



New England News

Newsletter of New England Lodge #4, F&AM, Worthington, Ohio

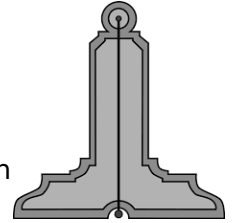
January 13, 2019



From the Editor:

Brothers of New England Lodge #4,

We are kicking off the year 2019 with some definite ideas to increase communication with all members and develop interesting activities which will hopefully catch your interest. As the Senior Warden, I have some some initiatives I will be working on while in the West which I hope will bear fruit over the next couple of years.



This newsletter is one initiative. I would like to improve our communication with members, especially those of you who don't regularly attend Stated meetings. I get it. Who wants to go to a meeting just to vote on paying bills, then go home? We are going to make a big effort to create some interesting events that will be a bit more attractive, but unless our members know what's coming up, there's no way they'll know to show up. We will try to use this newsletter to make you all regularly apprised of up-coming events. I will make a personal effort to get this Newsletter out bi-monthly, if possible.

As part of the "interesting event" initiative, we will make a big effort to utilize our 1820's Lodge building at every opportunity. I know many of you miss the Old Lodge, as do I. We will try to hold an event each month in the Old Lodge including degree practice, educational presentations, simple fellowship events and actual Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees when possible. Daniel Burry has taken the initiative to organize a Fellowcraft practice in the Old Lodge with dinner and fellowship afterwards at the Pub-Out-Back. You don't have to be in the degree cast to come. This is an opportunity to visit the Old Lodge and see what a great job the Showe people have done restoring it. Or, simply join us at the Pub-Out-Back afterwards for beer (first round on me!) and to discuss Masonic 'secrets' related to the Fellowcraft degree. The date and time for this event will be emailed to you when it is firmed up.

If we find that increased use of the Old Lodge increases the interest and participation of our members, we may very well try for a more regular use of our original building next year! It's up to you.

All of the lodge officers, and even a non-officer, have contributed to this newsletter. Please read their comments and, if you'd like to comment in turn, email me at sw@newengland4.org.

Upcoming events:

- Fellowcraft practice and dinner at the Old Lodge, fellowship afterwards at Pub-Out-Back. Date & time - to be announced.
- 1/14/2019, 7:00PM. January Stated meeting at the Northwest Temple, 2436 W Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235.
- 1/28/2019, 7:00PM. Conferral of EA degree on one of the Scott clan.
- 2/11/2019, 7:00PM. February Stated meeting at the Northwest Temple, 2436 W Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235.
- 3/4/2019 - York Inspection at Northwest Temple. Dinner 6:15P, Inspection 7:00PM. Let's make a big effort to take the Traveling award at this one!

Mark Foley - **Senior Warden**

From the Worshipful Master:

Brethren,

Happy 2019, I hope that you and your family had a nice holiday. Our first Stated meeting for 2019 will be on Monday January 14th. We will be having an EA degree on Monday January 28th. Why not make a New Year's resolution to come out and fellowship with your Brothers at one of our Lodge meetings? You're paying dues, why not come and get what you are paying for and renew some old friendships and perhaps make a few new ones. Inspection Season is beginning. Why not visit and enjoy a meal? I would like to see you.

Happy New Year my Brother,
E. Dean Hall
Worshipful Master New England Lodge #4



Daniel Burry, **Master Mason**

Fellowcraft Fellowship Activities

To honor our retiring DDGM, John Hollback, we need to make a great show of the degree work. New England #4 is the last inspection of the season. We can shine in two ways. One is to practice and give an excellent Fellowcraft degree at our inspection. Another is to take the traveling award on Monday 3/4/19 at the York inspection. If nothing else, please come to that inspection.

Practice:

We need to sharpen our tools with practice. We will schedule a meeting, hopefully yet this month, at the Old Lodge building. An email will go out to everyone when this is nailed down. Dinner will be provided. After practice, we will adjourn to the Pub Out Back's back room for a closed door fellowship discussion about the FC degree. In February, we will schedule another such event. The after-session could be made open door if people want to bring someone for fellowship and meaningful discussion.

