

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to 2010! Strafford Lodge is ringing in the New Year with a very busy schedule. On our Fellowship night we will be presenting the Dover Children's Home with the check from our Harvest Supper.

January's Stated is our annual meeting, aside from closing and opening our lodge of Sorrows, we will be electing our new officers for their up coming term. Every Master Mason should attend so that they can cast their written ballot. The 2010 instillation of Officers will be on the fourth Saturday, January 23rd at 2 pm, and will be opened to friends and family. This would be a great time to show your family the hard work we have done to give the lodge a new fresh look.

Strafford Lodge has been going strong with their degree work and January will be no different. By the end of the month we should have up to three Fellow Crafts and three Entered Apprentices. That means we will be having a busy spring with a new line of officers. We, as Masons, should try at the very least to make it to degree work.

Remember when we went through our initiation process? The time it took to learn your lesson, the time the Brothers took attending your degrees. Remember seeing the sidelines full?? Masonry makes a better first impression when we show interest in our future Master Masons. Check the Trestle board, pick a night and make an appearance. Freemasonry is the largest and the oldest fraternity in the world. Period. Lets show our new brothers the real meaning of Brotherhood.

This trestle board, thankfully, will be the last one I write as Worshipful Master. The last two years have been very busy, We had a lot of new programs, guest speakers, fundraisers, suppers, some funerals and countless Degree's. This has been a humbling experience and without the dedication of the craft we would not have been able accomplish our work. Thank you!

Remember Brethren: "The battle against evil is difficult, not so much of the action required, but because of the endurance required to achieve victory."

Fraternally

Harlan W. Adams

Worshipful Master

January 2010 EVENTS

Jan 6th , Wednesday, Fellowship Night :

Wor. Bro. Pratt's Meatloaf will be for supper. 6:30pm Cost \$7

Guardians will review books after meeting

Jan 13th , Wednesday, Annual Meeting:

Meeting will begin at 7pm. Break for collation after the meeting.

Officers: Suits

Jan 20th , Wednesday, FC degree

Supper will be at 6pm. Cost \$7. Work will begin at 7pm.

Officers: Tux

Jan 23th , Saturday, Installation of Officers

2 pm, semi-public. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments downstairs after the installation. Officers: Tux

Jan 27th, Wednesday, EA degree

Supper will be at 6pm Cost \$7. Work will begin at 7pm.

Officers: Tux

January Birthdays

Gary Arkerson - 65

Fred Dupuis - 40

Louis Richards - 77

Ray Spencer - 67

Norm Wheeler - 83

Roland Barratt - 77

Louis Bograkos - 86

Harry Trott - 84

Kurt Eldredge - 38

Floyd Dickson - 80

Rob Smith - 71

Carlton Spencer - 71

Mike Starkey - 47