



Second Masonic District

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The new Masonic Year is off to a great start. New officers have been elected for the District and we welcome two new District Deputy Grand Masters for the Second Masonic District—W.B. Larry Cornett from Waynesville Lodge 163 and W.B. Gary Nicholson from Alpha Lodge # 729. Our own District Advisor, R.W.B. Terry Posey was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at this year's Grand Lodge.

The Second District Web site has been updated. The inspection schedule for 2009 is posted both on the "Inspections" button and on the "Calendar" buttons. **Note:** Germantown Lodge #257 has changed their meeting place and time. They now meet at the *Independent Order of Odd Fellows* building at 8 E. Market Street on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

The Typewritten Ritual/Training Day was by all accounts a success. The 70+ Brethren heard the entire ritual read from the typewritten book. Thanks to R.W.B. Walt Barner for traveling to Columbus to secure and return this valuable training tool. The District also appreciates all the Brethren who filled the offices and conducted floorwork as the ritual was being read.

Following the election of District Officers at the District Officers Association Meeting in October, all of the new officers were installed (listed in the sidebar at the left of this article). Praise was given to our outgoing District Deputies, R.W.B. Paul Alexander and R.W.B. Ronald Connelly, for their extreme dedication and hours of work for the improvement of Masonry in our Lodges. A coin, struck to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was presented to R.W.B. Larry Cornett from the District Officers to honor his several years of service as a District Officer.

Awards were presented for the best degree work during the 2008 inspection season. Winners included: Oxford #67 for the E.A. Degree, Vandalia #742 for the F.C. Degree, and Huber Heights #777 for the M.M. Degree. Because the quality of the ritual work at Lodges in the Second District is high, selecting winners is increasingly difficult. Congratulations to all the Brethren work labored, studied, and practiced to make our ritual work as meaningful and impressive to our newly initiated brethren.

The annual Second District Outdoor raising was another success. The Second District Officers conducted the first section and the Antioch Shrine Past masters Club completed the second section. W.B. Norm Lincoln offered the charge and W.B. Gary Rickert delivered the degree's lecture. For a modest price increase, a catered meal of pulled pork and other items was enjoyed by all the attendees. The District continues to appreciate and thank the LeMay family for the use of their beautiful facility.

On Sept. 7, 2008, several Brethren prepared and served food at a booth for the Masonic Home Day in Springfield, Ohio. The Brethren of Alpha and Huber Heights lodges continued their tradition of cooking and serving meals. Several cooking assets were added to our inventory to facilitate future year's Masonic Home Days. Bro. David Dill graciously donated 75% of the food served.

LOOKING FORWARD

Here are several upcoming events you should consider attending:

Past Masters Convocation (Open to Past Masters and Masters-Elect only)

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 at Dayton Masonic Center. Registration (including Coffee and doughnuts) begins at 8 a.m. and meetings begin at 9 a.m. for Masters-elect, Convocation for Past Masters in the afternoon.

NOTE TO MASTERS ELECT Bring:

- *Certificate of election*
- *Secretary and Treasurer Reports*
- *Any changes in Officer Roster*

2nd District Officers Association Meetings

Tues., January, 27, 2009 Solar Lodge, Dayton Masonic Center, 7 p.m.

Wed., April 29, 2009 Oxford Lodge, Oxford, Ohio, 7 p.m.

