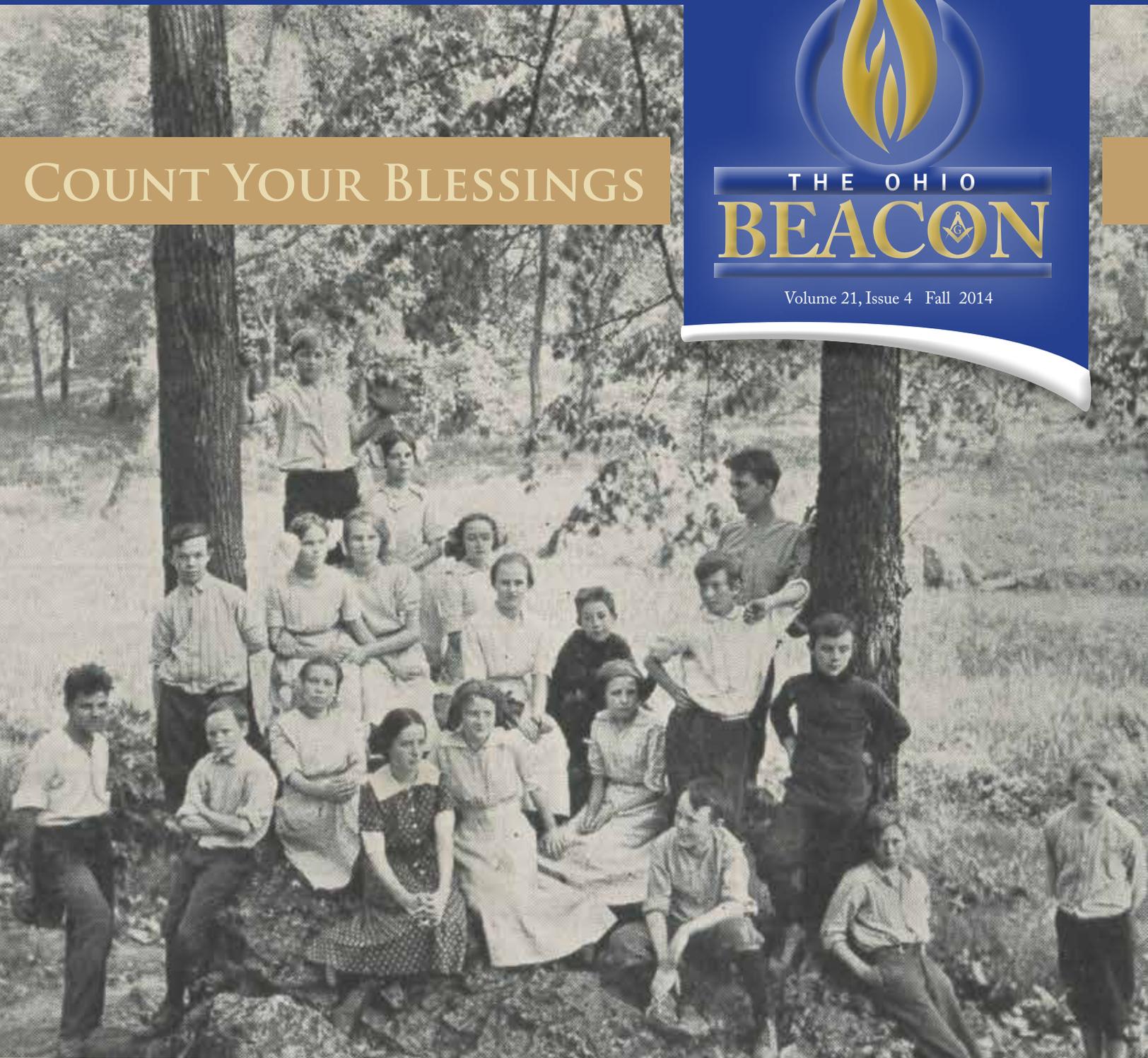




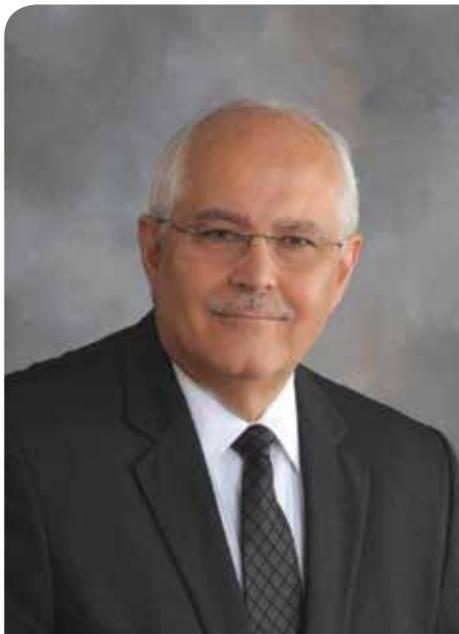
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THE JOURNEY *of Freemasonry*

As we have traveled the state the last seven years, the Brethren have told us that they look to Grand Lodge to help them with programs that strengthen the Lodges and aid them in increasing membership. Hopefully we have given you that.

