

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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**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, 2012

Date Event Time

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

MAY

- 1st Degree Team Practice at Pythagoras, 7 PM.
- 2nd District instruction at St. Andrews, 7 PM.
- 4th Shaddai Dinner Meeting, 6 PM.
- 5th Child ID, Calloway.
- 9th Masters and Wardens at St Andrews, 7 PM.
- 10th Pythagoras Family Night, Dinner 6:30, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM.
- 12th Child ID, Wewa.
- 13th Mother's Day
- 14th Scottish Ritee KCCH meeting, 7 PM.
- 16th District Instruction at Calloway.
- 17th Degree Team Practice at Pythagoras, 7 PM.
- 18th Shaddai Stated Meeting, 6 PM.
- 19th Armed Forces Day.
- 21st York Rite Chapter.
- 22nd Master Mason degree at Pythagoras. Dinner at 6:30, degree to follow.
- 24th Pythagors Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 25th Scottish Rite, 6 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies Meetings.
- 28th Memorial Day.
- 28th thru 30th Grand Lodge, Orlando

FROM THE EAST

You will notice a slightly different layout this month. I felt the message from the Deputy Grand Master was so compelling and true to today's world that I deleted the work for June to make room to publish it in its entirety. Every now and then it is good to take a little time for some inward contemplation.

Those of you who missed the last stated meeting missed a truly great experience as four FCs turned in their Fellow Craft catechisms. It was a truly impressive display. Brothers Delay, Thomaston, Taylor and Hobbs will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Tuesday, May 22nd. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM with the degree to follow. Mark your calendar so you do not forget to attend this Degree. When we consider the effort these young men have put into their travel through the degrees it is imperative we show them a good turnout.

The Grand Communication will be held in Orlando from the 28th thru the 30th of May. I hope to see some of the brothers there. Following the installation of the next M.: W.: Grand Master the visits will begin. The Grand Master will visit on June 30th at the Shrine. The DDGM visit to Pythagoras Lodge will be June 14th. Come out, enjoy the fellowship and meet and greet our new Grand Lodge and District Masters.

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, April 12th is Family night. As always, the Lodge will provide a meat and potato or rice dish. Please bring a covered dish to complement the meal. Vegetables breads and deserts are always a welcome addition to the main fare.

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. If you have any ideas to make the evening more interesting, please feel free to bring it up.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello My Brethren,

I have now mailed out the remaining dues cards. If you did not receive yours by now, I have not received your dues renewal. If you have not yet renewed, we do not want to lose you. If you find yourself in a tight financial situation remember your brothers will stand by to assist you.

If you can, I suggest a perpetual membership. It is a great way to avoid having to pay annual dues each year and provide a perpetual income for your Lodge. Remember, there are several ways to pay, Perpetual membership (\$700.00), Emeritus status or just see me. An installment program is also available.

Brethren, I'd like to remind you all of the importance of the Widow's fund. There can be no greater time of need than when a wife loses her cherished spouse. The widow's fund needs the support of all to succeed in this worthwhile Endeavour.

Fraternally,
 Ken Thorndyke, PM Secretary

Delete John Geary and Daniel P. Brock

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Dear Brothers:

In some of my reading, I came across an interesting part or makeup of the furniture of Masonic Lodges practice in another country. One in particular aroused my curiosity and it consisted of three written signs set about the three stations of the Lodge and they were as follows; "Teach the Ignorant", "Bring down the Greedy" and "Unmasked the Hypocrite." To the last, I want to dedicate this Discourse.

The definition of **hypocrisy** is the state of pretending to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principles, etc., that one does not actually have. Hypocrisy involves the deception of others, often maliciously or callously, or of oneself, often because of desires or needs to cling to various forms of comforting delusions which further exposure to truth would diminish or eradicate. Our Ritual addresses hypocrisy in the Entered Apprentice Degree under the explanation of Truth in this manner "Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us..." My friends, the conduct of some of our Brothers certainly offers contrary examples to the previous quote from our Rituals and one way that comes across my mind very quickly are those Brothers that accept appointments with no intentions of ever doing anything with that appointment except to very proudly wear a badge which he has not earned nor has any intent of earning.

