November 2015 Stated Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7 pm jbcovertlodge.com
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2nd Heat Pump Theft Changes Lodge Operations

Due to the second theft of a heat pump in less than two years we are forced to move to a more expensive insurance plan as our existing provider has decided to not renew us at the end of October.

We are going to be increasing our alarm system and with that we are also going to be investigating adding wireless internet to the building. This addition will allow for better HVAC alarm options along with providing resources for the various groups who use the building to utilize.

The costs of the WIFI and the alarm were not included in the current operating budget and will have a significant impact on future operating budgets. This impact can be mitigated with donations from members as well as new fundraisers that are being considered.

Options that are being considered for securing the HVAC equipment include enhancements to the cages and the installation of devices that trigger alarms when a power or pressure loss is sensed by the equipment.

Currently the heating and cooling of the building is the largest single item expense second only to Per Capita now that we are no longer required to pay property tax.

The need to maintain the building within specific tolerances enhances the user experience as well as increases the longevity of the building as the tongue and groove ceiling in particular doesn't deal well with large changes in temperature and humidity.

So what does this mean to the average member?

If we can, through new funding add this technology to our building we can keep from raising dues. As a membership organization our primary income at this point is dues. It will take a lot of work to shift our business model to one that is self sustaining without total reliance on dues income. We are not there yet, but that should be our goal.

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and join us in the quarry?

Installation set for December 12th 6pm Great Food, Fellowship, & Toys!

The public ceremony for installing the new officers for 2016 will be held on Saturday December 12th beginning with another fabulous turkey dinner like last year. Come hungry and enjoy some great fellowship with family and friends of J. B. Covert.

We will also be collecting ***<u>new unwrapped toys</u>*** for the USMC Reserves' Toys for Tots Campaign starting at the November Stated Meeting, again at the installation, and until the December 15th Stated Meeting. ***Please help us help make a child's holiday season brighter with a cool toy!***

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

It's that time of the year again! J.B. Covert's annual officer elections will be held at our stated meeting on November 17th. Food and fellowship will begin at 6:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. Please come out and help select next year's officers. I am greatly looking forward to witnessing the accomplishments of these dedicated brethren.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a Masons under 40 meeting for the Lodges of the Sixth District. These meetings were held across the state in the month of September as part of an initiative launched by the Grandmaster. The purpose of these meetings was to brainstorm ideas about how Masonry can better transition into the 21st Century and better appeal to the young men of today. All in all, I feel that this meeting was an important first step in what needs to be an ongoing dialogue between the districts and their constituent Lodges, not just with young Masons but with all of us.

In light of that meeting and my recent move, I have begun to view Masonry as a great building, with multiple levels, various rooms, and assorted décor. Our ritual is the foundation, without it, nothing else can stand and whatever would exist could not rightly be called Masonic. The superstructure that encompasses every room and aspect of the home is the fraternal bond between us brothers. It surrounds every undertaking and is a necessary part of what we do. The various rooms consist of our activities, charitable and social alike, furnished appropriately for the given task.

What I discovered at the under 40 meeting, is that we may just need to put on a few small additions onto our sturdy, dependable house. No one spoke of getting rid of any rooms or moving away. What has made Masonry the world's oldest continuing fraternity is still here and our members recognize that. What we need to attract new members and to keep them coming back is to diversify our activities and meetings. In the house that is Masonry, every Mason should have a room to call their own.

May God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

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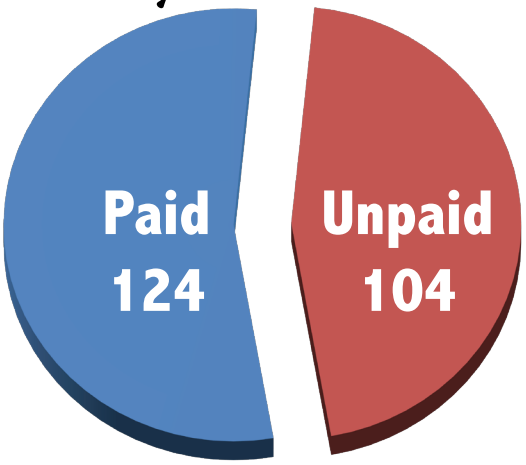
Please Pay Your Dues



Which side are you on?

You can join the ***Endowed Members Club*** and not have to worry about paying dues any more with a 1 time payment. We currently have 11 Endowed Members in the club. With our dues at $75 per year (today) if you're planning on being around for more than 10 years this is a great opportunity for you and a lifelong legacy to leave at J. B. Covert for future Masons.

The process is simple. You can send a check to the Secretary for $875 which includes this year's dues and the endowment fee. The lodge earns income off the endowment in perpetuity and you get a dues card every year without writing another dues check. "I paid for my sons and I so that we always had a home hear at J. B. Covert no matter where our travels take us. The boys are both in their 20's so it was a truly lifetime of Masonry for them," said Dave Olmstead Endowed Member.

Great Masonic Myths Part 2

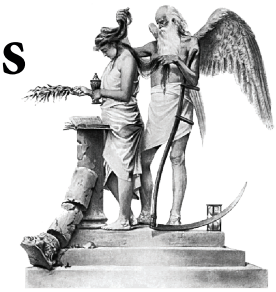
There are some Masons who believe that if they can't remember all of their obligations they wont be allowed into a meeting after years of just paying dues. This is completely FALSE!

Bring your dues card, a photo ID (Driver's License), and a smile to gain admission! We'll work with you on any of the finer points you may have mis-remembered since your last visit!

Donations To Lodge

Our thanks to the following members and friends who donated to the Lodge & special funds: Lincoln Day, Jimmie Herrington, Ramon Rivera, John Roos, Steven Williams, Harold Williams, Robert Abbott, Don Rosensweet, Carl Bridges, Norman Root, Rob Cordes

He Rests From His Labors



Joseph K. Carpenter, Sr.
Born August 7, 1925
Raised August 29, 1969
Died July 21, 2015

Birthdays For November

Robert Abbott, Thomas Auxier, Kenneth Bronson, Lee Carty, Brian Chambers, Walter Clepper, John Cook, Robert Cordes, John Disney, James Elam, Peter Finzer, William Hall, Christopher Hansen, James Hook, Henry Kaetzel, Jack Lennon, James Mills, Ray Naegely, Gilbert Nall, John Roark Jr, Joshua Schott, James Shriver, Frank Stanforth, William Swift Jr, James Wakefield, Rush Webster, Harold Williams

Upcoming Events

Nov 17 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work

Dec 12 **J. B. Covert Installation**
Open to Family & Friends
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work

Dec 15 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work

Jan 15 **J. B. Covert Annual Inspection**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work

Jan 19 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work

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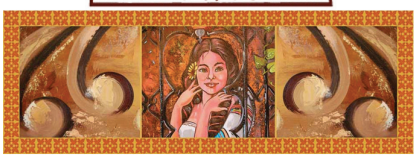

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