Greetings Brethren

It is an honor to assume the East at Grove Lodge and I will do my very best to serve the Brethren of the lodge this year. The Masters in recent years have set into motion many great things for our lodge, by developing separate budgets for the lodge and building, instituting long range planning, professional management of our assets, and an effort to bring to the Brethren Masonic education with the hope of inspiring active discussions. I will work with the officers and committees to continue these efforts and to guide our lodge in the best direction for Grove Lodge. I ask the brethren of the lodge and hopefully many from other lodges around the area for help with the last.

After our summer activities, R.W. Bro. Omar Ali will be presenting topics at our Stated Meetings intended to inspire discussions among the Brethren and bring the knowledge of many to the floor. It is hoped that we will have discussions that help us understand more about Masonry, our rituals, our history, and to create new topics of interest. I urge everyone who is interested in learning more about what we do and why to come out and participate. Also anyone who has a particular interest in a certain topic or has always been curious about a part of ritual to bring it to my attention and I will do my very best to make it part of our discussions.

I look forward to a great year of masonry with my brethren. Be sure to check our calendar regularly for upcoming events.

Fraternally
Michael L Frigo
Worshipful Master

A Note From The New Editor

It has been over thirty years since I served as editor of the newsletter. At that time it was typed on a 1930's vintage Underwood Typewriter. We then sent it to the local printer and had about five hundred copies made. Next we printed addresses on it with an "address-o-graph". If you have ever run one of these behemoths, then you understand why just getting the newsletter out the door took days. The printer
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would complain that the inked cloth ribbon did not copy well and we always bent several of the printing plates while printing the addresses, and had to re-do some addresses as a result.

We now have updated software, inkjet printers and, most importantly, E-mail which allows for a full color newsletter to be distributed at no cost. What could be easier? Well............

The hardest job then and now is getting material for the newsletter. We need articles. Every member is welcome to submit an article. Tell us about yourselves, about your life, about your Masonic experiences, E-mail pictures. We have multiple media to let everyone know what the lodge has scheduled for the future, but our newsletter is the only way of letting everyone know what we have done. The successes and fun had at various events can best be expressed in this one publication.

I intend to try to get every new Master Mason to tell us about himself after his Third Degree. I know that everyone joins lodge for a different reason and it would be interesting to hear about what these reasons are. A short, three paragraph, article would let the members who do not always get to lodge get to know the new members. I hope to have a regular column called “Meet the new Master Masons”.

The York Rite organizations as well as the Eastern Star that meet in Downers Grove are all welcome to include articles. At one time in the past the newsletter was called “Grove Temple News”. I think it would benefit all the organizations to strive for this again.

Lastly, our newsletter cannot be written by me alone. This publication belongs to our lodge and our Masonic Family and should reflect that in diverse articles on Masonic subjects, our Brethren and their families and other interesting subjects that pertain to the philosophies of our various organizations. I will not write the entire newsletter myself. Therefore, it is up to all of you to help make it a success.

I look forward to hearing from you with your articles and photos.

Jim Brown
Past Master, Secretary & Newsletter Editor

A View from the West

By Robert L. Vighi, Senior Warden

By the time that you are reading this, the lodge will have already conducted its annual meeting and elected or appointed its officers for the ensuing Masonic year. The installation has taken place and the new officers are in their stations and places. By now you have come to the conclusion that I am the Senior Warden and you are correct in that assessment. I was deeply humbled by the experience of being submitted for this office and being elected by acclamation. I serve at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the lodge.
When the announcement of the installation was sent out by our Bro. Secretary (for life), I was struck by the significant number of installations that have preceded this one. This was our “121st” Installation of Officers and I had the unbelievable feeling of awe that before I was installed in this station, there had been 120 previous Senior Wardens. I began to wonder what those 120 Senior Wardens had accomplished in their tenure of a year. I am sure that there were many successes, partial successes and the inevitable ‘well that didn’t work out like I thought it would.’ I am sure that I too will experience the same results but I prefer to look at it like a faceoff in hockey. You have outright wins, 50-50 pucks, where you have to fight along the boards to obtain possession of the puck and then the outright lost which always seems to end up in the back of your net. If I don’t get the outright win then let me have 50-50 pucks that I can battle with. I have had the advantage of having many previous Senior Wardens to talk to and learn from their experiences. One of those times was when the WM, current SW and myself went to the Masonic Academic Bowl to support the team that the lodge supports. They both said the same thing and that was “I needed to start planning for my year in the East now!” Wow, nothing like putting a lot of pressure on a guy who is moving into a station that comes with a lot of responsibilities and new things to learn. I heard the same theme from the Leadership presentation that I attended several weeks ago.

