



John W. Barkley Lodge No. 621, F & A.M.

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FROM THE EAST

As I step from the Treasurer's place to the East, I am both humbled and honored that the Lodge has entrusted me to lead this great vessel of brotherhood. It has grown in many ways since I last occupied this seat 18 years ago. It fills me with hope for the future of our Lodge and the fraternity in general. The officers of this Lodge are truly a remarkable group. They are the real reason why we have been, and will continue to be, so successful. My Brothers, if you have not been to Lodge recently, you really need to experience it for yourself.

The installation was well attended. The Lodge room was completely filled with added chairs from the dining room. A highlight from the night was Worshipful Brother Chatwell with Right Worshipful Brother Sabourin and a contingent from St. George Lodge in Toronto presented Brother Dillon with an honorary membership. To paraphrase WB Chatwell;

"There are very few moments in a Mason's career where he gets the opportunity to make a difference in a senior member's journey. Investing George Edward (Fast Eddie) Dillon with his apron was one of those moments. There was not a dry eye in the room. Every person had a glimpse of what our yearly visitation means to the brethren. Fast Eddie has always been a part of that tradition."

Saturday morning found us at the home of WB Stamper for "Self defense" training and some delicious chili prepared by his wife (Hmmm, new Chili Cook-off competitor?). After lunch, we then traveled to Castle Noel where WB Harold Siburt (83) and Bro George (Fast Eddie) Dillon (93) went down the "Christmas story" slide. Proof is on the wall at Castle Noel and in our Tyler's room. Come to Lodge and see for yourself! All in all, it was an exceptional weekend.



This year I would like to reintroduce some old customs to renew meaning to some of the things we do. I hope to improve the Lodge experience for everyone. Again, I would like to thank the Lodge for their confidence in me to lead this great vessel we call John W. Barkley Lodge.

Worshipful Master

WB Robert Wakefield

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY

January-February 2018

Brethren as of December 15th I have received the 2018 dues from only 88% of our members. I have not heard from 7% of our 50 plus year members. Second notices were sent out to our Brethren on my naughty list on November 9th. Final notices will be going out just before Christmas. Also I tried to reach out to our delinquent Brethren by email, a few did respond. Please Brethren send in your 2018 dues ASAP and let's get this dues season over with. **I need to hear from everyone even the endowed Brethren so I know you are still above the grass.**

In early December we mailed Christmas Cards to our 218 Widows. We had a card stuffing party and included a note to all of our widows for an update from them. 73% of our widows live in Ohio and 27% live out of Ohio. As of mid December we have received many cards back from the widows updating their information. We also have received many changes of addresses for the widows.

One brother received his FC degree and two brothers received their EA degree in November. We still have four Brethren still to give their EA exam. We have one Brother to give his FC exam. We have one Brother waiting to receive his MM degree. I have also received two new petitions in December. Brethren we are going to be busy this year and beyond doing degree work.

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If you know of someone you would feel would be a good Mason or would like to be let me know and I will send you a petition or two. The fee to join is still the same \$150.00.

To all our Brethren please make an honest attempt to attend your lodge at least once a month. We offer many activities and events for you and you're lady to attend, please take advantage of these events.

The Grand Master is on a campaign to replace yourself. There was a very nice article about the replace yourself program in the Beacon.

Please check the trestle board and put Barkley Lodge on your calendar NOW.

Good things are happening at Barkley Lodge so come and be a part of what's happening at your Lodge. This is your Lodge; please support it as often as you can in whatever way you can.

There are no strangers here, only friends you have not as yet met.

Fraternally, Your Secretary
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VIEW FROM THE SOUTH

Salutations Brethren, it is my pleasure to bring you fraternal greetings from the South! It is my hope that you and your families enjoyed a safe and delightful holiday season. There is no question that for many of us this season passes quickly with a whirling array of parties, and gathering with our families, neighbors, work colleagues and other communities we each finds ourselves a part of. John Barkley is no exception to that fast paced time of excitement and merriment: the first weekend of December saw unusually pleasant weather for Cleveland; as well as the return of some of our Canadian Brethren from St. George Lodge in Toronto and some of their ladies. December first was the annual installation of officers for John Barkley was a wonderful evening as a new team of excited officers assumed their seats in the lodge. The entire weekend was a huge success with great food, memorable activities and overall an enjoyable time shared by all.