Let's get a Masonic fellowship "skunk-works" going at NE4!

Travelling award:

We should take at least one travelling award. I would love to see everyone come out for the York inspection. I will myself be providing a ride for a Brother. If you would like to help give a ride or get a ride, please coordinate with Brother Bishop at jw@newengland4.org. But let's get out in numbers and take that award!

Take the Traveling Award!! 3/4/19@York



Mike Clevenger, LEO

Some Secrets to Being a Happy Mason

"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."



-- John Lennon

If we all take the advice of John Lennon's mom, we will have a great start at being a happy person. She obviously understood that your life's direction should begin with a healthy, positive attitude that starts with being happy.

Think about it. If you approach life with drudgery, despair and think only of your problems you will more than likely approach Masonry with the same attitude. So despite how well you know HOW you should act as a Mason, you will not because your general attitude about life is one of unhappiness.

Start and live your day with happiness. Here are some suggestions:

1. Do something that inspires you - read an inspirational quote, take a walk, or watch the sunrise.
2. Think about everything you have you are thankful for - your friends, your family, your health or whatever it may be.
3. Smile at everyone you encounter - Say hello and ask how they are.
4. Call an old friend you haven't talked to in a while - reminisce about the "good ole days."
5. Tell those most important to you that you love them.

Make happiness a habit and you will be a happy Mason.

Inspection Season is here, are you ready for it?

Brian Bishop, **Junior Warden**

Brethren of New England Lodge #4,

The New Year is already upon us and as you know, that means so is inspection season! The 14th Masonic District has released the inspection schedule for the 2019 year. Here are four points to help you concerning this year's upcoming inspections.

1. It would be great if you made it out to at least three inspections, in addition to our own inspection. As you know, this is a great way to meet brothers in other lodges, to share the excitement of a newly obligated brother being initiated, passed or raised and reconnect with old friends and brothers.
2. When you are deciding which of the inspections to attend consider this: five other lodges meet in the building in which New England does, Northwest Masonic Temple, so it will be easy for you to find. Think about the surprised look on the faces of the other lodges when, because of your attendance, we win the traveling award!
3. Notice that our inspection in the Fellowcraft degree on Monday, March 25th, is the last one of the year! Being the last inspection, you will have time to plan for your attendance. How



When visiting other lodges it's interesting to see slight variations of the ritual

great would it be to have the New England brethren fill the lodge in support of WB Dean Hall, the officers and your new brother as he is passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

4. Make a note on your calendar now, that our own, RWB John Hollback, will be presiding over his last inspection as District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) on Wednesday, March 20th at Neoacacia #595 in Westerville. I again ask the brothers, Officers and Past Masters of New England Lodge to come out and show your support for RWB Hollback as he concludes his duty as DDGM for the 14th Masonic District.

I will be passing around a signup sheet available at the January and February stated and special meetings, and the March Stated meeting as well. I am also completing a signup that will be available online. Please, sign up so we will have an idea of how many brethren we will have attending. Of course, you do not have to sign up to attend the inspections, you could just surprise everyone and show up!

The schedule of all inspections for 2018 is available on the www.newengland4.org Home Page.

Inspections scheduled for January and February are:

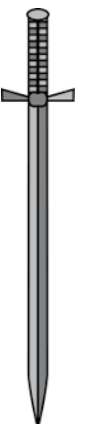
Lodge	Date of Inspection	Degree
Reynoldsburg #340	Tuesday, January 15, 2019	FC
Capital City #656	Friday, January 18, 2019	EA
Columbus #30	Tuesday, January 22, 2019	EA
West Gate #623	Monday, January 28, 2019	MM
Hiram #18	Tuesday, January 29, 2019	MM
Arts & Sciences #792	Tuesday, January 31, 2019	MM
Blendon #339	Monday, February 4, 2019	MM
Triangle #748	Thursday, February 7, 2019	FC
Ralph R. Rickly #670	Monday, February 11, 2019	FC
Groveport - Lockbourne	Tuesday, February 12, 2019	EA
South Gate Potter #782	Wednesday, February 13, 2019	EA
University #631	Tuesday, February 19, 2019	FC
Linden #637	Thursday, February 21, 2019	FC
Goodale #372	Monday, February 25, 2019	EA
Community #684	Tuesday, February 26, 2019	MM
* Asterisks indicate the inspections that will take place at Northwest Masonic Temple		
Blue highlights are inspections in NE4's same inspection degree		

I look forward to seeing you there!

