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Odenton Lodge #209 AF & AM

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Master's Message

Jon F. Zeigler.

Worshipful Master

Brothers,

As the year winds down, Odenton Lodge is looking forward to a number of changes. In January I will be stepping down after two years as Worshipful Master, and we will also be in need of a new Secretary. Almost all of the lodge's line officers will be moving up into new positions as well. This is how Masonry is supposed to work – new men coming to take up the burden and exercise leadership in their turn.

In particular, I'm very pleased with the crop of new Masons that have joined us over the past few years. My rule of thumb for any voluntary organization is that for every ten people who join, only one will be able to serve as an active member over the long term. The other nine may contribute in many ways, but they won't be able to commit to an active, working membership. This seems to be a constant in today's fast-paced and fragmented world – too few of us have the time or energy to really commit ourselves to any one activity. We're most fortunate that our average of new, active Masons has been much higher than one out of ten for some time. These new Masons are men who will provide a solid foundation for the lodge's future growth and prosperity. If you're a brother of long standing, I'm confident that you will be hearing very good things from them as time passes.

I'd like to ask that if you haven't done so already, please contact the Secretary and make sure we have your correct contact information and your dues are paid up. Over the past year we've discovered that a number of brothers have moved – or even passed on to the Celestial Lodge – without our knowledge. As Brother Secretary and I prepare to hand over our tasks to our successors, it's important that the lodge's records be as complete and up-to-date as possible. Brother Secretary will soon be sending out end-of-year invoices if our records show that you have past dues outstanding. Please treat these as a gentle and courteous reminder of our annual obligation.

One piece of news I think you'll find cheerful. Odenton Lodge fielded a corn-husking team at the Grand Lodge's harvest festival this year – composed mostly of those new Masons I've been praising – and we managed to win third

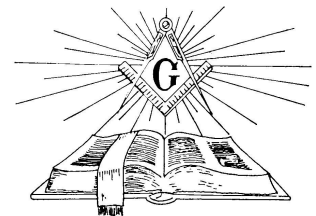
place. Apparently the margin between second and third place was a single ear of corn that fell out of our basket at the last minute and had to be replaced! Our brothers were very proud of the trophy they brought home.

Another piece of news: the veteran's memorial we sponsored on our property as an Eagle Scout project continues to bring in favorable attention from the community. A neighbor recently contacted us, explaining that he often stops to "meditate" for a few moments at our memorial while he is out running for exercise. While he visited a few weeks ago, he noticed that our American flag was becoming worn. On his own initiative, he purchased a new flag for us so that we could give the old one honorable retirement. That donated flag now flies over our lodge and memorial. Here's a complete stranger – not a Mason, nor ever likely to become one – impressed enough by our patriotism to make an expensive donation. It's this kind of news that gives me confidence that our lodge is working as a positive presence in the Odenton community.

In any case, brothers, my thanks for all your hard work and dedication during my two years as Worshipful Master of our lodge. One of the first lessons any Worshipful-Master-elect learns is that he can do nothing without the support and cooperation of his brothers. I've enjoyed that support, and as I step down to enjoy the sidelines for a while I feel myself to be uncommonly blessed. Many thanks.

WorshipfulMaster@odentonlodge209.net

Fraternally,
Jon F. Zeigler,
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Calendar Events remaining in 2012

31 October - Ritual Practice (Master Mason degree)

1 November - Temple Holding Corporation Meeting

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November 16 - Grand Masters Banquette—

7 November - Regular Communication (Degree Work - Master Mason degree)

14 November - Ritual Practice (Entered Apprentice degree)

16 November - Grand Master's Banquet

Where: Grand Lodge Ballroom 6 PM - 11 PM

Description: Formal attire.

Tickets are \$50 and available at the Grand Lodge Office.

17 November - Annual Communication

Where: Grand Lodge 10 AM - 3 PM

Description: Tuxedos, Aprons and Jewels required for all attendees

21 November - Regular Communication (Probable Degree Work - Entered Apprentice degree)

28 November - Ritual Practice (Memorial Service and Installation)

5 December - Regular Communication (Lodge Elections)

6 December - Temple Holding Corporation Meeting



What are my dues for 2012?

