



# THE TRESTLEBOARD

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## Heritage of Excellence

What a month brethren! We had two more successful events take place in January.

The first event was our annual awards night. We had a nice dinner followed by the sharing of fellowship with our 25, 50, 60, and 65 year members. RWB Kevin Phipps presented those brethren present with their awards. What a pleasure to share in the memories these brethren have made not only in our lodge but in their lives as well. We

wish them continued success.

Next was our annual inspection in the Fellow Craft degree. Again our evening began with a fine dinner by the young men of DeMolay, and when we reconvened in the lodge the young ladies of Rainbow presented the colors. What a great job both youth groups did to showcase our Masonic family here in Medina. The degree work lived up to the expectations set by our lodge over the years,

however, I must point out the exceptional work of our Senior Steward, Jay Calderhead, who gave a superb lecture, and our Junior Deacon, Keith Rutti, who's charge was fantastic. In fact, our District Deputies Grand Master and our District Advisor were so impressed with our performance that our lodge was asked to put on the Fellow Craft Degree for the Grand Master's Class in June.

*Fraternally,  
Douglas Shuler, WM*

## Cleopatra's Needle: The Missing Link In Masonry

Freemasonry is widely accepted to have begun in London around the year 1717. So, why is there evidence of its existence in 1450 B.C. nearly 3,500 years ago? What is this evidence, and is it accurate? Come and see the evidence and judge for yourself.

There is an ancient Egyptian obelisk standing in Central Park which contains hidden Masonic symbols. The 69-foot high solid stone monument is

one of three obelisks and was a gift from Egypt to the United States in the 1870's after the building of the Suez Canal.

It stood in the Egyptian desert where Cleopatra and Marc Antony had their famous love affair. Lieutenant commander of the U.S. Navy and Brother Mason, Henry Honychurch Goringe was charged with the task of moving the Obelisk from Egypt to New York, and what was

discovered upon its dismantling will amaze you.

After our second stated Meeting on February 26, 2009, we will watch as members of Springfield, Va. Lodge 217 dismantle and re-assemble a one-fifteenth scale wooden replica, uncovering the Masonic symbols hidden inside.

*Fraternally,  
Douglas Shuler, WM*



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## On The Level

Another lodge inspection has been completed. Once again, Medina #58 had a very good performance. I wish to thank all the members, officers, and especially brother Chism, who acted as the candidate, for an excellent inspection. We are presently having a couple of nice days (above 30 degrees!) and it feels like spring! Be aware that this is an excellent time of year to

catch on of those winter colds, even though it feels warm, you still need to dress warm. As was indicated last month, there is no better way to get involved in the fraternal order than to attend the inspections. There are no tests or challenges to enter, and transportation is being coordinated by Brother Funston (see the phone number on the front page!). If you have never

attended an inspection, please consider attending one with your fellow brothers. Medina #58 will be having a MM degree on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and possibly take part on the Fellow Craft Team! It will be a relaxing and enjoyable time.

*Fraternally,*  
Richard Metzler, SW

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## By The Plumb

Brethren, please remember the up-coming inspections and make your best effort to attend as a member of Medina 58. In February we have the following inspections to attend: Monday, Feb. 2, Mansfield #35; Wednesday, Feb. 18, Ebenezer #33; Saturday, Feb. 28, Seville #74. Sign-up sheets for attendance and car-pooling will be circulated at lodge meetings, or you can call me to take part in

car-pooling. My office number is 330-725-4131 ext 11; my home number is 330-723-1310.

Last month I wrote a short essay about the Junior Warden's Jewel, the Plumb. So this month, some thoughts about the Senior Warden's Jewel, which is the Level. The Level teaches us that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political, or religious beliefs or status.

The Level as a tool is

not mentioned in the Bible, but the idea of levelness or evenness is very important in religion. Psalm 143, verse 10, petitions God, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path." The Prophet Isaiah wrote, "The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous." (Isa. 26:&)

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## Temple News

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There is not much to report on the Temple. We are still awaiting Grand Lodge's approval to close the Temple Company. In the mean time we have a Temple Committee chaired by WB Ted Thomas who has already had a meeting in January, so, if you would like to

participate please let WB Thomas know.

We also have been approached by Main Street Medina about the possible use of the upper theater during the Ice Festival over the weekend of February 13, 14, and 15 to show old time movies. The group is helping to

clean up the theater as well as providing advertising for the event. This should get our fraternity some great exposure in the community.

*Fraternally,*  
Douglas Shuler, WM


## The Shrine Window

AS time moves on, we had to cancel our Mardi Gras Party due to lack of participation! We had a total of 47 reservations, and needed 55 to break even. This was probably caused by members not realizing that reservations are necessary for the planning of any event.

We also lost one of my favorite Shrine Clubs, the Salem Shrine Club. This club has been having trouble ever since their President took a new job and moved to Cincinnati.

I believe they have merged with Youngstown Shrine Club. Their Spring Steak Fries will be sorely missed.

