COL. CLAY LODGE NO. 159 FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

REGULAR STATED MEETINGMONDAY, 13 JANUARY 2014, A.L. 6014
7:30 P.M.

READING OF PETITIONS
BALLOTING ON PETITIONS
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
ALL OTHER LODGE BUSINESS



UPCOMING DATES

| Jan. 04 (Sat.) |
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| Annual Meeting and Initiation |
| Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 (Mon.)Regular Stated Meeting |
| Feb. 17 (Mon.)Fellow Craft Club |
| Refreshments-6:30 p.m., Meeting-7:00 p.m Entered Apprentice Degree-7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 22 (Sat.) Grand Lodge Education Meeting Scottish Rite Temple - 9:00 a.mnoon |
| Mar. 10 (Mon.)Regular Stated Meeting |
| Mar. 17 (Mon.)Fellow Craft Club |
| Refreshments-6:30 p.m., Meeting-7:00 p.m. Fellow Craft Degree-7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 31 (Mon.) Allied Masonic Funeral Corps |
| Meeting-7:30 p.m. at Florence Lodge |

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our New Year born brethren:

James Earl Crawford, Jr. William H. Croley
Robert R. Eveleth Ronald Wayne Flack
Michael Franklin Higgins Owen Ray Huff
Pascal Keith Donald Steven Mathisen
Danny Miles Walter Preston
Roy E. Scalf Melvin Ray Simpson

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers!

Welcome to 2014. I hope the holidays were enjoyable, and that Santa took real good care of you. Since this is my first attempt at doing this, please bear with me.

Once again, I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Master of Col. Clay Lodge. I realize that I am about to walk in some mighty big footsteps of those who served before me. I hope my time in office will serve as a tribute to all our Past Masters and the grand institution they have built for us.

Before I go any further, I want to compliment Bro. Sean Weaver and his crew for a fantastic Christmas Party. Everyone, adults and children really enjoyed themselves. Great Job Brothers!

During my time as Master, it is my hope that we can all come together as a truly united band of brothers, working to advance the principles of Masonry and, equally as important, to enjoy ourselves while doing it! In my relatively short time as a Mason, I have taken part in many events, from attending Grand Lodge, working the Funnel Cake booth, participating in a few Great Day of Service events, to being on the Funeral Corps, and many more. Some involved a bit of hard work. The Funeral Corps, as you can imagine, could be quite difficult. All took time away from other things. BUT, I discovered that by participating in these events, I was able to meet and work with many brothers from not just Col. Clay, but also other Lodges, who are very good and dedicated men giving of their time. Together, no matter what the chore, we were all able to enjoy each other's company, and share a special brotherly bond together.

This, to me, is the true joy of Masonry. It is my wish, my hope and my prayer, that we can all share this joy together throughout the coming year.

Fraternally yours, John Adank, Master

SECRETARY'S CORNER 2014 DUES NOW DUE - \$76.00

The amount is **now \$76** due to a **new \$1 Grand Lodge assessment**. The notices have been mailed and dues are coming in nicely, so let's see if we can avoid suspending anyone this year.

We received a petition for the degrees from:
Eric Bruno Johanneman
1999 Lakelyn Court
Crescent Springs, KY 41017
Manager for Toyota
Rec. by: John Adank, Master
and David Ray Finnell, PM

PAST MASTERS' SOCIETY

Tuesday, 04 February 2014
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
Tiled Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

This is the annual meeting for initiation of new Past Masters and election of officers for the coming year. This meeting is open to all Past Masters and all newly elected and installed Masters. The meeting will be held in the Blue Room of the Scottish Rite Temple.

REGION #7 MASONIC EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, 22 February 2014 Scottish Rite Temple - Covington, KY Conference Runs from 9:00 a.m.-Noon

This is a required meeting for all officers and is open to all Master Masons. A wide variety of topics will be covered, so plan now to attend and learn more about your Fraternity.

DISTRICT 18 & 19 MEETING

Saturday, 12 April 2014 Scottish Rite Temple - Covington, KY Refreshments at 12:00 noon Tiled Meeting Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance at a District Meeting is still a requirement for the Excellency Award. THIS IS A SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEETING! Details are still in the works, so be on the lookout for more info in the coming months.

IN AFMORIAM

JOHN ROBERT BAKER

| 09 January 1925 |
|-------------------|
| 17 July 1952 |
| 04 September 1952 |
| 23 October 1952 |
| 19 December 2013 |
| |

Degrees received in Unity Lodge 478
Sixty Year Member
Well done, thou good and faithful servant!