With that said, I know that we need to improve on a lot of things that we do in the lodge. The one thing that I have heard from a number of the Brethren is COMMUNICATION. To that end, we have begun an effort to update our various tools, such as the Call-em-all, Gmail e-mail addresses, and the lodge internal membership database as well as the Grand Lodge MORI system. This will enable us to send out more notices via e-mail and phone calls to let you know when we are having meetings, stated and special, events such as the ‘party in the parking lot’, night golf, etc. These will also be noted in the calendar in the lodge website so I encourage you to check it for up-to-date information and don’t be surprised when you get the e-mail (I do know that some of the Brethren don’t get electronic mail) or the phone call with information on upcoming events. If you don’t get e-mail or didn’t get the call-em-all because you have recently changed your phone number (seems like a lot of folks are dumping their land line and going with just a cellular phone), give us call or send a snail mail and let us know your mail and contact information so that we can make sure that we can get in touch with you.

The final thing that I would like to close with is the touchy subject regarding attendance at lodge. Our Grand Master in his quarterly article in the ‘Illinois Freemasonry’ magazine a couple of issues ago talked about the duties of being a Freemason that he talks about to new Master Masons after they are raised. One of those duties was to encourage the new brother to attend lodge meetings when possible but he was also aware that family and job issues often conflict with the ability to attend lodge meetings. These are valid points and we often overlook them but I would encourage everyone if they have the opportunity to come to lodge. Enjoy the fellowship of a meal and seeing old friends and making new ones. Share your life experiences and what you have learned while on your Masonic Journey. I and the officers of the lodge look forward to seeing you in lodge in the future.
With the start of the new fiscal year dues collection from the previous year has finally been completed. However, there are still a number of brethren who owe dues for the current year. This Summer I will be attempting to get letters out to everybody to remind them to get their dues paid. Otherwise dues statements in the fall will reflect a past due balance.

I have been working with the communication committee to try to update all of the telephone, e-mail, and physical mail addresses of all of the members to make sure that we have the most accurate data possible. You can all help by double checking that the information that we have is correct when you receive something from the lodge. Maintaining multiple databases is never easy and a lot of the members have, in recent years, eliminated their home phone service in favor of a cellu lar or smart phone.

If you are not receiving phone calls from the Call-em-All system please send us your most up-to-date phone number. For those of you who are receiving the newsletter by regular mail and would like to receive the full-color edition by e-mail please provide us with a current e-mail address. For those of you who are receiving the newsletter by e-mail, keep in mind that we are no longer mailing very many communications to you throughout the year by regular mail. And it will be necessary for you to keep us up-to-date on your current physical mailing address.

As I began my 13th term as Secretary of Grove Lodge I have also taken on the responsibility of Newsletter Editor. While doing that will be an enjoyable experience for a while, I will be looking for a successor in that role in the near future. If you think you might have an interest in doing this let me know via e-mail and we can start to use you as a proofreader for the current newsletter. In this way you can find out what assembling the newsletter is like. Currently we are using Microsoft Publisher as the software for the newsletter. It is accessible on the computers at the lodge.

After this first time we are planning to publish a newsletter quarterly though it has been suggested that we may want to do it every other month. As you can imagine in order to do this I will need some help.

I certainly hope that everybody has an enjoyable Summer and we’re looking forward to seeing you at Lodge in the near future.

Jim Brown
Past Master & Secretary
This banknote is from the Philippines. It is a 100 Philippine Peso bill featuring Manuel Acuña Roxas who was the first president of the independent Third Republic of the Philippines and fifth president overall. He served as president from the granting of independence in 1946 until his abrupt death in 1948.

