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From the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

I hope that this finds everyone safe and healthy after several months of dealing with the Covid 19 virus and all of the effects that it has had on all of our lives. I would encourage all members of Hiram to check on those that aren't as mobile and see if they might need anything. The benevolence committee is there to help with unforeseen circumstances, if needed, and we can certainly mobilize some of the members to assist with chores if needed.

We are coming up on a busy time of year in general and especially for Hiram lodge. I just wanted to take this opportunity to give everyone an update on upcoming events. The State of Ohio has relaxed to some extent the restrictions that were placed on meetings so we can only hope that we are on the upturn and that things will only get better. I would like to give everyone a brief overview of upcoming meetings and events:

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2020 Officers

Your Lodge Officers for 2020 pictured above.

Bottom row, left to right:

Bro. Dave Bose (Sr. Deacon), Bro. Dan Black (Sr. Warden), Worshipful Master John Richard (Rick) Miller, Bro. Michael Shipka (Jr. Warden), Worshipful Bro. Allen Wittenburg (Tyler)

Top row, left to right:

Bro. Jay Miller (Jr. Deacon), Bro. JT Griffith (Jr. Steward), Worshipful Bro. Richard Nelson (Treasurer), Right Worshipful Bro. George Miller (Secretary), Bro. Dave Rolfe (Sr. Steward)

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Other upcoming events include:

September 22nd — Stated meeting 7:30 PM We hope to have an updated draft of proposed changes to the Bylaws/Standing Resolutions presented as well as the budget for the upcoming year be presented at this meeting.

October 3rd—Breakfast at the lodge 8:00 to 10:00 AM (provided of course that the water heater doesn't decide to quit again)

October 12th, — Monday The annual Ohio Masonic Home fund raising golf outing at Wedgewood in Powell has been rescheduled for this date, anyone interested in participating should sign up in the office at Hiram.

October 13th—Dinner and Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:15, Stated meeting at 7:30 The plan is to vote on Bylaws/Standing Resolutions changes as well as the budget for the upcoming year.

October 17th — Hog Roast at All Occasions, 6989 Waldo-Delaware Road, Waldo Ohio, for presentation of Community Service awards/recognition of scholarship recipients/Lodge Picnic/Master's appreciation (sorry for the confusion but this is an attempt to make up for some of the fellowship that we have missed out on) doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 PM. Per All Occasions, "Guests are required to wear a mask when they are not at their seat. Buffets will be served cafeteria style. Tables will be released one by one. Guests will let us know what they want and we will plate their food for them. We will have round tables set for your guest count. If you would like more set up we can do so. All tables are spaced out 6ft apart. This will be in the main building ". This is a family event so feel free to bring the kids. All we ask is an RSVP so that we can assure that we have enough food. Again, if anyone is not comfortable attending or is not feeling well, we ask that you not attend.

October 23rd and 24th — Grand Lodge This is going to be much different than past years, although it is still in the planning stages and some details are yet to be worked out. There will be very few in attendance at Grand Lodge itself, voting will be by mail or online and some of the Grand Lodge will be virtual.

October 27th — Stated Meeting

November 2nd —Monday Past Masters meeting/dinner

November 10th — Annual Meeting All committee chairmen should have their annual reports ready to submit to the brothers with a written copy to be submitted to the secretary. There will be the election of officers for the upcoming year and the traditional oysters and chili after the meeting.

November 14th — Saturday Installation of Officers and service awards presentations. Installation at 5:00 PM, dinner to follow at approximately 6:30 PM, Service awards presentation to follow dinner at approximately 7:30 PM

November 24th — Stated Meeting

November 29th — Sunday Annual trip to LaComedia in Springboro, Ohio to honor the wives and widows. We are asking for an RSVP that we might have an accurate count for transportation and tickets.

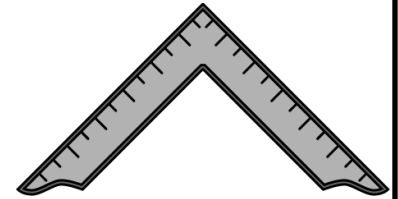
January 19th — Hiram's inspection in the FC degree is currently scheduled for this date.

Fraternally,

John R. "Rick" Miller, WM
Hiram Lodge #18

LACOMEDIA TRIP

As the WM mentioned, the LaComedia trip is still scheduled this year on November 29, 2020. This trip is to honor and show appreciation for the wives and widows of Hiram Lodge #18. If you would like to attend, please be sure to RSVP so we can get an accurate head count. Widows— be on the lookout for an invitation letter sent from the Lodge. Transportation will be provided to the event in Springfield, Ohio; leaving from Sidney Moore Masonic Temple located at 51 W. William St in Delaware. If you need assistance getting to the Temple, please reach out to the Secretary and he will be more than happy to set up transportation for you. The Secretary can be reached at (740) 362-4961.



Hiram Activities During the 2020 Covid-19 Lockdown

The worldwide pandemic has influenced so many changes to every-day life, and our Fraternity has not been immune to the impact of these changes. Since March, Freemasonry in Ohio has been dramatically restricted in our ability to execute the foundational items and fellowship we hold so dear. Even though most activities have been restricted, meetings canceled, and events delayed, Hiram Lodge No. 18 continued behind the scenes executing key initiatives, while maintaining social distancing.

