



# The Light



Newsletter of Normal Lodge #673

<http://www.normal673.org>

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## Master's Word

Brethren -

The winter is on its way out! As we journey into spring, I am reminded of new growth, for not only the flowers and grass but also Normal Lodge! Our new lodge hall is open for business in the old Soldiers and Sailors Home campus, Now One Normal Plaza, at 614 E. Lincoln St. Please plan on attending a meeting and checking it out for yourself.

I am proud of the continued zeal our members are showing by being active in our recent move, assisting in degrees, and participating on committees. In the near future we have some events I want to be sure are on your calendar. Please note the calendar in this newsletter and make note to attend these events. The dedication of the new building will be a unique opportunity to see that ceremony, please plan on attending.

This will be my last newsletter as Worshipful Master. I want to thank the brethren of Normal Lodge for electing me to this high office and assisting me over the past year. I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Fraternally,

Jeff Fox  
Worshipful Master  
2008-2009

## Lost Members

In our journey towards more light, we have lost track of a few good brothers. If you know where the lodge can contact these brothers, please contact the lodge secretary:

**Charles Hardy**

## Calendar of Events

### March

5	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
9	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
19	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
23	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

### April

2	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
13	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
16	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
27	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

### May

7	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
11	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting/Elections	7:00 PM
14	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
25	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
30	New Building Dedication	1:00 PM

### June

4	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
8	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
22	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

## Thank You

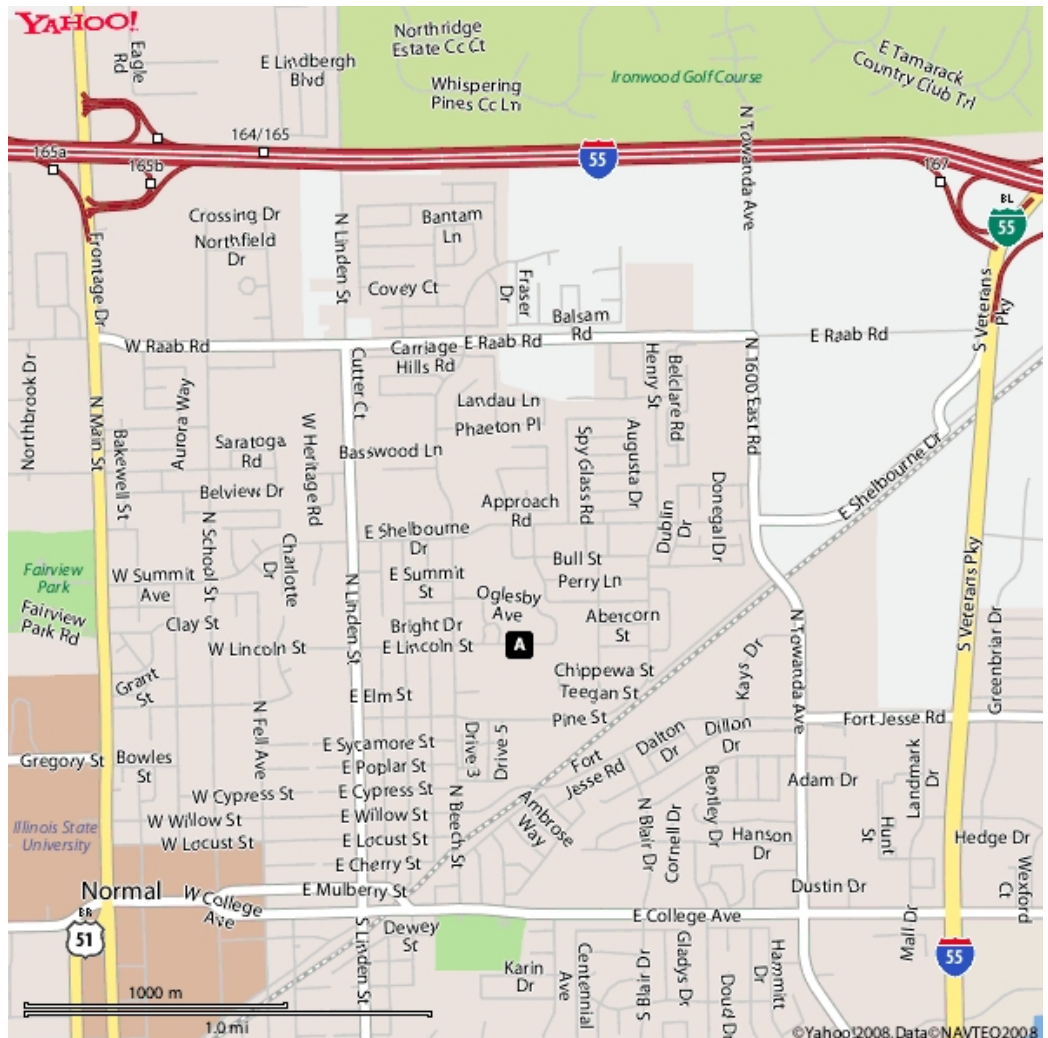
Thank you for being a member of our lodge. Your lodge has contributed over \$2000 in food baskets, won the Grand Master's Award of Excellence, built a new lodge home and raised 8 men in the last year alone. You can be proud to be a part of a lodge that is working hard to make the community in which we reside a better place. Thanks for supporting Masonry with your membership.

