

# NEWSLETTER

## For May and June 2010

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## OAKLAND LODGE #140 MAY AND JUNE 2010 NEWS

### May

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| 9  | <b>10<br/>Cumber-<br/>land<br/>Lodge</b> | 11 | <b>12<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b> | 13 | 14 | <b>15<br/>Cumberland<br/>Annual<br/>Memorial<br/>Service</b> |
| 16                                       | 17                                       | 18 | <b>19<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b> | 20 | 21 | <b>22<br/>Indy<br/>Track<br/>Work</b>                        |
| <b>23<br/>Track<br/>Work</b>             | 24                                       | 25 | <b>26<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b> | 27 | 28 | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30<br/>Indy 500<br/>Race<br/>Work</b> | 31                                       |    |                                  |    |    |  |

### June

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| 6  | 7  | 8  | <b>9<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b>  | <b>10<br/>STAR</b> | <b>11<br/>GRAND</b> | <b>12<br/>CHAPTER</b>                        |
| 13 | <b>14<br/>Cumber-<br/>land<br/>Lodge</b> | 15 | <b>16<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b> | 17                 | 18                  | <b>19<br/>STAR<br/>Installation<br/>10AM</b> |
| 20 | 21                                       | 22 | <b>23<br/>Craft<br/>Practice</b> | 24                 | 26                  | 26   |
| 27 | 28                                       | 29 | <b>30<br/>NECA</b>               |                    |                     |  |

### **Tidings from the East:**

March and April ushered in spring and brings May flowers, green trees and mowing lawns. Our "weed and seed" crew (Brothers Elmer and Harold) already hard at work. Any volunteers out there? They will surly welcome a hand this spring as we "spruce up" around the lodge. We have plans of repainting this season and are currently accepting bids, recommendations welcomed.

Our March breakfast was a great success thanks to everyone involved, patrons and workers alike. Events such as this require a lot planning and volunteers, if you would like to lend a hand contact any of your officers or Brother Jim Stone (our tireless event coordinator) for the next event.

Hamilton Lodge hosted the spring "all degrees day" with the Senior Wardens filling the chairs very successfully with our own Brother Earl in the East for the Fellowcraft degrees. Excellent job!

To each, have a great spring and I'll see at Lodge.

**Fraternally,**

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

### **Greetings from the West**

There are lots of exciting things happening at our lodge. Our annual breakfast was a great success. We were competing with some of the local churches, other organizations, and other lodges, who also held fund raising breakfasts on the same day. Our breakfast was well attended by our brethren and the community. I thank everyone who participated by helping at the breakfast, or by attending and enjoying a great meal.

We have participated in degree work with member lodges of the NECA (Northeast Corner Association). Our Junior Warden (Ben Jacobs) participated in an Entered Apprentice degree held at Hamilton Lodge. The Junior Wardens from Millersville, Oakland, and Carmel performed the degree work and did an excellent job. We also participated in the All Degrees Day held at Hamilton Lodge. The brothers at Hamilton were great hosts, and provided an unbelievable breakfast and a delicious lunch. We began the day with the Master Mason Degree, and we raised six brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. During the Master Mason Degree, I was fortunate to share the Senior Deacon duties with Paul Hampton, Senior Warden of Hamilton Lodge. After lunch we began the Fellowcraft Degree. Again, Paul Hampton and I teamed up, but this time it was as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the Fellowcraft degree. I was honored to obligate three new Fellowcrafts, and one was from our lodge. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Senior Deacon attended a Master and Wardens Workshop held by the Regional Representative of the Grand Lodge. The Workshop was an opportunity to meet with Masters, Wardens, and other officers from lodges in the Central Indiana area. The discussions included ways to improve attendance at lodge functions, various fund raising opportunities, ritual/degree work, and other topics pertaining to running the lodge. We came away with some great ideas. You should see some of these ideas put into place over the next several months. We have had several brothers that have transferred from other lodges to Oakland. We are happy to have those brothers as part of our lodge, and we look forward to seeing them at stated meetings and other activities.

We will be working at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway several times during the month of May. We will be manning a souvenir booth along the front stretch. This is an Official Indianapolis Motor Speedway booth inside the track under the paddock near the first turn. This is a great way to raise funds for Oakland Lodge. We all have a great time, and we have some time to enjoy the festivities. If you are attending the Indianapolis 500 qualifications or the Indianapolis 500 Race, stop by the booth a purchase some of the official souvenirs. It is a great way to help our Lodge. If you are interesting in working at the booth, Jim Stone has information.

Well brothers in closing I must say Oakland Lodge is active and growing. Our calendars are always full with various types of activities. We are always happy to have any additional help or guidance. Attending Stated Meetings is a great way to learn about the activities. I hope to see you soon.

**Fraternally,**

**Earl P Jacobs SW**

## **Salutations from the South**

Greetings Brethren and welcome again from the Junior Warden. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. We are well on our way into another year of service to God, our community, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have had a couple wonderful events take place already that are worthy of mention: our annual breakfast, the NECA All Degrees Day, and a handful of evenings of near letter perfect degree work. The breakfast was delicious, packed, entertaining, and a good time had by all. There were many people who attended and it is always wonderful to see so many smiling faces of Brethren, their families, and neighbors from the community. Everyone helping did a fantastic job of cooking, expediting the food and keeping bellies full. The Communications Committee had a table set up to promote our wonderful fraternity by offering literature to anyone interested.

