



The Cornerstone

**Niles McKinley Lodge #794 F. & A.M.
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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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“Community Star” one of our own

Since we're “dark” during the months of July and August, I usually have the space to add extra Masonic educational material or other articles that will hopefully be of interest to you in our newsletter. This month I'm going to further expand on the efforts of our Lodge's “Community Service” award recipient, Bro. Paul Clouser, although I'm pretty sure that he won't want me to do this, . . . so . . .

. . . anyway . . . Paul and his wife, Holly, purchased a building on the south side of Courthouse Square in downtown Warren. Believing in the revitalization of downtown Warren and wanting to contribute, they completely renovated the building and now call the building home for not only their business, National Fire and Water Repair, but also their family.



Paul serves as president of the company while Holly functions as director of business development. Courthouse Square is literally their front yard and David Grohl Alley is their back yard.

Paul is often seen sweeping the sidewalks and picking up trash around Courthouse Square and in the alley which used to be an eyesore in the city. Paul has contributed to the alley's appeal by commissioning artwork such as the David Grohl Alley banner mural on the back of his building, purchasing the stage used for special events and often even providing electricity for

various events conducted in the alley.

Paul is a member of Trumbull 100 and Warren Kiwanis. He serves on the board for Trumbull Mobile Meals and is an active supporter of Warren's Garden District. He donated a truck to Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership for its “Building a Better Warren” effort.

Bro. Clouser is a lifelong Warren resident who has been a Warren Relay for Life board member for sixteen years. One of his latest efforts for improving Warren was starting the Greater Warren Opportunity Network which is designed to market the city as a place to live and a place to locate a business.

“The Shortcut” is an enclosed, heated and cooled corridor available for the public's use as a shortcut between Courthouse Square in downtown Warren, Dave Grohl Alley and the Franklin Street multi-level parking deck. This passageway, donated to the city, is built inside of the Clouser Building to allow the public, downtown employees and residents easy access to the Market St. side of Courthouse Square instead of walking around an entire city block. The east wall of the corridor is lined with fine art from the Trumbull Art Gallery and two retail shops are located on the west side of the corridor.

In addition to this, Paul and local businessman Jim Cicchillo joined forces and purchased an old, open-air trolley from the city and have completely renovated it. The trolley can be seen at numerous events in Warren throughout the year. Paul has even allowed our Lodge to use the trolley for our participation in the Niles Halloween Parade.

Paul was recently awarded, among eleven other city leaders, as being a “Community Star” recipient for his work in the Warren community. These individuals expend exceptional efforts to improve our community through volunteering and selfless acts. Each one is a leader today and serves as an example that we can follow as

we strive to become better Masons and leaders of tomorrow. This certainly describes Paul and Holly in their efforts to help revitalize downtown Warren.

Bro. Clouser was Raised a Master Mason May 17, 2010, 6 years a Master Mason. He has already made his presence known as a doer in our Lodge serving as an officer and recently helping with the installation of the new digital projector hanging from the ceiling in the lodge room.

Night out at the Scrapers

The Lodge has arranged a family picnic and attendance at the Mahoning Valley Scrapers baseball game against the Lowell Spinners **Friday, June 22, 2016!**

The “all-you-can-eat” picnic begins at 5:30 P.M. continuing through 7:00 P.M. The picnic consists of hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, soft drinks, and water. That's right! I said, “all-you-can-eat” between 5:30—7:00 P.M.!!!

Cost is \$20.00 per person for which, in addition to our “all-you-can-eat” picnic, you receive a box seat ticket to the game, which begins at 7:05 P.M., and the following benefits: 10% off at the Team Merchandise Store; a group sweepstakes (chance to win more tickets); two ‘Group Bucks Back’ per person (may be used at the Team Store or concession stands); other promotions include a Dave Grohl Bobblehead Giveaway to the first 1,000 fans (no guarantees) and a postgame fireworks show set to Foo Fighters music (Dave Grohl's current band)!!!

This is definitely a fun-filled evening for your whole family and your friends. You must pre-order your tickets through the Scrapers ticket office with a credit card by phoning (330) 505-0000. Deadline to order is **Friday, July 15, 2016. No picnic or group benefits will be available at the window on the day of the game.**

Deputy Grand Master to visit

Our Deputy Grand Master, R.W.B. Douglas N. Kaylor, will be presenting his program for the 2016—2017 Masonic year in the 25th Masonic District **Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 7:00 P.M.** This program roll-out meeting will be held at Cortland Lodge #529. All Masons are encouraged to attend, especially our Master and Wardens. Dress is described as “comfortably (though tastefully) dressed.”

With the explanation of his program we

will be able to envision where R.W.B. Kaylor will take the Grand Lodge of Ohio next year if he is elected Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Communication in October. Come out and meet our Deputy Grand Master and see what his plan for next year encompasses.

