

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

JULY, 2012

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

JULY

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| 5 th | District De3puty visit, Port St. Joe. | |
| 6 th | Shaddai Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM. | |
| 9 th | Scottish Rite KCCH meeting 7:00 PM. | |
| 10 th | EA degree at Acme Lodge. | |
| 11 th | Masters and Wardens, St. Andrews, 7:00 PM. | |
| 12 th | Pythagoras Family night and, Dinner 6:30, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM. | |
| 16 th | District Deputy visit, Bay Lodge. | |
| 17 th | District Deputy visit, Appalatchicola. | |
| 18 th | District Instruction, Parker, 7:00 PM. | |
| 20 th | Shaddai Stated Meeting 7:00 PM. | |
| 21 st | Scottish Rite Council of 400. | |
| 23 rd | York Rite Chapter. | |
| 26 th | Pythagoras Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30, Stated Meeting 7:30. | |
| 27 th | Scottish Rite Exec and KSA, 7:30 Stated Meeting, Casual Dress night. | |

FROM THE EAST

The brothers of the "Coffee Club" continue to provide great fund-raising support for our Lodge. Brother Hugh and his helpers have again concluded a successful Butt Roast. Ticket sales were less than expected. I sincerely hope we will have greater support for the next one. That said I think we have proved that attempting three sales a year is counter productive. We will probably be more successful limiting butt sales to two a year. We then can schedule them in cooler months to give relief to the workers. Perhaps we can think of other possibilities to augment fund raising. If you have any ideas, mention them at any time and we can run them up the flag poll to see if anyone salutes.

To date we have provided 2 scholarships to beach high school students, the Grand Master's wife's project at the Masonic Home, the Grand Master's charities (Masonic Home and Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, and more. My heartfelt thanks to those brothers who give so freely of their time to enable Pythagoras to further the charitable aims of Masonry.

My brothers, though we may live on an island, Pythagoras is not an island unto itself. I encourage each of you to attend Lodge as often as you can and to attend other Lodge's functions to show our solidarity with our brethren.

Dale
Worshipful Master

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

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.

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

GRAND MASTER-----

DISCOURSE

"Funeral Services"
 Dear Brothers:

I want to thank all the Brothers that religiously participate in the funeral services of our departed Brothers and although I have always believed that as Masons we must be part of the Masonic services for a departing Brother, and even though I have taken part in many, it has never been more evident to me than in recent days the importance of our assistance in such services representing Masonry and demonstrating to the families that he was one of ours and that we deeply loved our Brother and will surely miss him.

Often times these Brothers for reasons known to them, have separated themselves from the Craft and they may not be known to the Lodge Brothers although members of the same Lodge, sometimes is for a sojourning Brother that we have not met, but was a long standing member of the Craft that may have moved into our area.

Today, I find myself with a very short cable tow and not able to attend some of the services of our beloved Brothers due to conflicting schedules that cannot be postponed or rearranged, and I wonder how many more Brothers have found themselves in the same situation and their hearts have been torn because of their inability to be there for their departing Brother.

>living miles away perhaps in a faraway city or even in another state, and you cannot be there to pay your final respects, although you may raise your voice to the heavens above in solem prayer for those you loved, you still feel the pain of not being there physically to pay your respects.

Now you wonder were the services fitting this great Brother, did he have Masonic Funeral Services, was proper respect given, did the local Brothers attend his service, was he sent home with dignity and with honor, was the Family of the Brother, more importantly the widow given comfort, was a lending hand offered to the bereaving family.

My Brothers this single act of selflessness is probably Masonry at its best, and although sometimes we take small things for granted this is probably one of our most important undertakings. This ceremony of respect for our departed Brother is one of Masonry's most beautiful and solemn services. Listen to the words and it will open your hearts and minds and expose your senses to the beauty of Masonry and the love of disinterested friends and Brothers that are just there because the departed was one of us and we valued his commitment, service and love to the Craft.

In a world where I come first, WE need to stand ready to demonstrate that WE care for our fellowmen and particularly our Brothers and their family

more especially in their time of need. That we at the local level wherever that may be stand ready and committed to stand up and do our part, and that no Brother will leave this earth

without the proper ceremony and representation from the local Brothers and the offering of our assistance to the family in their time of need. This is a commitment that we must make that we may not only ease the pain of the Family by our demonstration of Love for their beloved and departed family member, but for those Brothers that could not make it due to distance and conflicts which make their travel impossible, so that when they hear from the Family and friends about the Masons that there words are of reverence for work well done.

From my perspective it pains me not to be able to pay my respects to those I have known and are dear and near to my heart, I pray the Lord will fill the hearts of those nearby that they will help me and many others by taking our places among those celebrating the life of our departed Brothers and send them off to Thy Lodge on High in a manner fitting for a Master Mason and Beloved Brother.

For those of you that have taken this work to heart, you are the salt of the earth and although not always said it is greatly appreciated by more than you can ever imagine. I am confident that your rewards are in heaven for bringing comfort with your words and presence to so many families. For those of you that have not participated before I will tell you that there is nothing more rewarding and encourage you to make it your commitment to attend as many as possible and become involved yourself.

This is heavenly work here on earth make sure you are part of the comforting feeling you deliver the family when a large group of Brothers present themselves in a demonstration of Love for their Beloved Family member and more specially our Brother.

Jorge L. Aladro. Grand Master