

The Trestle Board



Messalonskee Lodge #113

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Wor. Scott E Bonnell, Master

Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM

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RW Peter Davis Couture. Editor

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

My year as Master is coming to a close. I would like to thank my slate of officers for an exceptional year and work well done. Also, thanks to all brethren that attended our stated meetings. 2010 has been a very busy year having raised five candidates to Master Mason. Hopefully in 2011 we will continue to have more growth in our lodge. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Master of Messalonskee Lodge 113.

Fraternally,

Wor. Scott E. Bonnell Sr., Master

FROM THE MASTER ELECT.....

Officers, we'll need to decide on a date for installation that is convenient for everyone.

I've been gathering your email addresses into a database, and I hope to call each of the new officers after the holidays.

Congratulations to Scottie for a great year. I hope that we can keep things rolling, as he has.

Happy New Year !

RW Steven W. Bucknam

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

We still have some members that have not paid their dues as of our last Stated Meeting. Would you please remit the dues at your earliest convenience to the address below. If you are having problems, please call me at the number below and we can probably help.

Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary

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Brother Robert Reed Receives 50 year medal



Story by Wor Blaine Ellis

Brother Robert Reed, a member of Messalonskee Lodge #113 A.F.&A.M. received the 50 year Veterans Medal from the Grand Lodge of Maine A.F.&A.M. The medal was presented to Bro. Reed by his friend and physician, Rt.Wor.Thomas Boduch MD., at Union Lodge #38 in Kingston, Tennessee. Rt. Wor. Boduch is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tenn.

Bro. Reed attended schools in Oakland and joined the Navy during WW-II. He was on the ship that transported President Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference in 1945. Bro. Reed retired after 30 years of government service and he has enjoyed traveling since that time. He mentioned that he enjoyed riding in a Jeep with his friend Dwight Taylor in a Memorial Day Parade here in Oakland a few years ago. He was pleased that Wor. Bro. Dana Wrigley made arrangements for him to receive his 50 year Veterans Medal that was presented to him in Tennessee where he makes his home.

EAST MEETS WEST



Story by Wor Blaine Ellis

Pictured above is Wor. Bro. Dana Wrigley, Sec. as he greets Wor. Bro. Dr. Ralph Hathaway, Sec. of a Masonic Lodge in Colorado.

Masonic tradition tells us about the Wayfaring Man. Every now and then we hear from one of our members who after joining our lodge has moved to other parts of the country. Some have even moved to other countries. They joined our lodge and still maintain their membership in our lodge. This year we were pleased to hear from two of our members who live in other states. Bro. Bob Reed of Tennessee who recently received his 50 year membership medal from the Grand Lodge of Maine. and Wor. Bro. Dr. Ralph Hathaway, of Colorado.

Wor. Brother Dr. Ralph Hathaway, joined our lodge in 1965. He practiced medicine here in Oakland from 1965 to 1975 when he left to join the Air Force. He practiced medicine in the Air Force for many years and saw much of the world. Wor. Brother Ralph, on a recent trip to Maine, visited our lodge at our Stated meeting in Sept. He shared some stories of his experiences in the Masonic bodies and when he served in the Air Force. He now lives in Colorado and is the Past Master of Cripple Creek Lodge where he has dual membership. He currently serves as the Secretary of that Lodge. It was a pleasure to visit with Wor. Bro. Ralph and to hear his comments about his introduction to Masonry here in Oakland.

HISTORICAL FACTS By Blaine Ellis
RELIEF LODGE #108, F.& A.M, BELGRADE MAINE

A friend who is active in the Oakland and Belgrade Historical Society shared the following

information with me. There was once a Masonic Lodge in the town of Belgrade, Me. The name of the lodge was Relief Lodge #108, F.& A.M. The Stated Meetings were on or before the full moon. A charter was issued on May 8, 1862 by the Grand Lodge of Maine. The lodge first met in a store in town. In 1873 they built a lodge hall at Belgrade Depot with rooms upstairs for their meetings, the large room below was used for town meetings, elections and entertainment. At one time there were over 100 members and it was one of the foremost lodges in the state. In later years the lodge suffered financial problems and the Charter was revoked in 1894 by the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Belgrade Grange No. 292, P of H. was organized in 1887 and their meetings were held at the Masonic building. The Grange purchased the building for \$350 in 1894 after the Masonic Lodge ceased to exist. After the lodge disbanded the members affiliated with the lodges in Sidney, Readfield or Oakland. Many of the Masons residing in Belgrade are now members of the Readfield or Oakland Lodges. The building still stands and is now a Montessori School owned by Dru King Aslam, daughter of our lodge brother Bud King.

RESULTS OF THE 2010 ANNUAL ELECTION

Worshipful Master: RW Steven W. Bucknam
Senior Warden: Wor. Brett Hoskins
Junior Warden: Wor. Kevin Davidson
Treasurer: Wor. Scott E. Bonnell, Sr.
Secretary: Wor. Dana W. Wrigley
Senior Deacon: Wor. Linwood Hall
Junior Deacon: Bro. Steve Craig
Appointments will be made at the installation.

FROM THE EDITOR

My sincere thanks to Wor. Brother Blaine Ellis for his continuing efforts in producing the articles & pictures he sends for each edition of the Trestleboard. With out them I would be hard pressed to produce the interesting newsletters that I know you expect.

Fraternally, RW Peter Davis Couture, Editor