



TRESTLE BOARD

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FROM THE EAST:

Thank you one and all for attending the installation. If you missed it you missed a real hoot! I received a lot of good comments on the Bag Piper. It is always stirring to hear Amazing Grace from the pipes soothing the soul. Ed Mahoney who is a true Scotsman had been the Piper for the Potentate of San Diego for several years. My thanks once again go out to my Installing Master Rt. Worshipful Bro. Bill Cox and Installing Chaplin Rt. Worshipful Bro. Bob Alexander and especially to my Installing Marshall Worshipful Bro. Ross Anderson. All of the new officers and appointees did a great job. Eastern Star and guest did a great job in preparing a feast; nobody left hungry.

Worshipful Bro. Ed Verrill has had a very distinguished honor bestowed upon him. He has been appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star to be Grand Representative to the State of Louisiana. Without stealing Ed's thunder and pride in telling about what all he and his beautiful and gracious wife, also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, are going to be doing I can say he is in for a really great time. Come to the Lodge and talk to Ed and find out what rewards there are for being in the Masonic Family.

While I am talking about the Masonic Family please give our Worshipful Master Bro. Ross Anderson some cheer and encouragement as he deals with his Father. We have had so much sickness and illness this past year and since it is a thing that will continue due to the age of people in our lodge do not forget to say some kind words to your brother that is laboring under the burden of some medical condition or the condition of someone in his family.

The Bug Run this year will not occur (not due to the enthusiasm of the bugs) due to a change in the administration and distribution system of the Coats for Kids is being considered. If you are interested in helping distribute coats and assisting in that project please contact Bro. Greg Yoder, Junior Deacon. A new event, a Bean and Cornbread Feed set for September 30th. 2012 at 11:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. will take place. Please contact Greg Yoder, Junior Deacon.

The date for the Golf Tournament is set for October 20th, 2012, at Hidden Valley Golf Course, Clever, Missouri. A free lunch will be served at 12:00 noon with tournament play starting at 1:00 p.m. I will need some volunteers to help with the tournament; setting up the lunch, taking in money and giving out Mulligan tickets, measuring distance of drives, help keeping an eye on errant drives so that the tournament does not get bogged down looking for lost balls and we can finish before dark, picking up signs and lots of etc. ALSO PLEASE HELP GET TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE. TOURNAMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE AND THROUGH THE GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE OF ROB FUQUA, CHUCK PITTMAN AND ROSS ANDERSON. A Golf Buddy (for those of you that do not play golf a Golf Buddy is like a GPS system that helps you by showing ball placement on the fairway in relation to the Green.) Here is your chance to play golf, to bring your friends for a fun day and introduce them to Masons.

Please take note that I would like to have a meeting of the newly elected Officers and Trustees on Tuesday, September 4th, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. All other members are welcome to come and participate. We will have practice at 6:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
Rob Fuqua, Worshipful Master



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
September 4 th	4:00 p.m.	Officers and Trustees Meeting
September 4 th	6:00 p.m.	Practice
September 11 th	7:00 p.m.	Stated Meeting – Snacks and fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
September 18 th	6:00 p.m.	Practice – (We need to start working on 2 nd degree)
September 25 th	<i>The lodge is Dark for Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Please sign up to go.</i>	
September 30 th	11:00 a.m.	Bean and Cornbread Feed. Please sign up to help!
October 20 th	12:00 noon	Table Rock Lodge #680 Annual Golf Tournament – Hidden Valley Golf Course, Clever, Missouri

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR/LODGE EVENTS:

September 19 th	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Accepting items/donations for Sale. Mark the price on your items.
September 20	9:00 a.m.	Set up until finished. Bring Baked Goods by 10:00 a.m.
September 21 st and 22 nd	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	City Wide Garage & Bake Sale. This is a lot of fun for everyone, so try to help in any way that you can..

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Brethren, it is with pleasure I take on the task as your secretary and can only hope with the support and help of our members that sometime I will be nearly as good as my predecessor; Worshipful Brother, Tony Root. His will be hard shoes to fill.

We are currently updating our records and ask that all members please send any change of address, phone number, cell phone number and email address to your secretary.

SOME WELL-KNOW MASONS – Throughout the years, many well-know men have belonged to the Masonic Fraternity. The list begins with the Masonic Presidents: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Lyndon Johnson and Gerald Ford.

FROM THE HISTORIAN:

To paraphrase Richard E. Fletcher, PGM Grand Lodge of Vermont, “The real truth of the matter is we have come to depend on the ritual as the basis for Masonic knowledge. The Ritual does not make Masons; it makes members. A candidate is left hanging at the end of the 3rd Degree and has heard a lot of words without really knowing what they mean. Until the Degrees are explained to the new Mason he has little idea of just what he has gone through”.

The ritual has a very important place in the life of the new brother but it is not the end point from which there is no more to learn. However, we tend to be far more comfortable in working the degrees than in working with the new Brother to teach him what our beautiful craft is all about, where and when did it begin, and delving further into the history and symbolism of the degrees.

The “where and when” would seem to be the simplest but we (and multiple others) can (and do) only theorize what, in fact, may have happened. Freemasonry obviously did not begin with the forming of the Grand Lodge in London in 1717. This was a consolidation of existing lodges so there must have been some history before that date but we just don’t know. For the Operative Mason, stone working dates back to before 6500 B.C. Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids date to 2600-2400 B.C. The Romans may have introduced the arch around 400 B.C. The English Guilds in the 10th century A.D. left Constitutions dealing with work rules, pay practices and rules of general conduct for the craft. And why would a Guild of workers in stone need such an elaborate system of recognition (signs, passwords, etc.)? How do you keep secret the methods of building a large structure when it is on display daily for all to observe? In the coming months, we will explore one or more of these areas (conduct of the Lodge, symbolism, history or ritual) at each stated communication when degrees are not being worked. The topic to be presented will be noted in the monthly Trestle board and Brothers are solicited for suggestions on subjects to be pursued.

September 11 – Setup and Contents of a Lodge Library and Resources available.

John Richmond