

The Trestleboard Key



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From the Master's Pen

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Here we are again at the beginning of another month, and as I look out at the changing of the leaves and the fall colors, I am ever reminded of the change that is happening in our Fraternity. As many of you reading this realize, we are in the process of a dues increase. While this subject is never easy to broach, I do appreciate all the Brethren who were at the October meeting and voiced their opinions concerning the need we have to be sure to keep our temple alive and to be able to afford the things that we do as Masons. It was a great meeting, filled with discussions on all sides of the proposed dues increase by the committee. We will be having the vote at the November stated communication and I encourage all Brethren to attend or to contact the Lodge Secretary to make his feelings and opinions known. Change is never easy, but sometimes it has to come. Even if it comes with a price.

We will be having our 100 Master Masons Degree and Festive Board on Saturday, November 19. We will open the Lodge at 1:00 PM and then the sitting Worshipful Masters of Northwest Arkansas' Lodges will be assuming the stations to confer the degree. It should be a lot of fun to see everyone here in our Lodge as we confer this Masters Degree.

November Events

November 1
Stated Meeting
7:30 PM

November 15
Family Night
Turkey!

Rainbow Girls
2nd & 4th
Monday at
7:00 PM

DeMolay
1st & 3rd
Monday at
7:00 PM

November 19
100 Master
Masons Degree
and Festive Board
1:00 PM
Price for Meal:
\$10.00

Once the first section is completed, the officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas will be assigning parts for the second section. When we have closed the Lodge, we will retire to the fellowship hall for a traditional festive board. The cost for the plated five course meal will be \$10.00 per person. Invite all of your Master Mason Brethren to attend. This should be a lot of fun, and a great way to increase participation between the Lodges of District I of the MWGL of Arkansas.

As always, I thank you for your support and work in our beloved Fraternity. You are the face of Freemasonry in the community and it is you that make our Fraternity a complete, vital and important part of the World. Thank you!

Did You Know . . .

The Commissioner of Patents In 1872 ruled that the Masonic Square and Compasses emblem could not be used in any trademark or trade name for commercial purposes. "The Truth is Stranger than Fiction," by Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association, 1967. However, the first registered livestock brand in Montana was the Square and Compasses dating back to before May 25, 1872 when brands were first registered. It is still in use today. "Wisconsin Masonic Journal".

St. John's Chapel, Edinburgh, Scotland is said to be the oldest Masonic Lodge Room (1736) in the world. The oldest known Lodge Room in the U.S. is situated in Prentiss House, Marble head, Massachusetts (1760). The oldest Masonic Lodge Building is the Lodge Hall of Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2, Halifax, North Carolina (1771). "The Truth is Stranger than Fiction," by Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association, 1967.

Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is. "Fraternal Review", Southern California Research Lodge F&AM.