



Tidings From The West

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Free and Accepted Masons

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Grand Master
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
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I am sending this letter to your lodge in the hope of heading off a possible problem which has been caused by the State Revenue Department. It has been brought to my attention that the state has come out with a Freemason license plate. The best I can find out is that this license plate originates from the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and part of the money derived from the sale of these license plates goes to a charity sponsored by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

After several phone calls to ascertain what the procedure was for obtaining these plates; I came to the conclusion that the method of screening individuals, to see if they were eligible to purchase the plates was not sufficient to ensure that our members could not purchase them. We have laws which strictly prohibit communication and Masonic intercourse with clandestine lodges and members of clandestine lodges. It is my opinion as your Grand Master that the purchase of these license plates would be in contradiction to our laws. Thus I am directing that no member of a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the M. W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas purchase the license plates.

I appreciate your attention to this serious problem and will thank you in advance for your efforts to help ensure that our members are informed and do not inadvertently violate our Masonic law.

Fraternally,

Ronald Hedge
Grand Master

West Memphis Masonic Lodge Planning Calendar of Events For 2010

For years you have heard that change was required to keep our fraternity growing in today's world. Well, Worshipful Master Tommy Craft and our Brother Hershell Wright have taken the first step. The planning calendar at the right has only a few ACTUAL dates, most will become firm dates as the time grows near. This allows pre-event planning and a reminder to help jog our memories.

The committee assignments have been made and some have begun to make plans. Typical was the Super Bowl Party Committee. The event was larger than last year, however, there is always room for improvement. The food was abundant and delicious. All reported an excellent event for the family and expressed a desire to do it again in 2011.

The Wives and Widows Banquet date is firm. The entertainment is selected and the Shrine Club is retained. Invitations will be mailed when the date gets closer. Since you have this advanced notice, you can make your plans to attend.

Please notice that a Wild Game dinner is scheduled in September. If you have wild game you wish to donate please contact Brother Tom Callahan.

If you would like to work in the planning or execution of an event, please contact the Lodge secretary.

MARCH

30 Family Night - Coordinate meat, sides and deserts
Wives & Widows Banquet **Saturday March 27th**

APRIL

Stuedline Egg Hunt before Easter (April 4th) **DATE: _____**

MAY

Adopt A Highway Trash Pick Up **DATE: _____**

JUNE

29 Family Night - Coordinate meat, sides and deserts

JULY

1, 2, 3 Bar-B-Q Butt Delivery for July 4th

AUGUST

31 Family Night - Coordinate meat, sides and deserts
Adopt A Highway Trash Pick Up **DATE: _____**

SEPTEMBER

6 Labor Day Wild Game Dinner

OCTOBER

Pancake Breakfast for Sheltered Workshop **DATE: _____**
12 Past Masters' Fish Fry
30 Trunk R Treat (Saturday)

NOVEMBER

Adopt A Highway Trash Pick Up **DATE: _____**
30 Family Night - Coordinate meat, sides and deserts

DECEMBER

7 Christmas Parade
14 Election of Officers
21 Installation of Officers
18 Fruit Basket Distribution (Saturday)
28 Audit Lodge Books



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Something New Is Being Added

Look inside your new 2010 Lodge address book. You will find that many E-Mail addresses have been added, but, that's not all. With a closer look you will find that new Masons, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, have been added.

The addition of Masons who have not yet been made a Master Mason is an attempt to include them into our plans and special events.

We also ask that you use your influence to encourage those first and second degree Masons to advance in Masonry.

The listing of Unfinished Work is to the right. The listing is in alphabetical order by last name. This should make it easy for you to find your friends.

As time permits, each listing will have the address and phone number verified before adding them to our data base.

