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Greetings Brothers:

We are about to go dark for the summer. We have had a very good year so far. There are a couple of things coming up that I think you should know about.

First, on June 21, 2008, the Masons of Ohio will celebrate the 200 years of Masons in Ohio by reenacting the laying of the cornerstone at the State Capitol. Also on the 21st, we, Chandler Lodge, will be serving breakfast as part of the Strawberry festival. Anyone not going to the parade and cornerstone laying is urged to come to the Lodge and help with the breakfast.

On June 27th the Special Olympics will open with a parade at Jesse Owens Stadium. I understand that this is one event you have to see to believe and once you do you will never forget it. We all contribute to the Special Olympics and this is our chance to see it.

On July 26th the 9th Masonic District will have their annual Golf outing at the Locust Hills Golf Course. Please contact Don Wilt for reservations or information.

Fraternally,
Paul Thompson, Editor

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Special Note to our Brothers

Once again this year Chandler Lodge will be hosting the annual Strawberry Festival Breakfast on Saturday June 21st. The meal will run from 8- am until 11:00 am. Brethren not only is this a great family event in our community but it has turned into the largest fundraiser that our lodge conducts and we want it to continue and grow. This year due to the Grand Lodge Bicentennial Parade in Downtown Columbus many of our officers will be unavailable and we would like your help. This is the Saturday morning that the Cobra Car Club rolls into town and they have become our largest supporter, advertising for us in their show packages and on their website. We owe them the courtesy of hosting on a fine event. If it is at all possible for you to assist this morning, your help would be greatly appreciated. More importantly the officers encourage all of you, your families, and community neighbors to attend the breakfast, mingle with the drivers and help us show some local appreciation to the London Cobra Show. At the same time you're having a little fun; you will also be supporting your lodge. This is really a great weekend for London, Chandler Lodge, and our temple building to shine in our community, we ask for – and sincerely appreciate any support you can give.

REMEMBER THE KEY TO ANY EVENT IS NOT THE PREPARATION – IT IS THE ATTENDANCE!

TEMPLE CALENDAR

June 4 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 7 th	GM Reception	Springfield Temple	6:30 p.m.
June 9 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 10 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 12 th	Chapter/Council	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 18 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 21 st	Masons in Ohio	Parade in Columbus	10:00 a.m.
June 21 st	Chandler	Strawberry Festival Breakfast	8-11:00 a.m.
June 23 rd	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 24 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 26 th	Commandery	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 27 th	Special Olympics	Parade/Opening Ceremony	6:30 p.m.



MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers,

Here it is June already and it will not be long before we go dark for the summer. During the month of May, Chandler Lodge hosted the 9th District meeting and all the lodges in the district were represented. Dates for events and inspections were made for the upcoming year. Chandler lodge also had a booth at the 9th Masonic District Fun Run which was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds. I felt this event went as well as could be expected for our first year.

During the month of June, we have several events coming up. The first is the 9th District Grand Master's reception at the Springfield Masonic Temple on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. On June 21st Chandler Lodge will host its 6th annual Strawberry Festival Breakfast from 8-11 am. If you would be interested in helping with this event, please contact me at (937) 834-4078 or (937) 631-0419. We could sure use the help! The next event is the Special Olympics Ceremony on the OSU campus at 6:30 p.m.

At our stated meeting on June 24th, we will have a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. before we open. The lodge will furnish the meat, so bring a covered dish and join us in some brotherly friendship before we go dark for the summer.

Before I close, I wish to talk about one more topic, the Temple Association Loan. Brother Bob Kelly II, President of the Temple Board Association, agreed to call a special meeting of the Association. Seven members of the association were present. After explaining where Chandler Lodge stood on the money the Association owed us, they unanimously agreed to pay the back interest owed plus \$1000.00 toward the principal and sign a new agreement. At our stated meeting on May 13th, I presented the agreement to the brothers of Chandler Lodge. The agreement was voted on and approved. I then presented the Secretary with a check from the Temple Association for the amount agreed upon. I want to thank the Temple Association members and the brethren of the lodge for their cooperation and understanding so that we could come to a mutual agreement in this matter.

Fraternally,
Don Wilt
Worshipful Master

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Masonry holds the Saints John's Days in high esteem and has throughout history.

When the 4 original lodges gathered to hold an annual assembly and select a Grand Master in England; they met on St. John Baptist's Day in the 3rd year of King George. (A.D. 1717) The first Grand Lodge of England elected and installed its first and following eight Grand Masters on St. John's Day. Years later after the division, and during the re-unification of the ancients and moderns it was one of the 21 articles of union that there would be "a Masonic festival, annually on the anniversary of the feast of St. John the Baptist" That can only show you the esteem that our ancient brothers held for this festival.

June brings with it the traditional birthday of St John the Baptist. At one time this summer festival and the later winter festival for St. John the Evangelist composed the two major church festivals. Technically these celebrations occur on a solstice and not an equinox, although similar. The equinox is when the sun will spend an equal amount of time above and below the horizon, this happens approximately every quarter of our calendar. The solstice not only coincides with an equinox of the sun but also adds the fact that the tilt of the earth's axis is oriented directly towards the sun in the summer, and away in winter from the sun. Thus giving us the longest and shortest days of our calendar. Although not always on our stated St. John's Days of June 24, and December 27, the earth's orbit brings us these days without much variance. This year the two actual occurrences will be June 20 at 23:59, and December 21st at 12:04.

In the Entered Apprentice degree we learn of a circle with two parallel lines representing those saints. Do you know that the symbol of the St. John's festivals was the wheel? This helps us allude to "going around this circle" which is our travels throughout the year from the longest to shortest days, unbroken with the aid of our holy bible, which rests on top. Did you know that St. John the Evangelist is said to be the son of Salome, who was the sister of our Blessed Virgin Mary? Another tale from the ancient city of Benjamin, is that St. John the Evangelist was once asked to be grand master; He replied that being ninety he would take the office only to complete his Masonic learning, thus completing what St. John the Baptist had started by his zeal, thus drawing a line parallel, between the two; is there where our parallel lines come from? Our degree work, our ritual are from time immemorial and although today it's just the ritual, and we just do it the way it's written, we should understand that it all started somewhere, those words represent or allude to a history of our ancient brothers passing on knowledge, and traditions we should not forget and continue to recognize, celebrate and pass on to future generations of freemasons.

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