



Long Creek News

It's Time for a Fish Fry



Photograph by Mike Harding

The lines start forming even before our "official" start time of 4:00pm and doesn't ease off until after our official closing time of 8:00pm. The dining room barely has a place to sit and the cars are lined up to the street for takeouts.

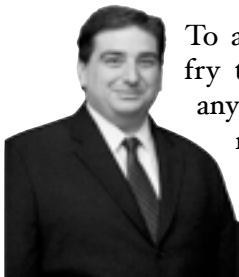
This scenes plays out twice a year starting with the annual spring fish fry and again in the fall for our annual BBQ.

Members, their families and friends all pitch in during the hectic day to keep the lines moving and community well fed.

Stop by and eat some fish then roll up your sleeves. It's a great day of fun and fellowship.

Visit the lodge website at www.longcreeklodge.com for pictures from this and other events.

SECRETARY'S DESK



To all brothers who have received fish fry tickets in the mail, please discard any unsold fish fry tickets. Please do not send back to the lodge any unsold tickets. The lodge has printed an extra amount of tickets to be used on the day of the Fish Fry. Therefore any sent back tickets are just discarded anyway.

By discarding the tickets, this will save you the time and effort of sending them back to the lodge. This will also apply to the Fall BBQ fundraiser. Thanks again for all your help in the matter. Brother remember that 2009 dues are currently due.

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From the East

March will have come and gone and our Saturday morning 3rd Degree accomplished.



Four candidates and family and friends will have traveled great distances to watch this special occasion. We will also have a 1st degree on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30PM and a 2nd degree on Monday, April 27th at 7:30PM. Please come out and join us if your schedule will allow. Don't forget our Stated Communication on Monday, April 13th at 7:30PM, with dinner being served by the OES. We have been having large crowds for dinner, so bring your family and friends and join us for fun and fellowship.

We had a crowd show up at Long Creek for our Stated on Monday, March 9th. Our good brothers from West Gate showed up (19 strong) with one thing on their mind...to take home our Traveling Friendship Gavel. We gladly gave it up because this gives us the opportunity to go get it back from West Gate Lodge. This will be done on Monday, April 20. Plan to join us at West Gate Lodge if you can.

Brothers, we will sure need your help for our April 4th Fish Fry on Saturday. Please lend a hand...many hands make light work for all. Our Charities depend on our lodge and others to survive.

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 Worshipful Master
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Eastern Star Packs the House



On Saturday morning, March 14th, our own Eastern Star Chapter 151 hosted a very special event to a standing room only audience.

Members from OES chapters throughout the region visited Long Creek to view an initiation reenactment performed by a dedicated degree team that travels the entire state to perform the degree at chapters throughout the state.

Vision Quest is a reenactment of the original Eastern Star initiation ceremony as written by the founder of the degree, Dr Rob Morris in 1850. The ceremony was presented in full form with the performers wearing period attire.

Long Creek is lucky to have such a vibrant and active Eastern Star chapter when so many other lodges are struggling with membership.

For more information about our chapter just inquire during our monthly pre-meeting dinners.

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Birthdays This Month

MORRISON S. HELDERMAN
DICKIE R. LOVE
JAMES D. GANT
RONEL J. ALLING
WILLIAM A. TODD
RAY W. LOCKLER
TROY D. GARRISON
KRIS D. ALLING
DAVID G. MCCLURE
WILLIAM E. AUSTIN
TRENT A. HAND
JAMES R. THOMPSON
DOUGLAS E. ELLIOTT
JOSEPH S. HENRY
OLIVER L. THOMPSON
HOWARD H. REID
DAVID T. OATES
LARRY E. SIZEMORE
GEORGE D. CRISP

Lodge Calendar

3/28 (Saturday Morning)

7:00am - Breakfast
8:00am - 3rd Degree (Tentative)

3/28 (Saturday Evening)

7:00pm - OES Open Installation
(Everyone Welcome)

4/4

4-8pm - Annual Fish Fry

4/13

6:30pm - District Meeting - St Andrews

4/13

6:30pm - Dinner (Spaghetti)
7:30pm - Stated Communication

4/27

7:30pm - 1st Degree (Tentative)

5/11

6:30pm - Dinner
7:30pm - Stated Communication

5/25

7:30pm - 2nd Degree (Tentative)

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