



The Cornerstone

**Niles McKinley Lodge #794 F. & A.M.
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May 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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Charter Night

At our first monthly Stated Meeting, **Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:30 P.M.**, we will be observing Charter Night. Short reviews of the histories of Mahoning, Sincerity and Niles McKinley Lodges will be presented by W.B. Raymond Bishop, R.W.B. Marc Stevens and R.W.B. Charles Chagnot. The stories of the first two Lodges are directly responsible for the merger into the third Lodge. Their histories are very much intertwined.

We'd like to invite everyone to come and bring their remembrances of what made Mahoning and Sincerity Lodges so special and what will make Niles McKinley Lodge unique for those Masons following in our footsteps. The funny stories, the inspirational event, the special meeting that made you realize what it means to be a Mason; we'd like to hear your story. Remember, we meet at **6:30 P.M.** for a light luncheon before Lodge opens.

GM Reception at Avalon Inn

Hopefully you have already made your dinner reservations through our Secretary, W.B. Brian Williams, 330-360-5530, for the 25th Masonic District's Grand Master's Reception **Saturday, May 14, 2016, 6:30 P.M.** Brian's trying to get everyone at tables within close proximity for our Lodge. If you haven't called yet, please do so as soon as possible **but no later than Friday, May 6, 2016.** 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. The Reception is being held locally at Avalon Inn on East Market St. in Howland. Contact Avalon Inn personally if you need overnight accommodations.

The Grand Master's Reception provides an excellent opportunity to meet, up close and personal, the Grand Lodge officers that lead Masonry in Ohio. They really are great guys! The entrance of the Grand Line officers precedes dinner. There is also a Social Hour that begins at **5:30 P.M.**

Rituals available for purchase

We'd like to remind everyone that you are able to purchase your own copy of the Grand Lodge coded ritual at \$50.00 a piece. This is the same exact ritual book that is used by our Lodge officers in their work. Such purchase can only be made through our Lodge Secretary who will purchase the ritual from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Any Ohio Mason found with a ritual from another source is still subject to charges of unMasonic conduct. There will be no accounting process required for any ritual purchased for individual ownership. Grand Lodge will replace, at no expense, any ritual that is turned into the Grand Lodge office in a worn or deteriorated condition **because of use.** But, rituals that are damaged from neglect, misuse or accident will not be replaced free. Those can only be replaced by purchasing another ritual.

Niles McKinley Lodge has a Ritual Committee appointed that gives support and instruction to our officers **when requested.**

If you purchase a ritual and are willing to commit your time to attend, maybe we could convene several Ritual Schools of Instruction for those interested in learning the degree work on their own. Contact R.W.B. Marc Stevens, 330-442-0893 or marc694@neo.rr.com, if you're interested. Let's get back to really learning the ritual and living our lives by the excellent precepts contained within.

Members and ladies honored

They were a number of Brethren and their ladies honored at our Ladies / Awards Night program. The Lodge was privileged to have the Warren DeMolay present their Mother's Degree and hand out red roses to our ladies.

Pictured on the left is W.B. Glen Mohn from William Farr Lodge (*center*), receiving an Honorary Membership into our Lodge. The award was presented to him by our Worshipful Master, R.W.B. Charles Chagnot (*left*), for his unselfish help and assistance provided through the years. Helping with the presentation was District Deputy R.W.B. James Kowacich (*right*).



W.B. Michael Waldern was presented his Past Master's Certificate from Grand Lodge. Your humble servant, R.W.B. Marc Stevens, was honored for his past and continued service of providing the membership with our monthly newsletter.

Service awards were presented to a number of Brethren: 25 years, W.B. Doug Nutter and Bro. Dave Ruggerio; 35 years, W.B. Brian Williams, Bro. Dave Clouser and Bro. Francis Rambo; 40 years, Bro. William Finney and Bro. William Bidwell; 50 years, Bro. Kenneth Chambers and Bro. William Hibler. 60 year awards were presented to Bro. Paul Peddie, Bro. Richard Lohr, Bro. Leonard Bean, Bro. Frank Mills and Bro. Ken Boring. 65 year presentations will be made to Bro. Morris Freidman and Bro. Wayne Chambers.