Roxas was a Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a Master of Makawiwild Lodge No. 55 of Capiz. And, he was a Member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Manila.

Another feature of the banknote is that it has the commemorative Centennial Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

This banknote can be seen at Grove Lodge #824!

Galen Albano
Correspondent

Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

Those founding fathers and founding Brothers who created our country have left us a legacy of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity that is the greatest gift we could ever hope for. We have the freedom to hold our meetings and enjoy our Brotherhood without fear of repression. Let us honor all who serve to maintain our freedoms and pray for all who protect us.
Installation of officers of Grove Lodge No. 824, A.F. and A.M.

On Saturday, June 22 the officers of Grove Lodge No. 824 were installed into the various stations and places with Michael L. Frigo assuming the east as Worshipful Master of Grove Lodge.

Serving as Installing Officer was Worshipful Brother Waldemar Herr, Past Master of Grove Lodge. After installing the Master he handed gavel to the Worshipful Master who then installed the remaining officers of the lodge himself. The Paul Revere Charges were propounded by Right Worshipful Brother Wayne Austin, an Honorary Member of Grove Lodge and Past Member of the Board of Grand Examiners.

The installation took place at 3:00 in the afternoon and was followed by some light refreshments at the temple building. After this the Brethren repaired to the Medinah Shrine Temple Oasis for dinner and relaxation.

The Worshipful Master's article on the front page of this newsletter expresses his thanks and his hope for the future of Grove Lodge.

Jim Brown
Correspondent

Masonic Trivia

Theodore Roosevelt once attended lodge, while President of the United States, and discovered that the White House Gardener was the Worshipful Master.

Harry Truman once did the Master's work on the First Degree for one of his Secret Service detail. It was a complete surprise to the agent.
West Suburban Chapter No. 207, Royal Arch Masons,
Installation of Officers

On the evening of Monday, June 17 Most Excellent Companion, Richard E. Yena, Past Grand High Priest installed the officers of West suburban Chapter number 207 of Royal Arch Masons.

Installed in the top three offices were Ron Hauser as Excellent High Priest, a Past Master of Pleiades Lodge in Westchester, Illinois, Rayshaun Cleveland as King also of Pleiades Lodge and Marlon Logan also of Pleiades Lodge was installed as Scribe.

The Royal Arch Chapter installation is very similar to the blue lodge installation with some minor differences and of course differences in the titles of the officers. The Excellent High Priest is the presiding officer and oversees the operation of the chapter.

The position of the King is similar to that of Senior Warden and the position of the Scribe is similar to that of Junior Warden. The other officers correspond to the offices in the blue lodge.

The Royal Arch degrees start with the Fourth Degree and end with Seventh Degree, or Royal Arch Degree. This is the first organization of the York Rite after the ancient craft lodge.

In his remarks as High Priest of the chapter companion Hauser suggested that he would continue the tradition of ritual excellence that West Suburban Chapter is known for, as well as try new ideas to enhance The Royal arch experience with more and varied programs to increase the interest of the members. He is quoted as saying "We will have some fun this year."

Jim Brown
Correspondent
Installation of officers of West Suburban Council No. 103, Cryptic Masons

On Monday evening June 17 and after the installation of the Royal Arch Chapter, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Richard T. Carnall installed the officers of West Suburban Council No. 103.

Companion Vytautas V. Paukstys was installed as Thrice Illustrious Master with Companion Dennis R. Hennebry, Past Thrice Illustrious Master as his Illustrious Deputy Master and Companion Ron Hauser as The Principal Conductor of the Work. These are the top three officers of the Council and correspond to Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Council of cryptic Masons follows events that are illustrated in the blue lodge third-degree.

Thrice illustrious Companion Paukstys is looking forward to the coming term and to working with the other presiding officers to provide the best York Rite experience possible.

Installation of officers of Trinity Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar

On Saturday, June 29 Trinity Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar held their installation of officers in the afternoon. Sir Knight Dennis R. Hennebry was installed as Eminent Commander for the 2013-2014 term of office.

