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The Master's Words

Greetings from the East

Welcome back my Brothers.

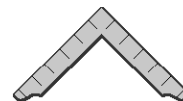
The lodge is no longer dark. However our first stated meeting in September fell on the seventh Anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. Our first order of business was to say a silent prayer for the victims and their families.

A discussion was held regarding an increase in dues. The amount that was tossed around was to limit any increase to twenty five dollars or less. The issue was removed from the table due to time limits required to notify all members in writing of the amount and date of the vote. This will come up again next year my brothers, and would take effect in the year 2010. Be prepared.

We are going to task the trustees with establishing a building fund for the coming year. We are hopeful that some ideas will surface that will allow us to raise the needed funding.

By the time you are reading this our new roof should be completed. Again our thanks to our brother Jim Gename.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mike Galayda
Worshipful Master



WANTED: Group photos of Unity Lodge officers. We are mssing all years of Unity.

From the Secretary's Desk

Our School of Instruction will be Thursday, October 9, 2008. We will put on the 1st & 2nd section of the Master Mason degree.

We will have our election of officers on Thursday, October 23, 2008. It will be a little early this year. Our installation of officers will be on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Please mark your calendars so you don't forget to attend these events.

Thanks to Bro. Jim Gename for the Perpetual Membership board and also Brothers Mike Galayda, W.M. and Don Hall, our Chaplain for hanging the boards on the wall. Our Lawn Mower was fixed by a combination of workers, Brothers Milt, Mike, Wayne and Richard.

Brothers, we certainly could use a building about the size of a two car garage to store our equipment and also things that we use in the lodge but only used once in awhile. I believe we should start a building fund for all members to contribute to and who knows we may even have a few benefactors who would help.

I have been filling in as Sec'y for Brother Bruce Christianson, P.G.M., for nine months now and I still haven't met all our members. If you don't care to come out on Thursday evenings, we are gathered on Wednesday mornings for coffee & rolls.

Take Care & Enjoy Life,
Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



The Editor

Bro. Bruce Christianson (PGM, PM) has retired as Editor of the Unity Trestleboard. We thank him for his years of faithful service. Since no one else stepped up, I did.

Of course, you have already noticed that we have made some dramatic changes. First of all, we are using a different printing and mailing service that will save the Lodge lots of money. This service (Click2Mail) also allows us to compose and submit the Trestleboard directly from a computer. The Trestleboard has been launched into the electronic age.

Since we are putting the Trestleboard together this new way, we also have the opportunity to distribute it via Email. If you would like to save a tree and also save the Lodge some postage and printing costs, please send me a note via email. I will then put you on the electronic mailing list and your Trestleboard will arrive each month in your email inbox instead of in your regular mailbox. If you really need to have it on paper, you could print it yourself.

If you have a computer and receive email, please send me a note so that I can put you on our email list. It's a very handy tool to let you know about Lodge notices and updates to our website (www.kenoshamasons.com)

For the time being, the deadline for articles and other submissions to the Trestleboard will remain the 15th of each month. As things get easier, this may change, too.

Fraternally,

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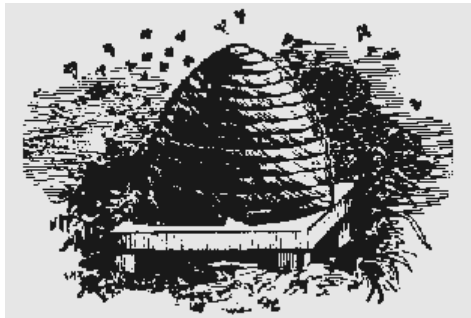
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Pike Chapter #285 Order of the Eastern Star

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

It is hard to believe that summer is over and fall has started. The summer months were busy as always, with so many choices of things to do, making it easy to forget to attend a Pike Chapter meeting. I hope your schedules calm down a bit and you will once again make time to come back to Pike Chapter and renew old friendships.

We held a membership dinner during the month of August. It was an enjoyable night, with 4 guests attending to learn more about Pike Chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star. I believe everyone had an enjoyable evening and I am hopeful that we may receive several petitions in the future. Membership is still a concern and I urge everyone to continue promoting membership in the Order.

As I am writing this message, the chapter is preparing for our Grand Officer visit. I would like to thank all the officers and the pro tem officers who made the evening possible. I am sure it was a wonderful evening.

At our meetings in October we will be discussing the future of Pike Chapter. With our active membership declining and fewer members able to serve as officers, we must decide how or if we can continue into the future. Please plan to attend these meetings and let your thoughts be known. Our meetings in October will be held on October 6th and 20th.

Please mark your calendars for the Party for Sister Dona-Rae Baumgart, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Wisconsin, on Monday December 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Sister Josephine Irvine is serving as chairman of the event and will need assistance. If she asks you for help, please say yes.

Fraternally yours,
 Craig Wepprecht, WP

Masonic Membership Card

- Author Unknown

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size.

It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession.

It is my membership card in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

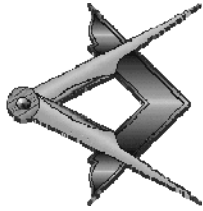
It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends. It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

SO MOTE IT BE !!



Dates to Remember

October

2 – FC Degree for Gustavo Orozco at 7:00 PM

6 - OES Pike Chapter #285 at 7:30 PM

9 – Hungry Mason Dinner at 6:00 PM

9 – School of Instruction at 7:00 PM
(MM Degree emulation for District 1)

9 – Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

14 – Kenosha Shrine Club Officers Meeting at 6:00 PM

20 - OES Pike Chapter #285 at 7:30 PM

23 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 PM

23 – Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday – Donuts, Coffee and Philosophy at 8:00 AM

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Not One Person

By Brother Dan Weatherington, from the Masonic e-mail journal CINOSAM

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children. You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away.

Who, it didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.

