



## *The Beehive*

July 2010

The Beehive is a monthly newsletter from the Officers of the Lodge. It is intended to provide more insight of the inner workings of the Lodge, personal observations of the Craft, tidbits of information that the Officers found useful or interesting, or simply a sounding board for ideas.

**Worshipful Master** – On July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, I was able to attend the International Shriner's Convention in Toronto with a reported 10,000 plus brother Masons. The Shrine parade went through the streets of Toronto lasting over 4 hours with bagpipes and drums leading the charge and we even had the Queen of England wave at us as at our rallying point. At breakfast I was able to dine with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan and the Potentate of the Moslem Temple in Detroit and discuss some of the finer points of Masonry. To say that the spirit of Brotherly Love was present would be a monumental understatement as each and every Brother was treated as though they were family.

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I, for one, am proud to be a Mason and a Shriner combined.

**Senior Warden** – Brothers, today, the 4th of July, is a national day of pride for all of us as Americans. We as Freemasons have the additional pride to know that many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were our Brothers.

They sat in a stuffy, humid, uncomfortable room for days debating our ambitions to be free or remain the subjects of King George. They walked in subjects, and walked out free men. They walked in relative safe, and walked out knowing that their choices could cost them their lives, their families, and their land, but they also left knowing that nothing worthwhile comes easy or without sacrifice.

Brother Ben Franklin is often attributed with saying (there are many variations) that "We must hang together or we will most assuredly hang separately." As Freemasons we must appreciate that what they put themselves in danger for was an IDEA. It wasn't tangible, and it wasn't something that had any likelihood of succeeding, but many of them would rather lay down their life than surrender or cast aside the idea.

It mattered little to them whether they would see the fruits of their labor in their lifetime. We live in a world of instant gratification but it was not too long ago that Thomas Paine said "If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace." We should be no different. The present matters little, the future is what we must always labor to secure, no matter the price, for the generation that follows us.

Brothers, we are Freemasons. We are anything but common. Let's leave our fraternity a better place than when we entered it!

I wish all of you a wonderful Independence Day!

**Junior Warden** – Last month I had the opportunity to participate in our second fundraiser at the Hazel Park Raceway. It was a lot of fun and we were able to raise some money to help out the Lodge. I had the chance to spend time with some of the Brothers, have some laughs, eat a couple jumbo hotdogs, and raise money for the Lodge at the same time. It really was a great time and I want to extend a thank you to WM Jeff Geske who arranged the event. Last month I also was able to visit Woody's Embroidery Emporium for the first time. What a great place, I have ordered a new jacket and I hope to get it soon. I think that is my new favorite place. For any of you Brothers who have not been there, I would highly recommend it!

The Temple Board will continue to meet through the summer and we will try and get some much needed projects done over the next couple months. I will be unable to attend the picnic/cookout as I will be going up north camping with the family on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July for a much needed break. You can bet

that when I leave you can expect an unusual cold front and rain. So hang in there with the hot weather, relief is coming.....

Be well and have a great summer  
All is quiet in South

Jeff Rolph, JW

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*Secretary* –

*Treasurer* – Is currently vacationing in California.

*Senior Deacon* –

*Junior Deacon* – When I sat down and thought about what to write for this month's "Bee Hive" I had a strong urge to say nothing at all. This is because I was raised to believe that those whom are young and fresh can offer little in the way of wisdom to their elders. They, having the least worldly experience, are merely drawn to ideals and images that they may have seen and find favorable and attempt to project those ideals onto the canvas of reality. Sadly I am still influenced by those ideals, and while my life experience is only a shadow of others, I hope that in time I will be able to offer a glimmer of wisdom to the faithful masses that subscribe to this publication.

Until then we continue to mold ourselves as living stone for that "house not made with hands". Keep us steadfast and within due bounds of our passions so we may bring honor to the craft and our fellow Masons.

Until next time, yours in brotherhood.

David Hilber