This tradition that John Barkley enjoys with St. George Lodge struck a chord for me this year. The History between our two Lodges dates back several decades and is an event is still enjoyed by all who take part in it. Most of you have by now heard of our Grand Masters theme for his year, "Embrace our heritage, preserve our traditions." Merriam-Webster defines a Tradition as: 1 an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior, 2 the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction. Well regardless of how you define it the Traditions of John Barkley not only dictate our Lodge's trestle board and event calendar but also those traditions help cement the bonds of brotherly love and affection by providing formal events to behold the mysteries of Masonry, more casual events which allow us to establish and maintain the bonds of friendship, and family friendly events which answer the questions of our families inevitably ask, "what do you guys do on Wednesday nights?"

On a final note, I would like to personally thank the brethren of John Barkly for placing their confidence in the officers for this upcoming year. There is no question of the fact that John Barkly Lodge holds the distinction of being one of the busiest lodges

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*All dinner reservations must be made and paid to SD Bro. Kirk Miller
at least one week prior to the event!*

*A reservation made is a reservation paid! A reservation paid is a reservation made!
No Walk-ins, without reservations, will be serviced!*

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

What tools do we use to measure other persons actions? Is it possible to hold a person to the same standards to which we hold ourselves? As I think about the lessons we are taught in the first three degrees, I can't remember a time that it is advised to apply the tools of the craft in the judgment of a friend or brother. In fact, the only time I remember the word "judge" being used, is recommendation that we "judge with candor." Candor is defined openness, honesty, and sincerity. Apply that sincerity to our brothers before making a decision to judge them. Who are you serving when you point out the faults of another, and to what end? If a brother makes a mistake on ritual, and you decide to correct it, are you trying to help the young brother improve at his station or are you trying to prove with authority that you know better?

It is however, our responsibility to whisper wise council in the ear of a brother, to warn them of approaching danger. So, I am not encouraging that we sit idly by while it is in our power to assist in the growth of a brother, but always make sure that your intentions are in the right place before you proceed. My takeaway for you brethren is this, be very careful when you judge a brothers actions by the expectations that we place on ourselves. Each of us must establish our own yardsticks based on our experiences, and strive to be the very best that we can. Remember that we rise by lifting each other up!

Lodge Education Officer

WB Scott D Clark

SUNSHINE REPORT

Cards, calls and visits would probably be very welcomed by all our shut-ins so they know that they are remembered and loved by their Brothers and Sisters.

Worshipful Brother Bill Schlatterbeck had surgery on 10/26. He is recovering at home from his surgery at the end of October. He will see us after a few months when the weather improves.

Brother Shannon Kanold's daughter had tests done next Tuesday. He asks for prayers.

Worshipful Brother Jimmie Dixon will be having knee surgery in January.

Brother Mike Maminkas' wife, Donna, had cataract surgery.

Right Worshipful Brother Ross Brochhagen suffered a heart attack the morning of 11/4/2017. He is currently recouping at home.

Right Worshipful Brother Ross Brochhagen continues to be hospitalized from his heart attack. He has suffered complications from the heart attack and is currently undergoing treatments to correct the problems.

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MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

15 Years on January 4th ElRoy & Dolly Gorsuch

20 Years on January 9th Timothy & Doreen Wheatley

50 Years on January 16th Ernest & Shirley Adams

50 Years on January 19th Ronald & Linda Hager

50 Years on January 27th Joseph & Phyllis Pacsuta

A total of 14 wedding anniversaries
will be celebrated in January 2018

40 Years on February 18th Victor & Christine Galazin

A total of 14 wedding anniversaries
will be celebrated in February 2018

*If any dates or names are missing or incorrect,
please let the Secretary know.*

**YOUR DATE ONLY COMES UP ONCE
EVERY FIVE YEARS
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

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in the 22nd district; and I have little doubt that this year is going to be any different! Please let me echo a lesson given me as a young Entered Apprentice that no matter how busy a brother may seem he will always make time for you. We were all strangers when we started our journey in Masonry; now we are brothers, we walk the journey together and we are here to help our brothers in any way our assistance may be needed all he needs to do is ask. If there is any way the brethren of John Barkley can assist you, please know I am only a phone call away.

Brethren, until next time. See you at the Pillars!

Michael J. Columbro Junior Warden

IN MEMORIAM

SINCE OUR LAST BARKLEY LIGHT, WE HAVE SEVERAL BRETHREN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE PEARLY GATES TO THE LORD'S HEAVENLY HOME.

Brother Donald Sharp, Sr passed away on October 6, 2017

Brother Alan Anderson's son, *Robert Anderson*, passed away unexpectedly on October 8, 2017

Worshipful Brother Jack Gorze passed away on October 18, 2017. His Masonic Service was on October 29th. He was a 50-year member of the Fraternity this year raised in Brooklyn Lodge No. 454. He served as Worshipful Master of Brooklyn Lodge in 1979. He is survived by his wife Pat of 59 years.

