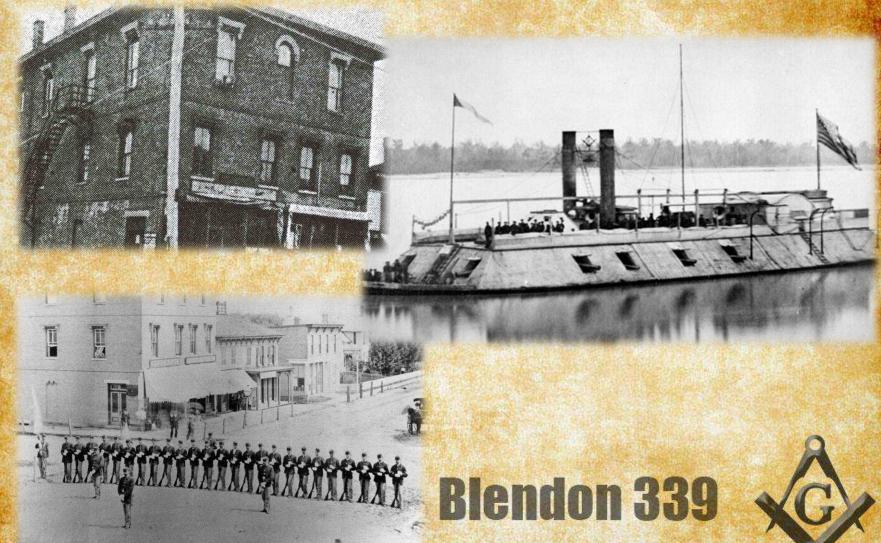
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Blendon 339 C



# 1800°s

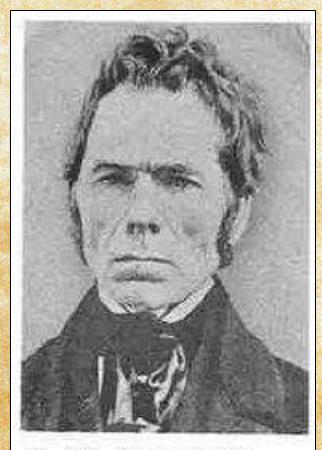




# **Charity Lodge #53**

- Charity Lodge # 53, 1819-1844
- Founded in Sunbury, Ohio
- Moved to Zoar (Galena) in 1826
- Height of Anti-Masonry after the "Morgan Affair" (1826)
- Moved to Westerville in 1842
- Bros. George Copland, Peter Westervelt, Abner Park
   & C.P. Hempstead were members

# Founding Brothers and First Masters of Blendon Lodge



G. M. Copeland 1862



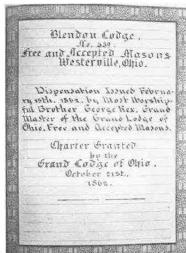
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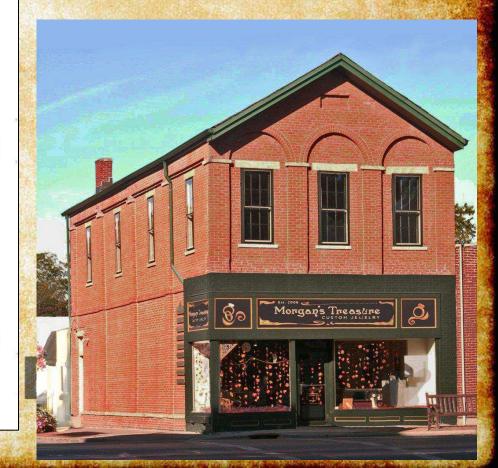
#### BLENDON LODGE NO. 339 CHARTER MEMBERS and FIRST OFFICERS

George M. CopelandWo	orshipful Master
F. A. Bull	.Senior Warden
A. A. Stevenson	.Junior Warden
Peter Westervelt	Treasurer
Thomas J. Alexander	Secretary
Daniel Shipe	Senior Deacon
M. R. Spurgeon	Junior Deacon
Abner Parke	
C. P. Hempstead, C. W. Smith	





From the Altar Bible Charter Members of Blendon Lodge No. 339 "The Lodge room was located on the second floor of the building on the northwest corner of State and Main Streets. The hall was rented from Mr. Watters for three dollars per month"



# **Beginnings Amidst War**

- Dispensation to work granted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio on February 15, 1862 (Anno Lucis 5862)
- Lodge Charter was granted October 31, 1862
- Blendon Lodge was the 339<sup>th</sup> Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and one of 22 lodges chartered in Ohio during the Civil War years.



