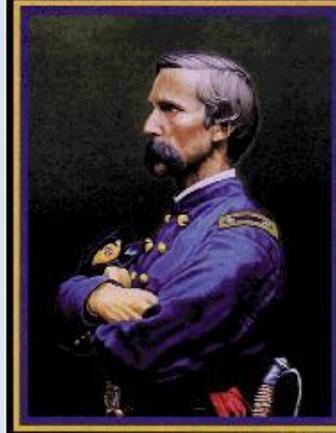


Evansville
Lodge #647 & AM

January
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The Worshipful
A. G. Yardé
Master of the Lodge

On the Square



~ Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain ~
United Lodge #8 - Brunswick, Maine

From the East

Anthony G. Yardé, Worshipful Master

Brethren,

Happy New Year!

I am honored and privileged to serve as Worshipful Master for 2011, A.L. 6011. I am also proud to work with this year's officers; already they are working hard to support the lodge and are doing an outstanding job at that. I wish I could meet each and every one of you; I ask that, if within the limits of your cable-tow, you attend a stated meeting or a degree night so I could do so.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or advice.

- Do you want to assist in the ritual work? Or just come and watch the fine team that we have.
- What would you like to see or participate in this year?
- Is there a certain dinner you would like to have before a meeting?

The Lodge activities will be posted in newsletters, in the Lodge Alert, (www.simmconn.net), on the Trumba Calendar, in emails and announced on the telephonic Calling Post. I expect a full report from the Founder's Day activities along with any messages from the Grand Master Kenneth E. Willis, Jr., will be given at the February 14th Stated Meeting. In closing, I am looking forward to serving you this upcoming year and I hope I see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

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From the West



Kenneth Roy

2011 is going to be a great year for Freemasonry in Indiana. Our beloved fraternity is growing, and it is on the move! I am excited to be a part of this, and ***I want to get you on board!***

As Senior Warden, I will do all that I can to stimulate participation within our lodge and in masonic ritual. Ritual is far more than memorizing a few sentences and being able to recite the same upon demand. Degree rituals are the tools from which we draw the masonic implements needed to improve ourselves as brothers, husbands, fathers and men. Studying ritual is like apprenticing under a skilled builder and learning how to use his working tools. As we take instruction and become familiar with the tools of the craft, we begin to learn how each tool works, and to see that each tool has its own special use. We learn that we must work from a plan and that our given tasks may require using several tools in combination to bring it to completion. We learn very quickly that not all projects are the same. Some projects will seem easy to complete as our skills improve while others will often require us to work harder and to learn more from the builder if we are to do a good job. Our master builder will teach us to do beautiful work and to become as skilled a craftsman as he can, but it will be our own continued desire to learn that will drive us to become true masters in our own right.

From the South



Alfred Cloum

Belonging to a society such as Freemasonry is both exhilarating and rewarding on so many different levels. The responsibility of Junior Warden has been entrusted to me; and I mean to do my very best to fulfill the duties attached to this office.

I do not and will not take your trust lightly. I understand that this opportunity is rare and an honor. I want to gain the reputation for being open, honest and sincere in my efforts to serve you and the fraternity. Let me know if you would like to help pitch in and help plan the menu or prepare/serve stated meeting dinners. In this kitchen, there can never be too many cooks! Or let me know if you'd like to participate in degree work, particularly that of Entered Apprentice.

For more than fifty years I have seen the ebb and flow of Evansville Freemasonry, and I can't think of a better time to be in this fraternity than the present. I wish you and yours a happy, safe and prosperous 2011!

From the Secretary



Jas F. Jones, PM

It's that time of the year - a fresh start for us all. Our new Worshipful Master, Anthony Yardé, is looking forward to an exciting year; the other officers are also anxious to try out their new duties and parts. We are starting with more degree work and petitions in the pipeline than usual for this time of year. You will be able to attend two Degree nights in January: a MM^o Monday the 24th and an EA^o Monday the 31st.

Our new Tyler, Wayde Jones, is heading up a new plan in which we have five (5) Tyler Teams, each responsible for tying the Lodge one Monday each Month. If you want to assist your Lodge with an important task, yet on a limited basis, please contact Wayde at 449-4771 or email him at wayde@evansville.net. If you are inclined to get re- involved with Lodge, this is an excellent way to do it!

Contact our Senior Warden, Ken Roy, for other opportunities to help: 484-9625 or kekaroy@att.net. His outreach team supports different projects throughout the year and throughout the community.

There will be a 1-Day class in March dedicated to the Military. Candidates for that class must be active military or honorably discharged regular or reserve veterans. If you know someone who fits the bill, get them a petition. Petitions for this class must be submitted **Not Later Than February 21st**. We already have three men elected and ready for this class. As a note to all concerned, All Regular Active Duty personnel receive remittance of dues while serving on active duty. Evansville Lodge #64 currently has four brothers who are serving on active duty.

