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NEWSLETTER – Mid-January – February – March

TRESTLE BOARD

January 26th	Stated Meeting	EA Degree
February 9 th	Stated Meeting	
February 23 rd	Stated Meeting	FC Degree
March 9 th	Stated Meeting	
March 23 rd	Stated Meeting	MM Degree

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27th - Murder Mystery Dinner @ the Eagles
 March 28th - Open House
 April TBD - Chili Cook-off

(Letter to Officers at Installation)

My Brothers,

We have been given the opportunity this year to serve Wellington Lodge #127 and all of Masonry. The first meeting of Wellington lodge #127 was held on December 17, 1844 which affords a long impressive line of predecessors. Wellington Lodge #127 is well respected in the 22nd Masonic District as we are the oldest lodge. We have a responsibility to strive for excellence in our work and commitment to this great fraternity. You have all demonstrated your love for this fraternity in the past. Let us now strive to make our lodge stronger by building upon Brotherly love and Friendship.

Be proud to be a Mason!

My wish is for all of us to have an Instructive, Challenging, and Fun year. Through the education programs may we learn more about Masonry? Through the communication committee's work may we improve the fraternal bonds with all of our Brethren? Through the Events committee's work may we have more fun together? Through Brotherly love may we flourish?

Have a Fantastic year and enjoy!

Alan Kopnicky, Worshipful Master

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: I was born on 12/25/1953 in Bridgeport Connecticut. Married in 1976 have two children, Joseph and Nancy from my first wife. After divorce Joe and a little later Nancy moved to Ohio. We formed a new family in 1991 with Mary Rose Green and her two adopted children whom I was married too until her passing in August of 2014. Together we have 13 Grandchildren. I have been in business since 12/1/1979 as a Contract / Consulting Control Systems Engineer working in the United States and Canada. While working in Connecticut I received my courtesy MM degree in Connecticut on 3/18/2010. After finishing the 1 ½ yearlong project I was fortunate in being able to find work that would allow a flexible schedule which allowed me to travel back home and attend lodge for almost every meeting. This enabled me to enter the officer line in Wellington as a JS. The following year SD, then in progression to the WM. In my travels I had the magnificent opportunity to witness firsthand what Masonry means. Where ever I went in each of the states visited I experienced Brotherly love & Friendships through Masonry. I am a member of the Scottish Rite and Tall Cedars of Lebanon. This Year as Worshipful Master I am going to try a new approach which was summed up in this short letter I presented to my fellow officers at the officer installation: See above

SENIOR WARDEN: Carl L. Heckert, age 71, married to Marcia for 44 years, we have two children and three grandsons. I am retired from the US Postal Service and now work part time for Forest City Technologies here in Wellington. Wellington Lodge #127 has a rich and proud history and I, hopefully, can contribute to that tradition. I particularly enjoy the ritual work and am looking forward to the coming year. Thank you for your support.

JUNIOR WARDEN: My name is Jim Young. My wife Debbie and I have been married for 27 years. We have one daughter and one grandchild. I am a Quality Manager for a local company. I retired after 23 years in the Air Force and Ohio National Guard. I was very active in the Masonic Lodge in England then dropped out until I came to Wellington Lodge. It very much renewed my interest and love of Masonry. The camaraderie/fellowship and the ritual are the things that keep me coming to lodge.

TREASURER: I am Mike Ketchum I am 62 years old, born in Waco, Texas 1952 Grew up in the La Grange / Grafton area, graduated from Keystone High School in 1970. Married with two children and 6 grandchildren.

Was initiated in LaGrange Lodge in 1987 and raised in June 1987. Became Master in LaGrange in 2005 and again in 2011. Became a plural member in Wellington Lodge in 2008 (after much prodding by several brethren there) and was elected Treasurer in 2008 (seems there might have been a plan there!). Have held the Treasurer's office since then.

Freemasonry to me has been one of the constants in my life that is always there, always on, and always reliable to give me a lift and a boost. And while the basics of the tenets of Freemasonry were indoctrinated in me by virtue of the church, my up-bringing, the influence of Boy Scouts and other mentors, Freemasonry puts a face on all those values that are great and good. The constant tugs and pulls of everyday living challenge the mind and the soul, but Freemasonry is faithfully there to provide an ever present reminder of our purpose to provide brotherly love, relief and truth, and to give guidance on the path of moral right. Freemasonry bolsters my faith in the church, and parallels the lessons in our Sacred Book. There is nothing comparable to fill the void that the absence of Freemasonry would leave. My only regret is that so many of today's young men have not been enlightened to the joys of Freemasonry.

