



# On The Level



The Official Newsletter of...

**Wilmington Lodge 52 • Free & Accepted Masons**

January, 2006

## **Grand Master to visit Wilmington March 7<sup>th</sup>**



Most Worshipful Brother James M. Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio will be visiting Wilmington Lodge 52 on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 during our regular stated meeting.

Most Worshipful Brother Williamson is visiting the lodges of the Eighth Masonic District to thank them for their support during his term as Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother Williamson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Cedarville Lodge No. 622 on April 18, 1970, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1974 and 1985. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay on July, 1999 in Kent, Ohio.

Illustrious Brother Williamson is a member of the Valley of Dayton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Honorary Member in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 30, 2005. He is also a member of the Antioch Shrine and Greene County Shrine Club.

Most Worshipful Brother Williamson served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as a District Deputy Grand Master in the Eighth Masonic District in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

In October 1998, Most Worshipful Brother Williamson was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Brother Douglas O. Brennenman and was subsequently appointed Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal and Grand Orator. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2002, Senior Grand Warden in 2003, and

Deputy Grand Master in 2004. On October 22, 2005, he was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship with our 2006 Grand Master.

*Biography taken from Grand Lodge of Ohio website. <http://www.freemason.com>*

## **Upcoming Meetings...Please Join Us!**

Stated Meetings – February 7<sup>th</sup> • February 21<sup>st</sup>  
*Stated meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7:30pm.*

## **Annual Inspection**

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm – Inspection will be in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Dinner at 6:00pm followed by Dalton Lodge inspection at 7:30pm.

## **From the editor...**

Well, here it is January again. I hope you're all keeping warm this winter. Fortunately it has been a fairly mild one.

This issue marks my third newsletter and the first that will not be sent via US Mail. The cost to copy and mail each month is about \$90. So in order to keep the cost down, we'll utilize e-mail and send via the post office quarterly. If you know of any Brother who doesn't have e-mail access, please print him a copy. I will also make copies available at the lodge.

If anyone has something they would like to share with the brethren please let me know. I'm always looking for good material for the newsletter.

Fraternally,  
Tim Flanigan

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### **2006 Wilmington Lodge Officers**

Worshipful Master	Scott Novinger
Senior Warden	Keith Newton
Junior Warden	Jack Walker
Senior Deacon	J.B. Stamper
Junior Deacon	Tim Flanigan
Secretary	Jack Price
Treasurer	Kerry Steed
Senior Steward	Van Hewitt
Junior Steward	Ed Myers
Tyler	Bill Davis
Chaplain	Robert Mead
<i>L.E.O</i>	<i>Don Wells</i>

### **A CIVIL WAR STORY**

**by John Hohenstein**

**Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia**

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely

through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

*Taken from the website of Bridgeport Lodge No. 181, Bridgeport, Ohio.*

<http://users.1st.net/fischer/MASON.HTM>

### **8<sup>th</sup> District Inspection Schedule for February**

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Valley	Beavercreek
	EA	3:30pm
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	EA	7:00pm
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fairborn	Fairborn
	EA	9:00am
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	M.L. Finnell*	Fairborn
	FC	1:00pm
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wilmington	Wilmington
	EA	3:30pm
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dalton*	Wilmington
	MM	7:00pm
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bloomington	Bloomington
	MM	9:00am
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffersonville*	Jeffersonville
	FC	1:00pm

\*Dinner served 1 hour prior.

*Freemasonry is "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols" because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart.*

**-C. H. Claudy**