It is important that your Lodge be visible in your community. There is no limit to the number of things you can do to give your Lodge a special place in, and recognition for, service locally.

Rebecca and I have enjoyed the Brethren and Ladies we have met in our travels across this great jurisdiction. Each area of the state is unique in its own right, which gives Freemasonry a different look and feel as we travel the different areas of the state. We look forward to spending time with the Brethren, their Ladies, families, and potential members this year. After all, the fellowship in our fraternity is one of its most precious benefits.

We believe that if nothing is asked, nothing is gained. It is time to ask a lot! There are leadership training sessions, Wardens' and Deacons' schools, and Type-Written Ritual training happening around the state.

The Masons of Ohio are positioning themselves to move the Grand Lodge of Ohio forward. Most communications and forms are now electronic. Electronic media is being used as a great means of communications. I believe that Masonry in Ohio has taken a giant leap into the 21st century!

What do we all need to do? Get on the train! Help us move forward, get the train on the track, moving in the right direction! Hang on for an exciting ride! Freemasonry is moving at a breakneck pace! We ask for all Masons in Ohio to join this Masonic Revolution, and bring everyone with you who is worthy of being called Brother!

Steven E. Cokonougher, Grand Master

Brethren...the Time is NOW!

Thank you, my Brethren, for your confidence in electing me Grand Master. Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever imagined that I would be in this position. We pledge to you that we will do everything in our power to move Freemasonry in a positive direction.

We have said many times that all Masonry happens at the local Lodge level, and that will be the focus for this Masonic year. Our hopes and prayers are that Freemasonry will prosper and that the training scheduled for this Masonic year will help the Lodges grow and be proper stewards of our heritage.

The Ohio Beacon is published quarterly. Please report all changes of address to your Lodge secretary, who, in turn, will notify the Grand Secretary, who maintains the database that produces the BEACON mailing lists.

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COUNTING OUR *Blessings*

With the Thanksgiving and holiday seasons upon us, it is always a reflective time for me to look back at my life, rejoice in the present life I live and dream of the future. The past three and a half years of being your CEO of the Ohio Masonic Home are years I count as true blessings. I have been honored to become a Mason and find a group of men who not only align with my values, but are also so dedicated to doing good for each other and for the communities in which we live.

The reality of all of our lives is that we have pains and have lost many good friends and loved ones over the years. For me, sometimes it is difficult to reach beyond the scars and pains of these losses to rejoice in the blessings that I was able to share with these individuals and the joys they brought into my life. When I am able to do so, I am blessed even more by the comfort I have knowing they touched my life and I touched theirs even if we do not

get to share in the joyous moments of the present.

With all these blessings, the most important for me, and I hope for you, is to know we are never alone. This grand Fraternity gives us the best example of this as we gather together in our Lodges and other bodies of Masonry and support and love each other. We at the Ohio Masonic Home see and live this love and support daily as we provide care and service, as well as encouragement, to all the Brethren, wives and widows to those on our campuses as well as in their homes.

As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, let me personally thank you all for your support and gifts throughout the year. This is truly appreciated and used well as we live our mission at the Ohio Masonic Home.




Tom Stofac, Ohio Masonic Home CEO

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Assisted Living, Independent Living, Skilled Nursing, Memory Care

Cornerstone

www.cornerstonehealthcare.org
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Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center

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www.omhresourcecenter.org
2566 W. National Rd.,
Springfield, Ohio 45504

Providing access to the Ohio Masonic Home, its subsidiaries and partners to offer a wide variety of services to help you age how you want, where you want.

Steven E. Cokonougher

Elected Grand Master



At the 205th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Steven E. Cokonougher was elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.

Most Worshipful Brother

Cokonougher was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on December 23, 1949 to the late H. Pauline (Anders) and John H. Cokonougher, Jr. He attended Unioto (Union Scioto

Township) School through graduation in June 1968. Steve attended several colleges and universities during the next 30 years, and graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

During his school years at Unioto, he worked on the family and neighboring farms. After high school, Steve held jobs at the B. & O. Railroad, Mead Paper Mill, L. & K. Restaurant, Halley's IGA Supermarket and Alber's Colonial Stores. He finished his career working with The Kroger Company in various positions for thirty eight years.

Steve married Rebecca (Sedgwick) Tyne on February 14, 2012. Collectively, they have seven children and stepchildren, fourteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. They attend Mill Creek Church of Christ in Raymond, Ohio. Their hobbies are scuba diving, grandchildren's activities and traveling.

Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher is a member of Linden Lodge No. 637 in the 14th

Masonic District, having served as Worshipful Master in 1988 and 2000. He is an Honorary Member of Sunrise Lodge No. 783, Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Groveport Lodge No. 240, Blendon Lodge No. 339, Shade River No. 453 and Somerset Lodge No. 76.

He is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, having served as Commander in Chief of Scioto Consistory from 2004 to 2006. He also served The Valley of Columbus as Chairman of Finance for 10 years, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for two years.

