

The Trestleboard



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From The East

Brethren,

Due to the ice storm our Widow's Night in January was postponed until the evening of March 19. Please mark your calendar to join us as we honor these ladies.

On February 19 we will have Past Masters night. Right Worshipful District Deputy David Smith will join us for his first official visit.

Our Lodge is going to be very active over the remainder of this Masonic year. By the time you read this we will have had our movie night for the brethren. We are planning a Festive Board and a family picnic that should be fun. We have already certified a Fellowcraft degree and have scheduled an EA Certification for February 12. We expect to do a Master's degree certification in the next 2 months.

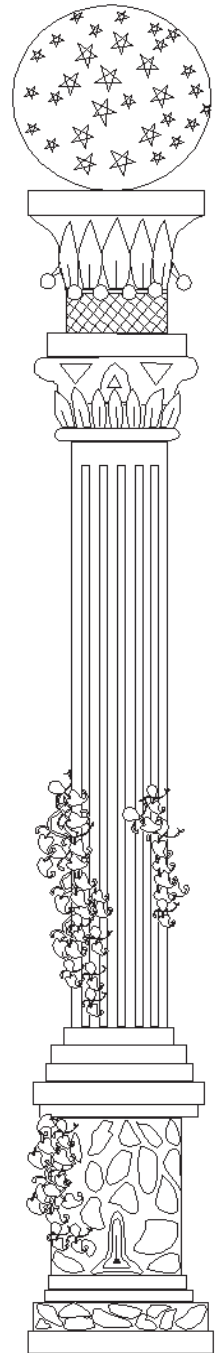
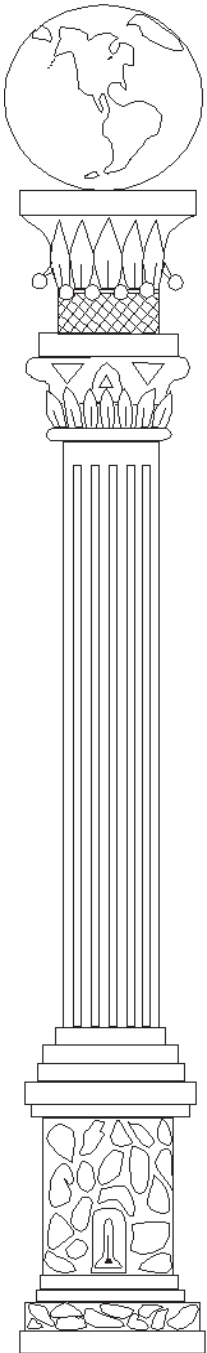
I always include our activities in my article for two reasons. First, simply because it is the news of the Lodge and this is in effect, our lodge newspaper. Secondly, I want to encourage your participation in them. It is my fervent hope that we plan activities that engage our membership and our families.

That being said, I am reminded of many discussions with my favorite 60 year Mason, my father, Bill Vance. In talking about his younger days he says you always knew who the masons were because of the honorable way in which they conducted themselves and the way in which they treated others.

While I honestly would love to see each of you at our activities, I know that there are many fine masons that I will never get to see at lodge. I hope the day will come that we will see each other on the street, or at work, or in a restaurant and we will recognize each other as brothers without a secret sign or a peek at our jewelry. I hope that we are good masons not because of the how active we are but because of the men we have become.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brian Vance
Worshipful Master



Next Stated Meeting: Monday, Feb. 19, 2007

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren: We are into the year 2007 and of course the Secretary is still pleading to the one third of you dues paying members (who have not paid your dues) to mail them in.

We check the mailbox almost everyday and are more often than not sorely disappointed.

We have certified in the Fellowcrafts degree and will be doing an Entered Apprentice degree for certification on February 12. Please attend if possible.

The response to the information questionnaires has been great. Much more than I had expected. Thanks to all of you Brethren.

We are looking into the possibility of Emailing the Trestle-board in PDF form and also making it available online at our website. We would also archive past issues on the website. If you would be interested in receiving the monthly newsletter by Email, please let me know. There are now over 100 email addresses in the database and the printing and postage savings could be significant.

Please keep me informed of any changes of address, phone number or email address or if you know of another Brother who needs updating.

