

CLINTON COMPASS

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FROM THE EAST

This year has quickly gone by and it is almost Christmas. A year ago I was elected Master of the Lodge for this year. I have been grateful and honored for the trust put in me. Now that it is almost over, I look back and can wholeheartedly say: "It was a good year".

As if December 4th of this year, most of the offices are the same, just moved around, three new members have taken offices, but haven't done but a little floor work.

Over the last year we had a few degrees and new men became Brothers. Credits go to our education program, and our Past Masters who are meeting

with those interested in becoming Masons. We also had many Brothers come and visit us, and stayed around to support us. The officers worked together and we had good communication among ourselves. We did live up to the brotherhood we are supposed to be. I am thankful for the support we had and that the approach to openness was well received and appreciated.

I wish the newly elected officers all the best for their upcoming year. May they experience the same support I enjoyed over the past year.

This is my last newsletter for this term as Master this



year. I would like to thank everyone that has helped me this year. To all who contributed to a successful year I say a big thank you. It was a privilege to serve. Now I am signing off with gratitude.

Thank you with the bottom of my heart.

Fraternally,
Eric C. Downing, PM
Worshipful Master

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Stated meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.*
- *Monthly breakfast is the first Saturday of the month, from 7:00am—10:00am. (No breakfast during dark months)*

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The summer is over and members of Clinton Lodge No. 54 will begin providing their monthly community breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month.

Reasonably priced at Adults—\$5, Children age 5 to 12—\$3, Children age 4 and under free...plus it is "all you can eat."

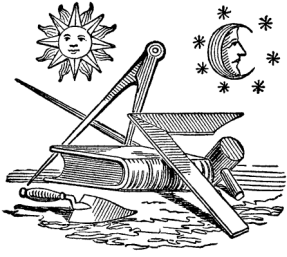
Money raised is used to fund Lodge upkeep, future Lodge events and charities.

The hearty breakfast consists of delicious pancakes, savory sausages, hot biscuits and sausage gravy, blueberry muffins, hot coffee, cold juice and cold fresh milk.

Bring the whole family, bring a friend, pick up a brother and bring him with you.

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Ray Peterson, PM

Junior Steward

Charles Boyd

Tyler

Jerry Harshbarger, PM

LODGE CALENDAR AND EVENTS

For the most recent event information, check the Lodge's website calendar, at www.clintonmasoniclodge.com/home/calendar.

As the holidays approach, please check the online calendar often, as that there might be a new community event or a family dinner.

If you have an event for the Lodge's website, please forward it to your secretary or to info@clintonmasoniclodge.com.

“A BEAUTIFUL
SYSTEM OF
MORALITY,
VEILED IN
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ILLUSTRATED BY
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MEMBERSHIP

We need to keep those petitions coming in. The Worshipful Master and Secretary would like to remind you to keep an eye out for new candidates for the Lodge.

Remember to carry a petition with you in your travels because you never know who you will meet.

If you do not have a petition or you need more, please contact any lodge officer and they will make sure you receive a couple.

Our goal was for 4 new brothers this year, we had 2! Next year's goal will be higher, so we cannot get behind.

We must have new members to survive as a Lodge. If everyone made it their goal to get one new member a year, we will, in a few years have a strong and active Lodge. But we can't do it without your help.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The time for paying Lodge dues has rolled around again. Many have already paid. Hopefully by now, I have received the dues cards from Grand Lodge those that have paid have theirs. Those who have not paid yet remember they are due by December 31st.

I would like to speak about Lodge participation. We have 138 members. Out of that, many live in other towns or states. The Officers of the Lodge would really like to see more members at the meetings and functions.

We have about 12 or 14 running your Lodge. We realize that everyone cannot make every meeting. We have 19 meetings per year as we are dark in July and August and only have one meeting in December. The average meeting takes about 1 hour. All we ask is at least one meeting a month or one hour of your time. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship.

Shortly after the first of the year, we are planning on having a Rusty Nail Degree. It is designed to reacquaint a member with the passes, words, and ect.

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a community breakfast. It helps Lodge make income and we meet the public. Once again, come up and help out with things and enjoy.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Donald E. Henderson, PM
Secretary



“THE GRAND
OBJECT OF
MASONRY IS TO
PROMOTE THE
HAPPINESS OF THE
HUMAN RACE.”
WBRO. GEORGE
WASHINGTON
AND FORMER
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Inauguration Prayer Of George Washington

“Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience, and to entertain a Brotherly affection and love for one another, as fellow citizens. May we be pleased to do justice, to love mercy, and to conduct ourselves in charity, humility, and gentle temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without whose humble example we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant us our supplication through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

BIRTHDAYS



January

7th	Jeffery Reecer
8th	James Holt
9th	Mark Harshbarger
11th	Jerry Harshbarger
13th	Robert Frey
	Jim Kaylor
16th	Larry Huffer
19th	Mike Bartley
24th	Larry Roush
26th	Robert Mohr
30th	Terry Barney

February

2nd	George Goodnight
4th	David Sacra
13th	Charles Jones
23rd	Steve Frey
24th	Charles Lee Smith
28th	Jack Utterback

March

6th	Bob Sterling
8th	Ward Underwood Jr
12th	James Baldwin
13th	Gary Lucas
16th	John Hampton
19th	John Blackburn
20th	Ron Davis
21st	John Macy
22nd	Dennis Perkins
27th	Don Seidle

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

“FREEMASONRY IS
AN INSTITUTION
CALCULATED TO
BENEFIT
MANKIND”
ANDREW
JACKSON

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining.

