

Tidings from the East Brethren!

Another incredible month has been entered into the archives, and Brothers I am very proud of our Lodge and our Mission. Throughout the months of August and September we have continued to work on our degree proficiency and I really want to thank all the Brothers who are attending these and trying so diligently to learn their parts and get ready to put on these degrees.

Our August stated meeting was the way all meetings should be, we accomplished a great deal in a small amount of time. Chef Tim Herald whipped up a batch of chicken enchiladas and we were blessed to be able to share them with our special guests. Thank you Tim!

Reports from the investigating committee, led to a ballot being spread, and the unanimous election for the degrees of Masonry. The newly elected member was assigned a mentor and given preliminary instructions at a later date.

Masonic education was an original presentation by our own Bro. Mike Doxsee, about the history of the Masonic Apron. Mike is definitely doing an excellent job of studying his Masonic history, and we were very proud to hear of his induction into the Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research UD.

The lodge has received our marching orders regarding Lodge of Instruction. This year we will be hosting Waynedale Lodge #739 at our Temple. Highland will be conferring the 1st section of the EA, receiving distinguished guests, and going from Labor to Refreshment in ritual form. Waynedale will be responsible for: Refreshment to Labor in ritual form and conferring the 2nd section of the MM degree. This is a mandatory meeting for all officers and ritual proficiency of your part is expected.

The motion to amend our By-Laws was discussed and put to the floor for a vote. The motion carried by a voice vote of the Brethren. The summary of the change is to remove the extra fees for transferring and plural membership Brothers.

The lodge would like to recognize and congratulate Bro Andy Holman. Bro Holman has done an excellent job as the appointed Senior Deacon. He has conducted candidates through all of the degrees and not only knows his ritual parts, but has an excellent command over the tactics and Masonic etiquette of the lodge. However, Bro Holman has a very unique opportunity to continue his education relevant to his operative profession, and has been forced due to time constraints to surrender his position as SD. We thank Brother Andy for all his hard work and devotion to the Lodge. And he promises to be as active in the lodge as a person working full time, going to school full time and raising four young children can be. We thank his lovely wife Christina for lending him to us from time to time.

With that gap in our Officer line, the WM appointed and installed Bro Mike Doxsee as Senior Deacon. Mike has shown a tremendous amount of maturity and dedication to our Craft since being raised, and this position is truly representative of the great service to Masonry that Mike has already bestowed upon our Order.

Sickness and Distress: Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro Jim Gentry and his family, who recently suffered the loss of his mother. Bro Clark Hill is quite a bit better and will hopefully be back into his normal living quarters. We miss both of our Brothers, and wish them a speedy return to lodge.

Sept 26 – Masonic Officers Preparedness – 6:49pm

Oct 2 – Stated Meeting – Dinner 6:30pm – Open at 7:30pm

Oct 15 – Lodge of Instruction

Masonic Officers Preparedness:

Brothers of Highland and ALL lodges in the area, you are warmly and cordially invited to partake in Masonic Officers Preparedness hosted by Highland Lodge. This is a program started a couple of years ago by WBro James Bishop to help lodge officers as well as any member of a lodge, better understand the inner workings of a lodge and many interesting Masonic facts. Anyone interested in knowing more about Masonry and the inner workings of a lodge is encouraged to attend. And for anyone who is in an Officers line in blue lodge, this is an absolute must!

On September 12th we met to confer the EA degree upon our newly elected candidate and the degree and lectures were performed with excellent proficiency. A special thank you to WBro Robert Downing for again helping us out!

Brothers you have an open invitation to join us for dinner before our next stated meeting. Please do not miss this excellent opportunity to share in the camaraderie with your Brothers.

I know that we still have many activities that we are going to try and get done before the end of the year. Expect a lot of activity leading up to December and we will continue through our Officer transition in December and have another banner year in 2014.

Be Great! Lux ex tenebris!
Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Kurt A. Begue PM
Worshipful Master