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Greetings Brothers:

Another month has come and gone. Last month was a little less hectic without all the inspections. We did pass Brother Gary Mathias to Fellowcraft on April 22. The degree work was very good. We now await his Fellowcraft exam so he can be raised to Master Mason. We need you to look around for anyone that you feel would be a good Mason. There have been no petitions turned in year. Without new brothers we will slowly shrink out of sight.

As Worshipful Master Wilt remarks in his column, we have some excellent opportunities coming up. May 17th is the Annual 9th Masonic District Motorcycle Fun Run and Car Show. It will start at the Masonic Home in Springfield. At 9:00 a.m. there will be Motorcycle registration and a free breakfast. Then the riders will travel to the Madison County Fair Grounds in London for a Bike and Car Show starting at 12:00 noon. There will be lots of vendors selling all kinds of things, like food and drink and others stuff. This would be an excellent opportunity to invite a non-Masonic friend. Also, be sure and bring the family. Our lodge is operating a drink booth that should be a good fund raiser for us.

Next, we will be hosting the 9th Masonic District Officers Association meeting on May 19th. It would nice if we can show these hard working Masons how much we appreciate them and their work by attending.

Fraternally,
Paul Thompson, Editor

NEWS AND NOTES

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ATTENTION IMPORTANT TOPIC

At our next stated meeting, May 13th, 2008, we will be discussing the monies that the Temple Board Association borrowed and still owes Chandler Lodge 138. This has become a very touchy subject and needs to be resolved. As Worshipful Master, I am deeply concerned about this very important matter. I, therefore, encourage everyone to attend and voice your concerns and help us to come to a resolution that is fair to both Chandler Lodge and to the Temple Association.

TEMPLE CALENDAR

May 1 st	OES	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 7 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 8 th	Chapter/Council	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 12 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 13 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 16 th	Council	Super Excellent Master Degree	7:00 p.m.
May 17 th	9 th District	Fun Run	9:00 a.m.
May 19 th	9 th District	Officers Association Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 21 st	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 22 nd	Commandery	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 25 th	Rainbow	Meeting	4:00 p.m.
May 26 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 27 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 30 th	AMD	Dinner at Ben & Joys	6:30 p.m.



MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers,

Hello again, my brothers. Another month has flown right by. April was a little breather for us at Chandler Lodge. However, on April 22, 2008, at our stated meeting, Chandler Lodge conducted the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother Gary Mathias. I felt that the degree work went well. We, also, were honored with a visit by District Deputy Grand Master Lonnie C. Snapp.

During the month of May we have two special events coming up. The first even occurs on May 17, 2008. It is the 9th Masonic District's Fun Run and Car Show. Chandler Lodge will have a booth and will be selling soft drinks and water. Our Senior Deacon, Dave Waggoner, is the chairman for this event. If you would like to help out at this event, please contact Dave at 740-852-2014 or myself at 937-834-4018. This should turn out to be quite a fund raiser for our lodge.

The second event is on May 19, 2008, when we will host the 9th Masonic District Officers' Association meeting. I know this is not one of our stated meetings; however, I would like to invite everyone to attend and support our 9th Masonic District Officers.

As always, we invite all our members to attend our stated meetings on May 13th and May 27th.

Fraternally,
Don Wilt
Worshipful Master

LEO CORNER

Last Newsletter we covered Masonry coming to the colonies with the first recognized 'First Lodge of Boston' established in 1733. In 1789 we see Jonathan Heart and Rufus Putnam bring Masonry into the Ohio territory with the military lodge warrant for American Union Lodge at Marietta. By 1805 there were six lodges operating in the new Ohio, which had only existed for 2 years. On March 11, 1807 the members of Erie lodge appointed a committee to correspond with the other lodges and investigate the formation of a Grand lodge in Ohio. On January 4-8, 1808 the first grand convention was held with representatives from all six lodges present, and penned the following resolution:

"Resolved, that a Grand lodge be formed to be known and styled the Grand Lodge of Ohio, whose powers shall be to grant charters and dispensations, on proper application, to all such as shall apply and shall be deemed worthy"

Other resolutions written called for elections of Grand Officers, and that the first "Grand Communication" be held the first Monday of January 1809. Ohio ranks 23rd in seniority of all recognized Grand Lodges, and 17th of the United States. Now 200 years later there are 530 Ohio Lodges with 120,000 brothers to celebrate the forethought these brothers brought with them into the Ohio Wilderness.

Source:
Grand Lodge of Ohio
Frontier Cornerstone book

**Don't forget to check out the Chandler Lodge #138
Website**

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

SECRETARIES - PLEASE READ THIS IN OPEN LODGE

Dear Worshipful Master, Secretary & Brethren,

The summer season has returned and we don't get the chance to visit as much as during the inspection cycle. We would like to remind you of many summer events the district has planned. As always the support of our lodges, and members is what makes these events great.

Our first event is the Spring Fun Run on May 17th. We have previously issued fliers to all the lodges at inspection and hope that you have spread the word in your community. We need cars & motorcycle participation, and we need auction items. We could also use some help with registration and parking. If you're not into rides, or car shows this is still a great chance to bring out the family. General Admission is only \$2.00 there will be food, vendors, and a live band. Further questions may be directed to WB Brian Knoll at knollb@ohiofreemason.com or 614.554.1320.

The next district meeting will be held at Chandler Lodge in London on May 19th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last chance before summer to get all the lodges together and review summer and fall plans. The Worshipful Master, secretary, and Senior Warden should make plans to attend. We need everyone's input for our plans, and we want everyone to be informed on what is happening around the district.

In June we have many events; first will be the Grand Master's Reception on June 7th 6:30 PM at the Springfield Temple. A buffet style dinner will be served with a choice of Chicken or Roast beef. Reservations should be turned in by May 24th. Information is being sent out to Lodges this week. I encourage as many as you to attend as possible to show your support for the Grand Master and the 9th District. A hospitality suite will follow at the Springfield Police Patrolman's Association.

The next June event is the Bicentennial Parade and cornerstone ceremony on the 21st in downtown Columbus. We should have details to release at the district meeting in May. The last June event is the Special Olympics ceremonies on Friday evening June 27th at Jessie Owens stadium on the OSU campus. We do, and hear, so much about this charity, this is your chance to see it in action, and let the athletes show their appreciation for all we do. Questions on these events may be directed to WB Daniel Shirk at shirkd@ohiofreemason.com or 937.631.0507

The last summer event will be the District golf outing on July 26th at Locust Hills. Information packages were handed out to all Lodges during the inspection season. Please make sure that your members are aware of this event and encourage them to participate. For more information and registration please contact Bro. Charles Dyer at dyerc@ohiofreemason.com or 614.226.4091.

In September we will have another district meeting and the Ohio Masonic Home Day. But the main purpose of this letter is to remind you of the rapidly approaching summer. We need your support. Try to attend, get together a team, come and eat, make a donation, or come help at an event; whatever you can provide makes all of our events better. We ask not only that you read this in lodge, but also forward it to your members, via email, or newsletter, post on a bulletin board, most of these are public events so get your family and friends involved. There are over 3,000 masons in this district and we have NO excuse for low attendance because our brothers didn't know.

Fraternally,

WB Daniel Shirk
President – 9th Masonic District