Liberty Complex family picnic

Our Complex's annual Family Picnic and Corn Roast is scheduled **Saturday, August 6, 2016, 4:00 P.M.** The corn, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided by the Liberty Complex. We're asking you to bring your family and friends, **your own table service and a dish or two to pass around.**

Golf Scramble needs golfers

Don't forget to make your intentions known concerning our Lodge's Golf Scramble with Jerusalem and Newton Falls Lodges **Saturday, August 13, 2016, 8:00 A.M.** at Hidden Oaks Golf Course.

Remember, 18 holes of golf with riding cart, a great grilled steak dinner, prizes for golfing prowess and special gifts presented all for the very low entry fee of \$50.00 per person!

Contact R.W.B. Marc Stevens, (330) 442-0893, before **Thursday, August 9, 2016** so reservations can be made. We only have one Brother signed up at the present time. Hurry and call!

Community Meals once again

We served close to 450 meals through our Community Meals program during the month June this year. We'd like to thank everyone who came and donated their time and lent a helping hand wherever needed especially W.B. John Schuster, his wife Phyllis, W.B. Roger Mays and R.W.B. Curt Miller and his wife Carol. They are the chief cooks and bottle washers without whose service to the Community Meals program it would not be possible.

Every Thursday throughout the month of September, again presents us the opportunity of providing free, hot, nutritious meals to the community with our Community Meals program. We'll once again be staging the meals at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Ave, Niles **every Thursday of September from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.**

We **really** need your help with setting up, busing, waiting tables and cleaning up afterward. We had a handful of Brethren helping during our last program in June but more Brethren assisting are needed and would be greatly appreciated from 4:00 P.M. until cleanup is finished. Please consider lending a helping hand if possible.

District Outdoor Raising

The 25th Masonic District Blue Lodge Association will be presenting its annual Outdoor Master Mason Degree presentation **Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 A.M.** at the outdoor lodge facilities of Cortland Lodge. I'm pretty sure that Cortland Lodge will be serving breakfast from 8:00 A.M. until Lodge opens. Cost for breakfast is usually very minimal. Call some Brothers to attend with you! Bring your own lawn chair.

Addresses and phone numbers still needed

We want to thank the five Brethren who responded to our request of providing updated street and email addresses and phone numbers in last month's newsletter.

We are trying to update our membership records and mailing lists. Would you please be so kind to send your correct, current telephone number, street and email address to Marc Stevens, Phone: 330-442-0893; Email: marc694@neo.rr.com or Address: 1215 High St NE, Warren, OH 44483? Please respond to this request even if you think we have your correct phone number and addresses.

Ready...Set...FUN!

First, thank you to everyone who attended our Installation of Officers on Sunday June 12. It was great to have so many Worthy Matrons, and Masons to fill the sidelines as well as Warren's DeMolay and West Farmington's Rainbow youth groups.

Here is our calendar of activities for the summer. Recently the rules to join Job's Daughters have been changed to allow non-Masonic related girls to join, with a Mason's sponsorship. We would love the opportunity to introduce Job's Daughters to all girls within the ages of 10 and 20, so please feel free to share this with your family and friends.

July Activity...Family Picnic. We will be headed to East Liverpool for paddle boats, yard games, good food and fun. August Activity...Pioneer Waterland. This will be a return trip, since last year we had so much fun in the lazy river and huge pool area, not to mention awesome water slides!

August 31—Sept 5...Canfield Fair/Fundraiser. Once again we will be working the Corn on the Cob booth with our Masonic Family. Stop out for some outrageously delicious corn.

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, or visit our web site at www.nilesbethel35.org.



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

Brethren, if you were at the Table Lodge, you heard MWB Kevin Todd speak about Masonic funeral services. He said the Masonic funeral service is the last office of respect that we can pay to our departed Brother and that we should make every effort to attend all Masonic funeral services within our power. It does not cost anything except a little bit of gas to get there and our time to go. But it does express a great deal to his family that he was our Brother and that as Brothers we loved and respected him. So, the next time, and every time you get notification of a Masonic funeral service, out of respect, put on that coat and tie and attend the service. You will be very glad you did and so will his family.

As our summer darkness begins I want to thank everyone for their support so far during this Masonic year. We have been blessed with a year of very busy degree work and special events. Now take time to enjoy the summer and come back refreshed and ready to pick up where we left off for whatever's not done yet!!

July Trestleboard

July 12 —Lodge's Breakfast Club at Scenna's Restaurant in McKinley Heights, 8:30 AM.	(See story)
July 22 —Night out at the Scrappers (See story)	Sept — Every Thursday Community Meals, 4:00—6:00 P.M. (See story)
August 3 —D.G.M. Program rollout, 7:00 P.M. (See story)	Sept 10 —District Outdoor Raising, 9:00 A.M. (See story)
August 6 —Complex's Corn Roast and Family Picnic (See story)	Sept 19 —Luncheon, 6:30 P.M.; Stated Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
August 13 —Lodge Golf Scramble, 8:00 A.M.	Sept 30 —District Blue Lodge Association Election of Officers

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