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Greetings:

We are late in getting this newsletter out to you. I apologize. September was a busy month. We closed out the Library book drive project. It was a success.

At our first meeting of October, we had awards night. We were privileged to have in attendance DDGM Robert Weber who helped present three of our members with longevity pins. Darrin Stromquist received his 25 year pin, William Rarick received his 50 year pin and, Ed Yerian received his 60 year pin. Congratulations to them on achieving these milestones.

Our next meeting, October 23rd, will a Past Masters night and a move-up night. We will be doing the Master Mason degree as a practice for our inspection. We need people to be on the degree team, both speaking and non-speaking parts. All past masters and anyone else who can help us with the craft team are urgently requested to attend.

Please check out the calendar and the News and Notes section for upcoming events.

Fraternally,
Paul Thompson, Editor

A word from our Senior Warden

Brethren, I am in need of your support and help! In the upcoming year our inspection is in the Master Mason degree. In preparation, I am trying to get a degree team formed now. On October 23, 2007, at our regular scheduled meeting, we will be doing work in the Master Mason degree in conjunction with a Past Masters night. We need the previous craft members to attend, not only for the craft but also as teachers for some new members in preparation for next year. Obviously it is important for the Past Masters to participate but I would also like to invite everyone who would be interested in being part of the degree team, whether it is a speaking or a non-speaking part. I would like to thank everyone in advance.

Don Wilt, Senior Warden

**Don't forget to check out the Chandler Lodge #138
Website**

<http://www.mastermason.com/chandler138/>

TEMPLE CALENDAR

Oct 1 st	Grand Council		
Oct 3 rd	Grand Chapter		
Oct 3 rd	Rainbow	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Oct 5 th	Grand Commandery		
Oct 7 th	L A B C	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Oct 8 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Oct 9 th	Chandler	Potluck / Meeting & Awards Night	6:30 p.m.
Oct 11 th	Chapter/Council	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Oct 13 th	Temple Association	Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Oct 13 th	Rainbow	Rock a Thon	9:00 a.m.
Oct 15 th	OES	AREME Club meeting	
Oct 17 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Oct 19 th 20 th	Grand Lodge	Annual meeting – Cincinnati	
Oct 22 nd	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Oct 23 rd	Chandler	Meeting - PM Night - MM Degree	7:30 p.m.
Oct 25 th	Commandery	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Oct 26 th 27 th	AASR Valley of Columbus	Fall Reunion @ AASR 4 th St. Temple	
Oct 28 th	OES	Practice	2:00 p.m.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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The 2008 year will be the 200th anniversary of freemasonry in Ohio, and will bring about many exciting events. One item that requires a little work on our behalf will be updating the Chandler Lodge history for submittal to Grand Lodge. We currently have significant written data on the lodge and its affairs, but are in need of pictures of the lodge/temple/people and events from the history of London and Chandler Lodge. We are in desperate need of information pre-1933 before we had moved to our current temple. Anyone with historical information and photos of London, the temple, its members or other newsworthy items are encouraged to contact the Secretary who is heading up the historical update. Sometimes an old picture postcard or event program will have information our committee is looking for. We only need copies, and will not keep your originals so please do some digging, and contact us if you can help with this important task.

The Temple Interior/Exterior Cleaning responsibility for October is London Council #41



MASTER'S MESSAGE



Well brethren it's now October and we are winding down this Masonic Year. As usual we have been busy since coming back from the summer darkness. Last month we had our usual meetings, traveled for a district meeting to start plans for next year, we cleaned the bike trail, and we wrapped up the Library project, I would say it was a good month.

The Library was very pleased with our efforts, and they had a great used book sale to raise money for the general Library Fund. We also used all the cash donations to purchase eight new books about Freemasonry for the Library to put into circulation on their shelves. The Library Director, Gary Branson was a great help in this effort; he coordinated the book sale, and posted a sign about our donation. Gary not only accepted our Masonic book collection, but he inserted stickers inside the front cover saying they were donated by Chandler Lodge so anyone interested in the Freemasonry books, will also learn we are locally here in their community. If you happen to run into Gary please pass on your thanks.

The reason I pursued the Library project and discussed it so much here, and in lodge is linked back to my general theme for this past year, the theme has been "change". I don't mean change the Lodge; I mean change our ideas and actions about what we should be doing as Masons and change our position in the community, not only do they need to know we are here, but they should know what we stand for, and the deeds that we do. Our events this past year have been for this purpose. The bike trail has a sign up, and people see us cleaning it. The blood drive, Strawberry Breakfast and the London Historical Tour brought *a lot* of people in to see our beautiful building and hear about masonry, and we supported other local organizations in the process. The Easter Service is open to everyone, we held our annual Christmas Party for the underprivileged children of our county; we shared Christmas Baskets with the Hospital, and opened our Officers installation to all of your families. We've traveled out and had guest speakers come in. Now this is not the first time we have done these events, and they were not all my ideas, but they all promote the ideas behind openness and change: in our families, the public or ourselves. The library has been a perfect example of this; they are usually on a limited budget, yet it is a great asset to our community. We can provide them assistance, without a ton of time or effort for any single person, but collectively as a group, we have made a difference directly to the library and indirectly in the community by sharing our dollars, and spreading knowledge. While usually we do not get to (or need to) see our efforts explicitly recognized, in this case the public saw our efforts, and the library showed their appreciation with the stickers.

For many years Freemasonry has kept it's light inside, and although we have things not open to public distribution, our presence and efforts in our community should be one that we advance. It is my opinion that this can only be good for the fraternity, not today or even next week, but in the future our image will change, it will reflect positively on our fraternity, and this is good; because many people like ourselves wish to be part of things that are good.

Please do not keep your lamp under a bushel, lift it high and spread your light. Your positive ideas and actions will ultimately change the image of Masonry and this can only benefit us all.

It's been a great year, and I thank everyone for their assistance, the Past Masters have been a great support, and most especially the current line officers that have served as building blocks for our future. It's been a pleasure to serve as the Master for one short year in the great history of our beloved Chandler Lodge #138And good Luck to all that follow.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master