



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



From the East...

April seemed like a long month, yet in other respects it seemed to fly by. As a child you couldn't wait to become a teenager, then the next thing you wanted was to be 21, then you wanted to keep your youth, but forty sneaks up on you and before you know it you hit the mid century mark and it is all downhill from there. Yet we in Masonry have an advantage, we are taught Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Years ago I came across the following poem. It is a little long, but a good philosophy to live by.

The Guy In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day;
Then go to your mirror and look at yourself
To see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life,
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the man you must please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may be like another and "chisel a plum"
And think you're a wonderful guy.
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum,
If you don't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

Dale Wimbrow

From the West...

We have a couple of events on the trestleboard for May. First, is the observance of Public Schools Month which was in April but due to scheduling issues, we are holding the event on Saturday, May 12th, at the Oakdale High School. The OHS Band is putting on a fundraiser spaghetti feed and we need everyone that can make it to come to the event. Please let me know if you plan to attend and/or if you need a ride to the dinner.

The second event for the month is the Oakdale Chocolate Festival on May 19th and 20th. We have a children's finger printing booth scheduled. Help is needed to run the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. We have asked the other lodges to participate. If you can sign up for an hour or so please contact me as soon as possible.

I am still working on replacing the sign for the front of the building and will have it done before the end of May. We also recently installed hand rails at the parking lot walkway that we will be sanding and painting in the next week or so.

Have a good month of May and see you at Lodge and the upcoming activities.

Fraternally,

Mark Dulle
Sr. Warden

“FROM OUR SECRETARY’S NOTEPAD.....

AS MASONS WE VALUE & PROMOTE

Ethics – Personal Growth – Tolerance – Education

Diversity – Philanthropy – Family – Community



Brethren...

Holiday time is approaching and weather is getting better. Hope all brethren are well and looking forward to vacation time.

Our first quarter of 2007 has been a sad time in our Masonic family. This Secretary has spent too many days at funerals. We recently said goodbye to our dear brother, Maurice Lathrop. He will be missed as he hardly ever missed an event at both Lodge & Shrine. Truly a dedicated Mason.

BROTHER MAURICE LATHROP

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

Our Wor. Master Art has had his surgery on his knee and is back better than ever. Bro PM Charles Murphy doing good and PM Ellsworth doing good. Have been visiting him very often and he enjoys company. Stop by Brothers and visit PM Ellsworth.

Our Treasurer reminds this old Secretary that we still have a few members who have not yet paid their dues. Please Brothers, check your wallets. It is very simple to forget and think you had paid. If you are having problems, please contact Secretary as it is confidential.

Bro Mark Dulle has great info in our Trestleboard this month, so please read it all and plan to support our Bro Mark, thus improving our Oakdale Masonic Lodge's overall endeavors.

Congrats to our latest young Master Mason DeMolay Master Councilor 2007, Bro Master Councilor Cris Watson. Oakdale Masons please support our DeMolay at least one month. It only takes an hour of your time on a Wednesday night. Check the date and time in our Trestleboard. Remember: Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Leaders.

We are pleased to inform our Brethren that our hall rentals have improved from last year at this time and you will notice some changes and repairs. So come out to Lodge and see it for yourself. Our tenant, The Garden Club, are doing a great job and we thank them. Thanks to PM Jim & Bro Mark Dulle for the ramp railings just recently completed, a good job & appreciated.

Just a reminder that Oakdale Shrine Stag Nite is May 18th at 5:00 pm at Chuck Cross' residence and the Ladies will join their hostess (Mrs. Agnes Boggs) at H-B for dinner at 6:30 pm. For reservations please call this Secretary at 847-2477 or 848-1033 day. A fun-filled evening is expected and the best steak in the West, plus oysters. A lot of good fellowship & fun. So the President says....

We are still looking for a Secretary for 2008. Congrats to Bro Sid Lieb, he has gained a new title by his peers, Utility Officer. We are having fun with Bro Sid. He is always welcome at the Lodges, as he can fill many stations, but refuses the Secretary's office. Try it Bro Sid - It's fun!

See you all at Lodge soon...stay well & happy!

Fraternally,

Old Man Boggs PM - Secretary (again) - 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Riverbank Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	4	5
6	7 Oakdale Officer Practice 7:00 pm	8 Oakdale Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	9 DeMolay Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11	12 OHS Band Fundraiser at Oakdale High
13	14 Officer Practice in Riverbank 7:00 pm	15 Summit Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	16 Escalon Stated 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	17	18 Oakdale Shrine Club Stag Nite	19 Chocolate Festival Child ID
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27	28 District Practice in Riverbank 7:00 pm	29	30	31	June 1 Masonic Info Night in Oakdale	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

A very Happy Birthday to you all!

	Date
Charles Haley	2
James G Rosander	24
Mike T Reiff	29
Rick Gannon	30

From our Inspector...

My Brothers,

Welcome to spring, a time of renewal and commitment to the new year. I hope that all of you will take this time to evaluate your commitment to the Lodge and the tenets of the Fraternity.

Our ritual is what makes us different from every other club. It is why the officers commit so much time to learning it to be able to share it with the other members of the Lodge. It is what instills in us the desire to follow the direction of the Great Lights of Masonry the Holy Bible, Square and Compass, to serve mankind and care for Widows and Orphans.

Brothers, you joined for a reason, you continue to pay dues for a reason, only you know what that reason is. I challenge you to look into your heart and evaluate what you can do to give fulfillment to that individual reason.

You have no idea what a small gesture on your part will make to the active members of the Lodge. Whether it be a small donation to the upkeep of the Lodge or taking the time once a year out of your busy schedule to attend a Stated Meeting or event.

Wishing you all the best that disinterested friendship can afford.

Fraternally,

Inspector Dave

Oakdale Shrine Club Stag Nite
5:00 pm Friday, May 18th at Chuck Cross'
For reservations call Hans H Boggs at 847-2477 or 848-1033
Or John Tolar at 845-0755

Ladies will meet at 6:30 pm for dinner at the H-B
Mrs. Agnes Boggs - Hostess

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3 - Riverbank Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
- May 8 - Oakdale Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30
- May 9 - DeMolay meeting at 7:30 pm
- May 12 - OHS Band Fundraiser at Oakdale High School
- May 15 - Summit Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30
- May 16 - Escalon Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30
- May 19-20 Child ID at Chocolate Festival
- May 23 - Deadline for Trestleboard articles
- May 23 - DeMolay meeting at 7:30 pm
Advisor meeting at 6:30 pm
- June 1 - Masonic Info Night - 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