# An Early Lesson

"The first evidence of a Civil War soldier petitioning Blendon Lodge was August 18, 1862. He was Levi Smith who was raised without any necessary delays because he had 'orders to march.' He was raised a Master Mason September 1, 1862. The Grand Lodge of Ohio took exception to the haste of electing, passing and raising Levi Smith. The Lodge promised never to do it again. 'In Masonry there are no emergencies' was the position of the Grand Lodge."

**Meeting Minutes & Notes** 

July 1, 1863

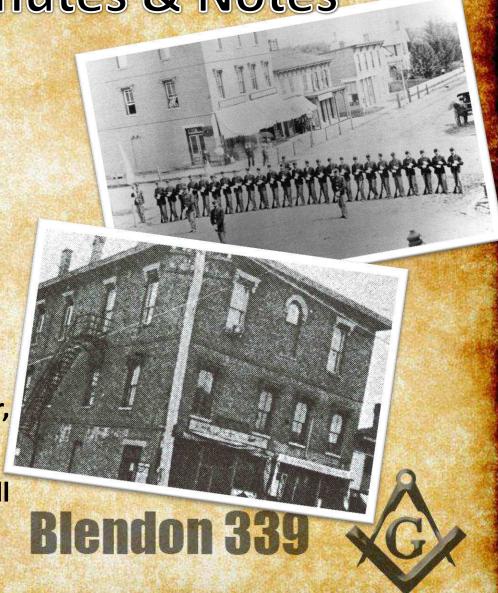
"There was no meeting in consequence of the Call of the Militia by the Governor, against the Morgan Raid."

August 4, 1864

C.W. Smith, Sr. Warden (and founding member), was buried. He was a casualty of war.

January 7, 1867

First visitation by a Grand Master, MWGM Bro Thomas Sparrow. The lodge was followed by a "bountiful supper provided for all persons at the Lodge room."



# Meeting Minutes & Notes

#### 1867

Now having 40 members, the Lodge approved moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the PE Guitner building at the southwest corner of State St. and College Ave.

#### 1874

The Lodge built a 3<sup>rd</sup> story to the (Bro.) G.W. Robinson building on the southeast corner of State St. and College Ave., which became Blendon's "permanent" home.

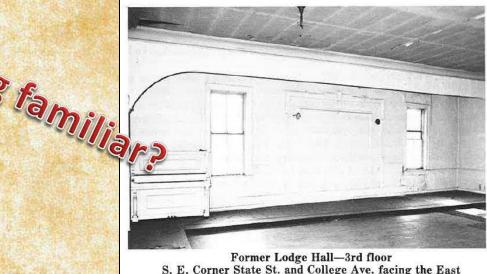
#### 1894

"Blendon Lodge raised 44 Master Masons. . . bringing the Lodge's membership to 101, the highest in its 32-year history.

# The Lodge Hall at State St. & College Ave., 1875-1932



Charter and Silk Apron (framed). Chairs were used in former Lodge Hall. Charter Granted Oct. 31, 1862 Silk Apron worn by Chester Griswald, (brought from Connecticut in early 1800's)

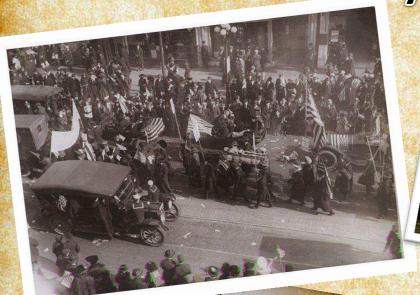




**Blendon 339** 



**Early 1900's** 



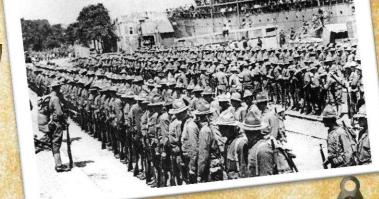






36th STATE RATIFIES DRY AMENDMENT JAN. 16

Nebraska Noses Out Missouri for Honor of Completing Job of Writing Dry Act Into the Constitution; Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota Right on Their Heels JANUARY 16, 1919, MOMENTOUS DAY IN WORLD'S HISTORY





