



East Gate Masonic **Beehive**

Stimulating Masonic Fellowship in the Heights-Hillcrest Community



September 2017



Leanne and Todd Vargo master the grille at the East Gate Lodge picnic in Marsol Park.

Lodge Picnic Again Entertains Families With Fun and Food

East Gate families enjoyed the annual picnic at a new location this year. The Marsol Park in Mayfield Heights proved more convenient and with greater family facilities July 30. Chairman Todd L. Vargo and wife Leanne provided hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, and veggie burgers with all the trimmings throughout the afternoon. The recreation field, swings, tennis courts, and corn hole added active fun.



Cornhole was popular at the picnic. Joseph Carmigiano (left), aided by W.M. Robert Draye, kept the swing moving.

Senior Warden Reveals Plans

Senior Warden Michael J. Patrick called a meeting of officers and interested members in July to explain his plans for the coming East Gate lodge year. He welcomed suggestions. Details of his rollout program are on page 2.



David G. Weimer, L.O.H.-elect

Schau Reveals Coming Plans at Roll-Out Program

Deputy Grand Master Eric R. Schau presented his roll-out of next year's Grand Lodge program August 17, in the Berea Masonic Center. This concluded his series of 13 presentations throughout Ohio. East Gate members attending included Jerry E. Block, Robert J. Draye, Bradford A. Goebel, Merlyn E. Meredith, Michael J. Patrick, Gregory T. Sulak, Todd L. Vargo, and David J. Weimer.

Details of Schau's plans are listed on page 2.

Members Arrive in Unusual Attire for South Carolina Night

A South Carolina Night announced by Worshipful Master Robert J. Draye for the special meeting June 28 brought members to lodge in overalls and other work clothes.

Draye explained that tuxedos and business suits were not in evidence when he visits lodge in that state.

Junior Warden James L. Henry presided as the officers rehearsed the Master Mason degree.

Minor Funeral is in Lakeview

East Gate Lodge members gathered in Lakeview Cemetery August 17 to conduct the Masonic funeral rites for John A. Minor, Jr. who died July 25.

He had attended lodge May 10 to receive his 60-year award. Minor served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1967-70.

DeMolay to Confer Active L.O.H. on Weimer Sept. 16

The International Supreme Council of DeMolay has elected David G. Weimer to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

The highest award of the order will be conferred in a public ceremony Sept. 16 in the DeMolay Room, 3615 Euclid Ave., at 8 p.m. He was a member of Selynma Chapter. Sponsored by Masons, DeMolay is the largest international youth organization for leadership development of teen-age boys.

September Meetings to Feature Symbolism

Lodge Education Officer Michael J. Patrick will present interesting programs in the East Gate stated meetings in September.

September 13 he will discuss Freemasonry in wartime and will reveal stories about both north and south brethren and what they represent.

The September 27 program is entitled Color Symbolism in Freemasonry and will discuss how colors relate to Freemasonry and what they represent.



By coming closest to guessing the number of candies in the jar, Ryan Whitney (Byron's grandson) won the jar of goodies at the picnic.

Deacons and Wardens Class Oct. 7

A class for Deacons and Wardens of lodges in the 22nd Masonic District is scheduled for October 7 in Stonington Lodge in Amherst. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Because the lodge by-laws eliminate meetings in July and August, the Beehive was not published in August.

From the Senior Warden

Senior Warden's Rollout Program For East Gate Lodge

In anticipation of possibly being elected Master of your lodge, I have put together a calendar of events for the upcoming term, and I hope you are able to support it.

November 2017

Installation of the lodge's new officers will be Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. with a dinner following. Please come out and support the officers at installation (whoever they are)

December 2017

A holiday party is planned for Dec. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. This will involve any children, grandchildren, etc. (more details to follow)

In the coming months I have planned -

March - A Movie Night and Awards Night.

April - Widows and Wives Night and our *Inspection* in the Master Mason degree.

May - Past Masters Night

June - Game Night

July - Picnic and two Game Nights.

August - Game Night

September - Officer Mix Up Night (this will be interesting) and a final Game Night.

October will bring about Grand Lodge.

November will bring about our annual meeting and election of new officers.

These events *will* take place and will need your support to make them successful. The game nights will be games you like and also a possible *Corn Hole Challenge* with other lodges in the 22nd and 25th Masonic districts. These are just a few of the things I am working on for our lodge and there will be more details in the upcoming issues of the Beehive.

Michael J. Patrick, Senior Warden

Trestleboard

- Sept. 13 Stated Meeting
Freemasonry in Wartime
- Sept. 27 Stated Meeting
Masonic Color Symbolism
- Oct. 11 Stated Meeting
Entered Apprentice
- Oct. 20-21 Grand Lodge
Dayton
- Oct. 25 Stated Meeting
Appreciation Night Dinner
- Nov. 8 Stated Meeting
Annual Meeting - Election
- Nov. 18 Installation
3 p.m. Dinner - 5 p.m. Installation

Draye Plans Appreciation Night to Honor Officers

Worshipful Master Robert J. Draye will recognize the faithful service of his officers with a dinner before the stated meeting October 25. Details will be in the next issue of the Beehive.



Paula and W.M. Bob Draye enjoy the picnic.

Outline of D.G.M.'s Rollout

D.G.M. Eric R. Schau explained these points in a one hour powerpoint presentation. He stressed that "change is good - as long as it's not in the body of Masonry".

Staying the same: Grand Master's Award (few changes), Grand Honors, lodge members speaking parts for inspection, and Excellent in Youth.

Changing: Officer Manual, Introductions, Short form proficiency clarification, Bible presentation at inspection.

Goal: Replace yourself program

Charity: Scholarship, Special Olympics, Masonic Model Student Program, Assistance to those in need.

Community Service Award to be replaced by local Patriot Award.

New: Grand Master's Medal of Honor, Veteran's Memorial Monument, Caribbean cruise, Honor Flight sponsor.

Lodges are encouraged to donate \$100 to help sponsor a flight.

The Grand Master's lapel pin will honor the various military services this year.

Lodge Hosts Wheeland Again

Grand Marshal Timothy S. Wheeland and wife Kim were again the guests of East Gate Lodge at the Grand Master's reception this year.

Plan Bus to Grand Lodge Oct. 21

The 22nd Masonic District is planning to charter a bus to go to Grand Lodge in Dayton for the installation of Eric R. Schau Oct. 21. Cost \$50. Call Richard Steinhoff (440) 985-2445 for details.

Grand Lodge Issues Permanent Plastic Membership Cards

The Grand Lodge of Ohio issued plastic membership cards last year which are intended to be used for multiple years.

The Tyler can verify that current dues have been paid by an instant computer check of MORI system.

Members who did not receive the plastic card should contact Secretary Jerry E. Block immediately.

Members are cautioned not to destroy the plastic card as it is designed to last several years.

Masonic License Plates Available

Ohio was the first fraternal organization to be permitted a special license plate in Ohio.

In 1993 there were only two special plates in Ohio, the National Guard and Volunteer Firemen.

When purchasing license plates, Master Masons can request plates with the Masonic emblem for a small additional fee.

Receive Masonic Home Plaque

W.M. Robert J. Draye received a plaque at the Grand Master Reception denoting the lodge's strong support of the Ohio Masonic Home.

Huston Assigned to Vienna Embassy

Ryan Huston has been assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria for three years. His family is moving with him.

Sponsor Athlete in Special Olympics

East Gate Lodge contributed \$1000 to sponsor an athlete in the Special Olympics in Jesse Owens Stadium in Columbus June 23. Wet weather forced cancellation of the opening ceremonies this year.

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