Another may be a Member of the Craft whether in Lodge or Grand Lodge that exaggerates his roll or participation in any roll he may have played. Sometimes after having served in a position whether he performed the required tasks or not, is irrelevant, as time goes by their involvement grows and their deception whether malicious or not increases, demanding better performance of others than that which he ever did.

We are often exposed to Brothers who have taken the same obligation as us and yet seem to only apply to themselves certain parts of it while expecting everyone else to fully comply with their obligations and is outraged when in their estimation this does not happen.

One that seems to be very common is accusing a Brother of wrong doing or twisting the facts, while they are distorting the facts in order to make their accusations. Even better I have witnessed Brothers accusing Brothers of distorting the facts when they themselves have not talked to the Brother(s) they are accusing of distorting the facts, nor can point to anyone they have talked to that has distorted the facts.

The State of Florida has a law not that it applies to our Fraternity, but that in general is a great practice, and there is not much I find good in government today, and that is the "Sunshine Law." This is where things that were done behind closed doors, over private telephone conversations or around the corner are no longer legal for the people's representative to conduct business in this manner, creating more transparency and basically eliminating back room deals and ill conversations because it has to be conducted in an open meeting.

This is a good thing and perhaps we should apply those rules to ourselves, not to allow Brothers that spread bad rumors one at time under the guise of secrecy or confidentiality to continue to spread their discontent among the Craft, while they lurk in the shadows of others carrying their mission of destruction around them.

As of late I have observed with great interest a few Brothers spread gossip and twist the truth beyond recognition, to their friends and them; to their friends to the point where it will almost be impossible to know who started it, and as friends they believe without question what they have been told and not have done the due diligence of finding out the facts, even after being told they continue to drink the cool-aid from the poisoned well of a disgruntled Brother who seems to enjoy more stirring the pot than emptying and starting all over again.

BROTHERHOOD

Worshipful Don Patterson is now recuperating at home. His continued healing will take considerable time during which he will be confined to his wheel chair. He appreciates visits from the brethren to help fill his day.

If we only stood back and watched these Brothers we will see how they move from Lodge to Lodge, Club to Club, Order to Order and are never really content unless they are spreading gossip, rumors and innuendos. What is most remarkable is that they have a certain following of sheep that enjoy this sort of drama, and worship a gossipier, an agitator and dissenter of the plans of Freemasonry.

Another way you can see who these Brothers are is the fact that they are the same ones embroiled in every problem within your Lodge, Club, or Order. They are the ones that are always in the midst of the controversy, they are the ones the trouble seems to follow, or is it because they are the source of creation.

Next time a Brother comes to you and decides he needs to tell you something in total confidence and it is about another Brother or another Lodge or about Grand Lodge, do yourself, the Lodge or Grand Lodge a favor and refer that Brother to the individual to whom he is talking about, the Lodge or Grand Lodge to settle their differences. Don't place that monkey on your shoulders, don't spread his discontent, the Digest is full of solutions on how to solve his problem, from simple mediation among the Brothers applying the method of "who can best work and best agree," bringing to the Masters attention so he can intervene, if a Grand Lodge problem to the Grand Master and/or file charges, let them be their own men and stand on their own two feet.

Soon you will find out that better than 95 %+ will not make anything more out of it, when you ask to bring their problem to the light of day. The 5% or less will find that 99% of the time it is not worth going any further because it was not really all that bad, once he found no allies in the spreading of gossip and/or assassinating the other Brothers character.

So my Brothers let us UNMASK THE HYPOCRITE, by not lending an ear, by not spreading his empty words, by telling him to follow the already chartered courses of truth and justice, push him into that great light where he can be proved by the level, where his actions can be tried by the square and his rectitude of conduct can be measured by the plumb.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted, I remain your most humble servant

Jorge L. Aladro Deputy Grand Master