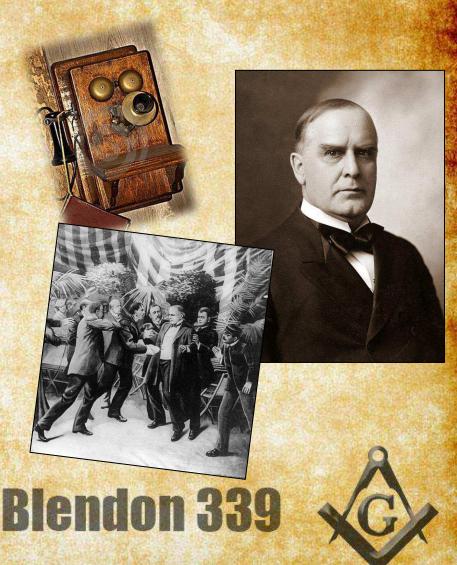
# Meeting Minutes & Notes

#### May 1901

"A telephone was installed in Blendon Lodge. . . Twelve years later, July 1913, the telephone was ordered removed because of the lack of service it provided."

#### Summer 1901

"... The well beloved President of the United States William McKinley lost his life at the hand of an assassin... Blendon Lodge adopted a resolution relative to this Masonic Brother and distinguished servant of Ohio and our Nation... The Lodge attended a Memorial Service held in the Chapel of Otterbein College."



# Meeting Minutes & Notes

1905

After a modest drop in membership, Blendon Lodge increased to 133 members. This growth continued for 24 years, rising to **361 members** in 1928.

1907

Horeb Chapter No. 3, Order of the Easter Star Mizpah Chapter No. 38, and Zabud Council No. 99 take up residence at the Lodge hall.

# 1930's





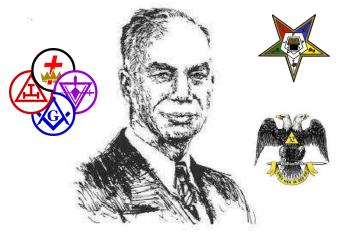


# Royal F. Martin "Mr. Mason of Westerville"

#### DEDICATED

to

W Bro. Royal F. Martin, PM, LL.D. 1887 — 1971



Royal F. Martin
Athletic Coach, Educator, Community Leader, Mason

Master Mason 1915 — 1971

One who gave Blendon Lodge No. 339 extraordinary leadership through the period of conceiving, planning and building the Temple.

Master of the Lodge 1930 Chairman of the Building Committee 1926 — 1932

- Master of Blendon Lodge 1930
- Chair of Building
   Committee 1926-1932
- Raised at Blendon Lodge in 1915
- Member of Temple Board until 1971



## A Monumental Plan

- In September 1927 a campaign for funds was conducted, raising more than \$79,000 in cash & pledges.
- On November 27, the Trustees reported the purchase of the Temple site at 130 South State Street for \$12,500.
- In November 1929, 31 brothers signed as guarantors for a \$50,000 note.

# Laying of the Temple Cornerstone February 22, 1930

"The procession was headed by the combined bands of Mt. Vernon Commandary No. 1 and Columbus Commandary No. 69. Next in procession were 135 Knights Templar of the two Commandaries. About 250 Masons followed in the parade which moved through the streets of Westerville to the new Temple site. There the casket was deposited containing records, papers, and other interesting objects. The cornerstone was laid in conformity with the rules of the Grand Lodge of Ohio."



# Temple Dedication October 30, 1932

### From the *PUBLIC OPINION*November 2, 1932

A dream of many years came true (last) Sunday afternoon when the new temple of Westerville Masonry was dedicated. Beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the old hall which for 54 years had been the home of Blendon Lodge, the exercise was transferred to the new temple.

