

TRESTLEBOARD

Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2014

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Larry Bullock, Worshipful Master

A WORD FROM THE EAST

Brethren, as you all know this winter was gruesome and made it difficult for lodges to meet for their regular communications. This year an amendment was passed at Grand Lodge giving the Worshipful Master the power to change the date of their regular communication for the above mentioned reasons. In order to do this; our bylaws will need to be changed. The new bylaw will be ready for our Business Meeting in September. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

Larry Bullock W.M.



CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT



Bro. Mark Gerhard receiving his promotion

Congratulations to Bro. Mark Gerhard on being promoted to Marine Colonel. At a ceremony held on June 6th, Bro. Mark was full of smiles and charm but a sense of great pride still shined through his normal humble disposition. He always makes the brothers in our Masonic fraternity look good.



Bro. Mark Gerhard with other Masons



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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 ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

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. You'll be glad you did.

****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #3**

Bro. Simon McNeilly is scheduled to present his research paper THE THIRD COLUMN OF MASONRY on Saturday the 27th of September to the Michigan Lodge of Research and Instruction at the Stoney Creek Lodge in Rochester, 10am. All are welcome to attend. For details contact Bro. Raymond Doyscher.

MASONIC FUNDRAISER YARD SALE

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our BIG, GIANT YARD SALE a success. We profited over \$3,000. Many hands do make light work. Actually, it was more fun than work. We also picked up 4 petitions, 3 for NAC551, 1 for RO 464. Thanks again to all who helped.

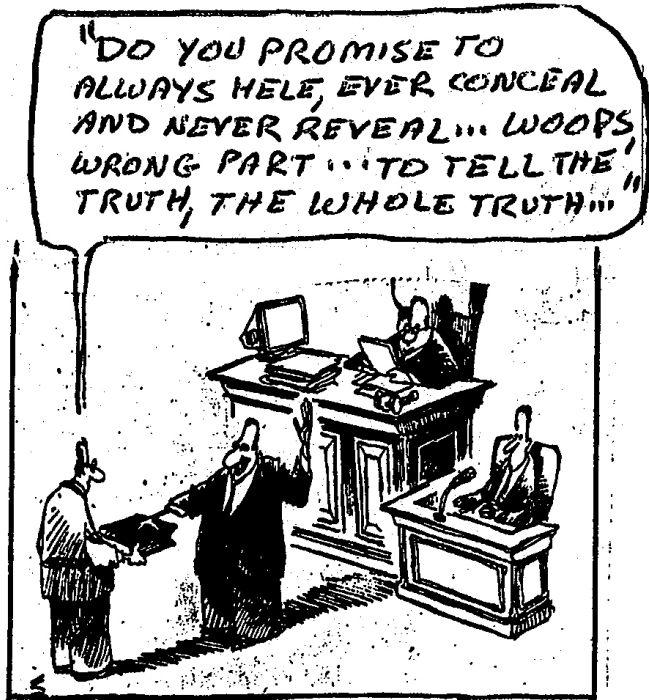


A Masonic State Policeman giving Phil Morell a Masonic grip.



Masonic Yard Sale at its best

MASONIC HUMOR



MASON TO MASON

From: Bro. Ray Doyscher

To: Bro Larry Bullock, Bro. Don House, Bro. Ray Salyer

"Crow tastes terrible. The feathers make it taste even worse"

MASONIC QUIZ

Who said it? (Answer on back page)

"Think positively, act positively, image positivity, pray positively and believe positively."

SICK AND DISTRESSED REPORT

Bro. Don House experienced a round of post-surgery; problems and ended up in the hospital for a time. Don's last report is that he is now on the mend. Bro. Don, does that clear liquid in those quart jars fight infection? Just a thought!

Bro. Mitchell Urbanski reports that he is now feeling well enough to return to Lodge action. It was great to see him, full of smiles and high spirits at our Corn Roast. Bro. Mitchell, our Lodge meeting are way better with you than without you.

Bro. George Staten is suffering the symptoms of gall bladder problems. His wife, Joyce, reports that surgical treatment is forth coming. Bro. George, please get well soon.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

September 2014

9-04 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
9-13 Thurs.	E. A. Degree Practice	7:00p
9-18 Thurs.	E. A. Degree (officers in tuxedos)	7:00pm
9-25 Thurs.	Awards Night	7:00pm

October 2014

10-02 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner – bring a dish-to-share	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
	E. A. Proficiency	
10-09 Thurs.	Fellowcraft Degree Practice	7:00pm
10-16 Thurs.	Fellowcraft Degree (officers in tuxedos)	7:00pm
10-23 Thurs.	E.A. Degree Practice	7:00pm
10-30 Thurs.	E.A. Degree (officers in tuxedos)	7:00pm

November 2014

11-06 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-pass	6:00pm
	Regular Communication	7:00pm
	Election of Officers	
11-13 Thurs.	Fellowcraft Degree (officers in tuxedos)	7:00pm
11-20 Thurs.	MM Degree Practice	7:00pm
11-22 Sat.	MM Degree (officers in tuxedos)	10:00am
	subject to change	
11-22 Thurs.	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

December 2014

12-04 Thurs.	Potluck Dinner-bring a dish-to-pass	6:00pm
12-07 Sun.	Annual Christmas Party (times to follow)	
12-11 Thurs.	Memorial Service	7:00pm
12-18 Thurs.	Installation Practice	7:00pm
12-20 Sat.	Installation Dinner	5:30pm
	Installation	6:30pm
	After-glow following Installation	
12-25 Thurs.	MERRY CHRISTMAS	

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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.

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