

# The Beehive

Greeting Brethren, I hope you are all doing well since we last spoke. We have a busy couple months coming up. I hope you will avail yourself to attend some of the upcoming events and help out where help is needed. Our lodge will once again be in the spotlight of the district at the colonial degree in May.

April starts out with Easter on the first, the feast of the resurrection. Marking a time of rebirth and renewal. In the spirit of the season, I hope we can all rekindle our passions, for our family, for our faith, for our hobbies, and for the craft. It is an opportune time to think of what's important and what needs to be left behind.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is our first meeting of the month, we will be having a meal to celebrate Dyngus Day. Featuring some Polish goodies.

There will be an officers meeting on the ninth, followed by a trustees meeting.

On April tenth there will be a colonial degree rehearsal at Charlotteville lodge in Newfane, we really need all of our officers to attend, as we will be opening and closing the Colonial lodge as 785, and several of our officers will be members of the degree team. We will need to establish the details of the switch over and switchback. Please, if at all possible, plan on attending and let us know if you need transportation. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the degree as well. There is a link on the district web page [www.NiagaraOrleans.org](http://www.NiagaraOrleans.org), or if you have no computer access you can see Brother Secretary or Brother Junior Warden.

April sixteenth will be a regular meeting

The fourth Monday of the month, April 23, we will be having a family friendly get together at lodge, beginning at 6:31. The lodge will provide a main course, the theme, by popular request, will be Mexican to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. You may bring a dish to pass if you so desire (doesn't have to be Mexican!!!), or snacks, or beverages, or just show up and take part in a fun evening of friendship. We are planning on making this a monthly event and hope this will grow into an anticipated evening.

On Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a third and final Colonial Degree practice at Charlotteville Lodge. It is imperative that anyone involved with the evening, be it degree or opening and closing makes it to this practice.

April has five Mondays, HURRAY!!!!, We will be meeting up at Rapid Bowling at 9524 Niagara Falls, Boulevard at 6:31 on Monday, April 30, we will get a couple lanes for bowling. They have a full bar and a full bar menu. Hopefully we'll all throw in on some pizza!!! It will be a nice evening of fun and friendship. Hope to see you there.

We have some important dates in the coming months scheduled, and though we talked about them last month, we would like to reiterate them.

Grand Lodge is Saturday May 5 through Wednesday May 9

Monday May 7 : Moving Up Night at Lodge

Saturday, May 12 : Colonial Degree, Fellowcraft Degree at Fort Niagara . Go to [www.NiagaraOrleans.org](http://www.NiagaraOrleans.org) for tickets. Food available from 3:00 O'clock, Set up and tiling at 5, and Lodge opens at 6

Monday, May 21 : Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Master's, Treasurer's, and Secretary's Reports

Saturday, May 26 : Installation of Officers, Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM, followed by installation at 10:00 AM.

We laid to rest two of our dear brother in March, Worshipful Charles "Chubb" Wolfgang and Brother Jesse McGee.






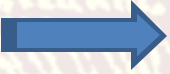
Charlie was born on December 16, 1929, he was initiated into the craft on June 14, 1954, Passed on September 13, 1954, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 11, 1954. Charles served as Master of Niagara River Lodge in 1961

Worshipful Wolfgang laid down his working tools and was called home on Friday, March 23, 2018.

Jesse McGee was born on September 19, 1920, he was initiated into the craft on February 18, 1946, Passed on October 9, 1946, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on December 9, 1946.

Brother McGee laid down his working tools and was called home on Sunday, March 25, 2018.

*Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our brother;  
bright and glorious be his rising from it.  
Fragrant be the acacia sprig which shall flourish there.  
May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over his resting place,  
and,  
in the bright morning of the world's resurrection,  
may his soul spring into newness of life  
and expand into immortal beauty in realms beyond the skies.  
Until then, dear friend and brother, until then  
—Farewell!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER & AFD 	2 Regular Meeting Dinner @ 6:31 Lodge Opens @ 7:30 DYNGUSDAY	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Officers' Mtg @6 Trustees @ 7:00 	10 Colonial Degree Practice 7:00 @ Charlottesville 	11	12	13 Past Purple Meeting @ Sutherland @ 7	14 WNYLR
15 INTERFAITH BRKFST 	16 Regular Meeting Dinner @ 6:31 Lodge Opens @ 7:30	17	18	19	20	21 Grand Lodge Officer Regional Training
22	23 Family Night at the Lodge, 6:31 	24	25	26 Colonial Degree Practice 7:00 @ Charlottesville 	27	28
29	30 Fifth Monday Social Rapids Bowling On NF BLVD 6:00 	1	2	3	4	5 GRAND LODGE 

Looking Ahead to May

GRAND LODGE Saturday 5/5 through Wednesday 5/9

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Saturday, May 12 COLONIAL DEGREE OLD FORT NIAGARA in Youngstown, Food available for purchase @ 3:00 Tiling @ 5:00, Lodge opens @ 6:00 \$10 Donation advance ticket purchase link at

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**A Freemasons' Prayer**  
R.:W.:Peter Boyer, Chaplain

*Oh Great Architect, bless this day, keep me safe and whole  
Oh Great Architect, bless my path, help me to act on thy wisdom  
Oh Great Architect bless this fellowship and all life on this Earth, so mote it be*

*One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world.  
That one thing is Masonry*

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