

..On the *Lighter* side...

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish.

"OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii."

"I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish."

"OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"



A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.



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Share your Masonic humor with everyone!

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New Year and Spring 2004



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There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet. -Author Unknown

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Tidings from the East



A new year, new ideas and a new Worshipful Master.

Greetings Brethren. This is Josh Deckard, Worshipful Master of Quincy Lodge #230 for the year

of 2004. We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and welcomes you to our first publication of the new year.

2004 will bring some changes to Quincy Lodge for the benefit of all current and future members of the lodge. We have begun the process of implementing new ideas to take the lodge in a new direction with additional community involvement, new ways of bringing additional candidates into the lodge while still preserving the traditional values of Masonry.

In order to help guide us through 2004 and the following years, we have drafted a "Lodge Plan" for the current year with a list of goals we would like to achieve. In addition to the goals for 2004, we are also drafting a 5-year lodge plan. Some of these goals range from ideas on community involvement, to building additional storage behind the lodge to store equipment. We recognize that not every goal can be achieved in a single year, so a 5-year plan is needed to help facilitate these additional ideas. With your help and support, we hope to make Quincy Lodge active and known well in the community as it once was in the past.

One of our primary goals for 2004 is increasing our attendance in stated meetings as well as lodge functions and activities. Again, we recognize that our time is stretched to its maximum. We have started a plan to help bring members back to the lodge. The lodge cannot survive with my ideas alone, it takes all the ideas from other members to bring back the prestige of Masonry. Your ideas and thought are always welcome.

We hope that 2004 will be a great year for the lodge, and with your support, it will be. So, stop by a meeting (every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month) and check out what's happening at Quincy. We would love to see some new faces.

Fraternally,

Josh Deckard, WM



Road Construction

State Road 13 in front of the lodge is now completely destroyed and shredded beyond recognition. It sort of resembles a mine field. However, we have word that the expansion and repaving of the road should be completed in August 2004. We can only hope and keep our fingers crossed. Until then, continue to use the back alley behind the old utility building for quick access to the lodge.



The Quincy Calendar of Events

Here are few items posted to our calendar

March 23rd. Quincy Lodge has tentatively scheduled a triple (yes 3) Fellow Craft degree on this night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with degree work to follow. This should be an exciting night as the father of the WM will be taking this degree. We hope to see you there!

March 17th. Grandmaster Area Conference will be held in Muncie at Muncie Lodge #443. It is required that at least 1 person from a representing lodge is in attendance. Come join us for this conference. It's always great to hear what the Grand Lodge has in store for the current year.

April 23rd Dan's Fish Fry! Yes, it's time for the annual visit by Dan's fish fry. The dinner will be from 4:30 to 7:30. Brethren, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fish Fry. Everything from breading fish to assist with parking. Please contact the lodge if you will be available to assist in any way. With your help, this will be an successful fund-raiser. Brethren of surrounding lodges are welcome to attend the dinner. Prices will be posted in the coming weeks.

50-Year award of Gold.



Brethren, in February 2004, PM George Bryan received his 50 year award of Gold for his excellent service in Masonry. PM Keith Stiner traveled to his home and presented PM George Bryan his 50-year award of Gold. Please offer congratulations and thanks to PM George for all his hard work, dedication and contributions in remaining a just and up-right citizen of Freemasonry.

Quincy Craft News and Email

Brethren, thank you to everyone who is currently subscribed to the Quincy Craft News email. It is exciting to know that the word about different lodge activities within Quincy Lodge and surrounding lodges is being shared with the brethren. We think it is working great and is a big hit with the brethren as our last degree had 8 different lodges represented and 28 members present. Thank you to everyone for making this a success. Visit <http://www.quincylodge.org> for to subscribe to the Quincy Craft News email, and tell a friend!

Quincy Lodge Officers for 2004

Worshipful Master: Josh Deckard	
Senior Warden	Juan Garcia
Junior Warden	Keith Stiner
Senior Deacon	Danny Deckard
Junior Deacon	Kevin Stiner
Senior Stewart	Guy Blanchard
Junior Stewart	Mike Richards
Tyler	Ray McDaniel
Chaplin	Kevin Osborn
Treasurer	Charles Yates
Secretary	Larry Warner
Asst. Secretary	Larry Rush

On January 3rd, the newly elected officers of Quincy Lodge were installed for year of 2004. This installation also marks the distinction of PM. Charles Yates being installed 57 times in office. Congratulations to PM. Charles Yates for his dedication to the lodge and all the elected officers.

1 and 5 year Lodge Plans

Brethren, below is a small but growing list of ideas and goals we wish to achieve in the current and coming years with our drafted 1 and 5 year lodge plan.

- * Recruitment of New Members
- * Increase participation of members in lodge activities
- * Purchasing Laser Printer for lodge correspondence.
- * Implementing Smoking / Non-smoking area in dinning room with ventilation.
- * Additional Community involvement and promotions
- * Expanding storage outside Lodge for equipment
- * Expanding lodge picnic
- * Adding recreational items to lodge grounds (IE: volley ball nets, horse shoe course, swing set, etc)
- * Increase lodge income.

All items are open for discussion and your thoughts are welcome!

Dues are now due.

As a reminder to all Brethren of Quincy Lodge, 2004 dues are now due. Your Dues Card Notices have been mailed. Please make sure your payment is prompt. Contact the secretary if you have not received a notification. Make checks payable to Quincy Lodge.

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