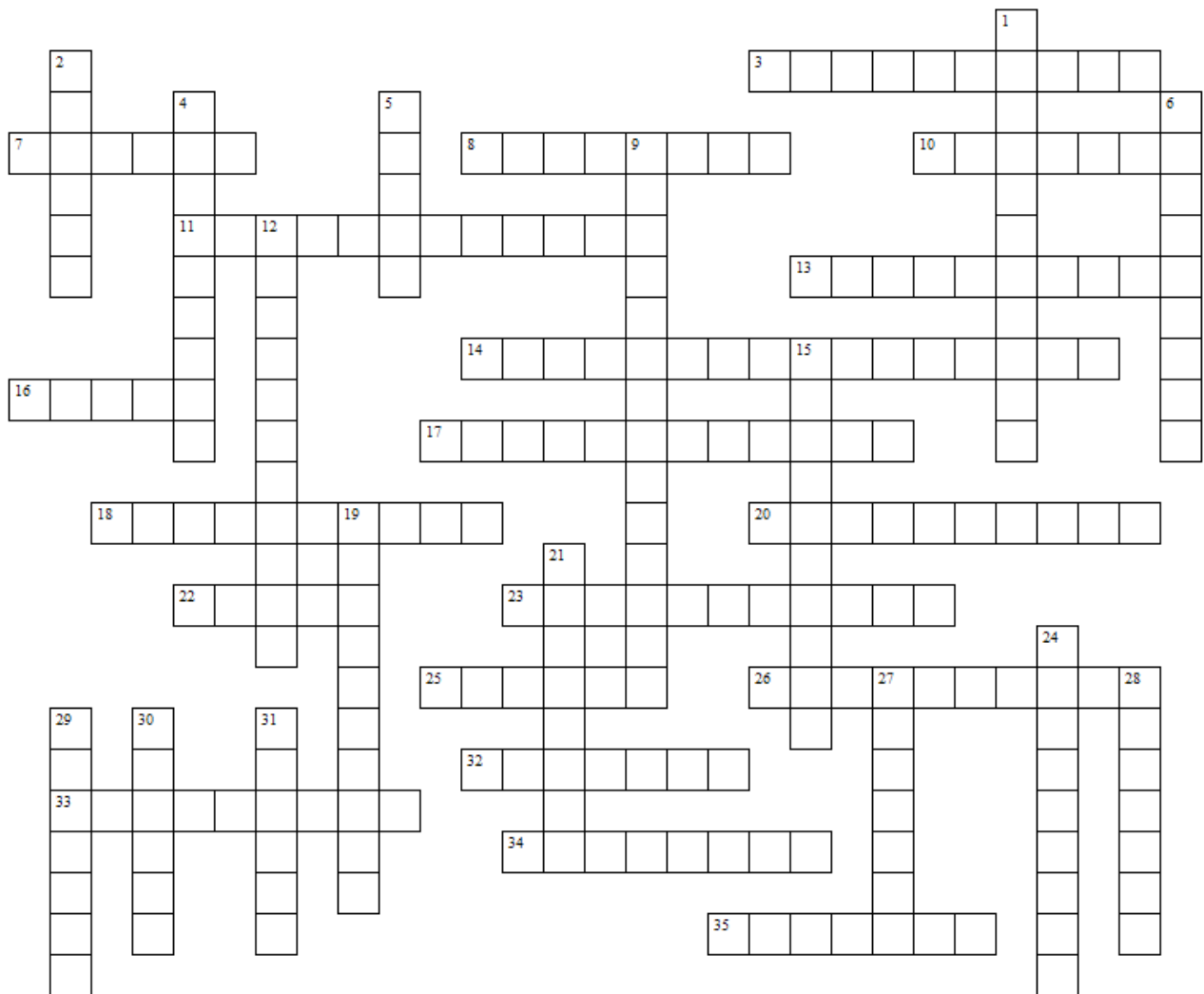
FINALLY

The Second Masonic District Newsletter is also moving forward. We will share monthly insights from one of our District Deputies, offer some fun Masonic related activities, and report on attendance at various events. If you have information that would be valuable to the Brethren of the Second District, please send it to W.B. Eric Flasher at eric_flasher@yahoo.com. Also, send him any Lodge announcements such as community meals or other fund raising activities.

The Second District Newsletter will be issued the first of each month. To do this, please submit any articles at least seven days prior to the end of the month for the next month's edition. (This gives a few days to format, proofread, and gain approvals for the newsletter.) Earlier submissions will always be appreciated!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday. Take a moment to reflect on how many blessings we enjoy. Recall our tenet of charity as we enter the final months of the year.

2nd District Lodges



ACROSS

- 3 Meets in Hamilton
- 7 Five times 81's
- 8 Charles Dickens' Aunt Betsy ...
- 10 Abe
- 11 Brick homes
- 13 Named after a creek?
- 14 Named positive and negative
- 16 Stoneworker
- 17 Crops grow here
- 18 First President
- 20 Lodge number is area code for Niagara Falls
- 22 Not Lunar
- 23 In the heavens
- 25 Sherwood Anderson's home
- 26 Formed when Y2K fear was high
- 32 Latin General
- 33 Third President
- 34 Could be S.R. 48
- 35 Between 79 and 81

DOWN

- 1 Sauerkraut Festival
- 2 Signer of the Constitution
- 4 DCCLXXIII
- 5 Far from omega
- 6 Jamton renamed in 1898
- 9 Name includes a direction
- 12 2000 census says 69 families reside here
- 15 State of being comradely
- 19 420 lb. concrete lions' home
- 21 Crossroads of America
- 24 Regal Lodge
- 27 Home of Golden Lamb
- 28 Greek Goddess
- 29 Named for two saints
- 30 Home of MU
- 31 "I want to go to ..."

Solution will appear in the December edition of the Second District Newsletter