Ohio's new Grand Master is active in a number of Masonic organizations. He is a member of Community Chapter No. 227 Royal Arch Masons (High Priest of Linden Chapter 1987), Zabud Council Royal and Select Masons (Illustrious Master 2001), Columbus Commandery No. 69 (Eminent Commander 1993), Ohio Priory No. 18 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Charlemagne Conclave Red Cross Of Constantine, Aladdin Shrine, Aladdin Past Masters Unit, Kentucky Colonel, Achbar Grotto, Andrew J. White Council No. 45 Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master 2011),

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Lorraine Chapter No. 1 Order of Eastern Star, Thomas Smith Web College No. 192, York Rite Sovereign College and Franklin County Memorial Lodge.

He served as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 28 International Order of Job's Daughters and as Chairman of the Advisory Council for Linden Chapter Order of DeMolay. He has served on the Linden DeMolay advisory council for the last eighteen years. Steve's daughter, Amie, was Ohio Miss Job's Daughter in 1991 and his son Jason was Master Councilor of Linden DeMolay in 1997.

Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as District Education Officer from 2001 to 2002 and as District Deputy Grand Master in 2003, 2004 and 2006. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Brother Ronald L. Winnett in October 2007 and has moved through the Grand Lodge offices in the normal manner.



Secretary Supplies

2015-2016 Ohio Masonic Home

Scholarship

The application deadline for Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program for the 2015-2016 school year is April 1, 2015.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for consideration:

- have graduated from a high school (or will graduate May/June 2015) or passed the G.E.D.
- have made satisfactory academic progress in the preceding academic year (if applicable) as indicated by completion of required credit hours and a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- be at least 16 but not more than 25 years of age at the time of application
- be accepted to or currently enrolled in undergraduate studies at a college or university on a full-time basis
- be an Ohio resident (even if attending an out-of-state college)
- have a Masonic membership or affiliation by establishing that the applicant or the applicant's father, step-father, grandfather or step-grandfather is a Mason in good standing verified by a copy of current dues card or, good standing at the time of death verified by Lodge Secretary or the Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. Masons who are students and meet the above criteria may also apply (great-grandchildren of Masons do not meet the criteria)
- *New for 2015-2016 is the request for a copy of the student's filed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in place of income tax returns. This improved criteria is a more commonly requested document among college applicants.



2014 Scholarship Winners: Alex Thomas, Shelby Adkins, Emily Sparks, Erin McNulty, Trevor Cope, Julia Kennedy, Ashley Morhidge, Samantha Parker, Cody Uhler, Sarah Clark, Jason Close, Emily Marsteller, Victoria Hutchinson, Cheyenne Rogers, Kelsey Fields, Charles Mann, Samantha Schrader, Lauren Beck, Lyndsay Hagemeyer, Ashlyn Mitchell

Upon meeting the scholarship criteria, applicants must complete the four-page application form. Students may access the scholarship forms at the Ohio Masonic Home's website at www.ohiomasonichome.org under the Resources directory, click on Masonic Financial Assistance. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. ***Application and supporting documents must be mailed and received by the April 1 deadline.***

By having the application available online, we are able to save time and expense by redirecting the student to our website to review the criteria and download the application. The only responsibility of the Mason is to provide a copy of his membership to the student.

For more information or questions, contact Vicki Slaughter at (800) 564-9016 or FAP@ohiomasonichome.org.

The Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program is an endowment established by the Ohio Masonic Home to provide tuition assistance for eligible full-time students working toward a bachelor's, associate's or other undergraduate degree program at accredited institutions.

Since its inception, the scholarship program has awarded \$170,500, averaging \$1000 per award. This award is very significant in assisting students by offsetting the burden of college tuition. The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation gratefully accepts contributions to support the continuance and growth of the Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program. Additional funds from contributions and donations will be used for additional scholarships.

To give a gift, please make your check payable to:
OMH Foundation, 2655 West National Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504.
You will receive written acknowledgement of your tax deductible gift.

Cincinnati's Freemasons

Arcadia Publishing's First Masonic Book

Those familiar with the local Ohio section of book stores are also familiar with the illustrated history books published by Arcadia Publishing. *Cincinnati's Freemasons* was published by Arcadia in early October and is their first foray into Masonic history. Written by Donald I. Crews, Past Master, Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, it introduces the history of the fraternity in the southwest corner of Ohio.

The Beacon recently spoke with Crews about the book.

Beacon: Tell us about the book.

Crews: *Cincinnati's Freemasons* is being published by Arcadia Publishing which is the leading local history publisher in the United States with more than 8,500 titles in print. The book contains over 200 images covering the Craft in Cincinnati for more than 220 years.

Beacon: What was your inspiration to write this book?

Crews: I received my Masonic degrees in New Jersey in 1987 and then moved to Cincinnati in 1988. The week that I moved to town, I visited Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2. The lodge's antiquity (197 years at that point), New Jersey origin and its home in the fascinating Cincinnati Masonic Temple drew me in immediately. The seeds of this book were planted at that time.

Beacon: 200 images? Where did all of the pictures come from?

Crews: I started with images from my lodge. Photos of the three temples it owned in downtown Cincinnati were the first pictures that I had. The Valley of Cincinnati, AASR, generously provided access to its archives. They have many of the architect's images of construction of the Cincinnati Masonic Center. I owe special thanks to PGM Michael Himes for his support getting access to these items. WBro. Chad Simpson at the Grand Lodge helped me with many pictures related to Past Grand Masters from Cincinnati. Several brothers and lodges were very helpful providing items. I also got help from many non-Masonic resources including the Archives and Rare Book Department at the University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Historical Society, the Cincinnati Police Museum, the Saylor Park Historical Society, Marietta College and even the Missouri Historical Society.