Hubert Allen	FC 08/04/1992
Michael W. Allen	EA 04/16/2002
Louie Barrera	EA 09/16/2003
Steven R. Boswell	EA 11/12/1993
Troy Lee Boswell	EA 10/31/1989
Christopher T. Brady	EA 10/05/2004
Richard L. Carter	EA 06/07/1994
Donald B. Craft	EA 11/07/2000
Samuel D. Craft III	EA 04/07/1998
Jeffery R. Crum II	EA 04/18/1994
Keith V. Dalton	EA 03/31/1987
Anthony G. DeVasier	EA 04/08/2009
Arthur A. Dougherty	EA 03/31/1992
Robert E. Downing	EA 12/18/1990
Mcvey Foote	EA 03/19/2001
Stephen M. Gatten	EA 08/02/1994
Marion F. Glasco	EA 01/29/1994
Howard W. Gongre	FC 11/28/2006
Junior L. Haley	EA 04/18/1994
Bobby Joe Hicks, Jr.	EA 11/30/1989
Henry A. Jeffords	EA 08/04/2009
Frank W. Johnson	FC 10/04/2005
David R. Langley	EA 11/07/2000
Robert B. Lawson	EA 01/04/2009
Christopher Lee	EA 07/05/2005
Christopher Long	EA 06/06/2006
Douglas R. Manning, Jr.	FC 04/26/1996
Jonathan D. May	EA 11/30/2001
Kenneth R. McDermott	EA 04/07/2009
Keith D. McDonald	EA 09/07/1993
James P. McFall	EA 06/02/1994
David S. McNeely	EA 06/21/1994
Michael S. Miller	EA 05/19/2009
Broidy R. Moore	EA 08/25/2009
Jason J.L. Orrell	EA 07/19/2005
Larry G. Pipkin	FC 06/09/1998
Othal Ramsey	EA 08/15/1995
Wayne H. Roberson	EA 06/18/1991
Nick R. Rogers, Jr.	FC 07/05/1994
James W. Snell	EA 01/29/2002
Charles E. Standlee	EA 06/02/1998
Joe E. Stone, Jr.	EA 05/19/1987
Carroll D. Summers	EA 01/09/1990
Eric D. Whiteside	EA 12/02/2003
James D. Wilson	EA 07/14/2005
Harrison R. Young	EA 02/09/1999

**February 20th
Pine Bluff Masonic Lodge
York Rite Festival
8:00 A.M. Until...**

**March 5 & 6
Jonesboro Masonic Lodge
Scottish Rite Reunion
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Friday
7:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. Saturday**



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Lets Talk Dollars And Cents

If you are in Masonry to make a buck you will be sadly disappointed. It's true, many affluent and influential members of the community are also Masons. The Masonic order considers no man for his wealth, his power or his influence on others.

Masons are often viewed with a weary eye because the public is unaware of the real secrets of our fraternity, that of brotherly love.

Some of our members are dedicated to these noble principles and show their appreciation with generous donations to the Lodge projects.

There is a way that we all can participate without undue hardship on any member, perpetual membership.

Perpetual Membership is similar to an insurance policy. Insurance is to provide for those you leave behind, so is perpetual membership. Your donation equal to 16 times your yearly dues buys a lifetime of membership and even beyond.

We would hope that you would be a valued member longer than the 16 years you have prepaid your dues as a perpetual member. There is no limit to the value of your perpetual membership. Even after you have gone to your "long home" your thoughtful perpetual donation will continue to fund the Lodge.

It is often difficult to pay \$640 in a lump sum. To make it easier for you to become a perpetual member, a monthly payment plan is available. You can pay \$25 per month for 27 months or any larger amount to equal the \$640 plus your regular dues in a shorter period of time.

Should your perpetual membership not be obtained as per the agreement you will be given full credit toward your dues in the amount you have paid into the program. There is no way you can lose.

Please consider Perpetual Membership as a way to give your part to our ongoing Masonic endeavors. You will be glad you did.

NEW LODGE TELEPHONE/ E-MAIL DIRECTORY AND ADDRESS BOOK IS GOING TO PRESS THIS MONTH

If you have any last minute changes in your address, e-mail, phone or cell number please notify the Lodge Secretary so your information will be current.

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Lodge Mail Address P.O. Box 1001, W.M. 72303
Master's Phone 901-881-1260
Senior Warden's Phone 870-739-5625
Junior Warden's Phone 901-229-2362
Secretary's Phone 901-857-3709

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