

The Trestleboard

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The (Lame Duck) Master's Words

My final greetings from the East for 2009!

My brothers, we have had some great times together this year. I presented an ambitious calendar at the beginning of the year without expecting to do every single item listed. Unfortunately we were not able to do a number of the events planned for the year.

A recap of some of the events the Lodge held for the year included the Sweetheart dinner in February, the St. Patrick's Day dinner in March and the Anniversary and Awards dinner in June.

Also the Combined Masonic bodies picnic August. We also hosted other events like the 82nd Airborne fund raiser for Mid East Troops. And we saw the completion of the Eagle Scout walking path this year.

Masonic related activities included several Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees this year. The officers participated at Grand Lodge. We scheduled twice a month Degree practices. The Officer meeting night was changed and held every month. We did not go dark during the summer this year.

As for looking ahead to the future of the Lodge, we got the roof replaced, sided the building, and installed a new hot water heater. We had the carpet in the Lodge room cleaned and the floor in the dining room professionally stripped and waxed. We purchased a new sound system and video projector for the Lodge with funds provided by a very generous donation. We had the parking lot sealed and striped.

The Lodge hosted the District 11, Area 1, School of Instruction and then one week later hosted the District 11 Fall meeting with brothers from 18 lodges in the District attending.

But as with every family, there were some events that were not productive for the Lodge. The loss of Pike Chapter #285 OES when it consolidated with Kenosha Chapter #92. The Brothers of Unity Lodge also attended several Masonic Memorial Services for brother that died this past year. One of the deceased was brother Brad Sellers who was the second Mason raised at Unity Lodge after it was chartered.

As you may guess from the above, there is no way I could list all the brothers names that made this year happen.

I hopefully thanked you all at the time of the events or after them. If I didn't, I apologize, it was not because I didn't try but there were so many helping hands I could not get to each of you every time.

Please extend the same help to the elected Worshipful Master for 2010, Joe Layne.

Fraternally yours,
Wayne Budwick
Worshipful Master
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The (New) Master's Words

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for honoring me with the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master Elect for the coming year.

It is with great pride and humility that I accept the challenge to serve our Unity Lodge. I only hope that I can take on this position with the strength and endurance required to fulfill my role.

Installation of Officers for 2010 will be Saturday, December 5 at 3:00 PM. This will be an open installation, and all are invited to attend.

Fraternally, Hobart (Joe) Layne





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From the Secretary's Desk

Election of officers took place at Unity Lodge on Nov.5, 2009...The officers for next year are W.M. Joe Layne---S.W. Royce Ingraham---J.W. Gordon Charlton--Treasurer Vince Shuler---Secretary Harold Kreuser...W.M. Joe will appoint the rest of his officers. Trustees elected to three year terms were James Gename and Gus Orozco. The other trustees are Vince Shuler and Loren Tolnai for two years and Royce Ingraham and Douglas Sawyer for one year. Thanks to Chris VanDamme and Jim Dowell for the hours and work that you did as trustees.

On Oct. 15, we voted on an amendment to assess every member fifty dollars for a building fund. It was defeated, but we have had a few brothers donate to this fund and I expect more will continue to give. Since that time, our 100 gallon hot water tank leaked and had to be replaced. Brother Royce Ingraham put in the tank

but he had lots of brothers with mops and pails getting rid of the water.

Our lodge has new vinyl siding. Brother Gus was in charge and did a fine job - same color as before.

If you receive your trestle board before Thanksgiving day, we hope everyone has a wonderful day and if you receive it after Thanksgiving, we hope you had a wonderful day...

Thanks to the following brothers for keeping this lodge moving this past year and continue into 2010: Richard Anderson, Olger (Milt) Bergerson, Wayne Budwick, Bob Burgermeister, Gordon Charlton, Jim Dowell, Jim Gename, Don Hall, Randy Holton, Royce Ingraham, Jim Kruse, Pat Kuhner, Joe Layne, Gus Orozco, Vince Shuler, John Walker, Gene Welter, Chris VanDamme and Gerry Slagoski,,last but not least, he keeps collecting food for the unfortunate.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE !

Remember every Wednesday morning, coffee, rolls and you never know what else.

Your Secretary,
Harold "Babe" Kreuser



**Please join us at Unity Lodge for a
Christmas Lunch
Sunday, December 20
2PM-4PM
Photos with Santa will be available
Please...NO gift exchange this year.**



December

December Birthdays

12/02 Royce G. Ingraham
12/03 Karl C. Dahl
12/11 Stephen P. Latham
12/13 Ronald E. Nelson
12/18 Joseph E. Mika
12/18 James R. Schweitzer
12/23 John J. Schappert
12/23 James H. Gename
12/23 Claud D. Wideman
12/23 Randall W. Scott
12/24 Marlin M. Dunham
12/24 Robert D. Hall
12/25 Bruce T. Haubrich
12/25 John N. Krahn
12/31 Gerald R. Slagoski Jr.
12/31 Peter J. Kyriazes





The Editor

WM Elect Joe has asked me to stay on as Editor. You're stuck with me...for a while longer. Want to see something in print? Send it to me via E-mail and I'll do my best to get it included as soon as there is space.

See you in Lodge!

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa ! Happy New Year !

Fraternally,

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Dates to Remember November/December 2009

November `19 – Stated Meeting 7 PM
November 26 – Thanksgiving (Be Thankful !)
December 3 – Stated Meeting 7 PM
December 5 – Installation of 2010 Officers
3 PM (Open Installation, all are welcome)
December 17 – Stated Meeting 7 PM
December 20 – Christmas Lunch 2PM-4PM
December 25 – Christmas !
December 31 – New Years Eve !

Every Wednesday – Lodge Clean Up with coffee and rolls 8 AM, and Degree Practice 10 AM.



December Masonic Anniversaries

Harold F. Kreuser
Daniel R. Angotti Sr
Charles W. Brown
John S. Gray
George H. Easton
John M. Antaramian
Robert S. Stone
Robert J. Klein
James W. Dowell
Jeffery A. Sutherlin
Brian J. Samuelson
Ryan D. Bonell



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A Freemason's Christmas Wish

Wor Bro Andrew J. Bradley (1998)

It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice, and sing carols of praise in resounding voice. Days of merriment and long nights of cheer, as we all await the "Happy New Year!" It is a time of family and lifelong friends, a time of happiness and to make amends.

Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite, we each have our own way to make Christmas complete. As we stroll through this happy month of December find time to pause and take time to remember that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart - those acts of Charity. How great they are. As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree, and the children play with giggles of glee, spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes, whose daily meal is less than your dues. Remember also the Grand Lodge above, and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love. And practice those virtues we hold so true.

Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you. And during this season of peace and joy look well to our future - the girl and boy. Then wonder what lessons you may them teach, and with your guidance what heights they may reach. So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide, whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry, may the Architect grant his celestial boon and keep your good health 'til we meet again soon. Take care of yourself and those you find dear. Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year.

Look toward your next date with our happy band. 'Til our next merry meeting. Apron, heart, and hand.