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Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

MAY 2009

850 HORACE BROWN DRIVE • MADISON HEIGHTS, MI 48071

James McPherson, Worshipful Master

Bro. Wisley

Seeks Grand Lodge Office

W.B. Richard Wisley P.M. announced plans to run for the office of Worshipful Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The formal nomination was made by Brother Larry Galloway P.M. at the monthly communication held on May 7, 2009. The Lodge unanimously approved the resolution and pledged its full support of Brother Wisley's bid.

Northwood Ancient Craft has never had a brother elected to a Grand Lodge officers position. This will truly be an honor for the Lodge if W.B. Wisley attains his goal.

W.B. Wisley's vision is that Freemasonry will continue to be recognized not only as a relevant but the premier fraternal organization through the 21st Century with membership growing among good men of our evolving diverse society.

Bro. Wisley wishes to contribute his life experiences to serve the craft by providing compassionate leadership that enables the fraternity that



Elaine and Richard Wisley

he loves to prosper and to continue attracting and maintaining good men of high character and principles.

W.B. Wisley believes that while our great fraternity is facing challenging times, he knows that we are up to meeting the challenges and believes that the best days of Michigan Freemasonry are still ahead of us.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES

MAY

5-07 Thu Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting (B) 7:00 p.m.

5-14 Thu F.C. Degree Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

5-21 Thu F.C. Degree - Officers (T) 7:00 p.m.

5-28 Thu Social Night (C) 7:00 p.m.
Chili Challenge

JUNE

6-02 - 6-03 Grand Lodge - Grand Rapids, MI

6-04 Thu Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting (B) 7:00 p.m.

6-11 Thu M.M. Degree Rehersal 7:00 p.m.

6-18 Thu M.M. Degree (T) Open Lodge 6:30 p.m.
Meal Break & Presentation 7:30 p.m.
Second Section - Degree Team 8:30 p.m.

6-25 Thu Annual Picnic 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Public Welcome
Fire Dept. Invited. Weight Loss Weigh-In

JULY

Lodge Is Dark

AUGUST

8-20 Welcome Back Picnic 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
& Corn Roast - Public Welcome
Finish of Weight Loss Contest with
the Weigh-Out

SEPTEMBER

9-03 Thu Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Business (B) 7:00 p.m.
Officers moving up in position

Dates and times are subject to change. Check website for up to date info.
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Personal Background:

- Resident of Troy, Michigan.
- Married for 38 years with three children.
- Member of United Methodist Church.

Education:

- Bachelor Science Degree Mechanical Engineering, Wayne State University.
- Licensed Professional Engineer, State of Michigan.

Military Service: U.S. Army 1965-1967

Work Experience: Retired General Motors Corporation "Program Engineering Manager"

Masonic Background:

- Order of DeMolay, Redford Chapter
- Past Master Northwood Ancient Craft Lodge No. 551
- Royal Oak Chapter No. 167, R.A.M.
- Detroit Commandery No. 1
- St. Clements Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.
- Michigan College, Societas Rosicruciana.
- Thistle & Rose Council No. 27, Allied Masonic Degrees.
- Moslem Temple Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.
 - Chairman Hospital Paper & Plaque Fund Drive 1995-1997 & 1999-2003.
 - Moslem Trustee 2000-2004.
 - Past President Rochester Shrine Club.
- Royal Order of Jesters, Detroit Court No. 28
- Past Most Wise Master for the AASR, Valley of Detroit.
 - Governor for 32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children since 2001.
 - Chairman of the Board for 32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children from 2003-2006.
 - Trustee from 2004-2006.
 - Meritorious Service Award

33^o and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

If you have any questions for him,
please feel free to call at 248-703-6337
or Email him at wisefive@wowway.com.

From the East

Is it SPRING?

At last, warm weather (hurray!), green leaves (hurray!), no snow (hurray!), grass to mow (hmmm?), mosquitoes (ugh?), tornadoes (duck?). I guess we can now start to look forward to Fall!

Several of us had the pleasure of touring the Masonic Temple in Detroit on Saturday, April 25th. Bert, our tour guide, took us through many of the amazing rooms within the temple and shared with us his incredible knowledge of the old building. Our Lodge was represented by Gerald Brown, Phil Leese, Ray Doyscher, Dick Wisely, Jamie Nunnery and myself. Jamie also brought his wife and several friends.

We were pleasantly surprised to learn that Dick Wisley is seeking to run for the office of Grand Marshall in the Grand Lodge line. A few of us met with Dick on April 23 to assist him in putting together a mailing to the other Michigan Lodges. W.B. Larry Galloway officially nominated Bro. Wisley at the May meeting and the Lodge unanimously passed a resolution of nomination and support.. Dick is a Past Master of our Lodge and has done much to help us over the years.

We are going to try something new at our May 28th Social Night. A "Chili Cook-Off"! I am asking any Lodge Brother with an ounce or more of kitchen pride to bring us a taste of their chili. Let it be sweet or let it be hot ... as long as it's good. There will be a prize for the best chili maker.....a Howie Damron CD entitled "Hiram's Call". Bro.Gerald Brown, a

From The West

Brothers.....

Spring is in full swing and summer just around the corner. As the grass and trees turn green, you are, no doubt, itching to get outside and enjoy the weather and start your lawn and gardening chores. Brothers...don't just think green, try thinking BLUE... as in Blue Lodge! Our Worshipful Master has a full schedule of Degree work and social events for May and June. Please join us so we may enjoy a little brotherly love and friendship before the Lodge goes dark for the summer. So think BLUE ! Check the

chef of renown, threw out a challenge to W.B. Don House and all comers to beat his entry. Bro. Brown, in good humor, added that Bro. House was not allowed to use his Gordon's Food Service recipe.

