

# The Trestleboard

*A Monthly Newsletter from Urania Lodge #311*



102 East Main Street Main City, Ohio 43064

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## From the East:

Greetings Brethren;

As yet another year has come and gone; Urania experienced a great year which was filled with many special events and an over-whelming increase in membership from the Grand Master's One Day class this past March. We started the new Masonic Year with our open installation on November 27th which was a special event for all whom attended. I would like to thank RWB Fred Kile and Bro. Bernie Vance for their assistance in the installation ceremony.

The officers and I have been busy planning and getting ready for the upcoming year. We hope that you will come out and support the officers and Urania Lodge at some of these events. Also, I would like to remind the brothers that in the upcoming year, 2008, Masons in Ohio will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Freemasonry in Ohio. The Grand Lodge has planned many special events during the year. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter during the year for more details as they become available.

In closing, I would like to say it will be an honor to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master a second time; and I will be challenging the brethren with my 2008 mission statement: "Together All Things Are Possible". We will need to continue to work together to make our Lodge successful, and with all of our membership working together, this will be an easy and enjoyable task! I wish all of you and your families a wonderful Holiday season and hope to see each of you throughout this year at one of our many events.

So Mote it Be,

*Marc Iman W.M.*

## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Location	Time
Dec. 11	Stated Meeting	Urania Temple	7:30 pm
Dec. 18	Craft Club Meeting	Urania Temple	7:30 pm
Jan. 8	Stated Meeting	Urania Temple	7:30 pm
Jan. 15	Craft Club Meeting	Urania Temple	7:30 pm
Jan. 19	Mt. Sterling #269 - Inspection	Mt Sterling	7:00 pm
Jan. 22	Stated Meeting	Urania Temple	7:30 pm

## News & Notes:

Something we have been doing lately is to have a dinner served before the meeting. This gives us a chance to socialize, and get to know each other, as well as have a warm meal; the time is usually about 6:30 pm. Our meeting days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, September thru June, and I hope that you can make it to some meetings this year, remember you are always welcome.

We are planning a number of fundraisers again this year to support our various charities. Some of them will include the usual Plain City events, such as the Car show, the Steam threshers, and our Second Annual Fun Run. Also we plan on doing a couple of spaghetti dinners, and try to bring back the Chicken BBQ. Something new this year will be the "Builder's Club", which will be seen in the cafeteria. Basically this will be an ongoing fundraiser to make some extra money to put into our building, and to pay off the roof loan. It is made up by half and full squares, costing \$20.00 for the half, and \$40 for a full square. Once \$400.00 is donated the donor will receive a builders certificate fit for framing, and his name will be but on our builders plaque. When the poster is filled, we will have \$4,800 to put toward the building. Another interesting project we may try next fall may be a "Haunted house/barn", we slll be working out the details later this year.

Other activities hopefully planned for the coming year should include the following, Past Masters Dinner, Widow's Dinner, Rusty Nail Degree. If we have the interest, perhaps we can schedule a pheasant hunt this winter, and a Lake Erie fishing trip over the summer. The Madison Lodge Craft club has a Turkey shoot in the fall, and we could also get a group together and try our luck at their shoot.

*Tim Smith*

Senior Warden

### **The Secretary's Desk:**

We want to congratulate all of the officers for 2008 that were installed on November 27<sup>th</sup>. RWB Fred Kyle served as the Installing Officer. He was assisted by Installing Marshall Bro. Bernie Vance.

Officers for the New Year are as follows:

**Worshipful Master** - Marc Iman  
**Senior Warden** - Timothy Smith  
**Junior Warden** - Charles A. Dyer  
**Secretary** - Charlie Dyer Sr.  
**Treasurer** - Tom Miller  
**Chaplain** - Leland Walk P.M.  
**Senior Deacon** - William Edwards, Jr.  
**Junior Deacon** - Jeremy Graham

**Senior Steward** - Mike Plahovansak  
**Junior Steward** - Chuck Levine  
**L.E.O.** - Mike Arthur P.M.  
**Tyler** - Russ Baldwin  
**Marshal** - Bradley Baker  
**3 yr. Trustee** - Mike Jackson P.M.  
**2 yr. Trustee** - Marc Iman P.M.  
**1 yr. Trustee** - Mickey Chaplin P.M.

We certainly wish all of the officers the best for the coming year and our continued support. However, remember that although the officers are extremely important, it takes ALL of the members to make our Lodge successful and an important part of the community.

As your new Secretary I want to promise my best service to this organization. It will take a little time to catch on to all the forms and reports, but with help from Gene, as well as other brothers, I hope to be up and running ASAP.

Please feel free to offer any ideas how I might be able to make the cogs grind a little smoother in the lodge. I can be reached at [cdyer1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cdyer1@columbus.rr.com) or 614-581-6295.

With Love and Affection Brethren,

*Charlie Dyer Sr. (a.k.a the Old one)*

### **For the Craft:**

The month of November left us with a new Officer line for the 2008 year and our bellies full from the Thanksgiving holiday; It also left us with the passing of our dear friend III. Bro. Ronald J. Weldy; Past Master Madison Lodge #221, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 9<sup>th</sup> Masonic District; Knight of the York Cross of Honor and Illustrious 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason; as well as Plural member of Urania #311. His

passing to the Celestial Lodge above occurred on November 25. He will be greatly missed by our Lodge and by the men who came to know him in his Masonic travels.

The "Craft Club", consisting of all progressive line officers as well as those who wish to participate in the second section of the Master Mason Degree will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Additionally, we will be working on the ritual proficiency of the "Order of the Jolly Roger"; a new side degree established for Urania Lodge as a fundraiser and special degree conferred by Urania Lodge #311 in Plain City, Ohio. Those interested in participating in this or regular degree work should see me for more information.

*"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains, and is immortal." - Albert Pike*

*Charles A. Dyer*

Junior Warden