

ANNUAL VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE FISH FRY MARCH 8, 2013

The Annual Valley of New Castle Fish Fry was held on March 8, 2013 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Over 250 members and guest attended including the Right Worshipful Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother Jay W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana Most Worshipful Brother George A. Ingles, Jr., and Worshipful Brother Stephen P. Kroman, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of Indiana, Illustrious Brother Russell W. Baker, Deputy of Pennsylvania and Active Member of Supreme Council.

The speaker Brother Patrick Craddock presented a very interesting presentation entitled "Admit Him if Properly Clothed- The Evolution of the Masonic Apron 1740 to Present". Brother Craddock is a noted expert on Masonic Aprons and regalia, author and historian. He received his Master of Arts degree from Middle Tennessee State University a Master of Philosophy from University College of Wales- Aberystwyth in history, is a contributing author to Encyclopedia of Tennessee History as well as past curator of exhibits at the Carter House Museum, Franklin, Tennessee. He was entered, passed and raised in O. D. Smith Lodge No. 33 in Oxford Mississippi and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 7 in Franklin, Tennessee where he has served as Worshipful Master. Brother Craddock is also a member of the Valley of Nashville, Franklin Chapter No. 2, Franklin Council No. 134 and DePaynes Commandery No. 11 as well as having an honorary membership in Aberystwyth Lodge No. 1072.

He is the owner of The Craftsman's Apron which manufacturers and providers of the highest quality Masonic regalia extant.



Grand Marshal Kroman, Most Worshipful Grand Master Ingles, Brother Craddock, Illustrious Brother Baker, Right Worshipful Grand Master Smith and Commander in Chief Morrow

After the presentation everyone adjourned to the Main Dining Room for excellent fish sandwiches and the side dishes. The fish was again prepared by our Food Committee Chairman Illustrious Brother Louis H. Hill, Jr. and Brother Michael R. Matis and their staff.



Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and chance to meet two Grand Masters plus satisfy their hunger pains with 300 pounds of fish.