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THE WEST GATE

Excerpted from "The Ballot," published in the Masonic Monthly, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1864)

"It is late in the history of Freemasonry to raise any question on the subject which requires more than a moments debate. The practice of balloting for the degrees in Freemasonry, one would think, is too intimately connected with the every-day work of the lodges for doubts to arise in the mind of any member of the Fraternity with regard to the ballot to any usage associated therewith. Yet among the later tendencies that have exhibited themselves in our Order— — — tendencies, so many of which threaten injury and destruction to our institution if not checked—is a disposition to disturb the regulations affecting the ballot.

The extraordinary and ruinously rapid growth which Freemasonry has experienced during the past few years has only become possible in consequence of a neglect properly to exercise the privilege of the ballot. Hundreds, nay...thousands of improper persons have been permitted to receive the degrees, who, under a proper exercise of the ballot, would never have been allowed to cross the threshold of our institution.

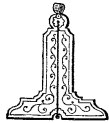
The admission of destructive elements can only be prevented by making it the duty of every member to vote on the application of candidates for degrees or membership, and every member of the lodge should feel that the responsibility of rejecting the unworthy rests upon himself. The ballot is resorted to more to give an opportunity to reject unworthy material, than to admit the worthy. We are ready with open arms to admit 'the worthy and well qualified' to our Fraternity, but we ballot in order to have the opportunity to reject the unworthy applicant.

Let the ballot be maintained in all its purity, with all its secrecy. Exercise the privilege conscientiously, faithfully, freely and fearlessly. Never hesitate to reject, where there is any doubt. Let the lodge and not the applicant have the benefit of such doubt where any exists. The lodge has rights and the applicant has none, except to have his application treated in the spirit in which he offers it, of willingness to submit to a fair and honorable ballot. Never fail to remember that it is infinitely better to reject ten good men than to admit one unworthy member. In this spirit select your ballots and deposit them, and while your conscience approves, the Order will be benefitted."

That which we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly.

- Thomas Paine

FROM THE WEST



Brethren as I sat in the West at our last stated meeting, I looked around the lodge room and most of the faces I saw were of men of age. They were the faces of men who have a lot of masonic knowledge and have spent a lot of time working for the Masonic fraternity. Without them masonry wouldn't be what it is today. But brethren, it is time for some of us younger Masons to step up and do our part for this great fraternal organization. Because if we don't start trying to gain this knowledge ourselves and working to grow, then when all these older faces are gone, all will be lost and our Masonic heritage will be lost also.

Brethren, I know this because I came from a lodge where this very thing happened. And I am ashamed to say, I was part of the reason that that lodge no longer meets. And I look back thinking if I had only attended more maybe I wouldn't have let all those old timers down. And when I had to find another lodge to keep my membership to the fraternity, I made a vow that would not let that lodge down.

I know and understand sometimes it is impossible to make it to meetings and we have other responsibilities. But there are times that we could attend and choose not to. I know I have been there and now my old lodge is gone and I do regret it.

So Brethren, let me urge you to attend your lodge and take part when you can. I promise, you won't regret it. Because we do have fun, and if there are any functions or events you would like for Union Lodge to sponsor or take part in come and let us know. We welcome any ideas.

David Alexander, S.W.

FROM THE SOUTH



August finds us staying busy. Our attendance at the Tuesday night practices has faded. Let me encourage you to plan to come to the lodge on Tuesday night for practice. We also need to get some new participation in our degree work. To be able to confer a degree or participate in the degree is a rewarding experience. Our brothers from our sister lodges are good to come and help us in our degree work, and we should respond when they need our help.

On a sad note, we found out last month that three of our 50 year members had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families. We are also working to have a Widows Night at the lodge in the near future. There are lots of areas for each of you to work in the lodge, and I encourage you to do so. Looking forward to seeing each of you in lodge.

Charley E. Ray, J.W.



UNION LODGE CAVE DEGREE 2015

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015:

4 PM Dinner at Union Lodge No. 38.

7 PM Ohio Fellowcraft Degree conferred by High Point Lodge No. 773, Monroe, OH.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015:

9-11 AM Guests are invited to tour Eblen's Cave.

9 AM Open Meeting of Burlington Forest No. 207, Tall Cedars of Lebanon—Union Lodge Room. Casual dress.

10 AM Lunch at Union Lodge

1 PM A Master Mason Degree will be conferred by the FL 17th Masonic District —BRING A JACKET & A CHAIR TO SIT ON—THE CAVE IS COOL AND DAMP!

5-7 PM BBQ will be served at Union Lodge

Note: The Grand Lodge of Tennessee does not recognize Prince Hall freemasonry.

EVENTS AT UNION LODGE

Friday and Saturday, August 14 & 15, 2015. The 44th Annual Union Lodge Cave Degree. For more information go to: www.union38.org.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Stated Communication first Monday of each month. Eat at 6 p.m. Meet at 7 p.m.

