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Greetings from the Secretary's Desk: by Michael A. Priddy Sr. PM

Greetings from the Secretary's desk! In this exciting newsletter you will see information relevant to events that our lodge is proudly participating in as well as information pertaining to upcoming events that I'm sure you and your family are going to enjoy.

Our lodge is current having fish fry's every Friday night from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. As stated in our previous newsletters the fish fry began in the early part of June. I am proud of the membership for helping with this process that has been both financially and intellectually beneficial. I have enjoyed working with members of the Lodge, the Eastern Star, and Rainbow Girls as we work diligently towards that common goal of ensuring the future financial stability of our lodge hall.

Your efforts have encouraged

new membership, as we have had a significant increase in membership directly related to our involvement with the fish fry's. As of today we can honestly say that our efforts have



contributed to a gain of five members from transfers, reinstatements, and petitions.

Here is a summary of our lodge activities from July 1, 2005: through June 30, 2006. We began the year with four hundred and fifty-five members,

we initiated five, admitted zero, and reinstated two. Our membership decreased by four members demitting, eleven suspension, zero expulsions, and eighteen members died. Our total membership now stands at four hundred and twenty-nine.

Currently we have four hundred and twenty Master Mason, two Fellow Craft and seven Entered Apprentice. We have fifty-nine members who have fifty or more years membership in our fraternity. Our current membership less free members is three hundred and sixty-nine. Our current Grand Lodge assessment for the year totaled \$8,745.00.

For the Record: by Michael A. Priddy Sr. PM

Activities from June 1, 2006 – August 31, 2006

Affiliated by Transfer:
 Jack Hurt
 Michael A. Clontz
 Paul Anthony Ward
 Richard Kenneth Ragland

Deaths:
 Steven Glenn Cunningham
 William Ray Jacobsen

Dual Membership:
 Ronnie D. Mercer

Suspensions:
 Timmy Biery
 Ralph R. Broussard
 Orville Bishop Carter
 Scotty Turner Collins
 Lucian Earl Conley
 Albert Leon Dennis
 Joseph Ronald Druin
 Jimmy Clay Dunavent
 Brian Matthe Elble
 Samuel G. Goodman
 Danny Lewis Hall

Sounding Off: By Eldon Priddy

In the huge vastness of this enriched planet we inhabit, sometimes we forget the smallness of our own being.

Let us not forget that our own hearts have been filled with evil as well as good, with selfishness as well as charity, and animosity as well as love and good-will.

We need to build upon our most honorable traits given to us by our Creator as being that which is all good, all everlasting, enabling us to become more valuable to our country, our fellow beings, and to ourselves.

In our short Journey through this toilsome life should we offend someone we should, by every means at our disposal, try to make amends lest we may lose a highly esteemed friendship.

People helping people is a darn good motto and can be a perfect antidote in

curing bruised ego's. Go that extra mile even if you have to travel it alone.

Think back over the years how you felt when you were needed and came to someone's aid or how you felt when you were in need and a friend came to your call.

Is it not harder to acknowledge one's own inequities than realize another's or to forgive ones own mistakes than to forgive another's?

It has been said that when we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.

For the good of the cause we must put our own self esteem aside and work fervently to

stand united to achieve the greatness we strive for and for the good we can be for our fellow Americans. May god be with you.



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Outdoor Master Mason Degree: by Michael A. Priddy Sr. PM



The lodge's annual outdoor Master Mason degree will be held at 2:00 P.M. on September 16, 2006 at a **NEW LOCATION**. This year

Valley Lodge is proud to have St. Matthews Lodge, Daylight Lodge, and Barker Lodge's join them in our outdoor Master

Mason degree work. Officers and members from each lodge will be conferring the work.

Refreshments of BBQ Pork, and Chicken with all the fixings will be provided prior to the degree work. Directions to the new location are as follows: From Dixie Highway turn on Katherine Station Road and travel approximately seven-tenths of a mile.

Turn on the first driveway on the left after you cross the railroad tracks. Follow the gravel and cinder road approximately seven-tenths of a mile to a log cabin at the top of the hill to the Tilers station. Signs will be displayed and remember to bring your dues card.

SEE OUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL....

LOOKIN FER “UM?”: by Virgil Hall

Has anyone seen “um?” Does anybody out there in lodge-land know where “um” lives or how I can get in touch with him? I even asked our Secretary Brother Michael Priddy, if “um” is a member of Valley Lodge, he told me that he was not! As of this date our Master, Brother Jim Foster; our Secretary, Brother Michael Priddy; our Degree Team Captain, Brother Terry Bowman; and myself are diligently trying to locate “um”.

We know that he is a master of disguises, is quick on his feet (very quick) and has scads of information that he never passes on to the appropriate party. We know that “um” is well known to many of our brothers out there and, at times, serves a useful purpose for some of our brothers. But please Brothers, let one of us four know how to at least get in touch with, uh, “Um”, that is. We know that he is getting on in years, yet is ageless at the same time, because we have heard about him for years and years. Why, he is even mentioned in the minutes from some of our meetings,. We know that he is alive and well because from time to time we will hear a brother say, “I told “um” why I couldn’t be here to help”, or “I told ‘um’ that I couldn’t do it”.

