



THE



TRESTLEBOARD

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Greetings Brothers:

Thank you to all of you who have provided me with your email addresses. You are receiving this issue free via the internet. I urge all of the rest of you to let me send you your copy of the Trestleboard via email. It is FREE!

We are entering a new year. Lodge inspections start up this month with Mt. Sterling's Inspection on the 19th. I really enjoy traveling to the various lodges and watching the degree work. I'm sure Master Wilt and Brother Beres and I would love to have you join us as we visit each of the lodges in the 9th Masonic District.

We will be doing degree work in the Entered Apprentice Degree on the 8th of January. I have included events scheduled for the first half of February on the calendar. Please check it out for more detail.

Fraternally,
Paul Thompson, Editor

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Website**

[HTTP://WWW.MASTERMASON.COM/CHANDLER138/](http://www.mastermason.com/chandler138/)

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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers,

First, I would like to apologize for this issue of the Trestleboard being sent out late. During the month of December, I was so busy preparing for the lodge activities and getting ready for Christmas that the time just flew by.

On December 15, 2007, Chandler Lodge hosted a Christmas party for the less fortunate children who live in Madison County. Khana Shahar Grotto MOVPER furnished clowns who entertained the children until Santa Claus arrived. Santa Claus passed out presents to all the children. The Lodge provided pizza, cookies, and soft drinks. The party was enjoyed by all present. The Lodge donated ten toys to the London Fire Department's Toy-for-Tots program.

On December 22, I and other officers met at the lodge and made sixteen fruit bowls. Afterwards, we went to the Madison County Hospital and presented the fruit bowls to the patients in the extended care unit. Brother Jim Bowen took a fruit bowl to one of our own, Brother Frank Jenkins. I ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

At our stated meeting on January 8, 2008, we will be conducting the Entered Apprentice degree. We will also have a guest, who recently received his Entered Apprentice degree outside the United States. It should be very interesting to hear how much of a difference there is.

A Table lodge was scheduled for Jan 12th but due to certain circumstances we are postponing it until a later date. More information will be upcoming.

Once again I would like to remind the brothers about the Bicentennial Celebration Dinner on January 25th, at the Springfield Masonic Temple. You still have time to get your tickets and join on the fun.

Fraternally,
Don Wilt
Worshipful Master

The 2008 year will be the 200th anniversary of freemasonry in Ohio, and will bring about many exciting events. One item that requires a little work on our behalf will be updating the Chandler Lodge history for submittal to Grand Lodge. We currently have significant written data on the lodge and its affairs, but are in need of pictures of the lodge/temple/people and events from the history of London and Chandler Lodge. We are in desperate need of information pre-1933 before we had moved to our current temple. Anyone with historical information and photos of London, the temple, its members or other newsworthy items are encouraged to contact the Secretary who is heading up the historical update. Sometimes an old picture postcard or event program will have information our committee is looking for. We only need copies, and will not keep your originals so please do some digging, and contact us if you can help with this important task.

In the coming 2008 year, the Masons in Ohio will be celebrating 200 years of freemasonry. On January 25th, 2008 the 9th Masonic District is sponsoring a dinner at the Springfield Masonic Temple, 125 West High St. The attire will be coat and tie, with the admission at \$15.00 per person. The Social Hour will open at 6:00p.m. with dinner and entertainment commencing at 7:00p.m. Please come and join in the fun as the Lodges of the 9th district assist our Grand Lodge in celebrating the Bicentennial of Freemasonry in Ohio. All net proceeds will be donated to the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation.

TICKETS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING WORSHIPFUL MASTER DON WILT @ 937-834-4019

TEMPLE CALENDAR

Jan 2 nd	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 3 rd	OES	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 8 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 10 th	Chapter/Council	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 14 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Jan 16 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 19 th	Mt. Sterling Lodge	Inspection/FC Degree	7:00 p.m.
Jan 22 nd	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 24 th	Commandery	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan 25 th	Bicentennial Dinner	Springfield Masonic Temple	6:30 p.m.
Jan 26 th	AASR Dayton	Masters Reception	
Jan 28 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Feb 4 th	Chapter Special	Royal Arch Degree	7:00 p.m.
Feb 5 th	Anthony Lodge	Inspection/MM Degree	7:00 p.m.
Feb 6 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Feb 7 th	OES	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 9 th	New Carlisle Lodge	Inspection/MM Degree	9:00 a.m.
Feb 11 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Feb 12 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 14 th	Chapter/Council	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 16 th	Willis Commandery	Inspection	1:30 p.m.
Feb 16 th	Fielding Lodge	Inspection/MM Degree	6:00 p.m.

LEO Corner

Most of us recognize the formation of Masonry in London England, in 1717 when four lodges met to establish the Grand Lodge of England. One obvious aspect of this fact often overlooked is that these lodges already had over 100 members practicing in masonry, so when did it really begin? Is there any further documentation to the true beginnings, and not just the modern organization of the fraternity? Here are a few historically relative findings:

1646 - The first known use of 'freemason' is found in the diary of Elias Ashmole. He states, "I was made a freemason at Warrington", and may very well be the first documented speculative mason, because he was not a craftsman of the Masons Company of London.

1598- William Schaw issued the Schaw Statutes, which were an attempt to structure freemasonry by requiring written records of meetings, and dates and duties of members.

1450 – A document containing the constitution of German stonemasons makes references to the several sciences now contained in the fellow craft lessons. This document was first transcribed by Mathew Cooke and issued in 1861.

1390- The Regius Poem – 794 lines of English verse that were first published by James Halliwell in 1840. This document contains regulations for the craft, and recounts the introduction of masonry in 924 AD by King Athelstan

926AD- According to the Halliwell Manuscript, king Athelstan's brother prince Edwin presided over the first Grand Lodge in the city of York where the constitutions of English Freemasonry were established from existing old Greek and Latin documents.

Although researchers and historians may never agree on the beginning of freemasonry and its evolution to speculative masonry the fact is we have documented lineage dating back hundreds of years, with specific terms and traditions we continue through today.