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For September and October 2010

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OAKLAND LODGE #140 MAY AND JUNE CALENDAR 2010

September

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Stated Mtg 7:30PM	9	10	11
12	13 Cumber- land Lodge	14	15 CRAFT 6:30PM	16	17	18 Spag Dinner 4 - 8
19	20	21	22 CRAFT 6:30PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 CRAFT 6:30PM	30		

October

					1	2 OES Bean Supper
3	4	5	6 Stated Mtg 7:30PM	7	8	9 OES Stated Mtg
10	11 Cumber- land Lodge	12	13 CRAFT 6:30PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 CRAFT 6:30PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 CRAFT 6:30PM	28	29	30 Bi-Annual Breakfast 7am-11am
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Tidings from the East:

Welcome back Brothers, we've been busy during the two months the Lodge went dark. You've no doubt noticed the addition of another storage shed, and I know you couldn't have missed the new coat of paint. Much repair was undergone to the blocks before any paint could be applied. Many thanks to our Trustees for overseeing these projects, the many hours put in by Brother Steve Klepfer meeting with and directing the contractors to completion is much appreciated. Our work is not quite done. The inside of the west wall was also repaired and is a project that needs to be accomplished very soon. Materials for this will be available for anyone willing to lend a hand this month.

Other exciting news is our Sisters of OES have welcomed to the chapter those members of Queen Ester Chapter. Oakland Chapter has been very busy helping Queen Ester transition to consolidate with Oakland. Additionally at this stated meeting of Oakland Lodge a motion will be made to accept Cumberland Lodge to consolidate with Oakland. I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming our Cumberland Brothers to join us.

A big thanks to Brothers Jim Stone, Colin Browne and John Armstrong for another successful golf outing. This year's event grew by several teams...

We have several activities coming up the next four months so keep your eye on the trestle board and help grow our temple. Come to Lodge or Chapter; bring a Brother or Sister who needs a ride. Bring friends and family to our social activities, I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Wayne L. McCullough, P.M. W.M.

Greetings from the West

Summer is beginning to wind down and it is once again time for our lodge to come to life. After being "dark" for the summer, September 1st was the first stated meeting. This is somewhat of rejuvenation, and there are many exciting events on the horizon.

We have some new candidates wishing to join our lodge, and we will be voting on them at the upcoming meetings. The merger of Cumberland Lodge into Oakland Lodge is once again on our docket, and we should be voting on this issue at the October stated meeting. Of course, the spaghetti dinner is just around the corner, and the Eastern Star's bean supper is not far behind. We will be participating with other lodges of the Northeast Corner Association (NECA) in an all degree day where we will confer the various degrees upon new brethren. We also plan on having our own degree work for our potential new members. Before you know it, we will be electing new officers for 2011.

It is a great time, brethren, to rejuvenate your activity in the Lodge. This rejuvenation can mean attending a stated meeting to provide your opinion about lodge business. This rejuvenation can mean attending the degree work, and you can always participate. Of course, it's always great to see you at the fundraising dinners.

The history of Oakland Lodge spans over 150 years, and I believe the success of our lodge is due to the dedication of our brethren. I think it would be great to have all the seats in the lodge filled during degree work or a stated meeting.

See you at lodge

Fraternally,

Earl P Jacobs SW

Salutations from the South

Hello again Brethren. Just a few months have gone by since we last attended a Stated Meeting, but it seems like forever. As we near the end of summer, the temperatures start to fall as the colorful leaves soon will, yet we still have much work to attend to by the end of this year. The summer was filled with many glorious acts of Brotherly Love and Friendship thru volunteering and immaculate Craft work.

There are also a few large items of business to come before the Lodge that must be voted on in months

to come. Over the summer we did not have the chance to work all three races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as we have in the past years due to our poor economic state as a country. However, we did work the Indianapolis 500 and the Brickyard 400. We had a great turn out of Brethren and their families show up to volunteer their precious time to raise some donations for our Lodge. The crowds of customers seemed somewhat the same as in the past years as we sold out most items in the booth by the end of the race day. We also had our annual Masonic/OES summer picnic earlier in August. I was not able to attend due to educational and vocational reasons, but I heard fun was had by all and many a great conversation was had as well. Throughout the period of this long and dangerously hot summer our relentless grounds crew, Brother Elmer and Brother Harold, have done an amazing job of keeping our property looking as though we pay for top notch landscaping. We have also had our Lodge tuckpointed;

pressure washed and sanded, and is in the process of having it painted the same color as before for aesthetic reasons. I was informed that the community seems to like the lighter shade of brown rather than the iconic blue of our fraternity, but if it were up to me it would all be blue rather than just our back door. To make a long story short, many, many thanks need to go out to Brother Elmer, Brother Harold and the Trustees for so much time and effort put into the upkeep and beautification of our comfy little Lodge.