Beacon: What is the most interesting thing you learned?

Crews: I am fascinated by the amazing accomplishments of William B. Melish. As a Past Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 44, I was aware of Melish's founding of that Commandery and the fact that he had been Ohio's Grand Master in 1896. Nationally, he served as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine 1892 and 1894 and as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S. from 1910 to 1913. He was president of a manufacturing company, president of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and that only scratches the surface.

Beacon: Do you have a favorite image in the book?

Crews: It's very hard to pick just one. Maybe the groundbreaking of the Cincinnati Masonic Temple in December of 1925. The image shows a crowd watching Charles Phelps Taft, Honorary Chairman of the building committee, excavating the first shovel full of dirt on the site. The crowd includes architect Harry Hake and building committee chairman Charles Hake.

Beacon: What was the hardest thing about this project?

Crews: Writing a book that would be of interest to fellow Freemasons as well as be accessible to the general public. The first chapter of the book is an attempt to bridge that gap. It is an introduction to Freemasonry, illustrated with Cincinnati images.

Beacon: Thank you so much for your time. We hope that the book is a huge success.



This book is available on Amazon.com

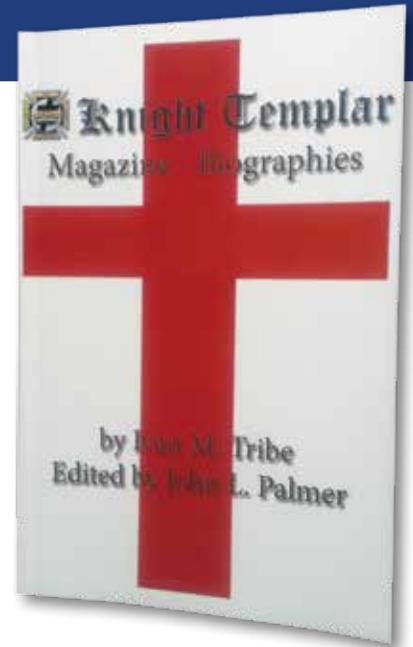
Biographies by *Ivan Tribe*

The collected biographies of famous Masons written by Ivan Tribe and printed in the Knights Templar Magazine have been published as a new book, Knight Templar Magazine – Biographies.

Tribe, a member of Albany Lodge No. 723 and Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Rio Grande, has been writing Masonic biographies since the early 1990s. The book contains more than ninety of them and would serve as a wonderful gift for any Freemason with a thirst for knowledge about his famous Brethren.

“Subjects progressed from music figures to movie stars, businessmen, army generals, statesmen, frontiersmen and other notable persons,” explains Tribe in the preface to his collected work.

The book is available on Amazon.com.



Ronald R. Re Presented *Rufus Putnam Award*

Worshipful Brother Ronald R. Re, a 35-year member of Tippecanoe Lodge No. 174, was presented the Rufus Putnam Distinguished Service Award at the Friday night banquet at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It was presented in recognition of his service as a dedicated community builder, historian, philanthropist and servant of the community, state and country.

Brother Re has dedicated his life to the protection of our citizens and the remembrance of our veterans as a 30-year police officer and a staunch supporter and coordinator of major statewide recognition events and memorials. Re continues to shed light upon our past in hope of an even brighter future for all citizens to enjoy.

Claymont Teachers, Staff

Learn About Relational Bullying



Educators today are seeing more “relational” bullying than traditional, physical bullying. Relational bullying is “gossip, spreading rumors or lies, humiliating others, intimidating others or excluding or isolating others,” middle school staff were told at a bullying prevention program at Claymont High School.

About 80 staff members participated in the daylong session, called the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. It is sponsored by the Freemasons of Ohio.

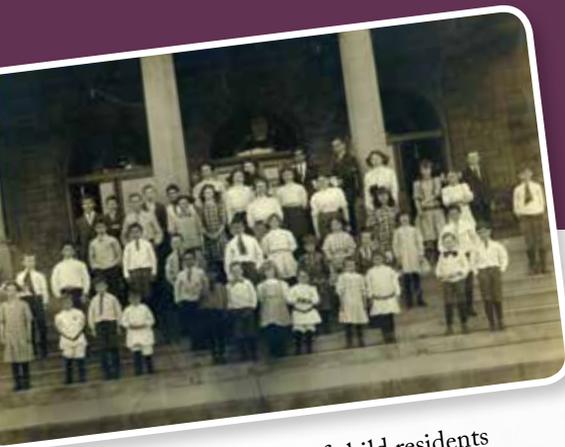
Superintendent John Rocci said it was an appropriate time to have the program because October is Bullying Prevention Month. The teachers participated in various activities throughout the morning, with the afternoon session focused on solutions to bullying.

