

# The Trestleboard of Pythagoras Lodge

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Regular meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday of each month. Instruction & practice  
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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](http://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

### OCTOBER 2011

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

#### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Scottish Rite Yard Sale
- 5<sup>th</sup> District Instruction at St Andrews, 7 PM.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Shaddai Ceremonial.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Masters and Wardens at St Andrews at 7 PM.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pythagoras Family night, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated Meeting.
- 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Shaddai BBQ Contest.
- 19<sup>th</sup> District Instruction at Calloway, 7 PM.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Open book at Ensley Lodge.
- 24<sup>th</sup> York Rite Chapter.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pythagoras Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 28<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween.

#### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> District Instruction at St Andrews at 7:00 PM.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Degree at Wewa.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time ends.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Master's and Warden's at St. Andrews at 7:00 PM.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pythagoras Family night, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated Meeting.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings. Veteran's Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rite 33<sup>rd</sup> Coronation KCCH Investiture, Tampa.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rite KCCH Meeting 7:00 PM.
- 16<sup>th</sup> District Instruction at Calloway at 7:00 PM.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving, Pythagoras Dark.
- 28<sup>th</sup> York Rite Council.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Family night at Acme, Calloway and Harry Jackson.

### 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 charitable BBQ event held during "Thunder Beach" was successful. Additional money has been raised for charitable lodge efforts. If you didn't stop at the Lodge, you missed a great breakfast and lunch. We will advertise these events as the information is available but you can also watch the "What's Happening" column in the News Herald and the Bay Bullet for dates and times. Stop at the Lodge on Tuesday morning, take part in the fellowship and give a pat on the back to the members who donate their time to Lodge efforts.



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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, October 13, is Family night.

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

My Brothers,

September was a busy month. We have been active in training our newly obligated brothers. We should have three EAs ready to turn in their Catechism at the stated meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We also obligated another brother at an EA degree on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge is growing. But many of those who have achieved the EA degree have not gained proficiency and have stopped coming to lodge training. Perhaps if the sponsors of those EAs would talk with them and encourage them to return to Tuesday training, our Lodge could go on the even greater levels of membership. If, as sponsors, you felt they would make a great Mason, we shouldn't let the Lodge lose them. Each year we lose good and faithful members who have gone on to their final reward. Initiating new faithful members will result in our Lodge continuing to "build better men" and continue our charitable works. All fraternal organizations are having difficulty retaining membership. Our Masonic Lodges are no exception. However; I feel sure a continued effort to initiate and keep good reliable members will allow our Lodge to negate that trend and grow to greater heights.

October is proving to be an active month also. The Shaddai Ceremonial will be held on October 7 and 8. If you are not a Shriner and are wanting to become a member, you still have time to sign up for this ceremonial. If you have a friend in Masonry, who wishes to become a Shriner, you likewise can sign him up to be inducted into the Shrine. As with our Masonic Lodges, the Shrine is losing more members than are being replaced. Recently there was some thought of closing a hospital due to tight funds. We as Masons, knowing our charitable obligations, cannot allow this to happen. So many children have been given a chance at life through the only service available to them. The mission must go on. "It's for the children" is not just a slogan.

For those who wear more than one apron, the Shrine BBQ cook-off is designed to prove your culinary skills. The contest on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will undoubtedly produce some truly great food and "bragging rights". Enter if you dare, come out and taste the results if you will.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ensley Lodge will host an "Open Book". Over time, our memories play tricks on us and we substitute words that do not exist in our work. It is a natural thing. But it can be prevented by attending the open book activities and taking advantage of the opportunity to see the written word of our work and re-acquaint ourselves with those words.

Finally, I expect we will hold a Fellow Craft Degree later in the month. Come out and take part in or observe the Lodge pass our hard working EAs. And, while you are at it, consider joining with our fellow Lodges as they initiate more brothers to the fraternity.

**Bro. Dale, Senior Warden**

## FROM THE SOUTH

Where one starts a journey from is very important. A defined starting point is of the utmost importance in any endeavor. It was in our heart that we, as men first began this journey. It is in the heart that we as men and masons keep true to that which we have dedicated ourselves to.

Confucius is quoted as saying "[Wherever you go, go with all your heart.](#)". Paschal said that "The heart has reasons that reason cannot know. We started at this "starting point" the place where we were first prepared, because it is not limited by only what is seen.

Gandhi said "[In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart](#)". In all that we do, it must be done with and start from our heart. The heart says I will win, even when all those around you say you may lose. Your mind may say give up, but it is the heart that will not allow you to. Because of these attributes we give the pre-ordained reply when asked, where we were first prepared..?

It is the heart that we are directed to protect in the Holy Scriptures. Proverbs: 4:23 says "Above all else, protect your heart, because it is the wellspring of life"

As men and masons we must prepare each day to meet the challenges that lay before us. We must guard and protect our starting place, our point from which all measurements are taken and all our work is laid out. Our work may be square, and our foundation firm but it is from the heart that the plum line falls. Above all else brethren, let us protect our hearts.

Rev. Fr. Robby Entrekin