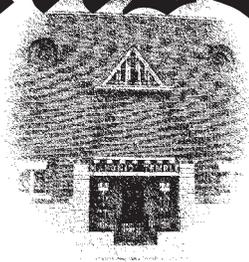


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The Miamisburg Masonic News is the newsletter for the following Masonic organizations: **Minerva Lodge #98** Free and Accepted Masons, **Trinity Chapter #44** Royal Arch Masons, **Adoniram Council #131** Royal and Select Masons, **Valley Commandery #80** Knights Templar, the **Miamisburg Temple Board**, and the **Minerva Lodge Craft Club**. Articles can be submitted to **Miamisburg Masonic News, PO Box 269, Miamisburg, OH 45343-0269** or emailed to **minervalodge98@gmail.com**. Please use the subject line "newsletter" with your email submission.

Temple Dining Room Restoration set to begin!

Donations are beginning to pour in for the Miamisburg Temple Dining Room Renovation Project. It's not too late to be part of this effort, and even the smallest amount can help make a difference. We also need plenty of volunteer labor on weekends over the summer - work dates will be finalized and announced in the near future. This is not just "another plea for money." We have already received some interest from people who want to rent the room once it's completed, so this is a potential source of income for the Temple!

MINERVA LODGE GOLF OUTING

It's not too late to sign up!

The 6th Annual Minerva Lodge Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, June 29th. The cost is \$35 which includes 18 holes, cart, and lunch. Sign-up begins at 8:15am and the first teams will be teeing off at 8:45am.

Contact WB Kent Crager at (937) 272-9798 to make your reservation.

We will be playing at the Jamaica Run Golf Course at 8781 Jamaica Road, north of Germantown. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

PATRONS OF THE NEWSLETTER

A huge **Thank You** to: RWB RICHARD POORE, WB TERRY HARRIS, WB KEN LIPPS, WB ERIC FLASHER, WB GREG CLATTERBUCK AND JEFF NESTOR.

WOOF, WOOF!

On Thursday, June 20th, the Minerva Lodge Craft Club held a special meeting to confer the Yellow Dog degree to eight candidates. WB Kenny Lipps performed the initiation. Look for the new honorary "Yellow Dogs" proudly wearing their coveted lapel pins at future meetings. Dinner was provided by Paul Miller and Steve Curry.

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MINERVA LODGE #98

Steve Stemple, Worshipful Master



It's been an exciting year at Minerva Lodge #98 so far. Being your Worshipful Master has been a fun challenge with all the degree work. I just get one done and I have to switch gears and do another one for another brother. I have always enjoyed portraying the degrees as I came up through the chairs but never more than this year when I actually got to raise new Master Masons.

Again it was my pleasure to attend the Grand Master's One Day Class on April 20th and guide new Brothers at the beginning of their Masonic journey. We now have fourteen new Master Masons in our Lodge. Robert Sakal, Gregory Cheadle, Issac Philpot, Ernie Pyle, Paul Mason, Frank McCabe, Christopher Zickelfoose, Anthony Caudill, Jason Lorang, James Miller, and Terrence MacDuff were initiated, passed, and raised in fine form. I cannot be more pleased that brothers Greg Hanahan, Mark Byrne, and Gary Thigpen decided to take the opportunity to complete their degrees. The day would not have been as successful without all of the mentors who volunteered. When you get a chance, join me in thanking RWB H. Jeffrey Shaw; WBs Kent Crager, Greg Clatterbuck, Kenny Lipps, Michael Cockroft, Terry Harris, Ken Ballinger, and Jim Potts; and brothers Brian Hyer, Scott Johnson, Adam Gillman, Paul Miller, Dennis Rose, Tim Miller, Steven Martin, and JD Byrne. It's that kind of enthusiasm that keeps our Lodge great.

I am happy to report that several of these new brothers attend stated meetings on a regular basis.

On Saturday, May 18th, we again served breakfast to kick off the Spring Fling in Miamisburg and had a nice turnout. This year, we

had many people who had never seen our building ask for a tour.

