

# NEWSLETTER

## Peoria Council #35

Summer is almost over!!



Eric Johnson

Worthy Chief

Convention is over and I think everyone survived. Our salutes to PGWC Gerry and Else Carrell for a fine year. We were proud to have a Council 35 member directing the UCC of E again and we look forward to GWC Ken Lasswell for a good year coming.

Any of us who have ever had the responsibility of making sure a convention is successful and rewarding for the participants as well as worth the time appreciate what Al and Linda have done. They had their thumb on every aspect and I know achieved this by taking their responsibilities to heart. Al and Linda, please accept our most sincere appreciation for a job well done. We have another convention next year for which our coun-

Grandview Lodge, Peoria Heights, IL  
Potluck—6:30 p.m. Meeting—7:30 p.m.  
**August 23, 2006**

cil is responsible but I am calling on all members, active and the ones that would like to get involved—come forward when we start planning and that will probably not be until August 23, 2006.

As I reflect on our Council, I see three major areas to focus on. First, membership development. The Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers is so natural an organization considering the geographical/social area we're in that recruitment shouldn't be a problem if we can present an organization that has something in common with craftsmen and engineers. That means meeting and/or activities that might

appeal to this sector of our Masonic society. (That's us!) I know I am talking to the "the choir" but give some thought to what momentum might be if each of the officers sponsored a new member before the end of the year—December 31.

A second major challenge is related to the above—how to spark up the meetings to make them more interesting. I've heard of speakers in past meetings and of course, there is the Blacksmith drama. By the way, along this line, put our Christmas Dinner on your calendar—2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, Golden Corral in Washington.

Finally, that third area to focus on—that is

for you to come up with. I'll be asking at the meeting on the 23rd for other areas that need attention. Get ready.

We're approaching our August meeting scheduled for 23rd. Plan on fried chicken for the meat and our own, Arlo Sloan, PWC, is going to share a few comments regarding his professional area—that of pattern making. Next month we will feature another one of our brothers to share some insights of his career field.

Fraternally,

**Eric Johnson**

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## LADIES COUNCIL PEORIA #35

Ladies, I want to share with you the fact that our Council #35 won the Hazel Lockhart plaque for the most new members for the year 2005-2006. We'll have it engraved with or name and the year.

At the Convention in

Springfield we initiated two more ladies into our Council. They are Judith Bramblett and Audrey Reusch, both from Minnesota!!! Welcome, girls, to our Peoria #35 Council. Sister Edyth Briggs from Minnesota was there and also Clara Spence from Chi-

cago, both members of our council. We're hoping to see all of our Minnesota members at the Convention in Peoria in 2007. Sister Betty Korstad is doing much better, Praise the Lord!

**Linda Berry PGWP**