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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**New Entrance:** Paving Scheduled week of November 5th, weather permitting. Landscaping scheduled week of November 12th.

**Utility / Meter building:** Building to be completed by November 30th. City Water scheduled to be turned on November 2nd pending approved water samples.

**Administration Remodel:** Contract is in place. Construction to begin week of November 16th. First phase is stairwell by the Community Center.

Jerry Loper, Director of Facilities

## **Residents are invited to Ho, Ho, Ho**

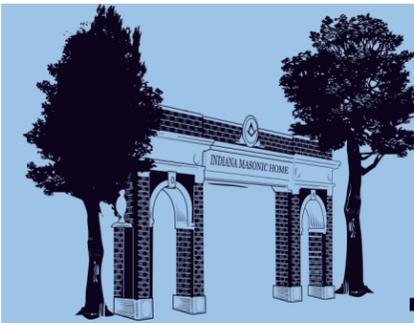


**Residents please join the Indiana Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies for Christmas with Santa on Saturday afternoon, December 05 at 2:30 pm in the Community Room of the new Community Center Building at the Indiana Masonic Home. Pictures with Santa will be taken at 2:30 PM. At 3:00 we will enjoy some entertainment, a visit from Santa, and some refreshments.**

**We hope you can join us in celebrating this blessed Christmas season.**

**Brenda Reiners-Wife of Grand Master**

**William A. Reiners - Grand Master**



# ARCH NEWS

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## **A Message from Executive Director Mike Spencer**

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Archway News.

Residents, Masonic leadership and Franklin Mayor Joe McGuinness will conduct a tree planting ceremony on Friday, November 13 at the Indiana Masonic Home. This past year, we experienced some terrible storms, which destroyed a number of beautiful trees at the Indiana Masonic Home. Planting this tree is symbolic of our commitment to the next 100 years of this community.

A pin oak tree has been chosen for the planting, due to its beauty, longevity and color in the fall. The site selected by the rose garden, is near the site of the trees which were lost in recent storms.

In addition to the tree planting, the ceremony will name the grounds of the Indiana Masonic Home, and specifically the gathering area within Red Skelton Circle, as Compass Park. Residents have told us, the natural beauty of our wooded grounds is one of the things residents like most about our community. Many people have been surprised to find that we are more than just an individual building and offer a variety of living options. People have asked "Where's the home?" Thinking it must be a very large and very old building, but it's so much more.

Marketing materials will begin referring to the "Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park" beginning in January 2016 with the dedication of our new entryway. Compass Park was chosen due to the significance of the compass and square as Masonic symbols. Compass Park is circumscribed as a true circle, drawn by a compass, with a fountain at its center, a clock tower at its North point and our historic Indiana Masonic Home building at its base.

"To ensure our stability for the next 100 years, the Indiana Masonic Home will need to more effectively tell its story to Masonic and Eastern Star members in Indiana and their immediate family members," said Jeff Zaring, Executive Director of the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation. Over the coming months, the Indiana Masonic Home will update its website, photography, literature and undertake an outreach program to improve communication with members of leadership in lodges across Indiana as well as current residents of the Indiana Masonic Home. "We have a powerful story to tell and a rich history to preserve," said Zaring.

Residents and leadership from area lodges participated in a series of focus groups to help plan for better communication. More than 20 residents participated in the focus groups and a briefing was held for those participants to share findings and recommendations on Wednesday, October 28. Key findings included the importance of improving communication between the Board and residents, a need to enhance outreach efforts to lodge leadership, the importance of the health center as an asset in the community and the importance of the natural surroundings. Residents and leadership from area lodges brought different perspectives. While both groups shared some opinions, lodge leadership generally embraced more latitude in welcoming members and their immediate family members age 55 and above than did current residents. Both groups strongly agreed that shared values and a strong sense of community are the greatest assets at the Indiana Masonic Home. The communications study also conducted one-on-one interviews, analyzed competitive trends in senior living and looked at best practices in Masonic homes in other states across the U.S.

Mike Spencer, Executive Director

Dear Residents and Guests,

You and your loved ones are very important to us at the Indiana Masonic Home. We understand that deciding which healthcare option to choose is a difficult decision. Thank you for entrusting us with that care. We as a community want to ensure that both you and your loved ones are satisfied with the care that we are providing. I look forward to serving you and your loved ones during your stay with us at the Indiana Masonic Home.

I have been a Long Term Care Administrator for over 15 years. I started my journey as a Certified Nursing Assistant while attending the University of Evansville where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. I graduated from the University of Evansville in 1993 and was a member of the varsity swim team. After attending Medical School at the Indiana University School of Medicine I decided that I was better suited in the Long Term Care Industry as an Administrator. I am currently licensed to practice as an Administrator in two states – Indiana and Kentucky. I have a daughter who is 11 years old and is very active in USA swimming. As a USA swim coach I am able to coach my daughter in her sport of swimming.

Again, it is a pleasure and “calling” to be able to take care of you and your loved ones. We, at the Indiana Masonic Home, want only to serve you and your needs. My administrative and clinical team is available to you 24 hours a day. Please give us a call or stop by if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 317-346-1402.