Brother Herm Kaserman's wife, *Frances*, passed away on October 16, 2017. They were married for 62 years.

Brother John Thornburg's wife *Jean* passed away October 31. They were married for 63 years.

Brother Arthur G. Liddy's wife *Jean* passed away November 22. They were married for 64 years.

Worshipful Brother Robert E. Miller passed away on October 30, 2017 at age 91. WB Miller was a 44-year member of the fraternity raised in North Olmsted Lodge #741. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Delores.

Worshipful Brother Jimmy Scott's sister passed away on November 19th.

Worshipful Brother Cecil Nottingham passed away on November 26, 2017 at age 85. WB Nottingham was a 47-year member of the craft, raised in Laurel Lodge 657 in 1977.

WB Dennis J. Gutendorf was a 29 year member of the Fraternity raised in North Olmsted Lodge 741. He served as Worshipful Master of North Olmsted Lodge in 1993. He is survived by his wife Patricia of 29 years.

Bro. Richard McKeeta passed away December 20, 2015. He was a 55 year member from Laurel Lodge 657. He is survived by his wife Arlene of 70 years.

As reported by families and brethren. Please continue to keep us informed.

OUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND MEMORIES ARE WITH THEIR
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THEY LEFT BEHIND.

TRESTLE BOARD JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

January 2018

January 3rd – Stated meeting 7:30 early refreshments 6:30

January 10th – MM degree 7 p.m.

January 17th – Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

January 24th – Special TBA degree

January 27th – After Holiday Party at 6 pm at Bravo Cucina Italiana
28889 Chagrin Blvd Woodmere, OH

January 31st – Dark

February 2018

February 7th – Stated meeting 7:30 early refreshments 6:30

February 10th – Chili cook-off 11:30 a.m. start

February 14th – Special TBA

February 21st – Stated meeting

February 28th – Past Masters Night / Dinner 6:30

Another great Christmas Party was had in the halls of John W. Barkley Lodge on Saturday December 16. There were a record number of children registered to attend: 50. The day started out with coloring books, and crayons for every child, Holiday movies, Christmas Carols, then a visit from Jungle Bob and his assistant Nora, and many animals and reptiles. Oooooos and Aaaaas could be heard from the lodge room. The afternoon topped off with a surprise visit from the Jolly Old St. Nick and plenty of Arturo's pizza followed by the piñata. Every child received a special wrapped gift with their name on it, got to sit on Santa's lap. The children all had a GREAT time as evidence of this little guy asleep Saturday night with the toy he received at the party. We will be doing this again next December, so stay tuned for the date and plan on joining us. A special thank you to Santa and his helpers: Theresa Jammal, W/B Brad Smith, W/M Robert Wakefield, W/B Scott Clark and W/B Larry Dooley. Without their help this could not have gone as well as it did. THANK YOU.



Fraternally, Bud Cygan



2017-2018 Barkley Officers



Canadians with Fast Eddie




Canadians with traveling plaque and gavel



Worshipful Master WB Robert Wakefield
with RWB Dan Hall with the purple shoes
Awards Night



WB Robert Wakefield, Bro. Edward Bammerlin (40 Yr.)
Bro. ElRoy Gorsuch (70 Yr.) Bro. Fred Hubert (50 Yr.)
WB Robert Hubert, Jr. (50 Yr.) & RWB William Carter III (JGD)



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Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the above members of our Masonic Family, and any and all persons that we have not yet been apprised of their health condition and concerns. If you know of someone in need of our attention and prayers, please call or e-mail our secretary or editor. Their contact info is on pages two and three herein. Please be our eyes and ears. We don't know if you don't tell! And we do not want to bypass anyone in need of our prayers and visits.

As Reported by
Our Sunshine Committee
and our Lodge Brethren.

FROM THE WEST

Brethren, I bring you fraternal greetings from the West! I want to begin by thanking each and every one of my brethren, through whose confidence; I sit here serving as your Senior Warden for the upcoming year. Brethren, I am extremely humble by your confidence and will do all that I can to uphold the charges of the Senior Warden. Harmony being the strength of all institutions...

Brethren, I have been working with the Worshipful Master on his plans for the upcoming year and I promise you that the road that he has laid out for us is exciting and will continue to move the S.S. Barkley full steam ahead. As with any good ship, there are plenty of things that need to be done. There are lectures, charges and various pieces of ritual that can be performed that does not require you to be an officer. There are various committees and groups that work on a wide range of subjects. If you are interested in helping our Worshipful Master to move our ship forward, just let me know. If we know what your interests are we can make your time at lodge that much more rewarding.

Brethren, until next time, See you at the Pillars!

Brad J. Smith, PM,
Senior Warden

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