

# We Need Your E-mail Address

In the May stated meeting the Lodge approved the use of the online service Constant Contact as a means of streamlining communications with the membership. While the printed newsletter will still be used to distribute information to all members those members that "opt-in" to receiving the newsletter and other communications via e-mail will also receive it in their in-boxes.

The difference between the two versions is that the online version will also include links to register for events and may someday include options for online payment of associated fees.

The Constant Contact tool includes resources such as online registration, reports on each e-mail's effectiveness, and the ability to see who is/is not opening e-mail. This allows us to tweak our wording and develop more effective messaging.

The Ladies Night Dinner was the first event that we used this tool to manage registration and it was found to be very user friendly and highly effective. The survey tool was used after the event to reach out to people who attended and garner feedback for next year's event.

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 <u>www.jbcovertlodge.com</u> and enter your e-mail under the map and click on the "Join E-List" button
- 3. Send an e-mail to <u>web@</u> <u>jbcovertlodge.com</u> and we'll enter it for you

J. B. Covert Lodge will not sell or share our e-mail list with any other organization and will only pass information related Lodge or other Masonic activities. We also will not send out thousands of e-mails, but just enough to keep you up to date.

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

### Kyle Adkins Memorial Scholarships Future Funding Goes Viral

A total of \$1,500 was disbursed in the scholarships, which was less than originally received through donations at the time of WB Adkins death.

In order for the K.A.M.S. to continue and not be a financial strain on the Lodge fundraisers will be required. The first of these is a "crowd-funding" drive which was launched simultaneously with the first presentation. Go to: <u>www.gofundme.com/</u> <u>kyleadkins</u> to learn more and support the fund.

May 11th Amelia H. S. Senior Morgan Long received her K.A.M.S. at the annual band banquet.



Pictured L to R- David Olmstead Paul Wheeler, KAMS Recipient Morgan Long, Daniel Campbell

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## Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

Recently, Brother Lennon and I have had extensive conversations regarding the future of Freemasonry in the 21st Century and more specifically, the future of J.B. Covert #437. We noted that the structure of our organization as a whole lends itself well to short-term goals and plans. For instance, there is a



great deal of emphasis placed on the Lodge's annual inspection and there is a focus that the year is the Master's to shape (as it is expected that he will not be Master again, at least not for some time). Then comes a new year, with a new inspection to plan and a new Master with his own goals and plans. The advantage to this structure is that it promotes new leadership and fresh ideas. The disadvantage is that there can be a loss in continuity and progress, as priorities may shift.

I am happy to report that J. B. Covert has been good, at least in recent years, at sustaining forward progress and has been consistently committed to numerous goals like the scholarship fund, increasing the number of community and social events.

In order to sustain this effort, we have established the Strategic Planning Committee. The initial committee consists of Brothers Lennon, Olmstead, Rowe, and me. It is expected that this committee be appointed annually and will work with the Worshipful Master, focusing chiefly on long-range goals and planning. It is my hope that this committee will become an effective tool for the Lodge increasing its overall productivity and helping all of us to more effectively serve our community and ourselves.

It has been my goal, since I became an officer, to make our Lodge better and to ensure that it will have a secure future. I believe that we have made great strides in this direction thus far. It will not happen overnight but I feel that, for years now, we have been moving forward. I believe that this committee will greatly assist the Lodge in this goal.

May God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

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Support the Grand Lodge of Ohio's Sponsor an Athlete Campaign for Special Olympics! Send your donation to the Secretary today! Be sure to write Special Olympics in the memo!



**Celebrate Patriotism & Masonic/Community Service at the** 

**Annual Flag Retirement** & Awards Luncheon at J.B. Covert Masonic Lodge 848 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245 June 13th, 10:30 AM Lunch will be provided (Donations Accepted) Family • Friends • Community **Welcome to Attend** 

# **Donations To The Lodge**

Our thanks to the following members and friends who have donated to the Lodge & special funds: Jack Lennon, David Olmstead, David Miller, Bob & Kristi Billingsley, Anonymous.

### **Birthdays For May** Harold Beach, Kenneth Mac Carpenter,



Creed Cornett, Michael Culbertson, Thomas Cunningham, Thomas Haussler, Burl Hughes, Edward Janzen, Morris Johnson, Michael Morgan, Stephen

Morgan, David Olmstead, Dale Olson, John Roos, Jerry Ryan, Galen Williams, Steven Williams, Charles Wright Jr, Charles Wright III.

## Sweat For A Vet

The 6th District has taken on a very worthwhile project to provide needed sweatpants for the aging Veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, OH. The comfort and ease in dressing make them a favorite of the residents. If you are able to help these deserving warriors, note "VET" on your check's memo line,

and mail it to J. B. Covert, Attn: Secretary.



#### Come See J. B. Covert Members Butch Determan and Scott Dunford perform at this great event!



### **Upcoming Events**

- Jun 13 Flag Retirement & Awards Luncheon 10:30 am Open to Family and Friends
- Jun 16 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting 6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- Jul 11 **6th District Music Festival** Noon to 8:30pm Amelia Lodge Open to Family and Friends See article in this newsletter or website
- I. B. Covert Stated Meeting Jul 21 6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work
- J. B. Covert Stated Meeting Aug 18 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 [ Google Calendar ] on the calendar page of the website. www.jbcovertlodge.com/calendar

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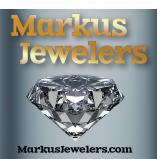
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