



The Trestle Board



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Worshipful Master—Ed Atkisson

Dear Brethren,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several of the initiatives we have in progress.

The Building

The building Trustees have employed Mr. Richard Chesbro, Structural Engineer, to begin engineering and construction documents for the reinforcement of the second and third floors to meet the current code requirements for floor loading. Structural issues related to the roof and lateral support of the exterior wall system will also be addressed as part of the floor reinforcement design.

The Building Interior

The Building maintenance committee, chaired by Bro. Craig Feldner will be starting two new projects. At this month's meeting, the lodge voted to approve monies for the following:

The Dining Hall wall and ceiling will be painted. Help is needed in this endeavor and is being coordinated by Bro. John Sylva. Please contact John Sylva at 519-9110. The project will begin on July 12th. Any mason having a few hours to spare, please come and assist in this endeavor.

The Front Wrought Iron Fence and Gates will be cleaned and painted. This project is being coordinated by Bro. Jack Bledsoe. Bro. Bledsoe requests that all able bodied masons assist in the painting of the fence on July 28th. Please contact Bro. Bledsoe at 310-3042 for exact time.

Grand Lodge Tour

Sr. Warden David Moran has offered to give a tour of the Grand Lodge to any of our brethren who have not seen or experienced it. New Master Masons are highly encouraged to go and see their Grand Lodge and learn about its activities and features. Please call Bro. Moran at 790-9443 to discuss specific dates and times.

Hiram BBQ

Reminder --if you were planning on sending in a donation and or ticket money for the BBQ and have not, please do so. The BBQ was a very successful endeavor for the lodge this year. A Big Thank you from Larry Davis, Jr. Warden, to all that helped out.

Sick Brethren

Brethren, our Senior Steward, Jim Darnell has been diagnosed with cancer. His upcoming surgery and recovery will be a long and tough journey. Please remember him in your prayers.

Lodge Dates

Jun 19 EA Degree-**Cancelled**

To be rescheduled in July

Jun 26 6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm Entered Apprentice Degree

Jun 29 2:00-4:00pm Widow's Tea

Jul 21 6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Stated Meeting

OES Dates

Jun 29 2:00-4:00pm Widow's Tea

Members please bring desserts

Jul 8 7:30pm Stated Meeting

Aug 29 Official Visit

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Lodge and Eastern Star Team Up For Community Project

Good things happen when we work together! Proof of this was evident immediately following the BBQ. The Eastern Star members decided to take their unsold bake sale items to the Bridges of Williamson County. In the process of packing things up, the masons packed up BBQ & Fixins' to send a long.

It just proves the old adage—Together Everyone Achieves More. Together we were able to provide an impromptu meal for the ladies and children visiting Bridges that evening. Together we can make a tremendous impact on our community.



York Rite News



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 29th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm as we hold our annual Widow's Tea in conjunction with Hiram Lodge No. 7.

Eastern Star News



Our chapter has had many exciting things happening this month. First, I must say congratulations on our bake sale! We doubled what we did last year. Allan and I would like to thank the Mason's for letting us do our bake sale at their BBQ.

Also, last Monday night we prepared dinner for the Mason's. I would like to thank Janet, Connie and Judy for coming to help!

Don't forget the Widow's Tea on June 29th. Please remember that we will be providing desserts!

Thank you again for everything that everyone is doing to make our Chapter the best that it can be.

Donna Isbell and Allan Potts
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron