

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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UPCOMING WORK

AUGUST, 2012

Date Event Time

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

AUGUST

- 1ST District Instruction at Scottish Rite, 7:00 PM
- 3rd Shaddai Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM
- 8th Masters and Wardens at St. Andrews Lodge 7:00 PM.
- 9th Family Night at Pythagoras. Dinner at 6:30, Stated meeting at 7:30 PM.
- 13th EA degree at Bay Lodge
- 14th Masonic Leadership Training at Tupelo Lodge at 6:30 PM EST.
- 15th District Instruction at Parker Lodge, 7:00 PM
- 17th Shaddai Stated meeting, 7:00 PM.
- 20th MM Degree at Parker Lodge, 6:30 PM.
- 23rd Pythagoras stated meeting, Dinner at 6:30 Stated meeting at 7:30 PM.
- 24th Scottish Rite, 6:00 PM Exec and KSA, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated and Ladies meetings.
- 27th York Rite Council.
- 28th MM Degree at Harry Jackson Lodge, Dinner at 6:30, Degree to follow.

FROM THE EAST

How time flies. Summer is almost over, children are headed back to school and we get back to our normal routines. Attendance at Lodge has been somewhat sparse. I hope as we return to the normal routine, attendance at Lodge will increase. Remember, the Lodge is not a building. It is the members who give it life and cause it to be successful.

The 6th District is putting together Degree Teams to compete for Grand Lodge honors. We will have district and Zone competitions. If a team wins at Zone, it will not be necessary to compete at Grand Lodge. Come out and join us at District Instruction and help us form teams. Let's help make the 6th District shine.

W.: Bob needs assistance at a Child ID session at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2700 Lisenby Avenue, on Sunday August 5th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It is not necessary to stay all day. W.: Bob can fit you in whenever you are available. The Child ID program is one of the best ways to get Masonry out into the community and show who we are and what we do. Remember if we can save but one child from abduction, all our efforts are worth it.

I try to edit and fit the Grand Master's monthly article into the Trestleboard. This month it was so long it was necessary to leave out a few paragraphs to fit it in. I tried to include the salient paragraphs so his thoughts could be accurately portrayed. His thoughts on "who best can work and best agree" extends to more than the subject of his article. It is the backbone of our efforts and successes throughout the Lodge. I sincerely hope we all can take a look inward and see if we are living the word and if we can improve our commitment to Masonry.

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, August 9th 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.

**WELCOME TO THE
PYTHAGORAS WEB SITE**

The Lodge web site is 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



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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.

Fraternity for a while and you hear them speaking of "why can't we form our own Grand Lodge" and yet we have others that have. Sad to say that neither group understands their own rules, regulations or constitution, they do not understand the role of a Grand Lodge, or Grand Lodges in the world. They are nonconformist they choose to isolate themselves from the recognized world of Freemasonry and join around you, who they are and what they do, be careful of wolves in sheep's clothing, that violate the rules quietly, are unhappy, cause discord and conduct a Lodge within a Lodge to carry their misdeeds surreptitiously.

These individuals came to us out of their own free will and accord and if they are not happy, there are three things all of us can do when we find ourselves in the same situation, change the situation, accept the situation if it cannot be changed or leave. I know you as well as I have faced the same conundrum at work, family and life,

There is no need to stay within and be so bitter that you seek to destroy, there is no need to become a force for evil, there is no need for isolation, this is certainly not Masonry, one great lesson forgotten in all of this is "who can best work and best agree" if you are not getting out of Masonry what you wanted and you have applied yourself in a positive way to its precepts and tenets, then perhaps Masonry is not for you, this happens. Not all men can be Masons.

Be aware that there are those that may want to visit our Lodges that may not come from Regularly Recognized Grand Lodges, if you let them into your Lodges without first checking their dues cards, and the Origin of Lodge in the Booklet List of Lodges and read who Florida recognizes and who we don't, and you let clandestine Masons in, you have violated your Obligation and have placed yourselves in jeopardy of un-Masonic charges, for allowing phony Masons into your midst. They seek recognition at whatever cost to you for they have no scruples and seek to make fools of your ignorance and good graces. Stay vigilant, do not let them break the tranquility of your Lodge.

In closing, it has come to my attention that some of these Phonies are being avouched for by other Lodge Brothers when they visit some of the different Lodges in their District, so be aware, of the evil they are trying to perpetrate on you and ask for the credentials, look it up on the List of Lodges and examine the individual to make sure that he is a true and legitimate Mason and NOT A PHONY.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted, I remain your most humble servant,
 Jorge L. Aladro, Grand Master

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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DISCOURSE

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 "Who can best work and best agree"
 Dear Brothers:

As society has changed and the world of political correctness fell on society in order to create an even shade of gray, that everyone can feel comfortable we have eliminated a lot of the lines that for centuries defined right and wrong and allowed the unacceptable to become acceptable and although it may have done some good in small places, it has perpetrated a greater evil among all of us.

The example of the French tragedy is definitely apparent; this Institution with just a couple years shy of its first centennial has Disintegrated from within by so called Brothers that seek self-aggrandizement, control and titles and the worst thing of all is that there are those Brothers that follow the marching orders without missing a beat like the piper in the children stories, only to sad to say that in our case it is real. An almost century old institution has been destroyed in about 3 or 4 years, never to return to its former glory, if it ever survives the petty politics. The Brethren demanded outside influences to solve their problems as if the outside world of politics has done so many great things that we needed the assistance of politicians.

Already the Craft has divided itself into many splinter groups, all claiming to be the real thing, the only problem I see is that they have not yet learned the lessons from the tragedy that has just happened. Masonry is not to be treated in such disregard, we must be careful when these people come knocking at our doors for recognition that they are given the same scrutiny we give our candidates, a thorough investigation remembering that our greatest weakness is when we let a candidate or so called new group into the midst of Regular Grand Lodges.

My Brothers, some of this is happening at our back door, we have so many phony Lodges and/or Masons in our state and Brothers that are so quick to threaten with law suits when things do not go their way that sometimes I feel ashamed that they are called Masons. We have Brothers in our Lodges that are relatively new and others that have been in the