To read the entire article, visit TimesReporter.com

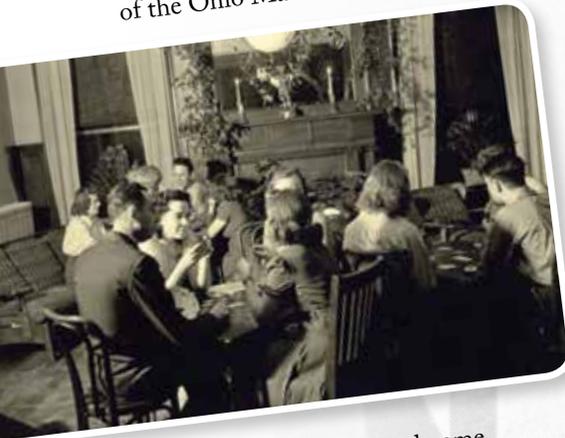


Claymont Middle School staff participates in the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program.

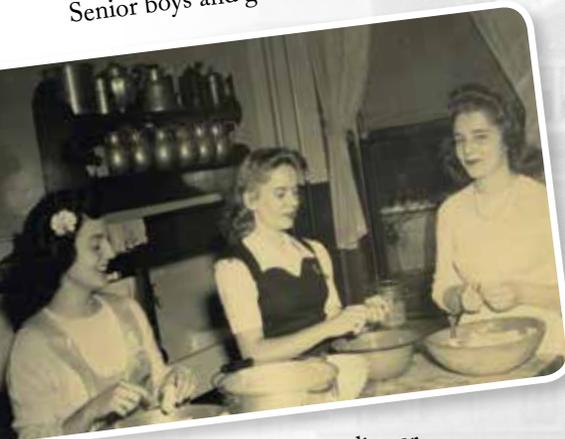
A Gift of the Past *for Gifts to the Future*



A very early photograph of child residents of the Ohio Masonic Home.



Senior boys and girls enjoy a card game.



Senior girls prepare dinner.



Press work lesson, 1939.

When the cornerstone of the Ohio Masonic Home (OMH) was laid in 1892, the organization was already committed to caring for elderly Masons who had little or no assets. By the end of the decade, that hand of compassion had been extended to the children of struggling Masons. Over a period of 60 years, the Ohio Masonic Home cared for more than 750 children, many of whom returned later to age comfortably at the place they still called “home.”

Although the Ohio Masonic Home no longer houses children, OMH is still committed to helping Ohio Masons, their wives and widows age respectfully; where they want and how they want. With three beautiful campuses, state-of-the-art memory care programs, home health options and a network of aging services partners across the state of Ohio, the Ohio Masonic Home is the aging partner for Ohio Masons.

The newest addition to the Ohio Masonic Home is currently under construction at the Springfield campus. Ground was broken for the new Scottish Rite Building in May 2014. The new building will have 65 apartments and an on-site clinic with residents projected to move in late summer 2015.

With the participation of MWB Steven E. Cokonougher, Ohio Masonic Home Board of Trustees Chairman Terry Posey and many others, the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation has created a short film documenting the thoughts and memories of some of those who spent part of their childhood at the Springfield campus. Full of great stories and OMH campus history, this DVD provides a wonderful glimpse into the past.

The mission of the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation is to be the living expression of our Masonic Obligation – we serve as the trusted partner to help people age respectfully: how they want, where they want. Your donations help make this a possibility. In return for your generosity, you will receive a copy of this wonderful DVD.

Donations can be given to the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation in a variety of ways.

By mail, donors can send gifts to:
Ohio Masonic Home Foundation
2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, Ohio 45504

Online, visit: www.ohiomasonichomefoundation.org and click on the GIVE button or in person to any Foundation staff member.



Intermediate boys and junior girls on the way to church.



The Ohio Masonic Home Band, 1939.



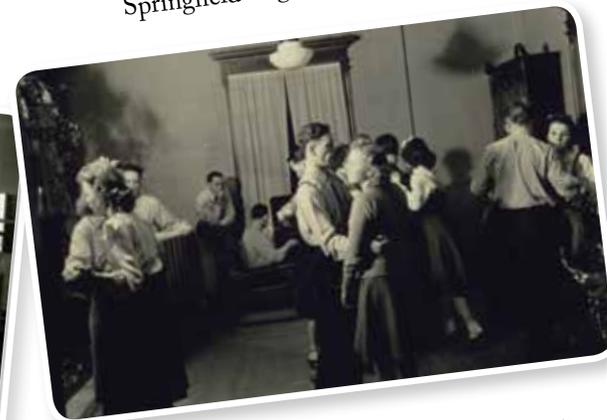
Junior girls enjoy some bedtime music.



Springfield High School graduates, 1942.



Junior boys play on Christmas morning, 1940.



High school boys' and girls' Christmas party.



Junior boys' birthday party.



The Ohio Masonic Home football team.

Memories of the Home

When you're young, you don't know much about Masonry and even when I was living here, I didn't know much about it except I knew that those were good guys that were helping us. This made my life more stable because I knew what I should do and I knew what I shouldn't do and I knew that if I did right then I would be successful.

