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Worshipful Master, Wardens, & Brethren...

By Robert L. Blackburn, J.W.

Recently, I took a short vacation to Michigan where I attended a car show. One night, several of us traveled to a local drag strip which was located parallel to the interstate. As I am standing in the parking lot talking to a friend of mine, I looked over his shoulder, and there was this billboard with a gigantic square and compass. Off to the side of the symbol, there was a picture of a father fishing with his young son, and above it all was the phrase, "Share The Secret" and a web site for potential candidates to visit. I stood there for a few minutes, staring at the billboard, and wondering about the 'choice' of words that my Michigan Brethren had used.

In the preliminary instruction booklet that we read to incoming Brothers before their Entered Apprentice degree, we ensure that they are aware that Masonry is NOT a secret. A secret is something that the world knows nothing about....and this doesn't fit Masonry. We are what I would call 'out in the open'. We publish our meeting dates and times in the newspaper, we proudly wear jewelry and place badges on our vehicles bearing Masonic insignia, and the public (while not all are informed, it is very easy to find out) is aware of the morals and standards that Masonry instills in it's members. Staring at this sign, I kept asking myself, "Are we still a SECRET?"

Brethren, we are working hard every day to ensure that this fraternity maintains its place in society, as it has for centuries. Currently, we are in the midst of working on a Wabash Valley Masonic Awareness Campaign which will bring to further light the glory, greatness, and importance of this great organization. Please my Brothers, let's do everything in our power to make sure that Masonry remains in it's place in history and never becomes a 'secret' for my generation and those to come!

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From The East

Gary Blackburn - Worshipful Master

July brought degree work, completed work projects, scholarship awards, a golf outing, and establishment of our own scholarship fund. As summer rolls into August, preparations have already begun for Labor Day...plus all of the degree work we have been putting on. We have already had two E.A. degrees in July with three new Brothers total, and an investigating committee is out on another potential candidate.

We were able to complete some exterior projects on the building, including the painting of our upper soffit trim and the reinstallation of our exterior lighted sign. The only remaining project on the list is going to be replacing the front awning roof and flashing above the entrances, which we hope to have done before cold weather sets in.

State scholarships were awarded in Indianapolis with our Lodge receiving 4 \$1,300 awards! Myself and Rob were able to attend, along with our Secretary Ron Smith, PGM. This year we have also established our own scholarship fund. It already has approximately \$1,500 in it and I will establish a committee to set guidelines for its use and growth.

Rob will have more on our yearly golf outing from this year, but I can tell you that it was a great success. I would personally like to thank everyone who participated and to those that sponsored the event.

August is here and preparations for Labor Day are in full swing to organize for this yearly fundraiser. A menu change has been made to go from chicken to a smoked/grilled pork chop dinner. We hope this will be a little less labor intensive, but we also feel that this will be a great meal. We will be in contact with as many local Brothers as we can to ask for your support in working a short work shift during the long weekend. Please, if you do not hear from someone and would be willing to work, please call me at 832-6452. This function is in its 5th year and greatly supports the Lodge's upgrades and functions!

Last, watch out for both television and radio advertisements in the very near future on Masonry. These ads are to educate and promote Freemasonry in our area. In regions of Indiana which have already ran these ads, very positive results have been seen. Thanks to Rob and his committee for organizing the local area Lodges and related fraternal organizations. To date, with the help of matching co-op funds from the state, we have over \$10,000 that has been raised to promote Freemasonry in the Wabash Valley!

Thank you for your continued support of Jerusalem Lodge #99!

Gary Blackburn - Worshipful Master

Jerusalem #99 Creates New Scholarship Fund

We are very pleased to announce the creation of a new Jerusalem Lodge #99 Scholarship Fund. Due to the generosity of many individuals and the proceeds from this years golf outing, we have finally accumulated enough funds to establish a separate Scholarship Fund. While we cannot compete with the amount of funds that the Grand Lodge Scholarship Board gives out each year, we are thrilled at the opportunity to help serve more of the youth of Jerusalem #99. At this point in time, the funds in the account are still small by most measures. However, with the hard work of our Lodge, and by the support of our members, we look forward to building this account in the hopes of aiding as many local youth as possible. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can contribute helping fulfill the educational dreams of local Masonic related students, please contact Worshipful Master Gary Blackburn!

Second Annual Golf Outing A SUCCESS!

