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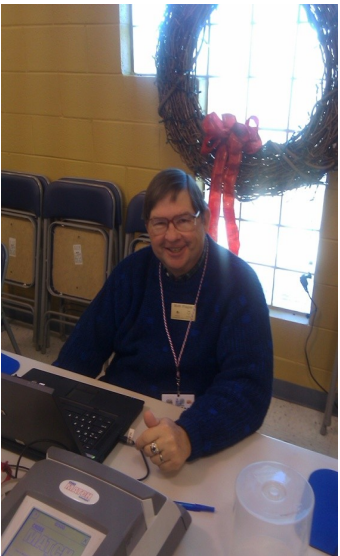
## As the Sun Rises in the East...

Greetings from the East. The New Year has begun and we are on our way thru another decade. As we start this new year we can only imagine what this year will hold. We have ended 2009 with a very busy December. I want to take time to reflect on what has occurred and where we are headed in 2010. First of all I want to thank everyone that participated in our MoChip Program and everyone that helped and attended our Children's Christmas Program. Without your involvement and assistance these activities would not have been possible. A special thanks

also goes out to your wives and our sisters in the Eastern Star for all their assistance. I know many of us were disappointed when we had lower numbers for our child identification program but we were equally overjoyed when we had such a marvelous turnout for the Christmas Party. All but one of the registered



children showed up for the party and we had three show up that we were not expecting. A total of sixty two children were given gifts. Hopefully you will enjoy the photos from the I.D program and the Christmas Party.



As you can see even some of our help was having a good time as they worked with the kids.

We really enjoyed having

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the clowns in attendance again this year. They really add a lot to the party and the kids really enjoy them and the balloon characters they cre-







ate. I know that when we were shopping, wrapping gifts, and helping with the fruit bags we wondered if it was worth it, but when you saws the faces of the kids light up when they got their gifts it made the labor all worth while. In visiting with some of the adults in attendance it became evident that some of the children would not have been receiving anything for Christmas if they had not attended the Masonic Lodge Christmas party.

We must always remember our commitment to our Masonic family, but also our commitment to others in need in our community.

As we begin our new year we have several items we are wanting to try and initiate. As you are aware we have voted and approved to build on to our lodge hall just as soon as weather permits. I have also been approached by WB Chuck Pittman and he is wanting to reinstitute our monthly pancake breakfast or monthly Sunday Brunch. Please be thinking about

this as we will be discussing the possibility of this at our next meeting.

Also be thinking about Feb. 9, 2010.

This is normally our first meeting night in February but this year we are going to be having a very special Family Night- The meal will be prepared completely by the men for the ladies. As you know Valentines Day is Feb 14th but we are going to have a very special meal for the ladies on the 9th. I have also as Bro Jim Greene our Education officer to give a special Program on St John, something I think you will all enjoy.

This will also be a good time for you to invite non-members to attend our lodge and learn a little more about masonry.

May 25, 2010, is another important date you need to put on your calendar, as this will be our Past Masters Night. I am giving you plenty of advanced notice for this event this year and I hope we can have as many of our Past Masters as possible attend and take part that evening. I will be contacted each of our past masters and I am requesting that

each of them be thinking about the most memorable event they can recall that occurred while they were Master of Table Rock Masonic Lodge #680, and will be asking them to share that event with all of us that evening.

As I sit here looking at the falling snow , I know that spring will not be that far away. Because of that I want to remind everyone about our comment to the trash pickup on State Highway 13 south of DD- hwy . In the past we have waited and set a date for the trash pick up just a few days before it was to occur . By doing it this way may members found they could not take part because of earlier commitments. Because of that, I am suggesting that we establish the third Monday morning at 9:00am starting in March and continue through September as our official trash pick up date, weather permitting. If raining , the pick up will be put off to the following Monday.

Hope to see you Jan. 12, 2010 at our first meeting of the New Year.

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## Masonic Calendar:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Jan 12	1900hr	Stated Communication
Jan. 26	1900hrs	Stated Communication- Meal at 1800hrs.
Feb 9	1900hrs	First meeting of the Month- Family Night- Meal fixed by the Men only



## School of Pythagoras - part two

There were three degrees:

- The first, or Mathematici, being engaged in the study of the exact sciences; and
- The second, or Theoretici, in the knowledge of God and the future state of man.
- The third, or highest degree, was communicated only to a few whose intellects was capable of grasping the full fruition of the Pythagorean philosophy.

So-called Leland Manuscript The Mason will find no difficulty in understanding that part of the Leland Manuscript. This manuscript- the question of its authenticity is not here entered upon-

has the following: "How comede yet [Freemasonry yn Engelande?

It is not singular that the old Masons should have called Pythagoras their "ancient friend and brother", and should have dedicated to him one of their geometrical symbols, the forty-seven problem of Euclid; an epithet and a custom that have by the force of habit been retained in rituals.

Schools- None of the charities of Freemasonry have been more important or more worthily of approbation than those which have been directed to the establishment of schools for the education of the orphan children of Masons; and

it is a very proud feature of the Order. Institutions of this kind are to be found in every country where Freemasonry has made a lodgment as an organized society. In England, the Royal Freemasonry Girl School was established in 1788. At a very early period charity schools were erected by the Lodges in Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. The Masons of Holland instituted a school for the blind in 1808. In the United States much attention has been paid to this subject.

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Re: an Encyclopedia of Freemasonry- 1920

