



FAMILY-COMMUNITY-MASONIC PRIDE

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... AND GIVE THEM GOOD AND WHOLESOME INSTRUCTION FOR THEIR LABORS...

Hail Brethren !!

As this year comes to a close, we have much to look forward too. December's Stated Meeting on the 6th, will include the Election of Officers' for the year 2011. These men continue to put forth great effort to make Council Oak Lodge a great place to be a part of. Show them your support by attending this year's election.

This month's breakfast on Saturday the 18th will once again be a food drive for the food bank at the Broadway Christian Parish. Bring a can or non-perishable item and get a free breakfast. And.. Santa Claus will also be making an appearance for the kids; so bring them all !

Brothers, this being my last Trestleboard as Master of the Lodge for the year 2010, I would like to express my thanks to all who have made this year such a great experience. I truly feel blessed to have had such support from each of you in the activities in which we have partaken in. Have a wonderful holiday.

May brotherly love prevail!

Bill Ralstin, Master



CALENDAR December, 2010

Dec. 6th - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge opens at 7:30.

Dec. 9th - Past Master's Degree. At Council Oak Lodge. Dinner at 6:30 PM. A Lodge of Past Masters opens at 7:30 PM.

Dec. 15th - Officers Call Meeting. At the Lodge Hall. 6:30 PM

Dec. 18th - JW's Fellowship Breakfast. At the Lodge Hall. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Dec. 20th - Executive Committee Meeting. At the Lodge Hall. 6:00 PM.

Dec. 20th - Installation of Officers. At the Lodge Hall. 7:00 PM

Dec. 27th - Feast of Saints John. At the Lodge Hall. 7:00 PM.



THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN !!

Bring your kids and friend's kids

!! STATED MEETING AND DINNER !!
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH - 6:30 PM

JOIN US AS JD AND "CHEF" GREG MELLER
COOKS LASAGNA FOR OUR DELIGHT !

IT'S THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF
OFFICERS ! COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LODGE...

THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM THE BROTHERHOOD

Keep in Your Prayers:

Bro. Doug Selig continues his fight with eye cancer.

WB Tom Frame is experiencing problems with his eyes.

December Birthdays: Dec. 1st - Gerry Jank; 2nd - James Callaway and David Hockenull; 3rd - David Henry; 4th - Leonard Trowbridge; 10th - Mike Koziel; 11th - Kenneth Butterbaugh; 12th - Robert Holm; 14th - William Whipkey; 15th - James Barnes; 16th - Edward Bender; 18th - Roland Klockow and Bill Ralstin; 19th - Don Moon, Aaron Busch and Edward Camp; 21st - Robert Leonard and John E. Sidorowicz; 22nd - Paul Rudbeck; 26th - Fred Jeffers and A. J. Hall.

Contact these Brothers and wish 'em Happy Birthday!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH AND HAPY NEW YEAR !!!

On Sept. 20, 1929, Freemasons from across the northern United States gathered Downtown in Indianapolis for the grand opening of the just-completed Scottish Rite Cathedral, which had cost more than \$3 million and taken two years to build.

Located at 650 N. Meridian Street, it occupies a city block between North and Walnut streets on the west side of Meridian. It was designed by architect George T. Schreiber, who modeled it after the great Gothic Cathedrals of Europe.

Despite its name and appearance, however, it is not a church and has never been one. It's a Masonic meeting hall intended for the ceremonies and rituals of Freemasonry, though nowadays it is also used as a venue for weddings, theatrical performances and other non-Masonic events.

The cathedral's central tower is 212 feet high and contains a 54-bell carillon which is still played manually by a "carillonneur." Unlike the traditional church bell, the bells inside a carillon do not swing. Instead, they are struck with iron clappers attached to the musician's console, called a clavier. About 170 of the instruments are scattered in church towers and on college campuses across the country.

Masons trace their lineage to the guild organizations of the stoneworkers who built the cathedrals of Europe, and over the centuries they evolved into fraternal organization supporting various charities. However, their penchant for elaborate, secret ritual has long attracted the suspicions of conspiracy theorists — and they have become handy villains for novels and movies of intrigue.

Schreiber was himself a Mason and built into the cathedral a cornucopia of Masonic symbols down to its dimensions, many of which are multiples of the number 33, the highest level a Mason can reach.



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