

## Tidings from the East



Greetings brethren! I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I'd like to give you an update of what's been happening with the lodge.

First, I want to thank everyone who came out to the fish fry in late April. It was nice to see some familiar faces. This wasn't a very profitable event due to the road construction but at least we had an evening of community involvement.

I would also like to inform you that two proposals were announced at the last meeting and will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming stated meeting. The first one is that the lodge be made "no smoking" during events. (public or private) It seems this would be beneficial to all of us; however, if you are at the lodge playing cards or a game of pool when there is no event going on or lodge is not in session then smoking would be permitted. The second proposal announced is the raising of dues. After reviewing our financial status, we have decided that the current cost of operations of the lodge and declining membership compared to our income could result in a severe deficit in the upcoming years. I certainly welcome any suggestions or comments on this matter.

Last I would like to announce that we will be raising 3 brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason in June. It has been a pleasure watching these brothers progress through the first two, and hopefully we will have an excellent attendance for their third degree. We will be setting the date at the upcoming meeting on June 1. With all this said, I invite everyone to make it to the next meeting to discuss the happenings of the lodge and enjoy good fellowship.

See you at lodge!

Fraternally,  
Josh Deckard, WM



### Road Construction

What else can be said about the dreaded road construction. Access to the lodge is still becoming difficult as large dirt piles seem to block the way. However, we hope sometime in August, all will be well again. Let's keep our fingers crossed.



### The Quincy Calendar of Events

Here are few items posted to our calendar

**May 29th.** Memorial Day Breakfast. The annual Memorial Day Breakfast for the members of Quincy Lodge will be held on May 29th and begin serving at 7:00 AM. We hope to offer a new menu this year. If there is something you might like to see at breakfast, drop up a line and let us know. Let's bring back the everyone back to the lodge for some good eats!

**June 1st.** Stated Meeting. Main topic of discussion, an increase in Lodge member dues. Also, voting on smoking policy in Lodge.

**June 15th** Stated Meeting: Table Lodge. Final stated meeting before going dark. This meeting will be a Table Lodge meeting. Come join us for this meeting. We would love to see everyone there!

**August 20th–22nd** Elwood Glass Festival. Yes, it's going to be that time of the year again. Only this time, Quincy Lodge will make it's presence known bigger and better than before. With the help of some DJ equipment, a 10x10 popup tent and a strong drive to succeed, we will be selling "Walking Tacos" to help bring in additional patrons to our booth space. What is a "Walking Taco"? Come to the Glass Festival and find out!

### Honorary Membership

In March 2004, PM Donald (Don) Nesvig of Austin Lodge #128 was awarded Honorary Membership into Quincy Lodge #230. Brother Don is always ready to come to the aid of Quincy Lodge with degree work, and such. We also thank him immensely for his proficiency in the Middle Chamber Lecture. The members of Quincy Lodge would like to offer a round of thanks and congratulations for everything he's done. Congratulations brother Don!

### Fish Fry Recap

Thank you to all the brethren who help out with Dan's Fish Fry event held on April 23rd. Although the turnout was lighter than it was a year ago, we hope to make a better run at it for the second Fish Fry held in October. The date for the Fish Fry in October is TBA.

### Quincy Craft News and Email

Don't forget brethren, sign up for the Quincy Craft News email at our web site: <http://www.QuincyLodge.org> to keep up with the latest in events from our lodge and others in the area. It's free, informative, and a great reason to get email! Tell a friend to subscribe. We would enjoy seeing visiting faces at lodge.

### Lodge Dues to increase for 2005

Brethren, over the past few years, Quincy Lodge has always been known for being a lodge having one of the lowest annual dues in the area. But as you know, the decline and the rise in operating cost of the lodge has forced us to make an increase to yearly dues. The increase in dues will help continue with paying the usual operating expenses of the lodge (utilities, dinners for degrees and such) in addition help offset additional costs that may be associated with creating new programs and ideas to help spread the word of Masonry and increase new candidates into our craft. We hope to make a decision at the stated meeting to be held on June 1. All brethren of Quincy Lodge are encouraged to attend and offer additional ideas and suggestions about the dues increase. We look forward in sharing your thoughts.

### Smoking Policy Change

Brethren, Last October, the editors of the Quincy Visitor sent a questionnaire to all the members of Quincy Lodge asking for some thoughts and ideas on what could we do to bring back the prestigious or Masonry and the members of Quincy Lodge to meetings and such. One idea that seemed to be extraordinary important to many of you is the current smoking policy at Lodge. In addition to the questionnaire, it was also motioned that the smoking policy be changed. Here are the proposed changes: The Lodge is to be NON-Smoking for both Public and Private events held at the lodge or dining facility. This may include Stated Meetings, Degree work, or rental of dining hall or other purposeful gathering. Smoking may be permitted if a gathering is small (4 or less people) and is non-event related. (IE: Playing cards, or billiards) We understand that with a few of our elder members, the current smoking policy may bring health concerns. We hope this new policy change will bring back some members who were not able to attend before. We hope to also make a final decision in regards to this matter at the stated meeting to be held on June 1. The members of Quincy Lodge are also encouraged to attend for input and other thoughts concerning this matter.

### First Annual Quincy Lodge Golf Open

My fellow golfing brethren. With the exciting news of the Elwood golf course becoming a public golf course, an idea was brought forth in holding a golf outing with Quincy Lodge and other surrounding lodges in the area. Although there is no definite plan in the works, we are looking for feedback from the brethren whether or not this is a viable idea. This can also be used as a fund raiser for the lodge and or to make donations to a Masonic charitable organization. Again, nothing is set in Stone as of yet. So, stay tuned for further details!

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## ..On the *Lighter* side...

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter.

He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?"

Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1."

St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time.

He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual.

The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it.

St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course."

"The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."



Q. How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

A. After much research this tricky question can now be answered. It takes 20, as follows:

2 to complain that the light doesn't work.

1 to pass the problem to either another committee, the Temple Board or the Master of the Lodge.

3 to do a study on light in the Lodge.

2 to check out the types of lights the Knights of Columbus use.

3 to argue about it.

5 to plan a fund-raising dinner to raise money for the bulb.

2 to complain that "that's not the way we did it before."

1 to borrow a ladder, donate the bulb and install it.

1 to order the brass memorial plate and have it inscribed.

### We Want Your Jokes!

Share your Masonic humor with everyone!

Submit funny stuff to:

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"Old masons never die, but you'll have to join to find out why"

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