David Parks, Worshipful Master of Blendon Lodge, opened the lodge session in regular form. Grand Lodge officers were introduced.

Formed at State Street and College Avenue, a parade then moved north on State Street to Lincoln and thence contermarched to the new temple. Here the Grand Lodge opened and carried out the ritualistic ceremony.

In the parade line, marshalled by William P. Berkheimer, Grand Marshal, and with Dr. Howard H. Russell bearing the national colors, were Masons of all degrees. Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 band supplied the parade escort.

Next in line came Master Masons, Past Masters, the Columbus Commandery No. 69 band, and Grand Lodge Officers,

Glenn Grabill was the organist and Arthur R. Spessard the soloist,

The dedication came at the time of the 70th birthday of the Lodge.

The building committee was: R. F. Martin, chairman, H. T. Hance, James P. West, L. E. Whitehead, W. M. Moses, W. K. Shelley, R. A. Smith, R. Q. Karg, E. W. E. Schear, and H. P. Sammons.

The temple is early colonial in architecture of stone, concrete, brick and steel. The floor space is 15,732 sq. ft. It is 48 x 122 ft. and three stories high. It was designed by William H. Treamine, Columbus, and built by E. Elliot and Son.



# Temple Dedication October 30, 1932

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Columbus, Ohoi, Friday, October 28, 1932

#### Westerville Masonic Temple Dedication

Ancient Rites To Be Conducted
By Grand Lodge Officers
Sunday, October 30th

After many years of agitation, recent years in construction the major feed of the proceedings and the formal Lodge of the Delegancy of Second class mall (magazines, etc.) two cents on each piece that is, been completed and will be formally deflorated to Masonry Sunday afternoon, October 80th, in the ancient process of the process of

#### Completes Labor

Columbus Was Selected As the

#### Ohio Grand Lodge Spurious Freemasonry Again Raising Its

The following letter has been sent of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of





# Temple Dedication



# 1950 - 2000





# The Payoff

- By spring 1949, the Temple mortgage was down to a balance of \$17,689
- From 1950-1956 payments were accelerated by special contributions
- On April 2, 1956, the Brethren celebrated The Burning of the Mortgage, the honor of which was given to W.B. Martin who had championed the cause for many years.
- As some brothers had actually mortgaged their homes to help finance the Temple building, it was a very welcome occasion!

# The 1956 Burning! (of the Mortgage)

Mortgage Burned



E. A. Walker watches R. F. Martin apply match in temple mortgage burning ceremony.

Blendon Lodge Burns Mortgage
Following the traditional din-

ner on Monday evening at the Masonic Temple, some one hundred Masons and their wives attended the Rite of Burning the Mortgage on the building.

Mr. Fred Keeling, Worshipful Master of Blendon Lodge presided over the meeting.

Leading up to the program, an historical background of Masonry in Westerville, and the build ing of the present Temple was given by, Ralph W. Smith, Dr. E. W. E. Schean Dr. Royal F. Martin and Merritt W. Baker.

The present membership was represented by Frederick T. Williams and Grand District by Nor-

The late Dave Parks, served as chairman of the building fund, from the beginning through its completion, when Edwin Walker was appointed chairman of the Board of Controls of the Masonic Temple. Mr. Walker gave this part of the history, and Dr. Royal Martin filled in for the late Mr. Parks who was to have had a part in this meeting. Mr. J. C. Robertson served as chairman of the committee pro-

Four, fifty year jewels were presented at this time, the following members being honored by Grand Lodge, Roscoe H. Bane, of Dayton, presented the jewel to Mr. Boyd P. Doty, Judge Ros. COOK, BOYUF. DOLLY, GUISE AND CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

### BLENDON LODGE

(Continued from Page 1) jewel to William J. Every, F. M. Davis, received his through George R. Fitez, and Charles F. Johnson was honored by Ralph W. Smith, presenting his.