Kingston 405 Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star meets the third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Roane County Scottish Rite Club meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. Light meal at 6 p.m.

Burlington Forest No. 207, Tall Cedars of North America meets on the second Saturday at 1 p.m. with lunch at 12 p.m. in February, April, June, August, and November. The August meeting is usually held at 9:00 a.m. during the Cave Degree (third Saturday).

Widow's Sons meet on the third Saturday at 10 a.m.

Amaranth Charity Court No. 17 meets on the third Thursday. Eat at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

To contact the Lodge Secretary send email to:

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PAST MASTERS OF UNION LODGE NO. 38 F&AM

1821-22 John Brown *	1917 John W. Bowman *	1957 H. K. Deatherage *	1991 David M. Bunch
1823-24 R. Richardson *	1918 John G. Harding *	1958 E. E. Smith *	1992 Hoke S. Culbertson
1825 William G. Dunlap *	1919 A. H. Stegall *	1959 William G. Harvey *	1993 W. Dale Brown
1826-28 R.S. Gilliam *	1921 W. T. Ferguson *	1960 W.E. Pierce *	1994 J. Donald Bowers
1829-37,50-52 Lewis W. Jordon *	1923 O. N. McCallum *	1961 Kenneth E. Deal *	1995-96 Thomas Boduch, PGM
1838-49 Henry L. Welcker *	1924 William R. Ladd *	1962 William Seaver *	1997 Michael R. Mann
1853,55-56,59 Henry Liggett *	1925 William A. Smith *	1963 John A. Davis *	1998 Jerry L. Brackett
1854 Thomas A. Brown *	1926 John L. Fritts *	1965,71 Victor M. Hovis *	1999 John R. Carter
1857-58 Edward A. Yost *	1927,44 Janes C. Fly *	1965 A.T. Wallace *	2000 Eugene J. LaBounty *
1860-65 N. A. Patterson *	1928 Hugh E. Wyatt *	1966 John B. Arp, Jr. PGM *	2001 Ross L. Hickey*
1866-67 James W. McNutt *	1929-30,41,43 Robert S. Ladd *	1967 M.E. Wimberly *	2002 Johnnie C. Trivett
1868-69, 72-73 Evan E. Young *	1931 Martin L. Howard *	1968 Fred H. Rasco, Jr. *	2003,05 Terry W. Jones
1870, 78-79 H. Crumbliss, Jr. *	1932 A. Sl White *	1969 L.C. Hubbard *	2004 Daniel H. Morgan
1871 James Sevier *	1933, 45 Henry Parker *	1970 Ocee C. Cole *	2006 Ronald B. Sales
1874-75,77,86 James M. Melton *	1934 Lewis E. Johnson *	1972 Leon A. Mead *	2007 Louis J. Scherf, Sr.
1876 J. M. Denning *	1935 James R. Heifner *	1973 K. C. Patterson *	2008 Eugene W. Livesay
1880-82,83 Evan E. Young *	1936 Thomas W. Pickel *	1974 Alvin Arthur *	2009 Joel M. Crowe
1881,85,87,91-92 H.Crumbliss Jr *	1937 Jessie R. Johnson *	1975 Fred J. Barger *	2010 Fritz Stevens
1884 W. L. Welcker *	1938 John R. Evans *	1976 C.G. Ruffner *	2011 John M. Parkinson
1888 W. C. Shelly *	1939 Clair W. Liggett *	1977 G.R. Jackson *	2012 Christopher Harris
1889 G. W. Henderson *	1940 Paul C. Henry *	1978 Roger L. Guinn *	2013 James Tucker
1890 R. W. Gambill *	1942 John G. Roberts *	1979 Robert L. Sneed *	2014 Louis J. Devillon
1893-95 J. C. DeArmond *	1946 S. L. Bowman *	1980 Charles L. Smiddy *	
1896-97 J. Frank Corman *	1947 Thedor E. Howard *	1981 E.I. "Bill" Leach *	
1898-99 J. B. Goodwin *	1948 H. D. Wattenbarger *	1982 Eddie Parish	
1900-1,3,7 J. G. Crumbliss *	1949 Samuel S. Henley *	1983 E.T. Strunk *	
1902 Geroge L. Burk *	1950 Robt. H. Crowder *	1984 Alvin Pierce	*At Rest
1906 James C. Pope *	1951 Earl L. Loop *	1985 Howard M. Trapp *	
1908-9 W. M. Gambil *	1952 A. G. Spurgeon *	1986 C. C. McPheeters *	
1912 Edward A. Wyatt *	1953 Mack H. Smith *	1987 Russell O. Thornton *	
1913 Jehu C. Pope *	1954 Walton T. Hall *	1988 L. Dow Odum *	
1914 Dr. John Roberts *	1955 William B. Logan *	1989 Marion E. Zeigler	
1915-16,20,22 John S. Parker *	1956 Avery L. Bright *	1990 Evertt Massengill	