

The Trestleboard of Pythagoras Lodge

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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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WELCOME TO THE PYTHAGORAS WEB SITE

Worshipful Kevin has been working on a web site for the lodge. It is now available at www.pythagoras358.org. If you go to that site and subscribe you will get an e-mail message any time something new is added to the site. The Trestleboard will also be there. Also please continue to send your e-mail addresses to Worshipful Ken so we can begin to send you the Trestleboard via e-mail. The more we can send by e-mail the less we will spend on printing and postage.

UPCOMING WORK

MAY, 2010

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

SEPTEMBER

- 7th Masonic Education St Andrews at 7PM.
- 8th Pythagoras Stated Meeting. Family/Widow's Night, Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9th & 10th Scottish Rite Fall Reunion.
- 12th Scottish Rite KCCH Meeting, 7:00 PM.
- 14th Masters and Wardens. 7 PM at St. Andrews.
- 16th Shaddai Dinner meeting at 6:00
- 17th Open Book at the Scottish Rite, 8:00 AM, Registration.
- 21st Masonic Education Calloway at 7PM.
- 22nd Pythagoras Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30 PM meeting 7:30 PM.
- 23rd Scottish Rite: 6 PM Exec & KSA, 6:30 Dinner, 7PM Stated and Ladies meeting.
- 26th York Rite Commandery.
- 29th Rosh Hashana, Family night at St. Andrews Lodge.
- 30th Family Night Ira Linsey Sr. Lodge.

OCTOBER

- 5th District Instruction at St Andrews, 7 PM.
- 7th and 8th Shaddai Reunion.
- 10th Columbus Day.
- 12th Masters and Wardens at St Andrews at 7 PM.
- 14th and 15th Shaddai BBQ Contest.
- 19th District Instruction at Calloway, 7 PM.
- 21st Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.
- 24th York Rite Chapter.
- 27th Pythagoras Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 28th Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings.
- 31st Halloween.

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.

The Coffee Club has periodically put on breakfast for the Lodge. The proceeds from the breakfasts go to support Lodge Charities. The next breakfast will be the 28th and 29th of September. We hope to attract brothers from the attendees at Thunder Beach to get greater attendance. We also plan the sale of BBQ plates on this weekend. Come on out, bring your family and/or friends and enjoy a good meal and great fellowship. We will advertise these events as the information is available but you can also watch the "What's Happening" column in the News Herald for dates and times.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello Brothers

This membership year is more than 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.

Fraternally,
Ken Thorndyke, Secretary

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thursday, September 8, is Family night. We will also honor widows of our departed brothers.

The lodge will serve Chicken Rice stew with cornbread.. Please bring a covered dish to complement the meal. Vegetables breads and deserts are always a welcome addition to the main fare.

If you are unable to bring a covered dish, a donation to defray lodge expenses is appreciated.

Family night is well attended. It is a success because of the interest of the brethren and especially the ladies. Our thanks to you all for your contributions to the meal and the fellowship we all enjoy.

FROM THE WEST

Hello again, brothers. Another month has passed. Two more meetings have passed into the history books but the friendships we formed and the camaraderie we have experienced will live on forever in our memories.

The Grand Master's visit was enjoyed by all. Especially the great chicken dinner we enjoyed. As usual many accolades were visited on our Most Worshipful Grand Master but the highlight of the evening was the donations in support of the Grand Master's and his Lady's charities. If you were unable to attend you missed witnessing another display of that "Grand Masonic Lesson of Charity".

Most of you should now be aware of the misfortune to have befallen one of our past Masters, Don Patterson. For those of you who may not be up to date, Don had a motorcycle accident on the 25th of August and is still hospitalized in intensive care. He broke both hips with major damage to his left hip. He will probably face additional surgery on the left hip in the near future. His pelvis is also cracked and at he had another surgery last week for a mass in his left chest wall. It turned out to be a bleeding problem and was corrected. The doctor also found evidence of the beginning of pneumonia and he was placed on additional antibiotics. Marie Patterson told me he is in for a long recovery and will need visits and support from the brethren to help him cope with his injuries. Marie will let me know when he can have visitors and I'll pass the word to all when that happens. I also advised Marie that the lodge brothers are available to help her with tasks around the house she may need help with. I'll also put out that word as I receive it. Until then we wish Don a speedy recovery.

Those who have an e-mail address on file with me were kept abreast of the occurrence and updates throughout the weeks. If you would like to receive updates but have not yet passed the Secretary your e-mail address, drop Ken an e-mail so he can record it and get it in the Pythagoras e-mail system. Ken's e-mail address is on the first page of this Trestleboard.

The butt roast went well. The Lodge sold 160 butts and again received super comments. There were a couple of butts not up to par. The Lodge will give a complementary butt to those whose butts were not up to par at the next butt roast. We anticipate that will be in March 2012. Our thanks to all who supported the efforts of our project. This is a great way to raise money for the worthy charities of our Lodge. I regret to say the mailing the committee sent out did not receive an adequate response. Many thanks to the few who did respond, and the many who bought tickets.. It is through your efforts the Lodge reaches the levels of success it does. The committee and those who came out to work the roasting did a bang up job and are to be commended. They always need helpers. If you are unable to volunteer a great deal of your time, they always need extra help late Friday afternoon when they have to remove, bag and restack the butts for the final cooking period. If anyone can come out during that period the workers would be eternally grateful.

Bro. Dale, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Freemasonry has many facets which have attracted men of good will of every race, religion, political view, and social position into its ranks throughout the world for many years. Every member has his own individual reason for joining the Craft, but generally its chief appeal is the charitable work it does, the philosophy of life taught by the Craft with its visible exhibition by Freemasons in their exemplary conduct in the everyday world. All these items are important, but to the nonmember who has given this matter any thought whatsoever it soon becomes apparent that the greatest asset in Freemasonry is the spirit of friendship that exists between Freemasons in their relationship with one another and their attitude of thoughtfulness for the welfare of others.

Dr. James Anderson in his Constitutions of the Free Masons, published in 1723, reflected the traditional fundamental principles of the Craft when he stated that "Masonry becomes the Center of Union and the Means of true friendship among persons that would have remained at a perpetual Distance."

As our hearts are heavy tonight with the loss of our dear brother Wally Decker and Ralph Scoggins. We are reminded that it was friendship that first watered the ground that then grew the evergreen plant of brotherly love, that death cannot wilt.

A friend is "One who multiplies our joy", Just as Brother Wally and Bro. Ralph did. A brother divides our grief, and his honesty is of much value." A Friend is one who understands our silence. He is in fact a watch which beats true and for all time and never runs down.

It was Aristotle, who said: "The perfect friendship is that between good men, alike in their virtues." Keats, the great English poet, compared friends to "a beacon light guiding a ship into port on a dark and foggy night.

And the Holy Scriptures tell us that there is a friend that stays closer than a brother.

For there have been brothers who were never friends. But we, as men and masons, are blessed in that we are both friends and brothers.

Brothers do not always agree, in fact if someone agrees with all you do always, saying you are right and others are wrong I would dare say that they are not a true brother at all.

A true brother tries to correct and does stand his ground but is ever there for his brother caring for his heart as his own.

Brothers let us realize how rich we are because of the right hand of friendship we have been offered.

Rev. Fr. Robby Entreklin