Recently, Jerusalem #99 held its second annual golf outing at Mathew's Park Golf Course in Clinton. We were once again fortunate enough to have over 40 people participate in the event, and good times were had by all. The event, which was chaired by Bro. Rob Blackburn, was aided by several Brothers including the cook - Kevin Williams, Brandon Hawkins, Chas Johnson, and Ron Lockwood as hole-in-one lookout. We would also like to thank all of the businesses that sponsored holes and donated to this years event. We would also like to thank Mike's Motors and Bro. Tom Luft for sponsoring the hole-in-one policy. The proceeds from this years event went into the NEW Jerusalem Lodge #99 Scholarship Fund!



We appreciate what all of the Hole Sponsors do to help us put this great event on!



The Winning Team in front of the potential Hole-In-One Prize!

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Fellowship Meetings
1st Tuesday of Each Month - 7:00 PM
Everyone Is Encouraged To Attend!

Scholarships Awarded

Once again, Jerusalem Lodge #99 is very proud to announce that four outstanding students were awarded Grand Lodge Scholarships. This year, each of the four recipients were awarded with \$1,300 scholarships, and were presented with their awards at a banquet held on Sunday, July 15th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis. Three of our four recipients were present for the event, as well as Worshipful Master Gary Blackburn, Junior Warden Rob Blackburn, and Secretary Ron Smith, P.G.M.

The scholarship winners from this year were (along with their Masonic sponsors): Jessica Dugger (Alan Dugger - Father), Dirk P. Foltz (Dirk Foltz, Sr. - Father), Jordan Guinn (John Guinn - Father), and Micah Haltom (Brad Stone - Stepfather).

These recipients were four of 328 selected for this academic year from nearly 600 that applied. To date, over 6 million dollars has been awarded to students continuing their education in Indiana colleges and universities.

We would also like to thank all of the students that submitted applications for this years scholarships. We would also like to remind everyone that applications for next years Grand Lodge Scholarships will be available on February 1st. Eligible applicants are the children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of Master Masons, as well as Master Masons that are accepted or enrolled in and Indiana higher education institutions.

Pictured Left to Right:

Jordan Guinn, Dirk Foltz, Jessica Dugger, Keynote Speaker - Dr. Sue Ellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Education of the State of Indiana



HELP WILL BE
NEEDED TO SET UP
FOR THIS YEAR'S
LABOR DAY
FUNDRAISER - IF YOU
CAN HELP, PLEASE
SHOW UP AT THE
LODGE ON THURS-
DAY, AUGUST 30 AT
6:00 PM!

From The Secretary

NEED A RIDE?

Are you one of those members who would love to come to a Lodge meeting, but don't like to drive much anymore? Would you come to dinner (at 6:15 PM) or Lodge (at 7:00 PM) if someone would pick you up? Maybe we can help!

Just give us a call and we will make arrangements to come and get you safely to Lodge and back home again! Just call one of the Brothers listed below:

Kevin Williams, PM	765-832-2764	Ron Lockwood, PM	812-466-5619
Art Nowling, PM	765-832-2517	Jim Helms, PM	812-466-3161
Ron Smith, PGM	812-466-6001	Lodge Hall Phone	765-832-9026

Don't forget to check out our NEW web site at
www.jerusalem99.com

Download petitions, view updates, see newsletters, get contact information, online events calendar, and much, much more!

LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

The following is important information concerning the upcoming Labor Day Fundraiser and Ticket Information

Planning is in full swing for our upcoming fundraiser, which will once again take place this Labor Day Weekend (August 31 - September 3). Included in this mailing you will find four tickets for our upcoming fundraiser that is held in conjunction with the Little Italy Festival. We are strongly encouraging every member to sell these tickets, but we also need your support! It takes a great deal of work to put this event on, so we are also asking for your help. We need people to man the stand, cook, clean tables, and help set-up/take down, etc. If you can volunteer any of your time, please contact Kevin or Rob as soon as you can!

We ask that these tickets either be purchased, sold, or returned. We greatly appreciate your help in selling these tickets, and if you feel that you can sell more, please contact Kevin Williams or Rob Blackburn. **IF YOU CANNOT SELL THE TICKETS, PLEASE SEND THEM BACK!** While it is very difficult, we will then attempt to find someone else to sell them!

If paying by check, please put the ticket numbers in the 'Note' section of the check.

Please return all payments/unsold tickets to:

Jerusalem Lodge #99
Fundraiser
315 1/2 S. Main St.
Clinton, IN 47842

If you would like to volunteer your time or have questions, please contact:

Kevin Williams
765-832-2764

Rob Blackburn
765-832-6589 (H)

765-832-6589 (W)

PLEASE NOTE:

ONCE YOU HAVE PAID FOR THE TICKETS, PLEASE PLACE YOU INITIALS IN THE BOX IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE TICKETS! THIS WILL HELP US TO KEEP TRACK OF WHO HAS PAID WHEN THE TICKETS ARE REDEEMED AT THE FESTIVAL!