

# TRESTLE-BOARD



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## From the EAST



### Brethren Greetings from the East

I will not be in town for our next Stated Communications on 11 August 2014. Our Senior Warden Peter Carter will be performing the duties of the Worshipful Master in my absence.

At our August Stated Communications Illustrious Sir Richard Spaulding, Potentate from Egypt Shrine will be visiting us so I urge everyone to try and make that meeting; it's not every day that you get the opportunity to talk to the Illustrious Sir. You will find him to be very easygoing, friendly, and easy to talk to. Here is your opportunity to ask him any questions you might have about the Shrine.

We received a petition for all three degrees and hopefully the results of the investigating committee will be available at our Stated Communications. We have been very busy this year and to date we have put on four degrees within a seven month period, and looks like we will end the year with the possibility of a total of seven for the year.

Last Friday night we put on a Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Richard Lee Crew of Floral City Lodge and Brother Raymond Bartley Thompson from Ridge Masonic Lodge.

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## From the WEST



Brothers,

All of the working tools guide us through life by helping to guard our thoughts and actions. This short poem talks primarily about the Level, the lessons of which should be applied to all children of God in and outside of the Lodge...and God knows, at times this can be a difficult task. Nevertheless, it is our duty to treat all mankind with Love, this is one of the many ways we will be recognized and respected as Masons.

Of all the seats within our hall  
I dearly love the West;  
For here the Brethren, great and small,  
At parting have been blest;  
And memory lends her ready aid  
Recalling all the past;  
The many times we've met, and prayed  
It might not be the last.

Each time we're Brothers, Brothers all,  
And every worthy guest,  
For here we to the Level fall,  
Even Kings are like the rest;  
They may be great in Church and State,  
Or any other sphere;  
The poor, the rich, the low, the great,  
Are on a level here.

Assembled in our Sacred hall  
We're with our Order blest,  
For by the great unerring law,  
We're lowly in the West.  
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It went very well and I want to thank all the Brothers in attendance and commend every one of the Officers on their performance.

Yours in the faith,  
W.: M.: Pete Raymond



## From the SOUTH

### BROTHERS



Cliff will have a great meal for us it will be,  
Caesar Salad,  
Angel Hair Pasta with Meatballs  
And  
Italian Garlic Bread.

LAP day will be on August 26 at Ruby Tuesdays  
on RT. 50 Spring Hill time 11:30 A.M.

A good time is always had when the LADYS are  
with us. At the meeting stay break bread with us  
and enjoy your Brothers.  
Thank You

J.:W.: Dennis

## The Chaplain's Corner

When the Master calls to order  
And you look about the room  
You're sure to see some faces  
That from the shadows loom;

They are always at the meetings  
And stay until they are through;  
The ones that I would mention  
Are the Always Faithful Few

They fill the vacant offices  
As they are always on the spot,  
No matter what the weather  
Though it may be awful hot.

It may be dark and rainy,  
But they are tried and true;  
The ones that you rely on  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

There are many worthy members  
Who will come when in the mood,  
When everything's convenient  
They can do the Craft much good;

They have knelt around our altar  
And are necessary, too;  
But the ones who never fail us  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these Brothers  
Who put their shoulders to the wheel,  
And keep our Lodges moving forward  
So their light they may reveal,

The Craft could never flourish,  
Its work it could not do,  
It would shrink and slowly perish  
But for these Faithful Few.

Brethren: Let's keep the following in our prayers.  
Bill Harms and his wife, Peter Carter's new baby,  
James Roach, Henry McInturff, Dennis Suarino who  
is back with us but has a lot of pain, Sam Douglas'  
Grand Daughter and any others that you may know  
of.

R.:H.: Lucky Lee, Chaplain

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Before us we have Wisdom's light  
And Beauty shining there,  
Here Strength to keep the work aright  
By acting on the Square.

This symbol tells us once and all  
Who with the light are blest,  
How grand and mighty structures fall  
And mingle in the West.  
When faith must be our password on  
To the Celestial goal,  
Where Kings and peasants stand as one  
On the Grand Master's roll.  
(Author: J. Werge)

On the Level

Bro. Peter Carter

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W.: Charley Rhodes	2003
W.: Jim McIntosh	2002
R.:H.: Lucky Lee	2001
R.:W.: Slim Owen	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1999

By The Numbers

- 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.**
- 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.**
- 3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.**
- 4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.**
- 5. Pay off your credit cards every month.**
- 6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.**
- 7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.**
- 8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.**
- 9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.**
- 10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.**
- 11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.**
- 12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.**
- 13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.**
- 14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.**
- 15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.**



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Washington Chapter #3 of Portsmouth, NH announced its meetings via the town crier, who received from 6 to 25 cents for his work.

In 1872 the Commissioner of Patents held that the Masonic emblem could not be used in a trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.

In *Hammer v. State*, 173 Indiana, 199 (1909), the Supreme Court ruled that it was a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that the membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.

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