



December 2013

Master's Message



Brethren,
 It is with mixed emotions that I send my last Message from the East. For those of you who have sat in the Master's chair, you know the relief of having your year come to an end. Looking back on the year, our Lodge has had many improvements that will last for many years to come. Understand that while I served as the Worshipful Master, I had very little to do with the success of these accomplishments. The Officers and Brethren of this Lodge are to be credited and commended for their efforts throughout the year, without them my year as your Master would not have been such a success. I would like to personally thank each and every one who had a hand in assisting me through my year, you were truly the blessing.

I would like to congratulate the elected and appointed Officers for the upcoming year and wish you the best of luck with the endeavors of the Lodge. It is my hope that you will have a smooth year in Freemasonry and our Lodge continues to make an impact on behalf of our worthwhile fraternity. Being the face of Freemasonry it is up to you to display brotherly love and friendship to those in need. I look forward to watching Lodge from a different angle

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS

Brother Burl Nichols Born August 11, 1928 Died October 19, 2013 Initiated an Entered Apprentice May 26, 1970 Passed to The Degree of Fellow Craft June 23, 1970 Raised to The Sublime Degree of Master Mason October 2, 1970.

and seeing our Lodge continue to grow. Be safe during the holidays and bless someone less fortunate than you. It has truly been an honor to serve as the Worshipful Master of J.B. Covert Lodge #437 F. & A.M.

Thank you for being the Blessing,
 Matthew E. Palm
 Worshipful Master

Secretary's Message

Elections for 2014 were held November 19th.
Your new slate of officers:
Master – Dale Olson, **SW** – Daniel Campbell, **JW** – Jack Lennon, **Treasurer** – Paul Wheeler, **Secretary** – David Miller, **SD** – Carl White, **JD** – Bruce Ehas, **Tyler** – Carey Disney PM, **Trustees** – David Olmstead, Russell Shipley, Paul Reuscher (and WB William Bath PM Currently serving).

Dues: There remain 54 Brothers who have not yet paid their dues. Please get them in soon.

Thanks go out to our long- term Brethren, with remitted dues, who have offset the Grand Lodge Per Capita fee with a generous donation. This is much appreciated!

Regarding dues, it is a little known fact that when the members remit a Brother's dues, for hardship or yrs. of service, the Lodge still must pay a \$15.35 Per-Capita fee to the Grand Lodge

Birthdays

Thomas Burdette Jr, Javan Chambers, James Cook, David Davis Sr, Walter Disney, Gregory Frese III, Jimmie Herrington, Keith Holbrook, John E. Hopper III, Carl Hutchison, Steven Lundy, Ashley McArthur, Stuart McNiell IV, Lester Miley, Gregory Morgan, Paul Parker, Gerald Patrick, Herbert Stockman, Toney Stone, Robert Turner, Carl White, Kenneth Wright. **Apologies for any omissions.**

for that Brother. Your Lodge is asking all who receive a remit to please consider a donation of \$15.00 to offset this cost.

Heating/AC Improvements: The work on the HVAC system is completed and for less cost than anticipated! A crew of volunteers worked for 4 nights with a member of the craft to install the new duct work, which was provided at cost This is however an over Budget item and we need your help. A \$500 Match Challenge has been offered by a Brother, which if met would offset ½ the cost! If you would like to participate merely note "ductwork" on the donation and send your donation to Bro. David Miller Secretary. Our grateful thanks go out to **Brothers Lester Miley, James Shriver and Nicholas Henry** for their generosity toward their Lodge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 7 **Past Masters Convocation**
at Amelia #590 at 8:00 am
Open Installation of Officers
at J. B. Covert 5:00 pm,
Christmas party at the Olson's after
- Dec 10 **EA Degree**
6:30 social 7:00 work.
- Dec 17 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:30 social 7:00 work
- Dec 25 **Christmas Day!!**
May you & yours enjoy a Blessed Holiday
- Jan 1 **New Year's Day!**
- Jan 3 J. B. Covert Annual Inspection**
6:00 Dinner 7:00 work
- Jan 21 **J. B. Covert Stated Meeting**
6:30 Social 7:00 work

J.B. Covert to Host Grandmaster's One Day Class and We Have 3 Candidates Already!

On April 5th, 2014 members of Lodges throughout the 6th Masonic District and their Candidates will converge on J.B. Covert Lodge for a Grand Master's One Day Class. Our Lodge was chosen as the best physical location to host such an auspicious event, but our Lodge is more than the building.

We are going to need several volunteers to support this event including a degree cast. This is an excellent opportunity to come back to Lodge and help showcase the jewel of Freemasonry that is J.B. Covert Lodge. We will be sharing more of the manpower needs with the Lodge in the following months. Please plan on coming to Lodge on Saturday April 5th, 2014 to be a part of this unique event.