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## Cleaning Up Our Waterways, Land, and Local Bird Sanctuary

We were extremely fortunate that when Saturday, March 5, 2022, dawned that the weather was superb. Washington Lodge was represented by a healthy group of brothers and their families that came as far away as Huber Heights. We also had our District Rep, Mike Miller and his family there to assist us. It was exciting to see various family members participating in the clean-up efforts that stretched from the park along a pathway to a bird sanctuary and along a waterway that feeds into the Miami River.

The half-dozen children provided a reminder to all that were assisting in these efforts that this service that we were providing for the community is to help preserve the area for their use and benefit.

Through the entire area much fellowship was had while everyone worked heartily. One after another plastic bottles joined glass bottles, wrappers, and other debris in the ever growing trash heap. Softballs, golf balls, and miscellaneous items were found including tv's, refrigerators, and even the remnants of a shopping cart.

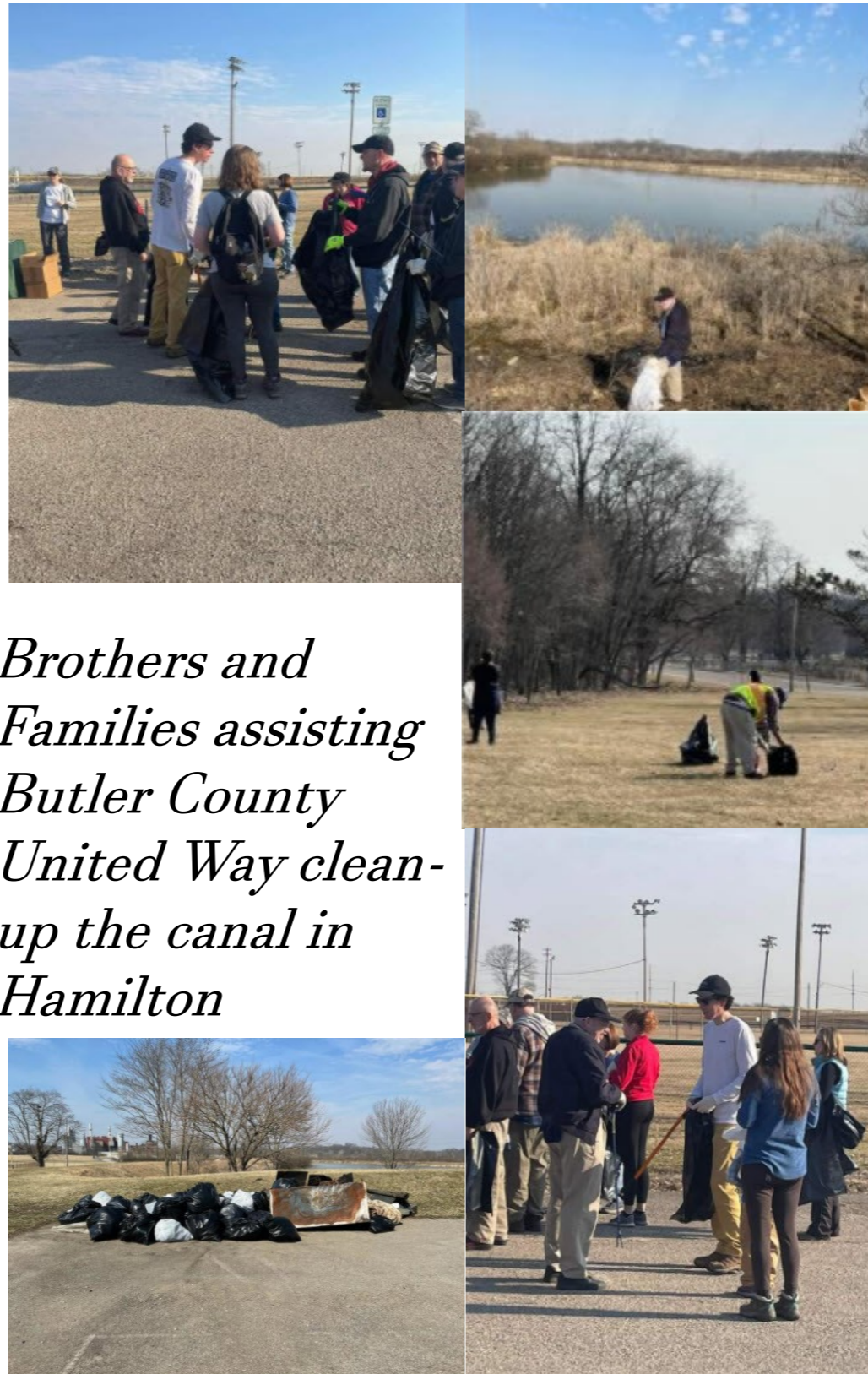
Upon first looking at the daunting task that was before us, several brothers exclaimed their utter dismay that people disposed of this much trash littering the natural beauty of the area. After, a couple of hours of clean-up effort, these same brothers beamed with pride in how much was accomplished through the joint efforts of the Lodge, its friends, and family members. "We really made a huge dent in cleaning up the area," one member was heard to exclaim.

