



# On the Square



Sir Winston Churchill

*From the East*

Alfred Cloum, Worshipful Master

Brothers,

It has now been a fantastic six months for me. We had a beautiful One Day Class this year with Evansville 64 performing the first half of the MM degree and the Grand Master fulfilling the role of King Solomon in the second half.

Our lodge was well represented at Vincennes as we honored a truly great Mason, Brother Richard "Red" Skelton. There were six members of 64 plus a new EA, retired Colonel Tom Murray. I believe that we will be seeing more of him. I was very pleased to receive a "Sitting Master" lapel pin from the Grand Master. He also offered to stop by and award me with the certificate that goes with it. What an honor!

Check out the calendar of events; we hope to see you at our degree work and stated meetings. Our new Junior Warden has presided over three EA degrees with absolute perfection. What a memory!

Fraternally,

**Alfred "Bud" Cloum**

Master of the Lodge

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## Lodge #64 F & A M



A Report from the Senior Warden  
Joey A. Weigant

Brethren,

Shrinersfest approaches July 3-7. An entire weekend of fun and entertainment is planned. Saturday morning I will work near the Four Freedoms Monument manning the Child Indentikit Program. I will distribute ID Kits, coloring books, stickers and other appropriate materials.

We are starting to see an increase in petitions, and consequently, degree work. We would love to see some of our brethren visit us on Monday nights as we initiate, pass and raise bright, talented and eager men into our ancient and honorable order. Please join us in showing these new Masons what our friendly fraternity is all about.

If you are interested in raising your family in the Masonic tradition, there are numerous opportunities to do so. Rainbow Girls and DeMolay are always looking for eager children and young adults. Don't keep Masonry to yourself; share it with your whole family. You may even include your wife in Amaranth and Order of Eastern Star. Freemasonry is becoming more and more about whole family participation.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will attend their Grand Assembly in Indianapolis July 11-14. The last two days they will be joined by the Raindrop Pledge Group and will stay overnight at the Chateau in Edinburgh. The Raindrop Pledge Group has elected as their service project to collect hardback books and deliver them to the Indiana Masonic Home while attending Grand Assembly. Please contact the lodge to learn where to bring your hardback books.

Fraternally,  
Joey Weigant  
Senior Warden  
Evansville Lodge #64



## Lodge #64 News

### Indiana Lodges honor Brother Richard "Red" Skelton

On June 7th, Evansville #64 joined Indiana Grand Lodge and many others in celebration of the 100th birthday of the great American, and brother, Richard "Red" Skelton. Masons from around the state gathered at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center in Vincennes, Indiana. There, they united with Grand Master Genung and the officers of Grand Lodge to dedicate a very beautiful memorial stone to a man, who dedicated his entire life to entertaining us, while making us think and smile. Following the dedication, Vincennes Lodge #1 invited several of us to their home lodge for refreshment, & fellowship. These brothers provided us a unique opportunity to look through some photos of Red Skelton and a look at his "two" original petition forms. Yes, it seems Red had made an error in filling out his first petition, and the lodge secretary insisted that he fill out a second one. Man....those lodge secretaries are something else!



Recently, a call came in from an Illinois Mason, who was in town on business. The call was an urgent request for help. While in town, he had experienced car trouble. The car quit running and wouldn't restart. He suddenly found himself stranded in a parking lot, a good distance from his motel.

***He was stuck - at night - in a strange town, and nowhere to turn.*** However, he knew he had an "Ace In The Hole." He remembered the words that he had been uttered in his lodge. He remembered

that he was a member of a world wide Masonic family. He decided to rely on that belief and call for help from a local Masonic Lodge.

Our own Senior Warden, Joey Wiegant, got that call. Joey, who was visiting with friends on the east side of town, never hesitated to go to this man's aide. Joey remembered, all to well, that obligation he made to always help a worthy brother in distress. Joey, got up, left his friends home, and drove to the west side of Evansville. Our Senior Warden spent nearly three hours that Saturday night doing everything he could to help a man, who, were it not for this fraternity, would have been just another stranger in the world. Joey did everything he could to get this brother back on the road, but eventually they had to abandon the car to another day.

Joey took the man back to his motel room, where he left him with names and phone numbers of people to call the following day. Joey did something even more that night. In addition to helping, he left that man with something very valuable; something that hopefully, will stay with him for the rest of his life. He left him knowing that the oaths we all speak at those alters really do have meaning.....words that tell us all, that as long as we have each other, we truly are never alone.