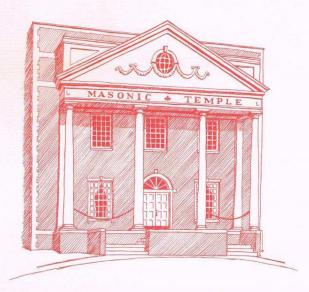
The Temple was dedicated in



### 100 Year Anniversary Celebration (1962)

#### **BLENDON LODGE**

No.339 Westerville, Ohio



100 Gears

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1862 - 1962

Blendon Lodge No. 339, F.&.A.M. of Ohio

January 15, 1962

Dear Brother:

Blendon Lodge is having its Centennial Celebration this year. During the year there will be many worthwhile programs which we hope you will attend. Please make it your goal to attend at least one of these events.

Our observance of this 100th anniversary will necessitate special programs, extra events, honored guests, but its success will depend upon your attendance and your support. We would appreciate each member giving one dollar or more toward his share in the Centennial Celebration.

Your enclosed program will inform you of our history and special events so that you may participate in this memorable occasion.

Tolwin a Cole, W. M.

# 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

#### Officers of Blendon Lodge No. 339 — 1961-1962

William E. Cole Worshipful Master Gerald C. Seidler Senior Warden Emmet L. Bibler Junior Warden Charles L. Stockton Treasurer Richard H Fields Secretary
Ronald L. Johnson Senior Deacon
Alan E. Norris Junior Deacon Fred H. Kelling Tyler John H. Nourse Senior Steward Donald L. Dibert Junior Steward Donald J. Gallagan Chaplain James F. Hempy Marshal



#### Living Past Masters of Blendon Lodge No. 339 as of December 1, 1961

E	Horlocker
	W. E. Schear
C.	
	DeWolfe
N.	B. Smith
R.	F. Martin
H.	W. Elliott
J.	O. Phillips

J. H. McCloy
C. F. Williams
E. A. Walker
E. H. Gould
A. J. Gorsuch
J. C. Robertson
C. R. Huhn
C. H. Cooper
R. W. Elliott

L. D. Clapham C. L. Stockton F. H. Kelling G. C. Heitz R. H. Fields W. E. Redding F. T. Williams W. K. Slack

#### Centennial Committee

#### R. F. Martin - General Chairman

E.	L.	Bibler
C.	H.	Cooper
H.	W	. Elliott
E.	Ho	orlocker
C.	R.	Huhn

J. H. McCloy J. H. Nourse E. W. E. Schear G. C. Seidler W. K. Slack C. M. Stockdale C. L. Stockton E. H. Walker F. T. Williams D. E. Wolfe



#### **PROGRAM**



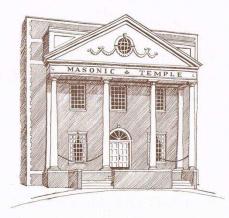
For the Observance of the

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Blendon Lodge No. 339 F. & A. M. of Obio

Westerville, Obio



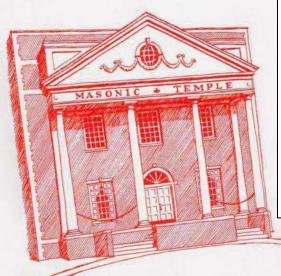
1862

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# The 1982 Lodge History

# BLENDON LODGE

No. 339, F. & A.M. Westerville, Ohio



#### THE WRITERS



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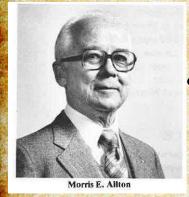
Millard J. Miller



120 Years 1862-1982



# The 1982 Lodge History



- Raised a
  Master Mason
  at Blendon
  Lodge in 1947
- Served two years as Grand Chaplain of Ohio Masons (1971-72, 1973-74)
- Member of Horeb
   Chapter, Zabud Council,
   Valley of Columbus AASR,
   Columbus Commandary No.
   69, Aladdin Shrine, Ohio
   Lodge of Research No. 10

 Member of Blendon Lodge, Horeb Chapter, and Zabud Council.



- Raised a Master Mason in Equality Lodge No. 44, Martinsburg, W. Va.
- Affiliated with Blendon Lodge in 1946



# 50 Year Anniversary Temple Rededication (1982)

**Rededication Ceremony** The Masonic Temple

> Westerville, Ohio 1932 - 1982



Saturday, October 23rd

nd the word of the Lord came to Solomon saving. Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee .-- I KINGS 6:11-12.



