



Tyrian Trowel



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Greetings From The East



As a new year begins, the newly elected Master, who is tasked with managing the lodge, strives to find a way to continue to build on the foundation established by his predecessors and keep the momentum from the successes of the previous year moving forward. Tyrian has a foundation reaching back 156 years and I, as the newly elected Master, feel the honor of building on that history and the weight of carrying it forward to the future.

My goal this year is to not only sustain all of the strides made in the past, but to find better paths for the brothers and the lodge as a whole.

Our lodge and fraternity works best when all its members are involved in some way, each guided by the gifts the Great Architect Of The Universe has given him. Some members are better suited to perform the all

important work of making new Masons, learning the ritual and creating new brothers to carry on after we have retired to the celestial lodge above. Others prefer to be active in the philanthropic endeavors of our organization, working to fulfill the duty of charity that we as Masons are tasked with. While others are content to pay their annual dues and contribute financially. All of these levels of participation are of equal importance to the success and longevity of Tyrian Lodge, but all too often it is the same brothers who are left to carry the burden of all of these lodge responsibilities.

I ask you, brother reading this now, to reexamine your situation. If you are able to attend lodge and serve on a committee please do. Participating in the monthly stated meetings means you are involved in the decisions need-

ed for the lodge to function.

If you have a respect and appreciation for our ritual and are able to participate in degree work please do, although perhaps the most intimidating part of our fraternity, its importance cannot be disputed for making us who we are as masons and making future generations of masons to carry on our traditions.

Perhaps you find enjoyment working for our charitable endeavors. Giving back to our community and, by that, making the world a better place please do. These acts of charity, although not intended to bring attention to ourselves, do give us something to point to when confronted by the question "So you are a Freemason, what is it that masons do?"

You may feel only comfortable supporting these endeavor-

ors financially, please do since the prompt payment of your annual dues keeps us financially sound and donations to our many charities lets us continue to do the work we do.

We are thankful for any and all participation by our members. Without the active involvement of members we can never reach the full potential of what Tyrian Lodge can be.

Our lodge faces many challenges ahead; membership growth, financial stability, and relevance in a complex society that fails to sometimes see the contribution Freemasonry can make. Together we can face these challenges and move our lodge forward, preserving its legacy and traditions for future Masons.

I look forward to serving as the Worshipful Master of Tyrian and serving it's membership.

Pay Lodge Dues Online & More

If you haven't visited the lodge's website you should. It has gone through a redesign and has newly added functionality to help our membership. We have added two new

features. Under the **Members** menu you now have the opportunity to easily update contact information such as address, phone number and email. Members can also go

and pay their dues, and make donations online using credit card or PayPal.

We are always looking for new ways to make things easier for our membership. If

you have anything you would like to see added please feel free to contact us.

You can visit the website www.tyrianlodge333.org

Find us on



2016 Officers Election Held

On Wednesday November 11th, Tyrian Lodge No.333 held it's annual election of officers for 2016.

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers and good luck to them in the coming year.



Worshipful Master.....Brian E. Giddings
 Senior Warden.....Paul Wiseman
 Junior Warden.....Greg D. Ellerman
 Treasurer.....John Warren, WPM
 Secretary.....Wendell E. Walch, WPM
 Chaplain.....Allen W. Luttrell
 Senior Deacon.....Robert E. Chase
 Junior Deacon.....Darrell G. Gruenfeld
 Senior Steward.....Colby J. South
 Junior Steward.....Mitchell T. Stancil
 Marshall.....Erik Welch
 Tyler.....Martin E. Woulfe

The James Project, A Mission Shared

“to look after widows and orphans in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

Our 2015 Masonic Fellowship Dinner held on May 17th was a great success. Thanks goes to Brother Paul Wiseman for organizing it. As part of the dinner a silent auction was held with donated items and the proceeds of the auction went to help The James Project. The James Project is a non for prophet organization that takes their mission from verse 1:27 in the book of James; **“Religion that God Our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans**



in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” The James Project is dedicated to taking a larger role in caring for the foster children in our community. They serve Sangamon county foster

families, homes and children by giving much needed material and monetary support. Our auction raised \$300. We look forward to helping more with the James Project in the future. As masons we already support children homes in northern and southern Illinois, this gave us an added opportunity to help some children closer to home.

For more information on the James Project visit their website.

thejamesproject127.com

Deceased Brothers

- Harry Arthur Best Sr
- Michael Wayne Shanle
- Jean Claude Capmajo
- Harry George Newman Jr
- Norman Frederick Weiskopf
- Charles Ernest Small
- Joel Everett Tjelmeland
- W. William Dale Buracker
- Roger Eugene Buecker

Raised Brothers

- Mitchell T. Stancil
- Martin E. Woulfe



Tyrian Lodge's Stated Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Dinner is always served at 6:30, come join us.

