



The Trestle Board



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Franklin Chapter #449, OES Charities for 2010

The WM and WP of our chapter have chosen two charities for 2010. Both charities pertain to the United States Marine Corps, as the WP was part of that venerable organization for over 10 years.

Our first charity is The Young Marines. It is a not-for-profit youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school. Its mission is to positively impact America's future by providing a quality program that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy, and promote, a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The only requirement for joining is that the student must be in good standing at school. The Young Marines promote the mental, moral and physical development of its members. They instill the ideals of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, love of God, and fidelity to the United States of America. The closest branch of The Young Marines is located in Nashville. The commandant is Anthony Westbrook. For more information contact him at 615-889-2879.

Our second charity is Toys for Tots. This program is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. They donate toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The Toys for Tots program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as gifts to needy children in the community. The goal is to deliver a "message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens."

Look for our own contribution box coming to the lodge soon!

Bonnie Kubiak, Worthy Matron, Franklin #449 OES

Brethren,

Hiram Lodge #7 F&AM and Franklin Chapter #449 OES enjoy a strong and mutually beneficial partnership this year thanks to the leadership of Bro. Larry Davis, Worshipful Master, and Sister Bonnie Kubiak, Worthy Matron, and Bro. Larry Kubiak, Worthy Patron.

Franklin #449 is committed to supporting the lodge by selling cook-books (which are still available for only \$15 a copy) to benefit the Building Fund and by providing quarterly dinners at stated meetings of the lodge, the proceeds of which benefit four worthy causes: the Stewards' Fund, the Building Fund, Toys for Tots, and The Young Marines. At the first quarterly dinner—the Stated Meeting on June 21, 2010—the OES raised \$117 to benefit the Stewards' Fund.

These are just some of the many ways in which Franklin #449 supports our lodge. Let's do what we can to show our appreciation to our Sisters and Brothers in the OES for what they do to help our lodge.

Fraternally,

Philip Phillips, Junior Deacon, Hiram Lodge #7 F&AM

Lodge Dates

Jun 27—2:00-4:00 Widow's Tea &
St. John's Observance

Jun 29—6:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm 2 FC Degrees

Jul 8— 6:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm EA Degree

Jul 19—6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Stated Meeting

Jul 20—6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm EA Degree

York Rite Dates

Jun 25—6:30pm Commandery Presentation
of Colors—Franklin Veterans
Observance

Jul 7— 6:00 pm Dinner
6:30pm Red Cross/Malta Degrees

Jul 27—6:15pm Nashville Council Crypt
Service (State Capitol)

OES Dates

Jul 13 —6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Stated Meeting

Williamson County Shrine Club

Jul 13 —4:00pm Annual BBQ @
Skeet Winstead's Farm

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Lodge News

At the Stated Meeting, the charter was draped for Bro. Clifton Ladd, who passed away.

There will be a Civil War degree for an Alabama lodge on August 27, 2010. Details TBA.

The chair lift in the lodge has been repaired.

The lodge voted to purchase a portrait of Thomas Clayborn for \$275 with money left over from that designated to restore a painting of Bro. Clayborn on display at the Grand Lodge.

There will be a Past Masters' dinner this fall as in previous years. The date and time will be announced soon.



York Rite News

Franklin York Rite Bodies are in the middle of conferring the York Rite Degrees this summer. As of this Wednesday, we have three new Cryptic Masons! We will be conferring the Red Cross and Malta Degrees on July 7th and will be conferring the Order of the Temple individually on August 9th, 11th and 14th. Please remember August 14th is our Commandery Inspection. Companions and Sir Knights please come out and support your York Rite with your presence.

The Table Council Firing Glasses are in and can be picked up at the Lodge for those Companions who pre-ordered.

The York Rite bodies are considering a comprehensive planning meeting following the September Stated Meeting. We would like to use our post-meeting Festive time as an opportunity to discuss long-range planning and goal-setting. I implore all York Rite masons (active or not) to please come and help us. -- Bro. Russ Wharton, Senior Warden



Eastern

Franklin Chapter had another banner year for our annual Bake Sale in conjunction with the Hiram Lodge BBQ. We raised \$551 which will be split equally between the Hiram Lodge Building Restoration Fund, Christian Scholarship and the Young Marines.

Eastern Star members are asked to bring desserts and finger food to support the Widow's Tea on Sunday, June 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

