

Community Leadership

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The Old Oak Tree

For the sheer pleasure of relaxing, my favorite spot here at the Indiana Masonic Home is the bench 'Neath the 100 year old Oak Tree located on the walk stretching between the Main Building and Compass Park's water fountain. Planted in 1906, the oak's heavily leafed branches provide cool shade not available beyond their reach. I find sitting under that Old Oak Tree while savoring a good cigar always a refreshingly cool experience!

Many evenings after devouring the last morsel of our supper and the afternoon sun having rendered the front porch of the Main Building too hot for comfort, late Brother Don McEldowney and I would hastily retreat to the cool shade of the Oak Tree! After stretching our bones and scratching a bit we would settle down to some serious reminiscing about the 'good ole days'. Those evenings when Sharon stopped by and joined our 'can you remember' society we expanded our trip down memory lane to include the feminine experience!

Now and again when enjoying my solitude, I glance upward to the long strong limbs of my refuge noting they urgently need the attention of a tree surgeon. Indeed many of our beautiful trees require immediate attention.

An occasional glance toward the water fountain would reveal the approach of Carolyn Imel hurriedly on her way to the Main Building. With a spring in her step she always walks purposefully, and whether reading the minutes at the monthly Amaranth Daylight Court meeting or shooting hoops, Carolyn never dawdles. However, one evening she stopped to 'catch her breath' joining me on the bench, thus second of her gender to become a member of the 'can you remember' society. During our conversation Carolyn chronicled her success as a baseball umpire. "Give me a chance", she told the league officials, "and if you don't like my work, fire me." She was never fired! Rather her career officiating baseball is legend, and the subject of my next vignette.

Al Anness, Resident

Compass Park Key Items:

Don't forget we have a new updated look to the website & Facebook page here at the campus!

Please visit and share the new website: www.compasspark.org and Facebook page with family and friends.

Coming Soon the Campus Wide Cookout on May 26, 2016!



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Key Items

Greetings from the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park. Spring has arrived and there is a lot happening here at Compass Park.

The Indiana State Department of Health visited with us in February and March; they determined the Health Center, Ball Brothers Residential Living and Assisted Living were all in compliance with no critical deficiencies. We maintained our 5 Star rating; the only facility in our area to do so.

The Easter Bunny visited the homes of our residents on Good Friday and left each a basket of fresh fruit, candy and a puzzle book. Our annual Easter buffet was held in the Community Center with well over 250 residents and guests in attendance. Two new events were held in April; the senior prom with over 100 in attendance and the Pillars luncheon with over 150 in attendance.

Mark your calendar for May 8th, the date of our annual Mother's Day buffet to be held in the Community Center. Call and make your reservation today.

Our fitness area is fully functional and has over 80 memberships to date. We contracted with the Baxter YMCA to manage the pool and fitness area and we have also benefited from having interns from Franklin College come over and give personal training time to many of our residents. We plan an open house in June for the public and then will open up to the greater community.

July 27th is the date of our annual golf outing to be held at the Legends in Franklin, Indiana. Sunday, September 11th is the date of our Festival; we plan many new events so be sure and plan on coming.

Lastly, I want to challenge the Ambassadors from each lodge to reach out to us so we can keep you better informed on all that is going on at Compass Park. If you are an Ambassador please email my assistant Jenna at jbutler@compasspark.org so we can build a data base of Ambassador emails so we can send you information on a regular basis.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY and HAPPY FATHER'S DAY from all of us at Compass Park.

Mike Spencer, Executive Director



Easter was very special for the residents and staff here at the campus.



First ever Prom took place at the Community and Event Center.



The Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park recognized First Lady Brenda S. Reiners wife of Grand Master William A. Reiners, for her project of a new grand piano for the Community and Event Center.

Indiana Masonic Home Foundation Brick Program

"Walk Down Memory Lane"

Two of the walkways that radiate from the centerpiece fountain at Compass Park are paved with engraved bricks. One walkway honors individuals, Lodges, and other groups. The other walkway memorializes those who have been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

When donors purchase a "Memory Lane" brick, proceeds from the gift go to support the Foundation endowment. With continued support, the Foundation and Compass Park will be able to care for those who are financially unable to care for themselves and provide quality facilities for all residents.

Two brick options are available. For each gift of \$125 or more, one 4" x 8" brick inscribed with up to three lines of text will be set. For each gift of \$175 or more, one 8" x 8" brick inscribed with up to five lines of text will be set. Each line of text may include 14 characters and spaces.

Quality of life and physical well-being are two of life's most precious gifts. For almost 100 years, the goal of Compass Park has been to help residents maintain the highest level of independence and quality of life possible. The proceeds from the "Walk Down Memory Lane" campaign will be dedicated to improving the quality of life for all residents.

To order a brick, check out https://imhf.org/support/brick-path/about/ or call the friendly folks at the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation at (317) 637-9582.

Jeffery P. Zaring, PGM, Executive Director IMHF

Scheduling a Doctor Appointment

The Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park will gladly schedule physician appointments for all residents. It appears that some steps need to be reviewed.

The necessary steps are:

- 1. Please tell a nurse of the need of a physician appointment.
- 2. Then the nurse will fill out the requisition form and turn this into transportation.
- 3. Transportation will then call on all completed requisition forms from the nursing staff.
- 4. Appointment's are then set up by the emergent non emergent button that is selected by the nursing staff.

This all seems pretty simple but we all know things can happen. It's very easy to tell a transportation personnel that you need an appointment or to even call one of them. As a resident we need to follow the above guidelines that way no one is forgotten and all key personnel are kept in the loop regarding the health of the resident.

If you need further information please contact Jenna Butler