



The Olive Brancher

89 Years of Brotherhood

November 2014



From the East

By Christopher Morgan
Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren from the East! The Brothers and Officers of Olive Branch Lodge continue to be hard at work providing you a number different programming activities this Fall ranging from degree conferral, business, and social oriented events. While the nature of these events is covered both past and future in the Warden's articles, please allow me to focus on a very key precept of the upcoming month. November brings with it a good reminder of the many duties which we owe. Specifically the duties which we owe to our families, our country, and ourselves.

To Our Country

There are two major dates to consider when looking at the calendar for the month. The first to recall is your US Government &

history classes and that the first Tuesday after the first Monday is ELECTION DAY. Remember to exercise your civic duty during this election season and remind your fellow countrymen & women to do the same. The ability to vote and choose your representative is one which men have fought and given their lives for, and which should be executed often and with conviction.

Secondly is the celebration of the members of our armed forces (both living and those that have passed on to the Celestial City whose builder and maker is God). These members have made numerous sacrifices in the name of duty to our Country, which allows us many of the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today (such as voting). Be sure to thank those that have served our country this Veteran's Day which occur November 11th.

In the theme of patriotism and duty to our country, feel free to join us at Olive Branch Lodge on our scheduled Master Mason night, Friday November 21st. During that evening, we plan to raise (3) Brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. With the assistance of the Senior Deacon, Br. Wade, we are planning to have a few special programming items that evening to thank and acknowledge the Brothers who have served our country. There will be a special viewing of a video discussing "Freemasonry and the American

Trestle Board

November 2014

Nov 6th @ 7:00pm
Temple Board Meeting

Nov 7th @ 7:30pm
Regular Communication
Officer Elections

Nov 9th @ 1:00pm
Spaghetti Sunday

Nov 14th @ 6:30pm
Festive Board
MUST RSVP by Nov 5th!

Nov 21st @ 6:00pm
Master Mason Degree
(3) CANDIDATES

Nov 28th
NO MEETING

December 2014

Dec 4th @ 7:00pm
Temple Board Meeting

Dec 5th @ 7:30pm
Regular Communication

Dec 13th @ 4:00pm
Annual Installation
of Officers

January 2015

Jan. 8th @ 7:00pm
Temple Board Meeting

Jan. 9th @ 7:30pm
Regular Communication

Jan. 16th @ 6:30pm
Entered Apprentice Degree

Jan. 23rd @ 6:00pm
Euchre Tournament

Jan. 30th @ 6:00pm
Fellowcraft Degree Practice

Retirees Luncheon
Second and Fourth Monday
11:00am

Flag” (thanks to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons), as well as special lapel pins available in limited quantities for current and retired members of our armed services.

To Our Family

This month also brings the American holiday of giving thanks. On behalf of the Officers please travel safely to and from your gatherings with loved ones. We wish you and your families all the best during the start of this holiday season.

To Yourself

While Masonry is not intended to interfere with your usual livelihood, it is only by the practice and reinforcement of the tenets of institution that you can truly be a Mason. Think back to your earliest days of education when you were first taught multiplication, reading or cursive writing. Without dedication and diligent study, how skilled would you now be in your abilities? Such is the case with Masonry. If you only attend Lodge and receive the three degrees in Masonry, are you truly able to put into practice many of the rich lessons interwoven in the Degree work? To receive the fullest benefit from Masonic teachings, you need to be able to make time for Masonry. It is your duty to yourself to work each and every day to improve yourself and become the best man that you can be. Masonry equips you with the necessary tools to make that

happen. Whether it's been 1 month, 1 year, or one dozen years, you'll find a great deal of brothers ready and willing to help you learn and grow as a Mason.

Holiday Party Update

After many discussions and much contemplation among the Officers we have decided to implement a change to our traditional Blue Lodge holiday programming. This year we will not be holding a Holiday Party event at Olive Branch Lodge. Diminishing turnout over the last few years have resulted in the Officers discussing alternatives. A strong desire by the Officers to make an impact on our community have warranted a change in how we approach the Holiday party. To those of you who have traditionally supported such an event in the past, I would like to thank you. I ask that you consider using this opportunity to help explain to your little ones the importance of giving during the holidays. In place of the childrens holiday party, we are planning to make a donation to a local community shelter in order to give back and provide gifts to those of us who are less fortunate. If you and your family would like to make a contribution to be dropped off by the Brothers, please feel free to contact the officers via email at:

OBL542-Officers@GoogleGroups.com

to learn more about how you can help contribute.

