

TRESTLE BOARD TABLE ROCK LODGE #680

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<u>FROM THE EAST:</u> Greg Yoder, WM

Brethren: It is February and the ground hog predicts an early Spring. It is hard to believe my year in the East is almost a half over.

A special event, "Ladies Table Lodge of Affection" is being planned for our ladies on Saturday, February 20th at 5:00 pm. We will be serving pork loin and all the fixings. Reservations must be made <u>NO LATER than MONDAY,</u> <u>FEBRUARY 15.</u> Contact me or the secretary.

Don't forget our Pancakes and More Breakfast on Valentine's Day, February 14. As always help is needed and appreciated. February 9th will be our stated meeting. We will eat at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

It is that time again for road clean up. Meet at the Lodge on **Saturday, February 5th at 9:00 AM.** Your help is needed.

Monday, February 22^{th} a School of Instruction will be held at Galena Lodge. Eat at 6:00, School at 7:00.

Mark your calendar now for a coming event on March 12th Galena Lodge #515, TRL #680 and Branson Lodge #515 will hold a Cave/Mine Lodge and will be putting on a 3rd Degree with the help from the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. If you are planning to attend please let me or the secretary know so we can keep an accurant head count. Information is on Facebook or contact anyone of the lodges for more information.

Greg Yoder, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST: Ron Mixer, SW

Brethren: I am humbled and grateful for the generous monentary gifts I have received from my fellow brethren not only from TRL but others in the 43^{rd} District. You don't know how much it is appreciated at my time of need.

At this time I am trying to get built up in order to have open heart surgery. I have certainly missed being in lodge and looking forward when I will be able to return. Thanks for your cards, visits, calls and prayers. They have kept me going.

FROM THE SECRETARY

W. Bro. Larry Dreppard

Reminder:. *Dues are due for 2016 – thanks to those who have already sent in their dues.*

LODGE DUES \$75.00 Grand Lodge assessment included in dues. Make checks payable to TABLE ROCK LODGE #680

If you have moved or have new email address or telephone number....please let me know.

MASONIC WRITINGS By Bro. Jim Greene

PURIFICATION:

As the aspirant in the Ancient Mysteries was not permitted to pass through any of the forms of initiation, or to enter the sacred vestibule of the temple, until, by water or fire, aspirant had been symbolically purified from the corruptions of the world which the aspirant was about to leave behind, (purification) (of the heart).

PURITY:

In the Ancient Mysteries purity of heart and life was an essential prerequisite to initiation because of initiation the aspirant was brought to a knowledge of God, to know whom was not permitted to the impure. For, says Origen..."a defiled heart cannot see God, but the aspirant must be pure who desires to obtain a proper view of a pure Being". And in the same spirit the Divine Master says: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God". Now to acquire this knowledge of God symbolized by the knowledge of his name, is the great object of all ancient initiation; and hence the candidate is required to be pure for, "the candidate only can stand in the Holy Place who hath clean hands and a pure heart".

Ref: Holy Bible Freemasonry Encyclopedia

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Feb. 5 - Road Clean Up meet at Lodge 9:00 AM

Tuesday, Feb. 9 Eat 6:00 pm Stated Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday Feb. 14. – Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am – noon Happy Valentine's Day

Saturday, Feb. 20 Eat 5:00 pm "Ladies Table Lodge of Affection" RESERVATIONS BY FEB. 15!

Monday, Feb. 22 – District School Galena Lodge #515 Eat 6:00 pm School starting 7:00 pm



SUNDAY, February 14 8:00 AM – NOON



Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, juice and coffee! ALL YOU CAN EAT Price \$7.00 Help is needed to prepare, serve and clean up. Come out and do your part. FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



13 Robert Posey
18 Paul Perry
22 Keith Oxby
27 Ralph Light

Webmaster – W. Bro. Keith Oxby continues to do our website from England. If you have anything you would like to see on it, email him at <u>ozarkenglishman@gmail.com</u> or just drop him a little note.

ORDER NOW!

We still have space available for your

name plate on the seats in lodge. Send \$25.00 to the secretary and give name to be engraved on plate.

LODGE MEMBERS ONLY

YOUR NAME HERE



I'M FINE

There's nothing whatsoever the matter with me.

I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees, And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze;

My pulse is weak, my blood is thin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack, A terrible pain is in my back,

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim, Most everything is out of trim.

My doctor says my days are few, For every week there's something new. The way I stagger is sure a crime.

I'm likely to drop at any time. I jump like mad at the drop of a pin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

My teeth will eventually have to come out, and my diet I hate to think about. I'm overweight, but I can't get thin, My appetite's such it's sure to win. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have on my feet, Or I wouldn't be able to go on the streets. Sleep is denied me, night after night, and every morning I'm a sight.

My memory's failing, my head's in a spin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

My moral is this, as this tale I unfold. That for you and me who are growing old, It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin, than to let others know the shape we're in. *Author Unknown*