



The Trestle Board



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Worshipful Master—David Moran

News From The East

The year 2009 is going to be a busy one at Hiram Lodge #7. In addition to the business of the Lodge, there will be our Bicentennial Celebration as well as major renovation to the Lodge Building. The Bicentennial Celebration is a big deal...very few Lodges have been chartered for 200 years and continuously located in the same building.

The business of Hiram Lodge is to perform duties and satisfy obligations. One of the main duties of a Blue Lodge is to make Master Masons. All other Masonic bodies derive their membership from Master Masons raised in Blue Lodges. So, therefore, we must fulfill our duty to make Master Masons in order for the Masonic movement as a whole to survive and thrive. Another duty of a Blue Lodge is to perform Masonic Funerals and Memorial Services when requested by a Master Mason or his family. Other duties include donations to selected charities; being good stewards of the Lodge's assets and property; and being a good citizen within our community.

Our Chaplin for 2009 is James Newberry. One of James' responsibilities will be coordinate all funeral related activities for Hiram Lodge. Assisting him in this will be our Secretary, Dan Welch. The renovations of our Lodge Building are being managed by the Building Trustees who are Jeff Bailey, Pat Craddock, Ed Atkisson, Bob Canaday and Russ Wharton. We are extremely fortunate at Hiram to have men of this caliber overseeing important Lodge activities. Let's wish them well and help them in any way that they need.

All members of Hiram Lodge should have received a letter from the Bicentennial Celebration Committee. This committee is composed of members of our Lodge as well as members of the Eastern Star and other appending Masonic bodies. As stated in the letter, "Our success is based on the sponsorship, donations and support we receive. Please help us make the Hiram Lodge Bicentennial Celebration a memorable event..." The Committee needs the full support and help from all members of the Lodge. If you would like to make a donation or assist in any way, contact Committee Chairman, John Palmer at John.L.Palmer@comcast.net or at (615) 283-8477.

Our Senior Warden, Larry Davis, along with Tracy Hockensmith of the Eastern Star, will be coordinating this Newsletter during 2009. Larry is also managing our Official Lodge Calendar for the year and in association with our Lodge Webmaster, Jeff Bailey, has put this calendar on our Lodge Website. Go to www.hiram7.net and click on Calendar.

Our Secretary, Dan Welch, will be managing our email list. **If you have an email address and are receiving this Newsletter by regular mail, contact Dan at welchpar@bellsouth.net and ask to be put on the Newsletter email list...it will cost the Lodge much less in postage and effort.**

We are told that in any organization, 100% of the work is done by 20% of the members. Let's beat that statistic at Hiram #7...get involved in your Lodge!

David Moran, WM

Lodge Dates

Feb 3 6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Fellow Craft Degree

Feb 16 6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

Feb 9 6:00pm Stated Meeting

OES Dates

Jan 24 12:00pm Friendship Lunch
2:00pm Friendship Meeting
Feb 10 7:30pm Stated Meeting

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Proposed Hiram Lodge # 7 Bylaws Change To Be Voted On In February

Section 6 as read before change:

The Secretary shall read to the Lodge each year at a stated meeting in September the names of the members whose dues for the lodge's current fiscal year have not been paid or remitted, and charges preferred against such members in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge law, not later than the first stated meeting in November.

Section 6 as to read after change:

The Secretary shall read to the Lodge each year at a stated meeting in April, the names of the members whose dues for the lodge's current fiscal year have not been paid or remitted and charges shall be preferred against such members in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge law, not latter than the first meeting in May.



York Rite News

Eastern Star News

Franklin Chapter #449 will host its annual Friendship meeting in conjunction with Columbia Chapter #287 on Saturday, January 24, 2009. We will begin at noon with a soup and salad luncheon. Franklin members are asked to bring a soup or salad and Columbia members will be furnishing the desserts and drinks. The Friendship meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. Dress is casual and will be held in the Dining Hall.

We will be honoring our 25 and 50 year members, in addition to, Sister Tina Piper (Columbia), Chairman, Christian Scholarship Committee and Sister Beverly Potts, Grand Instructor, District #12.



Donna Isbell and Allan Potts
Worthy Matron and Worthy
Patron

