



***Oakdale Masonic Center***  
***Oakdale Masonic Lodge No. 275 F&AM***  
***TRESTLEBOARD - JUNE 2007***



**From the East...**

Well, it is June, school is out and summer is in the air. I would like to have a positive feeling about that but after our last stated meeting that almost didn't take place from the lack of people, it is hard to be positive about anything. I feel helpless, our chefs put out a nice meal and there were only twelve people there including the lovely ladies who usually join us for dinner. Gentlemen, we need your help. As we have said in the past, if you would like to attend but can't drive at night or just need a ride, let us know, we will be more than happy to come get you and bring you home. This is not only happening at our Lodge but almost all the Lodges. Our membership is going down and our members are getting older.

Thank God that there are still some younger members and candidates coming in to keep things going. Many of our Past Masters have sat in the East many times as well as in the rest of the positions. We don't want to lose our lodge, but if things don't change and we cannot get enough of our members interested, that is exactly what is going to happen.

On the positive side, thanks to our Senior Warden, his great family and the rest of the Masons who helped out, the fingerprinting booth at the Oakdale Chocolate Festival was a great success. Mark also put together a flyer inviting the public to a spaghetti feed on June first at the Lodge to try and spark some interest in Masonry in our community. Also, I want to thank him and Jim Dulle his Dad, our Tiler and officers coach, for all the work they have been doing around the Lodge. It is Lodge brothers like you who make Masonry what it is.

Fraternally,

*Art Oglesby*

Master

**From the West...**

Brethren,

In May, we participated in the annual Oakdale Chocolate Festival by having a booth for the Child ID Program. Using the equipment provided by Doug Alcorn, PM from Escalon 591, we were able to provide ID sheets for over 390 children. I want to thank Doug Alcorn, Jim Sneddon, Frank Muterspaw, Hans Boggs, Art Oglesby, Jim Fonda, Roy Watson and Jim Dulle for their work over the weekend. Thanks go to Cris Watson and his group for coming down and lending a hand as well. I also want to thank my wife Peggy and my daughters Lynn & Michele, for all of their help in making this effort a success.

We get off to a good start in June with a Masonic Information Night and Spaghetti Dinner on Friday June 1st. We handed out several hundred flyers for the event at the Chocolate Festival and we plan to have Representatives from the various Masonic organizations in our area. Several of the members from Oakdale will be traveling to Columbia to assist Riverbank with their 3rd Degree at 2 PM on Saturday June 2nd. Cox Thornton, current Master of Riverbank, would appreciate the attendance and he has arranged for the ladies to attend a musical production by the Sierra Repertory Theater at the same time.

By the time June rolls around, we should have the new sign up in the front of the building and the new hand rails painted. Along a similar note, I have obtained a quote to replace the windows in the front of the building with nice white vinyl windows. The quote is for \$825 for 4 windows. We can do the install ourselves. I am looking for anyone who can spare a few dollars towards the cost. Also, the building is in need of repairs and the Temple Board will be planning a number of work parties to take care of some basic (and not so basic) maintenance.

Fraternally,

Mark Dulle  
Sr. Warden

## “FROM OUR SECRETARY’S NOTEPAD.....

### AS MASONS WE VALUE & PROMOTE

Ethics – Personal Growth – Tolerance – Education

Diversity – Philanthropy – Family – Community



Secretary’s Ramblings...

Summer is here, planning vacations soon. So far this year, Oakdale Lodge has had a very successful 6 months, with donations and profitable events. We have had a couple of new candidates, hopefully will be voted on soon. However, like many Lodges, we seem to be lacking in officer material to plan for our new year 2008. Its not too soon, but we should be planning our new officers for 2008. It is the understanding that we will see some changes in our officer line for 2008. As I have quoted all year, I think it is time for the Secretary to make a change and step aside to let new blood have a chance at being Secretary. Being Secretary is a great Lodge position, where you get to know all the brethren either at Lodge or

**BROTHER DEWAYNE ADAMS**

" Soft & safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place"

by mail, email and phone and I know I have enjoyed being Secretary for the past 20 years, but there comes a time to give another Brother a chance to enjoy what I have enjoyed. I am sure the officers will be glad to see this old Secretary make this change. Being Secretary takes a lot of your time and is probably the most thankless job in the Lodge, but it pays well. Yes, the pay is - Enjoyment, Great Fellowship, and trying to keep the rest of the officers in line and, yes, the Worshipful Master also. In all its fun, a lot of fun! So, any brother interested please make it known to our Wor Master or incoming Master.

Our Hall Association is very active this year. We have been fortunate in renting our hall and also, we have become very community minded by donating our hall time to the Garden Club, who are doing a great job, we love them. We also have donated hall time to the community brown bag day each month, because our city charges heavily now at the new Community Center and can no longer give free space to the above mentioned clubs. We will soon be renting our hall on Sundays to a small church and are in negotiations with the Native Daughters of Calif.

