



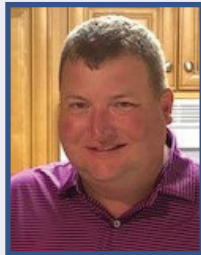
Harding Concordia Lodge

January 2022

FROM THE WEST

Greetings from the West!

As we end one year and begin the next, I would like to wish all brethren a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the upcoming year. I would also like to thank our current Master Justin for navigating through such an unusual and difficult year and wish our new Master Dominic good luck with his impending challenges in 2022.



I hope that during these troubling times that all our members and their families are in good health and remain that way. With harmony and strength being the support of all institutions especially this, I am reassured by the strong brotherhood our lodge has created that we will all continue to practice the values of true masonry in our hearts and daily lives. As Grand Master Wheeland & Most Right Worshipful? Brother Franck Kakou remind us that we should all strive to live our lives outside of lodge as good masons.

Here is to hoping that no one in our lodge goes away dissatisfied, so please let me know if there is anything that myself or other officers may do in the upcoming year to avoid unsatisfaction.

Fraternally yours,

A.J. Kinney

HARDING CONCORDIA CHARITY

One of the three great tenets of our Profession is to relieve the Distressed throughout the world. Here at Harding Concordia, we are doing pretty good.

Friends & Fans of Special Athletes

Lodge has donated over \$2,500 toward the local athletes of Friends & Fans of Special Athletes.



Childrens Dyslexia Center of Cleveland

For over two decades, the Scottish Rite Masons, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, have been national leaders in the effort to help children and their families overcome the painful obstacles of dyslexia by providing free tutoring and by training a growing cadre of highly skilled and dedicated tutors.



FROM YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN

Greetings from the South,

Brethren as we start our new year I first want to wish that you and your families are safe as it looks like we are having a surge in Covid and new variances. I would also like to welcome our new candidates as we raise them to Master Masons as they grow and take on the passions of being good Masons. I would also like to thank our past Master Justin for his hard work and wish our incoming Master Dominic all the best as I know he will do a marvelous job.



Looking forward to a great year brothers.

If there is anything that you need from me or any of the other officers, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally,
Jon "Woody" Widrig

Brethren,

Please send us your current email address and telephone number, so we can include you in our regular updates and announcements.

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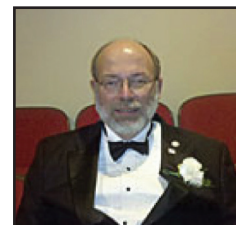
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L.E.O.'s Corner



JOHN WAYNE

John Wayne was an actor and Freemason who vivified the independent, pioneering spirit of Masonic Liberty.

John Wayne was a lifelong participant in fraternal societies. A Member of DeMolay in high school, John Wayne would become a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Freemason, a Shriner, and receive several DeMolay honors before his death of cancer in 1979. All throughout his life he evidenced individual self-determination and strength of character, honoring himself and the craft by his conduct. A strong believer in equality, he once remarked that within the lodge was the only place he felt that he wasn't being held up on a pedestal.

Born in 1907 in Iowa, he did not go by John Wayne until studio executives decided that his birth name, Marion Robert Morrison, clashed with the big screen. Their decision was a success, and John Wayne's career took off. He became one of the most famous actors in America, making the Old West famous, and becoming a symbol of American confidence, ruggedness, and courage. These qualities were not restricted to the silver screen when World War II broke out, Brother John Wayne wanted to go and enlist to defend his country. However, he was too valuable as a source of inspiration for the troops and starred in several war department films.

After the war, Wayne continued in his long and fruitful career as an actor, glorifying an independent and pioneering spirit, promoting the Masonic values of individual liberty and the perfection of humanity. He is rightly remembered as an icon of American culture, who helped build and shape the great American myth and dream.

HARDING CONCORDIA LODGE

2022 - Calendar of Events:

February 2: Pre-Inspection Date/Practice 2nd half MM Allegory

February 16: Practice FULL MM

February 19: **Harding-Con"Bowlia"- Family Bowling Social-Open to guests

March 2: Inspection Night/Raising Br. Zakel

March 26: **New Candidates 1-day class (initiate, pass, raise) Lakewood Lodge 8:00am

April 6: PM Kellar/PM Condit recognition Guest speaker (masonic history)

April: "The Duel Challenge" vs. Cleveland Lodge #781 -Details TBD (Inter-Lodge competition series for Traveling Trophy)

May 4: PM Voll/PM Fekete recognition 5 fun facts/ Free lodge T-shirt night

May 7: **Harding-Concordia BrewFest Social at Brew Kettle, 8377 Pearl Rd, Strongsville 44136 1:30PM

June 1: (StM)-PM Zemek/PM N.Schulz recognition Prince Hall Masonic Lodge Visitation TBA

June 24: **STEAK ROAST With Theodore Breck Lodge

**H-C Golf Outing Fundraiser-Aug 29 last year

**H-C CLAMBAKE Social- Sept 11 last year (Joe Z is getting back to me in a couple days)

**Cleveland Guardians Family Night Social (usually Fan appreciation weekend end Sept)

Contact PM Rick Schulz at
rschulz@cschulzbuilding.com for details

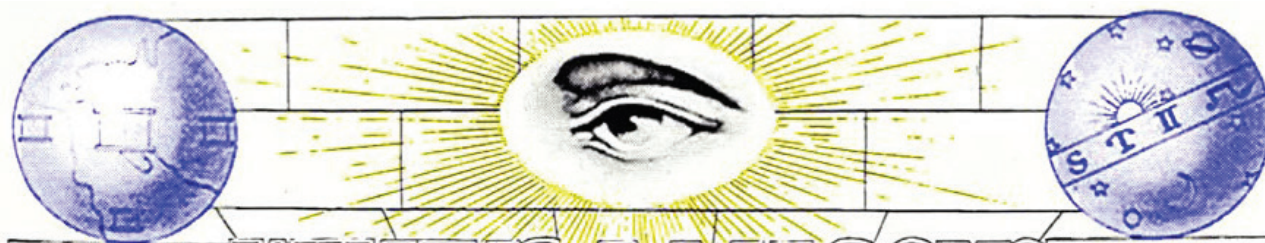
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Please visit the Lodge website:

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for any updates of Grand Lodge protocols during these trying times.