#### Founders.

T. J. ALEXANDER

F. A. BULL

ABNER PARK

G. M. COPELAND DANIEL SHIPE

C. P. HEMPSTEAD

PETER WESTERVELT



#### October 23, 1982

2:30 P.M	Ladies Entertainment
	Chairwoman Betty Cooper,
	W.M.O.E.S. No. 38

2:30	P.M.									Blendon		9
										Dededice	ation	

3:15 P.N	1	 	 	Horeb	Chapter	No. 3
				TO 1 11		

4:00 P.M	All Brethren, companions and
	guests invited to Lodge room

4:00 P.M. . . . . . . . . . Introductions and Remarks

4:30 P.M. . . . . . Entertainment



# 1981-1982 Officers

#### 1981 — 1982 OFFICERS

David M. Stufflebeam	Junior Warden
William Cole, PM	
W. Kendall Slack, PM	
Lewis Smith	Chaplain
Charles Eichensehr	Marshal
Robert Sims	Senior Deacon
Stanley Murphy	Junior Deacon
John Lyter	Senior Steward
James Michael Thompson	Junior Steward
Arthur Gorsuch, PM	Tyler
Lewis Smith	
Garry Lee, PM	Organist
Ira Rawdon, PM	Public Relations
Harvey Napier, PM	Trustee
Delbert Kopp, PM	Trustee
John Kiner, PM	Trustee

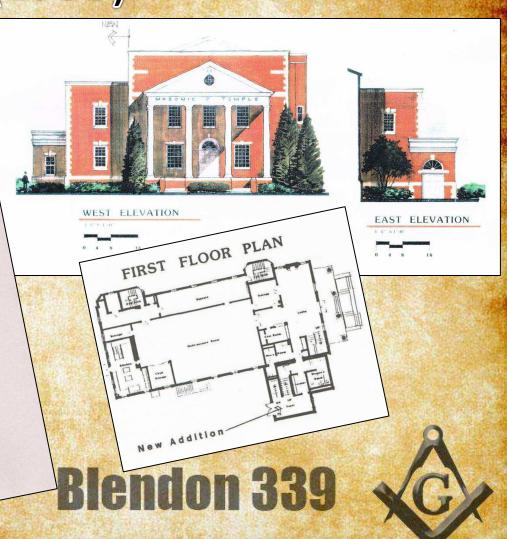


Blendon Lodge Officers, standing (l. to r.): Lewis F. Smith, Chaplain & L.E.O.; John D. Lyter, Sr. Steward; W. Kendall Slack, P.M., Secretary; Delbert R. Kopp, P.M., Trustee; John D. Kiner, P.M., Trustee; Charles W. Eichensehr, Marshal. Seated (l. to r.): Robert D. Sims, Sr. Deacon; David M. Stuffebeam, Sr. Warden; David M. Ballard, Wor. Master; James R. Burgoon, P.M., Jr. Warden; Stanley H. Murphy, Jr. Deacon. Not in picture, Wm. E. Cole, P.M., Treasurer; James M. Thompson, Jr. Steward; Arthur J. Gorsuch, P.M., Tyler; Harvey L. Napier, P.M., Trustee.



# Temple Renovation Proposal (1995)

"Building with Blendon Lodge" Proposal for Addition and Renovations Masonic Temple Westerville, Ohio



# Among the proposed temple renovations were:

- Building additions on the north side of the temple
- The addition of an elevator
- Men's and women's

  restrooms on all three floors

  of the building

  at six-thirty of this important event.

  Cligrow, 890-4108; William of this important event.

