

# Parkside Monitor

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## FROM THE EAST

Committed to the Craft

W.M. J.J. Sinnema

Brethren, I hope that 2025 brought peace, happiness, and fulfillment to you and your families. As we begin 2026, it is my sincere hope and prayer that the year ahead will be even better.

With any new beginning comes an opportunity to reflect on where we have been and to thoughtfully consider where we are going. As I take on the responsibility of serving as Worshipful Master, I have been reflecting on the direction I would like to see our Lodge move in. Our traditions are strong, meaningful, and deeply rooted—and rightly so. A fraternity as enduring as ours is built upon the strength of those traditions, and they are worthy of our continued respect and preservation.



In honoring our past, we will be recognizing the Lodges that came together to form Parkside—Parma, Maple Heights, Brookside, and Ellsworth. We plan to honor the Brethren who joined through these Lodges with a special meeting in the near future; more details will be shared soon.

In the meantime, Parkside is preparing for our annual inspection in the Master Mason Degree on April 7th. We were pleased to Enter a new Brother, Joe Blados, in December, and we will be advancing him to the Fellow Craft Degree on February 17th in preparation for his raising in April. If you haven't been in Lodge recently, we would truly enjoy your company. We will need walkers for the Master Mason Degree, and it's a wonderful opportunity to take part in—and witness—one of the rituals that makes Freemasonry so unique.

Alongside our cherished traditions, we are also looking to bring some variety to our social activities in the coming year. Please keep an eye on your email and mailbox for upcoming announcements.

Finally, if there is anything I can personally do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out. Service to our Brothers is a commitment we all share, and I am honored to serve in that spirit.

## March / April *Trestle board*

Meetings	Date	March	Time	Meal
1st Tuesday	3-Mar	Stated Meeting	7:30pm	6:30pm
3rd Tuesday	17-Mar	Pre-Inspection	6:00pm	
Last Tuesday	31-Mar	Temple Board	7:00pm	
Month	Date	April	Time	Meal
1st Tuesday	7-Apr	Inspection in MM	7:00pm	Dessert
3rd Tuesday	21-Apr	Stated Meeting	7:30pm	
Last Tuesday	28-Apr	Temple Board	7:00pm	
Thursday	30-Apr	22nd District	tbd	YES



## From the Desk of the Secretary

### If you have a change of

- address
  - email
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Call Secretary Jack Huber at  
330-592-8879

Help keep our records current.

### REMINDER

If you know where your  
Lambskin Apron is kept...

...be sure your Family  
knows too!

## Jack Huber, II



Submissions for the Parkside Monitor should be sent to  
Tom Coy [tom.coy100@gmail.com](mailto:tom.coy100@gmail.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Photos may be sent by txt or email.

## From the Chaplain *The World Will Sell You Shortcuts*

By living a life of intention, Freemasonry helps Men resist the seduction of external controls, influences, and shortcuts. This earthly world offers unsustainable fixes that are quick, easy, and feel good in the moment.

- **Fast foods:** poison sold as pleasure
- **Smoking:** numbness sold as peace
- **Medication:** a band-aid sold as healing
- **Notifications:** control sold as importance
- **Consumerism:** emptiness sold as happiness
- **Endless entertainment:** distractions sold as rest
- **Song:** words set to music are more easily remembered. Be sure the music listened to promotes godliness and not the values of a lost world.

In a similar vein, let's ponder the prosperity of the wicked. **Asaph** the Levite was a worship leader, musician, and prophet during the time of King David and Solomon. He authored **Psalm 73**, a deeply personal reflection on faith, doubt, and the struggle to understand why the wicked often prosper while the righteous suffer. The Psalm reveals that even faithful leaders like Asaph wrestle with doubt—but through worship, reflection, and drawing near to God, they find lasting peace and truth.

**Asaph's firm declaration:** "Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart" (Psalm 73:1). Yet his struggle stemmed from envy toward the arrogant and prosperous wicked, who seemed free from pain, trouble, and death (vv. 4–5), living in pride and violence (vv. 6–7), & mocking God and His people (v. 8–9).

**Asaph's faith** nearly collapsed under the weight of this injustice—until he entered the "sanctuary of God" (v. 17), where he gained a divine perspective. There, he realized that though the wicked may flourish temporarily, their end is destruction. Their prosperity is fleeting and God will ultimately judge them (v. 18–20). In contrast, Asaph found his true hope: "But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge" (v. 28). He concludes with a powerful affirmation: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (v. 26).

## W.B. Bill Fletcher



**Officers: Nov. 1, 2025 – Oct. 31, 2026**

**PARKSIDE LODGE #736 F. & A. M.**

J.J. Sinnema  
*Worshipful Master*

W.B. Mark Rantala      Bro. Robert Kashary  
*Senior Warden*      *Junior Warden*

Bro. Santino Montanez      Bro. Mike Bukala  
*Senior Deacon*      *Junior Deacon*

W.B. Craig Niederriter      W.B. William Fletcher, PDDEO 22<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
*Tyler*      *Chaplain*

Bro. Jack Huber II      Bro. Thomas Coy  
*Secretary*      *Treasurer*

W.B. Don Stepp      W.B. Craig Schoffstall  
*One-Year Trustee*      *Lodge Education Officer*

Bro. Joseph Mudrich      W.B. Craig Schoffstall  
*Senior Steward*      *Three-Year Trustee*

