

February, 2012

Special points of interest:

- **2/1 Business Meeting 7:00**
- **2/4 MM Degree Chelsea lodge 9am**
- **2/15 FC degree Howell 7:00**
- **2/19 Pinckney Breakfast**
- **2/28 FC school of Instruction Howell 7:00**
- **3/1 Scholarship Forms Due**

- **Leslie Ferguson
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From The East:

Well it was a very busy January and Feb. is shaping up to be just as busy!

We started the year out with a visit from the Grand Master at our business meeting and followed it up with (3) MM degrees the following week, with members from (4) different lodges in attendance, then (2) EA degrees the week after that. Talk about a trail by fire for my first month.

We have had a couple of inquiries from people on getting into Masonry already this year. This may turn out to bumper crop of new members for us.

As I mentioned before we had two EA's but will be having (3) FC in February. There will be a Fellowcraft school of instruction on the 28th at 7:00 at the lodge, I would like to see as many members as we can get there to pack the house.

Just a reminder, please get all the scholarship forms in to the lodge by the end of the month so we have time to go thru them and pick the six best.

And on a final note Worshipful Brother Bill New will be going in for back surgery on January 23rd, and will be down but not out for a while. Please keep him in your prayers, and may God bless him with a quick recovery!

Future Plans for 2012

- First Poker Tournament - March 18,19,20th

- Visit to Masonic Temple in Detroit

- Spaghetti Dinner April 21st
- Tour of Masonic Museum in Grand Rapids
- Be good and kind to everyone you meet!

From the Secretary

Happy Birthday to these February Birthday Brothers

Jesse J. Davey PM; Charles J V Harris; Charles E. Hill; Darren R. Jones; Joseph N. Jones PM;
Donald V. Shunney; William R. Vroman; John P. Wheeler; and Scott V. Wright

Congratulations Brothers

Well here we are again brothers; right into winter; take care when out and about.

It was reported that former Howell Lodge member Don Field passed on to the Grand Architect on January 10, 2012; after moving from Howell to Lake, Mi. he transferred to Corning Lodge #355 in Lake Mi., and served as Worshipful Master there for the 2008 thru 2009 Masonic Year.

There are a number of brothers who have not remitted their dues to the Lodge, would you please take care of this matter and avoid additional mailings; the postage has gone up again.

The Lodge has taken on a whole new look, the East has been totally re done, and is very impressive.

As a reminder, if you have someone planning to apply for any available scholarships thru Howell Lodge, these applications have to be to the Grand Lodge office on or before May first, 2012 for any consideration of matching funds. This means completed with all the required signed letters, school records signed and delivered to the Howell Lodge Scholarship Committee for their processing. Please do not delay on these. Those applying do not forget to sign your own letter, it has happened many times in the past.

Livingston #76 will be having their annual guest night dinner on February 4, 2012, cost is \$5.00, social hour at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend who may not be a Brother, and maybe he will be interested in joining.

As some know, and many may not, the Grand Lodge of Michigan has removed fraternal recognition of the Shrine of North America, (Shriner's International). This was done in July acting under Section 8.1.3.3 of Michigan Masonic Law, as of November 23, 2011 a letter was sent to all Lodges regarding this and at this writing, there has been no change in Grand Master Kaiser's position on this matter. Any interaction with Shriner's International with the exception of transporting of children is therefore prohibited until further notice.

On a much lighter note, DeMolay in Livingston County is growing, and Howell Lodge would be happy to forward any donations to the DeMolay chapter that you may wish to give, or you can send them to Livingston County Chapter DeMolay at 401 West Grand River. In the past, High Twelve has been their primary Sponsor, and due to the loss of high twelve membership they are no longer able to do this.

Fraternally,

William New PM; Secretary