



Waynesville Masonic Lodge #163

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

SECRETARY'S DESK

Our Lodge continues to work diligently to improve, strengthen, and prepare the next generation of Masons who will carry our traditions forward. Through degree work, mentorship, and renewed engagement, we are building a stronger and more vibrant future for Waynesville Lodge No. 163.

We warmly encourage all Master Masons—whether you attend regularly or have been away for a time—to come and visit your Lodge

Our next Stated Meeting, and the final one before we go dark for the summer, will be held on **June 2nd**. We hope to see many of you there as we continue the work of the Craft together

IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

DEGREE WORK

Our Lodge is pleased to report continued progress among our advancing Brethren.

Brother Jim Alcorn has been **passed to the Fellow Craft Degree**, having conducted himself with dignity and proficiency throughout his advancement. We congratulate him on taking this important step in his Masonic journey.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to **Brother James Hall**, who has been **initiated as an Entered Apprentice**. May he find light, fellowship, and inspiration as he begins his work in the Craft.

The Brethren are encouraged to offer their support and guidance to these advancing Brothers as they continue to grow in knowledge and service.

BIRTHDAYS

William	Thurman	Ashmore
Thomas	Jay	Bailey
Daniel	Lee	Bentley
Scott	Brandon	Camery
Murray	Patrick	Davidson
Stephen	Douglas	Gibson
Michael	Lee	Hathaway
Jason	Michael	Johnson
Troy	Shane	Lauffer
Ralph	Gear	Lindon
Walter	Reed	Madden
Harless	Harold	Maynard
Marcus	Ray	Walters



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TEMPLE BOARD BUSINESS

Building Improvement Update – Waynesville Masonic Temple

The Temple Board has begun several much-needed improvements to the building. Below is a summary of the projects that have been completed, as well as those currently under review.

Completed Improvements

- The Fellowship Hall has been fully repainted, and all electrical outlets have been replaced with new, updated units.
- The new security system is fully operational, new smoke alarms have been installed and all outlets changed out, along with the upgraded electronic door entry system.
- High-speed internet service has been installed throughout the building.

Projects Under Review

- All exterior doors require replacement due to significant deterioration and rot.
- A new handicap-accessible ramp is being designed and finalized to ensure full ADA compliance with state requirements.
- The Lodge roof has reached the end of its service life and needs replacement. A quote is being prepared that includes extending the roof overhang to provide proper coverage for the new ADA-compliant ramp.



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MONTHLY LEO SECTION- HOME BY WILLIAM R. FISCHER

The Lodge where you are a member is your home lodge. This should be the most familiar of all places for the relief of the day to day stress that one faces in the world.

The attendance and participation of each member shows the new and uninformed member how important it is to be a faithful and worthy brother. To be faithful, you must attend, and to be worthy, you must practice what you have learned in the lodge. The burden of teaching is on every member, and not the sole duty of the Lodge Education Officer.

To learn the history of the lodge, so you can pass it on to visiting brothers, is not only a matter of pride but one of honor. If you encourage a visiting brother to tell you of the history of his lodge, you will give him a chance to make a connection with all the brothers of both lodges. As you want to know them, they want to know you.

Practicing what you learn in the lodge is important. Through the practice of the principles of Masonry you become a better person. You also show the world that masonry works for the good of all and not just for its members.

When you visit another lodge, the usual questions are:

What Lodge are you from?

How old is your lodge?

Who is the Worshipful Master?

How many members attend a meeting?

How many members do you have?

When do you meet?

Do you do much work?

Answer these questions, and then let them know, with dignity, how your lodge is moving forward. While you visit other lodges, be a frequent attender to your own, because, "you must know home to be a traveler."