*Members  
Raised in  
March &  
April*

**Grand Lodge Officers to  
Parkside Lodge #736 and  
Ohio's 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District**

**R.W.B. Shawn S. Franks**  
District Deputy Grand Master



**W.B. David C. Powers**  
District Deputy Education Officer

Date Raised	NAME
2022-03-26	Gabriel Clotter
2022-03-26	Ryan Sinnema
2019-03-28	Gregory Mitchell
2016-04-12	Craig Schoffstall
2014-04-05	Rick Thompson
2007-03-31	Brian Keller
2007-03-31	Jesus Rodriguez
2007-03-31	Edmon Staggs
2007-03-31	Michael Thome
2007-03-31	Alfredo Torres
2005-04-09	Robert Jerina
2005-04-09	Robert Saleem
2005-04-09	Edmon Staggs
2003-03-15	William Miller
2003-03-15	David Sparks
2003-03-15	Peter Vincent
2003-03-15	Thomas Young
2003-03-15	Douglas Zauner
2002-04-27	Russell Alford
2002-04-27	Harry Banks
2002-04-27	Scott Drehs
2002-04-27	William Fletcher
2002-04-27	August Indovina
2002-04-27	George Millsop
2002-04-27	Donald Stepp
2002-04-27	Kevin Walker
2002-04-27	Bruce Warnock
2002-03-08	Timothy Zarlinga
2001-04-27	Craig Niederriter
1997-04-03	Bradley Schneck
1996-04-18	Edward Conaway
1996-03-22	Gary Jesser
1993-03-18	Wendell Ryals
1991-04-21	David Herbell
1991-04-18	Jack Sullivan
1991-03-07	Fred Ludwig
1990-03-09	Charles Montgomery
1989-04-28	William Pesek
1988-04-29	Robert Zaylor
1987-04-24	Richard Cooper
1987-03-31	Clark Finley
1985-03-08	James Erbacher
1981-04-21	George Raynard
1978-03-09	Karl Hoffman
1976-04-08	Gene Pasquale
1975-04-10	Louis Kubicek
1972-04-13	Clyde Adkins
1968-03-14	Thomas Jablonski
1967-04-27	Lucian Thompson
1967-04-13	William Schneck
1967-03-31	Robert Schlemmer
1965-04-22	Samuel Perkul
1965-04-09	Alton Cantwell
1965-03-12	Herman Fugatt
1963-04-15	Robert Weigand
1963-03-23	James Lightner
1962-04-12	Anthony Blanchfield
1961-04-25	Fred Quigley
1959-04-17	George Howland
1957-03-28	Nick Kutrubs
1957-03-22	Jack Beebe
1953-03-06	Richard Deacon
1947-04-19	Nelson Podell

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PARKSIDE LODGE  
#736 F.&A.M.



### Oath of Office:

Installing Marshall, W.B. Kaiser helps W.M. Sinnema with the proceedings for these Lodge Elected Brothers:

Bro. Mike Bukula, Junior Deacon  
W.B. Craig Niederriter, Tyler  
W.B. Craig Schoffstall, 1 Year Trustee  
W.B. Don Stepp, 3-Year Trustee

### Congratulations!

***We knew this!*** *The Benefits of Coffee* by, Heinen's Chief Dietitian, Melanie Jatsek RD, LD

A vice is defined as any trivial fault, failing, or act of self-indulgence. So, imagine my surprise and delight when I learned that coffee's benefits are more than a stimulant and mood-booster. If you share in my love of coffee, then join me in a happy dance as we discover five rejuvenating benefits of this beloved brew:

- **Coffee packs an antioxidant punch:** One of the leading antioxidants in the American diet, coffee contains more than a thousand bioactive compounds. The polyphenol chlorogenic acid is the most abundant antioxidant in coffee beans. The type of roast matters too! Dark roast may wipe out nearly 90 percent of the chlorogenic acid in the beans, so if you want the most bang for your antioxidant buck, choose medium or light roast.
- **Coffee stimulates autophagy:** Autophagy is your body's internal recycling system, a metabolic process that removes damaged or dysfunctional parts of cells in order to regenerate healthier cells and maintain homeostasis/stability. There's some good news for decaf drinkers, as the autophagy-promoting properties of coffee appear to be independent of the caffeine content.
- **Coffee lessens liver disease:** Drinking two or more cups of coffee a day appears to protect against the progression of almost all forms of liver disease, including fibrosis, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and fatty liver disease.
- **Coffee supports protection against several diseases:** Coffee intake is associated with a lower risk of kidney disease, along with reduced risk of gout, type 2 diabetes, skin cancer, and Parkinson's disease. Decaf was also associated with a range of health benefits.
- **Coffee increases strength and stamina:** Epidemiological studies (a study of how often diseases occur in different groups of people and why) have tied greater coffee drinking with higher physical performance and a greater muscle mass index, less functional disability at two or more cups a day, and less sarcopenia (muscle loss) at three or more daily cups

### *Freemasons and the Statue of Liberty*



French Model for the Statue of Liberty  
Isabelle Boyer, age 36 1878

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

### October 14, 1875:

**Frederic Auguste Bartholdi** was a member of the Alsace-Lorraine Lodge, Paris. His active membership is significant to the creation of the Statue of Liberty as its ideals of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, - central to Freemasonry - deeply influenced his vision and artistic development of the project.