The Nature of Freemasonry

- Compassionate and Educational
- Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth
- Belief in Deity is required
- Upholds law and constitutional government
- A private fraternity
- Means of recognition are a privilege
A Brief History of Freemasonry

- “Operative” Masons
- “Speculative” Masons
- First Grand Lodge in 1717
- First American Grand Lodge in 1733
- 51 Grand Lodges in America
- First Ohio Lodge – American Union #1
- Ohio Grand Lodge formed in 1808
Subordinate Lodge Structure

- Actions of a Lodge
- Twelve Lodge Officers
- “Worshipful” stems from Old English
- Master’s powers and responsibilities
Three Degrees of Freemasonry

- Conferred in a serious and professional manner and contain many symbolic meanings
- Always treated with dignity and respect
The First Degree

- Mental preparation
- Physical preparation according to ancient tradition
- Listen carefully
Membership is a lifetime commitment with a lifetime of rewards.
The First Degree:
Entered
Apprentice