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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, and the **Miamisburg Temple Board**. Articles can be submitted to **Miamisburg Masonic News, PO Box 269, Miamisburg OH 45343-0269** or via email to **minervalodge98@gmail.com**. Please use the subject line "newsletter" with email submissions.

MEMO FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

By the time this is posted to our new Newsletter we will be well into our busy 2013 schedule. We are initiating, passing, and raising several new candidates and the petitions continue to come in.

A tentative calendar was included in your dues notices in November and we will be looking forward to our usual string of annual events: the Spring Fling Breakfast in May; Burgers and Bluegrass and the Minerva golf outing in June; and the Craft Club picnic in the fall. I was also thinking of having a dinner or similar activity with our wives and girlfriends. We have a lot planned but I want to encourage any of you who may have a suggestion that you should feel free to contact me. This is your Lodge and everyone benefits from your participation and ideas.

Our Inspection this year will be on **Thursday, February 21st 2013**, in the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge will be opened at 6pm and will immediately be called to refreshment. Officers and brothers will return to the dining room to greet members and visiting brethren. At 7pm the Lodge will return to labor and the Fellow Craft degree work. Our Inspecting Officer this year is RWB Bryan Worley and our District Education Officer is WB Arnold Fugate. The candidate is Brother Joshua Newsome.

I look forward to meeting all of you at some time this year, either in Lodge or elsewhere. Thank you for trusting your Lodge to me. I will try to make you proud.

Steve Stemple

Worshipful Master, Minerva Lodge #98

Quotes

"Character is higher than intellect." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunshine." - Benjamin Franklin

"To promote cooperation and teamwork, remember: People tend to resist that which is forced upon them. People tend to support that which they help to create." -Vince Pfaff

Minerva Lodge #98 is proud to introduce the officers for the 2012-2013 Masonic year.

Worshipful Master Steve Stemple (937-866-1434) lives in Miamisburg with his wife, Sandy. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Brother Stemple is self-employed as a real estate title examiner. He became a Master Mason in 2005.

Brother Richard Gore (937-866-6720) has been a Master Mason since 1993. He lives in Miamisburg with his wife, Diana. They have two sons (both members of Minerva Lodge) and two grandsons. In addition to being **Senior Warden**, Brother Gore is also a past High Priest of Trinity Chapter #44. He is retired and spends his leisure time hunting, fishing, and collecting firearms.

Brother Tom Downie (937-299-0366) has been elected as **Junior Warden**. Prior to election, he served for many years as Chaplain. He became a Master Mason in 1992. Brother Downie is semi-retired but still works as a senior residential appraiser. He lives in Kettering with his wife, Patti. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Worshipful Brother Greg Clatterbuck (937-435-6680) has been **Secretary** of the Lodge since 2008. He has been a Master Mason since 1981, serving twice as Worshipful Master of Minerva Lodge and three times as High Priest of Trinity Chapter. In 2012, he was installed as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Third Capitular District in Ohio. He lives in Miami Township with his wife, Kathy. They have one son. WB Clatterbuck is a retired air traffic controller and his hobby is woodworking.

Worshipful Brother Terry Harris (937-746-9962), who lives in Springboro with his wife Cinda, has one son and two grandchildren. Since becoming a Master Mason in 1988, he has served as Worshipful Master of Minerva Lodge and High Priest of Trinity Chapter. He is now **Treasurer** of both Masonic bodies. WB Harris runs his own company though he is semi-retired. While he spends a lot of his spare time in service to the Lodge, he also enjoys golf.

Worshipful Brother Ken Ballinger (937-831-1841) is in his second year as **Lodge Education Officer**. He lives in Union with his girlfriend, Lisa, and they have three sons, one daughter, and one grandson. WB Ballinger received his Master Mason degree in 2003. He has a keen interest in history, the arts, and doing research for Lodge education programs.

In the **Senior Deacon** chair this year is **Brother Adam Gillman**. He lives in Dayton with his wife, Penny, and has five children. Brother Gillman works as a sales manager. Since becoming a Master Mason in 2011, he has been very active in Lodge and with the Craft Club.