See you at Lodge soon, the food and the fellowship are great,

Victor

Feb. Birthdays

Laurence Alan Lee	2/2/1941	Louis F. Strange	2/16/2025
Howard Kirk Kimball	2/2/1974	LtCol William Harold Moore	2/16/2020
William Oscar Orum	2/4/1940	James Allen McKissick	2/17/1971
Richard Dale Masters	2/5/1944	Jeffrey David Goldman	2/17/1968
Joseph Parker	2/5/1938	LaFayette Lionel Duckett	2/19/1918
Gordon E. Grimsley	2/7/1943	Dennis Guy Wilie	2/20/1921
Robert William La Mont	2/8/1957	Donald Haycraft Bunnell	2/20/2025
Eddie Worth Parker	2/10/1944	Thomas Calvin Patterson	2/22/1972
Thomas Ross Sterzing	2/11/1941	Robert Roy Neidig	2/23/1933
Clyde Thomas Coleman	2/12/1931	Raymond Clayton Birch	2/25/1925
Irvin Weems Guyer	2/13/1929	Charles Durham Nash	2/25/1924
Russell Gary Haldeman	2/13/1937	Edward George Balagia	2/26/2029
Fred H. Erben	2/13/1943	James Logan Brown	2/27/2029
Robin S. Galaway	2/15/1914	Stephen Sam Penn	2/27/1976

Words From the South

In today's world, we Masons, much like all the rest of the world, are always in a hurry. We hurry to eat breakfast, we hurry to work, and we hurry all day long at work. Then on Lodge nights, we hurry to Lodge, we hurry to finish up Lodge business, so that we can hurry home to hurry up and repeat the whole thing again. We just don't get to enjoy what we have in life as much as we should, more especially this Masonic life that we have built for ourselves and for each other.

In times past, when life was simpler, and we lived at a slower pace, we got to know one another much better. We had time to stop and just chat, to learn about each other, which inevitably led to caring more about each other. Nowadays, this is a rarity. We don't have the time, so we must make the time in our busy lives to really be Brothers; to learn more about each other so that we can really care. How can I learn about your likes and dislikes, your wants and needs, your passions, unless I just take the time to sit down and talk with you and listen to you? Unless we talk to each other about these few things, can we really care about each other as people, much less as Brethren?

When we go down to the Lodge for our regular practice nights and to our Stated Meetings, we do get to share our lives with each other before, during and after the practices and meetings. By this simple manner, we get the chance to know each other just that much better. Since the rest of our lives are so filled, this is really the only time we have for this "getting to know you" activity. This is essential to our Fraternity, and, I think, to our lives. This is one way to make our lives more fulfilled and more fulfilling. I know that I am experiencing this from my participation in the lives of the Brethren who regularly attend these activities.

I would very much enjoy getting to know each one of you better. I will take the time to sit and talk with and listen to you, just come on down to Lodge. I look forward to just sittin' and discussin' and getting to know you. We will both be the better for it.

See you at Lodge!

John Brengle

Brethren,

The following Lodge # 12 Brethren remain on our prayer list as they are either ill at home or staying in nursing facilities. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from any of you, either by phone, personal visit or a card:

Samuel E Baker

Robert Pugh

Walter Simms

Wesley Moore

Don Cox

Marvin Feil

David Dochen

Claude King

George Davis

John Sheffield, Sr.

Tilmon Sanders

Richard Wilbur

Bill Fogle

Jonas Silberstein

Morris Shapiro

Jack Hightower

William Riley

If you know of any other the Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge office at 454-8009.



Lodge Schedule

Feb., 2007



Feb. 5 : Officer's Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Feb. 12: Entered Apprentice Cert. Degree 6:00 P.M.
Light meal served approx 5:30 P.M.

Feb. 19: Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Supper Served..... 6:30 P.M.
Official Visit of DDGM

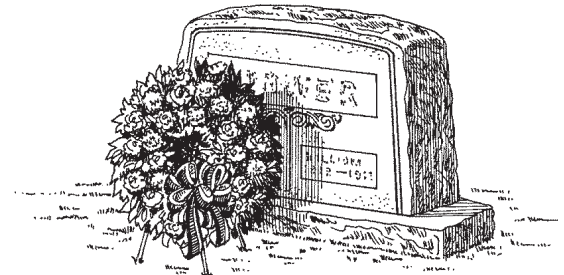
Feb. 26:MM Degree Practice or EA Degree.....6:00 P.M.

March 5-9 is Public Schools Week...Visit your neighborhood School

Schedule is subject to change based on the availability and schedule of candidates.

For the latest, most up-to-date information on what is scheduled to occur at the lodge, please call 454-8009. The answering machine message is updated every Monday evening. We invite all interested brethren to attend our floor work and degree work sessions! **Remember, all stated meetings are Family Night!**
We hope you will all bring a dessert for everyone to share!

In Memoriam



“Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!”

John Hudson Schlueter 1/29/2007

Jack Merwyn McCowan 12/31/2006

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