WHAT IS A MASON?



A MASON is a MAN and a BROTHER whose TRUST is in GOD. He meets you on the LEVEL and acts upon the SQUARE. Truth is his COMPASS and he is ever PLUMB. He has a true GRIP on all that is RITE. He is loyal to his ORDER* and whatever his DEGREE he is MASTER of himself. In the LODGE of Life he wears unstained the white LAMB-SKIN of Innocence. From his INITIATION as an ENTERED APPRENTICE he travels ever EAST toward the LIGHT of WISDOM until he receives the final-the DIVINE PASSWORD that admits him into the INEFFABLE PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL SUPREME GRAND MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE
GOD



MASTERS MESSAGE

2022 Has arrived! Happy New Year to all H-C Brethren, their families and loved ones! I would like to share my message from this year's "Installation of Officers" for those that were unable to attend, as we set our course together for the upcoming year.

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Brothers, while we have time, let us do good."

I am Honored, Humbled, and Proud to be a Mason and to be elected and installed in the East, to join the historic lineage of Worshipful Masters of Harding-Concordia Lodge #345. What an opportunity to serve the Great Architect of the Universe, this community, and my dear friends and brethren.



Harding-Concordia (a merger of Concordia-Harding and Ellbrook-Masters Lodges) has taken the Lodge #345 designation from our oldest Lodge, Concordia, which was granted their charter of dispensation 158 years ago, on Oct 23rd, 1863.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States. In January of 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was enacted, freeing all men from the bondage of slavery to pursue Freedom and Liberty. In 1863, the country was deeply embroiled in Civil War, pitting brother against brother. In 1863, many confrontations raged, including the Battle of Gettysburg.

In October of 1863, a group of men were so inspired to organize THIS Masonic Lodge #345, with the mission to spread Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth during these dark times.

In November of 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November to be the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. Also, in this month, he gave his Gettysburg Address. In it he challenged the nation's citizens to Honor the ultimate sacrifice of THOSE fallen on THAT field, to pick up the standard and advance these same ideals on which our Nation was founded.

Lincoln was quoted as saying, "Gentlemen, I have always entertained a profound respect for the Masonic Fraternity, and have long cherished a desire to become a member."

He once told a friend, "I am not a Free-Mason, Dr. Morris, though I have great respect for the institution." And he told Br. French of Indiana that he had at one-time made up his mind to apply for admission to our fraternity, but he feared he was too lazy to attend to his duty as a Mason, as he should like to.

Now here we are gathered, nearly 8 score years hence. Our time now is no more bleak, no more fearful, no more hopeless than those desperate days in 1863. So can we ask any less of ourselves today?

I challenge YOU, my brethren. Let's face the present and future together. Now is the time to RENEW our obligations to God and to one another....to spread the cement of Brotherly Love, to bring Relief to those in need, and to Seek and Spread the Light of Truth wherever possible.

I am truly looking forward to a Great year with you all, and to seeing YOU in Lodge in 2022!

Thank you, WM Dominic Gildone

FUTURE EVENTS

SOME BROTHERLY LOVE AT THE BREW KETTLE

Saturday, May 7, 2022

1:30 pm

The Brethren will assemble and put together a couple of great Brews. We will again honor PM Charlie Schulz our late Ships Captain and Wayfaring man while the other will be dedicated to our Fabulous Master Dominick Gildone.



FUTURE EVENTS

ANNUAL LODGE STEAK ROAST

Friday, June 24, 2022

This year's Steak Roast will be a joint venture of Brotherly Love between Harding Concordia and Theodore Breck Lodges. It will be held at David James's property in Brecksville on a beautiful evening in June. A good time is sure to be had by all had by all.

A big thank you goes out to all the brethren that make this such a great success. You know who you are and we are grateful for all the hard work put in to this.



PAST EVENTS

JINGLE BELL JAM

The Brethren of Harding Concordia did a great job of serving our Special Friends at the Annual Christmas Party. The Friends and Fans were especially grateful for the Lodges \$500.00 donation. A good time was had by all. Santa was amazing and had a lot of great stories to share with the kids!



PAST EVENTS

LODGE INSTALLATION

The Lodge installation was an overwhelming success. Congratulation to WM Dominic Gildone and the new line of Officers for 2022. The installing team did a great job and the afterglow at the Elks was perfect.



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We are happy to announce that the Lodge is offering shirts and hats for purchases embroidered with our lodge logo. The shirts come in charcoal and the hats in either red or black. If you would like to order, please fill out the form below and bring a check (made out to Harding Concordia Lodge 345) or cash to Lodge. If you can't make it to lodge you can mail the check to Nick Schulz at 4519 Brookpark Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Order Form

Item	Color	Quantity	Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXL)	Price	Line total. (Quantity times Price)
Shirt	Charcoal			\$35	
Hat	Black			\$15	
Hat	Red			\$15	
					Total Due=

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