



Funding our Foundation For The Future!

Dear Brothers:

In June of 1969 Worshipful Brother John Disney, my grandfather, sent a letter to members of the lodge soliciting funds to build the building we now occupy. It seems fitting that I now write a similar letter seeking your support for significant repairs and updates to our facility. At the February Stated meeting I appointed a Building Repair & Improvement Committee to make an assessment of our facility and to develop a plan to insure the longevity of our investment. Their report which I will highlight in this document shows that as King Solomon's Temple did not escape the wrath of time and ravages of barbarous force our temple has endured a battle with Mother Nature and now needs our help.



At the May Stated Meeting the committee presented a detailed plan and budget to the members of the lodge along with a motion to start the work which was approved by the membership in attendance. We sought and received guidance and approval from the Grand Lodge of Ohio as to investing the lodge's cash resources in this manner. We currently have enough cash reserves to pay for this project, however it will be a significant impact that could limit our long-term investment earnings capabilities.

In the course of the next couple of pages I am going to ask you to invest the following three precious items with your lodge: Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Time: There are several phases of this project that we can save money on by doing a lot of the work ourselves. If you have time to come by in an evening or on a weekend to be a general laborer and help with whatever the week's project is I ask that you contact the Secretary at 513-617-0906 or via email at secretary@jbcovrtlodge.com.

Talent: If you are a licensed or certified tradesmen you can imagine some of the processes we have in store and we'd certainly appreciate adding you to our crew. If you're a homeowner who has spent quarantine time painting your house and are ready to paint somewhere else we'll have room for you as well!

Treasure: Yes, we are going to be asking each member to consider a financial pledge above and beyond your 2021 Dues. You can read more about this later in this document, but please know that your lodge leadership team recognizes that for some this is a very tough economic year. **One generous Brother has committed to matching up to \$5,000 if pledges and payments totalling that much are received by the July Stated Meeting, which is on July 21st!**

Lastly, our goal is to have all of this work complete and our facility ready for the Reconsecration by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers on Saturday, September 26th. You are highly encouraged to attend our Reconsecration yourself!

