

Masonic TrestleBoard



Lambeth Installed as Worshipful Master



Kenneth D. Lambeth was installed as Worshipful Master of Charleston Lodge #35 on December 10th. Worshipful Brother Lambeth was raised a Master Mason in Charleston Lodge on March 9, 1996, and held several offices before a job change required him to step aside. However, after retiring, he got active in Lodge work again. Lambeth is a former Coles County Deputy Sheriff and retired from the Union Pacific Railroad. He and his wife, Jean, reside in Arcola.

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New Fair Concession Stand Being Studied

A committee is currently studying options and costs of a new concession stand at the Coles County Fair.

The concession stand was purchased in June 1994 and is nearing the end of its usefulness. Revenue from the concession stand during the Corn Belt Shrine Tractor Pull in June and the Coles County Fair grandstand events in July brought in over \$15,000 and accounted for more than 45% of the Lodge's total revenue in 2023.

More information, including fundraising events, will be available soon.

Scholarship Application Available



Applications are available for the **Doyle Wright Memorial Scholarship**. Applicants must be a child, grandchild, brother, sister, niece or nephew of a member of Charleston Lodge #35 or an area Lodge located in Coles or Cumberland County. Applicants must also be a resident of Illinois and enrolling full-time at an accredited community college or university in Illinois for the Fall 2024 semester.

Applications can be obtained from Jon Cole, Lodge Secretary, at jacole82@gmail.com. The application deadline is March 15th.

2024 Officers

- Kenneth D. Lambeth**, Worshipful Master
- Terry A. Davis**, Senior Warden
- Charles L. Hildebrand**, Junior Warden
- Robert G. Bennett**, Treasurer
- Jon A. Cole**, Secretary
- Mitchell I. Saret**, Chaplain
- Joshua R. Ridgley**, Senior Deacon
- Hayden M. Cole**, Junior Deacon
- Thomas E. Burton**, Senior Steward
- Gideon M. Bardsley**, Junior Steward
- Trevor A. Bradley**, Marshal
- Robert L. Mc Clerren**, Organist
- Jeffrey A. Craig**, Tiler
- Mitchell I. Saret**, District Deputy
- Ronald D. Croy**, Asst. Area Deputy
- Phillip L. Green**, Area Deputy

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 16 — Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Feb. 6 — Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm.
- Feb. 10 — Dinner & Masonic Play, 6:00 pm; *"The Last Full Measure"*, Reservations required.
- Apr. 6 — Trivia Night, 6:00 pm
- Apr. 20 — Pork Burger Drive-Thru, serving 11am to 1pm

IN MEMORIAM



Paul Harrison Hanley

Brother Hanley was born May 1, 1936, in Charleston, Illinois. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 11, 1968 in Mattoon Lodge #260, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 22, 1968, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 11, 1968. He affiliated with Charleston Lodge #35 on February 22, 2022. Brother Paul Harrison Hanley passed away December 31, 2022.



Frederick Moore Edgar

Brother Edgar was born September 4, 1940, in Tuscola, Illinois. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 27, 1980, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 6, 1982, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 8, 1982. Brother Frederick Moore Edgar passed from the labors on earth to the eternal refreshment of heaven on September 13, 2023.



Ronald V. Uphoff

Brother Uphoff was born August 25, 1938, in Mattoon, Illinois. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 31, 1987, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 8, 1988, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 28, 1989. Brother Ronald V. Uphoff passed from the labors on earth to the eternal refreshment of heaven on October 12, 2023.

Thus ends the Masonic record of these just and upright Masons. So mote it be.

Charleston Lodge #35 extends its sympathy to the families of these Masonic brethren.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Below are members who qualified for achievement pins and/or in 2023.

25-YEARS

John W. Bartley
R. Douglas Drake
Steven R. Drake
Jay Dee Garrard
Lynn R. Knox
James E. Long
Dennis R. Perry
Douglas C. Young

35-YEARS

Mitchell I. Saret

60-YEARS

John D. Williams

65-YEARS

James L. Hatfield
Frederick H. Thut

45-YEARS

Ronald V. Anderson
William L. Crail
B. Stephen Daugherty
Jerry L. Decker
Cecil R. Justice
Dale E. Lang
Roy W. McNabb
Charles V. Middleton
Kenneth C. Percy
Thomas R. Rupel
Dennis M. Zimmerle

2023: THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The Lodge-sponsored Charleston High School Team won the Masonic Academic Bowl Paris Sectional. The Lodge has sponsored the CHS Team for more than 30 years.



Brother Bob Bennett prepares scrambled eggs for the Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast in November. All Veterans got to eat free of charge.



Brother Eric J. Wilson, Toledo Lodge #834, was elected an Honorary Member of Charleston Lodge #35.



Judy Hildebrand and Brother Josh Ridgley prepare a meal at the Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast.



Brother Gregory A. Sidwell, Newton Lodge #216, was elected an Honorary Member of Charleston Lodge #35.



