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The Master's Words

Greetings from the East!

My brothers, if you have not paid your 2009 dues, you will be hearing from the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens. If your dues are not paid by October 1st you will receive a 60 day notice and if not paid you will be dropped from the fraternity on November 30th of this year. The Grand Lodge will notify all subordinate organizations and you will be dropped from their membership also. Please send in your dues.

Brothers, at the stated meeting to be held on October 15, 2009, we will be voting on a resolution to have a special assessment of \$50.00 to create a "Building Fund". The exact wording is printed in this Trestleboard. The lodge has been presented with 2 resolutions to increase the dues this year and both resolutions were defeated. I won't say I don't have an opinion but I became a Perpetual Member so that I could continue help the lodge long after I am gone. Please come to lodge and let your vote be counted.

I would like to share with you a brief article I found on the internet.

Bro. Wachter
Merchantville Lodge #119
Pennsauken, NJ

"The Meaning of Freemasonry"

The question is as simple as it is complex. Allegory wrapped in symbolism, the ability to make good men better, or a society with secrets; all quaint and witty one liners that help explain this complex organization to those who are ignorant to the craft. However, an all-encompassing answer is just as easily explained.

The meaning of Freemasonry is best described as such: In a world of endless choices and countless temptations, this elaborate and ever changing fraternity has a way of teaching a simple principle to every individual no matter where they live or

what they believe in. That principle explains that while wealth, title, and fame can easily be stripped from a man. All he really has in this world is his word, his honor, and his integrity. These are the key to a great life and a great man. Without them you are nothing, with them you are all you will ever need to be.

That is the meaning of Freemasonry. It is the ability to understand and become all you ever need to be.

Fraternally yours,
Wayne Budwick
Worshipful Master
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WANTED: Group photos of Unity Lodge officers. We are mssing all years of Unity.





Trestleboard Deadline is the 15th of every month. Please submit articles via email to: webmaster@kenoshamasons.com



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, on October 15, 2009, we will be voting on an amendment to have a one-time special assessment of \$50.00 for our building fund on every member of Unity Lodge 367. Why I proposed it: every member will be required to pay. That's why I was against raising our dues to get the extra money to pay for everything. Dues payments would go on year after year and Perpetual members would not have to pay a dues increase. I didn't think it was a fair shake and everyone should help out to save our wonderful building. We don't want our lodge to get run down. We know other lodges are trying to fix up their buildings and they waited too long before they did something--now it is rough sledding. By the way, I am a Perpetual member and 83 years old, so I didn't propose this one-time \$50.00 assessment for personal reasons.

Welcome our newest members to Unity Lodge: Brother James J. Adams, who transferred on July 16 and James Taube on August 20.

We had a nice turn out at the picnic held at our lodge. Members attended from Kenosha Lodge 47, Sunrise Lodge 359, Washburn Lodge 145 and Unity Lodge 367. The weather could have been warmer. The Shrine also had a good turnout at their picnic. The next big event for the Shrine will be at the Danish Brotherhood. Contact Brother Jim Gename or Bruce Haubrich for tickets.

Our parking lot was recently black-topped and lines painted for parking cars and handicap also. If you or someone you know who would like to put an ad in our T.B. let me know. The cost is \$100.00 per year for a business card-size ad Thank you.

The pole that holds up our sign in front was painted by Brother Vince. Our shed that holds all our valuable articles was fixed, repaired & painted by the crew that consisted of Brothers Richard Anderson, Gene Welter, Milt Bergerson and his brother, Mike Bergerson. Vince Shuler, Jim Dowell and Joe Layne have been filling in as our sanitary engineers, until we get some volunteers. Jim Kruse has been picking up the soda and filling the machine. Don Hall has trimmed the bushes in the front of the lodge.

Thanks a lot to all of you brothers. Pat Kuhner: what can I say but thank you for picking up the rolls and making the coffee for over a dozen years on Wednesday mornings.

