

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

OCTOBER 2011

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

NOVEMBER

2nd District Instruction at St Andrews at 7:00 PM.

5th Outdoor Degree at Wewa.

6th Daylight Savings Time ends.

8th EA Degree at Pythagoras. 6:30 Dinner, Degree to follow.

9th Master's and Warden's at St. Andrews at 7:00 PM.

10th Pythagoras Family night, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated Meeting.

11th Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings.
Veteran's Day

12th Scottish Rite 33rd Coronation KCCH Investiture, Tampa.

14th Scottish Rite KCCH Meeting 7:00 PM.

16th District Instruction at Calloway at 7:00 PM.

18th Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.

24th Thanksgiving, Pythagoras is dark.

28th York Rite Council.

29th Family night at Acme, Calloway and Harry Jackson.

DECEMBER

2nd Shaddai Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM.

7th Pearl Harbor Day. District Instruction at St. Andrews, 7:00 PM.

8th Pythagoras Family night, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated Meeting.

9th Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings.

14th Masters and Wardens, St. Andrews, 7:00 PM.

16th Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.

21st 1st day of Chanukah.

22nd Winter begins. Pythagoras is Dark.

24th Christmas Eve.

25th Christmas Day.

26th York Commandery.

31st New Year's Eve.

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.

Thursday, November 10th, 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.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello My Brethren,

You will be receiving your 2012 dues notice very soon. Let me bring to your attention a couple of issues that I see every year as Secretary concerning dues cards (also known as a rant).

First, I mail out approximately 175 cards, that's \$77.00 in postage and about four hours of sorting, stuffing and stamping. To those that respond quickly with their payment, THANK YOU! Then another \$77.00 to return those dues cards to you. Then those that are returned because you didn't update your address with me cost the Lodge another .44 cents and .44 cents to re-mail to the new address.

At the six month period, the notifications are sent out to those in arrears, and three months later a summons is sent (more postage). To some it is an oversight, misplaced mail or forgetfulness. I have done all three when it comes to keeping up with things. For some, it is a game to be played to the last minute, then pay. Unfortunately, it costs us all in Lodge funds and time. I would encourage each of you to renew early, maintain a current address and come to Lodge and pick up your dues card (saving postage). Postage will be going up in Jan. It may not seem like much; after all it is just .44 cents. But it adds up and it's a pain in the tail to keep up with.

Remember, there are several ways to pay, Perpetual membership (\$700.00), Emeritus status or just see me.

There are currently 10 members in arrears for 2011. We hate to lose any members due to NPD (Non Payment of Dues). But it is important to do your part to fulfill your obligations. Thank you for allowing me to rant for a moment.

Fraternally,
Ken Thorndyke, PM Secretary

FROM THE WEST

My Brothers,

The year is almost over and the holiday season is upon us. We have only two more meetings this year. The Lodge will be dark on November 24th and December 22nd. The December 8th meeting will include balloting for officers to lead your Lodge for the next year. In Masonry there are two Lodges. The first is the building in which we meet; the second is the body of men who make up a Lodge. Just as a Church is a building as well as the members who comprise the body. We hope all who can, will come out and visit with your Lodge brothers and take part in the selection of the officers who will guide the Lodge in the coming year.

The charitable works of the Lodge continue unabated. I'd like to recognize the members who have supported our last two efforts.

The August butt effort was supported by Bros. Gordon Hancock, Jerry Austin, Hugh Greco, Harold Stegmier, Pete Golden and Bill Purchase.

The October Thunder Beach Breakfast and lunch effort was supported by the same.

Child ID was held on the 5th of October at the Fair Grounds and was supported by Bros. Hugh Greco, J. B. Fowler, Jerry Austin, John Valcourt, Harry Stutzke, John Taylor, and the undersigned. (If I have left anyone out, please forgive me, it was unintentional.) Look closely at the above and you will see many names repeated. Additionally these Brothers have freely given their time to support previous efforts and most particularly the repair and improvements of the Lodge building itself. A hearty thank you to our Lodge supporters. When you see them, give them a pat on the back and congratulations for so well supporting your lodge.

W.: Don Patterson is now at home recuperating. He has a long road to travel before he will be fully recovered. He asks for your prayers and visits. He believes very strongly that the prayers of his friends and brothers have supported him greatly and have contributed to his recovery. His days are pretty empty since he cannot get around. If you can take some time out of your day to visit with him and help fill his day he will appreciate it very much.

We all live within the length of our cable tow. The great thing about a cable tow is that the length is determined by each Mason and takes into consideration family, work and Lodge among other personal things. Some are unable to attend Lodge often; others are unable to commit to a chair due to other commitments. We occasionally send our candidates and initiated brothers to other Lodges to receive their degrees. Sometimes this is due to two degrees needing to be scheduled close together. At these times it is sometimes difficult to put a degree team together. Our goal is to conduct the degrees for all of our brothers. As a result we need to expand our pool of degree team qualified brothers. Accordingly a random thought began to make its way through my foggy brain. If our brothers who are not able to commit to a chair still want to be involved to some degree, it would help immensely if each would take only one part in one select degree, we could have three standing degree teams and there would only be a need for your involvement when your selected degree was being conducted. Come on out to the Lodger and let's talk more about this.

Bro. Dale, Senior Warden

GUEST WRITER

The following article is from the Demopolis A1 Lodge #49 and is most timely.

By the words "The Sublime Degree of Master Mason" "Sublime" tells us that Masonry is "Elevated in Thought", "Inspiring Awe" because it teaches us of our further duties to each other and indeed to all humankind..

In that degree we undertake certain serious and solemn obligations to each other as brothers. But, these duties are not exclusive to us. The true, mature Mason understands that they apply to all persons in every situation. We bind ourselves to each other only as a starting point, a point from which the real Mason travels onward.

One does not become a Master Mason merely by being raised. Rather one becomes a Master by truly embracing and living that which our ceremonies teach. In the end, it is up to each of us to become a Master Mason in spirit as well as body.

Therefore, it is well that we constantly strive to make smooth our rough natures by embracing and following the great lessons of Freemasonry - the lessons taught by symbols and allegories in the three degrees - in all our thoughts and actions inside the Lodge as well as in the outside world.