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Trestle Board — December 2025

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Greetings from the East

As the year draws to a close, it is a fitting time to pause and reflect on the journey our Lodge has taken together. Thank you to the Brethren who entrusted me to be Worshipful Master of this lodge. The past twelve months have been filled with meaningful work, renewed fellowship, and the steady pursuit of light that defines our Masonic path. Each meeting, degree, and gathering has strengthened the bonds that unite us as Brothers and reaffirmed our shared commitment to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



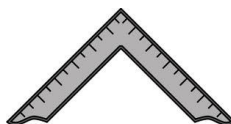
This year has brought both challenges and triumphs, yet through it all, the spirit of our Lodge has remained steadfast. The dedication of our officers, the participation of our members, and the support of our families have made every success possible. Whether through charitable endeavors, community outreach, or the quiet acts of kindness that often go unseen, the light of Masonry has continued to shine brightly in our midst.

Let us carry forward the lessons learned and the friendships strengthened. May the coming year bring renewed purpose, continued growth, and opportunities to serve both our Lodge and our community with humility and integrity.

To those who have labored faithfully in the quarries of our Craft, heartfelt thanks is extended. To those newly raised, welcome to the journey ahead. And to all, may the peace and joy of the season be with you and your families.

Fraternally yours,

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Ho, ho, ho!

DID YOU KNOW?

The figure of Santa Claus is primarily based on St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop known for his secret acts of kindness and generosity to the poor. These acts, like providing dowries for impoverished daughters, are seen as a precursor to the charitable nature of Freemasonry.

STATED COMMUNICATION SECOND TUESDAY ONLY THIS MONTH



December 9
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

Merry Christmas!

A Freemason's Christmas Wish By Brother Andrew Bradley

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 life long 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.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The William Cullen Bryant poem, *Thanatopsis*, is an important piece of literature for Freemasons in that it helps reinforce one of the key lessons our Fraternity strives to teach its members.

Yet, it is not necessarily "Masonic". Thanatos is from the Greek meaning death and opsis means a view or sight.

Bryant was born in 1794 in Massachusetts and grew up in a Puritan family. His father, Peter, was a physician and also Bryant's early school master. William had unlimited access to Peter's extensive personal library and used it to full extent. He eventually entered Williams College but for a lack

of money dropped out in 1810. It is uncertain when he wrote *Thanatopsis* and it could have been shortly after he left college.

Other William C. Bryant poems include *The Embargo*, and *The Fragment*. It is the final stanza of *Thanatopsis* that we are most familiar with and most often hear recited.

"So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan, which moves to that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death..."

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