Since that amazing day on March 7th (picture included) when we held the Father/Son trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force, most activities have been cancelled. However, even a pandemic cannot stop the important work of Hiram Lodge No. 18:



The **Scholarship Committee** extended the deadline for application submission due to the pandemic and received over 40 applications, some hard copy and some from the new on-line application form. Five scholarships were awarded.

Even though the Grand Master restricted in person meetings beginning in March, Worshipful Master Miller was able to arrange for on-line Zoom meetings June 9th and July 14th to engage brethren in fellowship, announcements, and limited discussion.

New Brethren from One Day Classes and EAs: WM Miller, LEO, Bro. Dave Bose and SW, Bro. Dan Black arranged for 7 candidates to travel to Grove City Lodge No. 689 for the One-Day class on August 15th. This was a great day of fellowship. The following brothers were Raised that day: **Carlos Miran-**

da, Steve Siler, Matthew Hyland, Ryan Acker, Tim Queen, Dana McKinney, and Michael Mckinley. Thank you also to the Master Craftsman who traveled with Bros. Bose and Black to Grove City: Bros. Dan Queen, Dave Rolfe, Jim Miller and Jay Miller. In Addition, WB Kenny Markham, traveled to Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 303 in Richwood on September 12th to help bring Brother **Dave Runyon** to light in their one-day class. Congratulations to our 8 new Members. In addition to the new Master Masons from the one-classes, we also have two new brothers who were initiated during the EA Special on September 15th.

Community Builders Award: The Officers of Hiram Lodge voted on the recipients of the 2020 Community Builders Award. Winners selected are as follows:

- **Susie Bibbler:** Director, Main Street Delaware. Her dedication to the livelihood of downtown Delaware, its residents, and businesses has made a significant difference in the landscape of our city. Her involvement has brought the city together and helped to highlight organizations and programs to help the community.
- **Robert (Bob) Horrocks:** Senior Advisor and Founding Executive of Sourcepoint (Formally Council for Older Adults) in Delaware County. He led the organization through its early development, the passage of six successful senior services levies, a successful facility bond campaign, and continued growth through his retirement in 2019.
- **Tom Homan:** City Manager, City of Delaware.

Although we have been virtual most of the Summer, Hiram Brethren have been busy continuing the mission of Hope, Faith, and Charity.

~ Bro. Dave Bose, LEO

2020 HIRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Name	High School	College	Masonic affiliation
Isabella Alasti	Olentangy Orange HS	The Ohio State University	Granddaughter of MWB Steve Cochnaugh
Katherine Amrine	Rutherford B Hayes HS	Denison University	Daughter of Bro. Scott Amrine
Brandon Bazell	Canal Winchester HS	The Ohio State University	Son of WB Brian Bazell and Grandson of WB David Hall
Gabbi Hill	Marion Harding HS	Ohio Northern University	Granddaughter of WB Steven Hill
Luke Naynard	Rutherford B Hayes HS	The Ohio State University	Grandson of WB Gary Longstreth

SCOTTISH RITE

All members have the option of participating in one or both “virtual” reunions on October 3rd and 24th where the 4th, 13th, 26th and 27th degrees will be presented and will prepare you to receive the 32nd degree at the Fall Reunion at Villa Milano on November 14th. At the Fall Reunion at Villa Milano the 4th, 12th, 22nd, 31st, and 32nd degrees will be presented and a no fee lunch will be provided but an RSVP is required before November 6th. Attendance is limited to the first 225 to RSVP. Anyone not comfortable attending the Fall Reunion in person has the option of participating in a “virtual” Fall Reunion online November 14th where the 4th, 12th, 29th and 31st degrees will be offered.



October 7th (Wednesday) — Delaware County Dinner: All Occasions, Waldo, Ohio. RSVP by September 30th to Rick Miller, 614-348-4797 or delawarecountyvoc@gmail.com. Opens at 6:00 pm and dinner is at 6:30pm. All current and interested members are encouraged to attend.

November 14th (Saturday) — Valley of Columbus Fall Reunion, Villa Milano, Columbus, Ohio. You can RSVP by calling the Valley of Columbus at (614) 766-2272.

The Scottish Rite Ambassadors for Hiram are Rick Miller, 614-348-4797; Dan Black, 614-595-4767 and Dave Bose, 614-208-2081.









YORK RITE

October 1st — Delaware Chapter #54 meeting at 7:30 PM, conferring the Royal Arch degree, will confer Past Master's degree at a future meeting to be determined at this meeting.






October 19th — Sidney Moore Council Meeting at 7:30 PM: upcoming degrees to be put on will be discussed at this meeting. Anyone interested in joining Council please contact Brother Dan Cramer.



OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
						 8am—Breakfast
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	 Ohio Masonic Home Golf Outing @ Wedgewood CC	 6:15pm—Dinner 7:30pm—Stated Meeting				 5:30pm—Hog Roast All Occasions (Waldo)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					 Grand Lodge Communication	 Grand Lodge Communication
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		 7:30pm—Stated Meeting				

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Past Masters Dinner					 8am—Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		 7:30pm—Stated Meeting (Annual Meeting & Election of Officers)	 Veteran's Day			5pm—Installation of Officers, Dinner & Service Awards
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		 7:30pm—Stated Meeting		 HAPPY THANKSGIVING		
29	30	1 December	2	3	4	5
Trip to LaComedia (Springfield, Ohio)						