

THE TRESTLEBOARD



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WM's Message from the East...

Greetings from the East

Gentleman, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as the Worshipful Master. It is indeed a great honor and privilege to lead this great Lodge through the 2009-2010 Masonic Year.

Furthermore, I would like to extend a special thank you to all the Brethren that supported me throughout the transition period, especially all of our Past Masters. Their help in preparing all of our officers for the rituals and tasks that lie ahead has been invaluable. Improvements made to date are impressive and show promise of getting even better. Let's keep up this great work!

During our first four communications we have already initiated two candidates into the First Degree of Freemasonry. Additionally, all of our new line officers have had already had to move up in seating for some of our communications and degree work. This task is difficult and most impressive, especially for the Senior and Junior Wardens. It reflects well upon their abilities and dedication.

On our upcoming schedule: we have an official visit from the Grand Lodge (DDGM and DDGL) on November 19th. We *must* get at least one practice in before this event. Our first family night will be January 21st, and will focus upon our children and grandchildren. An RSVP list will be available at our next

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communication to get an idea as to how many children (and adults) will be attending. Additionally, we will again co-host a Holiday Party with our Brethren from Beacon Lodge #3. A date for that event is to be confirmed shortly.

Brethren: I realize that there have been many changes to the Lodge this year. I assure each and every one that I will personally address any and all of your questions or concerns. In return, I only ask that you please inform me or one of the senior officers - Brothers Fuller and Treutelarr, or WB McDaniel with such issues. Remember if we don't know, we cannot take any action. So please keep the communication lines open.

Very Best Regards,

Joe Giaccotto, Worshipful Master

SW's Message from the West...

Brethren,

This year I am again looking forward to serving the Lodge though from a very different perspective. As I have progressed through several chairs, I cannot help but note that each chair provides a unique vantage point and learning opportunity. As the Secretary, I learned that the role was very much behind the scenes, but critical to the maintenance and upkeep of Lodge business. As Junior Warden, I supported many Lodge functions when it is at rest, including meals, parties and social gatherings. I was particularly blessed with the opportunity to interact with members of other lodges while coordinating some of these activities. Currently, as the Senior Warden, much of my role is highly visible, placing me "on stage in front of the curtain" supporting the Worshipful Master in the opening and closing the Lodge as well as leading in his absence.

This year I again look forward to learning from each of you as I have in the past several years. Every member of this Lodge brings valuable insight, skills and history that helps broaden our knowledge, and strengthen our fellowship. My goal is to spend quality time with each active brother to get to know him better, and hopefully contribute something interesting about myself in the process.

Be well and may God bless and keep each of you safe this Masonic year.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Senior Warden

JW's Message from the South...

From the South,

In preparing me for my new office as Junior Warden, my mentors advised that the ritual of that office will reveal many of my key duties. Here in the South, calling of the craft to refreshment is one of those key duties. It is also a duty that embraces and fosters the fellowship and tradition of Saint Louis Missouri Lodge #1. Breaking bread together before each communication allows time for the brethren to informally discuss and share personal events, and events of the Lodge and of the world. It also provides a casual opportunity get to know visiting brethren and candidates.

The position of Junior Warden is very gratifying though not without its own set of challenges including timing, ordering, setup, and cleanup: all of which have only been possible with the help of the Senior and Junior Stewards, our worthy Tiler and the individual help of the Brethren. The Lodge plans to host several theme nights this coming year such as "Breakfast for Dinner". Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for our dinners and other events would be most welcome to help assure that we are providing a variety of venues that appeal to everyone and make our evenings more enjoyable.

Fraternally,

Ty Treutelaar, Junior Warden

Past Master's Greeting...

Greetings to all Brethren!

This is my first address to you as Jr. Past Master, and it is a joy to do so. My year in the East was one of the great experiences of my life, and I am grateful that you put your confidence in me. It was a fun year, and full of challenges. Those who have served as Worshipful Master before me defined a clear path for me, and I am forever in your debt.

Since joining St. Louis Missouri Lodge #1, I have had the privilege of serving the Lodge under the leadership of WB Gene Beavers and WB Gary Kwawer. I am truly grateful to them, as well as the other Worshipful Brethren in our Lodge for the assistance they provided whenever I asked. My sincere thanks to you.

I am especially thankful to Brothers Joe Giaccotto and Kevin Fuller, my Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Both served their posts with fervor and zeal. All success we experienced was directly related to the effort Brothers Giaccotto and Fuller put into their roles. Congratulations to Brother Giaccotto for his election as Worshipful Master, and to Brother Fuller for his well-deserved election to Senior Warden. Both have earned these new offices through hard work, and I have the greatest confidence in our current line of officers.

A highlight of my past term was that I became the first Master (since I joined our Lodge) to install a Jr. Steward who has demonstrated the capacity to move far up the line of ascension for St. Louis Missouri Lodge #1. Brother Jerret Ulmer has since moved up to Senior Steward,

and is showing – through his actions and acceptance of responsibilities – that he will always be ready to serve the will of the Lodge. His Lodge participation began and continues on a very positive note, which is especially exciting to me as the person who appointed him initially.

If you are not yet in the line, for whatever reason, but would like to be, we have a system set up to provide you with all the tools to one day be a leader in St. Louis Missouri Lodge #1 whether you begin as a Jr. Steward, Junior Deacon or any other role. It is proving to be a wonderful system that can progressively bring you all the way through - even to a seat in the East.

Fraternally,

Andre McDaniel, Past Master



Lodge Schedule/Announcements:

- Nov 05 – 1st Stated Communication
(Dinner 6:30, Lodge @ 7:30)
- Nov 19 - 2nd Visit by DDGM/DDGL
(Dinner 6:30, Lodge @ 7:30)
- Dec 05 – 1st Stated Communication
(Dinner 6:30, Lodge @ 7:30)
- Dec 17 – TBD
- Dec ?? – Holiday Party w/Beacon Lodge (TBD)
- Jan 07 - 1st Stated Communication
(Dinner 6:30, Lodge @ 7:30)
- Jan 21 - Family Night
- Lodge dues notices to be sent out by mid-Nov
- Harry T. Shukar...50 Years on October 24

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Tiler – WB C. Joe Bienkowski

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