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TRESTLE-BOARD

May 2010

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From the "East":

No input this month

From the "West":

Brethren,

I have been thinking that we don't get together much except for Lodge business. I am interested in having some "fellowship events" at the Lodge. I am looking for suggestions that would be suitable for friends and family. I thought we could set up events like a casino night, movie night, pot luck dinner, dart tournaments, etc. I would love to hear your input and have your assistance in setting up events. Feel free to call or drop me a note. Let's have some fun!

To those who were involved in the Shrine Circus I have heard a number of positive comments from the general public. The people I have spoken to seem to have really enjoyed it.

Don't forget Mothers Day is May 9th! I hope to see you all soon. Rick

From the "South":

Rossllyn Chapel

No discussion on Masonic history would be truly complete without a reference to Rossllyn Chapel, situated 5 miles south of Edinburgh and built in 1446 by Sir William St. Clair whose family had deep Templar ancestry and alleged family ties back to Hugues de Payens. Rossllyn Chapel took 40 years to build and is highly embellished with Templar, Enochian and possibly some Masonic imagery. Given that it was constructed in an age when books could be censored or burned, it seems that William St. Clair was intent on leaving permanent and peculiar encoded messages in the fabric of the chapel for posterity.

The chapel contains the astounding "Apprentice Pillar" and numerous other intriguing stone carvings – one, on an external window (the photograph is on this web page) even depicts some form of initiation. Curiously, the official Rossllyn Chapel guidebook states that the William St. Clair, brother of Edward, was granted the Charters of 1630 from the Masons of Scotland, recognizing that the position of Grand Master Mason of Scotland had been hereditary in the St. Clair family since it was granted by James II in 1441, the original charter having been destroyed in a fire. Whilst the relevance of Rossllyn Chapel within Freemasonry is highly controversial, its architectural features and carvings are outstanding and well worth a visit.

All brothers remember we are starting Saturday breakfasts the first Saturday in May, we will need continuing help. Junior Warden

From the Secretary:

I received the request from Grand Lodge to submit a list of the brethren from the Lodge who plan to attend Grand Lodge this year. If you know you are going to, please let me know ASAP. I have to return the list in May, and do not want to wait until the last minute. A simple email works well, just tell me if you are going.

We are fast approaching the halfway point in the year, and we still have too many Brothers who have not paid their dues for the year. I know most of you are tired of reading this, but as the Secretary one of my primary duties is to see that the required dues are collected each year. If there were just a few I would leave it alone, but we 43 Brothers right now that still owe. Just counting the money collected from the mandatory assessment, it would equal \$1290. Add on top of that monies for dues for those still required to pay them, and you can see how it adds up. Just ask the Temple Board how much taxes and insurance are going to run this year, and you will see how vital it is that we submit our dues on time. If you have trouble paying them, please let me know. We are all Brothers and we remember our requirement to help a Brother in need. We have had other Brothers pay extra this year, and through that generosity, we have already covered the dues for a handful of Brothers who did not have the means at this time. Once again to those who helped us take care of the Brothers, thank you.

Highlights of the “Stated”:

- A petition was read for Mr. James Kenaley and for Mr. Kevin Haynes.
- A resolution was read regarding the setting of an annual budget. It was tabled until it could be discussed and rewritten. It will be brought up again at the May Stated meeting.
- The W/M presented a brief report on the Lodge visit to Trinity Lodge in Canada.
- The Secretary read a brief description of the resolutions for Grand Lodge this year, as well as a list of the candidates seeking election to the Grand South.
- The Secretary discussed the upcoming events at Grand Lodge. This included dates, banquets, golf, etc. He also asked that any Brother planning to attend Grand Lodge to please let him know ASAP so that he can submit the requested list to Grand Lodge beforehand.
- VWB Marion Windell, on his official visit as District Deputy, extended greetings from the Grand Master and passed along many excellent points regarding Masonry with a synopsis of the many lectures he has given to the other Lodges in the district.

In Memoriam

Robert A. Dickinson

Raised - Sept. 18th, 1950

Died - April 29th, 2010

May Anniversaries

Charles Martratt	52	Jack Anderson	46
James Ranger	43	Charles Sipes	39
Lanny Kee	38	David Eccles	34
Ronald Griffin	34	Eugene Gilbert	33
Robert Paton	29	Raymond Burton	25
Jack Peterson	25	William Russell	20
Richard Edgecomb	20	Baltazar Reyes	19
Stephen Morach	18	Richard Andrews	8
Eric Medina	4	Fernando Espinoza	3

