

Huntertown Lodge #689
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Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 PM.

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Tiding from the East Brothers!

March was a great month for Huntertown Lodge! We had a visitation to St Mary's #14 Prince Hall Lodge and were greeted with an abundance of kindness and fellowship.

The Huntertown officers worked diligently to fine-tune our FC degree abilities by having two practices. Many thanks go out to all our officers for doing such a great job. A special Thank You to Dave Evans PM, who took his own time and energy to convert our aging slides and convert them to digital slides for use with laptop and projector. This made a huge difference during our FC degree. The FC degree was conferred upon Andrew Holman and Luke Freck. Their Master Mason degrees are being scheduled for May.

Huntertown attended both the Ritual Workshop that took place at Waynedale Lodge and also the Area Conference hosted by Highland / Three Rivers Lodges.

On March 27th, the lodge hosted a Family Breakfast and Open House. We served about 30 breakfasts that morning and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Kevin Thomas PM, Phil Thomas, Mark Goebel, Cary Ragan and Jason Snyder for preparing the lodge, cooking all the food and clean-up.

On April 7th, we had a nice visitation to Albion Lodge #97, again we met another great group of Mason's who run a very good lodge. On April 14th we attended Columbia City Lodge #189 and as always were greeted with warmth and hospitality. The food was great and the degree work was even better.

Many improvements to the lodge continue to happen on a regular basis. The latest and greatest of these improvements was the addition of a 64" television and DVD player that was donated to the lodge by Mark Goebel. The TV and player will be used to play our Masonic DVD's during open houses at the guests sit in the comfortable couches in our lounging area.

A workday for the lodge is drawing closer, please expect sometime in May to spend some time. We have front doors to install, the Women's bathroom door that needs fixed and some cleaning. There is also a large landscaping project that is being contemplated by Phil Thomas. His ideas are about removing some of the large unsightly scrubs that have overgrown the walkway, and replacing them with low maintenance landscaping.

During our April meeting, we had a special visit from Jim Bishop PM and Tyson Nicholson of New Haven Lodge #740. These Brothers made a special presentation to the lodge concerning the new Open Lodge format which has been instituted in New Haven with a good amount of success. We were all very thankful for their knowledge and input regarding this new opportunity to make lodge a little more exciting.

May is also shaping up to be another busy yet very rewarding month for the lodge. As always, make sure to give me a telephone call or check the website for any updated information on an event.

May 6th Thursday - Regular Stated Meeting - 7:30 PM

May 8th Saturday - Garage Sale and Open House - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

May 18th - 19th - Grand Lodge of Indiana - Annual Communication

May 28th Friday - Family Night attending the Fort Wayne Firehawks Game

At the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum - Tickets are \$5.50

Must RSVP by May 24th to Phil Thomas at 260-693-0052 7:30 PM

Brothers, this year we were force to suspend four members and allow one demit. This puts our membership down five this year. We really need to consider asking those gentlemen whom we know are worthy and well qualified, if they would be interested in our Fraternity. Please help by giving them a petition and a personal invitation to join with us in this great and good work.

Fraternally,

Kurt Begue WM