



FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

2025 is my first year as Master of Royal Center 585. I went through the chairs at Libanus Lodge in Monticello, before transferring up to Royal Center where my dad is a member.

My thoughts for this year are:

- 1) Get our fundraisers planned out.
- 2) Get our membership dues caught up and turned in.
- 3) Plan some activities to get more brothers to the Lodge.

That being said our first fundraiser is the 12 Mile breakfast, this fundraiser is funded by your donations to the lodge to get the supplies needed. I will send out future emails with what is needed and the date.

Dues are past due please take a moment to contact the Lodge Secretary to see if a brother close to you is in need of our help. And if so we will endeavor to help them out this year. Sometimes they just need good counsel whispered in an ear to remind them to get it paid. Please feel free to contact myself or Matt Kitchell if help is needed.

Also feel free to contact a brother to see if he needs a ride to lodge, sometimes the day we have our meeting slips by in our memories, and a gentle reminder that we have lodge is needed.

As always feel free to let us know of any ideas you have for getting together, we can plan dinners with our families at the lodge, if we can get them organized, they will bear fruit, because if no one sees us doing anything at the lodge, then they don't know that we exist, by having gatherings at the lodge it gets us noticed, and we will be a beacon of light in the darkness. Our meetings are on the first Thursday each month. We eat dinner at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30. As always remember those that are sick and in the nursing homes always try to visit them to let them know we miss them and still want the bond of Brotherly Love and friendship with them to continue. Please watch your emails for upcoming work as we have petitions coming in.

Fraternally yours,

Nathan Boyer , Worshipful Master

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season with friends and family. We have welcomed several new brothers the last couple of years, young men who are very active in Lodge. I encourage you to come to a meeting or fundraiser and meet them and their families. They are stepping up and becoming officers and volunteering for fundraisers and Lodge functions. It feels good to have new blood in our Lodge. Please try to come to at least one meeting this year if you're able to. If you'd like to attend and need transportation we can arrange that. If you aren't able to make it to a meeting we'd love to see you attend a fundraiser. I will continue sending a group email reminder for events and degree work. If you are not receiving the messages and would like to, send me an email at rlodge585@outlook.com and I'll make sure to add you to the list.

If you haven't already done so, please pay dues ASAP. If you are unable to pay, please call me at (574)709-0066 or email me at rlodge585@outlook.com and we're happy to work with you. Remember 50 year and life members do not owe dues, but donations are always appreciated. Thanks to your donations we are able to support summer reading programs, school meal programs, school contests, youth baseball teams, donate to community food pantries, buy Christmas gifts for children less fortunate, donate to the community, as well as aid brothers and their families when they need it most.

Scholarship awards are open to qualifying Master Masons or children, stepchildren, and orphans of Master Masons in good standing in an Indiana Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Grandchildren are also eligible to apply but will be given secondary priority. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited Indiana university or college. Scholarship applications are now submitted online at <https://www.indianafreemasons.com/scholarship> and are available mid-January through the end of March. If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I'll help guide you through the process. I hope to see you at Lodge functions this year. As always, if there's anything I can do to help get you there please let me know.

Fraternally,

Matt Kitchell, Secretary