



THE FREEMASON

**NORMAL MASONIC LODGE #673
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

"LUX FIAT ET LUX FIT"

JUNE 2017 – Edition

Saturday 3th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Sunday 4th – Cub Scout Pack 3915/3991 Annual Planning Meeting
10am – Normal Lodge Conf. Room

Tuesday 6th – Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington Stated Meeting 7pm

Saturday 10th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Monday 12th – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7pm Dinner & Fellowship 6pm
Degree Work – Entered Apprentice Degree Scheduled

Saturday 17th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Sunday 18th – **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Saturday 24th – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Saturday 24th – Illinois Council of Deliberation – Springfield, IL
<http://www.icod.us/> for more information or to register

Monday 26th – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7pm

Thursday 29th – District School of Instruction @ El Paso #246

A LOOK AHEAD:

July 4th – Normal Lodge #673 Annual Outdoor Third Degree

July 24th – Grand Lodge Golf Tournament

July 31st – District Education Session @ Bloomington Lodge #43

August 31st – District School of Instructions @ Normal Lodge #673

September – District Social Night @ Gibson City #733 (Ladies Included)



Thanks So MUCH!

Cub Scout Pack 3915 & Cub Scout Pack 3991

The Leadership would like to take a moment and say THANK-You to Normal Lodge and all of its members. With support from a Charter Organization like Normal Lodge, Cub Scouts from all over the area had another wonderful year of fun and learning. It's Charter Organizations like you that help keep the traditions of Scouting alive and well today. Over 68 boys, from Kindergarten to fifth grade, pulled from 4 schools around or near the lodge, learned about the stars in the heavens and life on earth. As another Scouting year comes to a close, we are already looking forward to the 2017/2018 year. Thanks again for all you do.

Yours In Scouting,

Tony Varda – Cub Master
Elizabeth Tomera – Treasurer
Julie Williamson – Den Leader
Karl Sila – Popcorn Kernel
Matt Hanks – Member at Large

Michael Tutter – Pack Committee Chairman
Shauna Whitmar – Secretary
Shirley McCauley – Advancements
Dawn Maxey – Den Leader
Mike Kraynak – Council Rep. W.D. Boyce Council



Let's get Digital

Normal Lodge now offers its members the option to download and receive its monthly newsletter from are website. Visit the lodge website, use the online form and submit your request. Receiving your newsletter in digital form is optional.

Spring 2017 – Apparel Order



By now ALL lodge members should have received their apparel order form in the mail. We have worked with the vendor to add a couple of new items to the list this spring. Take a moment to look over the sheet and place your order.

Orders are due NO later than Monday June 12th.

Order forms can also be downloaded from the lodge website if needed. Please remember to include size & color of each item and include your payment. Orders will be available 2-4 weeks after final order has been placed with vendor. Contact Brother Mike Tutter if you have questions. mtutter@comcast.net

No Mason Left Behind – Part 1
by *Midnight Freemason Contributor*
Bro. "Doc" Gentry

Ok everyone repeat after me, "No man takes a step in Freemasonry alone." Say it again. Come on louder! Like you mean it! LET ME SEE YOUR WAR FACE! Sorry, I got carried away. Now, what does that mean? The saying, not being carried away. It's simple, oh so simple. From the point where a man says, "I need to talk to a Mason about this Mason thing.", he is not left alone in his steps. He is guided, step by step, and only by taking our time and doing it right, do we see the wisdom in this action.

A man comes to your lodge and says, "I want to be a mason." I encourage you NOT to throw a petition in his face. Take the time necessary to get to know him and his life. In fact, two or three brothers should take somewhere between 6 months to 2 years (whatever your Grand Lodge says to do on the petition ironically) to get to know your potential candidate. "But Brother Doc, he might leave if we don't push him through." Well then brothers, who's to say that he would actually come to lodge then? Besides, we are Masons, our word is our bond, so don't start the potential brother off on the wrong foot by lying on his petition. Please don't get him started off wrong by pushing it through either. I know, I know, Grand Lodges are freaking out about numbers and attendance and this reason alone should be the basis of you vetting potential brethren more thoroughly. Besides that, how will this potential brother get work and receive instruction if you don't know where his passions are to give him work? Ok step one, get to know the potential brother, check. Step two, get to know his family as well. Don't leave that poor man to try and explain Freemasonry to his family all by himself, he has no idea what Freemasonry is....in fact, I still don't know all of what Freemasonry is, so don't send me in alone either! Invite the family to functions and events. If you don't know what you can and can't tell families, and there are things you can tell them I assure you, go back and read my Mentoring piece.

Once the allotted time has passed and he still wants to join you crazy kids, oh and you all still want him to become a brother, then have him fill out the petition. Once he has filled it out and way before you initiate him, assign him a mentor. Do not wait, you will miss valuable opportunities for him to grow, even before he is voted on. What's the worst thing that happens? He doesn't join but is a better person for the experience?

No Mason Left Behind is not just some cute catch phrase that Brother Robert Johnson branded me with, it is a creed all Brethren should live by. No matter what you do, no one takes a step in Freemasonry alone!



Check us out on our new PUBLIC Facebook Page. It's another great way to get our Lodge in view of the Public. Know someone that's interested in Masonry or perhaps looking for more information on the lodge itself? Send them to our official website: www.normal673.org
Our website is one of the best in Central Illinois, and is constantly updated. Check US OUT!!



RUSTY Nail – Are You Rusty

How long has it been since you've been to lodge? Has it been a few cycles of the moon? No problem. We are here to help.
Join us 15-20 minutes before our next lodge meeting and our Officers will be more than happy to get you caught up. NO member should be afraid to come to lodge and join his Brethren in Fellowship.

Address Correction Requested

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