



# Jerusalem Times

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## Worshipful Master, Wardens, & Brethren...

By Robert L. Blackburn, S.W.

Wow, another year has almost come and gone and speaking from the Senior Warden's station and looking toward the East, I can definitely tell you that the year has gone by very quickly. In reality, what a year it has been. We have been able to conduct 3 Entered Apprentice degrees, 2 Fellow Craft degrees, and raised 4 Brethren to the Sublime Degree. It has certainly been enough to keep us all busy (in addition to all of the other events like the child ID program, golf outing, Labor Day, and the list goes on...).

Before I conclude this year as Senior Warden, there are a few housecleaning items that I want to get done. The first thing that I need to do is to thank all of the officers, Past Masters, and members for their support of Jerusalem #99 this year. I have had the pleasure of traveling to a number of Lodges, and I must tell you that there are few Lodges that are in as fine of a position as ours is. I also want to point out the hard work of our officer line. They have certainly prepared themselves for inspection, and have completed some fantastic degree work this year. They should certainly be proud, and are more than prepared to continue on toward their next office.

I also want to make you aware of a few new programs that I am initiating for the new year. These first two items are a couple of things that a few of you have asked me about and I have decided to take you up on the offer. I have received requests for a e-mail notification of Lodge events. In the coming weeks, I will be setting up a mailing list to notify people from not only this Lodge, but also other surrounding Lodges of our happenings. If you would like to be included in this list, please send me an e-mail message (and don't forget to include your name in the message), and I would be more than happy to add you to the list.

Secondly, I have had a number of Brethren tell me that they would be just as happy to receive this newsletter in electronic form. So, beginning with the first *Jerusalem Times* of 2009, you can request to view the newsletter on your computer rather than receive a copy in the mail. Again, if you wish to receive this publication in the future in electronic fashion, please send me an e-mail (including your name), and I will no longer send you a hard copy. If you choose this option, you will receive the **February, May, and November** editions electronically, but will still receive the **August** edition traditionally due to the fact that each member is sent 4 Labor Day fundraiser tickets inside of that issue. Again, this is solely your option to switch electronically, but I have received requests for it, and am going to give it a shot!

Lastly, I want to encourage all of you, especially those of you that are going through your degrees, to come up and visit us on the 1st Tuesday of each month during our Fellowship Nights. This is an opportunity to meet informally and talk about Lodge, practice degree work, or just take an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

I do want to take a moment to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you this year as Senior Warden and look forward to the chance to further lead this Lodge to prestige in the fraternity. May God Bless you this holiday season and in the coming year!

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**Lodge  
Dues  
Are  
DUE By  
Dec.  
31st**

**May God Bless You & Yours During This Holiday Season!**

## From The Secretary's Desk

By Ronald K. Smith, PM/PGM/Secretary

Your 2009 dues notices with the dues cards were mailed to everyone by September 30th. If for any reason the mail hasn't reached you by now, please let me know by phone at 812-466-6001 so that you won't be in arrears on January 1st, 2009. As important as payment of dues is, your membership in good standing is even more important, because every other Masonic membership is predicated on that good standing.

Should you, or any Brother you know, find it financially difficult to pay your dues, please let me know and arrangements will be made to remit dues for the upcoming year. We are always glad to help, but you have to let us know! With 270 members scattered all over the world, it is next to impossible to know everyone's circumstances.

Attendance at our 6:15 dinner gatherings and all of the 7:00 regular or called meetings are consistent in number, but we always appreciate additional sideliners for encouragement and fellowship. Also, please remember that our stated meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday, and we do publish our work in the *Daily Clintonian* classifieds, on our message board in the parking lot, and on our web site. I'm here to serve, and hope to see you soon.

Ronald K. Smith, Secretary / P. M. / P. G. M.

## 1st Annual Ladies Night A Huge Success

If you were one of the lucky 60+ people that filled the dining room on the night of September 16th, you already know what a great time we had. Masonic Ladies of both current and past members were invited to the Lodge to share with us a wonderful evening of great food, entertainment, and appreciation.

This event, which will also be held next year shortly after Labor Day, is one where we want to acknowledge all of those ladies that have supported this Lodge. It was an opportunity to say 'Thank You' that at times gets forgotten, and also to remind those who have lost their Masons that we are still here and available if and when you need us.



**The dining room was filled while enjoying our 'famous' pork chops and some great entertainment!**

**Abbi Scott performed a number of songs for the night's entertainment!**



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

## Upcoming Calendar Of Events

December 6th - 10:00 AM	Child ID Program
December 9th - 7:00 PM	Stated Meeting / Election Of Officers
December 12th - 7:00 PM	Actual Past Master Degree @ Jerusalem #99
December 13th - Time TBA	Installation Of Officers
January 13th - 7:00 PM	1st Stated Meeting of 2008
January 17th - 1:00 PM	Work Day - Final Clean-Up of the Basement (Help Is Needed!!! Please Show Up or Call A Lodge Trustee)

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## Child Identification Program Set

For the **FOURTH YEAR** in a row, Jerusalem Lodge #99, in cooperation with the South Vermillion School Corporation, Clinton Police Department, and Vermillion County Sheriff's Department, will hold **ANOTHER** FREE CHILD ID PROGRAM!

**Date:** Saturday, December 6th, 2008

**Place:** Central Elementary School - Clinton

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We need help to put on the event! If you can assist, please call Rob or Gary Blackburn at 765-832-6589.

More information can be found about this program from our web site, [www.jerusalem99.com](http://www.jerusalem99.com), or by calling Rob or Gary at the number above. We always have a great time putting on this event, and are thrilled to provide the service to the community. If you can't help, please stop by with your children, grandchildren, or anyone else that needs to tell Santa what they want for Christmas (plus they can get some free prizes at the same time)!



Every child that goes through the program will be automatically entered for a chance to win a FREE BICYCLE! Also, they will receive free McDonald's coupons, balloons, candy, and more!

**Bring the kids by from 10:00 -  
2:00 to visit with Santa!**

# LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER ANOTHER SUCCESS

Due to the hard work of several Brothers, this year's Labor Day Fundraiser was the best one yet. Once again, Jerusalem #99 showed the community that we are alive and well, and gave them a good excuse to stop by and have some outstanding food. This year we continued to break records, and saw both tremendous sales as well as support from our members! We also want to send our best wishes out to Brother Mike Cota who came down from Battle Creek, Indiana to help us cook, but fell ill and was hospitalized during the weekend.

Ticket data from this year's event:

### Paid Tickets

- 110 Members paid for **ALL** tickets in advance
- 8 Members paid for **SOME** tickets in advance
- 6 Members paid for tickets **AND** returned them

### Returned Tickets

- 31 Members returned **ALL** tickets

**We would like to thank all of the Brethren that helped support this year's event - your help in buying tickets, coming down to eat pork chops, or volunteering your time is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!! THANK YOU!!!**