The problem with “um” is that he never tells the appropriate party what he has been told. Now, we know that “um” is a popular guy and serves a useful purpose for a lot of our brothers. We understand that it is easier to tell “Um” than to tell the person in charge. We feel that “Um” will always be with us, but we are in hopes that one of our good brothers out there will tell one of us four how we can get in touch with “um”, and have a face to face , heart to heart talk with him.

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Past Master Night and Service Awards Ceremony: by Michael A. Priddy Sr. PM



The lodges annual Past Masters and Service Award Celebration will be held October 28, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the lodge hall. This celebration is open to the membership, their families, and friends. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship.

Dinner will be provided prior to the service awards presentation, and Past Master recognition. The following is a list of members receiving service awards:

60 Year Awards:

John Barnett Bratcher
Clinton Jay Korfhage

50 Year Awards

Marion William Bailey
Elvis Haycraft
Howard Edwin Patterson
James Nicholas Pendleton
Charles Robert Triplett
John Worden Wilder
Miller Leon Wilkins

40 Year Awards

George David Caplinger Sr.
Kenneth Daniel Collins
Wendell Lee Forrest
Donald Carroll Hamilton
Norman L Highbaugh
James Ronald Level
Hughie Richard Sparks
Chester R. Ward
Robert Allen Anderson
Lowe Carson Graves

25 Year Awards

Middleton Lloyd Freeman
Stephen Wade Holt
James Norman Klinglesmith
George Leo Mullins
James Rondal Riley
James Bruce Stafford
Earl Lee Thomas
Paul Bryant Wilson

TROWEL CLUB KICKS OFF FISH FRY: by Virgil Hall, PM

Valley Trowel Club (officially known as the fundraising committee of Valley Lodge) has undertaken the responsibility of operating our lodge's Friday Night Fish Fry. To date the crowds have been steady, even with the rain that we have had. Just to give you a glimpse of all that is involved begins with inventorying supplies on Monday, then ordering needed supplies and finding someone to pick them up and have them at lodge by Thursday. On Thursday, the fish is thawed, breaded, and refrigerated ready to fry on Friday. While this is going on, someone else (usually Ray Miller) drains and strains the grease from the fryers. Then the fryers are cleaned and the oil is replaced with clean oil. We need another person to wash the potatoes, shred the peppers and onions, and place them in sealed containers ready for the hush puppies. All of this must take place before Friday ever gets here.

On Friday afternoon, someone polices the dinning hall, set the tables, makes the tea and the coffee, fills the tarter and ketchup bottles, and prepares the barbequed baked beans (Mike Priddy's Recipe). The beans are baked and placed in containers as is the slaw (all of these things take people to perform them). We usually fire up the fryers between 3:30—4:00 , begin preparing the potato wedges (dipping in our secret recipe), deep fried till done, and placed in warmers on the steam table ready to serve. A special thank to Charlie and Diana Sexson for concocting and sharing their recipe for our hush puppies. We need two people at the prep tables, two people on the fryers, two people at the serving line at the steam table, one cashier, one order taker, and one floater for the Friday Fish Fry's. This is a total of ten people. We are thankful for all the Brothers who donated their time as we as the ladies from the Eastern Star and the girls from the Rainbow for their time. We are still seeking more people to help us, so if you can give us a hand, please call Doug Cameron 938-4734, Don Sergeant 937-3510, or Mike Priddy 821-8462.

Brothers, this has been a long time coming, but it will be worth it. We have a golden opportunity with this fish fry, so please try to pitch in and help. If you haven't tried it, you are missing out on the best fish in Louisville. We take a back seat to nobody, so come our and support your lodge. Our prices are as follows: Fish Sandwich-\$4.00, Fish Dinner (Includes Fish Sandwich and 2 sides) \$5.95; our sides are BBQ Baked Beans, Slaw, Fried Dill Pickles, Potato Wedges (cut from fresh taters), Fried Dill Pickles, & Hush Puppies. A Mason's Pound of Fish \$7.95. Drinks are \$.75, and include iced tea and coffee (free refills on coffee and tea), soft drinks, and bottle water. We hope to add a few items on our menu in the near future. Our hours of operations are Friday's 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. We hope to see YOU real soon.



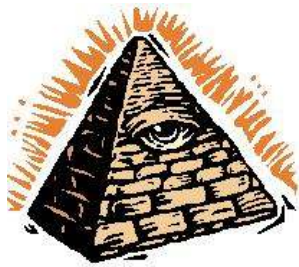
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• SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **September 16**—Outdoor Master Mason Degree
- **October 7**—Business Meeting
- **October 21**—Business Meeting
- **October 28**—Past Master Night
- **October 30-31**—Grand Lodge of Kentucky (Galt House)
- **November 4**—Business Meeting
- **November 18**—Business Meeting
- **December 2**— Business Meeting
- **December 16**—Business Meeting
- **December 27**—Election and Installation of Officers

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