

The Trestleboard of
Pythagoras Lodge
#358 F. & A. M.

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Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Instruction & practice meetings are held each Tuesday at 7:00 PM

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UPCOMING WORK

MARCH, 2010

Date	Event	Time
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Instruction will be held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM

MARCH

- 3rd District School if Instruction: 7 PM at St Andrews Lodge
- 5th Library dedication with the Grand Master, assemble at 9 AM
 Shaddai Dinner meeting 6 PM
- 5th Pancake breakfast 8 to 10 AM
- 10th Masters and Wardens, St Andrews Lodge, 7 PM
- 11th Pythagorus Stated Meeting. . Family night. Bring a covered dish. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30.
- 12th and 13th Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 17th District School of Instruction: Parker Lodge at 7 PM.
- 18th Scottish Rite Ceremony of Remembrance
- 19th Shaddai Stated Meeting, 7 PM.
- 22nd York Rite Commandery
- 25th Pythagorus Stated meeting, dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM
- 26th Scottish Rite, dinner 6 PM, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

APRIL

- 2nd Shaddai Dinner Meeting 6 PM
- 8th Pythagorus Stated Meeting. . Family night. Bring a covered dish. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30.
- 10th Scottish Rite: Open book. Time TBA.
- 14th Masters and Wardens, St Andrews Lodge, 7 PM
- 16th and 17th Shaddai Ceremonial
- 17th Gulf Coast C/C Child ID 10 AM – 4 PM.
- 22nd Pythagorus Stated meeting, dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM
- 23rd Scottish Rite, dinner 6 PM, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 26th York Rite Chapter

FELLOWSHIP

Each Tuesday morning from 8 AM to about 10 AM the brethren gather for coffee and fellowship. There is really no set time, show up at your leisure. Come on out to the lodge to meet and greet your friends and brothers. This is not restricted to Masons only. Bring your neighbor or a friend who may be interested in Masonry. We hope to rekindle the interest of past members and perhaps encourage new.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello Brethren,

Thank you for keeping your addresses current. We are also starting to use Email to communicate with you. You can send me your Email address at knjthorn@knology.net. If we can get maximum participation in e-mail we may be able to send the Trestleboard by e-mail to most, and bring the overall cost of mailing to those without e-mail below our present costs. All of these things keep our postage costs down. If you haven't paid your dues, please remember to send them in or drop them off. When you don't pay in a timely manner, we spend at least \$1.32 in postage. See you at Lodge.

Ken T.

FROM THE SOUTH

Thursday, March 11 is Family night. The lodge will provide baked fish and macaroni and cheese. Please bring a covered dish to complement the meal. If you are unable to bring a covered dish, a donation to defray lodge expenses is appreciated.

Saturday March 6th from 8 to 10 AM your coffee club will bring you breakfast at the lodge. Breakfast will consist of: Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Grits, Pancakes, Biscuits and Coffee. We ask \$6.00 donation. The proceeds will be dedicated to providing basic necessities to soldiers of the 1-154th Cavalry Squadron who are deploying to Kuwait.

Please pass the word and bring a friend to enjoy our hospitality.

Br. Dale
 Junior Warden

FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers;

The year is moving fast and so is the business of our lodge. We had our first degree of many for this year. We initiated Brother Joseph Kennedy as an Entered Apprentice on Tues the 23rd. The degree team did an excellent job. Our fundraiser for the troops is progressing. We have had a big decision to make regarding the tower and our future. We presented a 50 year pin to brother Wendell Allemang. We need you all to come out, participate and take an active part.

We welcome our new Brother Kennedy to the greatest fraternity known. The degree went well. The brothers who participated are to be congratulated on a job well done. Our own Right Honorable Rick Hawks presented an outstanding lecture. If you have not seen it you certainly have missed a display of hard work. We will have another degree next month I am sure. Please come out and support the new brothers. There is nothing better than being brought from darkness to light and opening your eyes to a room full of your brothers.

Brothers, we have undertaken a task worthy of this great fraternity. We are supporting 1-153rd Cav. unit. We need supplies for these brave men and women from Bay County. We are asking for individually wrapped candy, gum, propel, and other types of comforts from home. They also will need disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, and other hygiene products. I believe this is probably one of the most important tasks we have undertaken. These men and women are supporting and protecting our right to meet as Masons. The debt we owe these people is one we can never repay but we can help make the time they are there a little more bearable. Come out and support this effort Sat. March 6th at 8:00 a.m. for an all you can eat pancake breakfast. (see "From the South") The donation is only \$6.00 for one heck of a breakfast. All money raised will go towards this effort.

Brothers, we have been approached by a company doing a study on the necessity of our tower. They have offered 3 options for the future. At the first meeting of Feb. we discussed these options. The will of the craft was for us to seek professional counsel to not only review our current contract but to review the new options they have offered. Myself and our Secretary Ken Thorndyke went to Att. Brian Hess for a meeting. He reviewed the documentation and offered a suggestion. His suggestion was for us to accept Option 1. I will try to give you a brief overview. Our current contract is up as of next year. They have the right to extend for another five years if they deem our site to be necessary. They on the other hand can give us a check in Dec. and then cancel our current contract. If they chose to renew we would only be guaranteed an additional five years. These five years would bring \$18515.00 per year but there is no guarantee for a renewal at the end of that contract. Option 1 guarantees a ten year contract. The payments will continue at the current rate of \$16,100.00 for five more years. At the end of these five years it will go up to \$18,515.00 for an additional five years. If they choose to renew at the end of this period it will go up to \$21000.00. At the seventeen year mark from the beginning of the new contract, there will be a holiday period of eight years. During this period we will receive nothing. Simply put the craft voted Feb.25 to accept the option that guarantees ten more years of income.

Finally, I congratulate Bro. Allemang for his 50 years of service. I would also encourage all Brothers to come to a cornerstone laying at the new library on March 5th at 10:00 a.m. The dress is a dark suit white shirt and tie. The Grand Master of Florida will be there to preside over this ceremony. Pythagoras can make a great impression on our community and with our Grand Master.

Fraternally,

Tim Sowell