Ok, I have put it off long enough, down to business Brethren. In up-coming meetings we have many things to vote on. It is rumored that we have at least one petition to vote on and would therefore have some Degree work ahead of us if it is the will of the Lodge. We also, once again, have to vote on the consolidation with Cumberland Lodge. It is my opinion that as we have once voted yea on this matter, that once again we will vote to have our fellow Brethren become part of our growing family. Last but not least, coming at the end of the year, we must vote on the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens for next year.

Brethren, thank you for taking the time to read my article as it is usually a summary of what the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden have written. As always, I urge you to bring a Brother to Lodge or bring a friend to become our Brother. Remember to live each day in the beauty of the Lord displaying those great Masonic applications of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Until we meet again may you walk in the Light we have all come to find.

**Fraternally,
Benjamin Jacobs, J.W.**

From the Secretary:

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the hot summer and is now ready for a cooler autumn. Though the lodge has been dark over the summer, we have been busy. You will notice that we have replaced broken blocks around the building and filled the missing concrete between the blocks. The building now has a fresh coat of paint to protect it from the harsh Indiana weather. Any and all donations to the painting fund would be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the ones who worked the two races this year. Our stand was not scheduled to be opened during the Red Bull race though. Our annual picnic was great but seemed to be on a day when many other things were happening. We added another storage shed when the Queen Esther Chapter of the Eastern Star consolidated with the Oakland Chapter. We will also be having the Cumberland Lodge consolidating with us as soon as the paper work is finally completed, about mid October 2010.

I would like to thank Trustee Elmer Blackburn for all the many jobs he has done while cleaning and repairing things in the Lodge and to Bro Ben Jacobs for his work replacing some of the ceiling tiles. We are now looking forward to the upcoming spaghetti dinner and other autumn projects. Mary and I are taking a couple of weeks off to take a cruise to Alaska. Hopefully we will not bring the frigid weather back with us.

Our best wishes to those sick and distressed: Etta McCullough, Sara Dalrymple, Martha Jones and Delores Watson are temporally at Westminster going through rehab. Jim Crumlin is at Millers, Ed

Cobb, Bob Young, John Armstrong and Newell Jones are recuperating from various illnesses and or operations. We also said goodbye to Brother Bob Dixon who passed away this summer.

**Fraternally,
Bill Davis, PM Sect.**

From The Star

SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND FRIENDS,

WOW!! Where did the summer go? Sounds like that would make a good song title. Anyway, it's time for the meetings to begin and once again I wish to welcome all the new members from Queen Esther and hope you'll attend and enjoy what you see and hear. We have a busy September. The first meeting will be on the 11th at 7:30PM. Sister La Verne Vest will preside due to my absence. Bill and I will be cruising Alaska, a life time dream. The spaghetti supper will be on the 18th from 4PM til 8PM. Remember, the Masons need out help with pies and all sorts of desserts. Also help with the serving and clean-up. This we will also miss but as you know, Bro Bill and I have quite a record. This is the first one we have missed in about twenty years.

October brings our Deputy visit. It will be on October 9th at 7:30PM. You will get a reminder before hand and our famous bean supper will be on the 2nd from 4Pm til 8PM. As always, we will need more desserts, white elephant items and baked goods for our sales tables. Do not forget to sign up hours to help. The Masons second annual breakfast will be on the 16th from 7AM til 11AM.

Brother Wayne says hello and don't forget to attend the meetings. We hope each and everyone has had a great summer and will be 'raring to go' this September.

**HAPPY TRAILS,
MARY DAVIS, WM
WAYNE McCULLOUGH, WP**

******* UPCOMING EVENTS AND PLANS *******

Oct 2 – Sat – Annual Star Bean Supper – 4PM til 8PM

Open to the Public

Oct 30 – Sat – Bi-Annual Breakfast – 7AM til 11AM

Open to the Public

Nov 20 – Sat – Thanksgiving Luncheon 1PM

To honor Military Service Families

Dec 11 - Sat – Annual Star Christmas Pitch-In Meal

Santa for the Little Kids.