

Greetings from the East



Brethren: First and foremost, I would like to welcome our new Entered Apprentices, Brothers Rick Notaro, Matt Rentz and Adam Trocki. On June 25th we had our first official visit from our Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Acey Edgemon.

We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on **July 9th**. I hope to see the Lodge room full of members to welcome the candidates as they take there first step into Freemasonry.

We have a Lodge workday scheduled for July 27th. Please come out and help in any way possible.

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Brother, I, too, own a television set, but that does not keep me at home on Lodge night. I have never yet had one of the characters on television come off the screen and shake my hand. They have never offered me the warm friendship that my Lodge brothers do. They have never handed me a cup of coffee or a doughnut. No! Never! — Author unknown

Message from the Trestle Board Editor & Publisher



I would very much encourage any Brother that would like to submit an article for the “good of the order” to email me their submission. With the approval from the Worshipful Master, I will make sure your content is added to a future edition of our Trestle Board.

Also, If you (or another Brother) are not receiving the monthly Trestle Board, please send me a message to my email below so you can be added to the list.

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



July 9
Entered Apprentice Degree
 6:30pm Dinner
 7:30pm Meeting ★

July 23
 6:30pm Dinner
 7:30pm Meeting



Happy 4th of July!



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 W.: Kevin Gourley, PM

The Ragged Old Flag

By Brother Red Skelton

I walked through a county courthouse square.
On a park bench, an old man was sitting there.
I said, "Your courthouse looks kind of run-down."
He said, "Nah, it'll do for our little town."
I said, "Your old flagpole's leaned a little bit,
And that's a ragged old flag you've got hanging on it."
He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"
I said, "I believe it is."

He said, "I don't like to brag,
But we're kind of proud of that ragged old flag.
You see, we've got a little hole in that flag there
from when Washington took it across the Delaware.
And it got powder burns the night Francis Scott Key
sat watching it, writing, "Oh Say Can You See."
And it got a bad rip down in New Orleans
with Packingham and Jackson tugging at its seams.
She almost fell at the Alamo,
Next to the Texas flag, but she waved on, though.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville,
and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There were Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,
and the south winds blew hard on that ragged old flag.

On Flanders Field, in World War I,
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood-red in World War II.
She's hung limp and low a time or two.
She was in Korea and Viet Nam,
and she went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.
She waved from our ships on the briny foam,
but they've about quit waving her back here at home.
In her own good land, she's been abused,
she's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused,
and the government for which she stands
is scandalized throughout the lands.
She's looking threadbare and wearing thin,
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
'Cause she's been through the fire before,
and I believe she can take a whole lot more.
So we raise her up every morning and bring her down every night.
We don't let her touch the ground, and we fold her up right.....

On second thought, I do like to brag ...
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



On July Fourth, 1941, my two older sisters took me to see a parade that featured colorful flags, mostly American ones but a couple state and maybe a Christian one. The high school band was playing, and groups of people were marching. The marchers were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Masons, and young men who had received their draft notice.

None of it made sense to me. I was too young to know about Independence Day, World War II, and certainly not why people would stand on the side of the road to watch a parade. It didn't matter to me that there were no fireworks that night or vehicles in the parade. I didn't even understand what the men were talking about from the platform that was decorated with red, white and blue bunting.

With the ending of World War II, the Fourth of July has emerged as a major midsummer holiday and the change in how we celebrate has, in many ways, been dynamic. There are probably still parades that attract a few people and some places may even have patriotic themed speeches. The fireworks have become the major event.



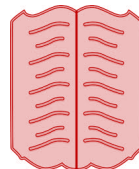
I would urge each of you to join me in commemorating July 4 for its true significance – the celebration of the creation of the United States of America with the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. And should you happen to be standing by the side of the road when the flag goes by, salute it.

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Quote of the Month

"Love of country is the Mason's deed; world citizenship is his thought." —Benjamin Franklin

Howdy from West Tennessee!



Howdy from West Tennessee! I'm 90 miles East of Memphis in a town called Selmer with just under 5000 folks--the home of Buford Pusser.

Greetings, my Brothers. I hope all is well and you are receiving God's blessings.

We should have a moment of silence for our departed Brother Ken Stoner. (Your chores are over; Rest in peace, Brother).

I had the opportunity to attend an outdoor degree in Somerville, Tennessee last Saturday afternoon. To be honest, I had a choice of going to a semi-professional wrestling event at the civic center here in town, but I chose the Masonic event instead. The third degree was going to be conferred upon a candidate that was brought up here from Texas. The degree team were all Texas Rangers from Rising Star Lodge No. 429 in Center Point, Texas.

This took place after about 100+ Masons received the Coonhound degree. YES! There was coon there. I tried it, but it did not taste like chicken. Alas, the desserts were all homemade - certainly reminiscing for Freddie.

The Coonhound degree is very similar to the Yellow Dog degree conferred at the Cave degree in Kingston, Tennessee the third weekend in August. The degree work for the Master Mason is similar, but different, as you would expect.

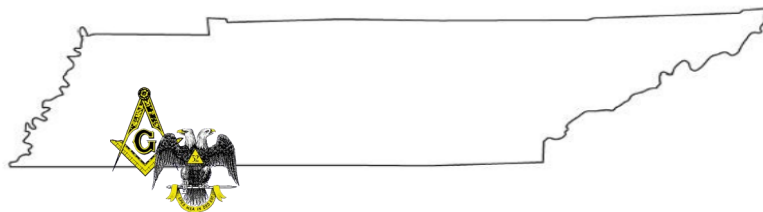
Thank you all for your continued prayers and calls. This caregiving thing is not for sissies.

Happy Trails, my brothers!

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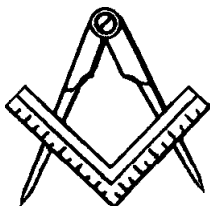
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LAST MONTH

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices: Brothers Rick Notaro, Matt Rentz and Adam Trocki.

They were initiated on June 11th last month.





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CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979
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L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
TONY WEEMS	2018
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ED LANHAM	2020
BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
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