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

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## As the Sun Rises in the East...

Greetings from the East. May is here an election of new officers is upon us. Be sure to be at Lodge Tuesday May 11.2010, this is the first meeting in May and according to our by-laws is the date we hold election for officers for the upcoming year. It is very important to those being elected to know there was a large turnout on election night. This is really a commitment on your part that you will be supporting them in their position as they serve the lodge. Being elected to move up to another position is very rewarding but is also a little scary, knowing that with the position also come new responsibilities. It is imperative that each of us follow through with support for the new officers as it is imperative that each of us fulfill our duties to the officers.

Also remember the second meeting this month, May the 25th is Past Masters Night.

I have asked that all chairs possible be filled that

night with Past Masters of our Lodge. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting on the 11 to let the Past Master sign up for the chair they will be setting in on the 25th. That way everyone will have a chance to review the position if necessary.

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to view the addi-

tion to our lodge building. It is great to see the addition up and work underway to finish the interior. I know the work is very time consuming and can only be completed as money is available but it my hope that we can have the interior can be completed by our installation of new officers the last part of August.

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Two GREAT Job Supervisors Bro Carl and Bro Harold



I know I was not able to be able to help at the work day last Thursday but hopefully there will be something I can do as my job allows. I know there are probably other in the same boat so at our next meeting I will be asking our building committee to try and come up with a list of task we may be able to work on when we have a little free time day or night . Who knows we may be able to come up with a work crew to work a night shift some evening.

Some have asked again for the dates on the York Rite Festival and the Shrine Ceremonial so I will listed them for you. York Rite Festival is May 7th. and 8th. and the Shrine Ceremonial is June 4th and 5th. If you have additional questions about either of these events you can contact WB Ryan Martin, Bro Rob Fugua or me about the York Rite and Bro Ross Anderson or Bro John Elmore about the Shrine.

Also remember our bricks sales, we only have a few left and when they are gone it will be to late. Get With W Bro Root if you want to purchase a brick.

In an effort to help some of our new members to know who are presently hold what elected offices in the our Lodge I want to list who is

present hold what position and if you don't know who a Brother is feel free to ask someone. I know it is hard for you to be able to remember who everyone is when you only have the opportunity to meet them on meeting nights. We have all been in that position at one time or another and as older members we only have to learn a few new names when someone joins not the whole lodge at one time. Lets all make it point to introduce our self to the new members but not get upset if they can get ours names correct after only one time. I don't think I have every set in an election of officers without hearing at least two or more people ask some ones name.

Here are the offices that will be voted on and the officers that hold that position at this time.

- W.M.:** Tom Martin
- S.W.:** Ross Anderson
- J.W.:** John Elmore
- Tre.:** Harold Metzger
- Sec.:** Tony Root

The other Lodge officers will then be appointed by the new Master.



### *Notice from our Golf Chairman, Bro Rob Fuqua*

One of the largest fund raisers for our Lodge is the Table Rock Lodge #680 Four Person Golf Scramble at Kings River Golf Course on June 19, 2010. The donations and team green fees help carry on our Masonic Work as well as fund our beautiful lodge that is rowing at leaps and bounds thanks to many very dedicated members. I, would say, that it is very critical to our lodge that everyone pitch in and help raise money for this event. "I don't play golf you say." You may not play golf but you do go to the lodge so help although you do not play golf is critical. You are needed to help raise money from anybody or business. You can also help with forming a golf team and play/ I, dare say, that there are a lot of people who profess to play golf but they to make mistakes and hit the ball in a crazy manner but they have fun talking about it. Therefore, do not think that just because you are not good at golf you should not play. The object is to come out and have fun with your brothers, bring new candidates to show them that we have a good time for a worthy cause.

Not doing anything now? Remember you are doing something right now. You are doing something as the Earth is revolving west to east at

## Masonic Calendar:

## *Making Good*

Date:	Time:	Event:
May 11	1900hrs	Stated Communication– Election of Officers
May 17	0900hrs	Trash Pickup starting at the Mule Express 13 and DD
May 18	1900hrs	Off week—Practice at the Lodge
May 25	1900hrs	Stated Communication—Past Masters Night- MEAL at 1800hrs
June 19		Golf Scramble– Kings River Golf Course-



rate of 860 miles per hour, around the sun at 66,661 mph, in its journey with our sun around the star Vega at the speed of 31,000 mph. So you can clearly see that we are rapidly approaching our destination with our tee time on June 19th., which does not leave us much time to raise funds. I would appreciate it if you would contact me and tell me if you can work certain sectors of the area, such as South or North of Kimberling city Bridge, The Lampe area, Kimberling City Area, Branson West, Reeds Spring, etc. Thanking you in advance for your hard work in this matter Golf Chairman Rob Fuqua.

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## *Social Character of Freemasonry*

**Freemasonry** attracts our attention as a great Social Institution. Laying aside for the time those artificial distinctions of rank and wealth, which, however, are necessary in the world to regular progression of society, its members meeting in their Lodges on one common level of brotherhood and equality. There virtue and talent alone claim and receive preeminence and the Great Object Of All is to see who can best work and best agree. Friendship and Fraternal Affection and strenuously inculcated assiduously cultivated, and that great mystic tie is established which peculiarly distinguishes the society. Hence is it that Washington has declared that the benevolent purpose of the Masonic Institution is to enlarge the sphere of social happiness, and its grand object to promote the happiness of the human race.



## *So Help Me God*

The usual obscuration or imprecation affirmed in modern times to oaths, and meaning, "May God so help me as I keep this vow."

## *Smitten Builder*

The old lectures used to say: "The veil of the Temple is rent, the builder is smitten, and we are raised from the tomb of transgression." Hutchinson, and after him Oliver, apply the expression, "The smitten builder," to the crucified Savior, and define it as a symbol of his divine mediation; that it refers to death as the necessary precursor of immortality. In this sense, the Smitten Builder presents, like every other part of the Third Degree, the symbolic instruction of Eternal Life.

Lodge Education Officer:

Jim Greene 32Degree

Re: An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry 1920



## **LIVE YOUR DASH**

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the date on her tombstone From the beginning .... To the end. He noted that fist came the date of her birth and spoke of the follow date with tears, but he said what matters most of all was the dash between those years.

that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her, know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own, the car...the house...the cash... What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard, Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real... and always try to understand the way other people feel

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while

So when your eulogy is being read... and your life's actions to rehash. would you be proud of the things they say... about how you spent your dash?

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### **Billy Graham's Prayer For Our Nation**

**THIS MAN SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY!**

**'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics.. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us free. Amen!'**

**Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, 'The Rest of the Story,' and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called 'One nation under God..'**