

Table Rock Masonic Lodge #680, A.F. & A.M. Kimberling City, MO, U.S.A.

FROM THE EAST:

January was both a fruitful and sad month. We initiated a new Entered Apprentice, Bro. Rod Shetler, and passed him and Bro. Terry Harris to Fellowcraft. We had a really interesting informative open program on MOCHIP presented by Bro. Brad Fowler, Regional Coordinator for Missouri Masonic Children's Foundation which was attended by some influential non-Masons who will help us spread the word about this absolutely great service. We have a tentative date of May 25 for our next MOCHIP event.

We held a very successful Sunday Brunch on January 16 which netted over \$600.

Sadly, we will miss our Bro. Rick Fasnacht who has traveled on to that undiscovered country. Our friends in Branson lost a brother whose Masonic service was performed, again beautifully, by WB Tony Root with help from 3 others.

One brother fell from a tree ou seriously injuring his foot, two suffered storm damage to their homes, one lost a battle with a logging truck (fortunately incurring no bodily injuries but doing grievous harm to a new motor home).

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February is a short month, but we will still be busy. On Tuesday, Febuary 1, we will raise Bro. Rod Shetler to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. This being an "off" Tuesday, we must appeal to those who don't normally come to practice to try to attend so that we can give this brother a good ceremony. We will confer a 1st degree on the February 15. Branson Lodge will be holding a MOCHIP event on the February 26. They would appreciate any help we can offer.

Stone County Shrine Club will have its monthly dinner meeting at the Elks Lodge on the February 14. If you are possibly interested in joining the Shrine, contact one of the Shriners in our lodge and come as a guest. We always have a wonderful meal and a good time.

RWB Pittman wants to remind everyone to bring your aluminum cans to the lodge on meeting night. This is another fundraiser that we can do without much personal sacrifice.

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FROM THE SOUTH:

WOW! WOW! WOW! Brethren, if you have missed our last two meals at the Lodge, you have missed being in one of the greatest places on earth! Right Worshipful Brother Chuck Pittman has provided our Lodae with some of his wonderful culinary cuisine: Baron of Beef, creamy potatoes as fluffy as a midsummer's cloud, sauces ala mouscheron, vibrant peas, and rolls as soft and sweet as the cake from the famous bakery of our Sister from the Eastern Star, Charlotte Root. Brethren! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FOR \$4.00? Not only that but you missed a wonder reproduction of that ancient ceremony of the second decree conducted and witnessed by your most worthy of friends and brothers. Our Lodge is so fortunate to have all of these great people doing things for YOU! Just stop a minute . . . and think how truly we are blessed! This month make a special attempt to say hello to vour Brothers and Sisters in the Lodge and invite them back to the Lodge. It is a great place to be!

---Rob Fuqua, JW

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MASONIC CALENDAR:

| February 4 | 7:00 pm | 3rd degree—Rod Shetler; eat at 6:00 |
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| February 8 | 7:00 am | Stated Communication |
| February 14 | 5:30 pm | Stone County Shrine Club (meets at Elks Lodge) |
| February 15 | 7:00 pm | 1st degree—Avery |
| February 22 | 6:00 pm | Stated Communication; eat at 6:00 pm |
| February 26 | 9:00 am | MOCHIP in Branson at Boys and Girls Club on Bee Creek Road |
| February 26 | | Work Day at Scottish Rite Temple in Joplin |