Children's Chatter



November 2022

MHCO Lodge Info Update

Worshipful Master, Brother Secretary, and Brethren, We pray this report finds you happy, healthy, and safe.

The census is currently at 61. Additional placements are scheduled this month. MHCO needs to hire two more Houseparent Couples to continue growing the census. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call 919-693-5111.

The kids are getting excited about the holidays. The Thanksgiving luncheon will feature a **talent show**. **All the Cottages have sponsors** for Christmas gifts. Thank you all so much for providing for the children. The holidays **can be a challenge for children** who live out of their homes, **many who cannot visit** over the holidays. Your support, love, and prayers help them immensely.

A **drive-in movie** was held in the gym. The kids got to sit in cardboard cars. The **print shop** made tires, steering wheels, headlights, and individual license plates for the kids to make the car their own ride.

The Board approved two new positions to begin operations of a **Community Support Center** beginning next year. The CSC will offer collaborative services with several other organizations to provide services to families and children on campus and beyond the gates. **This is a significant development as MHCO extends the incredible services beyond the gates**. Over the next year an Outreach Program will be developed to help families in your neighborhoods network with services for their children and be able to stay in their own homes. We will share more as the program develops. **We say thank you to the Board** for their trust in expanding programming and working to help more children receive the care they need.

Order your Christmas Cards from the School of Graphic Arts while you still can!





Drive-in Movie Fun



We need houseparent couples!

Scenes and Seens!

Check out what we're doing, where we've been, and who we're with!

Additionally...

Remember MHCO turns 150 years strong next year.

Special events include:

- The Black-Tie Kickoff Dinner on 2/11/23
- Ice Cream Social on 6/24/23
- Homecoming is on 10/13-15/23
- York Rite Christmas Observance on 12/10/23



You should receive your **MHCO** wall calendar for 2023 before the end of the year. The calendar shares the impact you have had for Children, Alumni, Masons, and Staff. You must continue to have that impact on the children here today and tomorrow. I always get asked, "What can I do to help?" Brethren, <u>return the donation envelope with your gift</u> right when you get your calendar and make your end of year donation. **Consider doing this every year to make your annual contribution to YOUR children**. For 150 years our Brethren have made this commitment. It is our time to do the same.

Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Prayers and safe wishes to all.Kevin Otis

Use the QR Code to visit MHCO's donation page. There you can set up your recurring gift, donate to the Calendar Campaign, or make your year end gift! Thank you for all your support!

