



GRAY LODGE 329

NEWSLETTER



What's going on at your Lodge?

May 2008

From the East

It's another month gone by and the Masonic year is nearly over. Time has flown by this year but every minute has been very enjoyable. Your Lodge has a fine line of officers coming through. Exciting times lie ahead and judging by the amount of petitions we are receiving, there will be plenty of good candidates to bolster the ranks. On June 4th we will have the last Stated Meeting of this Masonic Year. This will be a closed meeting to hold elections and then we will have our second Table Lodge. Please come along and join in what is a very enjoyable experience. More details to follow in next months newsletter. See you at Lodge!

Sincerely and fraternally, Lex Leckie WM.

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May Stated Meeting: 5/7/08 @ 7.00pm

Bring along friends and family for dinner at 6pm with the **open portion** to follow at 7pm. Business meeting will be conducted after this on the EA degree.

Eastern Star - Flower Talk

Sisters and Brothers,

Please bring your spouse and/or friends and join me at 8pm May 13th, 2008 to hear Mike Hill give The Flower Talk. You do not have to be a member to attend this open program (about 40 minutes long) and it a wonderful belated Mother's Day treat. Our Chapter will go from labor to rest and open our doors to Masons and Stars and their guests. When the talk is finished non-members are invited to enjoy sweets and beverages in the Dining Room while members remain to complete our business meeting. After our business is concluded members will join any remaining visitors in the Dining Room. We look forward to seeing you May 13th.

Best Regards,

Sylvia Houston Worthy Matron Bluebell #856

The Flower Talk is an open, public ceremony that focuses on one of DeMolay's seven cardinal virtues... that of Filial Love and specifically a Mother's love. The presentation is usually made at the first public meeting after both initiations have been conferred and is a little over 10 minutes long. The Talk is given at the altar which has red and white flowers displayed. At the end of the ceremony the candidate chooses a red flower if his mother is alive and a white one if she has passed. I believe the last line sums up the focus of the presentation.... DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love. One of the reasons it is given at an open meeting is for the mothers to hear the ceremony.

Not only do they appreciate what DeMolay is teaching their sons, but it helps to have the son know that the mother is also hearing the work. Many times teens do not express such feeling to their mothers and it is a way for them to share the experience. I have been told many times that the Flower Talk is a moving experience the ladies present. It is perhaps one of the most powerful talks in the Masonic family of ritual. I hope this helps...

Mike Hill

From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers, Please take a moment and ask your brother if he has a current paid up dues card. If he does congratulate him. If not ask him to contact me about getting one. In this day and age the necessity to pay your bills is more dependent than ever on income. For the Lodge it is the dues a member remits to me. If a brother does not pay his for whatever reason the Lodge loses twice. Once if it remits the full \$125 and sends the brother his card for free.

The second time when your Lodge takes \$14.25 from your dues to pay his per capita to Grand Lodge. We care for any brother who asks for assistance and numerous brother make funds available for this reason Therefore a man can only fail to have his dues card because he is too proud to admit he needs our help. In this day and age that is unfortunately true for a great many members who do not want anyone to know this. Help him and tell us who it is so we can save his membership in spite of himself. Your Lodge wants every member to have a long and fruitful association with the Lodge and its membership. To be able to journey in the various quarries of Masonry here and throughout the world. Help us to save every brother we can so he can make that long journey with us. Thanks MWMoore

Bro Treasurer says...

A heartfelt thanks to PM Bill Ehmling for his leadership of our brisket sale, and to all who helped make this event successful. We netted \$1405.

Degrees

We have several new candidates and therefore a lot of degree work coming up. If you would like to participate, please contact our Junior Deacon (rms13@yahoo.com) and he will let you know what the degree schedule is. If you need to brush up on your floor work, contact the JW, Bro Darrin Pitts (dpitts36@yahoo.com) and he will inform you of our rehearsals and degree team instruction.

From the South

Brother Lee Steen is doing much better and is resuming his day to day activities. Brother Harry Horowitz was a nice surprise at our stated meeting he said he was recovering well and looked good. If any of you know of a sick

Line Officers 2007

WM: Lex Leckie
SW: Greg Weisinger
JW: Darrin Pitts
SEC: Michael Moore
TR: Doug Hissong
SD: David Cousins
JD: Roberto Sanchez
MA: Randon Reaves
MC: Paul Anderson
SS: Butch Boggess
JS:
CH: Craig Johnston
TI: David Woodard



June

June will be a closed meeting followed by our second Table Lodge.

We will open the meeting on the EA degree, conduct our business and hold elections for 2007-2008 then close and open the Table Lodge in the traditional manner. All EA's, FC's and MM's welcome!

or distressed brother please call me or e-mail me and bring it to my attention. Remember Brethren, lets keep these and all the brothers in our prayers and if you know of any good cheer we would love to hear that as well.
Regards, Darrin Pitts JW dpitts36@yahoo.com

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