



THE FREEMASON

NORMAL MASONIC LODGE #673 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"LUX FIAT ET LUX FIT"

January 2018 – Edition

Tuesday 02nd – Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite Stated Meeting - 7:00pm

Saturday 06th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room
Basics – Marching Lines, DG&S, Conducting Candidates

Saturday 06th – Annual Installation of Normal Lodge Officers 1:00pm

Sunday 07th – Joint Installation of Officers for Bloomington #43 & Wade Barney #512
Bloomington Temple @ 2:00pm

Monday 08th – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7:00pm Dinner & Fellowship 6:00pm
First Stated Meeting of 2018

Saturday 13th – **NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION – GL School in Springfield**

Sunday 14th – Monthly Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:00pm Normal Lodge Conf. Room
Lodge members are encouraged to attend, help the Scouting Program Grow

Saturday 20th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room
Open 1-2-3 and Close

Monday 22nd – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7:00pm
Second Degree Scheduled – Check our Facebook page for more info

Saturday 27th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room
Members Choice

A LOOK AHEAD

February 03rd – Grand Lodge of Illinois Hawaiian Gala – Benefit for the Illinois Student Assistance Program

February 15th – Reception of the MWGM Greg Clark @ Bloomington #43.

March 26th – Official Visit DDGM

August 25th – Annual Pork Chop Sandwich Sales – El Paso IL - Proceeds go to our Relief Fund

"NO MAN STANDS SO TALL, AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A CHILD"

--- North Dakota Grand Lodge & Shriners



THE MASTERS TRESTLE BOARD

My Brothers,

On behalf of all the newly elected officers of Normal Lodge, we wish you and your families a wonderful New Year. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for at the Lodge and are looking forward to continuing many of the successes we had last year, as well continue to build our growing presence within the community.

To be a Freemason is to be a servant of mankind, a seeker of knowledge, and a leader within his community. We seek to spread the bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Over the last year, under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Al Abbott, we certainly exemplified these traits. From assisting at the Duncan Manor by providing tour groups information about a local historical landmark, to providing relief to families in need with our food basket donations at Thanksgiving time and our family that we provided household items and gifts for the children at Christmas, we as Freemasons, were successful in practicing our masonic obligations. The work my brethren, is not yet done.

It is my hope that you see the wonderful things that we are doing for the surrounding community and join us in supporting our efforts this year. Whether it's by being in lodge or participating in the activities we are doing, sending a donation to our relief fund, or simply paying your dues you directly make a difference in the lives of the community we serve. We can not do it without you brother. We have set some lofty goals in terms of fundraising, community support, and education. We are excited for the work that lies ahead and look forward to sharing that continued success with you. Thank you, brethren, for all that you do to make this one of the best lodges in the state. I am looking forward to the bright future of Normal Lodge and the outstanding work we will accomplish in the year ahead.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Master

Timothy Longfellow

ILOR – LIBRARY OPEN



The Illinois Lodge of Research Library is now open every week for those who would like to stop by Normal lodge and check out what they have to offer Masonry. The library is open Monday nights from 6pm – 8pm and again every Saturday from 7am – 9am. Other hours are available upon request. Visit the library website for more info.

<http://illinoislodgeofresearch.org/ilor-library/>



December 2017 – Family Christmas Dinner

Our first annual Family Christmas Dinner was held at our December 11th stated meeting with 38 people attended this year's dinner. Thanks to all those who attended and I look forward to hosting next years dinner. Extra proceeds from the dinner were giving to the Coins for Kids Program. Until next Christmas, have a wonderful 2018.

Brother: Michael Tutter



Saturday January 6th, 2018

Normal Masonic Hall – Lodge Room

Ceremony Starts @ 1:00pm

Reception to follow in the dining hall

Please Welcome Normal Lodge #673 – 2018 Officer Line

Worshipful Master: Tim Longfellow
Senior Warden: Chris Hathaway
Junior Warden: Todd Long
Treasurer: WB - Barry Carney
Secretary: RWB - John Dorner
Chaplain: WB - Jeff Estes
Senior Deacon: Brian Dixon
Junior Deacon: Skylar Guimond
Senior Steward: Brendan Andres
Junior Steward: Chad Woodburn
Tyler: WB - Cecil Rabourn
Marshall: Jeremiah Houston



Installation Team:

Officer: WB - Sean McBride
Chaplain: RWB - Bob Wright
Marshall: RWB - Larry Ragland
Secretary: RWB - Jerry Starks



THE CAPS - PLASTIC PROGRAM

We continue to save caps for this great program. A box has been placed in the entry way of the lodge for your convenience. Just drop them off and we will make sure they get to Marseilles Lodge. To find a list of caps we CAN and CAN'T accept, visit the lodge website. www.normal673.org



Lodge School of Instruction

We will update the box below each month with information pertaining to the Saturday morning School of Instruction. Start off the new year right, and visit the Saturday School to refresh your ritual or to learn something new.

Jan. 6	Basics – Marching Lines, DG&S, Conducting Candidates
Jan. 13	No Practice – GL School at Springfield 3°
Jan. 20	Open 1-2-3 and Close
Jan. 27	Members Choice
Feb. 3	Confer 1°
Feb. 10	Confer 1° - GL School at Princeton 1°2°
Feb. 17	Confer 1°
Feb. 24	Members Choice – GL School at Benton 3°



A FAMILY IN NEED – CHRISTMAS TIME

This holiday season Normal Lodge received word that a local family was in need of extra assistance. The family was in need of some household supplies, and a little assistance from Santa for the children.

Members of Normal Lodge came forward to in this time of need. Clothes, toys, laundry soap and other household supplies were purchased, wrapped and delivered. The Officers of the lodge want to thank all those Brethren who stepped up to help by purchasing items or donating financially. Normal Lodge & it's members continue to stand as a pillar for the communities we live in.