Please take note, dues have raised annually beginning January 1, 2012

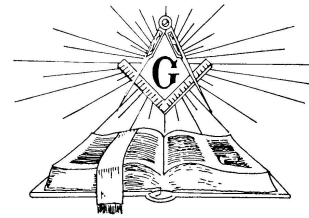
Regular Members: \$100

Lifetime Odenton: Paid by the lodge

Lifetime Ben Franklin: \$22.50

Dual / Plural membership: \$87.50

Reminders have been sent. Please remit payment to the lodge to keep yourself in good standing.



2012 Harvest Day Home Festival Update

Congratulation to the corn husking team from Odenton Lodge 209 for taking the 3rd place trophy in the corn shucking event.

Brothers on the team: Cort Bossert, David Siler, Paul Romer, Dario Fermaint and Elon Hanlon Jr.

From the Secretary:

Brethren: I would like remind you that the lodge holds Bingo every Monday night at the lodge, and all you can eat breakfast on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and an all you can eat dinner on the 3rd Friday of the month. These fundraisers helps support the lodge. I would also like to personally invite each and every Brother to the lodge on the 1st Wednesday of the month to our regular meeting and at 6 PM for dinner to be served before the meeting.

David M. Siler - Secretary



Living Past Masters

James H. Conboy	1949
Charles W. Boyer	1953
Ralph E. Long, PGJS	1956
Daniel B. Sloan*	1958
Daniel V. Gerhardt, Afl.	1961
Daniel A. Spath*	1962
George H. Ruggles, Afl.	1963-1964
George W. Smouse	1966
Bill D. Burlison, Afl.	1966
James C. Reusing*	1970, 1974-1975
Kenneth D. Bell	1973
James S. Merrill	1979
Leo Pluswick	1980
Gerald E. Ketchum, Sr.	1982
Alexander M. Buinickas	1983
Joseph B. Edwards, III	1984, 1995
David F. Hicks	1985
Michael W. Patterson	1986
James R. Singletary	1987
James J. Morgan, Jr. Afl.	1989
Grafton L. Aleshire	1989
Richard D. Phillips, Afl.	1989
George T. Steele, PGT	1990
Gary T. Neal	1991
Edward C. Garrant	1992
Richard L. Garrant, PGI	1993
John A. Edwards	1994
Howard E. Culver, Jr.	1996
Charles R. Baillargeon	1998, 2000-2001
James E. Melton, Jr.	2002
Thomas A Keller, PWGT, GI	2006-2007
Robert A. Dumas	2008
Logan E. H. Starr, Sr.	2009—2010
Jon F. Zeigler	2011

*Denotes Ben Franklin Lodge

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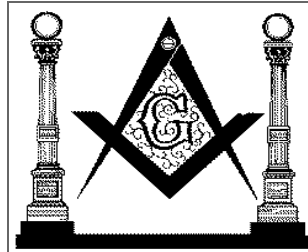
I, as a FREEMASON, believe in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man. I will do unto others, as I would have them do unto me. I pledge my loyalty to the Government of the United States of America, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others. Freemasonry is founded upon these principles and I will use my utmost effort to preserve them for posterity. So Mote It Be.

We honor our brothers who have lain down their working tools in the last year:

Raised	Name	Laid to rest
04/16/1969	MILAND D. LUKENBACH	2/14/2012
04/17/1991	LYNDALL ARDEN DEBAR	3/26/2012
Unknown	ROBERT KELLOGG III	4/12/2012
10/16/1970	WILBUR SCHWEIGER	4/2012
10/25/1967	DEWEY ANDREW HART	8/24/2012

We also honor those brother how have laid down their working tools that we are unaware of.

We that all these brothers for their hard work, dedication and friendship over the years. May you rest in peace.



Farwell to a friend and Brother

Brothers, Past Master and Treasurer

**Lyndal Debar laid down his working tools on Tuesday
March 27, 2012**

Thank you Lyn for all your service.

In loving memory

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Widows Night:
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Bonnie Blink:
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Robert A. Dumas, PM 2011

Patrick Culver 2012

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