



The Trestle Board



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Worthy Matron—Tracy Hockensmith Worthy Patron—Michael Albert

Brothers and Sisters,

My how time flies when you're having fun! We can hardly believe that our year is nearly finished. The past year has been filled with some sadness and challenge, but much love and laughter. We had just enough sadness and challenge to make us appreciate the laughter and good times. We could not have asked for more.

I recently had the opportunity to meet a Worthy Matron for the first time and spend some time discussing what it takes to keep people active with the hectic pace of life today. I contributed our success to the following:

Franklin #449 strives to put our individual differences aside and work for the good of the chapter. The overall survival of our chapter depends on all of our officers and members keeping the good of the chapter foremost in our decisions.

Our members are committed to establishing, nourishing and maintaining good relationships with our Masonic brothers at Hiram. We've traditionally supported their functions for the widows. Over the last year, we've provided assistance with their meals for regular events on occasion. We've committed to continuing building our relationships in 2008, as well!

Franklin #449 has not been afraid to try new ways of handling our own events, like offsite Official Visits and heavy appetizers rather than banquets, etc.

Franklin has traditionally been superb in our ritual work and memorization. Let's continue to be the standard of excellence in our ritual work. It is what makes our ceremonies so impressive.

Our hope for the Chapter in the upcoming year is to remember the advice of Teddy Roosevelt, who said:

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

Thank you for your support in 2007!

Tracy Hockensmith & Michael Albert

Lodge Dates

- Feb. 25** 6:00-8:00pm Civil War Degree Team Practice
- Feb. 26** 6:00pm -Dinner
6:30 pm—Master Mason Degree
- Mar. 3** 6:00-8:00 pm Bicentennial Committee Meeting
- Mar. 13** 6:00 pm—Dinner
6:30 pm-Fellowcraft Degree
- Mar. 17**—7:00pm Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

- Feb. 28**—6:30pm—KTEF Chili Cook-Off
- Mar. 10**—6:00pm—Stated Meeting

OES Dates

- Feb. 23**—7:00pm—School of Instruction at Rock City Chapter (Members and Officers bring finger food)
- Feb. 24**—2-4pm—Proficiency & Pizza in the Dining Hall
- Mar. 11**—6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Stated Meeting & Elections
- Mar. 22**—2:00pm Installation

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Special Election News

David Moran was elected to the vacant office of Senior Warden and Larry Davis as Junior Warden at our February stated meeting. New officer appointments include Bill Schwartz, Tiler; Dale Pewitt, Junior Deacon; Craig Feldner, Senior Deacon; Jim Darnell, Senior Steward and Junior Steward will be announced at a later date. Russ Wharton and Pat Craddock were appointed as Building Trustees through the 2008 term.

Please remember the Alvin Sledge and Skeet Winstead in your prayers as they recover from surgery.



York Rite News



As you may know, DePayens Commandery has established a reputation of contributing in excess of \$5.00 per member every year to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Last year was no exception, as we held a most successful Chili Cook-off as our fundraising supper. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 pm at Hiram Lodge in the Dining Room. All members of the Franklin Masonic bodies are encouraged to bring a pot of chili and enter the competition. Prizes will be awarded by votes cast by those in attendance. This is a great time to enjoy a sampling lots of different chili, as well as, having a good time and raising money for a good cause. Tickets are \$3.50 each.

Eastern Star News



All officers and members are asked to attend the School of Instruction at Old Hickory Chapter at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 23. Let's me the chapter with the most members in attendance.

Election of 2008 Officers will take place at our March stated meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 pm. We will have a pot luck supper prior to our meeting at 6:30 pm.

Open Installation of the 2008 Officers will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 2:00 pm.