Sincerely & Fraternally

Walter D. Disney
Worshipful Master

J. B. Covert Building Improvement Committee Report

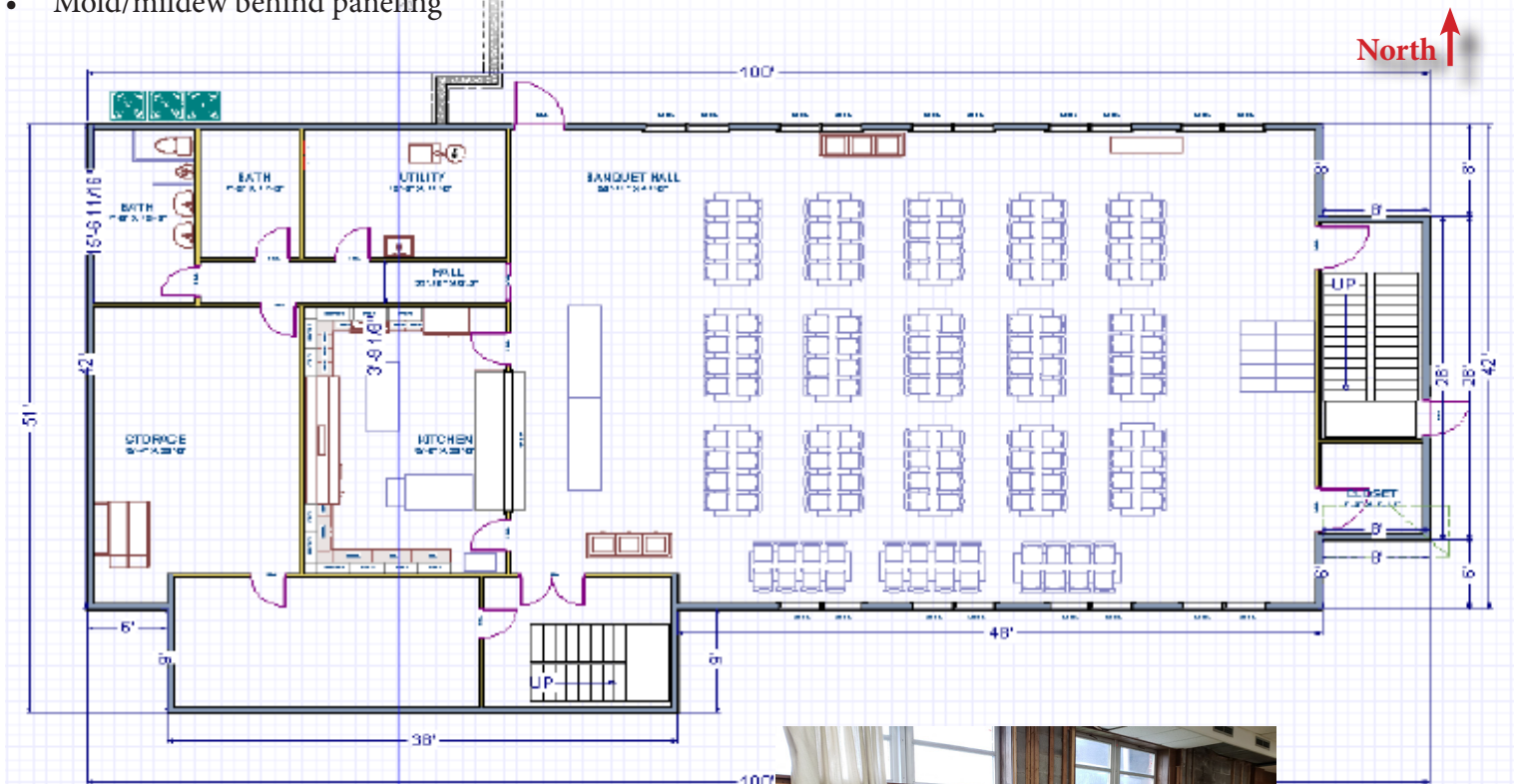
Current Significant Issues

South Wall

- Years of water damage in and on wall of the dining room (A)
- Power conduits ruined (B)
- Mold/mildew behind paneling

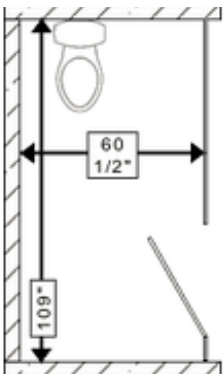
North Wall

- Water on wall coming in through or around 3 phase power conduit (C)
- Major fire/electrocution hazard & liability



Related work

- Dining room remodel while walls are exposed
- East stairwell paint & acrylic paneling
- Glass block window replacement
- Remodel Men's bathroom to be ADA compliant
- Exterior safety lighting



Currently there is no wheelchair accessible toilet in the building. The image to the left is the basic measurements required to accommodate a wheelchair in a bathroom.

Plans Upon The Trestle Board

Total Budget Summary

Dining room wall repair and refurbishing.....	\$30,688
North wall repair/retaining wall and hill removal.....	\$6,404
Men's bathroom (ADA)	\$2,350
Project Total Estimate	\$39,442

That's less than \$170 per member!

Financing the Initiative

Current Checking.....	\$22,811
Current Savings	\$20,416
Current Investment Value	\$75,207
Total All Funds	\$118,434

To facilitate all approved spending no less than \$ 10,000 will be kept in our Savings account. All other funding to come from our investment funds or directed donations to this campaign.

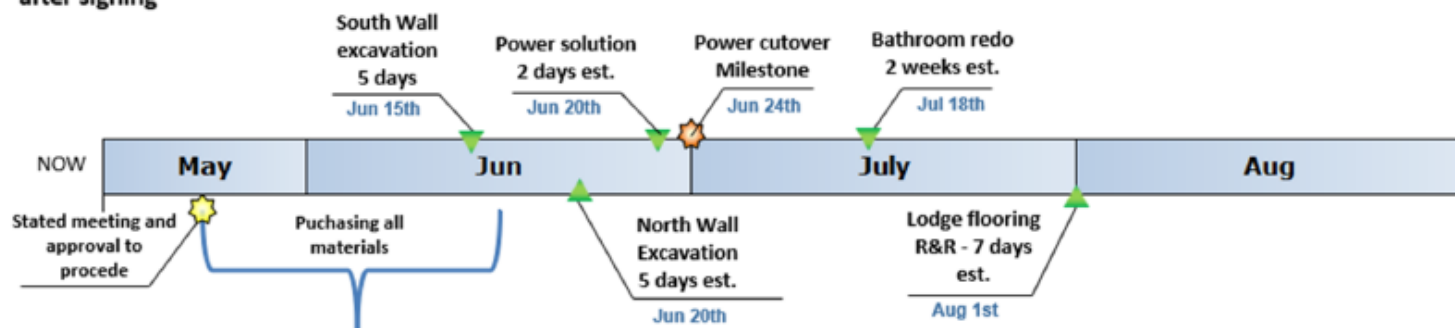
Lodge run rate is \$ 2,700 per month expenses with \$2,892 in income. E/R = 93.3



