



The Trestle Board



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Observations from the East

Brethren,

We have had a lot of activity in the beginning months of 2008. Without going into a lot of detail I will list our current activities and events going on.

Hiram Scholarship: Scholarship applications are now being received and the deadline for submittal is April 25, 2008. We will be awarding our usual scholarships with the possibility of awarding several additional small scholarships. If you know someone in need who could benefit from a scholarship I encourage you to go to our website and download an application form.

The Building Maintenance Committee: The committee is moving forward with several projects. This year's committee chairman is Craig Feldner, secretary is John Sylva.

Jim Howard has agreed to head up the Worshipful Master Picture Project which some of you may have seen the proposal for in the dining hall. Jack Bledsoe and Craig Feldner will be working on exterior building improvements such as landscaping maintenance and various painting projects, the first being the painting of the wrought iron fence. The committee is in need of volunteers. Please contact Craig Feldner, committee chairman, and assist Hiram in improving its facilities.

Donation of John Moran Commandery Sword: Brethren, we were very fortunate to receive a gift from Mary Jo Moran Whitefield, a niece of the late John E. Moran, of his commandery sword. Brother John Moran was a master at Hiram and a commander in DePayens Commandery No. 11 back in the early 1900s. The sword is approximately 100 years old and will be displayed in a new case along with other swords that Hiram has received in the past. There were two articles in the paper, one in *The Review Appeal* and one in the *Brentwood Journal* regarding the sword, which were very complimentary to Hiram.

The Building: The building trustees have now met several times. They have been in contact with a structural engineer regarding capacity issues on the second and third floor and it is expected to have this resolved before the next stated meeting. They have resolved issues regarding roof leaks and have had the water heater replaced and a timer added for energy efficiency.

The BBQ: Our Junior Warden, Larry Davis, has been working diligently for the past several months in anticipation of a banner year for the barbeque. If you have not been contacted to assist, and would like to help please contact Larry Davis. Watch in next month's newsletter for additional information. Save the date of June 7th, 2008 to come and enjoy a great meal with your brethren, family and friends.

Fraternally

Your Worshipful Master,

Ed Atkisson

Lodge Dates

Apr. 25	7:00 pm Hiram Lodge District 8 Meeting @ Al-Menah Temple
Apr. 28	6:00-8:00 pm Civil War Degree Team
May 2	6:00-8:00 pm Bicentennial Committee Meeting
May 16	6:00pm Dinner 7:00 pm Stated Meeting

Hiram Lodge District 8 Meeting

Apr. 25 7:00 pm Al-Menah Temple
All brethren , wives and or family
are encouraged to attend.
All Lodge Officers should attend

York Rite Dates

May 12	Stated Meeting
May 16-17	Spring Festival

OES Dates

May 13	7:30 Stated Meeting
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Eastern Star News-Donna Isbell & Allan Potts, Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron

Allan and I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful installation. The installation was at 2:00 at the lodge. We were honored to have our installing officer Janet Hopson Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee Order of the Eastern Star. Assisting Installing Officer was Brother Ray G. Osborne Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Installing Marshall Elly Osborne Joplin Past Matron of Franklin #449. Installing Chaplain Dorothy Bryant Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee Order of the Eastern Star, Installing Organist Virginia Gable Past Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee Order of the Eastern Star.

We were also honored to have Ed Atkinsson Worshipful Master of the lodge in attendance with his lovely wife Susan. It was an honor to have him there. We were also honored to have Jesse Riggs Grand Associate Patron of the Amaranth in attendance.

Allan and I want to extend a big thank you to the lodge for allowing us to combine the installation and the Widows Tea together. It was a blessed event. I know that everyone was worried about how it would all come together. But with many prayers and people working together for one purpose everything worked out perfect. It just goes to show that team work is important for success. Joe Kindoll did a fantastic job with the program. We are looking forward to working together on future projects.

Regards and Star Love,
Donna Isbell and Allan Potts



York Rite News

The York Rite Spring Festival is fast approaching. It will be held in Murfreesboro on May 16th & 17th. You are encouraged to get petitions to us for our May meeting on the 12th so they may be acted upon prior to the festival. The fee for the festival is \$180.00 which includes pro-rata dues for 2008. Remember that this fee also includes a lifetime membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (\$30.00). Petition forms are available at the lodge or contact Jim Howard.



The following were also elected and installed as officers for 2008.

- Associate Matron: Beverly Potts
- Associate Patron: Michael Albert
- Conductress: Bonnie Kubiak
- Associate Conductress: Judy Davis
- Secretary: Janet Whaley
- Treasurer: Tracy Hockensmith

Appointed Officers for 2008 include:
David Whaley- Chaplin, Renee Chapman - Marhsal, Maureen Riggs - Adah, Barbara Steinhauser- Ruth, Nancy Leeton-Esther, Gladys Hockensmith-Martha, Angela Hoover-Electa, Larry Kubiak-Warder, Tom Leeton-Sentinel