There were a handful of evenings and an afternoon sponsored by NECA in which friends were initiated, Brothers were passed, and those worthy were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It is this relentless pursuit of friendship, morality, and brotherly love by the many Brethren of surrounding Lodges that keeps NECA afloat. There was one evening in particular that stood out to me, not solely because I was tossed under the bus, but because of a handful of Brethren who heard the call and stepped up to the plate. It was a NECA meeting at Hamilton Lodge in which 6 Speculative Entered Apprentice were initiated by the Junior Wardens of the participating Lodges. The Junior Warden from Millersville sat in as Master, I was asked to sit in as Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden from Carmel sat in his respective station. Excellent work was done all around and many thanks are due to all who participated and attended and most especially to Hamilton Lodge for allowing us to have such an evening. There were over 30 Brethren present and almost ten different Lodges represented.

I was not able to attend the NECA All Degrees Day, but I was told that it went off without a hitch as usual. Please see the Senior Wardens article for more information regarding this amazing display of degree work.

As many of you know we have a multitude of events coming up this summer: working the three races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a Widows Luncheon, a Family/Community Picnic, our annual John Browne Golf Outing, and a fundraiser selling Mike's Express Carwash tickets to name a few. And as though all the help we can get is earnestly solicited, we understand that times are tough and people are busy, but we at Oakland Lodge #140 always enjoy the company of our Brethren and their families. Look not at these events as something that has to be done, but as a way to socialize with good people, a way to give back to your community and Lodge, or even a way to become acquainted with new people you may not have already had the pleasure to meet. So, I, as well as the Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, hope to see you at these, or at least one of these, events.

Brethren, I have rambled long enough, but I want to leave you with a thought that I hope touches a nerve in your mind: Bring a Brother to Lodge or bring a Friend to become a Brother. Gentleman, there is nothing more gratifying as Junior Warden, and I'm sure the Worshipful Master would agree, than to see a packed house and those hard wood seats full at our Stated Meetings and any Degrees we have. Thank you for spending five minutes of your busy time reading this and I hope to see you in the near future. God Bless,

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

## **From the Secretary:**

Spring is here and Elmer Blackburn and the mowing crew are already at work trying to keep the grass under control. It looks like we will have to get a new riding mower since the old one is getting harder and more expensive to maintain.

I must remind some of our Brothers that their dues are not yet paid. If hardships are occurring, give me a call or send a note and we will see what we can do to help. It will be necessary for us to determine which one's must be charged for NPD at the May meeting.

It is time to start our annual work at the races, all help will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to assist please contact Jim Stone. The family breakfast was a success and helped put some money into the building fund. The neighbors were impressed by the Soup Supper and are asking when we will have another one.

We welcome Brothers Alan Snyder, Tom Harrell and Gary Campbell who have transferred in from other lodges. The transfers take a lot of paper work, so please don't get discouraged as I work through the maze.

Come on out to the Lodge meetings and activities. We have lots going on.

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

### **From The Star**

Wow! This year is almost over. We have been very busy this year and as our year is ending, it has not changed. We have election of officers our meeting in May. The following Friday, May 14, we are bringing in a new sister at 7:00 P.M. Please come and welcome Tonya McCullough on her special night. We have two friends' nights still where we are honored guest at. The first is at Mystic Lodge on May 22, were Lawrence and Beech Grove Chapters have combined to honor our Worthy Patron's and Associate Matron's groups. May 26<sup>th</sup> the Worthy Matron's group is honored guest of Southport Chapter.

As stated in your bylaws, our June meeting is the first Saturday in June. The afternoon of June 6 we are having a send off for Marilyn Earles, Grand Esther, to show her our support and happiness for her as she goes to Grand Chapter. That Friday is the start of the "Those Who Dream Touch the Stars" Grand Session. Good Luck Marilyn! Grand Chapter runs June 11 through June 13. We will be having Installation of Officers at 10:00 A.M. on June 19. Please come and help celebrate with our new officers as they take their office for the upcoming year.

I would like to thank all that have helped this year in making it so successful. I could not have done it without your help.

**Fraternally,  
Phyllis Seedorf, W.M.  
William Davis, W.P.**

### ***SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS:***

Available June 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup> – MIKE'S EXPRESS CAR WASH COUPONS - \$8.00 each – Lodge receives half of all proceeds. Coupons do not expire. Good throughout Indiana and Ohio. Great gift idea. Contact any Lodge officer if interested and we will make sure you get your coupons.

GET YOUR GOLF CLUBS READY - Annual golf outing July 17<sup>th</sup>. See web page (oakland140.org) for information.

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

**May 22 & 23 Sat & Sun – Track Work – Time – Early to Late  
Pole Day and Bump Day**

**May 30 Sun – Indy 500 Race – Track Work – Early to Late  
(Again)**

**June 19 Sat – OES Installation – 10AM  
Open to All**

**July 17 Sat – Annual Golf Outing – 10AM  
(See web page for info)**

**July 25 – 27 Fri – Sun – Brickyard 400 Race  
Time TBA**

**Aug 14 Sat – Lodge Picnic  
More info later**

**Aug 27 – 29 Fri – Sun – Red Bull Moto GP Race  
Time TBA**

**Sept 18 – Sat – Annual Spaghetti Dinner 4PM til 8PM  
Open to the Public**

**Oct 2 – Sat – Annual Star Bean Supper – 4PM til 8PM  
Open to the Public**

**Oct 16 – Sat – Bi-Annual Breakfast – 7PM til 11PM  
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.**