

TRESTLEBOARD

Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL 2014

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Larry Bullock, Worshipful Master

A WORD FROM THE EAST

Brother's on March 27, the Officer's of Northwood Ancient Craft #551 will be holding a Rusty Nail Degree. This degree is put in place as a means of again acquainting those Brother's who have not been in attendance for a while in the signs, tokens and words of the three degrees. This degree will also make it easier for those to gain admittance into any regular Lodge they may wish to attend. This night will be a great way also to get reacquainted with Brothers you have sat in Lodge with as well as meeting our newest member's. I for one am especially eager to meet the Brothers that I have heard so much about. So please, come enjoy an evening of learning and Brotherly Love. Food will also be served this evening so please let me know so that enough food can be provided. You can contact me either by phone (586) 757-0142 (I have a voice mail so please leave message if I am away) or by email @lbull46@yahoo.com. Looking forward to hearing from you. Brothers just a reminder, always go to our website NAC551.com for updates to scheduled events. Contents for Calendar events are always subject to change. Also it is encouraged to join our Yahoo Groups Page by following the directions found on our Website.



Sincerely, Larry Bullock WM

Greeting from the West!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season, and are managing to stay warm during the cold spells we have been undergoing. Good thing for us that the warmth of the fraternal fellowship in lodge is enough to overpower the cold.

We have a number of up coming activities for family and for brothers. Please come out to support your lodge. If you need a ride, please let someone know and we will see what we can do to assist.

Fraternally, Mark Stiles, SW

FROM THE SOUTH –

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to congratulate Worshipful Brother Larry Bullock and the Northwood-Ancient Craft officers on a wonderful installation. Truly a great start to what will be a great year. The instructional nights are an excellent opportunity to expand one's Masonic knowledge on the details that make the lodge work. They are also a good time. I strongly encourage all Brothers to attend.

On the Level, John Kashner JW, PM

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**SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #1

Our Worshipful Master has set up an impressive calendar for the next 3 months. Our social evenings will be either work sessions (degree and ritual practices) or Masonic entertainment gatherings. Please refer to the calendar and website to stay current and regular in attendance. OF URGENT NOTICE: DON'T MISS W.B. JIM McPHERSON'S PRESENTATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PROFOUND MASONIC HISTORY ON FEBRUARY 13, 7PM.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #2

It is true, we proudly accept the reputation and honor of putting out the finest ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER this side of the Mississippi. Our success comes from a "secret" ingredient revealed to us from another local service fraternity, the K. of C. (And yes, we do keep our "secret" secret.) Enjoy our culinary-work-of-wonder on MARCH 13 from 4-7pm. \$10 tickets will be sold at the door. INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR EXTRA FUN!!

** Brethren, help is needed with cooking, set-up, serving, and clean-up. To offer help call the WM or Jim Sparks. **

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #3

Don't overlook one of our Lodge's most precious traditions, a potluck dinner before each 1st Thursday of the month Lodge Business Meeting. You can bring your lady to join us. The ladies can visit while the Lodge is in session and then socialize with the guys again after Lodge. We call our ladies "The Ladies Auxiliary" and we appreciate their presence more than we can express. Our Pot Luck Dinner is a bring-a-dish to share dinner at 6pm.

GOOD ADVICE FROM THE 1850'S

This statement is from a prolific writer and Masonic scholar. It expresses advice that we all need.

TOO FAST

Many of our most accomplished Masons do their work and lecturing too fast... We believe in "memorizing" one's part, but not in repeating it as if from memory. The nearer it sounds like extemporizing the more impressive it will be to the candidate. Avoid the error, then, of working too fast. From: The American Freemason (1854) by Rob Morris, PGM of GL of Kentucky 1858-9.

MASONIC QUIZ

Who said it? (Answer on the back page)

"...sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness and these are the wages of a Mason."

SICK AND DISTRESSED REPORT

Bro. Ed Rorick- is recovering from a mild heart attack and assures us that he will follow his doctor's advice to stay healthier. Bro. Ed, no more cigarettes for you.

WB Donald Novak- just had his 4th back surgery. Bro. Don, we sure hope that this time you will return to the physical form that you had as a 16 year old.

WB Larry Bullock- is now just recovering from the flu. WB Larry, please note that people who are dehydrated experience the worst flu symptoms and that beer is 96% water. (Just a thought!)

SPECIAL MEMORIES FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITY

Please remember that our beautiful Masonic Temple dining room is available for special occasion celebrations at a reasonable rental fee. The proceeds from rentals help fund the maintenance of the Temple. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are often available. Advanced reservations are necessary. Contact Jim Sparks for further information.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

February 2014

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| 2-06 | Thurs. | Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share | 6:00pm |
| | | Regular Communication | 7:00pm |
| 2-13 | Thurs. | Lecture – GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
PROFOUND MASONIC HISTORY-
Jim McPherson *Guests invited* | 7:00pm |
| 2-20 | Thurs. | FC Degree Practice | 7:00pm |
| 2-27 | Thurs. | Social and/or Practice | 7:00pm |

March 2014

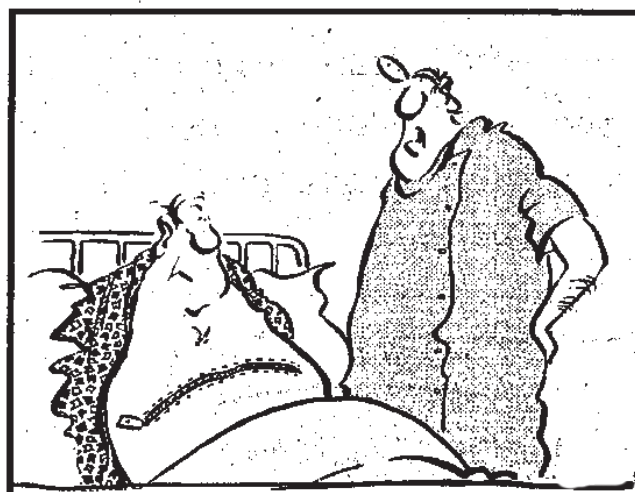
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| 3-06 | Thurs. | Potluck Dinner – bring a dish-to-share | 6:00pm |
| | | Regular Communication | 7:00pm |
| 3-13 | Thurs. | Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner | 5-8:00pm |
| | Thurs. | Ladies Night Out – see website for details | |
| | Thurs. | Rusty Nail Degree | 7:00pm |

April 2014

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| 4-03 | Thurs. | Potluck Dinner – bring a dish-to-share | 6:00pm |
| | | Regular Communication | 7:00pm |
| 4-10 | Thurs. | Memorial Service review and practice | 7:00pm |
| 4-17 | Thurs. | MM Degree practice | 7:00pm |
| 4-24 | Thurs. | Movie-Robinhood
becomes a Freemason | 7:00pm |

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

MASONIC HUMOR




...SO, WHEN WE REALIZED THAT
YOUR OBLIGATION WAS NOT IN
VIOLATION, I CLIMBED UP THE
HIGHEST PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE
TOOK IT DOWN AND PUT IT BACK IN.

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