## Eastern Star Update

If you aren't a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, we encourage you to give it serious consideration. Felicity Chapter #387 meets bi-monthly at the Masonic Temple in Normal on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. We are very proud of the charitable work that we do. The proceeds we realize through serving dinners and working concessions at Illinois State University we are able to support our Grand Chapter as it supports many national and local charities.

### Where is the New Lodge?

You can find the new lodge building at 614 E. Lincoln, Normal, IL 61761. The parking is behind the building one block before the building from the West. From the old building, take College to Linden and turn North to Lincoln. Turn East on Lincoln to Coles Street and turn left to the end of the street and turn right into the parking lot. The building entrance is on the South East corner of the parking lot. We hope to see you there!



### Brothers Who Have Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

Royce H. Bartlett  
November 7, 2008

*...another link from the fraternal chain which binds us together. May we who survive him be more strongly bound in the ties of union and friendship."*

## 2009 is here

Have you paid your dues? If so, Thank You! For those who have not, you can expect a call from our membership committee in the coming weeks. The Grand Lodge now requires a member of the lodge to visit or call you when you are unable to make a dues payment to be sure that you are not in need of the lodge's assistance. Please help us out by paying as soon as you can, or by letting us know if there is a reason you can not. You can contact the lodge at our website, or by mailing back your dues notice with a note instead of a payment.

## Past Master's Dinner

Our annual Past Master dinner and awards night will be in April. The exact details are not available for inclusion in this newsletter, but more information will be available at the regular stated meetings and on our website. Past Master's will receive a personal invitation with specific details as the date gets closer from our event chairman, our Junior Deacon, Wayne Smith.

## NEW BUILDING

Come see the new lodge building in One Normal Plaza. The building is on one level with no stairs which makes accessibility easy. We hope to see you at a lodge event soon! You can see pictures on our website <http://normal673.org>

New building dedication is May 30 at 1 PM

## Annual Elections

Our annual elections will be held this year on May 12, 2008 at our regular stated meeting beginning at 7 PM. Please come out and support the current officers, as well as our future lodge leaders.

## Our Newest Master Masons

**Robert Wolfe**  
**Alex Snowden**

Alex returned long form catechism for both his first and second degrees in good form. He is presently working on returning the Third Degree catechism in the next few months. Robert had been waiting for his degree for some time, and we were happy to be able to finally accommodate his schedule and complete his work. We presently have 15 candidates in progress with several degree upcoming, and are looking forward to more new masons joining our lodge. We hope the rapid pace of petitions will continue.

## Chairs

We are missing some plastic folding chairs. If you have borrowed them, please return them as they are needed.

## Relief Fund

Winter is winding down and spring is nearly here! That means Easter-time food baskets. Please support our food basket program by donating time to help with the food shopping. A lot of time and energy goes into these baskets and any assistance would be appreciated.

Also, please consider making a small donation to the Relief Fund. This is the fund that supports our food basket program. Relieving the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons...Please be generous with your time and donations. Contact W.Bro. Don Mayol, W.Bro. Jeff Fox, or R.W. Bro. Dorner with any questions.

Fraternally,

Relief Committee

# Updates

If you would like to update your address or provide us with your email address, you can send them to John Dorner, Lodge Secretary, 312 Victoria Dr., Normal, IL 61761 or email them to : normal673@gmail.com.

You can also be added to the update Email list please send your Email Address to the lodge Secretary, or go here: <http://normal673.org/announce>. Notification of meetings, degrees and other information is distributed with this list. For those that are worried, no jokes or other posts are ever sent, and we do not share your email address with anyone. We send out usually one email every week with occasional special announcements for degrees and events.

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