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Harding Concordia Lodge

August 2018

From the East

Brethren,

What a previous six months it has been. As you are aware, we have been quite active with degree work and bringing in new Masonic brothers. I want to personally (once again) welcome our new Brethren. Our Lodge continues to grow in membership. I also want to personally thank my officers not only for their attendance, but also for their support in our degree lectures and charges. As you know, our inspection went very well, but it could not have been successful without the officers (both elected and appointed). To say that this year is going fast is an understatement. So much is left to do and so little time to do it all in. We have held numerous events for the Lodge membership and their families. All have been a huge success. Some of the things that we have on the horizon are:



- Annual lodge golf outing
- Annual clambake
- Annual Indians night out

We are also working on putting together a party (or get together) for our ladies.

As my year winds down, I again want to thank each and every one of you for your support. It has been a pleasure, and honor, to serve as your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally yours,
Joe Zemek

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 a pretty good job in 2018.

Special Olympics Ohio

Lodge has donated \$2,500 toward the local athletes of MBB Special Olympics. We also donated \$500 to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the largest contributor to Special Olympics Ohio for well over 25 years.



**Special
Olympics**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Lodge has donated \$2,500 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to assist in their fight against catastrophic childhood diseases such as cancer.

As members of this lodge, we should all be proud of this good work as we live up to our Masonic heritage.

From the West

Summer in Cleveland! It's finally here and I am looking forward to taking advantage of our break by spending time with friends and family. This past year has been a great one for Harding Concordia. Worshipful Brother Zemek has done a fantastic job on working with the guys from Theodore Breck to create an atmosphere of friendship and brotherly love in our new home. As I look forward to my year as Master, I hope to continue to enrich this bond.

The second half of this year promises to be a great one, with the many fun events organized by the Lodge. If you haven't been to Lodge or an event recently, we would love to see you!

Fraternally yours,
Nick Schulz, *Senior Warden*



Brethren,

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

Email WM Joe Zemek at:
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HARDING CONCORDIA



FUTURE EVENTS

Lodge Golf Outing

August 25

The Lodge Golf Outing will be held at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville on August 25 at 1 pm. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes 18 holes, cart, door prizes and a prime rib dinner. Please note this is a great opportunity to invite your non-Masonic friends to show them what they're missing. Contact WB Bill Schulz for reservations at wschulz@cschulzbuilding.com.



FUTURE EVENTS

Lodge Christmas Party

December 14



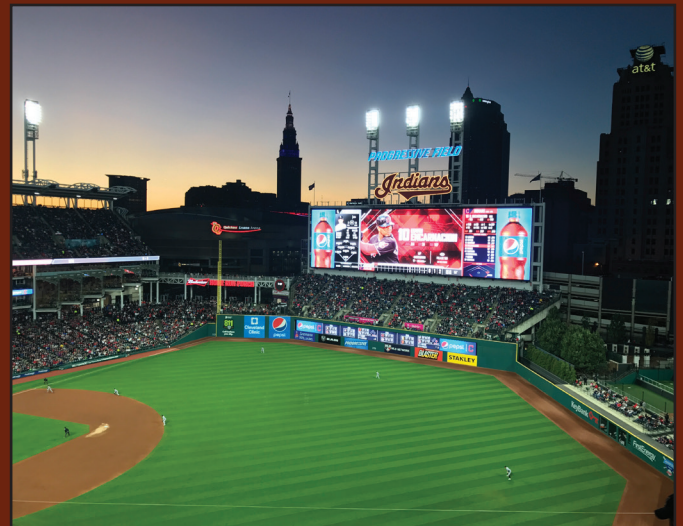
Brethren, again we will be sharing our Christmas party with our Special Olympic friends at the Middleburg Heights Community Center on Friday December 14 at 6 pm, 1600 Bagley Road. Santa will be there again with Jingles, his favorite reindeer. Also featured will be Brother Mark Overbaugh as Benko the Clown and Mark's brother Scott as Chico the Mime. You won't want to miss it. Food will be served from a local favorite Santos Italian Restaurant. Contact Nick Schulz for reservations.



Boston Red Sox vs Cleveland Indians

September 22, 7:10 pm

Please join us for a fun-filled evening as we watch our Indians play the Boston Red Sox. It's fan appreciation and dollar dog night with a fireworks show to boot. Tickets are \$19 each (with a limited supply). Contact your master to reserve a seat. 2 tickets per family please.



Lodge Lobster and Clambake

Septemeber 15



Brethren, this is an event you won't want to miss, as it has become very popular and monetarily subsidized by the Lodge to bring out the membership. It is an absolutely fabulous feast of lobster and clams, with your choice of chicken or steak and either baked or sweet potatoes.

As usual it will be held at WM Joe Zemek's house at 6483 Fernhurst Avenue, Parma Heights. Reservations are a must at \$15 per person. Whaat! Please RSVP the Master by September 14 at jfzemek@hotmail.com



PAST EVENT

Prince Hall Meeting

May 27

Our Lodge visited the Prince Hall Masons on the evening of January 18. For those that could not attend, let me say that you missed an awesome time.

The fellowship was great, the degree work excellent.

In this world we live in, it is comforting to know that no matter what religion we believe in, what race we are, what political beliefs we have or where we live, all borders are dropped and men can come together through Masonry and accept each other as who we are.

We will be visiting again and they will be visiting us, both in the near future.

