



# Trestleboard

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## Greetings from the East

*WM Randy Richardson*

Brethren,

The below message was emailed to me by a Brother (who had not been in lodge for a long period of time) after completion of our last Third Degree. It is long, however, it is worth reading. From a Brother:

FIRST:

"During the degree, the sense of brotherly love was everywhere. It is definitely a sublime degree. Our lives send us in the most incredible directions, and, as traveling men, we are lucky to find our way home.

My brother and I could not be more opposite, but in this odd way, I learn from that. He always tells me "the lodge always ask about me" and I think to myself "man, I am happy to hear that" and of course he will tell me about news in the lodge so I do not have to ask much about what is going on. I realize most brothers do not have that benefit; so, I am pretty grateful. I assume many master masons end up like myself lost in their travels, whereabouts unknown, until they find their way home. It is really good not to be lost.

Hearing all the words, Seeing all the faces, and, Exchanging grips were wonderful. Thank you for taking a moment with me. I will have you please to know this here is one instance it is well worth a lifetime.

SECOND:

"Whether we are lost, found, or, hiding in plain sight waiting for someone to find us, I hope you too will make it to the lodge. I know I had not been to the lodge in what had definitely been too long of a while, but it felt like not a day had passed by.

Although please do not let me be the example of just pay your dues and show up when you can, brotherly love is when you have been gone so long the brothers do not skip a beat in welcoming you back. For those who are in the lodge regularly and know all the words and motions, to all those traveling men who have moved on, I hope all will find their way back and be steadfast.

To me in the years that passed, it seems that definitely the world became more fragmented every day. I know my life was and still is much like yours-a hodge-podge of wins and losses, smiles and exhaustion, of just wanting a moment to think, and, if given that, then just a moment more to believe in something, practically anything, and yet what is true is that I left the lodge opened for the raising of two brothers feeling incredibly changed and unified myself-just like our lodge's two new Master Masons.

Yes, I entered the lodge having wondered throughout that very same day, and for even years before to the omnipotent Grand Architect of the Universe "How can You let our world go on this way?" to a feeling of "God, this is not going to happen. Not on my watch." Certainly, while I do not know how to reconcile it all completely, I can definitely say a most sublime degree made it possible and I want to extend my humblest thank you to all the Brothers, wherever you are-Thank you very much-  
\_So Mote It Be\_

Thank you for taking the time to read the above and thank you Brother for your words of wisdom.

## From the West

Brother Jimmy Buker

Brethren,

I thought that I would share a few observations that I've had lately in the lodge for this month's installment of your SW section of the trestleboard. The first thing that I've observed is the fellowship and harmony of the lodge, it is on high right now. It seems as though we have all taken the teaching of the trowel and its uses to heart. There is nothing better than walking into lodge and seeing everyone smiling and enjoying the fellowship. Second observation that I've noticed is the ritual work. Other than the SW who still stumbles over and inserts words from other places we have been doing great! I don't know if anyone else noticed it but at our April stated our opening and closing was the smoothest, I've seen this year. The last observation that I would like to discuss is our involvement. It has been noticed how involved our bothers are getting. It really does feel like being in a bee hive. We have bothers stepping up and learning new parts in degrees, sticking around after the meeting to make sure everything is clean and put back where it belongs as well as brothers getting more involved with our community. Brothers I have always been and continue to be extremely proud to be a member of James K. Polk #759 AF&AM.

For those brothers that we haven't seen in a while please come visit, we would love to see you. If you need a ride let us know, if you can't quite remember certain customs don't worry, we can help, if your old lodge buddies don't come anymore go grab them and bring them with. I would like to personally invite all of our JKP brothers to come join us for our May stated. We will meet on May 9th dinner at 6pm

meeting starts at 7pm. Let's pack the house!

Bro. Jimmy

## From the South

Brother David Smith

Brothers,

Wow it is hard to believe that we have completed the first quarter of the year. It has been a great year so far. On May 18th we will have our next fundraiser, which be our Fish Fry. Then the following week we will do a Breakfast Fundraiser at Charles M. Setzer. If you want to volunteer please get in touch with me. Finally join us on Friday Nights for OSW Practice.

Brother David

# From the Secretary's Desk

WB Brian Kirby

Greetings and salutations brothers,

Things are great on the secretary's desk everything seems to be running smooth. As always I am at your service feel free to call or email me about anything I can do to assist you.

My cell number is [803 367 3788](tel:8033673788) or my email is [brian1.kirby@yahoo.com](mailto:brian1.kirby@yahoo.com)

That being said I thought id leave you with a little humor.

### Rodent Problem

by Ken  
(Lafayette, LA USA)

A small lodge had a rodent problem. They had tried all sorts of way to rid themselves of the rats and mice with traps, poisons, and exterminators.

They were at wits end, but when the members arrived at the next meeting, the vermin were all gone.

When asked what happened, the Master said he held a Master Mason degree for all the rats and mice, raised them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and hadn't seen one of them since.



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Master .....	WB Randy Richardson
SW .....	Jimmy Buker
JW .....	David Smith
SD.....	Anthony Susana
JD.....	WB Dale Bruck
SS .....	Jonathan Capps
JS .....	Eric Robbins
CPLN .....	WB Butch Baxley
Tyler .....	WB Jim Ferguson
Treasurer .....	WB Dennis Woolery
Secretary.....	WB Brian Kirby

**April**

**4/11** April Stated (Official Visit)

**4/13** Bi-annual Lecture Service 7:00 AM - 12:00 AM

**4/13** 50 YEAR CEREMONY FOR WB BOB BRASWELL AT STEELE CREEK LODGE DINNER AT 6:00PM LODGE OPENS AT 7:00PM

**4/18** The SCOTTISH RITE is using the building for their MAUNDY THURSDAY service OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**4/23** Grand Masters District Meeting at Setzer Lodge DINNER AT 6:00PM LODGE OPENS AT 7:00

**4/25** EMERGENT COMMUNICATION AND FIRST DEGREE PRACTICE AFTER

**May**

**5/02** FIRST DEGREE DINNER AT 6 OPEN AT 7

**5/04** JAMES K POLK HISTORIC SITE 11:00AM-3:00PM

**5/09** May Stated

**5/18** FISH FRY FUNDRAISER 11:00AM-7:00PM

**5/23** PRACTICE FOR THIRD DEGREE 7:00PM

**5/25** COOKING BREAKFAST AT CHARLES M SETZER FUNDRAISER

**5/30** THIRD DEGREE DINNER AT 6:00 OPEN AT 7:00

**6/13** JUNE STATED MEETING DINNER AT 6:00 OPEN AT 7:00 OFFICERS MEETING AT 5:30

**6/20** PRACTICE FOR SECOND DEGREE 7:00PM

**6/27** SECOND DEGREE DINNER AT 6:00 OPEN AT 7:00

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