



January 2014

**Stated Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7 pm
848 Clough Pike**

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Dale Olson installed as Worshipful Master

On December 7th 2013 Bro. Dale Olson was installed as the Worshipful Master of J. B. Covert Lodge by RWB T. Mark Liggett, RWB Vernon Wagner DDGM, and WB John Disney.

Other officers installed that evening included
Daniel Campbell, Senior Warden
Jack Lennon, Junior Warden
Paul Wheeler, Treasurer
David Miller, Secretary
Carl White, Senior Deacon
Bruce Ehas, Junior Deacon
Carey Disney PM, Tyler
Ill. David Olmstead, 33°, Senior Steward
John Disney, PM, Junior Steward

Trustees –
Ill. David Olmstead, 33°
Russell Shipley
Paul Reuscher
(and WB William Bath PM Currently serving)

Annual Inspection Completed on January 3rd, 2014

With glowing remarks from the Inspecting Officer, RWB Vernon Wagoner, the 2014 Inspection was entered into the record books. The first inspection of the year set a bar for rest of the 6th Masonic District to strive towards.

Our candidate Alan Justin Olson, who happens to be WB Dale Olson's son, received an excellent degree and was welcomed into the fraternity by MWB Norm Mick, Grand Master, GLOH.

WB Olson's message for the officers and members of the Lodge was quite simple, "Look in and reach out." These four powerful words were cast as a vision and challenge for 2014. Challenging each member to look inwardly at themselves and their Masonry and the impact of it on their lives. At the same time the challenge was made to each member and the Lodge as a whole that we should reach out into our community and have a greater impact.



J.B. Covert to Host Grandmaster's One Day Class 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.

Special Notice: Trustees holding work day 2/8/14 @ 8:30 am to start preparing building for this event.

2014 Committees

Grievance:

John R. Smith (C)
Carey D. Disney, John D. Disney

Charity:

Dale Olson (C)
Daniel Campbell, Michael J. Lennon

Membership and Dues:

Dale Olson (C)
M. Jack Lennon, T. David Miller

Finance:

Daniel O. Campbell (C)
Paul Wheeler, T. David Miller
Dave Olmstead, William Bath
Russell Shipley, Paul Reuscher

Audit:

Gene R. Smith (C)
Daniel O. Campbell, M. Jack Lennon

Refreshment:

Dave Olmstead (C)
Carl White, Dale Olson

Sick and Welfare:

Bruce Ehas (C)
Carl White, Gary Morgan

Masonic Relief:

Matthew Palm (C)
Carey D. Disney, Gary Morgan

Social/ Social Media:

Dave Olmstead (C)
M. Jack Lennon, Carl White

Fellow Craft Team Captain:

John D. Disney

Trustees:

Dave Olmstead (C), Russell Shipley
William Bath, Paul Reuscher

Committee Chairman are indicated by a (C)

Master's Message



We have had a busy but productive few weeks since the installation of officers on December 7th. Immediately following the installation the Lodge held its joint Christmas party with Covert Commandery and Covert Chapter OES. I think that it went well and I thank everyone who was able to attend. We conferred the E/A Degree on Jerry Vinson on December 10th and had our stated meeting on December 17th.

Several of the officers have been working hard to get the property tax exemption approved. Brothers Dave Miller and Paul Wheeler did an outstanding job as Secretary and Treasurer in completing all the required forms for the Grand Lodge. Brothers, Dave and Paul do a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work for the Lodge and they do a top notch job. They both deserve a huge thank you from all of us. Illustrious Brother Dave Olmstead and I have been working on getting all the "I's dotted and the T's crossed" so that we can get the paperwork filed with the county. It is a long process but we will get it done and get filed for the exemption as soon as we can. It is a very important process and we need to make sure that we are conforming to the letter of the law. Rest assured that we will keep working on it.

