



The Trestle Board



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Franklin Main Street Festival By Bro. James Amundsen, Senior Deacon

It is not common for a Masonic Lodge to open its doors to the general public, but, for the past few years, Hiram Lodge #7 F&AM has participated in the Franklin Main Street Festival and provided free tours of our historic building with period-attired guides. This year is no exception. The festival begins Saturday, April 24th, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and re-opens on Sunday, April 25th, from noon to 6 p.m.

This annual event is produced jointly by the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County and Franklin and the Downtown Franklin Association. The event generates much needed revenue for these two organizations. Usually, charitable and non-profit groups like Hiram Lodge would not be allowed to have a tent at this event because the Main Street Festival primarily showcases vendors and businesses in the local area. An exception is made for our lodge because our on-going effort to preserve our historic fraternity and its lodge directly coincides with the preservation missions of the Heritage Foundation and the Downtown Franklin Association. More importantly, Nancy Williams, Main Street Program Director, has again coordinated for us to participate free of charge. It is also a goodwill gesture to our lodge since the festival could interrupt the use of our facility. Regardless of the reasons, it is a great opportunity for Masons in Franklin to display our craft and the benefits of Freemasonry to the community.

As is customary for this two-day event, Brothers will be asked to be hosts at our tent on the corner or Second Avenue South and Main Street, as well as act as tour guides at the lodge building. The shifts at each location are typically two hours long. Senior Deacon James Amundsen will be the point of contact for volunteers and can be reached at (615) 364-4096. Please come out to support our lodge and participate in the 2010 Franklin Main Street Festival.

Lodge Dates

Apr 22 6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm MM Degree

Apr 24-25 10:00am—7:00pm

Franklin Main Street Festival

Apr 29 6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm FC Degree

May 6 6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm 2 EA Degrees

May 13 6:00pm Dinner

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May 17 6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm 2 EA Degrees

Jun 5 Hiram Annual BBQ Fundraiser

York Rite Dates

Apr 30-May 1 Grand Commandery

May 10 6:15pm Stated Meeting

Williamson County Shrine Club

Apr 30—May 2

Shrine Paper Sale

OES Dates

Apr 25—Apr 28 Grand Chapter

May 11 6:30pm Refreshments

7:30pm Stated Meeting

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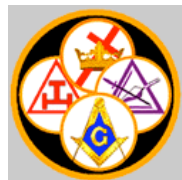
NEWS ITEMS FROM HIRAM #7 APRIL STATED MEETING

- Hiram Lodge voted to donate \$100 to Hospitality House
- Those interested in contributing items for the Silent Auction should call Bro. Jeff Pedigo at 615-491-5011
- Hiram Lodge voted to spend up to \$100 for signs for Franklin Festival
- Hiram Lodge voted to investigate the possibility of sponsoring the Indian Degree Team from Oklahoma
- Franklin #449 OES donated \$1000 to help with cost of repairing the chairlift
- Franklin #449 OES cookbooks are now available for \$15



York Rite News

Grand Commandery meets April 30th—May 1st at the Grand Lodge. The Divine Service will be on Friday, April 30th at 5:00 pm on the 2nd floor followed by KT Banquet at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room. The business meeting will be held starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 1st.



Eastern Star News

We have received our cookbooks, 'Cooking with the Stars', and they are for sale at \$15 each. Ask any member, or call Nancy Leeton at 794-7408.

Franklin Chapter #449 installed their 2010 officers on March 20. We had a wonderful installation and are looking forward to a great year!

Our Grand Chapter will meet April 25th through April 29th at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, TN. Plan on attending if you can. If you can't, please keep those serving in your thoughts and prayers during this VERY BUSY time.

