



# The Cornerstone

**Niles McKinley Lodge #794 F. & A.M.  
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**APRIL 2016**

Serving the needs of Niles' Freemasons, their families and the community.

Stated Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7:30 P.M., except July and August.

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## Hungry for food and fellowship?

Our Masonic Breakfast Club, that meets **every second Tuesday of every month**, is beginning to show strong signs of growth. It's not astronomical progress but one Brother here and one Brother there who come together to enjoy great food and even greater fraternal Brotherhood, friendship and hazing! We meet at Scena's Restaurant in McKinley Heights at **8:30 A.M.** If you need a ride contact R.W.B. Curtis Miller, 330-717-4552, and he'll see that someone contacts you.

## Ladies / Awards Night

Niles McKinley Lodge will be thanking its ladies for their encouragement and support and congratulating our Brothers for their service and contributions to Freemasonry with a roasted pork loin dinner and program **Sunday, April 10, 2016, 5:00 P.M.** Reservations are requested so that everyone can be served. Make your reservations by contacting R.W.B. Chuck Chagnot, 330-307-3405, **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016.** All ladies will be admitted free of charge. All the guys will have to ante-up \$10.00!

A special invitation goes out to our departed Brothers' wives. Again, please contact Chuck no later than **Monday, April 4, 2016**, especially if you need a ride.

Our award presentations are greeted with eager anticipation because we will learn who receives our prestigious Master Mason of the Year award. Who might it be? Service award recipients will be honored for their years of membership.

## Lodge meetings and a Joint Stated Meeting you won't want to miss

Meetings of a lodge are either Stated or Special as prescribed by its *By-laws*. According to the *Code of the Grand Lodge of Ohio*, each lodge in its *By-laws* will provide for at least one Stated Meeting in each of at least ten calendar months in each calendar year. If any lodge neglects this provision for twelve successive months, it shall forfeit its Charter. Each meeting of a lodge is to be complete in itself and be opened and closed in the same day according to the Ritual. One of the first three officers of a lodge will be in attendance at each Stated Meeting with exceptions being during the Communication of the Grand Lodge or when conducting Masonic funeral services. Our Stated Meetings, as noted in our *By-laws*, are on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at **7:30 P.M.** except the months of July and August when we go 'dark' — having no *Stated Meetings* during those months.

Special Meetings include those appointed at an earlier Stated Meeting, those convened to conduct Masonic funerals or those convened by the presiding officer with the approval of the Grand Master to meet some other emergency. No business is to be transacted at a Special Meeting except that for which it was called.

The right of a Mason to be present and to vote at the meetings of his lodge is a sacred right and cannot be denied to any Mason in good standing who conducts himself with propriety. No partisan political or religious discussions are permitted during a lodge

meeting. Except as to meetings called for the purpose of examining candidates, conferring degrees or conducting Masonic funerals, notice of any Special Meeting and its object shall be by mail to the members of the lodge.

All lodge discussion and behavior shall be in accordance with the *Ancient Charges of a Freemason*. Private committees or separate conversations, without leave of the Master, are not permitted. You are not to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly nor interrupt the Master, Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master. You are not to behave ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn nor use unbecoming language upon any pretense whatsoever.

Except as otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, a lodge will hold its meetings at the location approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. This is important for our Lodge because we have graciously been given permission, by Dispensation of every Grand Master since 1973, to hold an annual Stated Meeting with Newton Falls Lodge #462 at each other's lodge location. We alternate the site of the meeting between the two lodges each year. We've been told that we are the only lodges throughout the State that have been given permission to meet annually for a Stated Meeting at each other's building.

This year, Newton Falls Lodge will be our guests **Monday, April 18, 2016, 7:30 P.M.** A light dinner will precede the meeting at **6:30 P.M.** Only necessary business items are usually transacted. This facilitates a quick business meeting and affords extra time after the meeting to socialize with Brethren from each lodge. It's a great time to reestablish old friendships and make new acquaintances at the same time.

We'd like to encourage everyone to be present and enjoy the fellowship and Brotherhood that naturally occurs at meetings between Brethren. If you can't drive at night or need a ride, please call and we'll arrange for your transportation. **Please remember that on our meeting**

nights, we begin the evening with a light dinner one hour BEFORE Lodge opens.

### Liberty Complex Inspections whole day event

On **Saturday, April 30, 2016** Niles McKinley and William Farr Lodges will be inspected consecutively during the day. William Farr will be inspected at **9:00 A.M.** in the Entered Apprentice Degree with our Inspection following at **1:00 P.M.** in the Master Mason Degree.

Breakfast will be served before William Farr's Inspection at **8:00 A.M.** with lunch being served at **12:00 noon** before our Inspection. Just be at Lodge around 8 o'clock in the morning and expect to enjoy the whole day!

We need your help in presenting the Master Mason Degree so please contact our Fellowcraft Team Captain, W.B. Mike Waldern, 330-233-0104, with your message of assistance in the production of the Degree.

