



# L.C.B.L.A. Newsletter 01/08



Dear Brethren:

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. We've entered into the new year...the Bi-Centennial year, the Founder's Day Dinner is in the history book (more on that later) and another L.C.B.L.A. meeting was held at Oberlin Lodge #380.

Amazingly, the L.C.B.L.A. meeting was again very well attended. Not only were enough Lodges represented to have a quorum, but every Lodge in Lorain County was well represented. Had the meeting been held at a movie studio, "ACTION" would have been the operative word. There was plenty of action at the meeting. Twenty nine interested brothers gathered on a cold night in northern Ohio to help plan activities that will happen during warm weather.

The brethren opted to pursue a second booth at the Lorain County Fair. Efforts will be directed toward establishing a display that encompasses not only local Masonic history, but that of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District and the Grand Lodge of Ohio as well. Various sources of paraphernalia are being looked into to offer the public a window into the past and present of Freemasonry. Appendant bodies are invited to contribute also.

A lottery style method was employed to establish the schedule for the individual Lodges to man the booth on certain days at the fair. The same order was used to determine how the booth at the Elyria Apple Festival would be staffed. The Apple Festival and the Lorain County Fair are normally the highlights of public exposure for Masonry in the county during the summer. There likely will be an extraordinary amount of activity thrusting Freemasonry in the limelight during the

Bi-Centennial celebration year. One of the largest summer parades in southern Lorain County, the Wellington 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, will see Wellington Lodge #127 serve as Parade Marshal. A large float is planned and Masons will be invited to march alongside the float during the parade.

Worshipful Masters, if you will take a look at the 22<sup>nd</sup> District calendar and the L.C.B.L.A. calendar, you will see there are no local Bi-Centennial activities posted at this time. Please submit your plans to either Bro. Cogan for the 22<sup>nd</sup> District calendar or Bro. Ketchum for the L.C.B.L.A. calendar. By following the website link, [www.ohiodistrict22.org](http://www.ohiodistrict22.org) you can find the way to submit events for the district calendar. You can email Bro. Ketchum at, [backflowtester1@aol.com](mailto:backflowtester1@aol.com) to have your events included on the L.C.B.L.A. calendar.

## FOUNDERS DAY DINNER

Approximately 360 guests attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Bi-Centennial Dinner at the German Cultural Center in Olmsted Twp. on Friday, January 18, 2008. Although attendance was lower than anticipated, the evening was a great success. MWB Winnett was on hand to take part in the gala event and was enjoined to offer one of seven toasts during the celebration. As promised, the beautiful 22oz. Bi-Centennial tankards saw duty hoisting ale for the toasts.

True to his word, RWB Gillihan promised a great meal, promise delivered.

Entertainment for the evening was launched by Bro. Howie Damron's performance of "The Masonic Ring", and "Ohio's Grand

Masonic Pride Bicentennial". Bro. Damron wrote both songs and was commissioned by MWB Winnett to compose the bicentennial piece.

The "Geeze Cats" took over and provided music for listening and dancing. The parquet dance floor was alive with fancy footwork and smiling faces. A brief intermission ensued to allow for the seven toasts utilizing the commemorative tankards. Once again the "Geeze Cats" resumed playing and closed out the evening with song and dance. A good time was had by all.

The L.C.B.L.A. and brethren would especially like to thank RWB Gillihan for spearheading the fete' and making the arrangements. A special thanks goes out to RWB Ron Runion for giving RWB Gillihan a hand. Lets not forget the efforts of everyone that chipped in along the way in support of the endeavor. The bicentennial spirit of he 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District is alive and well, and second to none!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

We would sure like to fill out our L.C.B.L.A. calendar with meeting nights, Inspections and any other event that the brethren may be interested in traveling to see and enjoy. Brethren, traveling is up this year, interest is up this year and pride is up this year. There are brothers in the district that want to visit and share the Masonic experience with you. Let us help them find you. The February calendar is ready to print, but we still have plenty of room for your activity to be posted.

Some dates to note:

1/21/08, Rusty Nail Degree at Wellington #127; 1/28/08, FC Degree at Wellington #127; 2/11/08, Inspection FC Degree at Wellington#127; 2/17/08, Annual Pancake

and Sausage Breakfast at LaGrange #399; 2/19/08, Inspection FC Degree at Mid-Century #725; 2/26/08, Inspection MM Degree at Elyria #787.

Well, that wraps up the newsletter for this month. We'll keep you posted via emails of any updates and changes in the schedule. We'll do the best we can to keep you informed about the happenings in Lorain County.

One last note, we'd like to thank the Brethren of C.C.B.L.A. for keeping in touch with us. Thank you to the District Deputies for attending our meeting and showing support for our endeavors.

Fraternally,

Gary Walker, President  
L.C.B.L.A. and officers.