Brother Johnny Duff became a Master Mason in 1970. Before being elected as **Junior Deacon**, he was the Tyler for nearly twenty years. Brother Duff is single with no children and lives in Miamisburg. He is enjoying his retirement by helping family when he can and keeping active in Blue Lodge and York Rite Masonry.

Senior Steward Brother Steven Martin lives and works in Dayton and is single with no children. He just received his Master Mason degree in 2012 and he is already demonstrating his passion for the Fraternity by becoming a line officer.

Brother Steve Curry joins the officer line this year as **Junior Steward**. He lives in Miamisburg with his wife, Fran, and has two children. He is employed as a security guard. Brother Curry became a Master Mason in 1998 and enjoys playing music in his spare time.

Our **Tyler, Brother Steve Williams**, lives in Miamisburg with his wife, Jessica, and has four children. He works in inventory control but in his leisure hours he enjoys hunting and collecting firearms. He became a Master Mason in 2005.

Brother Paul Miller has served in several areas since becoming a Master Mason in 2002. Currently, he is the **Marshall** but he is a past Craft Club President and represents Minerva Lodge on the Temple Board. He lives in Miamisburg with his wife, Sandi, and they have one son (also a member of Minerva Lodge) and two granddaughters. Brother Miller has enjoyed hunting and playing golf since his retirement as a sheet metal worker.

Our **Chaplain, Brother Dennis Rose**, lives in Miami Township with his wife, Sandra. They have one daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren. Brother Rose has served his Lodge well since receiving his Master Mason degree in 2002. He has been a counselor to new candidates, the Lodge Education Officer, and was named Craftsman of the Year in 2012. He retired as a tool and die maker and his hobbies include collecting stamps, gardening, and travelling to see the grandchildren.

Grand Master's Class 2013

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James F Easterling, has authorized another Grand Master's Class to be held at several locations in Ohio this spring. It is an opportunity for potential members to receive all three degrees in Blue Lodge Masonry in a single "One Day" session.

A brother who may have begun his Masonic journey but hasn't completed his three degrees is also eligible to attend. At the end of the day, all candidates will be Master Masons in good standing.

In the Valley of Dayton, the Grand Master's Class will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at the Dayton Masonic Center. The deadline to submit petitions is March 1st, 2013. Each candidate must be investigated and elected prior to the petition being submitted. This year the Grand Master has allowed voting on candidates to take place at special meetings if necessary.

The Valley of Cincinnati will be hosting a Grand Master's Class on Saturday, May 11th, at the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The deadline to submit petitions for this event is April 1st, 2013.

For petitioners from Minerva Lodge, the fee for the class is \$215.00.

Minerva Lodge Awards Night

On January 24th 2013, Minerva Lodge held its annual Awards Night to recognize brothers who have reached milestones in their Masonic careers. Presenting the awards this year was RWB Scott Sowder, DDGM of the Second Masonic District. Brothers unable to attend had their awards mailed to their homes.

The following brothers were recognized:

25 years—WB Terry D Harris; **35 years**—WB Scott Lipps; **45 years**—Brothers James C Brewer, Robery A Corey, Oscar E Hicks II, and Paul Doug Sorrell; **50 years**—Brothers Glenn W Bennett, Robert W Collins, and William E Davidson; **60 years**—WB Richard W Armstrong

In addition, Worshipful Brother Mel Poff presented an engraved "Minerva #98" keychain to each of the officers who served with him during the 2011-2012 Masonic year.

****IMPORTANT UPDATES TO MINERVA LODGE CALENDAR****

Thursday **February 28th, 2013**: 7:30pm **EA degree**. LEO program will be on Flag Day and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thursday **March 21st, 2013**: **SPECIAL MEETING**. Spaghetti dinner beginning at **5:30pm**. Donations welcome. **7PM**: Master Mason degree for TWO candidates: Brothers Johnny D Byrne and David Gore.