We will have our annual Spring Picnic and weight-loss weigh-in on June 25th. Bring your family and friends. We are hoping the Fire Department will be there again. This is one of our events that we strongly encourage family attendance; especially children! We need some entertainment ideas for those attending. Give me a call if you have something. Ron Aldridge and Phil Leese are promoting a weight-loss contest that starts at this picnic and ends with a weigh-out at our Fall Corn Roast on August 20th. Those of "us" that need to lose some weight will have fun with the competition. The entrant pays a \$20 entry fee. The person with the biggest percentage of weight loss at the Fall Corn Roast splits the purse 50/50 with the Lodge.

The Lodge will be "Dark" through July and most of August. On August 20th we will be putting on another Fall Corn Roast at the Lodge.

We have a NEW Entered Apprentice in our Lodge: Andrew Martinez. Andrew had his Entered Apprentice Degree on April 16th and is scheduled for his Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees soon Keep an eye on our Lodge's Calendar and please come out to watch and participate in the degree work.

On the Level,
Jim McPherson, W.M.

Trestleboard calendar for the dates of upcoming events. Remember that our website, www.nac551.com has the most up-to-date calendar reflecting any changes that occur after the Trestleboard is printed.

Join the Officers of the Lodge for some quality ritual work.

On the level
Art Gustafson P.M.
Senior Warden

Bro. Roy Prince Receives Scouting Award



Bro. Roy Prince and his wife, Beth Ann, were the 2009 recipients of the Boy Scouts of America Northridge District Award of Merit for their work with Troop 1615. In presenting the award, the Troop Committee noted that the Princes "dedication to Scouting has distinguished them among the most devoted volunteers of the Northridge District. The commitment they both display to the youth in scouting, the Community and their religion demonstrate that they both promote and live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. "

The District Award of Merit is awarded to volunteers in a District who render outstanding and noteworthy service beyond the expectations of their Scouting position. Additionally, a recipient normally has in excess of five years of service to Scouting.

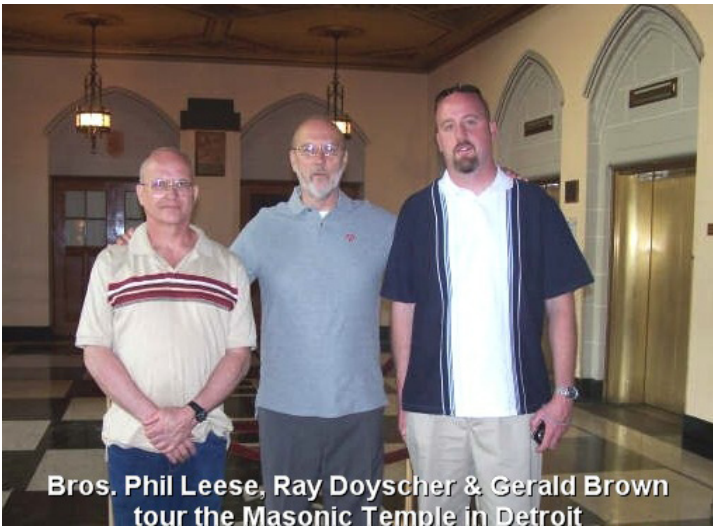
Northwood Ancient Craft Lodge 551 FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARKING LOT

**Thursday, June 25, 2009
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Madison Heights Masonic Temple
850 Horace Brown Drive**

**HAVEN'T ATTENDED IN A WHILE.....THIS IS THE PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY TO GET REACQUAINTED. BRING A FRIEND
BRING A PROSPECTIVE MASON. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT.**

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Bros. Phil Leese, Ray Doyscher & Gerald Brown tour the Masonic Temple in Detroit



Bro. Matthew Fredericks receives his Bible from Ray Doyscher after completing his Master Mason Degree

MASONIC MILITARY UPDATE



Bro. Jason Ceaser and his USMC unit in Iraq

Brother Sgt. Jason Ceaser, U.S.M.C. recently emailed the Lodge to give his brothers an update on the war in Iraq. Bro. Jason is attached to a Border Transition Team at a Border Fort near the Syrian border. He said all is well. His unit is charged with working with the Iraqis to protect the borders and prevent smuggling. He is pictured above with his unit – front row – far left.

Bro. Jason can be reached by email at the following:

jasonceaser@yahoo.com

GIGANTIC BENEFIT GARAGE & YARD SALE

AUGUST 1 & 2, 2009 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

2422 Yale Avenue, Royal Oak

WANTED

Gently used or unused items that need a new home. Have you done your spring cleaning and found stuff you don't need, use or want anymore? Please consider donating those items that could use a new home and are in good condition to Northwood Ancient Craft Lodge 551 for our Almost Annual Gigantic Garage & Yard Sale at W.B. Ray Doyscher's house. Drop it off or call for a pick-up within a few miles of Ray's.

The proceeds from this year's sale will be donated to the Royal Oak Masonic Temple Board. We will need help the day before the sale, the days of the sale, and the day after to do set-up, price items, sell merchandise and clean up. Here is a great opportunity to help your Lodge and enjoy Masonic camaraderie. Of course, there will be an opportunity to find great BARGAINS.

Bro. Ray's house is located 2 blocks N. of 10 Mile (Lincoln) and just W. of Stephenson Hwy – between Wellesley and Stephenson in Royal Oak. There will be plenty of signs.

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