SECRETARY: Worshipful Brother Scott A Markel: Wife Michelle Daughters Cassandra, Hillary I have been in public service with the Village of Wellington since 1988 as a volunteer firefighter then in the public

works and metering depts. I am an 18 year member of Wellington Lodge 127, and also the Lodge Historian. My outside activities include being the Vice President of the Southern Lorain County Historical Society, and the designer of the downtown Wellington mural project. Having held several offices and stations in Lodge has afforded me the opportunity to meet many fine upstanding and interesting people, and memories that will last forever

CHAPLAIN & LEO: I am Ron Runion, Jean and I have been married for 42 years together we have five children and six grandchildren. I am a retired project management specialist having retired from Verizon after 32 years of service. I am a three time PM and have served as Chaplain and LEO for several years. I thoroughly enjoy my masonry especially the many friendships that I have made. Wellington Lodge and Masonry has made a tremendous impact on my life.

SENIOR DEACON: My name is Aaron Anderson. I was born and raised in Wellington, and have lived in Elyria since 2008. I graduated from Wellington High School in 2002, and then attended The Ohio State ATI where I studied Landscape Contracting and Construction. I presently work at Paladin Attachments in Akron in the heavy machinery sales department.

I am the proud father of a Saint Bernard named Moose and a Calico cat named Turbo. I have a wonderful girlfriend of four years who lovingly supports all my Masonic duties. I have been involved in Wellington Lodge for the past three years and I am looking forward to many more years of service.

JUNIOR DEACON: Retired sheriff's deputy, father of three, grandfather of two and son of a Master Mason

SENIOR STEWARD: My name is Scott Loudin, and I'm your Senior Steward. As a Steward, I assist in conducting the candidates around the lodge during degrees and assist in serving refreshments to brethren and invited guests. I am a Past Master (2001) of Wellington Lodge and also currently one of the Trustees. I have been married to my wife Peggy for 27 years and have 2 daughters. I am a CNC-CAD/CAM Specialist at Forest City Technologies, where I am involved in producing molds and tooling for our manufacturing processes. I look forward to serving you in your Lodge.

JUNIOR STEWARD: I am James J. Smith, I became a Master Mason in 2003 at Mt. Vernon, Ohio the Wellington in 2007. I graduated from Lorain High School in 1952, served in the Marine Corps 1953-1956 (Korea Era). Received a Mechanical Engineering degree from Akron. I married LaVerne in 1955, we have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. I worked 30 years at American Crucible/Kenco Pump Division in Lorain reaching a national sales manager position. Then 14 years at F.E. Meyers Company, Ashland, Ohio as their national sales manager prior to retiring in 2000. Currently serve as an officer at the American Legion, 8 years as a trustee at the Wellington UMC, member of the zoning board of appeals. LaVerne and I currently volunteer at the Grafton Correctional Institution working with inmates in the Hope Center. I did volunteer work for the Office on Aging in Southern Lorain County. Masonry provides me with a sense of dignity, pride and well-being and sharing time with my brothers while assisting others. I have always enjoyed helping others and Masonry offers that opportunity.

TYLER & ASSISTANT MARSHALL: Hi I am Ryan Gray and I work at Lorain County JVS in shipping and receiving I have been there since I've been out of school, 13 years. It is an honor and a privilege to hold these offices I also have masonry in my bloodlines starting with my grandfather Right Worshipful Brother Ernie Gott; what masonry means to me is friendship with the members.

THREE YEAR TRUSTEE: First of all I would like to thank all the Brethren for your support during my year in the East. It was truly an honor to join the line of Past Masters for the first time. I look forward to supporting the Lodge and Brethren for the next three years as Trustee and beyond that as an active member for Wellington #127. I hope to see everyone come out and support WB Alan Kopnick as he enjoys his

journey in the East. Again thank you Brethren and hope to see you in Lodge soon.
Master

Brian Hurst, Past

MARSHALL: Hello My Brother: I'm Richard Edgell, Wife Christine. Married 44 Years, Three Children, Christie, Richard Jr. and Crystal. Blessed with 5 Grand-children one Great Grand Child on the way. Retired Ford Motor Co. 36 Years. Licensed Realtor 30 + Years. Army Viet Nam Veteran. Served as P.M and Chaplin of your Lodge. Continuing the Love of Masonry as my Grandfather enjoyed in W.Va. Masonry knows no bounds and the love of this Fraternity is beyond words can express. I feel Blessed to be a part of this great Fraternity. Thank You Brethren All.

From the LEO: My brothers our Grand Master MWB Steven E. Cokonougher has directed that every LEO will present an education program at every stated meeting. I would like to accomplish this with your help; I am looking for presenters who have a unique hobby, travel or military experience that you would like to share. It does not have to be long but I know WB Kopnicky will accommodate you with ample time to do your presentation, just drop me a note. Also included in this mailing is the MASONIC LAST RITES REQUEST FORM this is a very important document as it describes your wishes and gives your loved ones guidance in a time of deep sorry. Share it with them, send a copy to the Secretary them place it with your will.

And now a wrap-up from Worshipful Brother Kopnicky.

I thank you in advance for your support of your lodge, its officers and our activities. With your support it says a lot for Wellington Lodge #127.

Brethren; as always, if you have any suggestions, please contact any Lodge officer or me.

Fraternally,



Alan Kopnicky
Worshipful Master