

FROM THE EAST

Brethren & Friends,

I always hear stories of people who complain there aren't enough events in lodge and they are bored. I always laugh when I hear those stories. They must not be members of Concord.

2010 started fast (two Masonic funerals in the first two weeks) and is only getting busier as we progress.

We have an EA degree in early February, our 100th anniversary dinner and open house in mid-February, the DDGM visit in mid-March and a MM degree in late March. And a District Leadership Conference on 20 March.

I was kind of hoping to take it slow for a couple of months to get everybody up to speed in their new positions (including me) but trial by fire is a technique. Nothing helps you learn ritual faster than a little stress and a hard date fast approaching.

On top of that, we proposed two new elements to our lodge. The Strategic Finance Team was created to study and recommend ways to strengthen Concord Lodge's long-term financial health. As members we all have a vested interest in insuring the continuity of the lodge. RW Bill Glascock, PDDGM, has graciously volunteered to lead the team and several brethren have already volunteered to participate. Anyone else who has background in such matters is welcome to join and contribute. The lodge belongs to us all, and all are welcome to share your ideas for keeping it going.

The second new thing introduced is our Concord Social Night. One lamentation I have about Stated Communication is we seldom have the opportunity to sit and talk and engage in fellowship with all the ritual, floorwork and business. So at least once this year (more if it goes well) we will conduct all the required business, close lodge early and retire to the Vienna Inn for a hearty evening of fellowship and free-flowing libations. Casual dress for all except PDDGMs, who at the request of Harold Jennings, PDDGM, will be wearing tuxedos.

Any PDDGMs who wish to discuss this issue with RW Harold are welcome to do so...

Concord has a tradition of winning the Hillman Award every year at Grand Lodge and I would like 2010 to be no exception. We are trying to front load as many of the required elements as possible so we are not scrambling to finish them in November.

One way we are doing that is to request as many brethren as possible to take and complete the Masonic Leadership Program Correspondence Course. I took it last year and Level One took me about four hours to complete with my Methodical Digest and Presentation Volume. I will pay for your course myself. I only request interested brethren to complete the course by July. We have seven takers so far. But no more than ten please, and only level one! We can do level two together as a group next year, then level three...(there are four levels).

Brother Jason Mitton regaled us with his flop sweat version of the Master Mason catechism during January's Stated Communication. In all seriousness, he did a great job, much to the relief of his coach, Worshipful Bob Smith, who spent many hours with Jason locked in our library bludgeoning the words into his head. They both deserve a hearty congratulations on a great job!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Entered Apprentice Degree**— We will be initiating a new brother on 04 February at 1930. All brothers are welcome to attend and watch us not only initiate a new brother, but watch the new slate of officers stew in our own juices as we try to get the ritual correct (we're practicing...).
- **Master Mason Degree** — We will hold a Master Mason degree soon...probably late March. Look for me to send out a cast list in the next couple of weeks.
- **Concord Lodge 100th Anniversary Celebration!**—RW Norm Mayo, PDDGM is planning one heck of a centennial celebration that includes a dinner program with a special appearance by our Grand Master. The event will be held across the street from the Lodge in the new event facility at the Vienna Presbyterian Church. The date for the dinner celebration is Saturday, February 13, 2010. If you want to attend and have not already RSVPed to RW Bro Norm do so as soon as possible!
- Have you seen our new website? Bro. Aaron Staley is doing a great job updating and adding to our website (www.concordlodge.org) as well as organizing our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups.php?ref=sb#/group.php?gid=14743904019>). I know social networking isn't big in Masonry yet, but it soon will be and we will start putting more and more stuff here (no personal information) to inform and spread the word. If you would like an invite to the Facebook page send me an email at keith.gawrys@hotmail.com.
- **+** Sick and Distressed

We are always mindful of our sick and shut-in members & widows. This is an area in which we can all help with our prayers, visits, and messages of good cheer. When you know of a sick or distressed member, please notify the Lodge promptly through our Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Leader of the Sick and Shut-in Team.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
02 Feb	Tue	1930	CON307	LIW
04 Feb	Thu	1930	CON307	EA Degree
11 Feb	Thu	1930	CON307	LIW / Lodge prep
13 Feb	Sat	TBD	Vienna	100 th Anniversary Dinner!
16 Feb	Tue	1930	CON307	Stated Communication
19 Feb	Thu	1930	CON307	LIW
26 Feb	Thu	1930	CON307	LIW
16 Mar	Tue	1930	CON307	Stated Communication
March	Thu	1930	CON307	MM Degree

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

James Burton	Lemons	2/7/1958
Robert Eugene	Decker	2/25/1958
Henry	Hendrix Jr	2/19/1980
Louis Mason	Blackwell II	2/25/1986
Wilson Carver	McCarthy	2/25/1986
James Dwight	Baker	2/24/1993
Nicholas Joseph	Mangus III	2/11/1997

DID YOU KNOW?

This is the most economical time of year to purchase a Life Membership in Perpetuity. The Methodical Digest states that in order to purchase an LMIP, a brother must have his current year's dues paid. As this is the end of the current year, you've just about used up your 2009 dues and are being invoiced for 2010 dues. If you get your LMIP paid before the end of 2009, you pay only the LMIP price rather than the LMIP price plus 2010 dues, which would be the case if you were to wait until after Dec. 31.



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(except 1st Tue. in Dec)

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APPENDANT BODIES:

HARMONY CHAPTER #60, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
4TH MONDAYS @ 8:00PM (EXCEPT 2ND MONDAY IN DECEMBER AND MARCH)
DARK JULY AND AUGUST

LIVING PAST MASTERS OF CONCORD LODGE

1960 William F. Griffiths	1994 Steven K. Blamer
1961 Charles H. Rowell, PDDGM	1995 Aires D. Domingues
1968 Austin F. Brisbane, Jr.	1997 Richard K. Thompson, PDDGM
1970 L. Stillman Carter, PDDGM	1998 Kevin J. Davidson, PDDGM
1974 J.R. Boyd	1999 Jack N. Mogus
1976 Harold J. Jennings, Jr. PDDGM	2000 James L. Gruenebaum
1979 William C. Glascock, Sr. PDDGM	2001 Donald L. Mahan
1981 George A. Shoemaker	2002 Patrick D. Marsden
1982 Harrell L. Shoun, Jr.	2003 Steve L. Brundage
1985 John N. Stine, Jr.	2004 H. Colton Montague
1986 Warren L. Jones	2005 Ariel P. Banagan
1989 David L. Cotton	2006 Ronnie P. Banagan
1990 Wilson "Bunk" C. McCarthy	2007 James D. Baker
1992 Norman A. Mayo, PDDGM	2008 David H. Smith, Jr.
1993 Lauris M. Eek, III	2009 Steven W. Banowitz

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