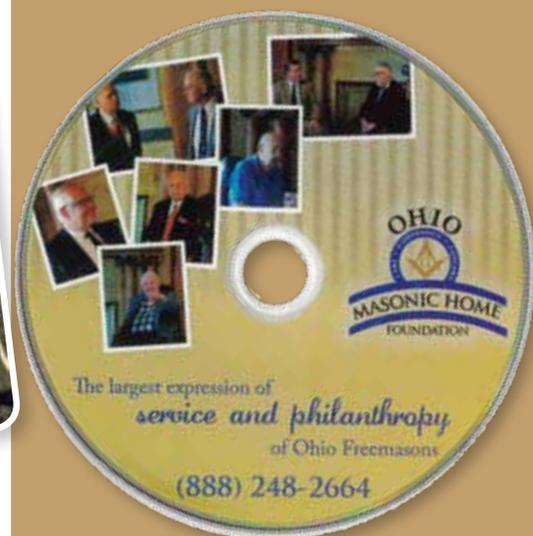
-Norman Lincoln
Child resident, 1946-1950

One of the greatest things that the Masons of Ohio have done is to look into the future.

-Dick Snow
Child resident, 1937-1950

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MASONIC COMMUN

When you walk into the main entrance of Browning Masonic Community (BMC), you get a distinct feeling of coming home. From the plants and the fish pond, to the view outside to the gardens, it is an extremely welcoming place. Also in the front lobby, hanging over the fish pond, there is a plaque which reads:

Employee Appreciation Day
Organized by the
Browning Masonic Community
Residents To Celebrate and
Honor Our Exemplary Staff

Each year in August since 2006, this appreciation day has been celebrated in the community. Every year an engraved tag with the year is added to the plaque and this year was no different. Back in 2006, the Employee Appreciation Day was the brainchild of the BMC Resident Council. It was spearheaded by residents Jackie, Chuck and JoAnn with the help

of a number of other residents. It started with a luncheon provided by funds raised from Resident Council activities with the help of outside volunteers from the Masonic community. Residents and employees got to sit down together and have a meal. Employees loved it! First, because they had never heard of anywhere else that not only declared a special day for Employee Appreciation, but second and more importantly, because it was the brainchild of their very own residents!

This year Jackie and JoAnn continued the tradition with the help of the other 2014 Resident Council officers and resident volunteers with donuts and coffee served by the residents to employees throughout the entire day and into the evening.

“The lunches were great,” said Donna Davis, “but this is even better! We only got one lunch hour

but we get two breaks!”

“Life Enrichment traditionally puts on the parties and activities and such but this day was all handled by the residents and we just enjoyed the day!” said Sharon Elliott, Resident Affairs Concierge.

This year’s Resident Council also made sure all three shifts were covered and got the same treatment! Everyone from the President, David Subleski, to the third shift Resident Assistants and Nurses were able to enjoy the day and the donuts!

It is truly a wonderful thing to be appreciated by the people you work for, to know that what you do truly reflects our mission statement:

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Residents raise their glasses to Browning Masonic Community employees.

ITIES Give Thanks



Western Reserve Masonic Community residents, Hank and Jan enjoy a Life Enrichment trip to Amish Country.

Charles Dickens said, "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty." At Western Reserve Masonic Community (WRMC), this resonates with residents and employees alike. We reflect on our blessings, great and small, as we approach the season of Thanksgiving.

"I'm grateful for old friends. I had the best chat with an old friend the other day. It's so nice to catch up."
-Marge, WRMC Resident

"I'm grateful for a warm welcome to WRMC. My wife and I are

happy to be here. The Life Enrichment team really goes out of their way to give 120% effort."
-Hank, WRMC Resident

"I am counting my blessings and thankful for another healthy year. This fall, I celebrate being cancer-free for five years."
-Carol Gatt, Director of Environmental Services

"I'm grateful for every year I spend at WRMC."
-Neal, WRMC Resident

"I am thankful that we have Pathways. I have seen many residents flourish after making the move from our other living areas. Pathways staff understands their needs and wants and is very good at making the connection."
-Deb Gouker, Director of Assisted Living Services

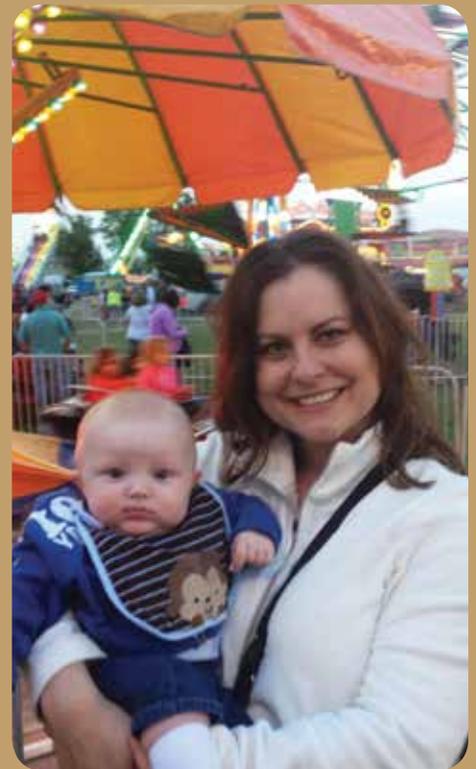
"I am blessed with loving family and friends and a home that is filled with love."
-Maureen Helms, Independent Living Life Enrichment Coordinator

"I am so thankful to be the mother of the most amazing little boy. He warms my heart with every smile and I treasure every precious moment we have together. I am so blessed to have him in my life!"
-Karen Bors, Director of Independent Living Services

"I count my blessings every day when I get up."
-Vern, WRMC Resident

"I count my blessings when I think of my past students. Many of them still visit me and I see them at reunions. I love seeing people I taught in high school who are now in their 60s and 70s. It's nice to see how their lives turned out."
-Blin, WRMC Resident

We at WRMC are very thankful for each other and the many opportunities in our lives. We wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons and many blessings in the months and years to come!



