



September 2015

Stated Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7 pm
848 Clough Pike

jbcovertlodge.com

Dues Cards Are Not Single Use Items!

That's right! Your dues card has many important uses beyond allowing you entrance into the Lodge on inspection night!

Unlike a movie or concert ticket you can use it throughout the year to attend not only J. B. Covert Lodge, but any other in the Grand Lodge of Ohio and beyond!

Now you may have already considered that as a possibility, but when was the last time you tried it?

Here's an idea of what you may find when you travel with Masonry on your mind and heart!

One of our members was on a trip to Omaha Nebraska where he spent an evening with the Worshipful Master of Covert Lodge #11, of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. During this visit he was shown an antique setting maul which was inscribed with the following:



*Presented to Covert Lodge U.D.
Omaha City, N. T.
by
Brother J. B. Covert
Cincinnati O*

Now some of the interesting things about this setting maul are that it says Omaha City N. T. or Nebraska Territory and that Covert Lodge was U.D. or under dispensation meaning they weren't chartered yet. Nebraska didn't become a state until 1867 and Brother Covert was traveling to meet fellow Masons in other territories!

Covert Lodge #11 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on June 22, 1866 and coincidentally J. B. Covert Lodge #437 was chartered by the

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Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 18, 1870.

So how is this relevant to me?

Simple! Masonry has so much more to offer than just the opportunity to come to a monthly business meeting and pay bills or a card to carry in your wallet.

Fellowship and personal growth are two great examples of what Masonry has in store for you, but both require action on your part so remember that we are to "meet upon the level of equality, act by the plumb of uprightness, and part upon the square of virtue." Your Dues Card allows you multiple entries and should be worn out by the end of the year!

Check Your Mail Very Carefully!

Brethren, the 2016 dues notices have been mailed. Please tend to them as soon as possible, so it doesn't drag into the Holiday period. To remain "In Good Standing" dues need to be received by the November Stated Meeting (17th) latest.

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

In the August edition of the Scottish Rite's The Northern Light, Illustrious Brother Bruce T. Work, 33°, wrote an article entitled "Ritual Society or Fraternity" that tackles an important and ongoing issue within Freemasonry. The article posits that the focus of our Fraternity, for decades, has almost exclusively been ritual. He further argues that this limited focus has been to the overall detriment of the Order, because Freemasonry is supposed to be a fraternity and a fraternity has an obligation "to fulfill the interests and needs of its members."



Ritual is clearly important. I firmly believe that there is no better point of entry than well-executed ritual, performed in a dignified manner. The truths revealed in the several Masonic lectures and charges are unparalleled in their depth. A candidate in the midst of taking his degrees should be working with a qualified mentor. This mentor has a responsibility to educate the candidate, not just regarding the required proficiency, but also in all aspects relative to the Fraternity. The degrees and mentoring should excite the candidate and prepare him for a long, fulfilling membership. However, this process and the ritual are essentially only the beginning.

As Bro. Work aptly states "Organizations today certainly compete for their members' limited time. But an equally important factor that remains undiscussed is the competition organizations face to fulfill the interests and needs of its members." If a Lodge does not address the wide variety of interests and needs of its members, it leaves itself vulnerable to high absenteeism and, even worse, suspending members of non-payment of dues. This unintentionally results in the active membership of a given Lodge being those who derive a great deal of satisfaction from the ritual and are not necessarily seeking other benefits of membership. It thus becomes a self-perpetuating cycle.

J. B. Covert has done a lot in the past several years to tackle this issue. In addition to our excellent degree work, we are continuing to make great strides in both our social and charitable endeavors. It is our hope that J. B. Covert will continue to develop into a Lodge that fulfill the interests and needs of its members.

May God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

Daniel O. Campbell

Worshipful Master

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Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarship

J. B. Covert Lodge, #437



gofundme.com/kyleadkins

Family Range Day & Picnic

Saturday, September 19th

11 am until 4 pm

Jack Lennon's Wild Adventure Land
(otherwise known as the property off of SR32)

Event Details:

- You don't have to own a gun or even want to shoot one to enjoy this fellowship event. Plenty of other fun to be had!
 - To help out the members who will be sharing guns please be prepared to help them with their ammo costs if you decide to shoot
- Bring your own guns & ammo if you have them
- Everyone is encouraged to bring some milk jugs and other items for targets
- This is a rustic location you will want to bring the following:
 - Chairs • Bug Spray • Picnic-ware & Water
 - Dish to pass for potluck- (no on site refrigeration)
- There will be some contests throughout the afternoon including:
 - Bullseye • CD Center Punch • Q Tip Shot
 - The Equalizer Clay Pigeon Thrower Shot
- We will end the day with a "Mad Minute" as our only slightly formal event, just because it's pretty darn fun!
- Some folks are camping Friday night to prepare range
- Contact Jack Lennon at 513-600-8813 or Dave Olmstead at 513-617-0906 for more details

Directions to JLWAL:

1. SR 32 East 65 miles from Eastgate
2. Turn Right onto Dever Road
3. If you make it to SR 104 you just missed it!
4. Go 100 Yards on Dever through gate

Donations To Lodge

Our thanks to the following members and friends who donated to the Lodge & special funds: Robert Bayless, Paul Reusher, Mark & Cathy Pence.

E-mail Address Collection

The Communications Committee has a simple request at this point. Please share your e-mail with us in one of the following 3 ways:

1. Text the keyword Hiram to 42828 on your cell phone and follow the simple prompt
2. Go to www.jbcovertlodge.com and enter your e-mail under the map and click on the "Join E-List" button
3. Send an e-mail to web@jbcovertlodge.com and we'll enter it for you

This is a great way for out of state brothers to keep up with the activities of J. B. Covert Lodge.

Birthdays For September




David Bosse, Carl Bridges, Daniel Campbell, Thomas Clark Sr, Harrie Coulter, Carey Disney, Kevin Estep, Charles Ezell, Jerry Fraley, Dennis Fries, John Gilley, Keith Gillispie, Danny Gray Jr, Clifford Johnson Jr, Dennis Malone, Michael Maurer, Henry Mayhall Jr, Paul McCulley, John McCullough, Gary Morgan, William Music, William Raitt, Gene Smith, Matthew Taylor, Michael Wildermuth, William Wright Jr.



Upcoming Events

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| Sep 15 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |
| Sep 19 | Family Range Day & Picnic
11 am gathering at site
9:30 am car pool departs JBC
Open to Family and Friends
See info at left & on website |
| Oct 20 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |
| Nov 17 | J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work |

You can add the Lodge's Calendar to your Outlook or phone by clicking on this button  on the calendar page of the website.

www.jbcovertlodge.com/calendar

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