

2014 Past Masters' Night Provides Excellent Degree Work to a Past Master's Grandson



On September 23rd twelve Past Masters and several other members of J. B. Covert assembled to portray the Master Mason Degree for Bro. Bernard O. (Ben) Blust III. Ben is the Grandson of Past Master Burl Hughes.

The evening kicked off with an exciting Fellowship Period as brethren reunited and enjoyed a fine meal prepared by the Stewards.

The degree cast included Past Masters from 1967 to 2013 and as has been the tradition at J. B. Covert a full Fellow Craft Team was on hand to assist the officers and cast members with the portrayal of the degree.

Also in attendance was RWB Vern Wagoner DDGM for the 6th Masonic District in what may be one of his last official visits in that position. Pictured left to right are: (front)PM Bill Bath, PM Gary Morgan, PM Matt Palm, Ben Blust, PM Burl Hughes, PM John Disney, PM Brian Carlson, PM Carey Disney, (rear) PM Bob Bayless, PM Terry Wright, PM J. R. Smith, PM Bob McGee, PM Bob Desgrange

Donations being sought for the



Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship Contact the Secretary and note Scholarship on checks

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Master's Message

Brothers,

I find myself very glad to bid farewell to what I consider a long and arduous summer and I welcome fall and the opportunity to be back to work at J. B. Covert. We had



a great turnout for our September meeting and I was certainly glad to see so many of you in attendance. As we approach the end of our Masonic year and begin our transition into what I am certain will be an outstanding year under the leadership of Brother Daniel Campbell and his line of officers we need to be ready to dedicate ourselves to some degree work. Our Past Masters' night will result in the conferring of one Master Mason Degree. We will confer a Fellow Craft Degree on the 30th of September and another Master Mason Degree on the 28th of October. Daniel and his officer line will be stepping up to confer those two degrees in preparation for their upcoming opportunity to shine in the glare of the presumptive Grand Master's spotlight during our inspection of March 2015. In addition, I will be scheduling another Entered Apprentice Degree on whatever date we can all agree upon.

With Diana still out of town dealing with some family business in New York City and with no return date in sight, I have decided that we will not be hosting a Christmas party as we have done for the past several years. I will be working with Daniel to try to establish a date for his installation and I am sure that Daniel will make that announcement as soon as he can.

I was not able to attend the Family Picnic and Range Day due to some pretty lousy weather in Detroit on the night before the event that threw my flight schedule into turmoil. I apologize for not being there but I hope that all of you who were able to attend had a great time. Special thanks to Jack Lennon, Dave Olmstead and the entire social committee for pulling off another first for J. B. Covert Lodge!

We have collected nearly \$1,000 for the WB Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship fund. I want to thank all of you who have donated to this very worthy cause. In addition, dues for the upcoming year are now due and Brother Dave Miller and I would really appreciate it if you could find the time to go ahead and make those dues payments ASAP. It really saves a lot of work if we don't have to send out additional dues notices and make telephone calls.

Well brothers that is all I have for this edition of the newsletter but I hope to see you all at our upcoming degree work. Let's all try to finish out this year in a positive manner with some great degree work and get ready for a great year to come.

Secretary's Notes

Endowments: The Lodge now has 6 Endowments, with 2 additional Brothers planning on signing up. If you are interested, pay your dues & purchase the \$800 endowment prior to the November Stated to avoid future dues.

Dues: Currently 100 Brothers have yet to submit their dues. It is best to take care of your dues notice before we get into the holiday timeframe.

My thanks to those who send a stamped envelope with their dues. It is appreciated.

Donations To The Lodge

Our thanks to the following members & friends who donated to the Lodge and/or Scholarship Fund: James Hook, Fred Tissot, Ray Naegele, Paul Reusher, Carl Wade, Robert Abbott, Donald Devore, Jack Lennon, Roy Nicholas, Peter Sheldon, Dale, Diana, and Alan Olson, Robert Bayless.

Family Range Day & Picnic Follow Up

On September 21st over a dozen members and guests of J. B. Covert Lodge members ventured to Piketon Ohio for a great day of fun and fellowship.

There were some contests throughout the afternoon

including the Q Tip Shoot Off and CD Center Punch.

The photo with this article is of PM Robert Desgrange excepting his trophy for being named as JBC Top Shot 2014. Presenting this most handsome of awards is Bro. Dave Olmstead Cochairman for the event that was hosted at Bro. Jack Lennon's property. Thanks to all who came out and participated!

Birthdays For October

George Armstrong, William Beckman, Brian Carlson, Larry Conley, Robert Cropper, John Disney II, Donald Goodcase, Allen Hicks, Charles King, Robert Lalley Sr, Charles Ludlow, Thurman Mullins, Robert Ringland, Peter Sheldon, David Snider, Dewey Snyder, Robert St. Louis, Frederick Tissot, Carl Wade, Richard Wheeler Jr, Kirk Wilson, Terry Wright.





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