

Wellington Lodge Bulletin

Spring 2021



Wellington Lodge No. 127, F. & A. M.

Ronald L. Runion, Master
42450 Smith Road
Wellington, Ohio 44090
rlrunion@gmail.com
Cell: 330-618-9553

Chartered October 28, 1845
100 South Main Street
Wellington, Ohio 44090
2nd and 4th Mondays 7:30 PM
www.wellington127.org

Alan Kopnicky, Secretary
52952 St. Rte. 18
New London, Ohio 44851
kopnicky@bright.net
Cell: 440-315-0711

Spring of 2021 TRESTLE BOARD

May 10th – Stated Meeting, Entered Apprentice Proficiency – Fellowcraft Degree
May 24th - Stated Meeting – Fellowcraft Degree Opening
June 14th – Stated Meeting
June 28th – Stated Meeting Awards, Celebrating our 40th Annual Strawberry night

Greetings My Brother:

I trust that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. We are experiencing some difficult, changing times however I believe we are gaining on the situation and we will overcome this rough patch.

2020 finished with renewed optimism filled with hopes for an amazing year full of masonic activities. All of our planning and optimism dwindled as we did not return to in person Lodge meeting until February 22nd, quickly we began preparing for our Inspection. As each practice revealed with spotty attendance and added ritual practice needed we moved our inspection to April 19th. The Covid Pandemic hit every lodge hard; apprehension, fear of contamination and easy chairitice all were instrumental in our slow comeback to lodge initiatives. We are still not beyond this yet. Vaccines are helping to smooth and sooth our fears but nobody and I do mean nobody wants to get sick and fear the worst from being Covid sick. We all understand but if what we are told is true we should embrace the opportunity to join together in fellowship. Greet with fist bumps so we can enjoy the recited ritual that adds so much to our masonic journey. I hope that you will join us in Lodge on the 2nd and 4th Monday. We need you as much as you need us.

June 28th will mark our 40th Strawberry Night, as Senior Warden and WB Dewey Fulton as Master we held our first strawberry night with over 22 quarts of berries being prepared. I hope that you, your lady, your family and friends will join us for this special occasion.

Going forward we have much to do; we have an active candidate who is studying his EA lessons and when ready we will accommodate his schedule. This is the least we can do after months of postponing his beginning. I hope you will attend, when you receive your summons and greet this young man.

For a moment I must digress.. during and for our Reconsecration a commemorative coin was given to everyone in attendance. It is a beautiful Challenge Coin and I would like everyone who could not attend that meeting to have one of these coins on behalf of the Lodge. I must however request that if you want a coin we need to receive \$5.00 for each coin mailed. This cost is for mailing and includes USPS fees and the packaging. To receive your coin simply send a check for \$5.00 made payable to Wellington Lodge No. 127 and mail to Ronald Runion, 42450 Smith Rd. Wellington, OH 44090 and I will send you your coin.

FROM THE EAST: My brothers 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. The Grand Lodge has implemented a user friendly, member accessible website. It is called Grand View. It is easy and it is free; simply go to **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 Grand View that would be intrusive. All will be Masonic.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

As we poke our nose out from our burrow that we've been in for the last 7 months, we find a LITTLE warmer weather and a few flowers starting to raise their heads. We raised our heads last week with our annual inspection in the MM Degree. Considerably different than last year when we were shut down, literally, as we were about to open lodge. This year was different, as there were no visitors, just essential people, however, we presented a very good degree as attested by the DDGM and DEO.

During difficult times, we prevailed. More hands would make the tasks much easier. Consider coming back to lodge and helping us to promote our Fraternity and our community. We have some exciting events planned, depending on COVID.

Hope to see you in lodge.

Carl L Heckert, SW

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:

From the South,

A long wait for winter to be over and spring is here time to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.
(Without a mask that we have learned to deal with.)

We were able to have an inspection in the Master Mason degree. It was a small group due to the restrictions of traveling to and from lodge to lodge it was just a small reminder that the brother to brother is truly missed and to make sure we do reach out and make sure there is no one that needs help. After inspection we did get to socialize and it was nice to hear about how the other brothers and their families were doing.

Be Well,

Junior Warden
Randy Leiby

FROM THE LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER/HISTORIAN:

Brethren,

At a recent district education meeting I was reminded of the origins and meanings behind the working tools of freemasons. This inspired me to remind all of you that in these difficult times it is as important now as it has ever been before to assist in providing help, support and relief to not just your fellow members of this fraternity, but also to your friends and neighbors in the community. Some have fared better than others in our recent troubling times. I ask you to reach out in relief to someone around you who may not be as strong as they once were and see if they might need some assistance around the house or yard. Perhaps provide a meal to someone who may not be able to afford it. Maybe just a simple treat from the ice cream stand. Remember my Brothers we stand on the principals of brotherly love, relief and truth. I would like to invite you all to come join us in lodge and get a re-charge for your own batteries hopefully from something you might have heard from a lesson given by the Lodge Education Officer in the oldest lodge in the 22nd Masonic District.

Fraternally,

Scott A. Markel
LEO Wellington Lodge #127

The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation

The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation strengthens our seniors' lives with hope, dignity and security through supporting The Ohio Masonic Home. The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation does this by connecting community participants with local resources, which is made possible with the generosity of our donors. The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation continuously reinvests in our communities, helping people age respectfully and providing essential resources to support The Ohio Masonic Home and its' mission. This partnership creates an environment empowering those 55 and above to lead active lifestyles, while following their passions and dreams.

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center offers assistance with:

- Connection to any of the OMH campuses and our trusted partners
- Connection to products that help you maintain your independence and stay in your own home, including durable medical equipment or home modifications and maintenance
- Connection to benefits, including ODJFS, SSI, SSDI, VA and more
- Coordination with fraternal organizations
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Financial Assistance Program for those that qualify
- Masonic Volunteer Program
- Service coordination and referrals to home health care and other professional services
- Masonic Bereavement Program
- And, so much more!

Help is only a phone call away. By calling (877) 881-1623 you will have the opportunity to reach any of our campuses, as well as the resource center coordinator in your area. You may also contact one of the Ohio Masonic home ambassadors as I am one of them. I can get your information and need to the right resource for help. My contact number is (440) 315-0711

Alan Kopnicky, Secretary