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Northwood Ancient-Craft No. 551

SEPTEMBER 2019 - DECEMBER, 2019

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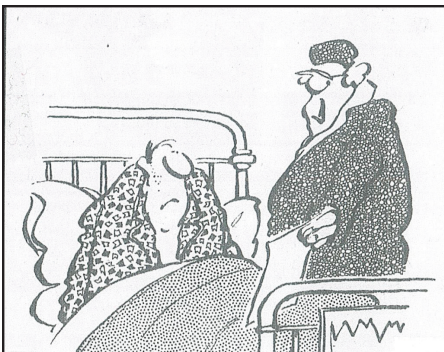
Roy Prince, Worshipful Master

FROM THE EAST

One summer during a three week session as an early teenager, I was a camper at Camp Nathan Turk, the New York State Masonic Youth Camp. One day in camp, we all received camp T-Shirts and we took a bus ride to a mountain top overlooking 4th Lake in the Adirondack Mountains. Unbeknownst to me, the photographer for the Empire State Mason magazine was standing behind my friend and me and took our picture as we overlooked the lake from the top of the mountain. A few months later my Dad's magazine arrived in our mailbox with that picture of my friend and me on its cover! The places you go, the decisions you make and the things you do can often affect the world around us in ways we don't foresee, so get out there and make a difference in the world! Hopefully you were all able to jump in and help out at this year's Temple board garage sale, as well as join us for the Temple board corn roast on Sunday 8/11 from Noon - 5PM. We also have a CHiPs event at Central Church in Madison Heights on Saturday 8/24 (keep checking website for time), so join us if you can as we come out of the dark into a very busy fall! Please check the calendar and join us as opportunities permit, as our lodge is incomplete without you there!



On the Level, Roy Prince, Worshipful Master



MASONIC HUMOR

"DON'T DIE UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THEN MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE IS ON VACATION."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When I was raised a Master Mason 20 years ago I often questioned why the Junior Warden would repeat, in his ritual dialog, his duty to "...see that none convert the means of refreshment into intemperance or excess". I suspect others, especially new members, might have the same thoughts. The answer is because Masonic ritual is rather ancient and in the old days (1600's - 1800's) our Freemason Fraternities often met in the back room of local town taverns. The Junior Warden then had a rather important, but rather tough duty in preserving the dignity of each meeting. (...and I smile!)

Fraternally Yours- Ray Doyscher, Chaplain

SPECIAL ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT

#1Veterans Honors and Awards Dinner

For those of you that have served this great country in the military: Please let us know which branch you served under. The Lodge wants to include you in our Honor and Awards Night/Dinner, November 21st, 6:30pm. Please send this in email form to- lbullock46@yahoo.com. For those of you that don't have email, please call Larry Bullock @ (248) 543-3767. You can leave a message if you would like or write him at 8450 Northfield, Oak Park, MI., 48237.

Thank You Brothers,
Larry Bullock PM (Associate Secretary)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #2

(Special note to our newest members)

Don't overlook a precious Lodge tradition, our Pot Luck Dinner before each Business Meeting. Bring a dish to share and enjoy relaxed visiting before the Meeting starts.

SICK AND DISTRESSED REPORT

We send our Best Wishes to Elton Scott,
Maria Stiles, WB John Kashner,
and WB Earl and Kathy VanCise.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

September 2019 - December 2019

August 2019

8-24 Sat. CHiPs event at Central Church in Madison Heights 11 am-2pm

September 2019

9-5 Thurs. Potluck Dinner- Bring a dish-to-share 6:00pm

Regular Communication 7:00pm

9-12 Thurs. FC Degree practice 7:00pm

9-19 Thurs. FC Degree 7:00pm

9-26 Thurs. EA Degree practice 7:00pm

October 2019

10-3 Thurs. Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish-to-share 6:00pm

Regular Communication 7:00pm

10-10 Thurs. EA Degree 7:00pm

10-17 Thurs. Ladies Night 6:30pm

10-24 Thurs. MM Degree practice 7:00pm

10-31 Thurs. Happy Halloween- Lodge is dark

November 2019

11-7 Thurs. Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish-to-share 6:00pm

Regular Communication 7:00pm

11-14 Thurs. FC Degree 7:00pm

11-21 Thurs. Veteran's Recognition and Awards Night Dinner 6:30pm

11-29 Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving- Lodge is Dark

December 2019

12-5 Thurs. Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish-to-share 6:00pm

Regular Communication 7:00pm

12-12 Thurs. Memorial Service 7:00pm

12-14 Sat. Installation of New Officers- Aric Piercey, New Master TBD

12-19 Thurs. MM Degree (tentative) 7:00pm

12-26 Thurs. Lodge is dark. Merry Christmas- Happy Boxing Day

Visit our website for more information and for possible date changes
and updates – www.NAC551.com

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 reservation are necessary.

Contact WB Donald House for further information. (248) 227-1629

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #3

Ladies Night Out Dinner

On October 17th please plan to enjoy an Evening Dinner Out with Our Ladies. We want to thank them for tolerating all of our away-from-home Lodge activities. Be sure to join us----- Check the Website for further details.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #4-

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 Don House at 248-227-1629 (no emails and no texts)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #5

VERY IMPORTANT - To all those who recently changed their E-mail address, phone #, or home address: Please send new numbers to our Lodge Secretary so the files can be updated. Do it now so you don't forget. Send to: Jim Sparks at sparks1036@gmail.com or 248-544-4613

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #6

Bro. Aric Piercey + Teddy Roosevelt?????

Bro. Aric Piercey will be speaking about Masonic Brother Theodore Roosevelt at the Scottish Rite Club in either September or October. Visitors will be welcome. The Scottish Rite Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Royal Oak National Coney Island located at 12 Mile and Main. Contact: WB Damon Garascia for further information at 248 388 8210. Hope you can join us.

MASONIC YARD SALE REPORT

Thanks to Centerline Lodge #550, Royal Oak Lodge #464, NAC Lodge #551, Trelum Lodge #552, and OES Chapter #392 for all the help to make our Charity Yard Sale in August a huge success. Pictured are some of the workers in Doyscher's yard. Thank you to the ladies of the Eastern Star for providing our lunches. The labor made us go home tired but the spirit of fraternal comradery made it well worthwhile. Thanks again to all that helped. Bro. Ray D.



NAC#551 SUPPORTS

SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Lessenger Elementary School
Chess Tournament May 23, 2019



Northwood Ancient Craft #551 supported Madison Height's Lessenger Elementary School Chess Club. May 23rd was the Second Annual end-of-year tournament. Brother Raymond Doyscher assisted the kids. Brother Larry Galloway was also there to observe and investigate the schools endeavors to promote engineering skills. Many thanks to the work provided by parent leadership from Brandon Charnesky and Stephen.

Seventeen second, third and fourth grade students signed-up for the five-round tournament that concluded with Awards, snacks, drinks and pizza. After the tournament they sold chess sets to the students for \$20 each.

Lodge members that participated in this year's chess program are Brothers Raymond Doyscher, Larry Galloway and Jim McPherson. It was notable that Brother Raymond was challenged by the students several times and once he almost had a draw! It is important to note that this chess activitiy promotes the development of student's attention-span, patience, analytical thinking and socialization. This year we donated \$71.87 for supplies to the program.



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