Remember Wednesday mornings-coffee and rolls and you never know what else.
Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



October Birthdays

- 10/01 Richard A. Carey
- 10/01 Jeffery A. Sutherlin
- 10/02 Neil J. Bollinger
- 10/07 Gary B. Heiberg Sr
- 10/09 Michael A. Dewolf
- 10/09 Robert T. Stoebe
- 10/10 Louis V. Olsen Jr
- 10/12 Jerry L. Funk
- 10/14 Clarence E. Mielke
- 10/14 Tom J. Sbarounis
- 10/14 David S. Rosenmarkle
- 10/17 John S. Gray
- 10/23 Ronald C. Peck
- 10/23 Thomas E. Mc Hugh
- 10/25 Edward J. Jelinek
- 10/26 Scott A. Mielke, Sr
- 10/26 Jeffrey S. Myers
- 10/28 Alan V. Frederick
- 10/31 Claire C. Faulkner
- 10/31 Stephen V. Seliga
- 10/31 Thomas R. Walker



August 20, 2009

Dear Brothers,

I am presenting a resolution to Unity Lodge #367 members. A special assessment of \$50.00 for every member to pay for the siding on the outside of our Lodge and also replace the gutters. Bids will be put out on this project. This money cannot be used for anything except this Lodge building.

Harold Kreuser





The Editor

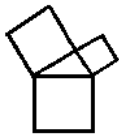
I got my copy of "The Lost Symbol" by Dan Brown today. Let's hope it is as good as his other novels. And, let's hope he gets Freemasonry "right".

Want to reach a couple hundred Brothers every month? Advertise in the Trestleboard. Ask me how.

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

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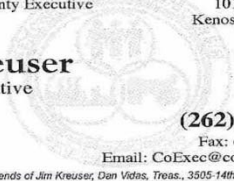


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Dates to Remember September/October 2009

September 21 – Trustees meeting 7:00 PM
September 24 – EA degree- Michel Vastano 7 PM
October 1 - Stated meeting 7 pm Dinner at 6pm
October 12 - Officers meeting, 2nd Monday 6 pm
October 15 - Stated meeting 7 pm
October 19 – Trustees meeting 7:00 PM
October 23 -- Friday - **Area 1 School of Instruction – EA Degree 6:30 PM**
October 29 -- Thursday – **Fall District meeting 7pm, Dinner 6pm**
Every Wednesday – Lodge Clean Up with coffee and rolls 8 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.

October Masonic Anniversaries

Loren W. Tolnai
Steve Rumachik
Ralph A. Moehrke
James M. Hoover
Gerald R. Sadlon
David K. York
Roger L. Falcon
Anthony R. Vines
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James P. Degrazio



The Search for Truth

Take Heed, Brethren; the cryptic understanding of Freemasonry cannot be found in the mere memorization, nor in the rote recitation of its most sacred ritual; for it would surely be a pure waste of man's innate intelligence and his true love for the Craft. Man, therefore, would not gain anything of value for himself, nor achieve any merit for the Fraternity.

The rote memorization of our ritual is not in the least that which is important, of and for the Craft or our Brethren. However, Brethren, the search for the esoteric Truth is where we will find ourselves deep within the realm of Freemasonry and the true meaning and understanding of its wisdom.

Ritual is certainly important for the Craft, for it is the structural architecture that holds our beloved Craft together as a composite Fraternity; however, it is in the persistent scholarly search for the secret, in which the Truth of the Craft can be found. The authentic and true secret of Freemasonry can only be found in the sincere and relentless search of its philosophy.

Seek in earnest, Brethren, for the Truth with all your heart, for the knowledge our philosophy contains, and you will find it. I promise.

Bro. David Kane, PM, Asbury Jordon Lodge #142,
F&AM, Neptune, NJ.

(Stolen from "Knight Templar" magazine, May 2007.
Thanks to Vince!)

Trick or Treat!