Conceptualization of new patio area once hill is removed. If we remove the dirt we remove the water that is trying to get into the building.

J.B. Covert Lodge Improvement Project 2020

**** Contract work can begin 2 weeks after signing**



**** Jayco has an opening in June and work can begin 2 weeks after contract signing**

**** Brother Dan is flexible with his backhoe availability. Requires onsite help....**

September 26th, 2020 11am Most Worshipful Brother Keith Newton, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and the Grand Lodge Officers will Reconsecrate the J. B. Covert Masonic Temple as we celebrate 150 years since our charter was granted on October 18th, 1870!

Anonymous Brother Drops \$5,000 Challenge!

To help secure J. B. Covert's long-term investment options a Brother, who chooses to remain anonymous, has issued a challenge. He will donate **\$5,000 if donations to the Foundation For The Future campaign reach \$5,000 on or before the July Stated Meeting on July 21st, 2020!**

So now is the time to consider what you can do and make at least the pledge, if not the payment, using the enclosed donation form or online.

Which Type Are You?

Remember there are 3 basic types of Masons - **Active** - **Practicing** - **Sustaining**.

We need all members to try and be members of 2 of the types simultaneously! **Active** members are the Brothers who are at every meeting or taking on a committee/officer roll. **Practicing** are Masons who make a conscious effort daily to live the lessons of our ritual in their daily lives. **Sustaining** members are those who donate to the lodge operations on top of or in lieu of being able to actively participate. Masonry thrives on Time-Talent-Treasure and we're asking you to consider donating at least two of the three as we start our next 150 years!



Engraved Bricks Available

A part of the fundraising for this campaign will include a limited edition engraved brick which will be installed in our new patio area.

There are 3 different sizes of bricks available for purchase:

Small 4"x 8" for \$100

Medium 8" x 8" for \$250

Large 12" x 12" for \$500



You can memorialize members of your family in this area that will soon become a favorite hangout for lodge members and their families!

See the enclosed Pledge/Dues form to order your bricks!

During this campaign you can make a pledge to support and pay as you go. The Secretary will make arrangements to invoice you per your desired payment schedule. Obviously the more payments that are made earlier the quicker we replenish our investment fund and allow our resources to work for us in securing the lodge's future!

You can send a check with the enclosed donation/dues form or you can contact the secretary for an electronic invoice and you can pay with a credit card!

Being Good Stewards of Lodge Resources

Each year when J. B. Covert Lodge's books are audited both internally and via the Grand Lodge's inspection your lodge is complimented on the control measures and accuracy of the records of the lodge. As we enter this campaign we realized that we would also be reaching out to the membership in the next 60 days with the initial dues notices for the 2021 year.

In August we have to pay the Grand Lodge of Ohio a per capita fee which is just under \$19 per member and we have 237 Master Masons. With 31 members being exempt from paying dues as 50+ year members and an additional 17 members who have purchased Endowed Memberships that means 189 members pay dues annually and \$4,500 of the roughly \$15,000 in dues received goes directly to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Your lodge runs very frugally and we still provide excellent programs and services to our brothers, but your prompt payment of your dues and additional donations are imperative to our ability to continue to operate in this manner.

With these thoughts in mind we have decided to include your 2021 dues notice on the enclosed Foundation For The Future campaign pledge sheet.

Even if you are exempt from paying dues we ask that you please donate to this campaign and our ongoing projects for the future of J. B. Covert Lodge.