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Brethren, Fraternal greetings from the East:

November 2, 2023

The year is nearing the end. How fast it comes. It seems like yesterday 2023 was kicking off and the year had much to give. So, while the year may be passing fast, the lodge is still moving forward. The lodge traveled in support of Prudence Lodge in bringing in their 2 entered apprentice. Thank you to all those that were able to attend.

The Sporting Clay event went off with a bang, this pun actually intended. We had 38 out in the light rain and everybody had a lot of fun. Just about everyone went home with one prize or another. Unfortunately, Freedom Lodge did not win it's own event finishing in 5th. There were many first time shooters including 2 participants that were under 18. The breakfast and lunch was good, though we did have more than enough for 50. I cannot thank Brothers Dave Jenkins, Tom Grimm and Stephen Langvardt enough, standing ovation to you all for raising \$3,500 and a very nice donation to kids charity. There was uniform acknowledgement that we WILL hold this event again. We will learn from our mistakes and make it an even larger event next year. Maybe, if we are lucky, we can get Brother Paul Evancoe up from his hacienda in Florida to show us how it is done.

I'd like you all to know that Brother PM Jim Schwartz had a house fire and he is now displaced. Between that, and his health issues, I'm asking for each of you to reach out and let him know how much he has meant us all. At a minimum, please say a prayer for him for a speedy recovery to his health.

Brother Kurt, our next Worshipful Master, is in need of help filling out his line. PLEASE, do reach out to him. At a minimum he will need support throughout the year in other non-line positions that support the Lodge. I'm excited for Kurt, he is going to be a wonderful Worshipful Master and I'm sure he is looking forward to 2024.

Last, the Lodge Web Site overhaul is underway by GoDaddy. I'm excited about this as it will upgrade us and allow us to accept dues payments on-line. For November, The 4th we will have a Beer tasting, and a Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner Open Table Lodge on November 14th. Come on out and enjoy.



Fraternally, Mike Taldo, WM

Elected Line Officers—2023

Worshipful Master—Mike Taldo

Senior Warden— Kurt Caltrider

Junior Warden — Jim Fitzgibbon

Secretary—Brett Molin, PM

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Treasurer—Rob Willey

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Junior Deacon— Dan Wynne

Senior Steward— Scott Simms

Junior Steward— Miles Atkins

Chaplain—Dave Lewis

Tyler—Steve Simms

Marshal — Daniel Boone

Ritualist—William Perry, PM

Grand Inspector—Mark Bandelin, PM

Upcoming Communications

November 14th, Open Table Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner at 7:30pm

November 28th, Dinner 6:30pm, Lodge opens 7:30pm in the 3rd Degree

Please note that events at communications beyond one month are subject to change. Please check the Trestle Board each month for the most accurate meetings for that month.

Regular Communications occur on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning promptly at 7:30 pm.

From the Secretary's Desk

The Secretary really needs dues. I'd really like the Brothers to take a minute to send in dues. Please do this very important task.

From the Treasurer's Desk

Call 248-672-1896 or robertwilley1@comcast.net

Events & Notice:

- November 4th Beer Tasting, link here
- November 14th, Open Table Lodge Thanksgiving <u>Dinner, bring the family, but do sign up, see</u> email from WB Secretary Brett.

Living Past Masters

Diving rase rassers	
Mervin L. Wheat, Jr.	1974
Allen R. Spring, Jr.	1976
Richard B. Unger, Past GI	1977
H. Eugene Smith	1983
David L. Keith	1985
Denver G. Resh	1990
Lawrence P. Wandel	1994-1995
William G. Perry, DGL	1996
Jeffrey N. Zumbrun	2007-2008
John Gullucci	2009-2011
Jim Schwartz, Past GI, PMWGJD	2012-2013
Jerry McCullough	2014-2016
Russell D. Long IV	2017-2018
Brett J. Molin	2019-2020
Michael D. Taldo	2021-2023

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