

TRESTLEBOARD

Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

MAY / JUNE / JULY 2014

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Larry Bullock, Worshipful Master

A WORD FROM THE EAST

Brother's, as we are winding down the first half of our year and preparing for Lodge to go dark, I urge you to periodically take a look at the Trestle Board. There are upcoming events that have not yet been set up. 1. Annual Corn Roast. 2. Possible Tiger Game Event for the family. 3. Possible Euchre Tournament. Plans for these events are still in the works.



During the months that Lodge is dark, I would ask that you all to consider some things you would like to see at Lodge. I have been inspired by some suggestions that were brought to light such as Brother Jim McPherson's lecture on George Washington and the effects Masonry had on the outcome of the Revolutionary War. This lecture was so well received that Jim was asked to give it at other Lodges. I look forward to Brother Simon McNeilly's lecture on the Third Column of Masonry. I was given a sneak peak and I must say I am really intrigued by his findings. As I have stated before, N.A.C. #551 belongs to all its members. Help us help you become a stronger member in our Lodge.

Sincerely,
Larry Bullock W.M.

BIKES FOR READING PROGRAM

Through the generosity of our Masonic Lodge, 4 Madison Heights Elementary Schools received bikes in a special program to encourage the students to read. Our coordinator for this project, W.B. Jim McPherson, received the following note:

This morning we had our bike raffle for our March is Reading Month readers! The students that won were beyond excited about the bikes and are VERY appreciative! We had one 1st grader, and one 2nd grader, as the winners! Both of their parents were very happy and excited for them as well. Both of these students are very deserving of the bikes. Thank you so very much for donating the bikes and the gift cards for the bike helmets. That was very kind and generous of you and your organization

Have a wonderful day! Lindsay Staskowski, Reading Specialist Hiller Elementary

FROM THE SECRETARY

Our Lodge Secretary, Jim Sparks, is calling for all who are late with their dues payments to be advised that he will not capture your first born child and hold it for ransom if payment is quick in coming. Seriously, if there is a financial problem, the Lodge is always very courteous in understanding but WB Jim must be notified. Phone # 248 544-4613 or email- jsparks848@comcast.net.

FROM THE NORTHERN LIGHT PUBLICATION

CLIQUES

From: "The Northern Light" August 1962

"Word has been received that the lodge is run by a clique. Upon investigation we find that this statement is true.

Furthermore, we find that this clique is composed of faithful members who are present at each meeting; who willingly accept appointment to committees; who freely give of their time to master the ritual; to call upon the sick and to serve in a wide variety of ways.

They are those who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his lodge, the more he gets out of it.

The strange thing about this clique is that it is very easy to get into.

All one needs to do is demonstrate a lively interest in the fraternity, make constructive suggestions and accept responsibilities when asked to do so.

Show a continued interest in all the affairs of the lodge and before you realize it, you will be a member of the clique.... And you will be surprised how very happy they will be to have you!"

LODGE OFFICERS - 2013

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****SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT #1**

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 #2**

Don't miss an intriguing Educational Lecture on Thursday, May 15th. Did you know that there was a 3rd Column in Masonry? Our Senior Deacon, Simon McNeilly, has been researching this story and promises to bring us "new light" in Masonry. It will be interesting.

****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #3**

Help us to solve a problem that all Lodges face. The second section of our MM Degree (the Hiram Abif Play) is probably our most important work and yet most Lodges cannot fill all 24 parts needed. The formation of a Degree Team of players from several local Lodges will solve that problem. Join us for the next Degree Team practice at our Temple at 7pm on May 22nd. You'll be glad you did.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS



WB Jim Sparks honors Bro. Roy after a Scout performance

1. Brother Roy Prince –Silver Beaver and Daniel Carter Beard Awards - Introduced in 1931 by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service. This is the highest leadership award given in the BSA.

Brother Roy is also a recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Award. Named for Masonic Brother Daniel Carter Beard who brought scouting to America. This award is given to a Mason who has demonstrated dedicated service to the young men in the BSA.

NAC 551 Lodge offers its most profound congratulations to Bro. Roy Prince for his high-level achievements.

2. Congratulations to Bro. Mark Stiles Jr. who is receiving a Masters Degree in Biology from Wayne State University at the May 2014 Graduation Ceremony. Bro. Mark, after lots of hard work by you, your Lodge says, "We are proud of you."

MASONIC STORY

Brother to Brother

Some time ago I decided to clean up my kitchen cabinets. They are medium oak (real wood) with a satin finish. Brother Jim McPherson does wood refinishing and repair for a living and he is extremely good at it. I asked Bro. Jim how to do this and he said he owed me a favor and would show me. We cleaned and lightly sanded the wood and then I clear coated it the next day. Now my thirty-year-old cabinets look like new.

There are still really good craftsman these days and Bro. Jim is one of them. I'd like our whole Lodge to know how much his support and his work helped me.

By, Bro. Phil Leese

MASONIC QUIZ

WHO SAID IT? (Answer on the back page)

"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do"

He was the one who, as Territorial Governor in Michigan, named the city of Royal Oak by way of an expedition in 1819.

SICK AND DISTRESSED REPORT

1. WB John Kashner has recently had some foot surgery. He assures us that he will be back at his Junior Warden post as his foot heals. Bro. John, the Lodge brethren miss your numerous stories while you are laid up. Heal fast.

2. Mickey Shelton (wife of WB Guy) was hospitalized for a couple of days early in April and expressed that she missed our pre-Lodge potluck dinner. Following that, both she and Guy came down with flu symptoms. Mickey and Guy, an extra dose of vitamins for the both of you is in order.

3. With much sadness we report the death of Edward Rorick, long-term member of our Lodge and the Moslem Shrine. Bro. Edward passed away on April 12, 2014. He was our Lodge Webmaster and will be much missed.

4. With much sadness we report the death of Mildred Weir, wife of Bro. Jim Weir. Mildred passed away on April 21, 2014. She was a long time member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Ancient Craft Lodge. She will be much missed.

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

May 2014

5-01 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
5-08 Thurs.	Financial Meeting/Social Night	7:00pm
5-15 Thurs.	Presentation: 3 rd Column of Masonry- Hosted by Simon McNeilly	7:00pm
	* Must be a MM to attend	
5-22 Thurs.	MM second session Degree Team Practice	7:00pm
5-29 Thurs.	White Glove/Evergreen Demo./ Social Night	7:00pm

June 2014

6-05 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner – bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
6-12 Thurs.	E.A. Degree Practice	7:00pm
6-19 Thurs.	E.A. Degree (Officers- tuxedo or suit, and white gloves)	7:00pm
6-26 Thurs.	Social Night	7:00pm

July/August 2014

Lodge is dark

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

MASONIC HUMOR



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YOUR LODGE DINNERS ARE.**

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