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COLONEL CLAY LODGE NO. 159 OFFICERS FOR 2014

| John A. Adank (Susan) Donald Ray Kaiser | |
|--|-------------|
| Lewis N. Truitt (Lois Jean) | |
| David Ray Finnell, PM (Margaret). | |
| Sean Weaver, PM | |
| Christopher Lee Keller (Emily) | Sr. Deacon |
| William S. Nalls, Jr. (Donna) | Jr. Deacon |
| Michael Dean Miller (Michelle) | Sr. Steward |
| Donald S. Mathisen (Karen) | Jr. Steward |
| Glendon T. Wright, PM (Vivian) | |
| Robert H. Huff, PM (Lucile) | Chaplain |
| William O. Smith, PM | Musician |

FELLOW CRAFT CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2014

| David N. Boone (Kim) | President |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Francis F. Schnurr (Paula) | Vice President |
| Lewis N. Truitt (Lois Jean) | Treasurer |
| David Ray Finnell (Margaret) | Secretary |
| Glendon T. Wright (Vivian) | Ritualistic Inst. |
| Charles V. Tripp (Debbie) | Team Captain |

| FEES FOR 2014 | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Annual Dues \$76.00 | | | |
| (Due by 01 January) | | | |
| Life Membership Dues\$2,280.00 | | | |
| (Or current dues times the number of years | | | |
| until member reaches 50 years membership.) | | | |
| Petition for the Degrees\$136.00 | | | |
| (Must be turned in with the petition) | | | |
| (\$136.00 = \$76.00 Dues + \$60.00 EA Fee) | | | |
| Fellow Craft Degree Fee\$40.00 | | | |
| (Must be paid before the degree) | | | |
| Master Mason Degree Fee\$40.00 | | | |
| (Must be paid before the degree) | | | |
| Petition for Affiliation | | | |
| (Must be turned in with the petition) | | | |
| (\$86.00 = \$76.00 Dues + \$10.00 Affil. Fee) | | | |
| Petition for ReinstatementDepends (Petition is required if member is suspended) | | | |
| (Payment must include all delinquent dues, | | | |
| certified letter fees and current year's dues) | | | |
| Returned Check Fee\$25.00 | | | |
| (To cover bank charges for checks returned | | | |
| by the bank for NSF or closed accounts.) | | | |

2014

| | COMMITTEES FOR 20 |
|--------------|--|
| (*) - Den | otes Committee Chairman |
| Audit – | Charles Van Tripp, PM (1 Yr*) |
| | Philip C. Wright, PM (2 Yr.) |
| | Glendon T. Wright, PM (3 Yr.) |
| By-Laws - | - Sean Weaver, PM (*) |
| | Kevin Benke, PM |
| | Jason M. Wright, PM |
| | Christopher L. Keller, SD |
| | ment & Refreshment – |
| All E | Events - Sean Weaver, PM (*) |
| | Lewis N. Truitt, JW |
| | David N. Boone |
| Dini | ng Out – Jon R. Mace, PM (*) |
| | R.C. Cooper, PM |
| D | Wright Howard Goodrich, PM |
| Pasi | t Masters – Glendon T. Wright, PM (*) |
| | Gene Hammons, PM Jason M. Wright, PM |
| Chri | stmas Party – Melvin F. Cain, PM (*) |
| Cilii | Charles M. Foulks, PM |
| | Charles V. Tripp, PM |
| Finance 8 | La Dues – R.C. Cooper, PM (*) |
| i illalice o | Kevin Benke. PM |
| | Michael D. Miller, SS |
| Fund Rais | sing – Sean Weaver, PM (*) |
| | Lewis N. Truitt, JW |
| | Donald R. Kaiser, SW |
| Funeral C | orps - Daniel L. Coleman, PM (*) |
| | David R. Finnell, PM |
| | Lewis N. Truitt, JW |
| Instructio | n – Jon R. Mace, PM (*) |
| | Daniel L. Coleman, PM |
| | Charles V. Tripp, PM |
| Jurisprud | ence – Daniel L. Coleman, PM (*) |
| | David R. Finnell, PM |
| | Jon R. Mace, PM |
| Masonic i | Education – Daniel L. Coleman, PM (*) Philip C. Wright, PM |
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| Lindon G | Jon R. Mace, PM rove Memorial – Ernest W. Brown, PM (*) |
| Linden Gi | Sean Weaver, PM |
| | Donald S. Mathisen, JS |
| Outreach | - Ronald C. Cooper, PM (*) |
| Outi ouoii | Ernest W. Brown, PM |
| | Jason M. Wright, PM |
| Publicity - | - Jason M. Wright, PM (*) |
| | Ernest W. Brown, PM |
| | Kevin Benke, PM |
| Relief - | Don Catchen, I (1 Yr*) |
| | Don Catchen, II (2 Yr.) |
| | David Ray Finnell, PM (3 Yr.) |
| Scholarsh | nip - Philip C. Wright, PM (1 Yr*) |
| | David R. Finnell, PM (2 Yr.) |
| | Jon R. Mace, PM (3 Yr.) |
| | ut-In - All Officers and Members |
| | Glendon T. Wright, PM |
| Transport | tation – Francis F. Schnurr, PM (*) |
| | Michael D. Miller, SS |
| Trovalli | William S. Nalls, Jr., JD |
| iraveiling | Gavel - Donald R. Kaiser, SW (*) Francis F. Schnurr, PM |
| | Francis F. Schnurr, PM William S. Nalls Ir. SS |

