



The Trestleboard

Harding-Concordia Lodge No. 345, F. & A. M.
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FROM THE EAST

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Brethren

The nice weather has returned to the North and it's time for our lodge's summer break. Even though we will not be seeing each other on a weekly basis our activities and work continue. This summer we have scheduled our annual picnic and are putting together a golf outing and a fund raising Fish Fry (date to be announced). The Fish Fry fund raiser will help us reach the goals we have set for our two charities, \$3000.00 for the children's kidney dialysis hospital and, \$2000.00 for our local Special Olympics team, the Grinders, and the Grand Lodge Special Olympics charity. These I feel, are two very worthwhile charities and our goal's are reachable. The fund raising Fish Fry would be a "no cost to the Lodge" event, in other words, everyone who attends would donate \$10.00 or more, and bring a dish to share. I personally, am planning a fishing trip and will donate my catch to this fund raiser; I may be able to get some of the other guy's to kick in a few pounds of fish also. But I have an ulterior motive for this fund raiser, every body loves a good fish fry and, I want to get **everyone** who loves a good Fish Fry out there. There are several members of our lodge whom are excellent Fish Fryer's; some of these brethren have never even been met by many of our newest members. These are brothers whom I met when I joined Harding-Concordia, I enjoyed their company and conversation, people I came to like quite well, people I have not seen in quite some time. I know, as do many, that there have been some differences between some of our members and feelings have been hurt. I ask all our members, please put any ill feelings aside for at least one day any attend the Charity Fish Fry. I know if you attend, people less fortunate than ourselves will benefit, and maybe, just maybe, some old friendships can be renewed and **past** differences put behind us. Brotherly Love and Affection, the cement



I also would like to meet some of the brethren who I have never met, but know of you through a fun story or, seen your name on a mailing list. I've heard the statement more than once, "it's been so long since I've been too lodge, I feel embarrassed". Well you'll only feel more embarrassed if you put it off any longer, and remember that they are your feelings and not ours, we want to see you!!!!

On a different note! Our lodge is financially stable and in reliable hands. The line behind me looks strong, stable and talented. Our two "immovable" jewels, John Merriner, treasure, and Joe Funari, secretary, are doing a superior job, as usual. But our lodge is about to feel the economic "downturn", hell, lets tell the truth, the economy drove off the edge of a cliff and the interest rates on our savings were in the back seat! The Lodge has not lost any money, but we are losing the income generated by interest on our savings. This loss of income is being addressed and we will compensate for this loss whenever we can. We will get through this, but as any difficult endeavor, it will take team work to stay within our budget and assure that our lodge remains stable and secure.

Fraternally
Robert Early, W.M

Greetings Brethren and Families,

Q. Judith Power Pediatric Dialysis Unit located at the Cleveland Clinic's Children's Hospital For Rehabilitation?

A. Recipient of Harding Concordia Lodge #345 continuous year round fund raiser.

Q. Monetary goal?

A. \$3,000.00

Q. Can this goal be reached?

A. YES, but only with every member's help and donation.

Q. Who receives care at the dialysis unit?

A. Infants to 18 years of age.

Q. What is Dialysis?

A. A treatment where the blood of a patient is circulated through filters and chemicals to remove impurities that the normal kidney would do. This treatment lasts from 4 to 6 hours, three times a week. Each child must remain in a lounging type chair for the duration of each treatment.

Q. How ill are these children?

A. Very seriously ill, most are Diabetic, all have end stage kidney failure, all will need kidney transplants and a lifetime of medications. Some will need multiple transplants.

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Q. What do our donated dollars do?

A. Our donated funds are used to buy books, cd's, electronic games, etc. to help occupy time during the dialysis treatment and to take the kids to the zoo, museums, and day camp on the days between treatments.

Brethren, these are just a few questions and answers. I'm sure we all realize how seriously ill these children are, and how important it is for us to help by sending your donation today...

Thanks to the Brethren and Families who have sent donations, we have \$1,700.00 donated so far.

Donald Kammer PM.

Make check payable to Harding Concordia Lodge #345

Notation on check: Children's Hospital

Send to: Don Kammer
5535 Wycliffe Drive
Medina Ohio 44256

Aug. 7th— Lodge picnic— Mark Overbough's house. 34400 LAW RD, GRAFTON TWP.

Aug. — Golf outing/ Details soon

Sept. 6th- DARK— Labor day

Sept. 13th— Lodge back in session

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