



# TRESTLE BOARD

Table Rock Masonic Lodge #680, A.F. & A.M. Kimberling City, MO, U.S.A.

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## FROM THE EAST:

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone will be healthy and blessed in 2011. December was a great month with many activities for our Lodge. To mention a few: We began with the MOCHIP child identification program, which though a success, the turnout was a little disappointing both in children identified (26) and our member participation (4). Our heartfelt



thanks go out to Boy Scout Troop 200 from Nixa who provided the necessary

manpower--5 adults and 10 scouts—to put on the program. We will make some changes and plan on having another event later this year. We hope for a much stronger turnout of our members for this very important program. Terry Harris was initiated into our Mysteries on the 14th and Rod Shetler on the 28th.

Our Christmas party for area children was held on the 18th. The new addition made it possible to hold it in our Lodge for the first time. It was wonderful to make such a great use of our building. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!



District Deputy Grand Master RWB Mickey Brown made his official visit on the 28th. He was very complimentary and said Table Rock Lodge is an example to other lodges. He also said that Grand Master MWB Gail Turner isn't planning any major change for the coming year except for the change in ritual regarding proficiency, which we have already adopted, and a possible forthcoming edict regarding exemption of active duty service from dues. We had an impressive attendance, considering the holidays, with 28 members and 5 guests present: Grand Marshall RWB Tim Thomas, RWB Mickey Brown (of course), DDGL RWB Tom Williams, RWB John Pace, and Bro. Blake Louderback.

WB Tony Root and three other brothers performed a Masonic service in Crane for our departed brother, Ken Booth.

Our last few practice sessions have been devoted to preparation for presenting ritual for the Grand Lodge Ritual Award. During the official visit from our DDGM and DDGL, we opened on all three degrees, partially closed to the first, balloted on a candidate, conferred a first degree and thereby qualified for the Silver Award. The dignitaries present seemed to be quite impressed with the quality of our ritual; apparently all the hard work and practice paid off. Congratulations to those who performed so well! They were: WM-Ross Anderson, SW-Ed Verrill, JW-Rob Fuqua, SD-Chuck Pittman, JD-Glen Rosen-

burg, Secy-Ron Fry, Treas-Harold Metzger, Stewards-Carl Jeschke and Greg Yoder, Marshall-Kenny Adkins, and Chaplain-Tony Root.

In January we will give the Lecture and charge to Bros. Shetler and Harris; and will have a special presentation on MOCHIP given by Regional Coordinator Brad Fowler. This will be open to anyone who is interested. Bring your spouse, your pastor, and your friends. The OES is also invited.

We will have our quarterly joint meeting with OES and our Lodge's Executive committees on Thursday the 6th at 9:00 am.

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## FROM THE SOUTH:

King Solomon in the fourth year of his rule started construction of the great temple. To facilitate the work he entered into a treaty with King Hiram of Tyre. The night of that treaty the cooks for King Solomon and King Hiram came up with the recipes that were served the night of the great fest. The recipes have been handed down to the Junior Wardens and used to this day to give the craft strength for the coming new year. The recipes served in our meals of January are from those great recipes. Come to the meetings and enjoy the mirth and joy of the craft!

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**MASONIC CALENDAR:**

January 4	6:30 pm	Practice and 1st degree lecture for Brother Shetler
January 6	9:00 am	Quarterly Joint meeting with OES and Lodge Executive Committee
January 11	7:00 pm	Stated Communication
January 18	6:30 pm	Confer 2nd degree for Brother Shetler; eat at 6:00
January 25	6:00 pm	Dinner followed by program on MO-CHIP
"	7:00 pm	Stated Communication; 2nd degree for Brother Harris