William S. Nalls, Jr., SS Trustees - Charles V. Tripp, PM (1 Yr.-*)

Ronald C. Cooper, PM (2 Yr.) David N. Boone (3 Yr.)

DATES FOR 2014



| Every 2 nd Monday | |
|---|--|
| Every 3 rd Monday | Every 2 nd MondayRegular Stated Meeting |
| | Every 3 rd MondayFellow Craft Club 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7:00 p.m. meeting 1 st thru 4 th Wednesday Officers Meeting/Practice |
| Feb. 04 (Tue.) | 7:30 p.m. at Florence Lodge(except holidays and December) Every 5 th Wednesday William O. Ware Lodge |
| Dec. 01 (Mon.) Annual Audit of the Books Dec. 08 (Mon.) Annual Meeting and Elections Dec. 13 (Sat.) Christmas Party | Feb. 04 (Tue.) |
| | Dec. 01 (Mon.) Annual Audit of the Books Dec. 08 (Mon.) Annual Meeting and Elections |

Make this your Colonel Clay "Keeper Sheet" for 2014, a ready reference to all the officers, committees and phone numbers.

Dec. 17 (Wed.).....Installation of Officers

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2012-2013

| I INANOIAL OTATEMENT, 20 | 12-2013 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Guardian Checking Account | \$2,542.58 |
| Guardian Savings Bank CD | \$58,751.70 |
| Home Savings Bank CD | |
| Home Savings Bank Savings | |
| TOTAL ASSĔTS, 30 NOV 2013 | \$186,868.40 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | |
| Balance from 30 Nov. 2012 Audit | \$2.808.44 |
| Total Receipts, Fiscal 2013 | |
| Bank Credits | |
| Transfers to Checking Account | |
| Total Disbursements, Fiscal 2013 | |
| Ponk Dobito | (Φ174.00) |
| Bank DebitsFINAL BALANCE, 30 NOV 2013 | . (\$174.00) \$2.542.59 |
| | \$2,342.30 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| 2012 Dues | |
| 2013 Dues | |
| Fees | |
| Donations | |
| Fund Raising Events | |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | |
| RECEIPTS, 30 NOV 2013 | \$9,311.11 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Rent | \$1,500.00 |
| Secretary's Salary | \$800.00 |
| Treasurer's Salary | |
| Tiler's Salary | |
| Printing, Bulletins and Bulletin Prep | |
| U.S. Postmaster | |
| Memorials | |
| Grand Lodge: Senior Warden | |
| Per Capita | |
| Donations: District 18 Meeting | \$125.00 |
| Scholarship Award | \$1,000.00 |
| Simon Kenton Sideliners | |
| U.S.O | |
| Masonic Service Assn | \$30.00 |
| Linden Grove Cemetery | |
| Scottish Rite Building Fund | \$1,500.00 |
| Northern Ky. Boys Home | |
| Secretary, Treasurer, Lodge Supplies | |
| Master Mason Dinners, Other Food | |
| Fund Raising Expenses | |
| Safe Deposit Box Rent | |
| Outreach Committee | |
| Christmas Party Expense | |
| Tax Exempt Application Fee | |
| Past Master Jewel | |
| DISBURSEMENTS, 30 NOV 2013 | \$16,555.71 |
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| | COLONEL CLAY PHONE LIST 2014 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| NAME | WIFE | OFFICE | HOME | WORK | CELLULAR | |
| John A. Adank | Susan | Master | 356-6121 | | 653-5797 | |
| Donald R. Kaiser | | Sr. Warden | 356-0281 | 356-9510 | 466-9342 | |
| Lewis N. Truitt | Lois Jean | Jr. Warden | 581-2425 | | 982-4722 | |
| David Ray Finnell, PM | Margaret | Treasurer | 586-9041 | 586-9041 | 409-2589 (E) | |
| Sean Weaver, PM | | Secretary | | | 640-3187 | |
| Christopher L. Keller | Emily | Sr. Deacon | | 292-2477 | 863-412-4903 | |
| William S. Nalls, Jr. | Donna | Jr. Deacon | 261-1306 | | | |
| Michael Dean Miller | Michelle | Sr. Steward | 652-9217 | 513-861-3100 | 765-623-7573 | |
| Donald S. Mathisen | Karen | Jr. Steward | | | | |
| Robert H. Huff, PM | Lucile | Chaplain | 431-6652 | | | |
| Glendon T. Wright, PM | Vivian | Tiler | 291-8855 | | 653-7827 | |
| William O. Smith, PM | | Musician | 750-7550 | 750-7550 | 750-7550 | |
