

**Mr. Willard Fissell, Worshipful Master
Chester Lodge #238
Chesterville, Ohio**

**Ohio Grand Master
Ohio Grand Lodge**

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Reference: Lecture of the Widow's Pin

Brother Grand Master:

Greetings from Chester Lodge #238; it is hoped that this communication finds you well. Our Lodge is well in the process of preparing for our annual inspection, in addition to a very productive year in community fellowship, social events, and community and special needs.

As part of our annual agenda, we have incorporated a special project that we feel extremely excited. Over the years we have come to realize that there is no formal presentation of our Masonic Widow's Pin when we were in the position to present this honorable token to our brother masons' widow. As such, our lodge began a rather extensive research project into the history and presentation of our states' widow pin. As a result, we come to discover our Ohio Masonic By-Laws or procedures have no formal presentation for this symbol of brotherhood.

Therefore, our lodge brethren respectfully submit the following for your consideration;

Mrs. Doe;

This is a Masonic Widow's Pin. It symbolizes, in part, an oath all Masons have taken for thousands of years; to always come to the aid of a worthy Master Mason's widow and orphans in their time of need in the absence of our Brother.

This pin consists of a broken column and evergreen branches laid upon each side, onto a white background. The broken column represents the loss of Brother Doe. The evergreen, symbol of everlasting life we all will enjoy when we hold to our beliefs of God and life hereafter. Lay upon the white, representing purity of spirit, mind and soul.

This pin, when worn upon your collar and recognized by a Master Mason, will signify to him of your position within our fraternity, the loss you have sustained, and remind them to extend all courtesies and aid to you as a Masonic widow. Wear this token with honor; wear it with pride, always knowing Brother Doe is never forgotten.

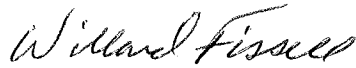
In closing, it is our recommendation that the presentation of the "Lecture of the Widow's Pin" be conducted following the completion of the Masonic Funeral Service and just prior to the final prayer conducted by the Chaplain closing the Masonic service. Further, we recommend that the

Lodge Chaplain make the presentation of this symbol to the widow, or as delegated by the Lodge Worship Master of whom the brother was a member.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. There was extensive time and research by our lodge brethren in preparing this recommendation. It is with great respect and honor of our fellow brethren and their families that our lodge requests your consideration of this formal presentation.

Fraternally, I am,

Worship Master Willard Fissell
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Chesterville, Ohio

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willard Fissell".

Lodge Secretary
Right Worshipful Paul Hinkle

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