

# THE FREEMASON

## NORMAL MASONIC LODGE #673 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington Stated Meeting 7pm - Election of Officers

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – **NO SATURDAY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Illinois Lodge of Research Conference – Normal Lodge

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7pm Dinner & Fellowship 6pm  
Degree Work – Fellowcraft Degree Scheduled

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wade Barney Lodge #512 – 150 Anniversary Rededication Ceremony by Grand Lodge

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7pm  
Degree Work – Fellowcraft Degree Scheduled

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – Lodge School of Instruction 7am – 9am Normal Lodge Room – Members Choice

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – **MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – District School of Instruction @ Wade Barney #512

### A LOOK AHEAD:

May 30<sup>th</sup> – District School of Instruction @ Wade Barney #512

June 29<sup>th</sup> – District School of Instruction @ El Paso #246

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Normal Lodge #673 Annual Outdoor Third Degree

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Grand Lodge Golf Tournament

July 31<sup>st</sup> – District Education Session @ Bloomington Lodge #43

August 31<sup>st</sup> – District School of Instructions @ Normal Lodge #673

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

# THE MASTERS TRESTLE BOARD



Brethren:

As you may have noticed brethren, Normal Lodge has been extremely busy since the first of the year. We've been working in one of the three degrees at every meeting this year except for the 9<sup>th</sup> of January's meeting. Even better, it doesn't look like we're ready to slow down just yet. We just conducted two Entered Apprentice Degrees on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, and we have Fellow Craft Degrees slated for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Additionally, we still need to schedule another Entered Apprentice and several Master Mason Degrees.

Attendance is up, we're growing, having fun and experiencing further light in Masonry with our brethren. Check out the calendar and plan on coming out to be a part of the excitement. Dinner is always served at 6:00PM at the first meeting of the month. Come on out, enjoy the fellowship and meet some of the new brethren. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master: Al Abbott



## Let's get Digital

Normal Lodge now offers its members the option to receive its monthly newsletter via EMAIL.

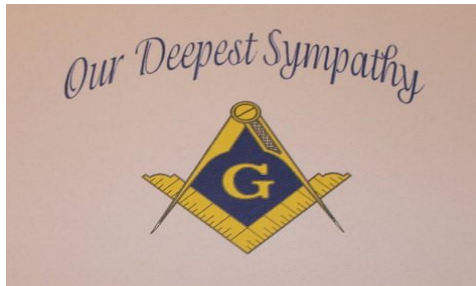
To receive your newsletter via email: Visit the lodge website, a link will appear on the right side of the page, fill out the form and submit the request. You may continue to receive the monthly newsletter each month via mail. Receiving your newsletter in digital form is currently optional.

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PAY YOUR  
DUES**

## Dues Notices

Yearly Dues notices have been mailed out. Watch your mailbox for your statement to show up. Take a few minutes to look it over, and mail it back with your check or money order.

Please contact the Lodge Secretary John Dorner if you would like to make other payment arrangements. [Normal673@gmail.com](mailto:Normal673@gmail.com)



***Take thine ease, rest and refresh thyself,  
enter into the Holy House of the Lord,  
thou good and faithful servant.***

- Brother Jack Clifton Gassaway – Was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Le Roy Lodge #221 on July 22, 1958, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 29, 1958 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason November 29, 1958. He passed to the Grand Lodge above on March 16, 2017. He was a 58 year member. Brother Gassaway was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. He was the assistant Fire Chief of Le Roy Fire Department for over 44 years. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and a Shriner.

**Departed Brethren:**

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| • Herbert Engles Stevens     | Forrest Lee Appleton    | Wayne Lee Jefferson       |
| • Ernest Nelson Thorp        | Roy Mack Brown          | James Leighton Rutherford |
| • Edward Henry Oehler        | Robert Eugene Jones     | Jerry Monfort Henderson   |
| • Joseph Clarence Cronenberg | John Richard Lockenvitz |                           |



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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](http://www.normal673.org) Our website is one of the best in Central Illinois, and is constantly updated. Check US OUT!!



Please take a few minutes and make sure that the lodge has current contact information for you. Cell Phone, email, home address, home phone number. We strive to make sure our membership database is as accurate as possible, and we know how fast life can change. Use one of the following methods to send us your updated info.

- A. Contact the Lodge Secretary - [normal673@gmail.com](mailto:normal673@gmail.com)
- B. Use the "Contact Us" form at the bottom of our website. Your information will be sent to the secretary for update.

# Robert E. Lee Clark Saturday Morning School of Instruction 2017 Schedule

May 6	No Practice - GL School at Galesburg 3°
May 13	Second Section 3°
May 20	Second Section 3°
May 27	Members Choice
June 3	Ceremonies – Labor to Refreshment, Refreshment to Labor, DDGM
June 10	Ceremonies – Labor to Refreshment, Refreshment to Labor, DDGM
June 17	Ceremonies – Visiting Brother, DDGM, MWGM
June 24	Members Choice - Illinois Council of Deliberation
July 1	Basics – Marching Lines, DG&S, Conducting Candidates
July 8	Basics – Marching Lines, DG&S, Conducting Candidates
July 15	No Practice – York Rite Grand Sessions at Normal Marriott Hotel
July 22	Basics – Marching Lines, DG&S, Conducting Candidates
July 29	Members Choice
Aug. 5	Confer 1°
Aug. 12	Confer 1°
Aug. 19	Confer 1°
Aug. 26	Members Choice
Sept. 2	No Practice – Labor Day Weekend

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