

**ROCKY RIVER LODGE NO. 703 F. & A. M.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 07 Special meeting
- Oct 14 Stated meeting - Grand Lodge
Communication
- Oct 21 Special meeting
- Oct 28 Stated meeting
- Nov 04 Special meeting
- Nov 11 Annual meeting and dinner

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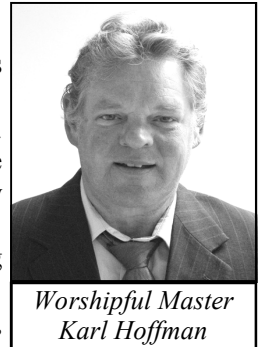
From the East

Greetings From The East!
 As I write this, today is the first day of autumn. The days are getting shorter and the leaves are turning color.

My year as Master is almost over and I am reflecting on it. It has been my privilege to be your Worshipful Master. I hope I have done a good job in your eyes. I have strived to do my best for the Lodge and the fraternity.

Have a great autumn season and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday nights.

Fraternally yours,
 Karl Hoffman, Worshipful Master



In Memoriam

Walter C. Heath

Brother Walter C. Heath was born on April 7, 1923 in Lexington, Kentucky. Brother Walter was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 5, 1951, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 7, 1951 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 7, 1952.

All degrees were conferred in Rocky River Lodge #703 F. & A.M.

Brother Walter was called to the Grand Lodge above on March 29, 2010 at the age of 86, ending 58 years of continuous Masonic affiliation.

Harry Kreizwald

Brother Harry Kreizwald was born on July 11, 1920.

Brother Harry was initiated an Entered Apprentice on February 3, 1943, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 17, 1943 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 17, 1943.

All degrees were conferred in Ellbrook-Masters Lodge #634 F. & A.M. in Ohio. Brother Harry dimitted to Battle Creek #12 F. & A.M. in Michigan on December 7, 1965. Brother Harry then dimitted to Rocky River #703 F.&A.M. on November 13, 1969. Brother Harry also served as Worshipful Master of Rocky River Lodge in 1994.

Brother Harry was called to the Grand Lodge above on June 8, 2010 at the age of 89, ending 67 years of continuous Masonic affiliation.

Melvin C. Schurdell

Brother Melvin C. Schurdell was born on March 24, 1941 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother Mel was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 11, 2006, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 31, 2007 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 31, 2007.

All degrees were conferred in Rocky River Lodge #703 F. & A.M.

Brother Mel was called to the Grand Lodge above on September 13, 2010 at the age of 69, ending 3 years of continuous Masonic affiliation.

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Revising Standing Resolutions

In addition to the Code of the Grand Lodge of Ohio which governs many of the things we can or cannot do in lodge, #703 also has a list of Standing Resolutions which carry over from year to year so each new Master does not have to reinstate them for his term of office. Periodically we amend these Standing Resolutions and it usually is done by reading the proposal twice at successive stated meeting of the lodge and then voting on same.

This time the good counsel of WB Benjamin Farah has suggested that before we vote on the proposed changes, that they first be published in the newsletter to give all brethren the opportunity to voice their opinion on issues of lodge governance that are more enduring than the usual life span of one Master's term.

Especially relevant is the fact that a recent law-suit against the Grand Lodge of Ohio by a lodge within our 22nd district concerned among other issues, the degree of notice that was given members of proposed changes in the rules that lodges use to govern themselves.

Now that all of the above has most likely bored you completely to death, the proposed change in our Standing Resolutions that is the subject of this commentary is as set forth below:

#10 Article II of the Uniform Code of Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:

The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, commencing with the second Thursday in September, through the fourth Thursday in May, except when such Thursday falls on a legal holiday in the state of Ohio, Christmas Eve, or the week before Easter. The hour of assembling shall be 7:30 o'clock P.M. Special meetings may be called as provided by Section 21.03 of the Code. Date of latest amendment 9/4/2008

The first reading of this amendment occurred at the stated meeting on September 9th. It would seem a reasonable amount of time to make known your feelings against such revision would be around 30 days and that would make the stated meeting on 10/21/2010 the date when a vote would be taken to approve or reject the revision.

Should any member wish to have a copy of the Lodge's Standing Resolutions, advise the Secretary and he will see that you received them.

Respectfully submitted by Benjamin F. Farah, P.M.
Presented by Bill Gay, P.M.

Birthday Trivia

The October birthday goblins are busy "goblin-up" years to age 14 of our brethren. Joe Straka is our eldest, turning 91 on the 24th. The youngest is our Junior Warden, Brian Spooner. Ed Grooms and Bill Bovard are our two Past Masters also celebrating this month. Other no less distinguished birthdays are Larry Baker, Tom Egan, Herman Graebner, Jim Lloyd, Jack McGreevey, George Mineff, Fred Priest, Jim Sekosky, Bill Winold and John Zinitz. Happy birthday to all you tricksters and may you be around to see us through many more Halloweens.

Bill Gay, P.M., Secretary

Annual Meeting Is Upon Us

November 11th is our annual meeting and is that time of the year when it really would be nice to see you and have you participate in the election of next years officers. To entice you to appear, the Lodge is again adhering to a tradition started during the reign of Worshipful Brother Tom Plotz and that is our annual all-you-can-eat fish fry featuring fresh perch caught this summer off the Marblehead peninsula.

"What is in your wallet?" Hope it isn't your dues check you meant to send in. The honorable Treasurer advises that dues must be paid by **November 11, 2010** if you expect to vote. If you can't make it and you haven't yet paid your dues, please arrange with your accounts payable department to push the obligation to the top of your stack. I mention this every year because I have to work with Treasurer Lindsey and when dues are slow coming in, he gets his underwear in a knot and is even harder than usual to work with and more importantly, to get to buy a round at #703½! Take pity on the rest of us thirsty souls and send in your dues if you haven't yet done so.

WB Bill Gay, Secretary

The Trowel

Symbol of a generous heart, which alone can "spread the cement of brotherly love." Peculiarly the symbol of the Master Mason, since the Apprentice prepares the stone, the Fellowcraft tries it for dimension and squareness, while the Master puts it in place and binds it there with mortar or cement. Curiously, cement and mortar are so briefly mentioned as hardly to come within the classification of symbols, yet it is obvious that improperly mixed cement will not bind, and "brotherly love and affection" will not endure if they do not come from the sterling worth of excellent character.

The tool alone cannot insure permanency in the building; the character and purity if the cement is as important as the skill with which it is laid. The same, by analogy, holds true in the symbolic trowel and the symbolic cement.

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