Programs:

Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 P.M.—Wayfarer Lodge #789, Akron
 Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 P.M.—Wick Lodge #481, Youngstown
 Friday, July 29, 7:00 P.M.—University Lodge #631, Columbus
 Saturday, July 30, 9:00 A.M.—Jefferson Lodge #90, Middletown
 Friday, August 12, 7:00 P.M.—Guernsey Lodge #66, Cambridge
 Saturday, August 13, 9:00 A.M.—Trowel Lodge #132, Jackson
 Friday, August 19, 7:00 P.M.—Findlay Lodge #227, Findlay
 Saturday, August 20, 9:00 A.M.—Temperance Lodge #73, Sidney

The Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation

The Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was established as a 501(c)3 foundation in 1994 by then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas D. Zahler. Since its inception the Grand Lodge of Ohio has been able to provide financial assistance to approximately 300 Masons, their families and also to non-Masons totaling over \$400,000.00. We have been able to do this only through the generous donations to the Foundation from Brother Masons and from Lodges. Please remind your Brethren of our Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation and the further remembrance of their generosity to this worthy cause of aiding and assisting worthy, distressed Master Masons, their widows, and orphans as well as others deserving our assistance.

As a reminder, The Grand Lodge Office cannot provide financial assistance to individual requests that come directly into our office. Requests from the Charitable Foundation for assistance must come through the

symbolic Lodge. Requests to the Foundation for relief must come through the Lodge to the President of the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation. The President will have the Foundation members review the documented relief request and determine the appropriate level of assistance.

The Foundation President has traditionally been the Junior Grand Warden. This year's president is RWB Norman J. Mick, Junior Grand Warden.

Deaths Reported Since our Last Issue

Thomas J. Tipton, Past Secretary (26 yrs), Linden Lodge #637; passed 3/27/2011

Edward J. Hallman, Past Treasurer (15 yrs), John W. Barkley Lodge #621; passed 4/3/2011

John E. Cannon, PDEO 21st District, Clinton Lodge #47, passed 4/15/2011

Roger P. Monroe, PDDGM 16th District, Nevada Lodge #343; passed 4/16/2011

William C. Ross, Secretary, Licking Lodge #291, passed 5/5/2011

Robert M. Huntzinger, PGHP RAM, PDDGM 2nd District, Lincoln Lodge #683, passed 6/2/2011

Lodge Mergers Since Grand Lodge

Since Grand Lodge in 2010 there have been 4 Lodge mergers. They are:

- Mariemont Lodge #707 merged into Madisonville-Madeira Lodge #419, the surviving Lodge is Madisonville-Madeira-Mariemont #419, on November 8, 2010
- Halcyon Lodge #498 merged into Charles T. Raymer Lodge #683, the surviving Lodge, on December 31, 2010.
- Calvary Lodge #700 merged into Sharonville Lodge #204, with the Sharonville-Calvary Lodge #204 the surviving Lodge on February 7, 2011.

- George A. Holly Lodge #745 merged into Temple Lodge #28, the surviving Lodge on May 18, 2011.

Several other mergers are in process. As of this date we have 508 Ohio Lodges.

Appeal For Relief: Alabama—Tennessee—Missouri

Over the past several months we have experienced severe weather. Large amounts of rain, hail and damaging wind have hurt parts of Ohio. I have not heard of any Lodge buildings damaged or of personal injury to Ohio Brethren.

Outside of Ohio many areas were struck by monster tornadoes. There has been loss of life and enormous property damage.

The Masonic Service Association (MSA) has issued an appeal for relief for three states in particular: Alabama, Tennessee, and Missouri. Much help is needed in recovery from devastating storms that hit these three states.

Please forward directly to MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families. Make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund and clearly indicate how you wish the funds designated.

Checks should be sent to MSA—Disaster Relief Fund, 8120 Fenton Street—Ste. 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Flood Victims: Be Wary of Unscrupulous Contractors

As Ohioans deal with the effects of major floods, they should be wary of untrustworthy contractors who offer to repair damaged homes.

Beware of contractors who show up unexpectedly and make claims such as:

- “I just happened to be working in your neighborhood.”
- “I need cash up front.”
- “Your roof is about to collapse.”

- “I’m giving you a special discount.”
- “I have left over materials.”
- “We’re going to use your home as a model.”

Before entering into any home improvement contract, make sure to get all information in writing.

This consumer protection advice courtesy of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office.

Long Time Grand Lodge Employee to Retire

You just could not have been a Secretary for very long without having spoken with, or otherwise interacted with, Sally Riebel. Sally has been employed at the Grand Lodge of Ohio since April 15, 1989. She has taken care of Lodge supply order fulfillment, outgoing mail, photocopying and special assignments for the past 22 years.

Sally has announced her retirement effective July 29, 2011. I know you join me in saying “THANK YOU, SALLY for the many years of dedicated service!”

We wish you well in your years of much-deserved retirement.

Word of the Day:

Imprecation — (im pre ca tion) The act of imprecating; cursing. A curse; malediction; as in, “The imprecation from your own mouth....”

Quote of the Day:

“All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.” - Author, Calvin Coolidge

Have a great summer!

