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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

JULY, 2011

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

JULY

- 1st Shaddai Dinner Meeting, 6PM.
- 4th Independence Day
- 6th Masonic Instruction at St. Andrews, 7PM.
- 9th Breakfast at Pythagoras, Pancake breakfast at Applebees on 23d street.
- 11th Scottish Rite KCCH meeting, 7 PM.
- 13th Masters and Wardens at St. Andrews, 7PM.
- 14th Pythagoras family night dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meting at 7:30 PM.
- 15th Shaddai Stated Meeting, 7PM.
- 20th Masonic Instruction at Calloway, 7PM.
- 22nd Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meeting,
- 23rd Spaghetti dinner at the Shrine Temple, 11 AM to 2 PM.
- 25th York Rite Chapter.
- 28th Pythagoras Lodge stated meeting, dinner at 6:30 work at 7:30 PM.
- 30th Tri-State Degree in Dothan, 8 AM Breakfast, 9 AM Work.
Scottish Rite Council of 400.

AUGUST

- 3rd Masonic Instruction, St. Andrews, 7 PM.
- 5th Shaddai Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM.
- 10th Masters and Wardens at St. Andrews, 7:00 PM.
- 11th Pythagoras family night dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meting at 7:30 PM.
- 13th Potentate's Ball
- 17th Masonic Instruction at Calloway, 7:00 PM.
- 19th Shaddai Stated Meeting 7:00 PM.
- 20th Pick up butts at Pythagoras Lodge.
- 22nd York Rite Council.
- 25th Pythagoras Lodge Stated meeting 7:00 pm.
- 26TH Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meeting,



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FROM THE WEST

Brethren

Worshipful Dave is presently being pulled really hard by his professional cable tow. He currently is burning the midnight oil on a project that demands most of his time and results in frequent unforecast travel. As is my obligation, I will do my best to fill in and continue his vision for the Lodge.

We had a great visit with the District Deputy Grand Master at the last meeting. He had many good words for Pythagoras also. The new Chairman of Child ID also spoke and had accolades for the support given by the brothers of Pythagoras, especially the monetary donation resulting from our first smoked butt effort.

The brothers of the Coffee Club are working on another smoked butt program to continue the charitable works of the Lodge. The butts will weigh approximately 9 – 10 lbs. pre-cooked weight and will be smoked overnight on the 19th of August and can be picked up at the Lodge after 8 AM Saturday, 20 August. Please help in the success of the program by purchasing a butt. You may order one by calling Brother Hugh Greco, 628-0295 or Brother Gordon Hancock, 528-4811 or by stopping by the Lodge any Tuesday morning for coffee.

The effectiveness of the Lodge is limited by the involvement of the Brethren and Lodge officers. Lately we have experienced a number of unfilled chairs on meeting nights, We all carry numerous cable tows relating to Lodge, family, work and other personal commitments. Our responsibilities relating to work are dictated by the entity that writes the paycheck and as such the commitment is unmanageable. Family and Lodge are as important but we have the ability to manage our commitment to each more easily. Nothing should take precedence over family, but meeting nights and other obligations are predictable and we all should be able to plan around these commitments to meet our many obligations without slighting any. Please do your best to join your brothers in Lodge.
 Bro. Dale, Senior Warden

FELLOWSHIP

Our web site is continually upgraded and contains more information than ever. You can access it at: www.pythagoras358.org
 If you have suggestions, leave a message on the board.

Don't forget Coffee each Tuesday morning. Breakfast will be served again in the Lodge on the 9th of July. Not only will you enjoy a satisfying breakfast, you will enjoy the fellowship of your Lodge brothers.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello Brothers

This membership year is half way over. In a few months I will be sending out renewal notices to the Craft. Why not consider perpetual membership? It will let you avoid the yearly renewal and is a gift to the Lodge that keeps on giving. The Lodge receives a bonus on all perpetual memberships each year and these bonuses continue after your passing, assuring you the satisfaction that you will have an impact on your lodge long after you are gone.

W: Ken, Secretary

FROM THE SOUTH

I remember stories about my great-grandfather, how he would see a honey bee and follow it back to the beehive and there find honey that he would harvest and bring home for his family. He followed the bee not because of its beauty nor because it was an easy journey, but rather because he knew what awaited him once he found where the bee dwelled. The reward my grandfather would find was not his alone, but would benefit all in his family.

Any study by a brother into our grand history will find that the Bee has always had a place in our teaching and instruction. Even as recently as last year a secret concealed beehive was found in one of the towers at Roslyn Chapel. The Bee was among the Egyptians the symbol of an obedient people, because says Horopollo," of all animals, the bee alone has a King." In old literature the bee is recognized as the builder. The bee is hatched from an egg and after five or six days as a white maggot is sealed up in the cell to emerge later as a perfect insect. These facts are utilized by several of the writers quoted by Purchas as being emblematic of the resurrection:

The first life of a bee is scarcely worthy to be called a life but after it is transmuted by death it appears in a more excellent and glorious condition..

The little worm...lies dead and entombed in the cell wherein it was bred, but wait with patience a score of days, and you shall see it revive, and appears a far more noble creature than it was before. What is this but an emblem of the resurrection?

A builder, a tomb, a resurrection. A life that is transformed and emblems that our great fellowship has preserved. The Bee and the Beehive could well be an emblem of what we as men and Masons are, and should be. Are we as men and Masons giving of ourselves, are we learning from the lessons that the G.A.O.T.U teaches us through the Bee and the Beehive. My great-grandfather followed the bee back to the beehive because of what the bee had produced, the work it had done and the benefit the golden substance could bring to his family. Are men following us back to our lodges? Are we worth being followed and or we leading men to that place where they too can labor. Have we been transformed and raised anew to be a far more noble creature as Purchus stated. It was out of a dead lion's carcass that Samson found the honey left by the honey bees. Out of one dead was strength giving, life sustaining nourishment. He took and ate. The Holy Scriptures also tell us again to take and eat in the New Testament. As Christ was about to give himself he provided a meal and said.." take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you."

St. John Chrysotom made the following statement. Oh that it could be made of you and I as men and Masons . 'The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others.'

Rev. Fr. Robby Entrekin, Junior Warden