On May 23rd, Past Masters and brothers from Farmersville Lodge #482 came over to present the Rusty Nail Degree. It was a very special evening. Brother Brian Hyer smoked some pork and we had a darn good dinner. He may have unknowingly smoked himself into being the official Lodge Chef. We were pleased to be joined by a group of traveling brothers from Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge #2 in Cincinnati. We travel to their Lodge every year and attend a meeting and it was a treat to have them join us.

On June 1st, our third annual Burgers n' Bluegrass at the Lodge was a success. The hamburgers were great but the fantastic bluegrass music provided by "White Mountain Grass" and "The Third Degree" drew the crowd. We had a great time and were able to raise a bit of money for the Temple Board. Once again, there was constant traffic up and down the stairs for Lodge tours. We handed out some petitions too.

Minerva Lodge presented the second section of the Master

Mason degree at the Second District Outdoor Raising in Waynesville on Saturday, June 15th. You should know that we had more than a few compliments on our ritual work. WB Kent Crager provided a very fine lecture and Brother James Taylor from Waynesville Lodge delivered the charge. I'm sure that the candidate, Brother Michael Kauffman, will remember the day for many years to come.

On Thursday, June 27th, our last stated meeting before we go dark for the summer, we will be initiating two men as Entered Apprentices. I would like to have a good showing that night so we can demonstrate to our newest members what a wonderful Fraternity we have.

It is my hope and prayer that the newsletters are finding all of our Brothers in good health. If any of you have a chance to come to a meeting, please be sure to find me and introduce yourself. It would be a pleasure to make your acquaintance. I'm sure all your old friends would like to see you again too.

Be safe and may God bless all of you.

Trinity Chapter #44

James E Potts, Excellent High Priest



We are finishing up a busy year at Trinity Chapter. On Tuesday, June 18th, the following Companions were installed as officers for the upcoming year: James E. Potts, *High Priest*; David A. Thomas, *King*; Richard W. Poore, *Scribe*; Johnny D. Duff, *Captain of the Host*; Fred Hoskins, Jr., *Principal Sojourner*; Richard E. Gore, *R.A. Captain*; Robert Kent Crager, *Master of the Third Veil*; Scott M. Johnson, *Master of the Second Veil*; Melvin G. Poff, *Master of the First Veil*; Stephen Stemple, *Guard*; John C. Watkins, *Education Officer*; Douglas Hitch, *Chaplain*; Terry D. Harris, *Treasurer*; and Gregory B. Clatterbuck, *Secretary*.

Thank you for your continued support of Royal Arch Masonry. We want you to have a great summer, and join us again in September.



VALLEY COMMANDERY #80
Joe Fair, Eminent Commander

As I write this another Templar year is coming to a close. Valley Commandery's conclave on June 17th was for the installation of officers. It was an open installation with a carry in dinner. Please join me in wishing the new officers well in the coming year.

In anticipation of Sir Knight Dennis Hughes becoming the next Grand Commander for the State of Ohio, the Second Division is plan-

ning a reception in his honor on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013, at the Crown Plaza in Dayton, Ohio. More information on the reception will be coming at a later date.

Valley Commandery's award-winning drill team will once again compete at the Grand Commandery Drill Competition to be held this year at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. The Drill Competition will be Saturday, October 12th. Practice will begin in the near future. Anyone interested should contact the commander (Claude Seibel) or the recorder (Johnny Watkins) for further information.

Valley Commandery was one of nine commanderies in the Second

Division to participate in posting the colors at the Grand Master's One Day Class (April 20, 2013) held at the Dayton Masonic Center. There were more than one thousand in attendance that morning and we proudly displayed the banners of nine of the eleven Second Division Commanderies. Our Deputy Division Commander, Sir Knight William C. Dillon, commanded the troops and Sir Knight Don Wilcox gave an outstanding Flag Lecture. There were about twenty Sir Knights present, three of whom were from Valley Commandery. Photos from the event will be posted soon on the Miamisburg Temple website.

MINERVA 98 CRAFT CLUB
Adam Gillman, President

Brethren:

I bid you fraternal greetings. I would like to say congratulations to our newest members. It was a great honor to stand next to you new Brothers at the One Day class.

I would like to see you all at Craft Club as we have a lot of work to do. I know of at least three new Lodge members - that means three EA, FC and Master Mason degrees coming up. Let's keep the tradition of our stellar degree work alive and known through the entire 2nd District. We will need your help! The challenge goes out to our newest brethren: Come and learn the secrets of a Master Mason, and then stay to help raise more!