Karen Bors, Director of Independent Living Services at Western Reserve Masonic Community with her son, Blake.

OMHRC *Article*

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center (OMHRC) strives every day to be your trusted partner throughout the aging process. From simple questions about our campuses to more complicated situations, the Resource Center will work to help you age how you want, where you want. No need is considered too small...

A gentleman from Arizona called for advice on renting an apartment at one of the Ohio Masonic Home's campuses to be near family for part of each year. The campus sales department was quickly contacted and supplied helpful information on respite stays.

Often times, the best solution involves linking a Mason, his wife, widow or child to the local Lodge for help.

Linda Carter, the daughter of the late Thomas T. Williams, called the Resource Center to ask for help with a bathroom appliance at her and her mother, Virginia's home. An OMHRC representative was able to contact Brother Williams' former Lodge, Blendon Lodge #339, and explain the situation. Worshipful Master Bob Taylor and Brother Robert Doherty of Blendon Lodge quickly came to Ms. Carter's aide.

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is also happy to help Ohio Lodges.



Brother John Mathew of LaRue Lodge #463 demonstrates the Lodge's new chair lift.

LaRue Lodge #463 had been attempting to repair their motorized chair lift for some time with little success. Brother John Mathew, Secretary, contacted the Resource Center to see if they could assist in any way. An OMHRC representative was able to track down the manufacturer which, in turn, led her to Melissa Groom, manager of 101 Mobility, an authorized repair service out of Columbus, Ohio. After determining that the old lift was indeed, beyond repair, OMHRC and Melissa worked to help Brother Mathew select a suitable and cost-efficient replacement. The new lift was quickly installed and ready for the first meeting of the fall. Brother Mathew had this to say, "We really appreciated your assistance throughout this experience. Due to the information and contacts you

provided, our Lodge is again accessible to our entire membership, at a cost we could afford."

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is even able to help with more complicated situations...

A young Brother was injured in a motorcycle accident and needed monetary assistance. With the help of Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite and his Blue Lodge, a representative was able to link him with financial aid. She was also able to help spread the word about several benefits that had been planned for the young Mason.

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is here for you. One call is all it takes to reach a partner to help you age respectfully and comfortably.

AGING RESPECTFULLY *Survey*

Please take a moment to complete this short survey so the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center can capture current and future aging service needs for you and your family.

1. Please tell us to which Lodge you belong or what other Masonic affiliation you have.

2. What is your zip code? _____

3. Do you anticipate using any of the following services in the next year or two for you, your spouse, family member or widow of your Lodge? If yes, which ones?

- a. Assistance with Medicare/Medicaid information
- b. Financial planning
- c. Minor home repairs
- d. Yard work or maintaining lawn equipment
- e. Home upkeep such as changing furnace filters/light bulbs, gutters cleaned, etc.
- f. Home modification projects such as wheelchair ramps, bathroom renovations, etc.
- g. Transportation
- h. Home security
- i. Personal emergency response systems (push button pendants)
- j. Living wills
- k. Estate planning
- l. Other _____

4. Do you live within a 10 mile radius of your children or family members? Yes _____ No _____

5. If you need assistance or have a question about your daily activities who do you call first?

- a. Children/Family Member
- b. Neighbor
- c. Friend
- d. Lodge
- e. Other _____

6. If you could think of one or more products or services that could assist you in aging how you want, where you want, what would they be?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

7. Take a moment to think about where you want to age. Where would it be?

- a. In my home
- b. With my children
- c. Near my children
- d. Smaller house
- e. Retirement community
- f. Other

8. How do you want to age? What is on your bucket list?

9. Is there anything else you would like the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center to provide to help you age how you want, where you want?

10. Would you like our call center to follow up with you regarding a personal question or to schedule a Lodge presentation? If so, please provide either a phone number or email address and we will contact you as soon as possible!

Name _____

Email/phone _____

Thank you very much for your time and input. It is invaluable to the Ohio Masonic Home in our effort to serve as your trusted partner to age respectfully.



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Resource Center

The Trusted Partner to Help People Age Respectfully

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Ohio Masonic Home Foundation

Annual Giving Program



Time is running out!

This is your last chance to donate to receive your 2014 pin. You must donate by December 31, 2014 to take advantage of the opportunity to be recognized at Home Day 2017 and to receive your



tie and scarf set. The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation Annual Giving Program is designed to run between October 2013 and October 2017.

INDIVIDUAL DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

OMH Annual Giving DVD- Starting in October 2014 and continuing at least through February 2015, donors receive an OMH Annual Giving DVD when they give a donation in any dollar amount.