## Calendar of Events

July 1 6:00 PM – Officers Meeting

July 8 6:00 PM – Fellowship

7:00 PM – STATED MEETING

## July Birthdays

CLAUDE ESTILL ANDREWS	2
STANLEY JOSEPH BARRON	9
TODD CLARKE BARSUMIAN	24
WILLIAM RAND, II BARTLETT	26
EVERETT M BAYLOR	25
ANDREW S. BEITLER	31
ADAM M BIGGE	25
GARY WAYNE COSBY, SR.	23
MICHAEL JOSEPH DANKS	5
MERLE EDWARD DOWNEN	22
JACK WESTON ERVIN, II, PM	15
JOHN HAYDEN FICKAS	25
BRUCE KERTH GIBSON	2
ELMER WILLIAM HALWES, JR.	16
ANDREW SHAWN HENRY	17
CHRISTOPHER JOHN HUBER	13
GUY W JACKSON	24

JAMES DAVID JONES	19
KEVIN SCOTT KERNEY	9
NORMAN LOUIS KNIESE, JR.	28
JULIUS BERNARD KROCK	31
JUSTIN MICHAEL LAGINA	1
DAVID NELSON MULLINS	8
JORDAN LEE OSTRANDER	26
WILLIAM ANTHONY PAYNE	15
MARK KENT POWERS	29
MORRIS EVERT RILEY	22
REX ELDON ROBERTSON	16
THOMAS ELMER ROWANS	26
MYRON DALE SAILER	31
BRIAN SNYDER	7
BILLY GENE TOWNSEND	12
RICHARD ARNOLD WEYMOUTH	9
LOUIS EUGENE WILLIAMS	17
BRIAN K WILSON	20
MARK ERIC WILSON	14
JOHN L YORK	22



**It's lodge night once more and as I head through that door I look upon the altar and at the light that shines through the darkness once more. It's in this room I find comfort knowing what is just and right. I march in with pride and dignity from the dark in to the light. I look around and see my sisters and brothers that I hold so dear. It is in this room things come clear and I am surrounded by loved ones dear. At last a family that I can trust, others that are great and just. I stand with pride in this room and gain the knowledge that is true. The Blue Room is where I find my ray of hope and happiness for the rest of my days. The five points of the star define life in all its ways. The lessons learned here I shall never forget I will carry them with me always it's the greatest gift.**



The Dream Center meal prep went very well last Wednesday. Several friends showed up and set straight to work cooking up a nice spaghetti dinner for some very hungry children. David Bradford of Lessing Lodge donated the pasta and the meat sauce, while Evansville brought all the fixings to make some very tasty garlic toast; and what a tasty treat it was.

As the dinner cooked the air of the entire facility began to smell like an Italian restaurant. By the time it was done, the cooks as well as the kids could hardly wait to partake of a heaping plate full. Many of these young people came back for seconds, and some even for thirds. Seeing this, you begin to understand how important what we do really is. There are kids across this country that go to bed every night feeling the pangs of hunger. Many of which are right here in this community.

I like to think that when we do things like this that God is looking down, and saying, "Well done my good and faithful servants. As you have done unto them, you have done unto me."



This year at Indiana Grand Lodge's Annual Communications, Evansville #64 was recognized as one of the "Top Ten Lodges" in the state. Evansville Lodge had been invited to attend the Grand Masters Banquet on May 20th, as a distinguished guest. After dinner, Evansville and the nine other lodges were called to the dais and presented with medals and **certificates of excellence for attaining The Grand Masters Award With High Distinction**. Evansville had accumulated sufficient points throughout the year to finish 3rd out of the top 10 lodges in the state. The following day, during assembly, Evansville Lodge was again called to the floor of Grand Lodge. We were lined up along with several other lodges receiving awards. In open session we were again recognized as finishing in the top ten. We were also presented with certificates of excellence for meeting the requirements of the 220 Lap Club and the 500 Mile Club. This is the second year in a row that Evansville has made it into the "Top Ten." This did not happen by accident. It happened because you were doing the work required, and reporting these things to the Secretary. It happened through the last two years due to the diligence of our former secretary, Jim Jones, who recorded and reported all of those activities. It is the reported efforts of the one and the efforts of all that have and will continue to bring Evansville Lodge #64 into this honored circle. Let's keep it going for years to come.



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