As a friendly reminder, remember that charity can reach beyond events such as these. If you know of a Brother whose family is struggling this holiday season, please contact us and let us know. We will work diligently to determine if there is anything we can or the organization at large can do to help.

Pay the Craft Their Wages

By Dave Thomas, Senior Warden

Eighth Spaghetti Sunday Fundraiser held on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2014

Congratulations and a hearty Thank you go out to WB Chris Morgan and Lady Chelsa Butera who were Co- Chefs in Charge of food preparation, and again, the Sauce was terrific. Thanks go out to: Worshipful Master Chris Morgan and his Lady Chelsea Butera, WB Doug Simpson and Darlene for making this ongoing fundraiser a success. Thanks to all of the Brothers and Visitors who attended and made monetary contributions for dinner.

Steak Dinner at Lodge Friday, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2014

Special thanks to Br. Tom Radford for purchasing the steaks and to Brothers Guy Allen, Ron Ryan, Dennis Brown and Wayne Mueller for cooking them up at our annual Steak Dinner. Thank you WB Doug Simpson and Darlene, and Worshipful Master Chris Morgan and his Lady Chelsea

Butera, for making this event a success. Thanks to all of the Brothers who attended and enjoyed the meal and helped clean-up after dinner. Extra Special Thank You goes out to Susan Meyer (Wife of Brother Geary Meyer) for taking charge during the clean-up after dinner.

A Life Member award was conveyed that evening by WM Chris to Brother Tom Sherman.



Entered Apprentice Degree Friday, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2014

A Special Thank you to all the Brothers that attended the ENTERED APPRENTICE Degree and helped with the degree conferral for our candidates. Our candidates were impressed with the ritual of this degree. The dinner enjoyed by all after the

conferral of this degree was expertly provided by Darlene and WB. Doug Simpson (Beef Stew, salad, bread pudding). Clean-up after dinner was staffed by Chelsea Butera, Brother Marv Anderson, WB Chris Morgan, thank you all for your tireless efforts supporting the Lodge.

October Olive Brancher Assembly on Wednesday, October 1st, 2014

Thanks to the members and their loved one who assembled the Olive Brancher for the Month of November and are: WM Chris Morgan, WB Gilbert H. Strachan, WB Paul Johnson, Br. Tyrone O'Neal, Br. Wade Tabor, Miss Chelsea Butera.

Lodge Clean-up day, Saturday, OCTOBER 4th, 2014

Members of Olive Branch Lodge convened this day to Clean-up and prepare the Lodge for the coming winter months. Special thanks go out to; WM Chris Morgan and his Lady Chelsea Butera, WB Paul Johnson, WB Doug Simpson, WB Lance Eicher, Br. Larry Patch, Br. Wade Tabor, also attending this day was a new candidate for Masonry.

Pictures of the Hopeful Incoming Master, OCTOBER 4th, 2014.

Special thanks go out to Br. Rich McGinnis for donating his expertise as camera man to take pictures of the Hopeful Incoming Worshipful Master Br. David Thomas, and of the incoming Junior Warden Br. Wade Tabor.

Thank you WB. Gil for making these arrangements and being on hand to give guidance to this endeavor.

Senior Warden meets with the Past Masters Friday, OCTOBER 10th.

The Senior Warden, Br. Dave Thomas, will be meeting with the Past Masters at 5:00 P.M. Talks will focus around the 2015 Budget and the 2015 Lodge calendar of events.

The incoming Masters Budget for the 2015 Olive Branch Masonic Year will be presented and discussed at the November 7th Regular Communication and will lay-over for the month and be voted upon at the December Regular Communication on December 5th, 2014. Please make it a point to attend the Regular Communication scheduled for November 7th, as well as the Regular Communication scheduled for December 5th, 2014. Your opinion is valued and appreciated.

Entered Apprentice Degree Friday, OCTOBER 10th, 2014

A special thank you to all the Brothers that attended the ENTERED APPRENTICE Degree and helped with the degree conferral for our candidates. Our candidates were impressed with the ritual of this degree. The dinner was enjoyed by all after the conferral of this degree. Thanks to all who assisted in the clean-up after dinner, and for your tireless efforts supporting the Lodge.

Senior Warden's Plea to the Brothers

A request for help from the membership to staff and assist the lodge fundraising spaghetti dinners continues at this time. Please take notice of these dates and times listed in the Olive Brancher and please help out any way you can. The proceeds from these events will be used to pay for operating expenses. Money must be removed from savings to pay for the operation of the lodge. Donations from the members are another way to shore up the operating account of the lodge.

