

# *Wellington Lodge Bulletin*

## *June - August 2020*



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#### June, July & August 2020 TRESTLE BOARD

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Leadership #3 East Gate Lodge Hosting

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting – Annual Strawberry Night open to Invited guests

August 20<sup>th</sup> Table Lodge of Instruction held at the Eagles, Steak, Potatoe and Vegetable. Watch for details.

Greetings Brothers all:

I trust that this message finds you and your family safe and well. These are definitely difficult challenging times. So you ask what have the Lodge Officers and brethren been up to during this Pandemic?

On March 16<sup>th</sup> I was sitting in Lodge at 4:30PM waiting for the food to be delivered for our inspection dinner. As I sat in the Master's chair contemplating the evening and at 4:48 PM my phone rang, it was RWB Dan Hall informing me that the Grand Master had directed that all Masonic meetings were canceled until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Knowing that Bread N Brew was delivering the food at 5:00 I scampered down the steps towards the entrance. As I reached the second floor the food was just coming in the door. At least I was able to stop their trek up to the third floor. The food was taken and donated to some Amish families so it did not go to waste.

All meetings of every kind stopped and notices of cancellations became the normal emails. Until April 6<sup>th</sup> when the Grand Master, Keith W. Newton send a Dispensation allowing them to hold Stated Meetings using alternate methods. The meeting have to be opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree and NO ritual was to be used. Selecting Zoom as our alternate method to meet we held our first meeting under Dispensation on April 13, 2020. We continue to hold these stated meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Even though we were not holding meetings we were busy. We received a request of assistance from Kendal of Oberlin who were in need masks so they could care for their residents. The word went out to lodges in close proximity to Wellington and the brethren responded from Oberlin and Stonington lodges. Through the efforts of Bonnie Bliss, wife of Brian Bliss of Oberlin Lodge we were able to give them 25 made to order masks and dozens of handkerchiefs with hair ties so they could quickly make even more needed masks. Our charity did not stop there during the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we voted to donate \$1000.00 dollars to Well-Help for their efforts to take care of the growing number of needy families. Because of the stay at home

order in place and curbside pickup of groceries became the new way to shop; we learned that the Wellington Senior Citizen's Bus was being called upon to provide pickup service for the elderly. So on April 27, 2020 the Lodge voted to donate \$500.00 to the Wellington Senior Citizen's Buss. That presentation will be made on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We keep in contact with Brother Stanley, who would have been our inspection candidate, to ensure that he knows what our schedule is.

The last thing that we have completed was a personal phone call to every member, widow and Honorary Member just to check on their wellbeing or special needs. Did YOU receive a call?? I ask that question because so many of our members do not have a phone number on file with the secretary. Consequently we couldn't call and talk with them. So I am asking, sort of begging, for you to provide us with your phone number. It is very easy to do, just call me at 330-618-9553, our secretary at 440-315-0711 or the Senior Warden at 440-669-8818 and give us your name, we will do the rest. ALSO if you have an email address provide that to us and you will receive news and event announcements from the lodge. Those emails will look like the email printed on Page 4 of this Newsletter. And now a note from your officers:

**FROM THE MASTER:** This NEWSLETTER supports my theme "Enthusiasm through Communication" I believe the Newsletter is very important but it is not timely enough. Often events are scheduled quickly due to the Lodge receiving a short notice. Such as occurred with the cancellation of our Inspection, the Reconsecration and other important meetings. In order to make those short notice communications we require your help. The Grand Lodge has implemented a user friendly, member accessible website. It is called Grandview. It is easy and it is free; go to [oh.grandview.systems](http://oh.grandview.systems), click on the Register button and follow the tutorial. Once registered you can update your personal information which includes your email address, mailing address, phone numbers and your Spouse information. You can even include Education and Military service. Your EMAIL is the vital link to making our communication with you a reality. No we don't sell your email address and we won't send notices through Grandview that would be intrusive. It will be Masonic. Again refer to Page 4 for a sample of those Emails. If you need assistance registering contact the Secretary or the Master for assistance.

**FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:**

How does that saying go....The best laid plans of mice and men etc. etc.  
We had many good plans laid out, however, some got cancelled, some got delayed and some got altered. Maybe, just maybe these changes will make us stronger.  
I am sure most of you are aware that we gather on "Zoom" for chit-chat and also our stated meetings. Please consider joining us, it is a little different, but also productive. If anyone is shy or unsure how to join, please contact me or WM Runion, we will be more than happy to assist. Our Fraternity has existed from time immemorial and I am certain it will continue with the efforts of each and every brother.

See you in lodge (or on Zoom),  
Carl L. Heckert PM

**FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:**

Wellington Lodge 127 stepped in to light in 2020 with great fund raising. The Murder Mystery dinner, Wellington NAPA store donated a Tool Case with tools, We held a raffle \$955.00 was raised to help Sleep in Heavenly Peace, they build beds for kids that do not have one, from the lumber to the mattress to the sheets and pillows. You should have gotten the e-mail on the build date if not

please contact one of the officers of the lodge to help you get e-mails. Come join Lodge 127 on a Zoom Meeting and catch up with some old and some new friends looking forward to see you on Zoom (we are always at refreshment on Zoom) or at the next Lodge meeting.

Be well,  
Randall D. Leiby  
Junior Warden

**FROM THE SECRETARY:**

Brethren I hope you and your family are safe and healthy during these trying times. It is very important that the lodge has the proper contact information for you. As pointed out later in this newsletter you have a couple of options on how to update your information. If you experience any difficulty in signing into Grandview I will be happy to assist you. If you do not have access to the internet just give me a call at (440) 315-0711. I am also one of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District Masonic home ambassadors. As such if there is any assistance you need with anything just give me a call. Stay safe and stay healthy my brothers.

**FROM THE LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER/HISTORIAN:**

Brethren , in our most recent meetings I have had the opportunity to speak of many things . One subject was of CHANGE and how it related to our Fraternity in the past . We are now facing very different times and situations with the subject of CHANGE and how it is now shaping our Brotherhood . In light of that I would like to remind each of you to search an answer from your masonic past . In time of difficulty and danger in whom do you put your trust ? When you have searched your memory and discovered that answer I would like to remind you To FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE AND FEAR NO DANGER . Stay safe my fellow Brethren Your LEO

**IN CONCLUSION:**

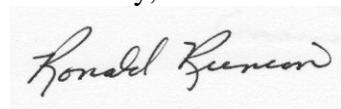
From the Webmaster: I hope that you take every opportunity to visit our web site: [www.wellington127.org](http://www.wellington127.org) the blog area changes often. I also send news updates via email as well as an advanced copy of this newsletter. If you have an article or information to share in our next newsletter send it to me at [rlrunion@gmail.com](mailto:rlrunion@gmail.com).

As always, if you have any suggestions, concerns or require assistance I urge you to contact me, our Secretary or any of our Lodge Officers.

Thank you Brethren for your continued support and enthusiasm.

See you in Lodge!!

Fraternally,



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## Wellington Lodge No. 127

Brethren of Wellington Lodge, my Brothers all:

This is a reminder of our upcoming meeting tomorrow night Monday April 27th at 7:30 PM. Sign in about 10 minutes early so we can start on time. This invitation/notice is for all members of Wellington Lodge and guests, if you would like to attend a meeting under the guidelines of the pandemic please follow the directions below. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

See you online, in Lodge

Ronald Runion, Master

Our Grand Master, MWB Keith W. Newton, has issued a Dispensation to all Ohio Lodges enabling them to hold Stated Meetings using alternate methods. I have selected Zoom technology for our meeting access. Your invitation is included in this memo. If you have any difficulty in gaining access all of the officers are capable of providing assistance. Give me or any of them a call and we will get you online.

Officers and Brethren this constitutes a Stated meeting; your presence is necessary for the completion of our duties.

Looking forward to seeing your video self as we unite in fellowship and good will.

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### **Information needed for Zoom Access:**

The first thing that you need to do is to download the Zoom APP either for a Smart Phone or your desktop. First time Browser users should go to Zoom.com and under resources click on the Download Client and follow the instruction. Smart Phone users simply go to your APP store and get the Zoom APP in either case it is free and it is not necessary to purchase anything.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5358107500?pwd=M04rS1VpeXFLQWZrUjdRWnIxSjBRUT09>

Meeting ID: 535 810 7500

Password: When asked what you most desired? Answer using numbers only