

Trestleboard

August 12th, 2011

Message from the East

Special Communication on August 18th, 2011

Decisions and events for this next Masonic year are coming together well, and we will be holding a special communication on August 18th so that much of the work in getting ready for the year can be accomplished before we begin our regular meetings in September. Topics to be included will be committee appointments, budget, and meeting structure; as well as the installation of Robin Dahle, JD as Secretary, and Andre McDaniel, PM as Chaplin. We will open and close the Lodge in "Stop and Go" format on the First Degree, with Miguel White in attendance. If you have never attended a "Stop and Go", you can learn a great deal about the ritual, because Miguel will literally be stopping us to correct points and assist us in doing better.

Regular Meeting Structure

When we begin our regular meetings in September we will be following a routine to include the following:

1. First Meeting of the Month – Lodge Business, First Petition Readings, Second Petition Readings, Balloting, and Masonic Education.
2. Second Meeting of the Month – Brief Lodge Business, First Petition Readings, Degree Work or Ritual Practice.

Masonic Education – first meeting of every month

Below are listed the months through the end of the calendar year with the scheduled presenter and topic:

September – WB Robert Wheeler, the meaning of the Masonic Trowel, and the history of the Golden Trowel of our Lodge.

October – RMB Linton Kneemiller, the meaning of being invited to the East, and the proper use of the invitation.

November – Robert Meinert, Senior Stewart, the Sons of the American Revolution and Masonry.

December – Bill Parr, Junior Warden, the meaning of the Holy Saints John and the Feasts of Saint John.

Special Event – Moonlight Lodge

Saint Louis Missouri Lodge #1 has been approved by the Grand Master to perform a special communication as a Moonlight Lodge on Saturday, October 8th. The event will be held at Bellefontaine Cemetery with a 5pm scavenger hunt, followed by a light dinner, and the Moonlight Lodge, beginning at 6:34pm. While all Lodges are invited to attend, this event was specifically created by our Lodge to bring together all of the Lodges in District 27, as our guests in a common venue. Saint Louis Missouri Lodge #1 will open and stand open on the First Degree so that all of our Brothers will be able to attend.

Strong consideration has been given to this date from many quarters. We could not hold the event any earlier in the year because of timing with Grand Lodge and to allow all of the Lodges ample time to be aware of the event. The date of October 8th gives us a sunset of 6:34pm and the moon will have already raised at 4:42pm. Moving to the next weekend would give us a sunset of 6:24pm but the moon would not be out until 8:23pm; which isn't so great for a moonlight lodge. Moving further in the year we encounter cold and a lack of a moon on the weekends.

Bellefontaine Cemetery has been very accommodating to our needs, and this should prove to be a very unique event. More details will follow.

Special Event – Feast of St. John

We will hold the Feast of St John on December 27th as a holiday party for this year, and we invited Beacon Lodge #3 to participate. At one time this was a huge Masonic event and it will be open to Brethren and their guests at a nominal cost. We are attempting to research some traditional foods and celebrations for the event.

Thank you very much for all of your support,



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