

TRESTLEBOARD

Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

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Arthur Gustafson, Worshipful Master



Emeritus Tiler Jack Parkin

It was with great appreciation that on October 6, 2011, at a regular business meeting of Northwood Ancient Craft 551, the award of "Emeritus Tiler" was bestowed upon Brother and Past Master Jack E. Parkin. In recognition, Jack was presented with a plaque.

For many years Brother Jack has been an integral member of our Lodge. During this time he has served in many capacities. For the past few years he has served honorably as the Tiler of our Lodge.

In addition to his specific Tiler duties, he has worked with many new candidates to prepare them for their degrees in Masonry.

Thank You Jack



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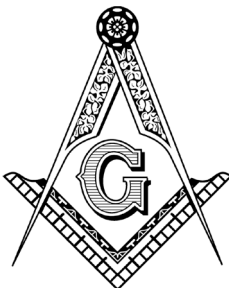
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FROM THE EAST



Brothers, as the end of the year approaches us, and as the Holiday Season is just around the corner, I am looking forward to a busy stellar finish for the year. Our Lodge has a Fellowcraft Degree in November and a Master Mason Degree scheduled for December. December also brings us the election of officers for 2012. Please remember our Annual Children's Christmas Party. Check the posted Lodge Activities for a date and a time.

Next, I would like to thank everyone who helped me with my duties as Lodge Master these past two years. For this I am eternally grateful. Throughout this time your support and hard work continually showed me the true meaning of being a Mason.

In closing, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you as your Worshipful Master. Hopefully, some of my efforts made our Lodge a bit stronger.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Art Gustafson, Worshipful Master

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #1

** CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION ** - Year after year we hear folks say that our Christmas Party is the best. We'll have a clown, Santa Claus, and a ton of holiday spirit. Please note :

- 1:30pm Social time
- 2:00pm Lunch is served. Bring a dish for pot luck. We'll serve chicken and hot dogs, bread, chips, and ice cream.
- 3:00pm Balloon Clown entertainment
- 3:30pm Santa arrives

*Bring a \$5 gift, wrapped with your child's name on it.
The Lodge will reimburse you for that expense.

We're all looking forward to a wonderful gathering !!!!!

SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #2

Please join us for our Master Mason Degree at our Temple on December 15th, 7pm. We'll have the Oakland Degree Team in for the second section

MASONIC HUMOR

A small Lodge had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied "a beer". At this juncture the W.M. being startled whispered "light" to the candidate. "OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."

EDUCATIONAL REPORT FROM THE SENIOR DEACON

The Master Mason Degree in the Bible

The book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus is part of the apocrypha of Deuterocanonical books of the Old Testament. Not all Bible editions contain these books. The book was written by a man named Joshua (or Jesus) and contains traditional Jewish wisdom along with subjects of religious, moral, and practical nature.

In the 25th chapter verse 1 the author says this: "... Things in which I take special delight—things that are beautiful to the Lord and man alike: brothers who get along with each other."

This statement sounds very much like what is in the Trowel Presentation from the working tools which is: "...that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention or rather, emulation of who best can work or best agree."

Further on in chapter 27 verses 16-18, the author goes on to say, "If you repeat secrets that have been told to you, you are destroying the confidence others have in you, and you will never have a close friend. Respect your friends, and keep faith with them. If you do betray a friend's confidence, you may as well forget you have a friend. You have killed that friendship just as surely as if you had taken a weapon and killed an enemy."

In our Master Mason Obligation we promise and swear to "Keep a Brother Master Mason's secret inviolate, when communicated to and received by me as such, murder and treason excluded." We are dependable, men of honor, on whom we can rely to be faithful fellows and loyal friends.

Submitted by Brother Mitchell Urbanski

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LODGE ACTIVITIES

November 2011

11-03 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner Regular Communication	6:00pm 7:00pm
11-10 Thurs.	FC Degree Practice	7:00pm
11-17 Thurs.	FC Degree Officers: tuxedo	7:00pm
11-24 Thurs.	Dark – Happy Thanksgiving	

December 2011

12-01 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner Regular Communication Election of Officers for 2012	6:00pm 7:00pm
12-04 Sunday	Children's Christmas Party	1:30-4:00pm
12-08 Thur.	Installation of Officers and Annual Memorial Service Masons only	7:00pm
12-15 Thur.	Master Mason Degree Officers Tuxedo	7:00pm
12-22 Thur.	Dark	
12-25 Sunday	Merry Christmas to Everyone	
12-29 Thur.	Dark	

January 2012

1-01 Sunday	Happy New Year	
1-05 Thur.	Potluck Dinner Regular Communication	6:00pm 7:00pm

Visit our website for more information and for possible date changes and updates - www.NAC551.com

HOSPITALER'S LIST OF THOSE RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS AND INJURY

W.M, Art Gustafson: When asked recently how his replacement knee was feeling, W.B. Art replied with a big smile, "Great!". Enough said! We are happy.

W.B. Jim Sparks: Jim fell and hurt his foot while showering in preparation for the Eastern Star 100th Installation ceremony on Oct. 29th. Jim's report to us four days later, "It is not broken, only sprained. I'm getting around OK, just not real fast." Please be more careful W.B. Jim

Contact the WM or Secretary if you have news related to illness, et cetera of someone in our Masonic family.


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