\$100 – Donors giving \$100 over the course of a year will receive an OMH Foundation Lapel Pin with a Hanger Bar for that calendar year. Any donor who meets this level each year from

2014 through 2017 will be recognized at the OMH 125th Anniversary Celebration at Home Day in June 2017 and receive an OMH 125th Anniversary Men's Tie & Ladies' Scarf Set.

The following levels represent total gifts accumulated between October 2013 and Home Day in June of 2017:

\$500 – Donors will receive a gold Ohio Masonic Home Foundation pin with an emerald-colored stone.

\$750 - Donors will receive a gold Ohio Masonic Home Foundation pin with a sapphire-colored stone.

\$1,000 - Donors will receive a gold Ohio Masonic Home Foundation pin with a diamond-colored stone and a triangular Masonic pocket watch (for men) or a lovely, bow-shaped Ohio Masonic Home Foundation fashion pin (for ladies).

\$5,000 and over - Donors will be recognized on a donor recognition wall at the OMH Corporate Office in Springfield, Ohio.

GROUP DONOR RECOGNITION

When a Masonic organization contributes an accumulated total of

\$1,000 to the Ohio Masonic Home, a Limited Edition Framed Picture of the Ohio Masonic Home Bushnell Building ("The Castle") will be presented to the organization. As the organization reaches \$1,000 in gifts each consecutive year, an engraved plate noting the year will be presented to add to the frame.

By mail, donors can send gifts to:
Ohio Masonic Home Foundation
2655 W. National Rd.
Springfield, Ohio 45504

Online, visit:

www.ohiomasonichomefoundation.org
and click on the GIVE button

Or in person to any Foundation staff member.

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ROAD RALLY *Wrap-Up*

Invite Us! to Your Events & Meetings

Words are not enough to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support of the Ohio Masonic Home and the Miracle Miles for Memory Care (MMMC) Road Rally. The support of the Fraternity and that of many others have once again made this event a huge success.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, irreversible and ultimately fatal disease which is the most common type of dementia and accounts for 60% to 80% of dementia cases. It is the sixth leading cause of death across all ages in the United States, and the fifth leading cause of death in those aged 65 and older. Alzheimer's strikes another United States victim every 69 seconds and currently affects more than 5.4 million people in the U.S. and 230,000 in Ohio. This number is projected to be 250,000 by 2025.*

The MMMC Road Rally is a charitable fundraising event with the goal of raising \$100,000 for memory care centers located in Springfield, Waterville and Medina, Ohio. These state-of-the-art centers allow people who are progressing through the deteriorating stages of memory loss to stay at a place they can call home and receive the best programming possible; not only supporting the victim, but also giving the family tools and support throughout.

This year we had more than 150 participants and raised more than \$105,000. A unique twist this year was the Ice Water Challenge, which brought in approximately \$10,000 and involved people all over the state of Ohio. Springfield Masonic Community hosted the Tailgate Party which included a live auction, food, D.J. and awards ceremony. There was even a Pinewood Derby race held at Springfield for those not participating in the drive. This involved the staff, residents and a local Boy Scout Troop. A great time was had by all and the competition was quite exciting.

As we look forward to next year, please put Saturday, August 22 on your calendar and plan to be part of this exciting event. There will once again be Kick Off celebrations at Springfield, Browning and Western Reserve Masonic Communities, as well as a place yet to be determined in southern Ohio. We plan to hold the Tailgate Party celebration at a location in central Ohio making it more convenient for those in the northern and southern parts of the state. We are also planning on adding a car show this next year to expand our reach into the community.

If you have any interest in being part of the planning committee, please contact Dan Shirk at 937-926-4305 or dshirk@ohiomasonichome.org.

**Statistics can be found on www.alz.org.*

Ohio Masonic Home Foundation staff are pleased to attend and speak at any and all opportunities. Presentations can be customized to suit each situation. Talks can range from 5 to 45 minutes depending on time available in the program. No group is too small. Travel is not an issue. We are honored to be invited and enthusiastic to share the news about current happenings at the Ohio Masonic Home.

Topics include:

- delivering charitable relief to worthy and distressed Master Masons, their wives and widows
- telling real life stories of how your gifts provide charitable relief every day
- Ohio Masonic Home connection to the Fraternity
- Ohio Masonic Home special events
- updates and current events at the Ohio Masonic Home
- planned giving opportunities

Cathy Wigton

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\$6 per person

For reservations, please call
Maria Schutte at 888-248-2664.

Please make reservations prior to January 9.

Monday, January 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Sarasota/Bradenton: Peridia Golf and Country Club
4950 Peridia Blvd E., Bradenton, FL 34203
Coordinator: Ken Gavins 941-925-4586

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Fort Myers: Araba Shrine
2010 Hanson St., Fort Myers, FL 33901
Coordinator: Jim Grimmett 239-789-8843

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Tavares Lake: County Shrine Club
424 N. Duncan Dr., Tavares, FL 32778
Coordinator: Jerry Hatton 513-465-0005

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

West Palm: Amara Shrine
3650 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Coordinator: Art Founds 561-333-6777