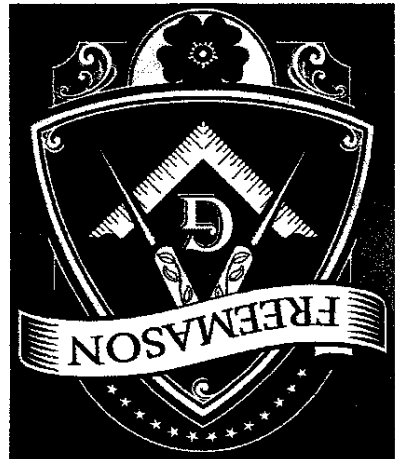


THE FREEMASON

**NORMAL MASONIC LODGE #673
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

"LUX FIAT ET LUX FIT"

October 2017 - Edition



Sunday 1st - Capitular Standards Club Meeting 1:00pm Normal Lodge - Lodge Room

Sunday 1st - Cub Scout Pack 3915/3991 - Monthly Committee Meeting 6:00pm - Conf. Room

Tuesday 3rd - Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite Stated Meeting - 7:00pm Bloomington Lodge Building

Friday 6th & 7th - 178th Annual Communications - Grand Lodge of Illinois - Springfield, Illinois

Saturday 7th - NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Monday 9th - Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7:00pm Dinner & Fellowship 6:00pm

Saturday 14th - Lodge School of Instruction 7am - 9am Normal Lodge Room - Confer 2nd

Saturday 14th - Normal Lodge Annual Pork Chop Sales, El Paso IL 11:00am

Saturday 21st - Lodge School of Instruction 7am - 9am Normal Lodge Room - Confer 2nd

Monday 23rd - Normal Lodge Stated Meeting 7pm

A LOOK AHEAD:

November 4th - NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

November 3-4th - Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite - Fall Reunion

November 11th - Grand Lodge of Illinois - Grand Examiners School, Normal Lodge 7:00am

November 11th - NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

November 13th - Annual Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner - 6:00pm Hosted By Brother John Dornier

November 25th - NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

November 30th - District Planning Meeting for 2018 - Normal Lodge #673

December 1st - SRRA Annual Christmas Party

December 11th - Annual Lodge Christmas Dinner - 6:00pm Hosted By Brother Mike Tutter

December 23rd & 30th - NO LODGE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

December 25th - NO STATED MEETING

THE MASTERS TRESTLE BOARD

Well my brothers, another masonic year is coming to a close. In just a few short days, Grand Lodge will convene for its 178th Annual Communication. We'll have a new Grand Master and Normal Lodge will be making plans for the upcoming year.

We've accomplished quite a bit this year, but next year looks like it can be even better. Our officer line is strong and is already brainstorming ideas to ensure the continued growth and further strengthen our fraternity. If you have any ideas on activities for the lodge, come out to our next stated meeting to share them with the lodge. We need your input to continue to improve.

Additionally, we've performed a lot of degree work this year. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet our new brothers, come out, create or renew your fraternal ties and be a part of the excitement.

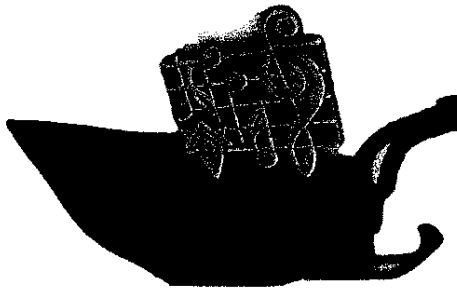
Fraternally,

Worshipful Master: Al Abbott



Lodge Organist Needed

Do you have musical talents with piano's & keyboard instruments? Then we are looking for YOU! We are looking for Brethren who would be interested in becoming the Lodge Organist. This is an appointed position that is often left unfilled due to a lack of qualified individuals. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact Worshipful Master Al Abbott at alno81@comcast.net.



