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THE KEYSTONE COMMUNICATOR

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FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East:

Everything at Lodge is moving rapidly. This is our first newsletter of the year as our editor retired. To bring everyone up to date we had 2 Master Mason degrees 1, Fellow Craft degree and 3 EA degrees. We had our Lodge secretary resign due to health reasons and we will be having a special election at our June meeting to elect a new Secretary. At our May stated meeting we honored those members that reached 25 years in Masonry. The by-laws committee has been updating the by-laws and at the June meeting we will vote on those changes. At the stated meeting in May the Lodge approved two Scholarships for 2008. Our FISH FRY will be the end of June and we hope to see members that haven't been at Lodge for awhile. Lodge will be dark July and August. Our next newsletter will be in September. We are also sending newsletters via E-mail to cut expenses so if we do not have your E-mail address please send it to me at rautry103@aol.com and we will get you on our weekly list.

Dick Autry, W.M.

FROM THE OES



To the OES Sisters and Brothers:

We have had an interesting, fun and successful year. Our friends' night in November was a full house and a fun night. Our meetings have not been lengthy and good fellowship enjoyed by all in attendance. We have truly been blessed by the lovely music by our guest organist, Margaret Ellingwood, PGO. We thank her so much as well as our guest officers: Assoc. Conductress Candy May, WM from Millersville; Barbara Lanouette, PM as Adah from Millersville; Irma Wilson, WM as Ruth from Golden Rule and honorary members of Keystone Shirley Jackson, PM and Past Deputy as Martha from Irvington; David Feldman, WP as Sentinel from Millersville. To each of you, our thanks and gratitude is more than words can say. We could not have done it without your dedicated help.

Our inspection was March 13th here at Keystone with Brookside and Irvington. Keystone had three babies dedicated. Brandi (Rott) Thompson brought her adorable little girl and handsome son; also Gretchen Schaller with her beautiful young son were all dedicated to our order. Keystone had a first in a long time of 50 year presentations. Francis Bursh (widow of Chuck Bursh) and her daughter Joyce Gayton, PM and present WM. This was something for many and especially for a mother / daughter presentation. Francis is 91 years young. We had a full house that night and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron said that everyone did a beautiful job and it was a great inspection.

By the time you receive this, elections will be over and to who ever has been elected we hope for another great and successful year ahead. We do need our members who are able to start trying to help your chapter one night a month (1st Tuesday) as our officers are aging and we hope and pray we don't have to hand in our charter! Keystone Chapter was established in 1898, so we have survived many other younger chapters. We have always, for the most of these years, been a great chapter and lodge as well. Something all of us have been proud to say what chapter and lodge we belong to. Bottom Line- we have to get others in and involved. We need some of you to, PLEASE start coming back. We are a chapter in good harmony with one another and there for each other. All of us, so please give this matter some very serious consideration. If you have any questions, just give me a call.

In Sisterly Love,
Joyce Gayton, WM



Hello, my name is CJ Smith and I am the Master Councilor at Farrell A. Patrick Chapter Order of DeMolay here at Keystone Lodge. DeMolay is an organization for young men who are looking for a brighter future in God and Masonry. We have just elected our new chapter sweetheart, Jerrica Johnson. She is the Honor Queen at Fishers Bethel #108. I am sure that some of you have attended our meetings and have seen how active we are and how much we love being in DeMolay. We have just finished our spaghetti dinner which was fun and exciting, for our first dinner fundraising event. We have also attended the Mason – DeMolay bowling event at All Star Bowl and we had loads of fun and are looking forward to doing it again. On April 26th we have the Grand Masters Class which is open to any DeMolay or Mason. Please contact the chapter for event times. On May 8th, we have an initiatory degree for a new member. This will be our first degree that we perform without outside assistance. On May 24th the DeMolay and Jobs will be going cosmic bowling, and out for pizza before hand. We will also be attending the state bowling tournament in Franklin, the first weekend in June. We will also be at the DeMolay chateau at that time. On June 22nd, we start the leadership training camp to be held at the DeMolay chateau. This is a five day training course designed to help us to be better leaders, for both DeMolay and our future lives.

