

Farmers Lodge No. 153 F & AM

Greetings Brethren,


As another Masonic year comes to a close, so has my time in the East. We will be electing new officers at our next stated meeting on November 3rd. It has been quite a ride to say the least. It has truly been a pleasure serving as your Worshipful Master this year. I would like to give a big **Thank You** to all of the officers, the Brethren and Past Masters who have supported me time and time again throughout the year. The things that have been accomplished this year could not have been done without the help and dedication of *you* Brothers, though a team effort! I set out my goals at the beginning of the year, and I am happy to say, that most of what I had set out to accomplish has come to fruition. Below are some of *our* accomplishments the Lodge has had throughout the past year.

- We now have a website up and running! (www.mastermason.com/farmerslodge153)
- We will be receiving the Grand Masters Award this year at Grand Lodge!
- All officers now have name badges! (anyone who is interested can still purchase)
- The Lodge has new officer aprons! (courtesy of my plural Lodge Madison #221)
- The Lodge's electric service has been totally replaced!
- The Lodge has new drain tiles installed for the gutters that were installed last year!
- The Lodge has recently been totally re-sided! (due to insurance claim from damaging winds)
- The Lodge has a new water line! (old one had to be replaced from adjacent homeowner)
- We had (1) officer give a new lecture, (1) give a new charge, and (1) who just needs to give a charge back who has already learned but not yet given!
- We had a great inspection as usual this year! Farmers Lodge should be very proud for the fact that year after year, we probably are one of, if not the best in the District!
- We have had some fun and interesting meetings throughout the year. We have had a "Friendship Night", "Original Apron Night", "Officer Advancement Night", an Open House this past March, an "Appreciation Day" for the families of the Brethren, gave out awards that day and also invited our Widow's to join us for another fine Fish Fry that day, and we finished off last meeting with a "Past Masters & Re-Obligation Night". It was great to see some of our Past Masters join us for the evening, and also MWB Douglas O. Brenneman was our speaker for the evening that also Re-Obligated all of us that evening as Master Masons.
- We have had (3) Brothers receive the EA Degree, and yet another one to receive his EA Degree at our next stated meeting at 6:30pm. We have had (5) Brothers receive their FC Degree, and another (5) that have been Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason! (2) of which were our Candidates for the One Day Class. Been a busy year!
- Farmers Lodge awarded (4) Brothers Honorary Memberships this year, for their continued support they give to the Lodge year after year. Those receiving the awards this year were WB Nelson L. Bell (New Home #338), WB Noel R. Bell (New Home #338), WB Kory W. Weldy (Madison Lodge #221), and RWB Ross L. Barry (Center Star #11).

A future date to announce is our Annual Inspection for next year which will be **Friday, February 19th** and we will be inspected in the Master Mason Degree. I urgently, request you to reach out to support the Lodge, as we will need volunteers for the walking positions for the 2nd section of the degree. Time and time again we need to fall on the support of the "Tri-County Travelers" when we put on a Master Mason Degree, and we are asking you now, to please help support us, instead of reaching out to others. You can either contact our Secretary WB Garland Fleming or myself at (614) 879-8576

I also want to present a Challenge to each and every one of our members for 2010. I would like to see each Member attend at least (1) meeting during the 2010 year. This is your notice... your summons... your directive to mark a date (or two) on your calendar today! Make it a point to come visit your Lodge, introduce yourself to the Brethren you have not previously met. Take a look around and remind yourself why it was, you asked for the referral of a friend to join this great Fraternity! Now is the time to renew your commitment to your Lodge, we need and miss you! (1st Tuesday's of the Month @ 7:30pm!)

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



Adam Wilson - Worshipful Master