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FROM THE EAST

# STRENGTHENING OUR LODGE: UPCOMING EVENTS AND VITAL DECISIONS

## **Worshipful Jeff Gatchell**

Upcoming events  
& vital decisions.

Brethren,

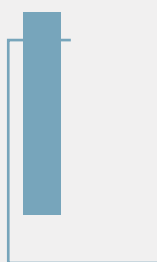
Hope you  
all enjoyed a  
safe and blessed  
Easter holiday.  
Now, maybe we'll  
get lucky and  
have a cooler (?)  
summer than  
last year. Enough  
about that - on to  
more important  
matters:

I urge  
everyone within range to make every effort to attend  
our May 7th stated meeting (7pm). We have important  
agenda items that will be discussed, including the Lodge's  
existence into the future. Please dress appropriately -  
shirt and slacks please, tie optional. There has been some  
movement within our district that you might want to hear



## Winds of Change

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about, and how it affects us. This will be our last stated meeting until August. Food will be provided (6pm)

at no charge, however, please donate whatever you can so that we can at least attempt to break even on the night.

As has been the norm, you are encouraged to come down to the Lodge on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm (2nd and 4th week of each month) to learn more about the craft, which we all signed up to do. We do education but primarily focus on ritual. These sessions typically last on average about an hour, so if you're looking for an excuse to get out of the house, you now have a good one!

On Saturday, May 3rd, we have committed to being present at the Spring Street Fair. Our goal is to continue to increase our visibility within the community. The time we'll be posted is from 10am to 4pm, and we'll be there to set up between 9 & 9:30. Your support / participation would be greatly appreciated!!! I am happy to say that our Lodge will be awarding a few scholarships again

this year. Brother Rusk will explain more in detail in this issue. Thanks to all of you who value the importance of education within our community and continue to pay it forward. Remember the words - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Lodge Facebook page has come back to life, and I look forward to posting so as to keep our name in circulation, as well as to remind many that we do continue to exist! Hopefully this will increase interest in the fraternity, as well as getting the word out that we do have a venue available to rent for special occasions.

Finally, continue to be proud that you were elected for membership, and are part of this fraternity - it takes good and above-average men to come together to try and hopefully leave this world better than we found it, and to make a difference.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Gatchell  
Master

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# FROM THE WEST BUILDING BROTHER- HOOD BEYOND THE LODGE ROOM

## **Senoir Warden Sutton Miller**

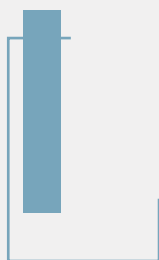
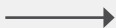
The Power of  
Fellowship

Brethren,

As May settles in and the days grow longer, we're reminded of the value of connection—not just with the world around us, but with one another. Freemasonry is built upon the foundation of Brotherhood and Fellowship, and this time of year gives us a perfect opportunity to strengthen those bonds outside of our formal meetings.

Whether it's sharing a meal, attending a Lodge event, or simply checking in on a Brother, these moments of fellowship are what give life to our work in the Lodge. They allow us to build trust, offer support, and truly live





the tenets of Brotherly Love. We don't just meet on the level—we grow together through friendship, respect, and mutual care.

As we move through May, I encourage each of us to reach out—to connect with a Brother we haven't seen in a while, to attend a gathering, or to be present in the small ways that matter most. Our Lodge is only as strong as the relationships we build within it.

Let's continue to foster a space where all Brothers feel welcome, valued, and inspired to contribute to the harmony we cherish.

Fraternally,  
Sutton Miller  
Senior Warden

## Fellowship



## Outreach & Education

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Brethren,

We are proud to share that our Lodge will once again be supporting the next generation of leaders in our community by awarding two scholarships to local high school seniors. Each scholarship is valued at \$750 and will help deserving students as they pursue their higher education goals.

This wonderful opportunity is made possible thanks to the involvement and generous donations to our scholarship fund from you, the Brethren. Your continued support not only changes lives but also reflects our shared commitment to stewardship and service within our community.



If you would like more information, or know a graduating senior who may be interested, please reach out to a member of our Scholarship Committee. The committee will be reviewing all applications and will personally notify the recipients of these awards.

Thank you for your dedication to this meaningful tradition and for helping us uphold our mission of stewardship to the community we serve.

Fraternally,  
Jared Rusk  
Treasurer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 6pm - Stated	8	9	10
11	12	13 7pm - Blythe OCN	14	15 7pm - Blythe OCN	16	17 Inspectors
18	19	20	21 7pm - Blythe	22	23	24
25	26	27 7pm - Blythe OCN	28	29 7pm - Blythe OCN	30	31

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 7** STATED DINNER & MEETING

**MAY 13** COACHING NIGHT

**MAY 15** COACHING NIGHT

**MAY 27** COACHING NIGHT

**MAY 29** COACHING NIGHT