Speaking of DUES, and yes, I must speak of DUES, the deadline for payment of 2011 dues was December 31st, 2010. If you haven't sent your check, please do so As Soon As Possible. The second dues notice is being prepared and we would appreciate your help in trimming the mailing list.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW!! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



The Worshipful Anthony Yardé has set the following as his initial Calendar:

- Jan. 3rd Officers meeting at the Temple in the Past Masters Room 6:00PM
- Jan. 10th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 - Meeting at 7
- Jan. 17th All officer/all Degree practice
- Jan. 24th MM° Staffed in large by the Past Masters. Be prepared to fill a slot or two.
- Jan. 31st EA°
- Feb 7th TBA
- Feb. 14th Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 – Meeting at 7

*The Worshipful Master
Wardens
&
Officers
of Evansville Lodge #64
Extend a Hearty*



to

Brother Brian Ball

For His Splendid Reception at the Installation of 2011!

(Editor's Note: This month, we begin our series on International Lodges, beginning with Cuba. This article will be divided into several installments. Thank you.)

Global Lodges

Part I

CUBAN LODGES

A Visit by George Thelwell

R.W. Bro. William Bain and I travelled to Varadero, Cuba from January 10, 2008 to January 20, 2008. I had only ever taken the escorted bus tours. This time we rented a car and did some exploring. We stayed at the Corallio Resort about halfway along the peninsula. After we had been at the resort for a few days, one of the bartenders found out that we were Masons. He was happy to find out, as he had been accepted as a candidate for a Lodge in his home town. We told him that we would be interested in seeing a Cuban Lodge Room and he introduced us to Luis, one of the gardeners at the resort. Luis was a member of a small Lodge in Matanzas, a town of about 500,000 approximately 50 kilometers from Varadero. Luis guided us to Matanzas and took us to his Lodge. (The one pictured top left) This was the smallest Lodge room I have ever seen. We were shown around by the Master, Secretary and several other brethren who had been playing dominoes when we arrived. I wasn't sure when we entered how one could actually do any work in this Lodge room because of its size, but I was assured that the 50 or so members managed quite well. There was no banquet room but the courtyard was where the members gathered to have a few drinks and light refreshments after lodge. These refreshments were provided by the members or the newly admitted candidates. There was a kitchen at one end of the courtyard and the washrooms. In the foreground of the picture at the right is the ante room and area for the Secretary and "domino players." Their regalia is a little different as you can see from the floral border and the lack of tassels or buttons. From this Lodge the Master took us to see another Lodge, Lodge Sol, just a few kilometers away. This was a much larger Lodge room and it was quite impressive. The first thing that I noticed when I entered this Lodge room was the steps. There are five steps to the S.W. chair and seven steps to the W.M. chair. These steps were made from marble and on the riser for each step was a word. Anyone who has ever had to memorize the S.W. lecture in the second would have had no trouble in identifying the five orders of architecture and the seven liberal arts and sciences. These steps would have made that lecture a piece of cake and would have truly added meaning to "The rest in the West." The most impressive part of this Lodge was the candidates' preparation area. The candidate is placed in the area with a bunk and desk then told to write the predominant wish of his heart and why he wants to become a Mason. He is then lead past the adjoining room where he is prepared to be taken upstairs to the Lodge to be initiated. I can tell you that had I been given that start to the initiation, I'm not sure I would have continued. The desk holds a candle and a human skull and is illuminated by no more than a 10 watt bulb. The open grave is littered with human bones and the wall contains what look like 6 tombs. When we returned to the resort, the other bartender, Alberto, had questioned whether we were Masons. He told us that he wasn't, but a friend of his was. He then invited us to his house to meet him and to share in a lobster dinner. The next night we went to Cardenas, about 20 kilometers east of Varadero, and had dinner with Alberto Serrano, his family and Jose Luis Trujillo, a Past Master of Logia Masonica Cardenas. Jose, being a Past Master of a Lodge, was understandably concerned that we might be Cowans. I showed him my tattoo and we went through a board of trial. The board of trial was more

difficult than it is here in Ontario, since neither Bill nor I speak Spanish and José spoke no English. We managed, however, to come to a meeting of minds through demonstration of some signs tokens and words that are, thankfully, universal. After a terrific meal we went to visit his lodge and it was a second floor lodge room with marble steps from the ground floor entrance. The room was spacious and it had the same lettering on the marble steps to the WM and SW chairs. The pictures on the walls were hand done frescos and done to perfection. Jose also showed us another building further south in Cardenas which was a concordant body.



I have seen similar artwork done as prints in some American Lodges and a few Canadian Lodges, but never done so large and painted by hand. Some brethren may recognize the similarities between the ceiling in Cardenas Lodge and that of the Annette Street temple that we call home. The floor of this Lodge was fully tiled in black and white and from the east one looks past the altar then between two great pillars towards the W.M. chair. In Cardenas there is a space in the altar that would hold mortal remains. The Great Light, square and compasses are left on the altar. At the base of one of the pillars rest a perfect ashlar in the shape of a pyramid and at the base of the other, a set of wooden working tools. Masonry is alive indeed in Cuba and all of the brethren that we met were enthusiastic about their lodges and the place masonry held in their lives. (to be continued...)

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Alfred Cloum

Junior Warden

James West, PM

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James Jones, PM

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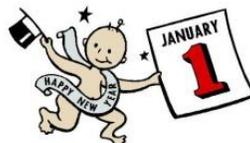
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