



The Trestleboard

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

The year thus far has been very busy and I would like to thank all who have helped with the work and activities. We have more activities and degree work ahead too carry us through the rest of the year. My main goal this year is to increase our charity work and have a larger presents in the community. I have made the challenge to all the Brethren of Harding-Concordia #345 to give a little more. I know times are tough, but there are those who have it a little tougher than we. I have increased our goal for the Children's Hospital from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 and also set a goal for the Special Olympics charity of \$2000.00. We have, in the past donated to our local Special Olympics team, the Grinders without a set goal. My goal of \$2000.00 for the Special Olympics would cover the cost of the Grinders annual trip to Columbus, which at this time is approximately \$1200.00 per year, and the balance would be donated to the Grand Lodge Special Olympics. We currently receive no credit from Grand Lodge for our donations to our local Special Olympics team. If you have a preference of which charity you wish to donate to please note this on your check, otherwise the money will be split proportionately between the two charities. So In other words when we start receiving your checks for ... say \$500.00, without a preference, \$300.00 will go to the Children's Hospital and \$200.00 will go to the Special Olympics. All kidding aside, as you think about the dollar amount your about to write on that check, **please**, keep in mind all the blessings you have received throughout your life and then think about the challenges these innocent children are faced with everyday of their lives. Children are born completely innocent and trusting, and the charities that we support are there for the children that are still innocent and trusting but need our extra help. Again, please donate as much as you can too these two very special charities.



Fraternally
Robert Early, W.M

APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2010

NEW CANDIDATE CORNER

Bro. Chris Condit
Resides in Old Brooklyn, Account Executive at ESPN Radio in Cleveland, is a triplet with brothers living in Ashland, OH and Raleigh, NC, with an older brother in Medina OH. Enjoys spending time with friends, reading, watching and going to sporting events, and hanging out with his three year old niece and two year old nephew. Really looking forward to getting very involved in Freemasonry.

Bro. Edward W. Gaitens is a Chicago native who graduated from Oak Park High, Illinois School in 1961. Afterward, he joined the Navy and was assigned as a crew chief on C-119 transport aircraft. He also served as a C-130 crew chief during the Vietnam era. He enlisted in the Air Force Reserves in 1967 then cross-trained as a medic in 1970 and was eventually promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. He served in that position until his retirement from the military in 1987. During the 70's and 80's, he worked as a computer operator, then supervisor for the Defense Contract Administrative Service Region offices in Chicago and Cleveland. He began driving a school bus in 1990. He currently works for Orange School District as a bus driver and umpires for youth and adult baseball/ softball leagues during the summer. He's a private pilot and adores the Cessna 172 series aircraft and has played the bass guitar professionally. He currently lives in Fairview Park with his wife, Kathryn, and two Siamese cats

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Brethren,

Have you ever been asked, "what does your lodge do" You can tell them we do a lot of things...we have a summer picnic, a Christmas party for our children, Mother's Day dinner, St Patrick's Day dinner, a golf outing, an annual visitation with our Canadian brethren and this year we even brewed beer at a local brew house, we also have our weekly meetings where we enjoy the fellowship of other Masons. More importantly, you can tell them, "We support the Children's Dialysis Unit of the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation".

This will be our 6th year that we will be raising money for the Children's Hospital and 3rd year for the Judith Power Pediatric Dialysis Unit. Brethren, it takes everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser. Show your support by sending your donation today.

Thanks to all the brethren who have already sent donations.

Fraternally,
Don Kammer P.M.

Send donation to:
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Medina, Ohio 44256

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APRIL:

5th— STATED

12th— SPECIAL/ MM DEGREE

19th— STATED/ CCBLA MEETING

26th— DARK

MAY:

3rd— STATED

10th— SPECIAL/ MOTHERS DAY DINNER \$10
MOTHERS FREE!

17th— STATED

24th— DARK

30TH— JOHNSON ISLAND MEMORIAL 11:30

31st— DARK

JUNE:

7th— STATED

14th— SPECIAL

21st— STATED/ LAST MEETING BEFORE SUM-
MER BREAK

28th— DARK

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