Thanks to Bro Mark & Jim Dulle for the new handrail for the ramp and have you noticed the new sign donated by these 2 Brothers. We are lucky to have good workers give of their time to keep our beautiful Masonic Center going. Bro Mark informs me plans are in the making for new windows and our dining room floor will be updated. Oakdale Masonic Lodge was well represented at the Chocolate Festival with the Child Identification program. Thanks to Bro Mark Dulle and assistants helping. We have given 2 bicycles away this week as this goes to press.

Plan on joining us every stated meeting for dinner (donation) and its always a great dinner and plan on making at least one lodge meeting and renew old friendships, no excuses. If you cannot drive at night, please give present Secretary Boggs a call and we will arrange to pickup and deliver you home safely.

On our sickness roll, well not sick but under the weather a little, PM Charles Murphy doing great, Bro John Tolar attending doctor and hopefully we will see him at Lodge soon, Bro Ellsworth doing good, stop by and see him at Laurel Crest Manor room #6. A late and sad addition to our news is the passing of Brother DeWayne Adams on the 21st of May.

Brethren who have overlooked paying their dues - PLEASE do so now or give the Secretary a call. Very important. Thanks brethren.

Time goes by so swiftly as everyone must know. The favorite question we all ask “Where does the time go?”

See you all in Lodge.

FRATERNALLY,  
OLD SECRETARY BOGGS

# June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Masonic Info Night Oakdale 6:00 pm	2 Riverbank 3rd Degree at Columbia 2:00 pm
3	4 Oakdale Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	5	6	7 Riverbank Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	8	9
10	11 Officer Practice at Summit 7:00 pm	12 Oakdale Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	13 DeMolay Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18 Oakdale Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	19 Summit Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	20 Escalon Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	21	22	23
24 Trestleboard Article Deadline	25 District Practice at Summit 7:00 pm	26	27 DeMolay Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*A very Happy Birthday to you all!*

Art Oglesby WM	Date	14	James E Reynolds	Date	25
Robert Neathery PM		14	Kevin S Terill		28
Merrit Ward Wanty		17	Aaron J Pingree		29
Ed Walters PM		18	Gene Guptill		30

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 1 - Oakdale Masonic Information Night  
at 6:00 pm
- June 2 - Riverbank 3rd Degree at Columbia 2pm
- June 7 - Riverbank Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
- June 8 - Oakdale Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30
- June 9 - DeMolay meeting at 7:30 pm
- June 12 - OHS Band Fundraiser at Oakdale  
High School
- June 15 - Summit Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30
- June 16 - Escalon Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30
- June 24 - Deadline for Trestleboard articles
- June 25 - District Officer Practice 7:00 pm  
at Summit
- June 27 - DeMolay meeting at 7:30 pm  
Advisor meeting at 6:30 pm

### For your information:

The district practice schedule is as follows for the rest of the year. If there is a conflict with a lodge, please let me know.

June	Summit
July	Escalon
August	Riverbank
September	Summit
October	Oakdale
November	Escalon
December	Oakdale

### HELP WANTED

Secretary - Oakdale Lodge #275 has an opening for Secretary. Successful applicants will provide a wonderful service to the lodge while enjoying the fellowship of the Brethren, including those unable to attend lodge. All interested Master Masons are to contact the current Secretary at : (209) 848-1033 or on his cell: (209) 605-7037

### *Oakdale Shrine Club*

#### *Patio Mimosa Brunch Deluxe*

1:00 pm Sunday June 17th at the Oakdale Masonic Center  
After church come and enjoy with us for just \$10 per person  
For reservations call Hans H Boggs at 847-2477 or 848-1033  
Charles Murphy at 847-5337  
John Tolar at 845-0755



### From our Inspector...

Brethren,

Kudos to Oakdale Lodge and the 585th District for their participation in the Oakdale Chocolate Festival with the child ID booth. Thanks to Mark Dulle and all of those involved for getting Masonry in the public eye. I understand that hundreds of invitations to an upcoming information dinner at the Oakdale Lodge were handed out. Hopefully this will lead to new found interest in all of the Lodges in the District. For you Brothers out there who may have a son or son in law who might be interested in finding out more, this would be a great opportunity to introduce them to the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Inspector Dave

## Bike Program

Recently we gave 2 bicycles away at the local schools as a reward for having perfect attendance. The names of all those with perfect attendance are put in the hat and one winner is drawn for each of the three elementary schools in Oakdale. Below are a couple pictures that were sent to us with a brief note from the school, which is also printed below.



If you would like to know more about the program, or how you could help, contact our Secretary Hans H Boggs at 848-1033 weekdays or on his cell phone at 605-7037. He would be happy to tell you all about it. We can always use some help for presenting the bikes and award certificates and I know you would enjoy being an active part in this program where you see the smile on the face of the winner first hand.

*Hope you enjoy these photos as much as we enjoy you. Oakdale is a better place with you here! Many thanks -*

*Magnolia School*

