



**TRESTLE BOARD  
TABLE ROCK LODGE  
#680**

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**MAY, 2016**

**FROM THE EAST:**  
**Greg Yoder, WM**

Brethren greetings from the East:

Table Rock Lodge #680 continues with activities and outreach within the Masonic and public community giving examples from this past month with RWB G. David Wheelock Grand Lecturer of Missouri conducting a School of Instruction and RWB Tom Williams conducting a District School of Instruction, election and installation of Junior Warden, WB Fred Ybarra. Past Masters night, with all chairs filled with Past Masters also initiation of Shawn Hatcher into the mysteries of Masonry. Meals were prepared and served at each meeting. Our monthly fund raising breakfast was held and opened to brethren, families and the public. These activities as well as Eastern Star events all make good use of the building and grounds.

It is with great pleasure to myself and honor to the fraternity each time we gather as a brotherhood of Men serving our creator. Please remember those who are sick and suffering. I thank WB Ed Verrill for his example of the power of prayer, as mentioned at our last meeting.

Upcoming May events include stated meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>, election of officers for the coming year. Please plan on attending, a meal will be served at 6:00 PM and work at 7:00 PM. Our second stated meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> may include passing Brother Shawn Hatcher into the degree of Fellowcraft with meal provided by the Eastern Star. I do request your assistance in a MoChip event to be held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in Reeds Spring, sponsored by Galena Lodge#515. Those who plan to attend please notify myself or our secretary, WB Larry Dreppard. Please meet for training at 8:00 AM. Other events are mentioned in the Trestle Board.

It is Spring and with all the rain we have had the weeds are sprouting, yard work needs to be done at lodge which includes spraying the weeds and keeping our grounds maintained.

Brethren, may you be at peace and may the God of Love and Peace be with you.

Greg Yoder,  
Worshipful Master

**FROM THE SECRETARY**  
**W. Bro. Larry Dreppard**

*Reminder: Dues are past due for 2016. Check your wallet to see if you have a current dues card. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> you are delinquent and subject to suspension.*

**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**

**THREAD OF LIFE**

In the earliest lectures of the last century, we find this Catechism:

- “Q. Have you the key of the Lodge?:  
“A. Yes, I have.  
“Q. What is its virtue?  
“A. To open and shut, and shut and open.  
“Q. Where do you keep it?  
“A. In an ivory box, between my tongue and my teeth, or within my heart, where all my secrets are kept.  
“Q. Have you the chain to the key?  
“A. Yes, I have.  
“Q. How long is it?  
“A. As long as from my tongue to my heart.”

In a later lecture, this key is said to “hang by a tow line nine inches or a span.” And later still, in the old Prestonian lecture, it is said to hang by “the thread of life, in the passage of entrance, nine inches or a span long, the supposed distance between guttural and pectoral.” All which is intended to simply to symbolize the close connection which in every Mason should exist between his tongue and his heart, so that the one may utter nothing that the other does not truly dictate.

*ref: Freemasonry Encyclopedia*  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 Practice**  
**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**TRL hosting Scottish Rite**  
**Valley Council eat 6:00 PM**  
**7:00 PM Valley Council**  
**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast**  
**8:00 am – noon**  
**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**  
**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Eat 6:00 pm**  
**Stated Meeting 7:00 pm**  
**Election of Officers 2016-2017**  
**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 Practice**  
**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Eat 6:00 pm**  
**OES HONOR MASON**  
**Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**

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**PANCAKES & MORE**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
MAY**

Table Rock Lodge will be hosting Scottish Rite Valley Council and business meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Eat at 6:00 pm, Valley Council - 7:00 pm.  
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**May Birthdays**

- May 12 – Tim Butts**
- May 21 - Shawn Mayr**
- May 29 - William Vaughn**

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 [ozarkenglishman@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkenglishman@gmail.com) or just drop him a little note.

**ORDER NOW!**

Spaces are still available for your name plate on the seats in lodge. Send \$25.00 to the secretary and give name to be engraved on plate. Come check them out!

**LODGE MEMBERS  
ONLY**

**YOUR NAME HERE**



**Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May commemorating men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.**

**Initially (officially since 1868 – proclaimed by General John Logan) Memorial Day was a holiday in memory of the soldiers who died in the Civil War. The feast was supposed to be a step towards national reconciliation. The original name (Decoration Day) comes from placing flowers on the graves of the soldiers.**

**Memorial Day was celebrated differently in different states. Until 1890 it was celebrated in all the states of the North. After World War I the nature of the holiday changed to honor the memory of all Americans who died in any war – not only Civil.**