



Issue 1

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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Officers Roster

Worshipful Master:	Andy Hassan, PM	Secretary:	Jeff T. Henson	Senior Steward:	Paul Sliva, PM
Senior Warden:	Don Zengri	Chaplain:	Wayne Bailey, PM	Junior Steward:	David A. Borrego
Junior Warden:	Dick Ownby	Senior Deacon:	Mickey Solar	Marshall:	Andre Siffert
Treasurer:	Alan Hubble, PM	Junior Deacon:	David Stone	Tyler:	Howard Graening

FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and all the green and sunshine it brings. This newsletter is to bring everyone up-to-date on our lodge and members. First, as most of you know, we have a new downstairs with air conditioning, and we have a paved parking lot. All of this is good news, so come out and enjoy. At our June meeting, we had the installation of our officers. You can look at our lodge web page and see your new officers there. At the second meeting in June, we had a third-degree for Bro. Paul D. Lonzo. We have many new members like David Stone, David Borrego, Jeff Henson, Andre Siffert, (and, of course, our newest members, Dick Yane and Paul Silva). Please come out and meet them. We are working on having a newsletter for you each month to keep you informed on the lodge activity and events. Our next event is our Back-To-Lodge Night on September 13, 2010. We will have a cookout for the whole family, so plan on coming out and be ready to eat.

Until next time, may God bless and keep you.

Andy Hassan
Worshipful Master

July 2010 Birthdays



- Harry Adams** 7/20/1915 94 Years Old
- Russell Doebler** 7/05/1933 77 Years Old
- Alfred Dreifke** 7/31/1935 74 Years Old
- Erlan Gallermo** 7/11/1968 41 Years Old
- Peter Hilton** 7/01/1957 53 Years Old
- John Lateer** 7/20/1926 83 Years Old
- John Novak** 7/15/1919 90 Years Old
- Robert Siever** 7/7/1928 82 Years Old
- Donald Zengri** 7/26/1965 44 Years Old

Western Springs Lodge Number 1136 Trestle Board for June 2010-May 2011



- June 14th 2010
- July 12th 2010
- August 9th 2010
- September 13th 2010
- October 11th 2010
- November 8th 2010
- December 13th 2010
- January 10th 2011
- February 14th 2011
- March 14th 2011
- April 11th 2011
- May 9th 2011



FROM THE SOUTH



My first thought when I received the email from Brother Secretary Henson that I would be contributing to the monthly news letter was, "Wow that will be a fun thing to do". But as I started to compose the letter I realized maybe this is not as easy as I thought. What could I, as a relatively new Mason, write that might interest both new and old member Masons? My first thoughts were to revisit our proud tradition of famous Masons. I will save that for further newsletters. Instead I will share a conversation I had with a co-worker a few years ago.

We were working late on the day of our lodge meeting. Finishing up our work I said I had to leave because I had a meeting to attend. He asked about the meeting and I told him it was a Masonic meeting. He said he had noticed my Masonic ring and had wanted to ask me about the Masons. Like so many people his concept of the Masons was of some evil organization that intended to rule the world. His first statement was, "It is really a Good Old Boys Club where one Mason favors another Mason." I said that may happen if perhaps a Mason offered a product that was equally priced and of the same quality as a non-Mason. We are not so stupid that we would pay a higher price or buy a product with lower quality because it is being offered by a fellow Mason. "Well how about all those United States presidents that were Masons? Were they put in office by the Masons?" I told him Masons are not political nor do the Mason recommend or support any political candidates. I did add that a Mason that had the qualifications for a political office and followed the precepts of Masonry would make a fine candidate. "Ok, why does my religion forbid me to become a Mason?" "Well", I told him, "I really can't speak to that but, first of all Masonry is not and never will be a religion and is not intended to take the place of anyone's religion. There is nothing done or said in Masonry that would compromise your religious beliefs."

Leaving work I thought how proud we all can be about our craft and the traditions passed down from the beginning.

Dick Ownby
Junior Warden

FROM THE WEST

Brothers,



Thank you for your confidence in me to take the lead as your SW, I will do my best to bring honor to my new position. I would like to ramble on a bit, as all of us are aware, our membership is aging, and some of our members are not able to attend just because of the stairs they will need to navigate to get to the lodge. I seen a mechanical chair at the Downers Grove lodge, that would make it easier for our more senior members to attend. I do not know how much this device will cost, but we could offset the cost by having a fund raiser or raffle. I would like to see all our members attend and be part of the fellowship we all share as Masons. I would also like to extend a welcome to our newest members over the past year, I am looking forward to getting to know all of you. I have been a Mason now for over 3 years and have yet to meet all the brothers of Western Springs Lodge 1136, I would like to invite all of our members to make every effort to attend the stated meeting. Last year WM Paul Sliva and I, thought it would be a good idea to have dinner at all of our meetings. This did increase our attendance and the lodge will continue to provide a dinner at all the stated and special meetings. Let this year break the record in attendance at the lodge. Looking forward to a great Masonic year.

Fraternally yours,
Donald Zengri SW

FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello Brethren,

As you all know by now I am your new Secretary. I'm not entirely new at this for I have been Assistant Secretary at Evergreen Park Lodge for the past year now. I appreciate all of the support and hospitality of all the Brothers at Western Springs Lodge since I have been attending as a Visitor and now a Officer. If there is anything I can ever do to help out anyone please let me know. My cell phone number is 708-297-6804 and my e-mail is Jffry_Henson@Yahoo.com. I look forward to serving this Lodge for many years as Secretary!



If anyone has anything they would like to add to our monthly Newsletter please let me know and if you have a phone number, email address, or address change please let me know that also.

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff T. Henson
Secretary of Western Springs Lodge #1136

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