

Happy New Year!

It's time to say good-bye to 2008 and welcome to 2009. We hope that every one had a safe and joyful season. The Christmas party was well attended by members, their families and friends with over one hundred people sharing in a carry in dinner. Go to the Yellow Springs Web Site at: <http://www.yellowsprings421.org> to view pictures taken during the dinner and pictures of the "children" with Santa.

We received over \$200.00 in free merchandise for the lodge kitchen as a result of your Pampered Chef orders. Fruit Baskets were delivered to many of our widows and 50 year members.

Our lodge is about to become very busy with events that we hope you will participate in and enjoy. We start out the year with inspections at New Burlington # 574 on Friday January 9th. There will be a meal at 6:30 followed by the Fellowcraft Degree at 7:30. On Saturday the 10th, both Fayette # 107 and Sabina #324 will be doing Entered Apprentice Degrees; Fayette (Washington Court House) starting at 9:00 A.M. with lunch served at 11:30 A.M. at Sabina with work starting at 12:30 P.M.. I will be in Florida during this time and will not get to continue my streak of not missing an inspection in the Super 8th for 8 straight years. I do ask that the brethren from Yellow Springs attend these inspections so as we can keep our record of the lodge not missing an inspection in quite a lot more years than that. The 8th District has a little friendly competition on trying to see which lodge can attend the inspections with the most # of points for the year. Fairborn has been very hard to beat. The point system for attending inspections are as follows: JW receives 5 points, SW 4 points, Master 3 points, all other Officers receive 2 points, and all other members receive 1 point.

January 12th is the 2nd Monday and our Stated meeting. I will not be back in town, however; WB Robert Stolar will preside so that the other officers can practice in their stations since we will be having our inspection on Friday. We hope to get a few candidates accepted at our stated meeting so we will have one for the inspection. Bring any up dated Fruit Basket List from our Deliveries in December so we can make an accurate list for the Lodge.

On Wednesday, the 14th of January, we will practice for the Inspection. We will start practice early at 7:00 P.M.

Friday evening the 16th of January at 6:30 P.M. there will be a meal catered for the Inspection and we are expecting the Grand Lodge officers to visit that evening. The Inspection degree will be the Entered Apprentice Degree and will start just prior to 7:30 P.M. when Palestine Commandery # 33 will post the colors. The lodge will endeavor to do a superb job at portraying the degree and we encourage as many lodge members to come out for this annual event.

On Saturday, the 24th of January, Yellow Springs Lodge will be hosting the Grand Master's Visitation beginning with coffee and donuts at 8:00 A.M. and at 9:00 A.M. the Grand Lodge Officers will be giving short talks on interesting subjects about Masonry. They only do this in the 8th District and we don't want them to stop, so find a way to come and share in this event. It will be worth your while. I believe we should be finished by noon because they have other commitments that afternoon.

January 24th, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton will be hosting a dinner at 6:15 P.M. to be followed by a program. This is Worshipful Master recognition night. The Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary and their ladies are invited

for dinner, but any blue lodge member or Scottish Rite member and their ladies are invited to attend the program.

Yellow Springs will schedule the Master Mason Degree on Monday, January 26th at 7:00 P.M. after a short Officer's meeting. Jimmy Howard will try to get a craft team together, so let him know what part you can help in.

Friday, the 30th of January, we will have more degree work for candidates we need to initiate at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, 31st of January, Inspections will be held at Beavercreek both in the Entered Apprentice degree. Knollwood's Inspection will be at 9:00 A.M. with dinner at 11:30 A.M. and Beavervalley's inspection will follow at 12:30 P.M.