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NEXT STATED MEETING May 03, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

MEAL AT 6:15 PM

1. Brother Garrett Lyons, SW, opened the Lodge tonight in the absence of WM Ric Holland. He also provided the meal.
2. The Lodge will hold its third and final Pancake Fundraiser for this Masonic Year. Brother McGee gave an update about advertisement and discussed help needed at the activity on April 30th as well as who will be securing the needed supplies. He also asked members to place flyers in stores at Old Union, Cookeville, Omaha & Naples, but was informed by Scott Brock that stores will allow it. The Lodge was queried as to who would be available to get needed supplies and work at the breakfast.
3. The OES will be performing an initiation on the afternoon of April 30th following the Pancake Breakfast. The initiation will begin at 2:00 p.m.
4. The matching fund request was made last month, and we should be receiving \$1000.00 matching funds from TXMCF, and the Lodge will match it with \$1000.00 thereby providing two \$1000.00 scholarships for 2022.
5. The Lodge election for the upcoming masonic year will occur at the stated meeting on June 07, 2022. The Lodge will provide necessary training opportunities for those promoting to line offices that will need assistance in the work needed to qualify for the position. Other positional training will be provided as needed.
6. Brother Jim Wildenthaler is again providing lawn care for the Lodge. We should all thank him for the job he is doing.

**HELP OUR CHILDREN BY
SUPPORTING THESE PROGRAMS:
SHRINERS HOSPITALS, SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL,
ST. JUDE'S HOSPITAL, KNIGHT TEMPLARS EYE FOUNDATION,
GROTTO SPECIAL NEEDS DENTAL PROGRAM**

MASONIC EDUCATIONAL & HISTORICAL MOMENT

Danny Thomas, Founder of St. Jude's' Children's Research Hospital Reprinted from MWSA #6 Newsletter August 2017 by Rex McGee

The following is a story of a man with a passion and a dream. He took a lofty dream to its fruition, and this is the story of that magnificent man and his dream. More than 70 years ago, Danny Thomas, then a struggling young entertainer with a baby on the way, visited a Detroit church and was so moved during the Mass, he placed his last \$7 in the collection box. When he realized what he had done, Danny prayed for a way to pay the looming hospital bills. The next day, he was offered a small part that would pay ten times the amount he had given to the church. Danny had experienced the power of prayer.

Two years later, Danny had achieved moderate acting success in Detroit, but he was struggling to take his career to the next level. Once again, he turned to the church. Praying to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless causes, Danny asked the saint to "help me find my way in life, and I will build you a shrine."

His career took a turn for the better, and soon he moved his family to Chicago to pursue career offers. A few years later, at another turning point in his life, Danny visited a church and remembered his pledge to St. Jude. Again, he prayed to St. Jude and repeated his pledge to build a shrine to the saint if he would show him the way. In the years that followed, Danny's career flourished through films and television, and he became an internationally known entertainer. He remembered his pledge to build a shrine to St. Jude.

In the early 1950s, Danny began discussing with friends what concrete form his vow might take. Gradually, the idea of a children's hospital, in Memphis, Tennessee, took shape. In 1955, Danny Thomas and a group of Memphis businessmen who had agreed to help support his dream seized on the idea of creating a unique research hospital devoted to curing catastrophic diseases in children. More than just a treatment facility, this would be a research center for the children of the world.

Danny started raising money for his vision of St. Jude in the early 1950s. To solve this problem, Danny, of Lebanese descent, turned to his fellow Americans of Arabic-speaking heritage. Danny's request struck a responsive chord. Since that time, with national headquarters in Memphis and regional offices throughout the United States, ALSAC has assumed full responsibility for all the hospital's fundraising efforts, raising hundreds of millions annually through benefits and solicitation drives among Americans of all ethnic, religious, and racial backgrounds. Today, ALSAC is the nation's second largest health-care charity and is supported by the efforts of more than one million volunteers nationwide.

Thomas was initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason Freemasonry at Gothic Lodge #270 F&AM located at Hamilton Square, NJ on March 15, 1984, by special dispensation of the NJ Grand Master. During May 1985, he was made a 32° Mason and a Noble in Al Malaikah Shrine located at Los Angeles, CA.

He was laid to rest in a family crypt at the Danny Thomas/ALSAC Pavilion on the grounds of the hospital.



**Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself.
It is what you do for others.
-----Danny Thomas-----**