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

The Worthy Grand Matron, Linda Jenkins and other members of the Eastern Star were well pleased with our breakfast and lunch served to them last month. They were so impressed that we have been requested to do it again next October. Thanks to all who came out to help in any way

Our Tuesday night Charter Recognition was well attended and the food was delicious. Those of us who were not involved in the original chartering and building of our Lodge were privileged to hear of the struggles of meeting in homes, garages and Community Centers before the final construction of the Lodge. It took many hours of determination to achieve the building we now call Table Rock Lodge #680. Hats off to all who had any part in our great meeting place.

MoChip was a great success with 71 children identified. Help was appreciated by other lodges and the ladies.

Our Lodge continues to grow with two being initiated, and two more who have petitioned. We have also had several requesting transfers to our lodge. There were three brothers who have joined the Scottish Rite this month as well. October was a very busy month filled with Masonic service.

November we will give recognition to our Service Men.

**Greg Yoder,
Worshipful Master**

**FROM THE WEST:
Ron Mixer, SW**

Greetings Brethren:

I was reading the other day and came across this and wanted to share with my brethren here at Table Rock Lodge.

Clearly the importance of education in the building arts is indisputable. Today, Freemasonry's instruction is all presented in allegory and symbolism, but the education is no less crucial to the Speculative Mason's life. Tragically few seem to understand or want to understand, and this power goes neglected in the quotidian realities of contemporary Masonry. Why? Because it is hard work! In mastering his Craft, Masonic Man spends his life relentlessly scrutinizing himself, the condition of his fellow man and of the world, and the role of the Great Architect of the Universe in it all. It is not by accident that the hard labor of constructing in stone is the metaphor through which Masonry's instruction is imparted. Nor is it by chance that the seeker of the degrees of Freemasonry is repeatedly tested for his willingness to proceed further. While the teachings of Freemasonry are universal – "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices." It was never intended for every human being to enter its temples, and yet its doors have been flung open for many years

allowing practically any man to enter. Consequently, the libraries that once were busy beehives have been converted to other, more simple purposes, their books locked away in storage, forgotten. Simultaneously, the discussions that once compelled Masons to reconsider their opinions, to re-examine their very lives, and to improve their world have been replaced by charity walk-a-thons and other activities that, while helpful, should be entrusted to our neighbors in the Lions, Kiwanis and Elks organizations. While organizing and staging a charity fundraiser is a big job, it is child's play compared to the vital challenge of metabolizing Masonic thought, and achieving that state of being where the heart of Jerusalem meets the mind of Athens.

In the fundamental duty of educating oneself and one's fellow Masons, we today are not negligent. We are uniformed, and the craziest thing about it is that the ritual tells us what to do. Remember the advice imparted to you upon your first knocks on the Inner Door: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." One's search is a personal endeavor, but there are friends to help you along the way. When enough of us start speaking aloud about Masonic education we can restore to its rightful place the paramount purpose of Freemasonry: to labor together in replenishing the "common stock of knowledge" in our pursuit of Truth.

**FROM THE SOUTH:
Charlie Huston, JW**

Come to Lodge and see what the Chief chef has prepared for us.

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

Dues notices for 2016 are enclosed with the Trestle Board.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- November 1, Duane Henn
- November 8, Edward Larson
- November 10, Danny Moore
- November 10, Terry Hatridge
- November 11, Stan Potter
- November 18, Edward Roderick
- November 27 David Pilgrim
- November 27, Wayne Williams
- November 29, Don Schwenn



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

THANK YOU FOR THE
 BREATHE TO SAY
 THANK YOU FOR
 ANOTHER DAY
 THANK YOU FOR THE
 EYES TO SEE THE
 WORLD OF BEAUTY
 SURROUNDING ME
 THANK YOU FOR THE
 EARS TO HEAR YOUR
 MESSAGE OF HOPE
 LOUD AND CLEAR
 THANK YOU FOR THE
 HANDS TO SERVE AND
 FOR MORE BLESSINGS
 THAN I DESERVE
 THANK FOR THE LEGS
 TO RUN THE RACE OF
 LIFE UNTIL IT'S WON
 THANK YOU FOR THE
 VOICE TO SING
 THANK YOU LORD FOR
 EVERYTHING.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, Nov. 8 – Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am – noon
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 eat 6:00 pm
7:00 pm Stated meeting- 1st degree
- Tuesday, Nov 17-6:00 pm Practice
- Tuesday, Nov. 24– eat 6:00 pm
7:00 pm Stated meeting
- Thurs. Nov. 26 - THANKSGIVING

MASONIC WRITINGS

by Bro. Jim Greene

STRENGTH

This is said to be one of the three principal supports of a Lodge, as the representative of the whole Institution, because it is necessary that there should be Strength to support and maintain every great and important undertaking , not less than there should be Wisdom to contrive it, and Beauty to adorn it. Hence, Strength is symbolized in Masonry by the Doric Column, because of all the orders of architecture, it is the most massive, by the Senior Warden, because it is his duty to strengthen and support the authority of the Master; and by Hiram of Tyre, because of material assistance that he gave in men and materials for the construction of the Temple.

SUCCOTH:

An ancient city of Palestine, about forty-five miles northeast of Jerusalem, and the site of which is now occupied by the village of Seikoot. It is the place near which Hiram Abif cast the sacred vessels for the Temple.

Ref: Freemasonry Encyclopedia



PANCAKES & MORE

SUNDAY, November 8
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 always needed to prepare, serve and clean up. Come out and do your part.



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 or just drop him a little note.



ORDER NOW!

It's not too late to order your name plate to be put on chairs in Lodge. Send \$25.00 to the secretary and give name to be engraved on plate.

LODGE MEMBERS ONLY