I would like to thank the Keystone Lodge for allowing us to start our chapter and for use of the building. I look forward to seeing many of you at our regular meetings, or one of our recreation nights.

FROM THE Fish Fry Committee

My Brothers,

It is that time again, as our fish fry is just around the corner. Orders are being placed and tents reserved, but the most important part of the fish fry is YOU.

This year's fish fry will be June 26, 27, and 28. Your lodge needs your help. We need you to talk to all your friends and family; make sure they know and come. We need your ideas; any ideas that can improve turnout, cut cost, and improve the bottom line are welcome. We need your help; we can use all the help we can during setup and takedown as well as working the line.

In the up coming weeks I will be sending out reminder emails about the fish fry that you can forward to all you email contacts.

In May we will start looking to get folks signed up to work the fry. Below are important dates to keep in mind:

June 22 - Tent goes up. We want to get as much setup as we can on the

June 25 – Last setup pieces completed

June 26, 27, and 28 Fish Fry

June 28 – We will start with tear down that night around 8:30 PM.

If you can help even for an hour, that will be a big help.

June 29 – Finish tear down

Thank you.

Patrick Carter

Junior Deacon / Fish Fry Co-Chair

Questions for Masonic Education:

Female Masons - Have there been any "Female Masons" in history?

If so how many and who were they?

Sackcloth – Of what is it a symbol?

Five Pointed Star– Does this star have a place in Symbolic Masonry?

FROM THE Long Range Planning Committee

To the Keystone Family:

One of the things that Keystone Lodge, Eastern Star, and DeMolay should be proud of is our efforts it provide "Christmas Baskets" to the needy. I believe that we started these four years ago with ten baskets. It has grown to more than twenty baskets. Each contains meat (usually a ham) non perishable food, fruit, nuts, and a toy for each child in the family. Many help all year long by donating nonperishable foods during the year. Margaret and I watch for specials on canned foods (often 25 to 50 cents per can in quantity). Others contribute money and others their time to put the baskets together and deliver them.

Last year I (chairman of the committee) was ill and we procrastinated until almost too late. Thanks to Lynn Campbell and her employer Pitney Bowes our supply was increased and we delivered I believe twenty-two baskets.

Brothers Kirby Sheets, Chris Steel, and Jim Crouch did a fantastic job of locating the needy families and delivering the baskets. The baskets were also delivered by Jeff Craig and his family as well as Tony Sandlin and his family.

Brethren we owe a big THANK YOU to Lynn Campbell, Pitney Bowes, Kirby Sheets, and Chris Steel.

We are targeting for thirty baskets this year. Please bring nonperishable food when you come to meetings at the Lodge and put them on the shelves in the old secretary's room. If you are willing to help assemble the baskets and deliver them, please call me.

Don Garrison
Long Range Committee Chairman

Brethren of Keystone Lodge:

We have only a few opportunities for the general public to see Keystone Masonry in action. Once a year if we have a public installation, occasionally an Award of Gold Ceremony, a Chips Program, or a Masonic Memorial Service for a deceased Brother.

Several years ago our attendance at Memorial Services shrank to five or six members, many of us believe that honoring a deceased brother is one of our strongest obligations so we started a telephone committee to notify interested brothers when there would be a service. Our attendance grew to fifteen or more. Recently the number has dropped again. One service last year only had five Masons and one of them was a visitor. At our last service we had eleven (ten were past masters).

We established a new calling list of thirty-two members who agreed to attend when possible. Six other members agreed to make the necessary calls. At our last service where we had eleven only four were from the list of thirty-two, nine were past masters. Several of the callers said they mainly reached voice mail or recordings. One caller sent Emails. Obviously neither worked.

Brethren if you receive a voice mail or a recording about a service and you cannot attend please return the call so we can try to find someone else. If you receive a call and plan to attend ask another brother to join you. If you are not on our calling list please contact me at 317-849-1723 and you will be notified of future services. The services are usually within a thirty minute drive and last about twenty minutes (total of about an hour and a half of your time)

Brother Chris Steel makes a very impressive presentation of our Memorial Service. This with an impressive number of masons in attendance a may prompt a non-mason to ask for a petition, It has happened in the past)

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND FUTURE SERVICES

Don Garrison
Committee Chairman

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