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Greetings:

I would like to give a hearty welcome to our newest Master Masons who were raised at the One-Day Class in March: Brian Clouse, Brian Eitel, Scott Hockenbery, Richard Hughes, Earl Jackson, Todd Nance, Eric Semler, David Waggoner, Timothy Winebrenner and James Yerian. During April we also initiated two Entered Apprentices: Noah Campbell and Ted Chave.

Coming up in May, we have several important events:

First, on May 12th we will be visiting and touring the Grand Lodge of Ohio Facilities and Museum. We will meet at the London Bob Evans for breakfast at 8:15 and depart for Columbus at 9:30. We will arrive at the Grand Lodge at 10:00 for a tour of the facilities and the museum. All are welcome to join us for breakfast and come enjoy the tour.

Second, the 1st Annual Spring Fun Run is May 19th for Motorcycles and Classic cars starting at the Ohio Masonic home with a Free Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Registration at 9:00 a.m. The route will include pit stops at Urbana and West Jefferson returning to the Ohio Masonic Home for Lunch. There will be T-Shirts and Prizes, Silent Auctions, and Music. Open to everyone this is a great public event for all to see our efforts in support of Special Olympics.

Lastly, we will be winding up the Lodge Polo Shirt orders. All Orders must be received at or before the Lodge meeting on May 8th.

Our Worshipful Master has another significant message this month. I agree we need to spread the word about the good things we are doing. He hopes this is the end of any negativity and promised me that this will be his last tirade. We have a lot going on and need to move forward.

Fraternally,

Paul Thompson, Editor

Chandler Lodge #138 has a new Website
Check it out at:

<http://www.mastermason.com/chandler138/>



Master's Message



Hello Brothers.

Basically I will direct this month's message to the 90% of our in-active members that like to sit back and complain about what Chandler Lodge does. The 10% that participate & understand are excused from reading any further; I think everyone knows what group they fall into.

The theme is '*communication vs. complaining*' and is directed to all those members and non-members who feel they know what myself or Chandler Lodge is doing or not doing and why. I am here to say - you don't. I can say this positively because I do attend the Blue Lodge & Temple meetings and know who has the correct information to make their judgments. Although I cannot change our member's thoughts and actions I can - and will express myself to them.

I realize my year in the east has upset the 'old' system of operations around the Temple, which was expected. I am also aware a few of you will be glad when my year is completed, that is fine also. I will apologize to anyone that has been or is offended by my methods. I accept blame and praise for the actions of the Lodge and I do not mind being the 'bad guy' when it is needed. I do however take exception to people complaining when it is not needed, especially when it is based on incorrect information and straight gossip.

Please be aware that everything Chandler Lodge has done this year is per Grand Lodge, District, Code, and Officers Manual. That is what I am bound to govern by, as were all other Masters before me. I cannot say with past masters and their programs why things happened or didn't happen whether right or wrong. I can only rule and govern this year within the proper rules and procedures I am bound by. Other special events this year have been done, scheduled and approved by whoever was necessary. This includes the traveling, Table Lodge, Christmas Party, Book Drive & yes the Blood Drive and Flag Pole. We have talked to sponsors, the city, temple association, whoever was needed. Chandler Lodge has not taken to 'just doing what we want', contrary to popular belief, but believe me that I will govern the lodge to the satisfaction of the District and Grand Lodge; I will have the junior officers prepared, and our Lodge will be in proper order. This is the Master's job. My job is not to pacify and make happy the other bodies, and people, but to work with them towards a satisfactory result; we do not change the system, we change to fit into the system. Remember your degrees; we are brothers among whom no contention should exist. Communication is the key. Go to your meetings; attend Temple meetings; whatever you need to do to gather the correct information. Once you have the correct information please pass it on, this will improve Temple communications and squash the gossip. Do not rely on gossip or personal differences to influence attendance, actions and judgments. Remember that the lodge is the strength and support of all other Masonic bodies; it needs you. Support your brothers and they support you; this is the life of the Master Mason.

Armed with the proper information I encourage you to judge the performance of the lodge and myself this year. I believe if you knew me, and the core of active members, their thoughts and actions you may be pleasantly surprised what is happening around Chandler Lodge.

Remember, *communication is the key to getting the correct information*, and this is the key to get everyone to *quit complaining*.

With due respect,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

TEMPLE CALENDAR

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| May 2 nd | Rainbow | Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 2 nd | Eastern Star | Decorate Temple | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 3 rd | Eastern Star | Inspection | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 6 th | LABC | Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 8 th | Chandler | Stated Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 10 th | Chapter/Council | Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 12 th | Chandler | Grand Lodge Tour | 10:00 a.m. |
| May 14 th | Chandler -9 th District Meeting | Mt. Sterling | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 14 th | Odd Fellows | Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 16 th | Rainbow | Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 18 th | Council | Super Excellent Degree @ Westgate | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 19 th | 9 th Masonic District | Spring Fun Run Ohio Masonic Home | 8:00 a.m. |
| May 22 nd | Chandler | Stated Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 24 th | Commandery | Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 28 th | National Holiday | Memorial Day | |
| May 28 th | Odd Fellows | Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |

LEO Corner

The Cave of Zedekiah, commonly known as the Quarries of King Solomon, is a deep cavern, beneath the Old City of Jerusalem, extending below the surface in the direction of the Temple Mount. The cave's entrance, which had become lost, was rediscovered in 1854. Tradition says the cave extends to the plains of Jericho and it is said that Zedekiah fled through this cavern when Jerusalem fell to Nebuchadnezzar.

The fact remains that the cave did serve as a quarry, as the half-sawn blocks of stone still in place give testimony to this effect. The type of stone found in the cave is the white limestone locally known as melech, or "royal" stone. This is very good for building and, although it is not too hard, it does not flake off. Very large blocks of this stone can be quarried and when exposed to daylight and the elements, it hardens.

As the quarries in the cave are quite close to the Temple Mount and to the City of David, very large stones could have been transported there. Obviously, it would have been simpler to use this quarry rather than bring heavy stones up from Jaffa via the winding road up the hills to Jerusalem. Another interesting point is that because of the cavern's depth underground, the sounds of tools could not have been heard at the construction site of King Solomon's Temple, on the Temple Mount. This would explain verse 6:7 in the First Book of Kings: "In building the Temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used, and no hammer, chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the Temple site while it was being built."

A few years after the cave's entrance had been rediscovered, it became the site of the first recorded Masonic ceremony performed in Palestine. The ceremony in the degree of Secret Monitor, performed in the cavern on Wednesday, 13 May 1868. Today the cave is an official tourist site, open to the public.

NEWS AND NOTES

The book collections and donations for the London Public Library continue. Please clean out your shelves, hit the yard sales, even write a check. 100% of everything collected will go directly to the Library. Please remember books must be in good condition.

The 1st Annual Spring Fun Run is being planned for May 19th. Motorcycles and Classic cars will begin and end at the Ohio Masonic home for lunch, T-shirts, and prizes for best car, and bike. The route will include pit stops at Urbana and West Jefferson. This is a lodge fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Ohio Special Olympics. Event is open to anyone who enjoys a good time.

9th District Golf outing is scheduled for July 28th at Locust Hills. Looking for teams and individuals to play. Lunch is included in the cart and green fees of 50.00. This event is also open to the public. More details are posted on the Temple Bulletin Board.

To receive the Newsletter via E-mail and save your stamp for another brother please contact our Editor PAUL THOMPSON @ 740-845-1162 OR CHANDLERLODGE138@YAHOO.COM

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