

# **TRESTLEBOARD**

## **Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551**

DECEMBER 2013 / JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

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**John Kashner, Worshipful Master**

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### ***FROM THE EAST***

Brothers,

As we near the end of another year, I would like to thank all of you who had the confidence in me to elect me Worshipful Master. This has truly been a personal high point me.

I would also like to THANK the ladies behind the Brothers. For without your help and support we could not have accomplished the great things we did.

It is my observation that we in Northwood-Ancient Craft are blessed with a wonderful mix of tradition and youth that will more than be capable of propelling our Lodge into the future, strong and vital.

In closing, thank you again from the bottom of my heart for this great honor. I hope in some way I have had a positive effect.

Sincerely and On The Level  
John D. Kashner WM



### ***"A Word from the West"***

What Will it Take

Over the past year, as I sit in Lodge, I see the number of members beginning to decline. We have over 200 members in our Lodge. A small number of our members actually live out of state. Some member's live far from our Lodge. Some member's are now older and have medical conditions or are caring for loved ones, which prevent them from attending Lodge. Some member's have started families and are making that a priority and some member's have jobs that require them to work nights. There are also those that have other obligations the night our Lodge meets. These reasons's make up a very small fraction of our membership. So I ask myself, why is there not more participation? As your newly elected Worshipful Master, this question is very important to me. How can we increase the number of member's that attend Lodge?

As you all at some point have attended Lodge, you all know that we vote on some important issues. Some motions proposed and supported actually affect people's lives. The assistance we give to those in need fill my heart with joy knowing that we are helping to change lives for the better.

The causes we chair, such as the Child I.D. Protection Program, The Books for Bikes Program are some other ways Our Lodge helps people. To look into the eyes of those parents and to see how appreciative they are for these programs is reward enough.

Our Lodge, Your Lodge accomplishes some amazing things with the small number of people we have that do participate. It makes me wonder, how much more we could accomplish with even more member's participating.

So I ask you What Will it Take. What can we do to change things that would make you come and join your Brethren? I really want to know. As your newly nominated Worshipful Master, my door will always be open to you and all inquiries and questions answered. Let me know your thoughts and help me make Northwood Ancient Craft 551 the best Lodge in the State of Michigan. Contact me at (586) 757-0142 (home phone) or via email at lbull46@yahoo.com any time.

Sincerely,  
Larry BullockLarry Bullock

### ***FROM THE SOUTH***

Greetings from the South,

The year is drawing to a close and it has been a fun year with lots of fellowship. Thanks to all of the Brothers who have helped out in the degrees, at the dinners, and every thing else. We have a great bunch of Brothers in NAC. See you at the installation, if not before.

Mark Stiles, Junior Warden

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## \*\*SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #1

\*\*\*\*\* IT IS CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME AGAIN !!! \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* DECEMBER 1ST \*\*\*\*

For you and your family (for all of the young a heart). Please plan to be a part of the party. We will supply – beverages, baked chicken, hot dogs, chips and --- some fun and entertainment. Santa is even making an early trip to visit us !!

1:30 pm – Lunch is served. Bring a dish-to-share for the table.

Bring a \$5 gift for each child. (We will reimburse you – thanks for shopping for us!) Wrap each gift and put the child's name on it for Santa's gift bag.

Make reservation by NOVEMBER 29th to Ray Doyscher 248-545-7443 or [rwdoyischer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwdoyischer@sbcglobal.net)

## \*\*SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #2

This year's installation of officers will be open to the public. Invite friends, neighbors, relatives and potential candidates to join us this evening. WB Ray Doyscher will be acting Grand Master installing Brother Larry Bullock as our new Worshipful Master. Other officers will advance in the "officer line". It is a heart-warming tradition to witness this very distinctive and impressive ceremony, Check our website- [nac551.com](http://nac551.com) for further details.

## \*\*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.

## \*\*SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #4

### TO OUR BRETHREN WHO VISIT LAS VEGAS

On a recent trip to Las Vegas (sometimes called Lost Wages), I had the distinct privilege to visit with W. Brother James T. Green, secretary of Nellis Lodge #46, F&AM. He assured me that Masons visiting Las Vegas are welcome to all fraternal functions of his lodge and are always warmly received. He also mentioned that degree work was common. Look here at his business card if you travel to Las Vegas and enjoy visiting out-of- state lodges. Fraternally, Bro. Ray Doyscher PM



JAMES T. GREELY, P.M.

SECRETARY

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## REPORT FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Brethren, please consider the following,  
If a master builder is given a hammer, a saw, and a square,  
he has the potential of building a house, a building, or  
maybe even a temple. But if he decides to leave these tools  
in his tool bag, and never uses them at all, any potentially  
positive result of their being put to use is lost.

At Northwood-Ancient Craft, we are fortunate to  
have three very powerful communication tools in our  
Lodge's tool bag. These tools are available to you 24-7.  
They are state of the art in nature, and, via the Internet,  
are ready to communicate your voice in the process at  
your convenience. These tools are our Lodge web site,  
our newly formed Yahoo group, and our Facebook page.  
Whether used separately, or playing off each other, they can  
be a powerful force to smooth our operations, promote our  
events, create interest in our Lodge, and hopefully increase  
our membership. It's up to you to either use them, or leave  
them in the tool bag.

What can you do as a member to improve the situation?  
Start off by consulting our Lodge web site at least twice a  
week to update yourself on any new events or scheduling  
changes, and responding to RSVP requests for Lodge event  
registrations. Second, join our newly formed Yahoo Group  
by clicking on the Yahoo Group link shown on our web  
site in the left hand column. Third, our Facebook page  
is controlled by Brother Toma, and we will be working  
with him in the near future on making that page more  
effective in promoting better interaction between all of  
our communication tools.

On the level, and at your service,  
Ed Rorick, Webmaster  
<http://nac551.com>

## MASONIC QUIZ

Who said it? (Answer on the back page)

"Although I hold the highest civil honor in the world, I have  
always regarded my rank and title as a Past Grand Master  
of Masons as the greatest honor that has ever come to me..  
I value it above all others

## SICK AND DISTRESSED REPORT

Brothers, be sure to have someone contact our Secretary  
Jim Sparks if you have a health concern, need assistance  
from the lodge brethren, or know of someone who is in  
our Lodge family who is in distress.

## LODGE ACTIVITIES

### December 2013

12-01 Sun.	Christmas Party	1:30 pm
	See Announcement #11:30pm	
12-05 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
12-12 Thurs.	Installation Practice	7:00pm
12-19 Thurs.	Social and EA Practice	7:00pm
12-21 Sat.	New Officer Installation	6:00pm
12-26 Thurs.	Dark	

### January 2014

1-02 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
1-09 Thurs.	Officers Meeting/Audit Books/Social	7:00pm
1-16 Thurs.	EA Degree Practice	7:00pm
1-23 Thurs.	EA Degree	7:00pm
1-30 Thurs.	Social	7:00pm

### February 2014

2-06 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
2-13 Thurs.	Ladies Night Out (to be announced)	

Visit our website for more information and for possible  
date changes and updates - [www.NAC551.com](http://www.NAC551.com)

## MASONIC HUMOR



## 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.

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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