Worshipful Brother Marvin L. Brannon was presented his 50-year pin and certificate at his home in Charleston. Brother Brannon served as Worshipful Master in 1977.



Brother Trevor Bradley (right), a former Shrine patient, was honored by Shriners International for "paying it forward". Brother Bob Bennett shared the letter.

2023: THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Cupcakes and pumpkin pie were the dessert highlights at the Past Masters Dinner in November. Special thanks to Sarah Croy and Judy Hildebrand.



Brother Jay Dee Garrard was honored for 25 years of membership. He received a lapel pin in recognition of his years of service.



Brother Mitchell I. Saret received a lapel pin recognizing 35 years. Brother Saret was raised in Issac Cutter Lodge #1073 and later affiliated with Charleston Lodge #35.



Brother Cecil R. Justice was presented a lapel pin for 45 years of membership. He was raised in Westfield Lodge #1046 and affiliated with Charleston Lodge in 1982.



Brother Ronald D. Croy was awarded the annual Lodge Builder Award for outstanding service to the Lodge. The award has been presented annually since 1984.



Paula and Matt Homann were awarded the annual Community Builder Award for their work with Pheasants Forever and the Young Guns youth target shooting team.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Brother **Henry P.H. Bromwell**, who served as Worshipful Master of Charleston Lodge #35 in 1859, 1861, 1862, and 1863, delivered the Oration at the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, May 20, 1868.

2023: THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Brother Michael L. Schwenke was initiated an Entered Apprentice on December 12, 2023. His father, Melvin, was present for the Degree.



A delicious sheet cake, decorated with the square and compasses, was just some of the wonderful desserts served after the Installation of Officers.



2024 Officers: (front) Thomas E. Burton, Jon A. Cole, Kenneth D. Lambeth, Charles L. Hildebrand, Mitchell I. Saret; (back) Joshua R. Ridgley, Jeffrey A. Craig, Trevor A. Bradley, Hayden M. Cole.



Brother Kenneth D. Lambeth takes his obligation before being installed as Worshipful Master of Charleston Lodge #35 for the year 2024.



Past Masters in attendance at the Past Masters Dinner: William J. Warmoth (1979), Rodney S. Symonds (2020, 2022), Ronald D. Croy (2006, 2007, 2017), Jon A. Cole (1992, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2018), Roger E. East (2009), Jared F. Ellison (2011), James R. Ellison (1970), Mitchell I. Saret (2001, 2003, 2019), Thomas B. Corbin (1999), Jeffrey A. Craig (2012), and Robert G. Bennett (2014).

Photos courtesy of Brothers William J. Warmoth, Ronald D. Croy and Jon A. Cole.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to these members:

Gideon M. Bardsley — Master Mason Degree — May 9, 2023
Thomas E. Burton — Elected to Plural Membership — September 9, 2023
James A. Houser — Entered Apprentice Degree — October 17, 2023
Michael L. Schwenke — Entered Apprentice Degree — December 12, 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to Brother **Frederick H. Thut**. He turns 88 on January 26th.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Roger K. Rives**. He turns 75 on February 1st.
Happy Birthday to Brother **William J. Warmoth**. He also turns 75 on February 1st.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Roy A. Finney**. He also turns 84 on February 10th.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Clifford E. Prince**. He also turns 87 on February 14th.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Garrell D. Tarter**. He also turns 82 on February 15th.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Robert J. Campbell**. He also turns 86 on February 15th.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Bobby L. Bartley**. He also turns 93 on February 21st.
Happy Birthday to Brother **Robert M. Blair**. He also turns 97 on February 28th.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to these members on their 'years of good-standing' anniversaries:

Donald B. Schneider — 77 years — February 1st
Larry D. Stoever — 45 years — January 17th
Michael A. Staton — 15 years — January 13th

FROM THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES...

February 21, 1849: A group of Masons from Paris applied for a recommendation to start a Lodge by the name of Paris Lodge.

January 27, 1874: Upon request from Polk Lodge #137, located at McLeansboro, the Lodge donated \$1.00 to the widow of Brother **Samuel E. Gates**.

January 24, 1899: The **Committee on Railroads** reported that the Big Four and Cloverleaf Railroads would offer special rates for those attending the Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Charleston Lodge on February 8 & 9. (Over 90 members and visitors attended the event.)

January 11, 1924: A joint Installation of Officers was held for Charleston Lodge #35 and Sopha C Chapter #102 of Eastern Star. Brother **Clarence O. Rogers** was installed as Worshipful Master.

January 4, 1949: Among the bills approved for payment were Telephone—\$5.06 and CIPS—\$10.50.

January 22, 1974: Brother **Alan L. Spraker** was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

January 5, 1999: It was reported that of all Lodges in Illinois for the year 1998, Charleston Lodge #35 had the most new members joining both Scottish Rite and the Shrine.