

Table Rock Lodge #680 February 2025

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CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY BREAKFAST

After much deliberation about keeping the monthly breakfast going, the brethren voted to <u>do</u> a couple of changes. First, the pancake breakfast will only be served in March, May, June, September and November 2025. We will still do the second Sunday of the month from 8am until 11:30 am.

Secondly, we are reducing the <u>offering</u> of food to help control the price of food and keep a \$10 breakfast. We will serve Pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and hash browns (while supplies last).

FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR 2025

As many of you know, we have held 2 freezer and meat drawings that have gone well so far this year. In addition, we will do a drawing again in the fall for an all-beef and freezer option.

In October we will also do a fund raising dinner on a Friday night. More to come on this as we get the planning done. It will likely be a spaghetti dinner that will appeal to families.

In addition, plans are being developed to start renting out our reception hall. The <u>brethren</u> have developed a working contract for such events and will vote on a proposed contract at the next Stated meeting on January 25, 2025.

UPDATE ON DUES

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 26 brothers that have not paid their dues. Two of those brothers have made partial payments (owing only the difference for the new dues for this year.) By Grand Lodge by-laws, all brothers who have not paid their dues by April 1, 2025 will be suspended for non-payment of dues.

By order of the Grandmaster, we are also working on a plan to call all these members and ascertain any mitigating circumstances that may have prevented payment. This same information will be shared with the Scottish Rite, York Rite.



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Lodges in 22nd District Meeting Nights

Billing's 2nd Tues. 7:00 P.M.
Branson 1nd & 3nd Mon. 7:00 P.M.
Canopy 2nd Tues 7:30 P.M.
Central Crossing 1nd Tues 7:99 P.M.
Decatur 4th Thurs 6:30 P.M.
Forsyth 2nd Thur. 7:00 P.M.
Friend 1nd Tue. 7:30 P.M.
Monett 1nd Tue. 7:30 P.M.
Mt. Vernon 1sr Tue. 7:00 P.M.
Pythagoras 3nd Thurs 7:00 P.M.
Sparta Friday before the full Moon at 7:30 P.M.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first permanent Masonic Lodges as we know them today started appearing in the 1600s.
- The oldest known Masonic Lodge room is said to be St John's Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland (1736).
- Three out of the four original Lodges that first formed the United Grand Lodge of England are still in existence today.
- Organized Freemasonry is over 300 years old.
- The infamous 3rd degree of a Master Mason did not exist before the 1700s.
- The Anderson's Constitution prohibits atheists from joining Freemasonry.
- Charles Darwin was a Freemason, as was his family.



From the Worshipful Master

Brethren.

In December and January, the lodge has had two successful fundraisers, by purchasing a half-hog, and a small freezer and selling tickets. The first fundraiser was so successful we had folks requesting another. We did that and we are almost at the end of that fundraiser. The only cost to the lodge was half-hog, because the small freezer was donated by a brother. I would like to give it up for all the brethren that made this fundraiser. This allowed us to deposit around \$3,500.00 to the Charity and Maintenance fund.

The Pancake Breakfast committee met and decided to only have a pancake breakfast once a quarter rather than every month. It became too hard to find help to support the monthly. Also, we will be having breakfast on a Saturday rather than Sunday. They are also planning some special events, like a Chicken and Dumpling dinner. Stay tuned for more information.

We are still working on our ritual and plan to be tested for the bronze ritual award sometime in February or March.

Brethren, if you haven't been to the lodge in a while please come and see us, we would be glad to see you.

Fraternally,

Barry Jenkins, WM