On to the happy news! Diana and I drove to the Marine and Navy Reserve Center on Thursday morning (December 19th) and dropped off the two dozen toys that the brothers of the Lodge donated to "Toys for Tots". The Gunny and Chief who are running the program this year were very appreciative of the donation. They told me to relay their thanks to all of you who donated toys for this very worthy cause. The Marine Corps expects over 1400 folks to show up at their distribution center requesting toys this Christmas. Well done Brothers! Additionally, we will be wrapping up our Salvation Army bell ringing campaign on the 21st. Brothers from J. B. Covert have joined with Amelia and Buckeye Lodges to man the kettle and ring the bell for the Salvation Army since the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

At the installation ceremony, I asked the Brothers to "look in and reach out". Look inside your hearts and try to recall why you became a Mason in the first place. Remember what drove you to want to become a member of the world's greatest fraternity and take those memories and "reach out" to your fellow brothers, your neighbors and your community. Given the results that we are showing this month, I think that we are off to a great start! Thank you for reaching out to your community and making a difference.

In closing, Diana, Alan and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. Please keep our sick and distressed brothers in your thoughts and prayers. The sign outside the lodge has a very simple message on it for Christmas. I picked a line from my favorite Christmas song because it seems so very appropriate at this time. "PRAY FOR PEACE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE".

Merry Christmas Brothers.

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Secretary's Notes

1. Brothers, please check your dues cards to make sure they say 2014. Reminder cards were mailed out Dec 9th, and 34 have yet to submit their dues.
2. **The \$500 duct work challenge has been MET!!** The challenger is making his donation, and a 2nd challenger has engaged with \$500. **So Brothers, we have met \$1500 of the total \$1900 cost of the much needed duct work changes.** Many thanks for all the involvement & generosity!
3. As always, please keep your Lodge Secretary advised of all changes in contact information.

Birthdays For January



Robert Abner, Barry Bender, Robert Billingsley, Edward Brock Jr, Anthony Brock, Clay Campbell, Ronnie Carlton, Roger Clapper, Joshua Davis, Alfred Determan, Scott Dunford, Brandon Durham, Raymond Layman, Thomas Marcum, Raymond Scott, David Terry, Stanley Wilfert, Russell Wuerdeman, John Ziggas.

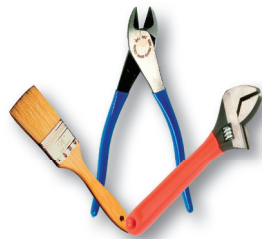
Trustees' Trestle Board

On Saturday, February 8th, 2014 the Trustees are seeking assistance from members of the Lodge as we prepare our building for receiving the Grand Master's One Day Class in April. This fun-filled day will run from 8:30 am until around 3 pm and a lunch will be provided.

All organizations using the J. B. Covert Masonic Temple are encouraged to send representatives to this first of several work days throughout the year.

We are also seeking the donation of the following:

- 1 each janitor cart
- 1 each rolling tool box and associated hand tools for odd jobs around the lodge
- Lowes/Home Depot Gift Cards that you aren't doing anything with
- New paint brushes and rollers
- 20' Extension ladder
- 20,000 square feet of blacktop sealing services



Regarding dues, it is a little known fact that when the members remit a Brother's dues, for hardship or years. of service, the Lodge still must pay a \$15.35 Per-Capita fee to the Grand Lodge for that Brother. Your Lodge is asking all who receive a remit to please consider a donation of \$15.00 to offset this cost.

Donations To The Lodge


Our grateful thanks go out to Brothers William Beckman, Russell Wuerdeman, Victor Haddad, Joseph McCullough and Gary Morgan for their generosity toward our Lodge.

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Upcoming Events

- Jan 1 New Year's Day!
- Jan 2 Inspection Rehearsal
7 pm
- Jan 3 J. B. Covert Annual Inspection
6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm work
- Jan 21 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm work
- Jan 27 6th District Meeting @ Clermont Social #29
Williamsburg 7:30 pm
- Feb 8 Mid-Winter Work Day
8:30 am- 3 pm Lunch will be served
Georgetown Reconsecration. 10:00 am
- Feb 21 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm work
- Mar 18 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting
6:30 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.

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