

# TRESTLEBOARD

## ODENTON LODGE #209, A.F.&A.M.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I hope you had a great holiday and this delayed edition of the Trestleboard in the New Year finds you well. With our Installation and the spring Open House behind us, we look forward to the challenges of 2015 together. I thank you all for your trust and confidence and count on your support as always.

I have experienced that as I grow older, time appears to speed up. This is a common sensation observed and experienced by many. Sit a year in the East as Worshipful Master and you will experience light speed. 2014 seemed as if only a blink of an eye. Before I know it, it will be 2016 and the Brother that will replace me in the East will be writing this. Our lodge, I feel, had a good year in 2014. I pray it continues in 2015.

We have all the normal events planned for 2015 – Open House, Bingo at Bonnie Blink, Harvest Home Day, etc. We will also be putting together what will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual G.O.A.T.S. picnic (Glen Burnie, Odenton, Annapolis Triangle, plus Sincerity Lodge). More to follow on that. The Odenton Temple Holding Corporation will be having its annual Crab Feast on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kurtz Beach. I will have tickets if anyone is interested. If you ever want to know what is going on in your Lodge, all you need to do is click on our Calendar located on our homepage. Bro. Secretary keeps it current and is constantly updating it.

As always, help is always needed at our monthly breakfasts, dinners, and weekly bingo. Through these events we pay the bills and ensure we have a roof over our heads and a place to hang our hat.

I will end with a quote:

“Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation: for it is better to be alone than in bad company.”

- George Washington, Alexandria Lodge #22

Fraternally,

Patrick Culver  
Worshipful Master



### WORDS FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

I take this opportunity to ponder some of the lessons from the Entered Apprentice initiation. I realize we get caught up in our daily lives and we neglect to remember some of what we have learned on the road to further light. Entered Apprentices are taught to serve their time with freedom, fervency, and zeal. The twenty-four-inch gauge is one of the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. It is divided into 24 equal parts, emblematical of the 24 hours in a day, whereby are found eight hours for the

service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocation, and eight for refreshment and sleep.

Keeping this in mind, as we are a working lodge, it is incumbent on all of us to put forth effort to help support our lodge. Several years ago, an assessment was placed on our brothers to help pay down the mortgage; as a result, we had a large number of our brethren withdraw as they could not afford to pay the assessment. We have also recently had our dues increased in an effort to sustain our lodge. We desperately need to make a more concerted

effort to become more involved in the functions that are held, to make our lodge successful and provide a place for us to conduct our business. Many of us devote many hours of labor towards this end. With this in mind, I will extend a challenge to all the brethren to please find a way to take some time from your schedule to help ensure we continue to have a place we can call our home. Thank you.

Fraternally, EJ  
Brother Junior Warden

### FROM THE SECRETARY

At our regular communication on May 20, we will finally vote on the by-laws amendments that were previously distributed to you late last year. These amendments were read in open lodge on November 5, 2014. Please contact me if you need another copy of the proposed amendments. Also, if you do not have a 2015 dues card, please get in touch so you can pay your dues to support your lodge.

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Regular communication first and third Wednesdays at 7pm.

## TRESTLEBOARD

### Ongoing

Bingo every Monday night, 7pm

Rehearsal 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7pm

### April

15: Stated communication, 7pm; confer MM degree on Bros. York and Thompson

16: Odenton THC, 7pm

17-19: Lodge Leadership Seminar, Grand Lodge of Maryland

18: Tall Cedars Wine and Canvas, 1pm

26: Grand Lodge Bull & Oyster Roast

### May

3: Odenton THC Basket Bingo, 1pm

6: Stated communication, 7pm; possible EA degree

9: Lodge work day, 8am

10: Breakfast, 8am

15: Dinner, 5pm

16: Grand Lodge Semiannual Communication

20: Stated communication, 7pm

## CANDIDATES

Jordan Cretaro (ballot 5/6/15)

Jason Hernandez (ballot 4/15/15)

Bryan Hess (ballot 4/15/15)

Antwone Williams (EA 5/6/15?)

## ENTERED APPRENTICES

Gabriel Corsini

Kwaku Danso

Ethan Dietrich

Evan Parnell

## FELLOW CRAFTS

James Grubbs

Scott Thompson

Jeremy York

## MASTER MASONS (PENDING PROFICIENCY)

Sean Poe

John Rosario

Christopher Wilson

Michael Wigal (courtesy work in WV)

Matthew Williams

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

James H. Conboy, 1949

Charles W. Boyer, 1953

\* George H. Ruggles, 1963-64

George W. Smouse, 1966

\* James Clifford Reusing, 1970, 74-75

Kenneth D. Bell, 1973

James S. Merrill, 1979

Leo Pluswick, 1980

\* Robert W. Evett, 1982

Gerald E. Ketchem, Sr., 1982

Joseph B. Edwards, III, 1984, 1995

Michael W. Patteson, 1986

Grafton L. Aleshire, 1989

Gary T. Neal, 1991

Edward C. Garran, 1992

Richard L. Garran, 1993

John A. Edwards, 1994

Howard E. Culver, Jr., 1996

Charles R. Baillargeon, 1998, 2000-01

Thomas A. Keller, 2006-07

Robert A. Dumas, Jr., 2008, 2013

Logan E. H. Starr, Sr., 2009-10

Jon F. Zeigler, 2011-12

Patrick R. Culver, 2013

## 2015 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master	Patrick Culver, PM	410-215-4134
Senior Warden	Cort Bossert	443-250-5450
Junior Warden	EJ Hanlon, Jr.	443-440-7934
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### Grand Inspector

James T. Hill, Jr., PM #222, GI 410-987-8124

### Deputy Grand Lecturer

Gerald Cramblett, PM #222

## 2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>Audit:</b> Roy Stevens, Hon. PM, PWGT	410-551-5417
<b>Blood:</b> John Ertel	410-279-3648
<b>Bonnie Blink:</b> John Stoneham	410-499-9848
<b>By-Laws:</b> Robert Dumas, Jr., PM	443-306-4184
<b>Catechism:</b> EJ Hanlon, Jr.	443-440-7934
<b>Family Day Picnic:</b> Patrick Culver, PM	410-215-4134
<b>Finance:</b> Cort Bossert	443-250-5450
<b>GOATS:</b> Patrick Culver, PM	410-215-4134
<b>Harvest Home Day:</b> Cort Bossert	443-250-5450
<b>Membership:</b> James Miller	410-507-5690
<b>Open House:</b> James Miller	410-507-5690
<b>Past Masters' Night:</b> Patrick Culver, PM	410-215-4134
<b>Ritual:</b> Robert Dumas, Jr., PM	443-306-4184
<b>Scholarship:</b> Paul Romer, Hon. PM	443-254-5421
<b>Sick:</b> Grafton Aleshire, PM	410-693-8327
<b>Social:</b> Seth Pickett, II	216-470-0186
<b>Strawberry Night:</b> Cort Bossert	443-250-5450
<b>Widows' Night:</b> EJ Hanlon, Jr.	443-440-7934

