

MAR 2014 HIGHLAND

Greetings Brothers,

If you missed our January meeting, so did we. The weather was just too much to fight. The first and second Wednesdays were snowed out and the third had too much competition from the York Rite. Seems like almost all the usual attendees are York Rite Masons. That's good though.

We continued to fight the snow and postponed our February meeting. When we finally met the second Wednesday, we almost froze in the Lodge room. But we persisted and got many important things taken care of.

One is that our Masonic Home Ambassador, Bro. Ed Snyder was able to work with the Indiana Masonic Home to align us with another Adoptee, Mrs. Linda Maudlin. Her husband is a Master Mason, also residing at the home.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois had requested, through the Grand Lodge of Indiana, that their Brother Ronald Duane Grove of Clarence P. Schwarz Lodge No. 1163 be awarded his 50 year Award of Gold. The Grand Lodge of Indiana selected Highland Lodge #762 to have the honor of making this presentation. Five of us visited Bro. Ron and his wife at their home for the presentation. His health varies but he has been active in the Shrine ticket sales lately. He also has many Masonic friends in Fort Wayne. He has lived here since 1969, He and Mary Ann really enjoyed having us in and recognizing him.

We also voted to give the Degrees of Masonry to one and received a petition from another. Keep an eye to the website for developments.

Several pieces of office furniture has been donated to our Lodge and is now in our refurbished office on 4B. Thanks to Brother Jason Miller for painting, Brothers Art Percy Jr. and Art Percy III for laboring so hard to put up a recalcitrant ceiling fan and light, and to WBro. Kurt Begue for the loan of his truck to haul the furniture and a BIG THANKS to the Brothers who helped move the furniture, Andy Holman, McKay Braithwaite, Jason Miller, Cade Buckles and Desmond Kenner.

You'll get this in time to see that we will not be having Indiana Grand Lodge Scholarship interviews on March 1 because it was suddenly announced that the Secretaries meeting is being held in Franklin that day. They are rescheduled for Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM. If you have submitted an application by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, make plans to be interviewed. Please come dressed and prepared for an interview. Remember, only the highest qualified applicants are chosen by the Grand Lodge and our interview is only a part of the process. Be complete on your applications. Good luck.

Last, we have car emblems available. Square & Compass, Past Master, OES and a big assortment of Scottish Rite and York Rite and we only have 3 Masonic Home Cook Books left. Look for the display case in the entrance of the Temple.

Fraternally,  
Jim Bishop PM  
Secretary