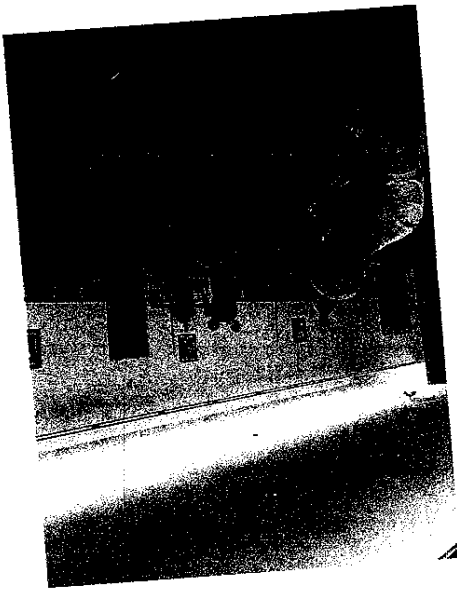
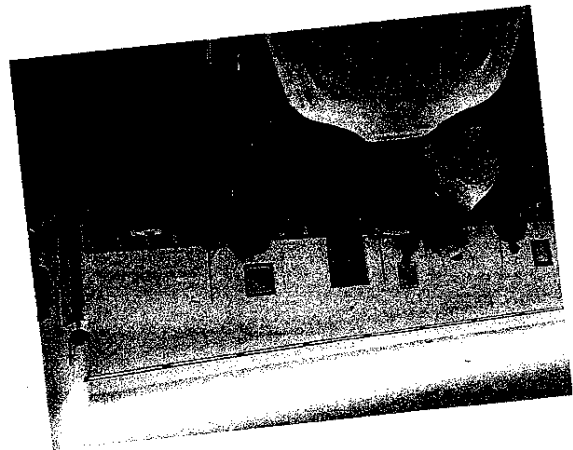
Normal Lodge – Annual Pork Chop Sales

Saturday October 14th, 2017
El Paso - IGA Grocery Store
11:00am - ??

Normal Lodge Brethren will be at El Paso's IGA in October, selling grilled pork chop sandwiches. Stop by and grab a couple of great sandwiches. All proceeds go to Normal Lodge's Relief Fund. Funds are used each year to purchase food baskets during the holiday season. Contact: Set-Up & Prep begin at 10am
Barry Carney with questions or to assist that day.



Saturday Morning School of Instruction



4 th Quarter - 2017 Schedule	
Oct. 7 th	No Practice – Grand Lodge in Springfield
Oct. 14 th	Confer 3 rd
Oct. 21 st	Confer 3 rd
Oct. 28 th	Members Choice
Nov. 4 th	No Practice – Valley of Bloomington
Nov. 11 th	Scottish Rite Reunion Weekend
Nov. 18 th	No Practice
Nov. 25 th	Members Choice
Dec. 2 nd	No Practice – Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec. 9 th	Ceremonies – Labor to Refreshment, Refreshment to Labor, DDGM
Dec. 16 th	Ceremonies – Labor to Refreshment, Refreshment to Labor, DDGM
Dec. 23 rd	Members Choice
Dec. 30 th	No Practice – Christmas Weekend
Dec. 30 th	No Practice – New Years Weekend

Brethren:

It is with deep sympathy that we report the passing of Brother Wally Crouch's wife Mabel P. Crouch. She passed to the Lord's house on Monday September 18th, 2017.

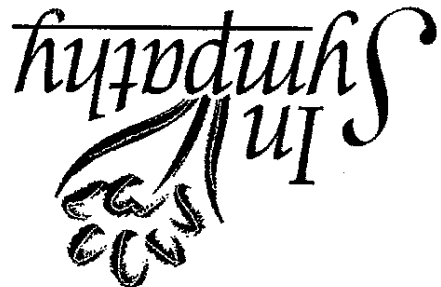
Interment was in Park Hill Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois

We will keep Wally and his family in our prayers and thoughts.



Memorials may be made to American Passion Play, P.O. Box 3354, Bloomington, IL 61702

Brethren:
 It is with deep sympathy that we report the passing of Brother Jean Darnall's mother Mary Jane Darnall. She passed to the Lord's house on Thursday August 31st, 2017.
 Interment was in Park Hill Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois
 We will keep Jean and his family in our thoughts and prayers.
 Memorials may be made to American Passion Play, P.O. Box 3354, Bloomington, IL 61702



Lodge Visit – Marselles Lodge #417

Tuesday October 17th, 2017
 Leaving Normal Lodge – 5:30pm

We are planning a trip to visit our Brethren up in northern IL. Stated meeting starts @ 7pm. We will need to leave by 5:30pm from the Normal Lodge Parking Lot. We will grab a bite to eat after the stated meeting with a few members from Marselles Lodge. Please join US!

Contact: Brother Mike Tutter 309-706-2816



WELCOME NEW - FELLOWCRAFTS

Normal Masonic Lodge #673 would like to welcome our newest Fellowcrafts:

Andrew Loy & Tim Fulton

You too can help the lodge raise new Brethren and help them grow. 2017 has been a VERY active year for the lodge and we are always doing degree work. Brethren who sit in lodge on the sidelines are just as important as those doing degree work. It shows the candidate that the lodge and its members support his decision to join and that we care for all who walk through our doors.

Attend the next Stated Meeting.