Stay tuned to this channel for further updates. Just a little something to look forward to - get ready to eat some good wings in the fall! See you all soon, and thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

MIAMISBURG TEMPLE WEB SITE
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The new and improved Miamisburg Temple Web site is now officially registered and construction has begun on the Temple's online home. Check throughout the summer for updated information at:

www.Miamisburg-Masons.com

HELP ME HELP OUT
FOUR LOCAL
CHARITIES



I will be riding in my fourth Young's Ice Cream Charity Bike Tour on July 20 and 21 this year, and I hope to persuade all members of Minerva Lodge to help in my fundraising goals for the event. I appreciate any help you are willing and able to give. You may be asking yourself why I'd put myself through that. It's because the ride directly benefits four local charities: Alzheimer's Association, United Rehabilitation Services of Greater Dayton, South Community Behavioral Healthcare, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; all profit goes directly to the charities. Last year, the event raised over \$80,000, which was awarded to the charities at Barleycorn's in Beavercreek at our Wrap-Up Party in September; you would be welcome to join us at this year's wrap-up event as well.

You can see the tour's information at <http://www.youngsbiketour.com>, and anyone can make donations either to me directly or by using the event's Web page. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide, and please feel free to call Brian Hyer at (937) 474-7965 if you have any questions.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL #131 *Dale Evans, Recorder*

Companions,

We have had a very good year in Council. On May 10th, we elected the officers to serve for the 2013-2014 year. Adoniram Council unanimously voted to make Johnny D. Duff an Honorary Illustrious Master.

A motion was made to change the by-laws to allow for the possibility of Council being moved to a different location, and it was voted down by a margin of 14-4.

Regardless of the outcome of the vote, we still need to focus on encouraging new membership and contacting all current Companions to remain active in our assemblies.

At our stated assembly on June 14th, the following were installed as officers: McKinley Polston, *Illustrious Master*; Claude Seibel, PIM, *Deputy Master*; Kenneth Turner, *Principal Conductor of the Work*; Michael Smith, PIM, *Treasurer*; Dale L. Evans, PIM, *Recorder*; Johnny D. Duff, *Captain of the Guard*; Gregory Fanning, *Conductor of Council*; Kenneth Ballinger, *Steward*; Kelly Koepke, *Sentinel*; and Jimmie Pelfrey, PIM, *Chaplain*.

The Third Arch Reunion/Picnic will be on June 29th, 2013, at 4pm. This year we will be meeting at Hubert O. Auburn Council #149, at 4353 West Fork Road in Cincinnati. This is a social event, and you are encouraged to bring your families!

The Arch will provide tableware, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks;



please bring lawn chairs. For last names beginning with letters A-L, please bring a covered dish. For last names beginning with letters M-Z, please bring desserts. Reservations are not necessary; please contact Mark Mason (513-897-9631 or mpm@your-net.com) to let us know how many will be attending.

The York Rite picnic will be on Sunday, July 21st at Wilson Park in West Carrollton beginning at 5pm. Please bring a covered dish.

Have a good summer and we'll see you at our next stated assembly on September 13th.

MIAMISBURG TEMPLE QUIZ

- In what year did each of these Masonic bodies receive its charter?
Minerva Lodge #98
Trinity Chapter #44
Adoniram Council #131
Valley Commandery #80
- When was the Miamisburg Temple Association incorporated?
- Who was the previous owner of the Miamisburg Temple building?

ANNUAL TRIP TO N.C. HARMONY LODGE #2

Don't forget that on July 3, we will be traveling to the Cincinnati Masonic Center to attend a dinner and Lodge meeting at Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge #2. We will meet at the "reserved Masonic parking area" in front of the Dayton Mall J.C. Penney at 4:30pm to carpool.

Dinner will be served at 6:15pm, and the Lodge meeting begins at 7:30pm. There is no cost for the dinner. We need to know how many Brothers will be attending, so please email minervalodge98@gmail.com before Friday, June 28 to let us know.

Trivia Question: How do you keep a Mason in suspense? Answers will appear in the September newsletter.