Kindest Regards,

Todd W. Smith, Administrator –Health Center

### **Board to Review Admission Criteria at Upcoming Meeting**

In the past, the Indiana Masonic Home has had different ages for admission into its rental program and residential program. Many people are opting for early retirement and have lived their lives planning to retire at the Indiana Masonic Home.

Our admissions officers have faced difficult situations in which spouses of deceased Masons have not yet reached age 62, but would greatly benefit from the strong community here at the Indiana Masonic Home in their time of sorrow. Residential age exceptions have been rare, but have been made on occasion to accommodate members of the Masonic fraternity and Eastern Star. It has been recommended to the board to establish age 55 as the consistent minimum age for residential admission. It was suggested age 62 be retained as the minimum age of eligibility for the fraternal program.

These guidelines will assure admissions officers and leadership in lodges across the state will have clear expectations and best serve the membership and current residents. The board will review action taken by Masonic lodges in other states to further ease admission requirements. The recommendation being considered is that residential admission would be limited to members of the Masonic fraternity, Eastern Star and their immediate family members. Federal law mandates open admission requirements for individuals ages 18 and above in the health facility.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

<b>November Dates</b>	<b>December Dates</b>
<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day at Community Center</b>	<b>Dec.5<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Christmas with Residents</b>
<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Resident Meeting with Executive Director</b>	<b>Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Resident Meeting with Executive Director</b>
<b>Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Compass Park Tree Celebration and Ribbon Cutting at 1:30</b>	<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Resident Christmas Party in the Community Center</b>
<b>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Resident Thanksgiving Buffet in Main Dining</b>	<b>Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Resident Christmas Buffet in the Community Center</b>

### **“AmazonSmile”**

Since 1936, the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation (IMHF) has existed to support the Indiana Masonic Home through the generosity of Freemasons throughout the State of Indiana. Did you know that YOU can help support IMHF simply by shopping? That’s right! If you shop online, Amazon.com has a special program that allows you to support IMHF by simply purchasing items you need or want. It’s called “AmazonSmile,” and it’s simple and easy. Here’s how to do it:

Sign in to smile.amazon.com, using your regular Amazon login information.

Select “Indiana Masonic Home Foundation” as your designated charity at your first login.

Shop as usual.

When you shop through the AmazonSmile program, Amazon will donate one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total price of eligible purchases to IMHF. It’s an easy way to both shop and support a worthy cause. (And, yes, you can use both Amazon Prime and AmazonSmile for the same purchase.) Give it a try next time you shop online!

Steve Sonafrank, IMHF Fundraising Associate

### **“An Affair To Remember”**

Guilty! Indeed, I am guilty. Guilty of having a lifelong affair. An affair I might speculate that will linger on throughout eternity. Beginning before WWII, when as a small boy I daily gleaned the newspaper cigar advertisements dreaming of the day when I could casually saunter into a cigar store and purchase a Dutch Masters or an RG Dun.

Oh, yes, from time to time I had my share of fleeting flirtations with cigarettes, a pipe or two, and one summer while attending college even tested the limits of my digestive system with chewing tobacco. While working in a paper mill I found everybody, including the ladies ‘so inclined’ to chew tobacco or dip snuff. Co-workers Pete Krause and his buddy Red preferred ‘twist’ tobacco. That’s pure chewing tobacco leaves rolled tightly into a ‘twist’. Believe me, a smidgen of their ‘twist’ would send your stomach into a catastrophic tail spin that I don’t care to describe here. The summer passed and my stomach recovered from its unfortunate encounter with Pete and Red’s ‘twist’. Then that fall as I was about to return to IU, I casually sauntered one day into a cigar store and plunked down 25 cents for my first Havana cigar. Kismet! The flavor and the lingering aroma sealed my fate! From that day to this if given the choice of an evening with a fine Havana cigar or one with Liz Taylor, well believe me ol’ Liz would have had to peddle her perfume elsewhere!

Cigars have long held a prominent place in society as genuine ‘blue bloods’. Their ancestors first greeted Columbus when he arrived on the shores of San Salvador in 1492, and then showed him the way to Cuba. The rest is history. Two of my close companions, Corona and Panatela, both from fine old Havana families were close friends of Sir Winston Churchill. How many of us can claim that distinction?

I smoked my first Havana cigar sixty-eight years ago. Time passes but memories linger! I can conceive of no greater pleasure than an after dinner conversation with either of my two companions. Like the time Corona and I were on a train bound for Indianapolis. As we sat in the club car, spirits in hand, we spoke about how times were changing.

Lots of memories of the good old days! Like the time Sharon and I were on a Christmas Caribbean Cruise and I met a gentleman from New York who was smoking a large torpedo-shaped cigar! Appreciating my taste for fine cigars, he kindly offered me one of his. When I inquired of his name he gave it, adding that I would not long remember his surname. To this very day, I have fond memories of Mr. Memmorski from Manhattan.

Memories contribute to the fantasy of old age being Golden Years!

Albert R. Anness