Our "Master Mason of the Year" award went to W.B. Roger Mays. This award is not necessarily presented every year. It is only presented when it's warranted by a Broth-

er's participation and help in the Lodge. W.B Mays is already trying to soak everything out of his award. He tried to get someone to pay for his breakfast at our last Masonic Breakfast Club!!!

W.B. Thomas Redmond was presented a "Meritorious Service" award for his work of providing email news from our Lodge. Receiving Lecture bars were Bro. Nelson Crane (EA), W.B. Brian Fisher (MM), W.B. Brian Fisher (MM) and Bro. Tom Rose (MM).



Bro Paul Clouser received our "Community Service" award for his unselfish efforts outside the Lodge in the community. His accomplishments and actions throughout our neighborhoods are too numerous to list in our small newsletter but take it from me, the efforts of Bro. Clouser are many and very praiseworthy.

In our picture above, Bro. Clouser (*center*) is presented his award by R.W.B. Charles Chagnot (*left*) and R.W.B. James Kowacich (*right*).

Community Meals set for June and September

Keep **every Thursday in June and September** free for our Community Meals program. Mark these Thursdays on your calendar now. Also in June we have a Table Lodge scheduled for **Monday, June 13, 2016**. More information next month on both these events.

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

A very determined group of struggling, unsung heroes from our Lodge will again be doing battle against the big, bad, evil forces from Jerusalem and Newton Falls Lodges **Saturday, August 13, 2016, 8:00 A.M.** at our annual inter-lodge golf scramble at Hidden Oaks Golf Course. Our enemies carry big, fancy sticks and have no mercy for anyone that get in their way. One of their leaders knows the ins and outs of the course layout all too well (*he should, seeing that he owns the golf course!*) and we are at a very great disadvantage.

Every golfer from our Lodge can participate (*bring a ringer friend along with you*) and have a great time! Shot-

gun start in the morning, a great steak dinner with prizes and awards following all the action. Please plan on participating. Contact Marc Stevens, 330-442-0893, with your intent on playing **no later than Tuesday August 9, 2016, 2016**. Cost for the day is only \$50.00 including eighteen holes of golf, a riding cart, steak dinner awards and prizes. Come enjoy the fun!! More info next month.

Bloom, Lead, Soar

Within the past few years, Job's Daughters has started to "rebrand" what our organization has to offer our young ladies. Bloom, Lead, Soar represents the stages that we see our Daughters go through while involved with JDI. Some of the richest memories we adult volunteers have are watching a 10 year old Bloom into a Leader and watching them prepare to Soar off to college and on their career path. Job's has so much to offer in the way of friendships, service and personal growth. We hope you will help us spread the word of the all the blessings this group can offer.

May will find our girls attending the Tadmore Dance in Akron on **May 7th**, going to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, attending Bethel #80's Majority Ceremony and 50th Anniversary celebration and serving the Friends of Fido fundraiser dinner. In addition to all this, we'll begin our preparations to attend our annual conference at Kenyon College in June with ritual practice, arts and crafts and Bethel talent.

Our regular stated meetings are on **May 8th and 22nd at 3:00 p.m.**, we were so happy to have some visitors at our meeting in April, we hope more will come and share in our fun!

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

May Trestleboard

May 2 —Luncheon, 6:30 PM; Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM. Charter Night (<i>See story</i>)	May 13 —Table Lodge (<i>See story</i>)
May 10 —Lodge's Breakfast Club at Scenna's Restaurant in McKinley Heights, 8:30 AM.	May 14 —Lodge's Breakfast Club at Scenna's Restaurant in McKinley Heights, 8:30 AM.
May 14 —Grand Master's Reception (<i>See story</i>)	May 18 —District's Senior Wardens' Meeting
May 16 —Luncheon, 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM.	May 20 —Luncheon, 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM. Strawberry Night
June 6 —Luncheon, 6:30	

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