Second-in-command is the Generalissimo, Sir Knight Ronald Hauser, third-in-command Captain General, Sir Knight Simon Rendak were installed along with a full corps of officers.

Sir Knight Richard T. Carnall acted as Installing Commander, Sir Knight Richard E. Yena as Installing Prelate and Sir Knight Waldemar Herr as Installing Marshall, all Eminent Past Commanders of Trinity Commandery No. 80.

The Knights Templar organization represents the final degrees of the York Rite. These degrees, or Orders as they are known in Templary, are The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, The Order of Malta and The Order of the Temple and rely on Christian principles as the basis for their history.

In order to be a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar a Brother must be both a Blue Lodge Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

Eminent Commander Hennebry looks forward to working with the presiding officers of the other organizations during the coming term.
### Masonic Birthdays

#### July
- 51 Years W. WILLIAM L. DAVIS JR (PM)
- 63 Years MELVIN E. HARTZLER JR
- 65 Years MILES G. PENNY
- 45 Years RONALDO E. MALAPITAN
- 44 Years WAYNE R. JOHNSON
- 27 Years W. LE ROY T. POEBSKI (PM)
- 22 Years LANCE M. EVANS
- 18 Years W. ROBERT A. ERCOLI (PM)
- 13 Years JEFFREY T. BURK
- 9 Years THOMAS W. SCHOEN
- 8 Years W. LARRY A. GETSOIAN (PM)
- 4 Years ALEC J. PEIFFER
- 3 Years KEVIN PATRICK

#### August
- 55 Years FLOYD L. BROWN
- 35 Years FERNANDO P. CARAYO
- 59 Years JOHN L. LAUDER
- 12 Years CHRISTOPHER M. ROGALNY
- 11 Years JONATHAN W. MAXWELL
- 11 Years STEVEN J. LEPIC
- 10 Years JOSEPH J. PILEGGI JR
- 9 Years GUS ALBEAR
- 8 Years ROBERT B. FREEDMAN
- 7 Years GARRICK E. PEIFFER
- 5 Years JOHN J. IVANCICTS JR
- 3 Years VYTIS BIZAUSKAS
- 3 Years EDWARD A. LETOURNEAU
- 2 Years GALEN R. ALBANO
- 2 Years JOERG SEIFERT
- 2 Years CESAREO R. ALBANO JR

#### September
- 47 Years MELBERN L. RAGLIN
- 46 Years W. LAWRENCE G. ALKIRE (PM)
- 40 Years W. RALPH D. SOLOMON (PM)
- 38 Years FREDERICK R. KETLEY
- 41 Years EDWARD E. DUFFY
- 13 Years RICHARD P. BRANDWEIN JR
- 9 Years LEONARD T. PESHECK
- 8 Years EDWARD EARL
- 7 Years THOMAS S. SENN
- 7 Years LUCAS J. MAXA
- 7 Years TIMOTHY M. CONNELL
- 7 Years THOMAS P. MASON
- 7 Years ZACHARY C. WILSON
- 7 Years W. JEFFREY A. KLAWITTER (PM)
- 7 Years KURT T. KRAMER
- 7 Years SCOTT L. GETSOIAN
- 7 Years HENRY F. KRAMER
- 7 Years STANLEY A. ANTON JR
- 5 Years LOUIS H. MARTA
- 5 Years JOEL W. ROGIDE
- 4 Years EMILIO A. MORRONE
- 4 Years GERARD GRABINSKI
- 3 Years ANDRE BOBER
- 1 Years ROMEO M. AVENDANO
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“We make a living by what we get; We make a life by what we give.” - Author Unknown

Upcoming Events:

♦ Fischer-Cook-Lombardi-Duck School of Masonic Education
  (2nd & 4th Sundays in July & August 11am-4:30pm)
♦ Stated Meeting preceded by a Party in the Parking Lot
  (July 12, 2013 --- 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm)
♦ Night Golf at Meadowbrook Golf Course
  (July 19, 2013 --- 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm)
♦ Dinner with Members and Friends at Medinah Oasis
  (July 20, 2013 --- 6:30 pm)
♦ Check our calendar at www.grovemasoniclodge.org