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From The District

Brethren,

Holy cow, summer is over already. Where does time go? It's time to get back into the swing of things already. Stated meetings and degree work should be starting up again. As we all know, participation is key to the success for all undertakings. It's time for phone committees to dust off their phones and start reminding our brothers to attend lodge.

Check Lodge announcements on the web page for more events.

If you have event announcements you would like to have listed in this Letter, please email Rick Shields at rshields1@cinci.rr.com.

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Brethren

Someone once described something as being a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. That to me has been this summer break. With a death in the family and illness and injury to my wife, I think I am glad summer is over.

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There have been glimmers of lights here and there which have made summer tolerable. The Brookville High School Cornerstone Laying was outstanding. If you had the opportunity to attend, you saw between 600 and 700 people witness the pouring of corn, wine and oil by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The Grand Master was extremely impressed at the outpouring of support by the community to honor this beautiful new building.

I was extremely happy to hear that, among others, RWB Richard Poore of Millennium Lodge #779 and WB Larry Weller of Waynesville Lodge # 163 have been honored to receive the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite in Chicago in August 2006. They are dedicated Masons and true to their craft. Congratulate them and be happy for them.

Now that we have re-opened the doors of our Temples, now would be a good time to re-dedicate yourself to your Lodge. Inspire others. Attend Lodge regularly. Call your brethren who cannot drive and offer them a ride. Pull your undivided ritual out and begin learning it correctly. Support the new Worshipful Master of your Lodge.

If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

Terry W. Posey
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The Master Has to Have Help

An OLD MAN had secured the use of a vacant lot. He had dug out the weeds, removed the stones and rubbish, plowed it, harrowed it, planted seeds and cared for the plants until what had been a stony weed patch became a thing of beauty.

One day the parson passed that way and entered into conversation with the old man, who was loosening the soil with his hoe and pushing it up around the roots of the plants. The parson remarked, "Brother Jackson, you and the Lord sure has worked miracles with this old vacant lot." The old man responded, "Yes sir, parson, yes sir, me and the Lord sure has done a fine job here; you ought to of seen all the weeds and stones and rubbish there was here when the Lord and looking after it all by himself."

That's only a story. It may never have happened, but in it are lessons for Masons, just as there are lessons for them in some of the things that never happened that we teach in Masonry. Freemasonry gives the Brother only the rough. Yes, it provides him with the vacant lot, with the implements, and even with the seed, but *it is up to the Brother* to do the plowing, the harrowing, the planting and the cultivating that will bring out the plants and the beauty. He must push the soil up around the roots of the plants.

The Master, working alone, can't make Freemasonry to bloom in the lodge room, any more than the Lord was able to make a flower garden grow on the vacant lot without the help of the old man. *Without the help of the Brethren* there will be here only a weed patch strewn with stones and rubbish. There will be no beautiful plants, their roots carefully covered with rich soil. Masonry can't be funneled into you. You have to use your brains in digging for the beauty of it. Put your mind to it and you may be astonished at the pleasure you will derive from seeing the soil become productive through your efforts. You may be astonished at the pleasure you will get from seeing the seeds of wisdom send up shoots that climb upward, turn their blossoms to the sun and burst into beautiful flowers of Masonic knowledge.

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Lodge Announcements

Please see the main page on the website. (secondmasonicdistrict.org)

Inspections

Next years inspections will be posted as soon as they are available.