| Charles V. Tripp, PM | Debbie | Trustee-1 Yr | 371-8845 | | 992-9036 | |
| Ronald C. Cooper, PM | Janet | Trustee-2 Yr | 472-5559 | | 391-0834 | |
| David N. Boone | Kim | Trustee-3 Yr | 727-4536 | | | |
| David N. Boone | Kim | FC President | 727-4536 | | | |
| Francis F. Schnurr | Paula | FC Vice Pres. | Unlisted | | | |
| Lewis N. Truitt | Lois Jean | FC Treasurer | 581-2425 | | 982-4722 | |
| David Ray Finnell, PM | Margaret | FC Secretary | 586-9041 | 586-9041 | 409-2589 (E) | |
| Glendon T. Wright, PM | Vivian | Ritualistic Inst. | 291-8855 | | 653-7827 | |
| Sean Weaver, PM | | Team Captain | | | 866-2417 | |
| John W. Dettor, PM #345 | | D.D.G.M. | 653-7228 | | | |
| Owen Ray Huff | Tricia | M.M. Lecture | 513-533-1025 | | | |
| Philip C. Wright, PM | Sally | Scholarship | 356-2333 | | | |
| Vernon Gregory, PM 746 | 1 | EA Recap | 341-4174 | | 816-3149 | |
| Barry Catron, 746 | | EA Lecture | 426-4536 | | .l | |
| Daniel L. Coleman, PM | Kay | Fnrls.,Vocals | 491-4057 | | | |
| David Ray Finnell, PM | | Funeral Corps | 586-9041 | 586-9041 | 409-2589 (E) | |
| Robert H. Huff, PM | Lucile | Instructor | 431-6652 | | <u> </u> | |
| Al Casson | Vickie | Printing | 491-4931 | | · L | |
| Jason Michael Wright, PM | İ | Webmaster | 491-2738 | 283-6969 | 496-7002 | |
| Kevin R. Benke | Cathy | Jr. P.M. | 356-2968 | 283-8643 | 866-4495 | |
| Scottish Rite Temple | 1 | | 431-7960 | 431-6323 | | |
| Chester Humphrey | | Custodian | 261-7094 | 431-6323 | | |
| Keith Dreier | Debbie | SR Secretary | 331-7240 | 431-0021 | | |
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| All Area Codes are (859) | | | | | | |
| Unless Noted Otherwise | | | | | | |
| (E) - Emergency use only | | | | | | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year's finances remained relatively unchanged, although the relative amounts shifted between our various accounts. Our assets decreased about \$4,200 over last year. The Life Member Fund financing is secure. However, the available balance in the Scholarship Fund dropped significantly since we had equipment problems at both of the fund raising events we attended this year, which resulted in almost no money being raised for scholarships.

We increased our dues this year, which should reduce our reliance on the savings account to cover our usual operating expenses during the year. This year and the previous two years, we transferred \$7,000 from savings to checking to cover expenses. Our expenses were about \$1,700 less than last year, but our receipts were also down about \$1,800 due to reduced fund raising revenue (see above). With the dues increase, we should see a break-even year in 2014.

Interest on our savings is still anemic. Our two CDs mature this spring. Interest rates are not expected to improve significantly in the foreseeable future. We should consider alternative investment options to improve our financial base. Accounting for inflation, we are actually losing ground. We need ideas for reasonably safe options that can provide reliable long term performance. Perhaps the services of a financial professional might be in order. Suggestions are welcome.

If we want to help those in our community in need of assistance, we must be in good financial shape ourselves. Increasing investment income is easy. The harder task that would reap greater immediate rewards is to increase our fund raising activity, which is generally highly profitable. The problem is getting members to show up and assist with trailer maintenance and running the events. The same small "band of brothers" cannot be expected to bear the entire burden. We need more participation from more members. It only takes a little time and effort to make it work for everyone.

NOTES