John A. Spoff, **Tyler**

Many of our neophytes may not be fully aware of the fact that our basic three Symbolic degrees are but a part of what is known to the Craft as the York Rite of Freemasonry. Comprised of four basic groupings of degrees; Symbolic Lodge, the Capitular Rite (Royal Arch Masonry), the Cryptic Rite (Council), and the Orders of Knight Templary (Commandery), it may come as a surprise that the total number of degrees within the York Rite will come to no less than 15. When listed in their correct chronological order, they'll appear like this:

1. Those portions of the Royal Arch reflecting actions prior to the construction of the temple (RAM).
2. The Entered Apprentice Degree (Lodge).



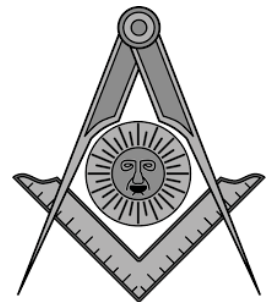
3. The Fellowcraft Degree (Lodge).
4. The Mark Master Degree (RAM).
5. The Royal Master Degree, First Section (Council).
6. The Select Master Degree (Council).
7. The Master Mason Degree (Lodge).
8. The Royal Master Degree (Second Section) Council.
9. The Past Master Degree (RAM).
10. The Most Excellent Master Degree (RAM).
11. The Super-Excellent Master Degree (Council) + one section Royal Arch Degree (RAM).
12. The final section, Royal Arch Degree (RAM).
13. Order of The Red Cross (Commandery).
14. The Order of Malta (Commandery).
15. The Order of The Temple (Commandery).

Confused? Want further "Light"? Well, there is a solution; the Petition process. Feel free to seek out members of these various bodies within our Lodge and they'll be glad to apply a match to your lamp of Masonic knowledge.

Nick Willeke, **Senior Deacon**

On DeMolay

DeMolay, as I would hope all of you know, is a group for young men ages 12-21, that many Lodges, including our own by extension, sponsor. It helps teach boys how to grow into effective members of society. To properly respect their parents and elders. To love and serve God. To be courteous and kind to others. To be a friend tried and true. To be faithful to every trust reposed in them. To live a clean and moral life. To love and serve our wonderful country, if called to do so.



I would hope that at least a few of these virtues speak to you as Masons. DeMolay is where I myself learned to be the man I am today. A son, a brother, a friend, a healthcare provider, and above all, a Mason. I would hope that DeMolay gives to all its members the experiences it gave me. Those experiences were, in part, because of the wonderful adult leadership I had. These advisors were from all walks of life and had many different life experiences. They provided everything from advice and counsel on issues I was having, transportation to events, and donations to the chapter. But the most important thing they gave was their time. They were there for us on those Wednesday evenings after getting off of a long day at work. They were there on the Saturday mornings to drive us halfway across the state. This is something that each and every one of you may be able to give to a member of a masonic youth group. While most do, not every advisor has a child or grandchild, nephew, or godson in DeMolay. Some just realized that they can be there for these young men.

And finally, on the topic of children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, anyone you know of who could benefit from these groups. They are what Masonic youth groups need. And these masonic youth groups are what they need. I would have never realized I needed DeMolay in my life if I hadn't joined. It made me the man I am today. So, I ask the members of this Lodge, find the young people you have in your life, and find a masonic youth group for them. There is never anyone too busy. It will

affect their lives. DeMolay is for young men 12-21. Rainbow for 11-20. And Job's Daughters from 10-20. Get them a petition, and change their life for the better!

Todd Steiner, **Junior Deacon**

This is Todd, our Junior Deacon this year. Thank you for electing me to this position! I am looking forward to working with everyone to keep high quality Ritual, and encouraging Brotherly Love!

