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TRESTLEBOARD

2011 – 2012

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Meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays,

Except July and August



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The Trestleboard is prepared for the 2011-2012 year.

As you can see the year is going to be busy, especially in October. This year is going to be one of the most important years for Freemasonry. I and many of the other incoming Masters find that Masonry needs a new injection of enthusiasm and overall support for one another throughout the District and even elsewhere for that matter. The whole purpose of this is to motivate and educate new and up and coming Brothers; and to make Masonry more interesting for ourselves. It may be tiresome and difficult at times but all new fresh starts are this way. Just go and try to run 2 miles...pretty tough. But in a few weeks, after some effort, it's a piece of cake. You get the idea. Let's at least think the thought that this is possible rather than we may burn ourselves out. We all speak about needing new recruits or retention. Time for talk is over, now is our chance to move. The momentum is in our favor. The least you have to do is "show up".

I am also calling upon all Past Master to assist in leading this charge. Your knowledge and experience is going to be needed district wide.

You know what you are capable of. You all are my inspiration for continuing on in Masonry.

Brethren who had a beef about this matter or those brethren who do not attend lodge any longer; I ask that you review your Masonic obligations regarding this and please return to the fold. You know who you are. We do miss seeing you around. The Brethren who thought that Masonry wasn't what you thought it might be, well I tell you, it is and much more, but you too can bring to Masonry what it is you thought it was. It's all up to each and every one of us. Yes those Brethren who haven't been here in 10 and 15 years...just come back once...say hello, tell us of your travels, you're still paying dues...

All of you can make me successful this year and if I am successful then its Masonry that is truly successful. Let's put some new thinking into this matter...a new fresh start. Let's get Masonry back to what it used to be.

Fraternally,



W.: Derick L. Otten

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DINNER</u>
2011		
August 6	AKS-Mt. Zion Steak Roast	
September 19	Meeting - Welcome Back	No
October 3	Meeting – Business Meeting	No
October 17	Meeting - Mt Zion 1 st degree	Yes
October 22	Joint Table Lodge with AKS (Saturday)	Yes
November 7	Meeting – Business Meeting	No
November 21	Meeting-Awards Nite	Yes
December 5	Meeting - Mt Zion 2 nd degree	Yes
December 19	Meeting-Business/ Masonic Education	No
December 27	St. John Evangelist Day (District Event)	Catered

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2012		
January 2	Business Meeting	No
January 16	Meeting – Business Meeting	No
February 6	Meeting - Mt Zion 3 rd degree	Yes
February 20	Walk About the Lodge	No
March 5	Official DD Visit	No
March 19	Meeting – Program/Presentation	No
April 2	Meeting – Business Meeting	No
April 16	Meeting – Business Meeting	No
May 6-8	230 th Communication of Grand Lodge - No Meeting	No
May 21	Election of Officers 2011-2012	Yes
May-??	District Investiture	Yes
June 4	Installation of Officers	Yes