  Garry Lee, 888-0: William of the six-thirty of t
- The projected cost was \$500,000

The Officers and Members of cordially invite officially kicking off their

Temple Addition

Fund Raising Campaign

Saturday Evening, September 23, 1995

at six-thirty o'clock

Masonic Temple

Masonic Temple

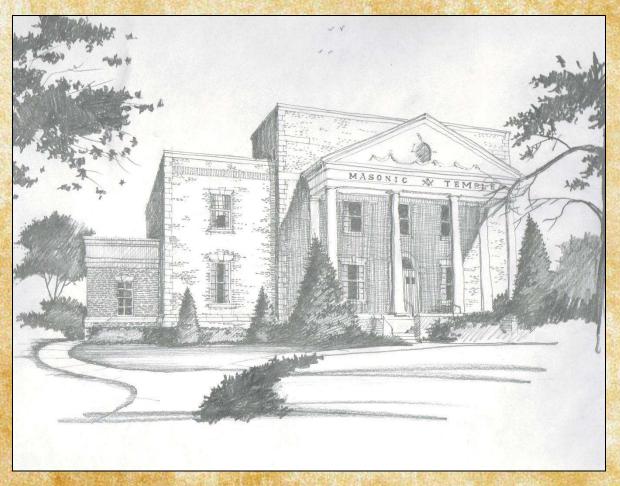
September 23, 1995

Also S. State Street, Westerville, Ohio

Please plan to attend this important event... and to facilitate Garry Lee, 888-0312; or Kendall Slack, 882-2454;



# **Building Renovation Proposal**





# Temple Renovation Pledge Drive

# "Building With Blendon Lodge"

To assist in the addition of an elevator, and make other needed renovations to the Blend Temple Building, I/we wish to contribute the following: \$\_\_\_\_\_ herewith; or this pleds outlined below: \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable in the years 1995, 1996 and 1997, as follows:

Shown in the above photograph are the leaders of the bodies meeting in the Blendon Masonic Temple. Standing, center, Norman Funk, Worshipful Master, Blendon Lodge #339; left, James Fulwider, High Priest of Horeb Chapter #3; right, James Thompson, Illustrious Master of Zabud Council #99; seated right, Carol Campbell, Worthy Matron of Mizpah Chapter #38, OES; left, Cathy Cochenour, Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughter Bethel #52



James R. Burgoon

For the past 30 years, it has been my privilege as a member and officer of Blendon Lodge, to enjoy this fine building that was given to us by our former members who wanted to leave us their dream that had been fulfilled in the 1930's.

The History of Blendon Lodge, written for the 120th anniversary in 1982, tells of the difficulties that were met by

our forefathers during the depression years and their determination to complete the task.

We will soon be at the threshold of entering a new century and, hopefully, a new era of growth in our Masonic Lodges. It is the responsibility of each of us to carry on the work of our past members, so Blendon Lodge will continue in its place of leadership, by making these needed improvements to our beautiful Temple building.

Name Address City State

ding Fund and mail check or pledge card to Fund Raising Committee for esterville, OH 43081. Phone (614) 882-2156.



### **Past Masters 1862-1909**

#### **Past Masters**



G. M. Copeland

T. Jones

1871

E. Weibling

1877, 78, 84



F. A. Bull 1863-66, 68, 69, 76



T. J. Alexander



1867-70



H. T. Sibel 1874, 75, 83, 87-89



1872, 73



W. Y. Bartels 1879



G. W. Clark



J. Riggle

J. S. LeHew

1896



E. J. Smith

L. R. Seeley

1897





N. H. Riggle



W. E. Hempstead





O. B. Cornell 1901, 02





C. L. Brundage

1907



H. H. Lawrence





W. I. Taggart



E. Horlocker



### **Past Masters 1910-1936**















R. R. Walcutt



W. O. Lambert 1918



1919

E. W. E. Schear

1925











F. G. McLeod



E. P. Durrant



S. J. Fickel











D. R. Parks









J. E. Morris 1936



### **Past Masters 1937-1963**











E. H. Gould 1947



J. H. Hartsook 1948







G. C. Heitz



R. L. Cornetet







A. J. Gorsuch



J. C. Robertson



C. R. Huhn 1951











C. F. Williams



F. H. Jacobs



C. H. Cooper 1952



R. W. Elliott 1953



L. D. Clapham 1954







G. C. Seidler



### **Past Masters 1964-1982**



1964



Ronald F. Johnson 1965, 1967



Alan E. Norris 1966



Frank T. Turner, Jr.



