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Your Obligation Requires You To Be A Mason More Than Twice A Month.

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When you petitioned your lodge and eventually met with the investigating committee, you received your first experience of what might be expected of you as a Freemason. Their sole purpose was to ascertain if you were indeed a true man, of good reputation and in good standing within the community and to report their findings to the members of the lodge. Since it was you who sought admission into the fraternity, your first duty was to convince this committee that you were in deed worthy of being recommended to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. Having passed that first test and eventually those that followed in the several degrees, you became a Master Mason. Your duties were carefully explained to you during the degrees, counseling sessions with members of the lodge. From the beginning, it was hoped that you would contribute much to your lodge and Freemasonry.

How often do you attend your lodge or participate in its activities or programs? We all know that relatively few Masons attend their lodge on a regular basis. Although your frequent attendance is earnestly solicited, yet it is not intended that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocation. After a short time, many new Master Masons no longer attend their lodge on a regular basis. Nonetheless, their duties do not diminish. Keep in mind, that each of us is someone's impression of Freemasonry. We are bound by our obligations to always act and live in a just and upright manner. Our obligations specifically spell out our duties to which we are bound to be faithful, and leave no room for interpretation on our part. Anything else is

considered un-Masonic conduct and is subject to penalties and punishment by the fraternity. Recently, Freemasonry has come under great scrutiny from various religious groups and other special interest groups who have tried to "expose" Freemasonry as a separate "religion" unto itself, or as some sort of "cult" with secret rituals and practicing "ungodly" and sacrilegious acts. Well, those of us who deeply believe in Freemasonry and the lessons taught therein, know better. Hopefully, all Masons have learned enough within the several degrees to help them keep their faith and belief in what is right and true. Every day of your life, everywhere you go, every deed you do, leaves an impression of who you are and what you personally believe in. It is highly imperative that all Masons represent themselves at all times as true and upright men, remembering always to meet upon the Level, act upon the Plumb, and part upon the Square. Your duties as a Freemason do require you to be a Mason more than just the once or twice a month that you might attend lodge meetings.

Proposed Standing Resolution Change

They (The Trustees) shall also report on the Investments of the Lodge using the quarterly statements. (At this time this is the American Fund Account and the Endowed Account at PNC Bank.) This will be voted on September 10, 2013.

Trestle Board

Sept	3	Special Meeting Fellow Craft Degree	7 PM
Sept	6	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	7	Breakfast	7-10AM
Sept	10	Stated Meeting Guest Speaker	7PM
Sept	13	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	17	Special Meeting Entered Apprentice Degree	7PM
Sept	20	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	24	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	27	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	1	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	7PM 7PM
Oct	4	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	5	Breakfast	7-10AM
Oct	8	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	11	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	12& 13	Grand Lodge Arkon, Ohio	
Oct	15	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	7PM
Oct	18	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	19	OES Breakfast Prepared by Alpha Crew	7-11AM
Oct	22	Stated Meeting Guest Speaker	7PM
Oct	25	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	26	Craft Dinner	6PM
Oct	29	Special Meeting Fellow Craft Degree	7PM
Nov	1	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	2	Breakfast	7-10AM

Guest Speakers

You will notice there are a couple of Stated Meetings with guest speakers. The first September 10th the subject will be the early symptoms of Alzheimer's, while the second on October 22nd will be a Mason's experience in the Fraternity.

These should prove interesting, so come out and join us.

Dues

In the next few weeks you will receive your 2014 dues notice, although they were voted in 2011 to increase to \$80, the lodge voted in the Spring to keep them at \$75 for 2014. It is much more economical if you pay from the first notice rather than us sending out 2 or 3 more notices. And remember if you have health issues or a senior citizen trying to live on a fixed income we may be able to help with your dues. The dues must be paid by the Annual Meeting on November 12, 2013 in order to be in good standing. The suspension date is December 31, 2013.

Craft Dinner

The Craft Dinner is on October 26th with the usual format. Dinner will be served at 6PM. The dress for the evening will be casual. If you are a member of the Craft and have a current Craft dues card your Pork Chop meal is free. All that is necessary is a call to Gary Shifflett at 673-6873 to make your reservations. Not a dues paying member of the Craft, get your \$10 ready, this is always an excellent meal. Wives are invited but they are subject to the cost of the meal.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter there have been a number of deaths. Brother Robert Delaney passed away on May 11th, Brother Larry Swab on May 12th, Brother Joseph A. Rogers on May 15th, Brother John C. Hawkins on June 2nd, Brother Jack W. Sargent on July 2nd, and Brother Bruce Mc Taggart on July 29th. Please remember the families of these Brothers and may they hear those welcome words 'well done good and faithful servant thy task well done, enter thou into the joy of our Lord'.

Remember it not what you've done it how you get out of what you've done.