

From Labor to Refreshment

By Marvin Anderson,
Junior Warden

The time of year is almost upon us when we will take a break from our labors for a couple of months. Like most other Lodges, Olive Branch "goes dark" for July and August. While we will not meet for regular or special communications, that doesn't mean there will be nothing going on. We have several events planned over the summer.

Awards Dinner - June 20th

Our annual Awards Dinner will be held on June 20th this year. Reservations must be in by June 11th. Contact Brother Dave Thomas, SW, to RSVP. Cost is \$20 if you RSVP by June 11th, \$25 at the door. Only RSVPs will receive a commemorative glass

Summer Picnic - August 3rd

What summer is complete without the fun of the Olive Branch summer picnic? Enjoy the sun and fun with Brothers and their families at JC

Park in Taylor on August 3rd. The party will start at High Twelve. We will need help setting up, so please arrive at 10:00 to assist with that. There is no cost for this event though RSVPs are strongly recommended. Contact me, Marv Anderson, to RSVP. Please see the map below for directions.

Detroit Temple Tour - August 9th

The Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit is hosting a tour of the Detroit Masonic Temple on August 9th. This event is open non-Masons. If you have never taken a tour of the Detroit Temple, I highly recommend going. You will get to see areas that the general public does not get to visit and you will learn a lot about the building's history. The tours to require a lot of walking and the building can get a bit warm, so bring wear your walking shoes and bring some water. If you are interested in going on the tour, talk to me, the Worshipful Master, or just about any of the officers (as we are all Scottish Rite Masons, HUH!).

DC trip - August 14-17

Much speculation exists about the role Masonry played in the founding of our country. From founding



*George Washington Masonic
National Memorial
in Alexandria, VA*

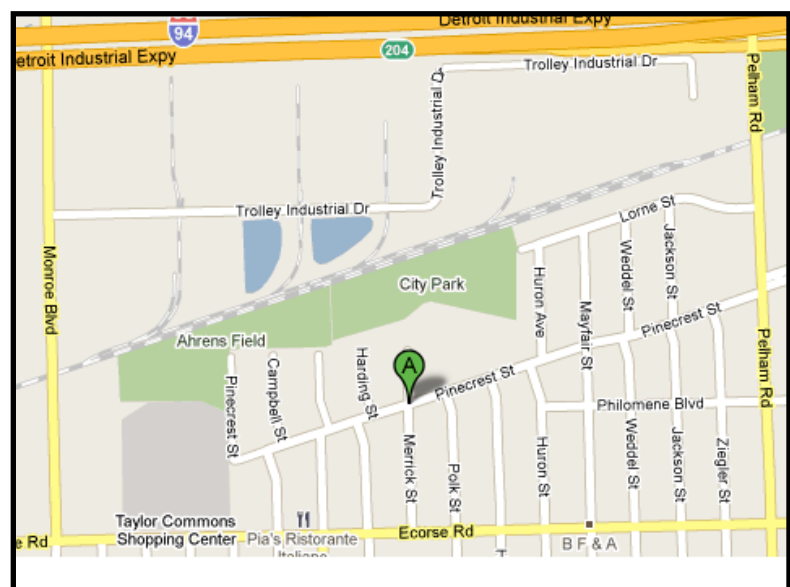
fathers who were members of our fraternity to hidden symbols found all around the nation's capital, fact and myth abound. If you would like to explore the evidence yourself, here is your chance. Olive Branch will take a trip to Washington DC August 14-17. After a cost analysis, the Worshipful Master has decided to organize a carpool to travel there. For more details, contact WB Chris Morgan.

Directions to the Summer Picnic

Taylor's JC Park is located West of Pelham, East of Monroe, North of Ecorse and South of I-94.

If you come south off I-94 on Pelham, turn right on Pinecrest St. and you will see the park on the right after about 1/2 mile.

If you are coming down Ecorse, turn north on Merrick St. and you will run right into the park after passing Pinecrest St.



