



Bluff City Lodge #71

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Trestle Board

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL TIMES **7:00 PM**
UNLESS NOTED

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- 6) 3rd degree practice
- 13) STATED MEETING
- 20) 3rd degree Mark Jarosz
- 27) 3rd degree Andy Sullivan

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 3) 1st Degree Practice
- 10) STATED MEETING
- 17) 2nd Degree Practice
- 24) 3rd Degree Practice

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1) 1st Degree Practice
- 4) Grand Master's 1 Day 9AM
- 8) STATED MEETING
- 15) 2nd Degree Practice
- 22) To be Announced
- 29) To be Announced
- 31) First Night 4PM or so.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

None known at this time.

BROKEN COLUMN

None known at this time

Ride to the Wall Recap



Pretty much says it all.

Master's Thoughts

Brethren:

As we emerge from the summer "darkness" we again find ourselves in the midst of a flurry of activity. The degree work started immediately with the first and second degrees conferred on Andy Sullivan and Mark Jarosz. Congratulations guys, we are looking forward to your upcoming 3rd degrees in October.

At November's stated meeting we will have the elections for the next leadership of the lodge. The stated meetings are the place to get to know these guys, and there is not much time until voting day. If you want to get to know the guys or just want a say in the next leadership of the lodge, come on down and join us at the stated meetings or check us out during a degree conferment. These guys are good and you'll be impressed at what you'll see.

Also, on the horizon is the upcoming Master's 1 Day. On December 4th (Saturday) the Grand Lodge in cooperation with the area local lodges will be conferring, on many candidates, all three degrees in one day. Our Lodge has been asked to confer the 2nd degree which will be in the late morning or early afternoon. If you haven't attended a degree lately, our lodge has become quite proficient, and I know we will just knock it out of the park.

We are also looking for volunteers to work the entire day. There are many lodges who do not have the depth of talent and experience that we do, and will need help filling positions in the remaining degrees. We will be performing in front of the Grand Lodge, and not only will we bring our "A" game, but we will help the others with theirs.

Anyone interested in helping out please let me know as soon as possible. There will be rehearsals scheduled, but those dates have not yet been announced.

Rod

Friendship Dinner

It's Thursday night, September 30th and the lodge was lit up like a Broadway Musical on opening night! Almost every table was filled with brethren and friends, and those chops just melted in your mouth (Thank You Cobia). So what was the occasion that brought so many people out on this perfect evening? Nothing less than the Masonic Family Friendship dinner.

For those new to the lodge, or Masonry, the friendship dinner is a great opportunity to share Masonry with that friend you always knew would make a good Mason while providing a good time to tell him a little more about the Fraternity, its values, rituals, history, charities and appending bodies. The casual dinner conversation followed by the program helps to introduce and educate your friend to the vast world of Masonry.

This evening was especially informative as there were presenters from not only the blue lodges, but the Scottish Rite, Tangier Shrine, and the York Rite.

Not only did the presenters talk of the benefits of the Masonic life, but they had put together videos that were professionally done, detailed, and extremely interesting to watch. In fact, it was our own Forrest Peck who made an eloquent presentation accompanied by a great video detailing the history of the York Rite.

I wish to thank all the guys who stuck around on Wednesday night (after the two second degrees) to help set up for the dinner. Also a special thanks goes out to Dean Anderson, who took this bull by the horns and rode it to the finish line.

This night was a great success. Again, thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Rod

Just for the fun of it

In case you missed the casting call for the remake of the movie "The Blues Brothers," you might as well go home. The parts were given to these two characters!



E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

Brethren:

I you have been keeping up with the national news you know that the post office has again asked for another rate increase on postage. To stave off these rising operational costs, we are now sending the Trestle Board and Lodge communications via e-mail.

Another advantage of e-mail is that communication is instantaneous. For example, if we are planning an event and say the weather turns bad. A note can be sent and received instantaneously detailing all the cancellation and reschedule information.

Brother Don Bowerman has been instrumental in compiling these addresses and keeping them current.

If you want to be kept "in the loop," or just help the lodge save a huge chunk of change, please send your e-mail address to Brother Don Bowerman at shellbrook@cox.net or myself at rcwillia@cox.net



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SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 7:00 P.M.

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BIRTHDAYS

Oct 01...Lyle Damgaard	Oct 02...Duane Blake
Oct 03...Dave Brewer	Oct 03...Donald LeMaster
Oct 06...Howard Dooley	Oct 07...James Betts
Oct 08...Blu Wahle	Oct 24...Blaine Sorensen
Oct 26...Forrest Peck	Oct 29...Joseph Carter
Oct 29...Joseph Carter	Oct 29...Lee Stickman
Nov 01...Lawrence Cade	Nov 07...Walter Ives
Nov 09...John Carlin	Nov 13...Forrest Koos
Nov 26...Jason Watson	
Dec 03...Stanley Hansen	Dec 05...Roy Geiger
Dec 06...Jim Cline	Dec 06...Donald Wilson
Dec 10...Tim Mendoza	Dec 23...David Hunt