### Grand Master's Reception is local

The 25th Masonic District Blue Lodge Association has published plans for its sponsorship of this year's 25th Masonic District's Grand Master's Reception to be held locally at **Avalon Inn, Saturday, May 14, 2016, Social hour 5:30 PM; Dinner, 6:30 PM.**

The evening normally begins with the Grand Entrance of Past District Deputies, current District Deputies and Grand Lodge Officers. Dinner is served promptly at the end of those introductions.

Dinner is buffet-style consisting of house and fruit salads, beef brisket, chicken Natali, tortellini, garlic roast potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables and grilled asparagus. Costs for the evening is \$35.00 per person. Make your reservation(s) **A.S.A.P.** through W.B. Brian Williams, 330-360-5530, as soon as possible **but no later than Friday, May 6, 2016.** Please make your check payable to *Niles McKinley Lodge #794* so one Lodge check can be forwarded to the Association with arrangements made for the seating of our members at our own Lodge-specific tables. This is a Masonic event that your lady will enjoy.

If you need overnight accommodations, contact Avalon Inn personally, 330-856-1900, to make your own arrangements.

### Make plans now to attend our Table Lodge

Niles McKinley Lodge will be opening a *Lodge of Entered Apprentices* and one of *Table Instruction* **Saturday, June 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M.** Mark this fun evening down now. Reservations will be very limited. We'll have more information for you next month.

**Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.**

**- Corrie Ten Boom**

### Spring Has Arrived! (*Job's Daughters*)

I'm sure many of you will relate to our enthusiasm when I say "Inspection Is Over - Lets Party!!"

Our girls have been working hard on their ritual work to prepare for their Inspection and the adults couldn't be prouder of the results of their hard work. We welcomed three new girls to Job's Daughters that day, one for our Bethel! We also got to honor our Bethel State officers for all they do to represent our Bethel and our Order. Special thanks again to Cassie D and Leighah R, as well as Jenn Miligi and Sherri Gotthardt for all you do!!

March will be a tough month to follow when it comes to all the fun we had, but we are up for the task! April will find our Daughters holding a bake sale and doing a coat check for our Masonic friends in East Liverpool, attending the Ohio Miss Job's Daughter Pageant in Canton and participating in our State HIKE fundraiser.

We will also be holding our regular stated meetings on April 10th and 24th at 3:00 p.m., so if you would like to come visit, we would love to see you!

We are very excited to have a JD-2-Bee program. JD-2-Bees attend parts of our meetings and join in our fun activities. It is a wonderful way to get to know us, and all the great things Job's has to offer. If you know of a girl between the ages of 6 and 10 who would like to join us as a JD 2 Bee, we would love to meet her and start her on what promises to be an awesome experience!

Job's Daughters is a positive, faith-based organization that provides leadership, builds self confidence, and allows girls to make lifelong friendships...please give us the opportunity to share Job's Daughters with you and them!! Contact Jenn Miligi, Bethel Guardian at (330) 506-0531 for more information.



## **Under The Master's Hat—R.W.B. Charles Chagnot**

Attention! Attention! We need your help! Our Lodge's Inspection is coming up **Saturday, April 30 at 1 pm** and we need all of our Brethren possible in attendance. There is an attendance award given by the 25th District Blue Lodge Association for the lodge who has the most of its own members in attendance at their Inspection. Brethren we need to show our support for the officers and Lodge members who are working very hard to confer this Degree perfectly for our Inspection. We have Brothers who have been Masons less than one year giving the Lecture and Charge as well as numbers 7, 8, & 9. They deserve your support! This is a very exciting time for Niles McKinley Lodge. We have Raised several new Master Masons and are working on at least five more at this writing. Come join us! I would like all Past Masters to attend and wear their Past Masters aprons at the Inspection. We need to show our support also, the current officer line is very active and working hard on the Degree work. We need you, please come.

### **April Trestleboard**

<b>April 4</b> —Lunch, 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM., possibly MM <sup>o</sup>	<b>April 30</b> —Inspection in Master Mason Degree, Lunch, 12:00 noon; Inspection, 1:00 PM ( <i>See story</i> )
<b>April 10</b> —Ladies / Awards Night, Dinner, 5:00 PM; Program 6:00 PM. ( <i>See story</i> )	<b>May 2</b> —Lunch, 6:30 PM; Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM. Charter Night
<b>April 12</b> —Lodge's Breakfast Club at Scenna's Restaurant in McKinley Heights, 8:30 AM.	<b>May 10</b> —Lodge's Breakfast Club, 8:30 AM
<b>April 18</b> —Lunch, 6:30 PM; Joint Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM. ( <i>See story</i> )	<b>May 14</b> —Grand Master's Reception, at Avalon Inn. ( <i>See story</i> )
	<b>June 18</b> —Table Lodge

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