

Conway Lodge No. 65----Ancient Free Masons

The Trestle Board

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A Word From W. Brother Beckworth, PM

Brothers, I would like to thank everyone for a successful year. I look forward to supporting Brother Keen as he leads our Lodge in 2019. I am grateful for the honor of being chosen for a second term as Master and for everyone's support. As I look back on it, I can say that it was a good year. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the year and I believe 2019 will be even better. I encourage each of you to attend regularly. Your presence and fellowship is a wonderful thing.

I would like to congratulate Brother and Mrs. John Rudolph on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy recently. Bro. Rudolph served as Junior Deacon and will move over to Chaplain this year.

I also congratulate **Brother Steve Sands** for being voted "**Mason of the Year**" by our brothers in the 29th Masonic District. He was presented his award at our wonderful Inspirational Meeting held in November. He was also voted "Mason of the Year" in our Lodge. Both of these awards were richly deserved. Bro. Sands constantly displays his love of Free Masonry and is always looking for ways to help the lodges in our district.

Our Inspirational Meeting in November was really nice. We had the most members and guests of any lodge in the district attending. RW Brother Carroll is to be commended for pulling it all together for a wonderful dinner and meeting.

Several of our members as well as other brothers in our district were greatly affected by the storms and floods in September and October. Our building was spared and we are truly grateful for that. Appeals were received from Grand Lodge for assistance for those effected and many of you responded with donations. My thanks go to each of you for stepping up and assisting our brothers in recovering from the disasters.

I won't be sitting in a chair this year but I assure you I am not going anywhere. I plan to attend all meetings if possible and I stand ready to assist in anyway I can. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve.

Fraternally,
David A. Beckworth, PM
Worshipful Master-2018

From The East

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve our Lodge as Master for 2019. I believe we are in for another good year. I would love to see every member who is physically able to attend, in lodge at least once this year. Our first regular meeting this year is coming up on January 14 and I hope that you will join us.

We have a very good lineup of officers for this year and I know we will work together just fine for the good of our Lodge and fraternity. Congratulations to each on being elected or appointed to a chair. It is an experience you will treasure forever.

It is my desire to hold more social events whereby we can invite non masons and get to meet more of the public. We already have one planned for Saturday, February 16 when we hold an old time "pig pickin" at the Lodge. I hope we can plan a night out at the new bowling center soon and a few more "Ladies Night Out" in the coming months.

Brothers, please take note of our Lodge statistics as reported on our Annual Report to Grand Lodge. Our membership is decreasing and this is my major concern. We should not lose so many members for non payment of dues. This is something we can all help with. If you know of a brother whose health prevents him from attending Lodge and feels that it is useless to continue paying dues, let us know. We certainly want him to continue to enjoy the benefits of Free Masonry and stand ready to assist him. The same applies to any brother that may be financially unable to pay. We have a committee to address both of these issues but we have to be made aware of the circumstances. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Monday night, January 14th will be my first time sitting in the East as Worshipful Master. I know that I will be a little nervous but hopefully that will pass. A good number attending will help ease that nervousness. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally
Michael Keen
Worshipful Master

Points of Interest

- Monday, January 14. Regular meeting. Dinner @ 6:45 pm, provided by Bro. Dwayne Singleton. (chicken bog, green beans, cheese biscuits and pork chops for those who don't eat chicken bog.)
- Monday, Feb. 11. Regular meeting. Dinner @ 6:45 pm. provided by Bro. Brackens.
- Valentine's Day. Thursday, February 14th. Don't forget. 
- Saturday, Feb. 16. Old fashioned pig picking at the lodge.
- We are on the web. Go to www.conwaylodge65.com for the latest information about meeting, etc.



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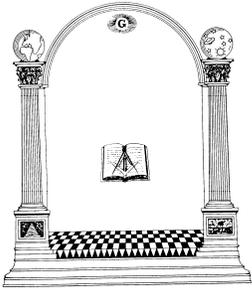
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Originally Charter 1841
Current Charter 1888

Our stated Communication is always on the second Monday of the month. We begin with dinner at 6:45 pm and the Lodge opens at 7:30 pm.

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Junior Steward
Jason McCoy

Chaplain
John Rudolph

Tiler
Steve Sands

From the Secretary's Desk

We started out on Jan. 1, 2018 with 205 members on our roll. Regrettably, seven (7) passed away during the year. Additionally, nine (9) members did not pay their 2018 annual dues and were removed for our roll. We raised three (3) new members and affiliated one (1). The net result is a loss of twelve (12) members. Deaths we cannot control. NPD's, we can do a better job of encouraging our brothers to remit their dues or notify us of their inability to do so. We can help if we know. We cannot help if we do not know. Please keep our officers informed if you need assistance in any way.

The time for paying dues has arrived again. Statements were mailed recently and some have already responded. For your prompt payment, we are grateful. If you received your statement please remit your dues as soon as possible. If you have not received a statement, call me at 843-503-5092 and I will get one off to you if you need one. Otherwise, just put your check for \$75.00 in the mail. As always, a prompt reply is appreciated.

Dwayne Singleton
Secretary



Brother Steve Sands
Tiler
2018 Mason of the Year
29th District and Conway Lodge 65



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2018 Annual Return - Recap Details

For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

Conway No.65

903 15th Ave
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Assessment Summary

Item Type	Quantity	Amount Each	Item Total
Per-Capita Assessment	175	\$14.50	\$2,537.50
Masonic Relief Assessment	175	\$6.00	\$1,050.00
EA Degree Fee	3	\$2.00	\$6.00
FC Degree Fee	3	\$2.00	\$6.00
MM Degree Fee	3	\$2.00	\$6.00
George Washington Memorial Fee	3	\$5.00	\$15.00
Reinstatement Fee	0	\$20.50	\$0.00
Total Due			\$3,620.50

Lodge Statistics

Degrees and Additions

Initiations: 3
Passings: 3
Raisings: 3
Reinstatements: 0
Affiliations: 1
Total Increase: 4

Ending Rolls: 193

Decreases

Demits: 0
Deaths*: 7
NPDs: 9
Suspensions: 0
Expulsions: 0
Total Decrease: 16
* Reported in 2018 and prior

Definition of Tiler in Free Masonry

A tiler, therefore, is **one who makes, or fastens on, tiles**. Since in Operative Masonry the tiler was the workman who closed the building in, and hid its interior from outside view, the guardian of the entrance to the Lodge was figuratively called by this name.

Twenty-Five Year Award
Congratulations to Brother **Herman Gonzalez** on earning his 25-Year Pin. We will award it at our regular meeting on January 14th.