If a member cannot assist at the fund raising dinners, please find it in your hearts to make a donation to the Lodge Operating Fund.

Thank you Brothers for all of your

help.

From Labor to Refreshment

By Marv Anderson, Junior Warden

Festive Board - Nov. 14

Have we got a great way to kick off the holiday season?! On November 14th, Olive Branch will host a Festive Board. This event will be open to all Masons in good standing and their guest (21 and over). The attire will be suit and tie. The admission price is \$20, which includes a wonderful meal prepared by Br. Chef Randy, beverages, and good times. The deadline has been extended, but you must RSVP by November 10th. To make reservations contact the Worshipful Master,

call the Lodge, or email the entertainment committee at:

OBL542-Entertainment@googlegroups.com

Annual Installation of Officers – Dec. 13

The Brothers and Officers of Olive Branch Lodge #542 Free and Accepted Masons invite you to the Annual Installation of Officers held Saturday December 13th, 2014 at the Olive Branch Masonic Temple located at 1170 Mason Street, Dearborn, MI. This event is open to the public and starts at 4 PM. There is no cost to attend the ceremony. Afterwards, please join us for appetizers and dinner at a cost of \$20.00 per person. RSVPs are required, and are due by Monday December 1st, 2014.

To make reservations contact the Worshipful Master, call the Lodge, or email the entertainment committee at:

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Euchre Tournament – Jan. 23

Mark your 2015 calendars now for a date you will not want to miss. Food, prizes, fellowship and fun. The event is planned to start at 6 PM. More details are planned for a future edition of The Olive Brancher. We hope to see you there

Past Masters Corner

Tune in to the December issue of the Olive Brancher, for a very special article drafted by Worshipful Brother Robert H. Sale!

We Want to Hear From You!

How can Olive Branch help you get the most out of being a Mason?

Do you have a question that you need answered?

Would you like to make a suggestion for an event, activity, or anything else?

Please send your questions, thoughts, and suggestions to:

Worshipful Master
Olive Branch Lodge #542
1170 Mason St.
Dearborn, MI 48124

You can also email them to:

olivebranch542@sbcglobal.net

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Annual Installation of Officers

held **Saturday December 13th, 2014**

at the **Olive Branch Masonic Temple**

located at **1170 Mason Street, Dearborn, MI**

Installation starts at 4 PM.

Appetizers at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6 PM.

Installation is FREE to attend.

Cost of dinner segment is \$20.00 per person.

RSVP is due by Monday December 1st, 2014



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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



**On the second Sunday of every month
From 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Next Dinner is on November 9th!

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)

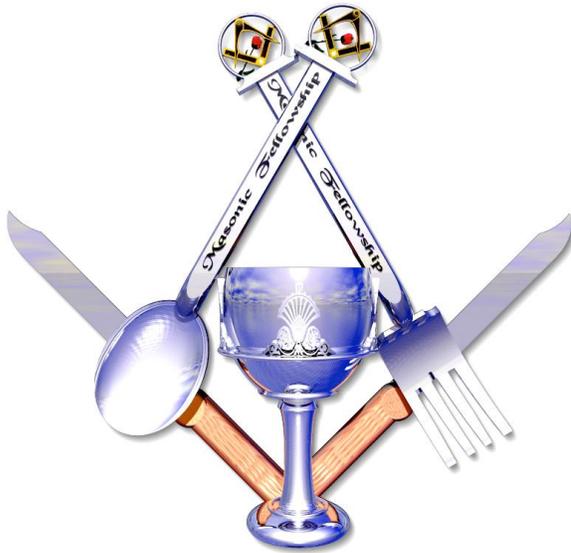
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**Don't forget:
Public parking is free on Sundays if our driveway is full!**

Olive Branch Lodge #542 (313)565-2838

Festive Board

November 14, 2014
At Olive Branch



Open to all Masons in good standing and their guest
(21 and older only)

A delicious meal prepared by Brother Chef Randy
followed by an evening of ceremonial toasting

\$20/person includes food and beverages

Contact the Entertainment Committee to RSVP
obl542-Entertainment@googlegroups.com

or call the Lodge at 313-565-2538

— *You must RSVP by November 10th* —

Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner at 6:30pm

The Olive Brancher is a monthly news magazine for the members, families, and friends of Olive Branch Lodge #542 Free and Accepted Masons

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Christopher Morgan

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