

Busy Calendar of Events in May and June

May and June will be busy at J. B. Covert lodge with 3 of our most popular events of the year kicking off the summer.

On **May 10th** our *Ladies Night Dinner* will include a fantastic menu and great fellowship. A brief program will be presented by WB Jack Lennon and the officers for all of the ladies to enjoy. Reservations are required and you can pay at the door.

On June 11th we will have our 5th Annual Flag Retirement and Awards Luncheon. This event is open to the public. This year's event will also include a special tribute to the Law Enforcement Community. A special collection is underway to make a contribution to The Shield, a non-profit that assists the families of fallen officers. To learn more contact the Secretary or send an Email to web@jbcovertlodge.com.

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Welcome to Attend

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Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

Over the last few months we have initiated three new Entered Apprentices. One of those nights was a special event for J. B. Covert Lodge as members of the Disney Clan took to almost all of the officer chairs and performed all of the ritual in the first part of the degree! It was a fantastic night for all, and in particular I felt honored, to get to watch one of my Masonic



role models, WB John D. Disney, perform the role of Master, as well, if not better than in 1967 when he was elected and presided in the East.

Admittedly it has been a while since I sat on the sidelines for a degree, particularly at J. B. Covert Lodge. It did however allow me to listen more intently and reflect on the true meanings of the words that I have often recited without much thought. It also gave me the opportunity to think more deeply how I might apply the lessons in our several degrees and lectures. And where better to start than at the beginning with the 24-inch gauge, the first of the Masonic working tools.

The 24-inch gauge. A tool used by operative masons to measure and lay out their work. The 24-inch gauge allows the builders to plan and construct a solid and stable structure, and also is utilized as a reference or guidepost to make sure the craftsman is on the right track. I think when framed in this context there are even more lessons that we, as speculative Masons can try to apply in our daily lives.

As you will recall we as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to use it for the more instructive purpose by recognizing that the 24 equal parts are emblematic of the 24 hours in a day, which we are taught to divide into 3 equal parts. Have you considered lately what those are and how well you are dividing your time?

I think the lesson of the 24-inch gauge alludes to continually improving and setting goals. It begs the question, "what do you want to do with the time we are given?"

We all only have a limited amount of time as the hourglass of time cannot be flipped over to start again. I think the 24-inch gauge encourages us to strive to be the best people we can be, by following whatever goals or purposes drive us as individuals. We are all building our own temple of life. Yes there are always changes that come about it life, but do you have the blueprint of your life? Do you know what you want your temple to look like when completed? Utilize your 24-inch gauge to help you build your temple of life.

The 24-inch gauge lastly serves as a constant reminder and personal measuring stick for each of us, and the individual we want to become. There is no universal 24-inch gauge; one that measures against each other. We all have our own personal "ruler" which serves as our own unique measuring stick constantly reminding us to become the best individual we can.

Are you living up to your own 24-inch gauge?

May God bless you and our Fraternity

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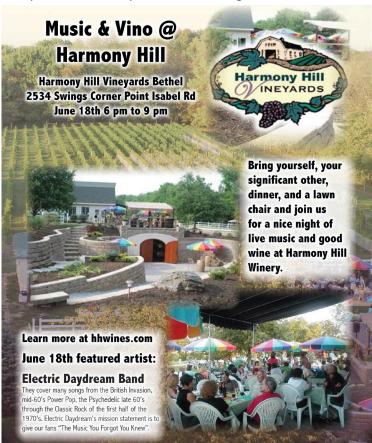
Secretary's Note

Brothers, our next Flag Retirement & Awards Ceremony is coming soon on June 11th. Members earning Service Awards will soon receive a letter announcing their Award and asking if they will attend to receive it in person. Please reply to the letter regarding your attendance. We hope you all will come, see your Lodge and enjoy the festivities!

Please keep your Lodge up to date with your contact information. Send any changes in address, phone or e-mail to secretary@jbcovertlodge.com.

Busy Calendar of Events (Cont'd)

On **June 18th** we'll spend a pleasant evening relaxing and listening to live music and perhaps enjoy some vino as we return to Harmony Hill Vineyards for *Music & Vino Night*. This event is open to family and friends over the age of 18. You can bring your lawn chair, your dinner, and your soda, but if you would like to imbibe you'll need to try one the winery's award winning wines.





This Month's Birthdays

William Bath, Robert Bayless,
Charles Collins Jr, Kelly Duncan, Jack
Gray, Victor Haddad, George Henry, Willard Keller,
Joseph McCullough, Robert McGee, David Palmer, Alex
Wakefield, Paul Wheeler.

Birthday

TUESDAY

Upcoming Events

Every

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

11:30 am @ J. B. Covert Bring your own lunch

May 6 Grandmaster's Reception

Email <u>jrwarden@jbcovertlodge.com</u> for details and reservations

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May 10 Ladies Night Dinner at J. B. Covert

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Open Event See articles in this newsletter

May 17 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting

6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work Tyled Event

June 11 Flag Retirement & Awards Ceremony

Open to Family & Friends 10:30 am to 12:30 pm @ JBC

June 18 Music & Vino Night @ Harmony Hill

Open to Family Members over 18 6 pm to 9 pm @ Harmony Hill Winery

June 21 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting

6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work Tyled Event

July 19 J. B. Covert Stated Meeting

6:00 pm social 7:00 pm work Tyled Event

We will be adding <u>several degree dates</u> to the calendar as soon as our 3 Entered Apprentices and our Fellow Craft return their work. Get the latest calendar changes by subscribing to our Google Calendar

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.

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