Child ID Program

By Paul Johnson, PM

Olive Branch Lodge is hosting our second Michigan Child ID event on Tuesday, August 5th, from 10 AM - 4 PM at Van Houten Splash Park, which is located on N. Silvery Lane, between Ford Rd. and Haas St., in Dearborn Heights. This event is held in conjunction with the Family Fun Day and Business Open House, sponsored by the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce and Dearborn Heights Police. The Family Fun Day provides families an opportunity to spend time together, visit area businesses and obtain tickets, which can be used to redeem for prizes. Other outdoor activities will be organized at the

park and the Chamber of Commerce will sell hot dogs, pop, and chips for 25 cents each. Further details about the day's events are available at www.DearbornAreaChamber.org.



This is a great event and we are proud to be invited once again to participate. I know the timing of this

event on a weekday is difficult for all you working Brothers to work out. I promise not to tell if you play hooky from work. I also appeal to all my fellow retired Brothers, family members, and older teens to come to the park and help us. Can't stay for six hours? No problem, any amount of help is welcomed. No experience is needed. Just show up and we will train you. I especially need help setting up equipment in the morning. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our May 31st event at the Dearborn Heights Bike Rodeo, such a resounding success!

Deacons Day

By Tom Radford, Jr.
Junior Deacon
and Marvin Anderon

As Junior Deacon, I am proud to serve on the Masonic Home committee and as Olive Branch's ambassador to the Masonic Home in Alma known as Pathways. Pathways and the Masonic Charitable Foundation are the manifestation of what we, as Masons, stand for. They provide relief and charity in the name of Brotherly Love. April 5th was the annual Deacons Day hosted by Grand Lodge. This event is an opportunity for us to learn about the many programs offered by the Charitable Foundation to our membership.

We had a great time on our trip to Alma. We learned about all the different things offered by Masonic Pathways. We had a tour of the home, and yes it is very beautiful inside as well as the outside. Masonic Pathways has many ways to serve both Masons and non



*Tom Radford, Jr. (Junior Deacon)
and Wade Tabor (Senior Deacon)
prepare for bacon-agedon at Tony's*

Masons. They offer VA benefits and accommodations for different levels of care from independent living to nursing care. They even have a rehabilitation clinic on site. On our way to Alma we stopped at Tony's restaurant for breakfast. Nobody died from bacon overdose, though a couple of us came close. No trip to Alma is complete without our traditional stop for jerky, so we stopped at the Brick House Jerky Hut on the way back. It was a great time and a very great learning opportunity for all that joined, I know I learned a lot.

If you have any questions regarding the Masonic Charitable Foundation, Masonic Pathways, or any of the programs they offer, I'd be happy to answer them.

Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

If not, your name will be referred to the Delinquent Dues Committee for investigation as Masonic Law directs.

If you are experiencing a hardship, please contact the Lodge.

We are here to help.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



June 29th, July 13th, & August 10th

1:00pm to 4:00pm

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, and dessert

Bring your family and friends to this open event

\$8 per person (Kids under 12 are \$5)

1170 Mason St. Dearborn, MI 48124

Don't forget:

Public parking is free on Sundays if our driveway is full!

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Do you have an announcement you would like made or an article you would like to contribute in the Olive Brancher?

Send an email to : obl542-olive-brancher@googlegroups.com

Submissions are due on the 10th of the month prior to the issue's release

(e.g. articles for the June issue are due May 10th)

All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the Olive Brancher Editors.

Mystery Trip 2014

It's on the bus we go! To Where?

Only Hope & Don know.

The dates are October 11 & 12, 2014.

The cost is \$376.00 Per Couple

or \$188.00 Per Person.

Reservation due by September 1, 2014

Double occupancy is required unless you pay more for the bus & room.

What does this include?

The Bus & Room, Two breakfasts & Two Dinners,
Three Side events.

What will cost extra?

You will be on your own for Two Lunches.

A \$200 deposit per couple or \$100 deposit per person is required at the time of reservation.

Make CHECKS payable to Donald E. Buxton

No refunds unless we can sell your trip.

The trip is now open to other Lodges. Act now to ensure you have a seat on what will be a fun and exciting trip!

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