Fraternally,

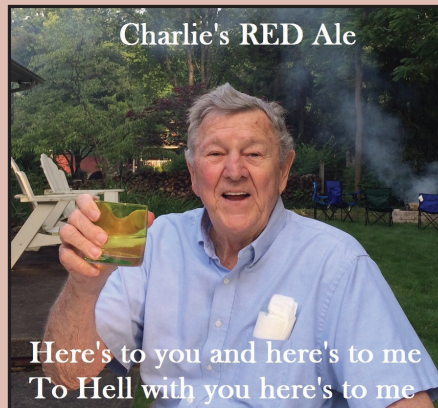
Joe Zemek, WM



Some Brotherly Love at the Brew Kettle

Thursday April 12

The Brethren assembled and put together a couple of great brews. One was made in honor of Charlie Schulz, our Ship's Captain and Wayfaring man, while the other was dedicated to our Fabulous Master Joe Zemek.



PAST EVENT

Memorial Day Service at Johnson's Island

May 27

The annual Memorial Party at Johnson's Island was well attended. Our Grand Master, Rick Schau, made an appearance, which made it an extra special day!

Everyone brought a dish and Fat City played on the back porch.



Canadian Visitation to Hyde Park Melita Lodge

May 10

What a great time in Canada!

On the way up, we visited the oldest Masonic Lodge in the Northern Hemisphere (Niagara Lodge) located in Niagara on the Lake. Here, we also dined at Angel's (one of the oldest inn's around).

The Brethren of Hyde Park treated us as royalty and surprised WB Rick Schulz with an honorary Membership to Hyde Park Melita Lodge.

This annual visitation provides a great tradition of brotherly love and friendship.



Welcome Brother Dan, Newest Master Mason

July 28

On the evening of July 28, our very own Brother Dan Sivertson received his Master Mason Degree outdoors at the Sheehan Farms in Rittman, Ohio. There were 50 Master Masons present, and it was truly an amazing experience for all.

Seville Lodge put the Degree on with the help of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Fellowcraft team and our very own Chaplain Henry Basham.



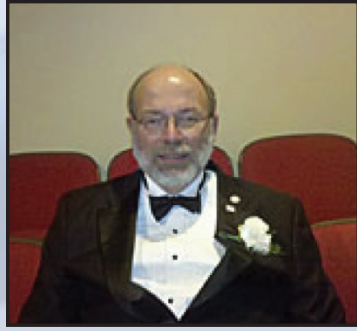
Annual Lodge Steak Roast

June 20

This year's Steak Roast was a joint venture of brotherly love between Harding Concordia and Theodore Breck Lodges. It was held at David James's property in Brecksville on a beautiful evening in June. A good time was had by all.

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





L.E.O.'S CORNER

FREEDOM, FAMILY, FREEMASONRY A COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Brethren, Here are some words of wisdom from R. W. Brother Chad Kopenski

What does freedom and family have in common with Freemasonry and what should our commitment be for the future?

As we think back in history, we need to remember the sacrifices that were made not only by our ancestor, but also by some of you that we might have the privilege to live in a free country and be assured that we will be able to pass these freedoms on to our families -- and that our sons, grandsons, and generations to come will be able to enjoy Freemasonry and the teachings and principles that go with it.

As I think about freedom, Masonic education and Freemasonry, I am reminded of what it says on one of the grade school buildings in our community. Over the front door are the words, "Only the educated are free." How true this is not only in our everyday lives, but also in our lives as Masons. It is certainly our duty as Masons not only to educate our Brethren about our fraternity, but also the rest of the world.

When we consider that Freemasonry is a way of life and that really our only secrets are basically modes of recognition, then there is really very little about Freemasonry that we can't talk about to our friends and family. When you consider that the word free in Freemasonry does not mean cheap, easy or without payment, then it is definitely our duty to pass on to the future generations the wonderful teachings of our fraternity.

We must understand that it is going to be hard to entice men to become members of something they know nothing about. Especially now, since we live in

a time of multiple communications worldwide and that everyone wants answers to and has a desire to understand all facets before they become involved. For many years our Candidates were told not to tell anyone anything about Freemasonry. What happened to them? When they received their degrees, they went through their lives saying nothing. That's why in 1998 we had in excess of 13,000 brethren eligible to receive 50-year pins and we still find ourselves unable to maintain a status quo of members.

We must replace ourselves. We don't need 600,000 Masons in Ohio to be a vibrant part of our communities, but we do need to stop our losses. To do this, let us go back to the basics of Freemasonry. Acknowledge those who have given us these freedoms. Be family oriented, involve our families in practicing the way of life Freemasonry teaches and be a part of our communities.

We made a commitment to a way of life when we became Masons, and it is definitely our duty to make our payments on that commitment. Today more than ever, our way of life is needed. There are a lot of young men out there who do not like what they see, or what they are witnessing in their communities and country.

They do not understand and cannot tolerate the values of some people that are called leaders. Please go out and find these men and show them what we as Freemasons have to offer. A way of life and a commitment for the future that will make our communities a better place to live.

HARDING CONCORDIA



We are happy to announce that the Lodge is offering shirts and hats for purchase 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 a check (made out to Harding Concordia 345) or cash to Lodge. Or if you can't make it to lodge you can mail the check to Joe Zemek at 6483 Fernhurst Drive, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130.

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	
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