On the Horizon is the Lorain County Shrine Club's Wild Game Feast. This is a Stag Event and is open to the public. If you always wanted to taste Alligator, or Snake, Raccoon or Possum, this is the place. \$33 per person, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Tom's Country Place in Avon. Absolute deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact



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Ron Keim (440-365-9464)  
or Scott Croxford (440-934-0950) for tickets!

*Fraternally,  
Richard Metzler, CR*

## The Future of our Fraternity

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January Rainbow and DeMolay held the first ever combined Installation Day for Medina youth groups. If you missed it then you missed seeing the young women and men of today that will be the future of our Eastern Stars and Lodge.

While no event goes off without a few bumps in the road, these ladies and gentlemen worked well together and had a successful day.

After the ceremonies refreshments were served in the dining hall and a

dance followed. Both youth groups had prospective members in attendance who have submitted petitions to join.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the adult advisors of Rainbow and DeMolay for making the evening go smoothly. It should also be noted that Mrs. Kathy Jenewein retired from her Mother Advisor after several years of service. She will still serve Rainbow, but in a less demanding position. Thank You, Mom Jenewein, for your

continued interest, in the girlhood of our community.

DeMolay has also has some changes to its advisory council. Dad Dave Darling has stepped in to fill the Chairman position which has been performed faithfully by Dad Dan Marshall for several years. He too remains an advisor in a lower capacity. Thank You, Dad Marshall for your service as well.

*In Service To Our Youth,  
June Calderhead, MA*

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## By the Plumb (continued from page 2)

*"Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."*

(Isa. 40:4)



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In his prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, Isaiah also said, "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain." (Isa. 40:4) Levelness, then, is something to strive for.

In **Brothers and Builders: The Basis and Spirit of Freemasonry**, Joseph Fort Newton explains the Masonic symbolism of the Level:

"The great meaning of the Level is that it teaches equality, and that is a truth that needs to be carefully understood. There is no little confusion of mind about it. Our Declaration of American Independence tells us that all men are 'created equal,' but not many have tried to think out what the words really mean. With most of us it is a vague sentiment, a glittering generality born of the fact that all are made of the same dust, are sharers of the common human lot, moved by the same great faith and fears, hopes and loves - walking on the Level of time until Death, by its grim democracy, erases all distinctions and reduces all to the same level.

"The equality of which the Level is the symbol] is the equal right of each man to the full use and development of such power as he has, whatever it may be, unhindered by injustice or oppression. As our Declaration of Independence puts it, every man has an equal and inalienable right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' with due regard for the rights of others in the same quest. Or, as a famous slogan summed it up: 'Equal rights for all; special privileges to none!' That is to say, before the law every man has an equal right to equal justice, as before God, in whose presence all men are one in their littleness, each receives equally and impartially the blessing of the Eternal Love, even as the sun shines and the rain falls on all with equal benediction."

Thus, just as the Level teaches us to meet and conduct ourselves with regard to brother Masons on a fair and trustworthy plane, we should endeavor to treat each person we meet with the utmost integrity, honor, respect, and professionalism.

Again, brothers, please remember to sign-up for and attend the inspections in our district and contact me to take part in shared transportation.

*Fraternally,  
Eric Funston, JW*



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## Launching Success

Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is no longer bare, but we have a long way still to go. I want to thank everyone that has made non perishable food donations to our food bank project. I know that this will be a great success with all of the support that we have received.

If we can continue to bring in one can of food with us to each meeting we will be able to start providing assistance to those in distress. We need to do the best that we can to reach out and help.

In addition to the food donations our inspection

sunshine collection of \$100.00 is earmarked for this project. This will allow us to purchase storage containers and shelves for the food items.

Keep checking back to this column for updates as we are putting together a Spring Food Drive where all of our Masonic Family can take part.

In the meantime, if you know of anyone in need of assistance, please contact me.

**KEEP GIVING!**



*"Help us fill these shelves!"*

*Fraternally,  
Keith R. Rutti, JD  
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## Trestleboard Contributors

These members have contributed \$10.00 to the Trestleboard newsletter for the 2008 year. To add your name and message contact Brother Douglas Shuler at (330) 591-5270.

Brethren,  
There have only been 4 brothers including **Rick Weise** who have given me their donations for 2009, and sadly I neglected to write down the names of the other three, so if you gave me your \$10 donation for 2009, please remind me who you are. I apologize, and I will get your names in the Trestleboard beginning in March.

Thank You,  
Douglas Shuler, WM

**Contributions for 2009 are now being accepted!**

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4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
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# Medina Masonic Temple Calendar

## February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mansfield #35 Insp. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 5:30p.m. MMDegree	3 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9 Medina Commandery Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Medina Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Medina Rainbow Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17 Medina DeMolay Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18 Ebenezer #33 Inspection Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. FC Degree	19	20	21 Medina Lodge Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30a.m.
22	23	24 Medina O.E.S. Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. 20 <sup>th</sup> Masonic District Typewritten Ritual West Salem 7pm	25	26 Medina Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28 Seville #74 Insp. MM Degree 9:00 a.m. Breakfast @ 8:00a.m.