

The Light

Newsletter of Normal Lodge #673

<http://www.normal673.org>

November 2008

Master's Word

Fall is definitely here! As I enter, the 6th month of my term as your Worshipful Master I have to pause and remind myself that the glass is still half-full and we have much to do. I would encourage everyone to attend our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We have a dinner at 6:00 on the 2nd Monday; please join us for an evening of fellowship. If you have an email address please contact our lodge Secretary, R.W.Bro. John Dorner at se@normal673.org so you can receive email reminders of meetings and events. Be sure to visit our website at <http://www.normal673.org>.

We are looking forward to completing our new lodge hall on Lincoln St. very soon (its in the old Soldiers and Sailors home), drive by and see it if you are able; we hope to occupy our new building after the first of the year.

We are excited to have, once again, been awarded the Grand Master's Award of Excellence. This award recognizes the good work we do here at Normal Lodge, join us and see for yourself how we continue to promote the Masonic principals here in Normal. There is going to be quite a bit of degree work in the near future as well, attend and show your new brethren your support for their joining our beloved institution.

As we look ahead to the rest of fall and into the winter, it will be time for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. This is a wonderful program and insures members of our community have food for the holidays; please consider a donation of either time or money to our Relief Committee so they can continue to relieve the distressed. If you know of a man from work, church, or another social organization, talk to him about Masonry and bring him to one of our lodge dinners. Have a great Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

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Calendar of Events

November

6	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
10	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
24	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

December

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

January

1	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
12	Dinner	6:00 PM
	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Eastern Star	7:00 PM
26	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM

February

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

New Building Dedication

The new building is coming along, and we have contacted the Grand Lodge for a formal dedication of our new home. Put the date on your calendar now:

May 30, 2009

Come and be a witness to what could be a once in a lifetime experience.

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. 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 two weeks with occasional special announcements for degrees and special events.

Masonic Homes Appeal

In the holiday season nearly upon us, let us not forget our brethren who rely on the Illinois Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. I am here to ask that each member consider making a small donation to Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. This fund provides a great service to our members and the community. Caring for our brethren is an important Masonic requisite. Please help in this important undertaking by considering a small donation to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. Please talk to W.Bro. Jeff Fox, or Bro. Secretary with any questions.

—F, Jeff Fox, WM.

Relief Fund

Fall is here! That means Thanksgiving-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 or assist with one of the fundraisers. The annual chicken noodle fundraiser will be December 5, 2008. Please help out by volunteering and selling tickets. The success of our event will determine the success of food basket program for the coming year. We hope to see you all there.

Please be generous with your time and donations. Contact W.Bro. Don Mayol, W.Bro. Jeff Fox, or Bro. Secretary with any questions.

New Lodge Building

For those members attending the lodge meetings, you know that we are well underway with construction. If you have not been keeping up the project continues to be very exciting. Updates are regularly made in our stated meetings on progress and decisions made about interior finishes and anticipated dates for lodge work projects and ultimately the move. We will be making decisions about the lodge that will endure for many years to come. We need your participation.

If you would like to keep up to date on the progress, regular updates will be made to the lodge website with photos to the front page and the photo page. You can also see upcoming work dates on the lodge calendar. Keep checking back as information will be updated regularly or come to lodge.

If you have interest in making a direct non-tax deductible donation to the building fund, you can send it to the lodge secretary with your dues notice, or at any other time it is convenient. Anyone interested in obtaining more information on a significant gift should contact the lodge Secretary or the Worshipful Master for more information on how to proceed.

Our Newest Master Mason

Brock Lessen

Brock joined us from the University Masons group. His degree was well attended by many young faces from the group. As always, our degree work continues to be good, and we encourage all brethren to participate in presenting the degree work.