

# TRESTLEBOARD

## Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

JANUARY 2024 - JUNE 2024

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Larry Galloway PM, Worshipful Master

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### FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,  
Brother, you are a Northwood Ancient Craft Freemason for a reason.

I hope your Masonic journey has been one that charts a series of milestones that has helped you to grow as a person, filled with enriching memories along the way. You were joyfully accepted into Northwood Ancient Craft Lodge, a milestone that I trust was a great honor.

We have just over 100 members on our membership roll as of this writing. Statistically, about 7% of any organization is active. Northwood Ancient Craft Lodge consistently beats that statistic. We average 10 to 15 members most evenings. If you are one of those 10 or 15 that join us each time we meet, I enjoy seeing you and know you enjoy the camaraderie.

I want to meet you, the other 85 or 90 members. 2024 is the year that I hope to see all of you. I am charging the 10 or 15 members who attend regularly to contact you with the purpose of strengthen the fellowship between our brethren.

I will be in touch. Should you like to refresh our friendship sooner, please send me an email at [Larry.Galloway9@me.com](mailto:Larry.Galloway9@me.com) or a text at (248) 672-4230.

You can also call me on that number but be patient, I answer most calls but ignore some because they are unwanted calls. Please let me know how you are managing. We will be in touch!

Fraternally, Larry M. Galloway, Past Master

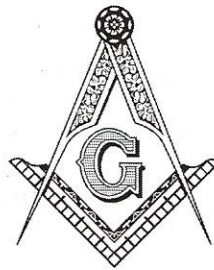
### FROM THE WEST

Brethren,  
I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. With Christmas around the corner I hope everyone is well. At the beginning of this New Year we have a Master Mason candidate and some Entered Apprentice candidates ready to join us. I'm wishing all our Brothers and their families a Happy New Year.

On the level - Senior Warden, Geoffry Pelton

### FROM OUR PAST MASTER

Can you believe the year is over already!? By the time you receive this we will have already done our Annual Memorial Service and a first closed lodge installation for quite some time! As a lodge this year we targeted St. John the Baptist day (6/24) for Table Lodge, but the second feast day Masons are to meet is December 27th - St. John the Evangelist day. I know there are some banquets planned for those who look at the state calendar of events hosted by other Masonic



entities within a reasonable distance. All who attend will enjoy the Masonic history and brotherhood that happens at those events. Back to personal nostalgia, I have mixed feelings on stepping down from my fourth year as your Worshipful Master. I enjoy the ritual opportunities the WM has, but moving on will allow me to focus on being a better DDI for the lodges in our district and working on some of the longer second section degree ritual parts. Moving on gives our line of officers the opportunity to move up and gain more experience working through the offices of the lodge. A changing of the guard can also provide a different perspective on types of activities and leadership in the lodge. A fresh start for the lodge with fresh leadership is a great time to come back to lodge and get involved with the activities upcoming for 2024. Plan on attending our Table Lodge this June - it has gotten rave reviews over the past two years and we are looking to better what we did last year! My sincere wishes for all brother Masons to have a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Let's help our Fraternity realize the Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth we aspire to live.

...and part upon the Square... Roy Prince PM

### FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren, if any of you have changed your residence, e-mail address or phone number, please let me know so I can update our records. It would then make it so much easier to contact you. Email me at [lbull46@yahoo.com](mailto:lbull46@yahoo.com) or call me at (248) 797-4518.

Fraternally Yours, Larry Bullock PM



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## LODGE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### JANUARY - JUNE 2024

#### The first Thursday of January thru June

Business Meeting

7:00 PM

Business Attire (sport coat or suit and tie).

#### The second through the last Thursday of January thru June unless otherwise published.

Confer a degree or Practice Ritual and enjoy a social following ritual practice. (Officers wear tux or dark suit for presentation of a degree, All others wear a sport coat or suit and tie. When no degree is scheduled attire is casual).

7:00 PM

Notification of degree and date to follow.

#### Saturday, February 17

Enjoy a Blue Grass concert presented by our own

7:00 PM

WB Don House and his merry makers. Always a good time to enjoy fellowship and snacks. Open to public attendance. Introduce a potential candidate for membership.

Additional information to follow.

#### Saturday, March 16

St. Patrick Day Dinner. Reservations and payment in advance required.

6:30 PM

Additional information to follow.

#### Saturday, April 20

Awards, Ladies & Recognition Dinner, open to public.

6:30 PM.

Additional information to follow.

#### Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14

Grand Lodge Communication.



#### Saturday, June 29, Annual Table Lodge

Details to follow.

Visit our website for more information  
and for possible date  
changes and updates  
– [www.NAC551.com](http://www.NAC551.com)



## **FROM THE TREASURER**

\*We made a \$500 donation to the Shrine Children's Erie Nutrition Program

\*\* We made a \$500 donation to the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeastern Michigan

\*\*\* We made a \$554 Worshipful Master donation to a Brother-In-Need due to urgent health needs

\*\*\*\* We made a profit on the June Table Lodge

Jim McPherson PM

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** **FROM THE TEMPLE SUPERVISOR** **WB Donald House**

Please note-- There must be no sliding of tables or chairs across the Dining Room Floor and after using the Kitchen be sure to clean it up- as you found it— or better!!

Those wishing to rent the Temple Hall must contact WB Don House at 248-227-1629 (no emails and no texts)

## **MASONIC HUMOR**



## **ARE WE SUPPORTING THE OTHER LODGES IN OUR TEMPLE?**

Let us take special note of all of the degrees going on in our Temple's 3 Lodges. Visiting and supporting our neighboring Lodges doing degree work is more than 'appreciated'; it is necessary. Our whole Freemason organization benefits when Lodges support each other in this way.

## **CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITY**

Remember that our beautiful Masonic Temple Dining Room is available for special celebrations at a reasonable rental fee. The proceeds from rentals help fund the maintenance of the Temple. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are often available. Advanced reservations are necessary. Contact WB Donald House for further information. (248) 227-1629

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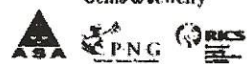
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