Gene E. Sours 1969, 1979



Garry B. Lee



Marvin B. Miesse



James R. Burgoon



Charles P. Sizer 1973



John R. Conley





Fred A. Wilson 1976



Ira Rawdon



Harvey L. Napier 1978



Chester Weil



Delbert Kopp



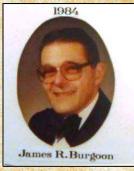
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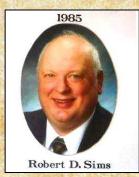


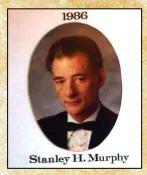


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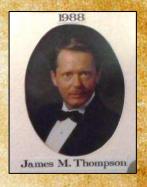


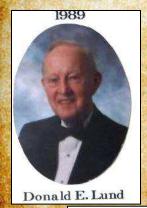


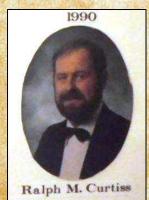


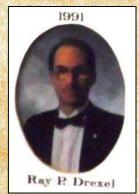


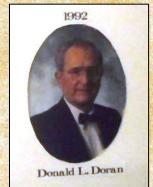


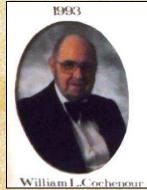


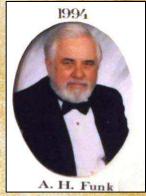




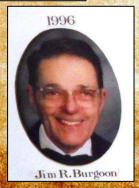


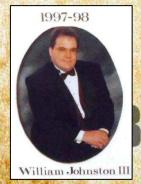


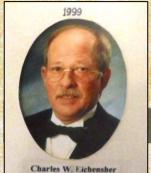


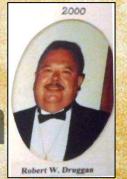














# **Living Past Masters**

- 2015 Fred Stratmann
- 2014 Robert W. Taylor
- 2013 John W. Snyder, IV
- 2012 Stephen T. Noel
- 2011 Mark J. Posey
- 2010 Bruce E. Davis
- 2009 Stephen T. Noel
- 2008 John C. Robinson, III
- 2007 Michael McCaskey
- 2005 Robert W. Taylor
- 2004 Donald W. Voelkle
- 2003 William R. Schaeffer
- 2002 Steven D. Hite
- 2001 Max Bauman
- 2000 Robert W Druggan
- 1999 Charles W. Eichensehr
- 1998 William L. Johnston, III
- 1997 William L. Johnston, III
- 1996 James R. Burgoon

- 1995 Norma L. Funk
- 1994 Alvin H. Funk
- 1991 Raymond P. Drexel
- 1989 Donald E. Lund
- 1988 James M. Thompson
- 1986 Stanley H. Murphy
- 1985 Robert D. Simms
- 1984 James R. Burgoon
- 1983 David M. Stufflebeam
- 1981 John D. Kiner
- 1976 Fred A. Wilson
- 1972 James R. Burgoon
- 1967 Ronald L. Johnson
- 1966 Alan E. Norris
- 1965 Ronald L. Johnson
- 1962 William E. Cole
- 1952 Robert W. Elliott



# Some of Our Beloved Past Masters and Very Active Members



Donald E. Lund 1989



Ronald F. Johnson 1965, 1967



James R. Burgoon 1972, 1984, 1996



James M. Thompson 1988



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## Tribute To The Past Masters

The men whose portraits appear on the preceding pages represent the tradition and history of Blendon Lodge No. 339 F. & A.M. As Master of Blendon Lodge, they have toiled in their labors, teaching poor blind candidates to improve themselves in Masonry through more light. For some of these Past Masters, the mortal gavel is forever still; only the ever living acacia remains to remind the brothers and fellows of Blendon Lodge of the duties, responsibilities, and glories of the Masonic fraternity.

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Presents

# 134th Annual Inspection of Office

Dedicated to the Memory of: WB Marvin Miesse WB Gene Sours WB Frank Turner

Worshipful Master James R. Burgoon, P.M. The Elected & Appointed Officers

January 25, 1996 6:00 P.M.

Westerville Masonic Temple 130 South State Street Westerville OH

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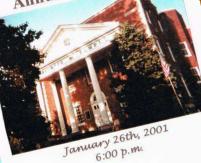
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