I asked in what way? She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book.

Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on. Oh fine was his reply.

I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong. No, was his reply.

So why read the book there?

Well he said "It's the only TYLED room in the house"....

OUR MASONIC FAMILY

When we refer to our "Masonic Family," we are referring to the organizations that many of our wives, sons, and daughters join.

Clinton Lodge has something for the whole family - not just the Men. Most of our larger events usually include fun, food, and fellowship for the entire family.

At the Clinton Masonic Lodge, we have:

- Clinton Lodge No. 54 - Free and Accepted Masons
- Clinton Chapter No. 82 - Royal Arch Masons
- Frankfort Council No. 46 - Royal and Select Masons
- Frankfort Commandery No. 29 - Knights Templar
- Clinton Chapter No. 6 - Order of the Eastern Star

For more information on our Masonic Family, please visit our website. clintonmasoniclodge.com



COMMITTEES

Trustees

Jerry Harshbarger, PM
 Samuel Holliger, PM
 Donald Henderson, PM

Audit

Richard Strawn, PM
 Dennis Perkins
 Scott Charles

Masonic Home Ambassador

Scott Charles

Interested in volunteering for a committee? Contact an officer for more details.

Lodge Advisory (2013)

William Rich, PM
 Dennis Perkins
 Christian Perez
 Don Henderson, PM
 Scott Charles
 Dale Davis
 'Open Appointment'

NOTE: Lodge Advisory committee will change with Lodge elections.

Property Resolution

Eric Downing, PM
 Ray Peterson, PM
 Dennis Perkins
 Donald Henderson
 Virgil Humphrey
 Stephen Harris
 Scott Charles

We have other committees that are being structured, and we are looking for members to volunteer for a committee.



ENDOWMENTS AND BEQUESTS

Interested in leaving a gift to the Clinton Lodge through your will or trust?

The following is suggested wording for your attorney to use when crafting your documents:

I give, devise, and bequeath _____ (cash, securities, real estate, numismatic collections, artwork, etc.) to the Clinton Lodge No. 54, F.&A.M. at 201 South Main Street, Frankfort, County of Clinton, State of Indiana, 46041. This bequest shall be used for unrestricted and general purposes as deemed appropriate by the Association's Executive Officers and Board of Trustees.

Note: The suggested text above is only an example, and is not intended to replace the advice of a licensed attorney. Always seek professional advice when constructing your life documents.

“FROM ITS
 ORIGIN TO THE
 PRESENT HOUR,
 IN ALL ITS
 VICISSITUDES,
 MASONRY HAS
 BEEN THE STEADY,
 UNVARYING
 FRIEND OF MAN.”
 REV. ERASTUS
 BURR

CLOSING PRAYER

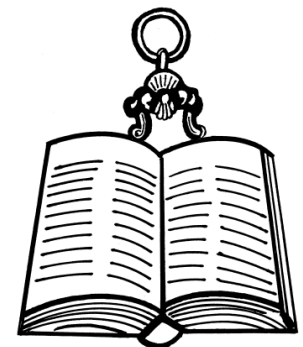
Gracious God, remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other and to You.

Teach us that the obligations we have taken upon ourselves cannot be forgotten or overlooked.

Show us that the only way to honor our obligations is to live in harmony with them on a daily basis.

Keep us faithful in living with, living in awareness of, and living up to or Masonic Obligations. Guide us in the responsibilities which are ours as we assemble here to conduct our business today.

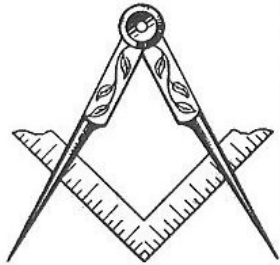
In Your Spirit we pray, Amen.



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OUR COMMUNITY

Beyond their commitment to individual growth and leadership, Masons are deeply involved in their communities. Through all forms of charitable giving and community service, Masons feel it is their obligation to contribute to the care and well-being of their fellow man.

Clinton Lodge No. 54 is dedicated to serving our local community. Whether it's working with our elders, providing parents with our Child ID safety tips and keep-safe, or reaching out and supporting our widows. Clinton Lodge No. 54 is dedicated to increasing our community outreach.

Here are some of the activities in our community:

- ◆ Child ID Program
- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Blood Drives

Come help us build your Lodge into a beacon of light for our community.

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