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January 2013

FROM THE EAST:



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE! I hope that this year will be a great year for everyone.

On January 8th, 2013, at our first stated meeting of the month we will have some very interesting discussion about serving alcohol in the Table Rock Lodge #680 building. Since this is an important issue I intend to have discussion on the matter by requesting each officer, from Senior Warden on down to Marshall, state his opinion on the issue if he so desires, and then have each member speak his opinion. We will have a secret written ballot on the issue.

Not to take anyone's report away from them (I think that Worshipful Brother Ross Anderson will be gone on the 8th of January) but we had a great Christmas Family Adoption program. The program was well coordinated. Those of us who went shopping had a lot of fun shopping for the kids. We had a lot of help from the wives of the members that went shopping and in wrapping the gifts. We will have a more in-depth report at the meeting.

I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Anderson and Right Worshipful Brother Pittman for helping take down and especially putting up the flag pole and new flag.

January 13th, 2013 will be our first Pancake Sunday for the year 2013. Please reserve some time to help on that project.

Rob Fuqua, Worshipful Master



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 1 st	Have yourself a safe Happy New Year, but please do not come to a meeting.	
January 8 th	7:00 p.m.	Stated meeting and voting on alcohol issue
January 13 th	7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Pancake Sunday
January 15 th	6:00 p.m.	Practice on third degree.
January 22 nd	7:00 p.m.	Stated meeting

Reminder: Dues are due for 2013. *Endowed Members, Widows and 50 year members are not required to pay dues.*

Lodge Dues \$75.00

Grand Lodge assessment included in dues.

SWORD OF BUNKER HILL DEGREE

Sparta Lodge is sponsoring a Sword of Bunker Hill Degree on Saturday, February 16th. A meal will be served starting at 8 a.m. and the degree will start at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Worshipful Master O.D. Matthews at <u>romatt46@msn.com</u> if you plan to attend or tell your lodge secretary so he can contact O.D. with the number from your lodge that will attend. There is a \$25.00 fee for this degree. If you have not received or seen this degree yet you will want to attend.

HOW TO LIVE

Face the world with smiles and laughter . . . set aside your doubts and fears . . . view each day through eyes of gladness . . . pave the way to happy years . . . find the goodness, shun the badness . . . fill your heart with love divine . . . offer prayers to God Almighty . . . making brotherhood your shrine . . . go with others on life's highway . . . travel in a peaceful zone . . . choose a mate with understanding . . . and you'll never walk alone . . . be sincere and practice kindness . . . detour roads of hate and greed . . . have real faith in each tomorrow . . . faith can fill your every need . . . listen not to any gossip . . . journey with an open mind . . . trust until a trust is broken . . . and much greater joy you'll find . . . make the best of what you harbor . . . take but don't forget to give . . . life can be a thing of beauty . . . if you know just how to live.

By B. B.



Ya'll come! Sunday, January 13, 2013 ... 7:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, regular and sugar free syrup, OJ & coffee all for \$6.00. Bring your family and friends. See you there! Where, well at Table Rock Lodge, of course!