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Freemasonry is a unifying force that brings together men of all walks of life, regardless of race, color, creed, or political persuasion. In its heart, Freemasonry is a quest for deeper understanding, guiding our members on a journey to answer life's most profound questions: the meaning of life, the nature of divinity, and the essence of human spirit.

Happy New Year from the East!

WM Craig Schoffstall

AT OUR CORE, Freemasonry is dedicated to the betterment of our members. We operate on a unique system of degrees, symbols, and allegorical teachings designed to foster moral and spiritual growth. This system serves as a blueprint for members, guiding them on how to improve their character and conduct in daily life. Through the carefully structured degrees, Freemasonry symbolically leads our members from darkness to light, signifying the journey from ignorance to knowledge, with an emphasis on moral virtues and ethical living.



Inside this publication, see the photos of our Christmas Party, Installation of Officers, and more.

Don't miss out on the benefits of brotherhood.

Your plan to come to Lodge starts with the **Trestle Board**. (page 6)

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- **DDGM RWB Timothy S. Cline**
- **DEO RWB Shawn Franks**

Installation of Officers



Front Row (l-r): DDEO RWB Shawn Franks, RWB Kirt Miller Grand Chaplain of Ohio, Santino Montanez JD, J.J. Sinnema SW, WM Craig Schoffstall, DDGM RWB Timothy Cline, SD Don Stepp PM, JW Bob Kashary, Tyler Craig Niederriter PM, back row (l-r): Marshall Mark Rantala PM, Chaplain William Fletcher PM & PDDEO, Secretary Jack Huber, Treasurer Thomas Coy



l-r, Robert Hager, Jim Langmead, John Keirnan, Mike Ferez

Parkside Lodge proudly thanks the [Honor Guard of Forest City Commandery #40](#) for their support!!



l-r, DDEO RWB Shawn Franks, DDGM RWB Timothy Cline, and PDDGM RWB Daniel Mossop.
Parkside Lodge thanks the Officers of 22nd Masonic District: **ALWAYS THERE FOR US!**

FROM THE WEST

J.J. Sinnema, Senior Warden

Fellow brethren, I have been honored to be promoted to the office of Senior Warden. I know I might be unfamiliar to some of you, having been a Mason for less than three years but have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences. My son and I joined Parkside in '22 after the death of my father, Jeff, who was raised at Maple Heights in 1976.

My father was proud to be a Freemason but fell out of the habit of attending meetings due to work commitments. He always wanted to go back to Lodge and I was going to join when he returned. Unfortunately, the “we’ll go next years” added up until a sudden decline in his health meant that he never made it back – a deep regret he shared before his death. As a result, I don’t want to ever fall into the habit of missing Lodge.



To any brother who has gotten into that habit, I want to personally invite you back. Our fraternity forms a bond between men that cannot be achieved elsewhere. Please consider being with us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I’m looking forward to serving our Lodge from the West – and especially looking forward to meeting unfamiliar brothers. If there’s anything I can do to help get you to Lodge, please let me know.

FROM THE SOUTH

Bob Kashary, Junior Warden

THIS YEAR, Masons across the U.S. traveled to experience the majesty of Mt. Vernon and observe Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia place an historic **cornerstone** at the home of our nation’s 1st President. All of us are inspired by the courage and leadership of General George Washington. Meeting Brothers across the country from states such as Idaho and New Hampshire, was a privilege.

THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY led by the children of Masons at the resting place of George & Martha Washington was restorative.

WHETHER in Lodge or a trip to Mt. Vernon, the power of Freemasonry is our emphasis on fellowship. Our organization provides a supportive environment for members to meet for activities, and work together on personal, group, and community projects.

OUR GATHERINGS in formal lodge meetings and social events are fundamental to the Masonic experience. They foster brotherly love, relief, and truth among our membership. These events offer a platform for our members to contribute to society, engage in philanthropic activities, and support each other in their personal and professional lives.



Christmas Party!!



I-r: Karl & Darla Hoffman, William & Cathy Fletcher, Michelle Jenkins, WM Craig Schoffstall, JD Santino Montanez, and Secretary Jack Huber II.

More than a dozen Christmas Baskets were assembled and delivered to the Widows of our Parkside Lodge Brethren. Making Merry with gifts of candles, fruit, sweets, and... more candy!

And... Christmas Lunch!



Secretary Huber



Making Merry



Chaplain Fletcher's silk tie!

Trestle Board – Parkside Lodge #736

Tues. January 7 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Monthly Dinner Stated Meeting, Open in Fellow Craft* After-meeting Desserts & Fellowship
Tues. January 21 st	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, Open in Fellow Craft After-meeting Desserts & Fellowship
Tues. January 28 th	7 pm	Temple Board meets in Fellowship Hall
Tues. February 4 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Monthly Dinner Stated Meeting, Open in Fellow Craft* After-meeting Desserts & Fellowship
Tues. February 18 th	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting Open in Fellow Craft After meeting Desserts & Fellowship
Tues. February 25 th	7pm	Temple Board meets in Fellowship Hall
Tues. March 4 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Monthly Dinner Stated Meeting, Open in Fellow Craft After-meeting Desserts & Fellowship
<i>Tues. March 18th</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Annual Inspection: Fellowcraft; Formal Attire*</i> <i>After-meeting Desserts & Fellowship</i>
Tues. March 25 th	7pm	Temple Board meets in Fellowship Hall

*** Officers In Formal Meeting Attire ***

Freemasonry is neither a religion nor a secret society.

It is a transparent organization, proud of its principles, members, and community engagements. Freemasonry is open about its membership, activities, and charitable efforts, and keeps only the specific rituals and member ballots private. It supports individual spiritual growth without prescribing to any single faith.

Guidance for the New Year

WB William Fletcher, Chaplain

While I don't recall who wrote these words of wisdom and advice, they've kept their value through the ages.

1. Climb mountains not so the world can see you, but so that you can see the world.
2. Go where you're celebrated, not tolerated.
3. People aren't against you, they're for themselves.
4. People say motivation doesn't last; neither does bathing. That's why it's recommended every day.
5. The person in life with whom you spend the most time is you; make yourself as interesting as possible.
6. You learn more from failure than from success. Don't let failure stop you, it builds character.



FOR THOSE READY TO START or continue their exploration of the rich traditions and values of Freemasonry, our door is always open.

For the year and beyond: May our Lord bless you and keep safe those whom you hold most precious and dear.

PARKSIDE LODGE FELLOWSHIP HALL



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