Washington Lodge has begun to do more hands on community outreach this year under the leadership of Worshipful Jason Baynum. Members have become excited to learn what the next project will be. Stay tune for continued coverage.



**Rocky Jackson**  
AUTHOR  
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### Brothers and Families assisting Butler County United Way clean-up the canal in Hamilton



Pictures by Jason Baynum, Mike Miller, & Ryan Napper

## High Twelve—Appendant Body of the Month

The Washington Post interviewed the 1st Vice President of the local chapter of the High Twelve, Ryan Miller. During a lively question and answer session much was gleaned about this Masonic appendant body.

Why is your body called the high twelve?

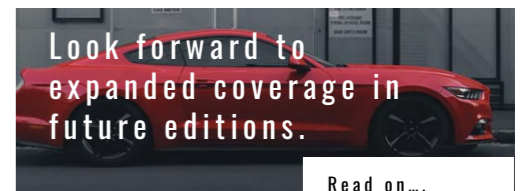
"We meet @ High Twelve once a week!"

**Come join a group of Masons for Food and Fellowship on Thursday's at 12.**

**Contact Brother Ryan Miller for more information.**

This organization allows for an informal gathering of masons, friends, and family to be able to enjoy fellowship and food in which the happenings of the community might be discussed as well as catching up with one another about what is going on in each individual's life.

The International Body does sponsor a scholarship for education.



Some Americans know him as the leader of the Rough Riders storming up San Juan Hill during the Spanish--American War. Others know him as an avid hunter and have seen pictures of his big game kills. Still others know him as the 26th President. A smaller group know him as a fellow brother. Teddy Roosevelt became a Mason as the Vice President. He even attended the Masonic cornerstone laying for the House of representatives in 1903.

What few Americans know about our esteemed brother is through his executive action he created the modern conservation movement. The National Park Service along with several other conservation agencies were created by him.

## Masonic President Starts Modern Day Conservation



**Jeremy Spangenberg**  
AUTHOR  
@Washington Times

Like so many other aspects of the fabric of our Society, Masons played a prominent role. Our fellow Brother, President Teddy Roosevelt is an inspiration to us to make sure that we continue to conserve the beautiful land that we've been given.

That is why it was so important that Washington Lodge was involved with the clean-up efforts this past Saturday along the canal to the Miami River. We were carrying on the traditions of our brother, President Teddy Roosevelt.

At the age of 60, he died in his sleep. The then Vice-president, Thomas Marshall said, "Death had to take Roosevelt sleeping, for if he had been awake, there would have been a fight."

## The Past Masters of Our Lodge



The Washington Post recently contacted David Lunsford, a Past Master of Benjamin Franklin lodge.

He has recently devoted himself to researching the past masters of Washington Lodge. He has given a detailed account of the information he has gleaned regarding their lives.

Many brothers have looked forward to reading the account of the leaders that have come before us that contributed to making Washington Lodge what it is today.

The details of these accounts has been made available on Washington's App (if you need help getting access see LEO Jeremy Spangenberg). They are also becoming available on Washington Lodge's Website. (<https://www.washington17.org/past-masters.html>)

This column will also begin publishing these accounts as well.



**Dave Lunsford**  
A Featured Column  
@Washington Times

Readers of this publication might have wondered why they hadn't seen a recent edition of this newsletter. A brief hiatus was called to address some concerns that had been expressed. After consultation with some esteemed brothers it was decided by the leadership of Washington Lodge to create an advisory editorial board.

In addition, the executive editor, Brother Rocky has agreed to continue in this capacity.

This editorial board consists of the current Worshipful Master, Jason Baynum, our current Lodge Education Officer and Past Master, Jeremy Spangenberg, as well as former District Deputy Grand Master and current Secretary, Matt Reed.

All articles that are submitted for publication will be reviewed by both the executive editor and this editorial board before the latest edition of the Washington Post goes to press.

## The Revised Washington Post Comes To Life



**Save the Date—April 20th Royal Scofield Society capstone presentation by Brother Rocky Jackson**

**Please RSVP for dinner (\$5) to Senior Steward David Caron or on Facebook—Washington Lodge #17 RSS Presentation**