

Jackson Masonic

◆ Trestleboard ◆

October, 2011



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CONSTITUTED 1847

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From The Master

Frank W. Lutze, Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren!

Sometimes an unexpected change in plans yields unexpected results. Thursday September 22, 2011 was a good example. That evening had been scheduled as a degree night with two Brothers to be Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. On Wednesday we learned that one of the Brothers had just started a 2nd shift job and would not be available that evening. The degree night was rescheduled and Thursday was hastily changed to a social night with pizza and the viewing of two short movies. Although I had heard about movie night from several Brothers from a northern Illinois Lodge, the concept of a movie night was a new one for Jackson Lodge. Eleven Brothers, including two from Parma Lodge gathered Thursday for an evening of fellowship. The two movies were ones that I had purchased when I visited the Philadelphia Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with my wife Ellen and granddaughter Cassie (ref: May 2011 Trestleboard for more information). The 10 ton cornerstone of this magnificent temple was laid on St. John the Baptist's day in 1868. The gavel used in the ceremony was the same gavel used by Brother George Washington to level the cornerstone of the United States Capital in 1793. The first movie was a tour of the Philadelphia Temple (<http://www.pagrandlodge.org>). The lodge rooms were spectacular, with themes including Egyptian, Oriental, Norman, Renaissance, Ionic, Corinthian, and Gothic. Throughout the movie the Brothers expressed awe at the beauty and splendor of this temple.

The 2nd movie was "The Freemasons - The Mystery, Myth and Truth". We heard of the riches of the Knights Templar and how jealousy by rivals ultimately resulted the arrest, torture and murder of many of them on Friday the 13th. The movie stated what we all know: That we trace our heritage to the builders of King Solomon's temple. The movie speculated that the tenants of Brotherly love, Relief and Truth is why tyrants fear and despise Masonry or more to the point is this why so many men have made Masonry the focus of their lives. We heard about Masonic charity that ranges from the Shrine Children's Hospital to a Lodge preparing dinner for the homeless.

The movie concluded with the John J. Robinson, author of **Born in Blood**, stating that during his research he learned that Freemasonry is "men in brotherhood protecting each other, fighting for individual freedom, fighting for freedom of religion, fighting for a philosophy and attitude that could produce documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, a body of men who had proven that it was possible for men of different stations in life, different religious beliefs to sit together in brotherhood and work together for the good of everyone." He added, "So I developed my own personal attitude toward Freemasonry which is best summed up by the simple words "Thank you"."

Calendar For

OCTOBER

Thurs.
Oct. 6 - FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE - 7:00 P.M.
Officers please wear Tuxedos or dark suit.

Thurs.
Oct. 13 - **SPAGHETTI DINNER**
6:30 P.M.
Contact Adam W. Wygant, Junior Warden
517-745-1699 or you can email him at
wetlandwaterfront@sbcglobal.net
**After Dinner join us for our
Regular Communication - 7:30**

Thurs.
Oct. 20 - ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE - 7:00 p.m.
Officer's Tuxedos or dark suit.

Thurs.
Oct. 27 - LODGE - DARK

Thurs.
Oct. 27 - Jackson/Coolidge MTA Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

THE SQUARE By Bro. R.J. McLaughlin

The ciders of our ancient art
Built Temples, high and fair,
And never stone was laid in place
And never column rose in grace,
Untested by the Square.

Our elders left a heritage,
Up reared in wood and stone,
That we, who follow, might behold
The craft of these, the men of old,
Thus, through their works, made known.

Oh, let us do our work as well,
Though never dome we raise,
With brain untutored, hand unskilled,
A square-set Temple may we build,
Of simple nights and days.

The Square of Virtue for our acts
Wherewith to set them true,
Can Make a building, standing quite
As worthy in our children's sight,
And in the Master's too.

Thus may we, too, great builders be
As any ancient race;
Our Temple is the square-set mind,
Wherein the Master's Self may find
A fitting dwelling-place.



**Jackson Chapter No. 3
Royal Arch Masons**

Excellent High Priest - Michael E. Hicks
October, 2011

Wednesday, Oct. 12th -
Stated Convocation, 7:30 p.m.

AND



Jackson Council No. 32 R. & S.M.
Thrice Illustrious Master - Ronald L. Spees

October, 2011

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Stated Convocation, 7:30 p.m.

**Jackson High Twelve
Club No. 16**



Michael E. Hicks, President
517-787-8438

Darrell G. Kesterson, Secretary
517-563-2902

Meetings are held every Monday of the month
At 12:00 noon at the Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Road
Jackson, MI 49203
Cost of meal is \$10.00 per person



**Jackson Commandery No. 9
Adam W. Wygant, Eminent Commander**

Mon., October 10th - Drill Corp. Chicken Dinner and Full Form
Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Mon., October 17th - Dinner w/ladies at restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Stated Conclave - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6th
Set up for Inspection - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 7th
Annual Inspection - 2:00 p.m.



Jackson York Rite College No. 3
Robert Cunningham, Governor
517-231-3735

Timothy Forche, Secretary
517-676-5157

Calendar for 2011

Friday, October 21st - Order of York Degree - 7:30 p.m.



**Fern Leaf #66
May, 2011
Worthy Matron,
Gail Kirk
Secretary, Ellen Yoakam**

Tues., Oct. 4th - Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 18th - Stated Meeting - 7:00 p.m.



Jackson Assembly No. 7, I.O.R.G.
Brandy Kuhl, Mother Advisor
517-522-4349

Calendar for the month of October , 2011

Tues. Oct. 11th - Stated Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 25th - Meeting - 7:00 pm.

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