

Anchor Lodge No. 7 Quarterly Update

January 2007

TrestleBoard!!!

Anchor Lodge No. 7 Starts a Trestleboard

Starting in November of 2006 Anchor Lodge No. 7 started a Trestleboard! Worshipful Master Dale Sain asked that a Trestleboard be sent to each member of the Lodge on a quarterly basis. Brothers will receive an issue every three months. The purpose of this communication tool is to share our good work, upcoming events, Masonic education and generally communicate the "goings-on" of the Lodge to all Brothers near and far.

If you have a topic you would like covered in the Trestleboard or would like a back copy please let us know. ❖

2006 – 2007 Officers

Worshipful Master: Dale Sain
Senior Warden: Jim Sturdevant
Junior Warden: Dave Guyton
Secretary: Ron McPhee
Treasurer: Wally Ramsbottom
Senior Deacon: Matthew Ramey
Junior Deacon: Ray Clark
Senior Steward: Bob Wagner
Junior Steward: Ephraim Moore
Tyler: Al Benton
Chaplin: Kit Carson
Marshal: Denny Hougard
Historian: Dugal Dickerson

Dinners and Special Events

Practice Makes Perfect...

At our November 6th meeting we held a first degree practice which was put to good use just a month and a half later. While the Brothers had a good time working out the kinks and socializing it was also a good practice and learning tool for some of our new members.

We were pleased to have a fellow Mason from North Carolina who recently relocated to Buffalo as our guest for the evening.

Dinners and Special Events Cont...

Spaghetti Dinner and a movie!

At our November 20th communication will held a family in the open lodge meeting. We were pleased to have our ladies, and several long standing members and Past Masters in attendance. We began the evening at 6:30 pm with a spaghetti dinner. After dinner Brother Dave Guyton presented a video on the history of Masonry in the United States.

Food for Needy Families

Once again, Anchor Lodge donated holiday food to the needy families of Johnson County. Donations of canned goods were collected throughout November and donated to families in need. The food was distributed through one of the local church food pantries.

Santa Claus visits Anchor Lodge No. 7's Community Children's Christmas Party

With out a doubt one of our largest events this year was the December 18th community children's Christmas party. The Lodge hosted approximately 55 children and their families for an evening of hot dogs, ice cream, hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes. However, the star of the event was Santa Claus (Portrayed "oustandingly" by Brother Ron Williams). The Lodge provided pictures of the children with Santa and generally offered an excellent evening of community involvement.



L to R: Brothers Dale Sain, Matthew Ramey, Ron Williams, Jim Sturdevant with two Christmas Angles.

The New Year Brought A New Mason...

We Put Our Practice To Good Use...

On Saturday, December 30th the Lodge held a special Communication for the purpose of initiating a new Entered Apprentice. Brother Dave Chaney was initiated as an Entered Apprentice at 1:00 pm on Saturday following a Masonic Education session with Brothers Jim Sturdevant, Kit Carson, Ron Williams, and Matthew Ramey. Everyone enjoyed a chili dog "Feast" prior to opening Lodge. Brother Dave's father joined us from Powder River Lodge No. 135 in Broadus Montana. Dave and his family reside in Buffalo.

Anchor Lodge Discovers Three 50 Year Masons...

One-Hundred and Fifty Years of Masonry...

Three members of Anchor Lodge No. 7 have reached the 50 year mark in their Masonic careers. Brothers Ray Clark, Dugal Dickerson and Wally Ramsbottom will receive their 50 year pin in a ceremony on Monday, January 15th with their ladies in attendance. This great achievement is something to celebrate and we are proud to call these men Brothers.

All three are Past Masters of Anchor Lodge No. 7. Dugal Dickerson was Master of the Lodge in 1966, Ray Clark in 1979 and Wally Ramsbottom was our Worshipful Master in 1981.

As well, all are members of the Sheridan Valley of the Scottish Rite where Wally Ramsbottom recently received his 50 year hat.

You Thought 150 Years of Masonry Was A lot....

Nine Additional Brothers Combine for over 400 Years of Masonry...

Amazingly, Brothers Ed Chabo, Ken Penwell, Gerry Carroll, Gene Snider, Robert Holt, Richard Reiman, Arthur Burnett, Richard Suhr, and John "Kelly" McBride all made the 50 year mark!!

Worshipful Master Dale Sain and Secretary Rob McPhee are in the process of scheduling an upcoming 50 year "blitz", a ceremony to present 50 year pins to Brothers Chabo, Penwell (Who was Master of the Lodge in 1983), Carroll, Schneider, Holt, and Reimann.

Brother Arthur Burnett currently resides in Denver Colorado and will be presented his 50 year pin and certificate by Brother Clair Robinson.

Brother Richard Suhr currently resides in the state of Washington. His 50 year pin and certificate will be delivered to the Grand Lodge of Washington by Right Worshipful Grand Secretary William Grinnell. The Washington Grand Lodge has agreed to ensure that Brother Suhr is presented his pin and certificate in proper fashion.

Brother John "Kelly" McBride is currently "at refreshment" in the Southern warmth for the winter. When he returns to Buffalo, we will arrange a presentation of his 50 year pin and certificate.

Congratulations Brothers!!