



# The Trestle Board



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## Illustrious Master—Craig Feldner

Greetings from the East of Franklin Council #134.

I would like to ask all of the members of the Franklin Masonic Bodies to keep Jim Darnell in your thoughts and prayers. Jim has been serving as our Conductor of the Council and has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. He has served these bodies with tireless effort and unbridled enthusiasm.

I would also encourage all the Brethren to who have not yet joined the York Rite to ask for a petition. The degrees add additional light to the degrees of the Blue Lodge.

The Cryptic Rite is "one of the smallest but one of the most important and certainly one of the most curious of all the rites," according to *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*. "Crypt" comes from a Greek word meaning "hide, conceal, or secret," and thus has come to mean a vault, cave, or other place of underground concealment. The Cryptic degrees, consisting of the Royal Master and the Select Master degrees are centered on stories involving a vault or crypt where certain treasures were hidden beneath King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem for very specific purposes.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Illustrious Master.

Fraternally,  
Craig Feldner

### Lodge Dates

- Jul 24** 6:00pm Dinner  
6:30pm Master Mason Degree
- Aug 14** 6:00pm Dinner  
6:30pm Entered Apprentice Degrees
- Aug 18** 6:00pm Dinner  
7:00pm Stated Meeting  
See Page 2 for Details

### York Rite Dates

- Jul 30** 6:30pm Commandry Practice
- Aug 1** 6:00pm Commandry Inspection  
7:00pm Dinner
- Aug 11** 6:00pm Stated Meeting

### OES Dates

- Aug 12** 7:30pm Stated Meeting
- Aug 29** 6:00pm Social Hour in Dining Hall  
8:00pm Official Visit at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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### Special Presentation

John Palmer will be making a special presentation to the lodge during the August Stated Meeting on Monday, August 18th. The topic of the presentation will be the Washington Memorial Lodge in Washington DC.



### York Rite News



Our annual inspection will be held at 7:00pm on August 1st. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend.

### Eastern Star News



Our chapter will host the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron on Friday, August 29th. All members are asked to bring appetizers and finger foods for the social hour preceding the official visit. More details to follow.

Donna Isbell and Allan Potts  
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron