



# TRESTLE BOARD

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

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## FROM THE EAST:

Our Masonic year is going well so far with a lot of help from you brethren. This past month we passed Bro. Brent Hobbs to the degree of Fellowcraft along with Bro. Williams from Central Crossing. This was done as a favor to them because of time constraint. We had visited Central Crossing Lodge in Shell Knob earlier in the month and our brothers assisted in initiating two candidates to be Entered Apprentices. We again visited on the 25th and helped raise Bro. Williams to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Four brothers attended an area meeting in Branson on the 9th after which was held Branson Lodge's installation of officers. We also visited Forsyth Lodge on the 28th.

The Eastern Star chapter held its installation of officers on Saturday the 30th. Congratulations to Worthy Matron Judy Tyler and Worthy Patron Ed Verrill.

We held our first Pancake Brunch of the year on Saturday the 16th. Normally our brunches will be on a Sunday but this time there was a festival in town Saturday so we decided to have our brunch on the same day to take advantage of the fact that there would be a large number attending the festival. We took in over \$500.00 netting about \$400.00 thanks to a generous donation by RWB Pittman. Of course, that can't be expected of him or anyone else for every brunch; but it looks like they will be successful fund raisers in the future. Because of the holidays, we won't have another until January.

Our By-Laws changes were voted on and passed except for the proposed Article X Section 7 regarding political activity on lodge property. These By-Laws will be posted on the bulletin board; also copies will be given to officers and anyone who so requests.

We need a volunteer for Lodge Education Officer and Masonic Home Representative. Someone please step up and fill these positions.

It is indeed short notice but we will be doing a 2nd degree for Bro. Todd Murphy on Nov. 2nd instead of having a practice. Bro. Brent Hobbs will receive his 3rd degree on the 16th. The 3rd for Bro. Murphy will be announced later.

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## FROM THE SOUTH:

Come join your brothers at the lodge to partake in what was passed from the Wampanoags to Samoset, Squanto and Peregrine White that we all cherish.

## **MASONIC CALENDAR:**

NOVEMBER 2	7:00 PM	Special Communication-2nd degree for Bro. Murphy, eat at 6:00 pm
NOVEMBER 5,6		York Rite—Tom Martin has details
NOVEMBER 9	7:00 PM	Stated Communication, no meal
NOVEMBER 16	7:00 PM	Special communication-3rd degree for Bro. Hobbs, eat at 6:00 pm
NOVEMBER 23	7:00 PM	Stated Communication, eat at 6:00 pm (Wampanoags)

We will host a MO-CHIP event on December 4. Our Christmas party will be December 19 (if you know of anyone who can be Santa, please tell Chuck Pittman or Ross Anderson).

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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## **Truth**

The real object of Freemasonry in a philosophical and religious sense, is the search for truth. This truth is, therefore, symbolized by the Word. From the first entrance of the apprentice into the Lodge, until his reception of the highest degree, this search is continued. It is not always found, yet whatever be the labors he may perform or ceremonies through which he may pass, whatever the symbols in which he may be instructed, whatever the reward he may obtain, the true end of all is the attainment of truth.

This idea of truth is not the same as that expressed in the First Degree lecture where Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are said to be the “three great tenets of a Mason’s profession”. In that connection, truth which is called a “divine attribute”, the foundation of every virtue,” is synonymous with sincerity, honesty of expression and plain dealing. The higher idea of truth which pervades the whole Masonic system and which is symbolized by the Word, is that which is properly expressed to a knowledge of God.

There was an Egyptian goddess, THM or THME integritas, Justice and Truth. This one of the three great Masonic principles is represented among the Egyptians by an ostrich feather; and the judicial officer was also thus represented, “because that bird unlike others, has all its feathers equal.” Horapollo, the Hebrew word, ION, signifies an ostrich, or also a council; and the word RNNE is interpreted, poetically, an ostrich, and also a song of joy, or of praise; hence, “the happy souls thus ornamented, under the inspection of the lords of the heart’s job, gathered fruits from celestial tree.” In the judgment in Amenti, the soul advances toward the goddess THME, who wears on her head the ostrich feather. In the scale, Anubis and Horus weigh the actions of the deceased. On one side is the ostrich feather, and on the other the vase containing the heart. Should the weight of the heart be greater than the feather, the soul is entitled to be received into the celestial courts. The forty-two judges, with heads ornamented with ostrich feathers sit aloft to pronounce judgment.

Ref: Book of the Dead, Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, 1920

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