

TRESTLEBOARD

ODENTON LODGE #209, A.F.&A.M.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

I pray you are all enjoying a happy and safe summer. Working through the summer has allowed us to raise two Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason, pass one Brother to the degree of Fellow Craft, and initiate one more Brother as an Entered Apprentice. Had we gone into recess for the summer as in past years, all of that degree work would have been waiting for us in September. I thank the Officers and Brothers for all your hard work.

2014 has been a very busy year. As a Lodge we have visited several other Lodges, hosted bingo at Bonnie Blink, and had our Grand Master assist us serving the spring High Tea, and many other events. If you ever want to know

what's going on in your Lodge, just pop on our webpage or Facebook.

I would like to thank everyone on behalf of myself and family for all your thoughts, prayers, and kindness shown to me during my recent illness scare. For the past six months, I had been living with a diagnosis of cirrhosis of the liver and my health was in serious decline. On the 6th of June, it was discovered my hepatic vein, which leaves my liver to the heart, was blocked. A stent was inserted in the vein which restored blood flow to my healthy liver. That's right, a healthy liver – I do not have cirrhosis. I am on the mend now and getting stronger each day. I attribute my miraculous recovery to the many prayers given to our Lord on my behalf. Thank you all. Without the support

of my Brothers, I would never have been able to occupy the East. I pray my days of looking like a walking corpse are over.

As my time in the East winds down, I would like to thank all of you for your support. There are many more events scheduled for the remainder of the year. The big ones will be Harvest Home Day at Bonnie Blink, Past Masters' Night, OTHC Basket Bingo, and several other Grand Lodge events.

Information on all of these events as well as others is just a mouse click away. Hope to see you all there.

Fraternally yours,

Patrick R. Culver,
Worshipful Master

WORDS FROM THE WEST

Brothers, I would like to thank all that have supported me in my absence this summer. It is good to see that for the most part we have had a great summer. Our Worshipful Master and his family are doing well and are overcoming their distresses. PM Dumas is back in the mix (we know you had a struggle this year, and we are with you). And me with my back (take care of your back!). We all have had some personal struggles this year. But I take comfort in knowing that our God has blessed us in being able to open our eyes, stand strong, and tackle another day.

Now, I have been absent most of the summer due to prior obligations. But now I am able to refocus on my Masonic

responsibilities. I want to carry on the tradition of having fun, but I want us all to be proficient and sharp. I would like to carry on traditional Masonic ritual, but add a couple of modern touches.

I would also like to invite back members of Odenton #209 who have been absent to feel free to participate and enjoy some of the brotherhood which we are continually perpetuating. We have had some good moments from enjoying some warm apple pie on those cold meeting nights to BBQing in the parking lot on those warm summer days. The Brothers of Odenton #209 are a band of brothers who believe in true friendship and have a desire to become better men. If you are interested in that, you are encouraged to stop in and visit. You are

guaranteed to be welcomed with open arms.

We at Odenton Lodge #209 are working lodge and we have a great set of brothers that often give an hour or two for the service of our lodge, which lightens the load a little for the brothers that give more time. So I want to personally thank all that assist. PM Zeigler has lightened his load at the lodge recently and we thank him for all of his service. We hope that it is only temporary and that in some way you can come back and continue service to our lodge.

Kenn Adams, Senior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY

You may have noticed our newsletter is thinner this time around. After a recent review of the lodge's finances, we've made the decision to reduce our costs in this area. As lodge members write articles of interest, please look for them on our website at www.odentonlodge209.net. You can even subscribe to be emailed when articles are posted!

Please see important info on the reverse, on a vote to amend our by-laws.

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Regular communication first and
third Wednesdays at 7pm.

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Ongoing

Bingo every Monday night, 7pm

Rehearsal 2nd/4th/5th Wednesday, 7pm

October

1: Stated communication, 7pm

4: Harvest Home Day, 7am

11: Grand Lodge Oktoberfest, 6:30pm

12: Breakfast, 8am

15: Stated communication, 7pm

16: THC, 7pm

Davy Crockett speaker, Grand Lodge,
7:30pm

17: Dinner, 5pm

19: THC Basket Bingo, 1pm

November

5: Stated communication and **Past Masters Night**, 7pm; dinner at 6

14: Grand Lodge Annual Communication dinner, 6pm

15: Grand Lodge Annual Communication, 10am; open installation at 7pm

IMPORTANT DATES

This is your notice: On November 5, Past Masters Night, we will be discussing and voting on amendments to the by-laws of our lodge, as written by the By-Laws Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge By-Laws Committee. You will find attached a copy of the changes, as approved by the Grand Lodge By-Laws Committee. Please make sure to be present at this meeting!

Past Masters Night is on November 5. Please try to make it to dinner beforehand at 6pm. We would like to have a good showing to honor the men who have led our lodge from the Oriental Chair.

Also, the Annual Communication is on November 15. Any Master Mason is eligible to attend, but please contact your secretary for arrangements. The Grand Line installation is open to the public.

LIVING PAST MASTERS

James H. Conboy, 1949
 Charles W. Boyer, 1953
 * George H. Ruggles, 1963-64
 George W. Smouse, 1966
 * James Clifford Reusing, 1970, 74-75
 Kenneth D. Bell, 1973
 James S. Merrill, 1979
 Leo Pluswick, 1980
 * Robert W. Evett, 1982
 Gerald E. Ketchum, Sr., 1982
 Joseph B. Edwards, III, 1984, 1995
 Michael W. Patteson, 1986
 Grafton L. Aleshire, 1989
 Gary T. Neal, 1991
 Edward C. Garran, 1992
 Richard L. Garran, 1993
 John A. Edwards, 1994
 Howard E. Culver, Jr., 1996
 Charles R. Baillargeon, 1998, 2000-01
 Thomas A. Keller, 2006-07
 Robert A. Dumas, Jr., 2008, 2013
 Logan E. H. Starr, Sr. 2009-10
 Jon F. Zeigler 2011-12

2014 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master	Patrick Culver	240-565-3286
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Chaplain	James Miller	410-507-5690
Tyler	Seth Pickett, II	216-470-0186
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Grand Inspector

James T. Hill, Jr., PM #222, GI 410-987-8124

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John Thomas, PM #101, PWGL 410-799-5873

2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit: Roy Stevens, Hon. PM, PWGT	410-551-5417
Blood: John Ertel	410-279-3648
Bonnie Blink: John Stoneham	410-499-9848
By-Laws: Robert Dumas, Jr., PM	443-306-4184
Catechism: John Stoneham	410-499-9848
Family Day Picnic: Patrick Culver	240-565-3286
GOATS: Patrick Culver	240-565-3286
Harvest Home Day: Cort Bossert	443-250-5450
Membership: James Miller	410-507-5690
Open House: Kenneth Adams	443-848-6436
Past Masters' Night: Patrick Culver	240-565-3286
Ritual: Robert Dumas, Jr., PM	443-306-4184
Scholarship: Paul Romer, Hon. PM	443-254-5421
Sick: Grafton Aleshire, PM	410-693-8327
Social: Seth Pickett, II	216-470-0186
Strawberry Night: Kenneth Adams	443-848-6436
Widows' Night: Cort Bossert	443-250-5450