

## Anchor Lodge No. 7 A.F. &amp; A.M.

## Trestle Board

Chartered December 8, 1886

Buffalo Wyoming



## Anchor Lodge Busy All Year Long...

What a great summer is was. For the past 12 years I have worked in Education, first for the College's in Sheridan and Gillette, and more recently for the Johnson County School District here in Buffalo.

Inevitably, someone always comments about how my summers are stress free and easy going. However, summers are typically some of the busiest times for a Central Office Administrator. It's the time of year that you evaluate the old and prepare for the new. You do the work that cannot be accomplished during the "regular year" without disrupting the real work of the organization.

Masonically this summer was no different. Since the Lodge went Dark last June, members have participated in numerous aspects of Masonry throughout the state. Brother Jim Sturdavent and myself are members of the Grand Lodge Budget Committee which meets prior to Grand Lodge to recommend a budget for the Grand Lodge Gen-

eral Fund.

Brothers, Ron McPhee, Dave Guyton, Dale Sain, Kit Carson, Jim Sturdavent, and Matthew Ramey all attended the Grand Lodge session in Casper.

We held a Lodge picnic in the Buffalo City Park. We were graced with members of the Eastern Star and Sheridan Lodge 8 and Big Horn Mountain Lodge 43.

In July, several of us trekked across the mountain to participate in the Heart Mountain Rendezvous, held near Powell. This outdoor lodge meeting is held each year on the Heart Mountain Conservancy. It is a great time, with good food, great fellowship and outstanding comradery along the way!

As the summer progressed, we continued our conversation with the Odd Fellows Lodge about purchasing the building...

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Wyoming has asked for one year

from this past July to either build the membership in Buffalo or sell us the building.

The year long period will take them to their Grand Lodge sessions next July in Gillette. For now, we will remain tenants in their building.

Once again, the Scottish Rite Autism Clinic was held in Buffalo. This annual event is operated by the Northern Wyoming Rite Care Clinic. Beverly Kenik and her Husband (Our Junior Deacon) organize this retreat each year. This year, the event was hosted at the TA Ranch south of town.

Finally, several members of Anchor Lodge started the Master Craftsman program sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. This is an in depth educational program. That covers what I can recall of our "quiet time"

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### Items of Special Note

Master's Breakfast will be held the first Saturday of the month. With the exception of October!!!

## About Anchor Lodge No. 7

At 123 years old, Anchor Lodge No. 7 has met in Buffalo Wyoming since it was issued dispensation on November 8, 1885. Just over a year later on December 8, 1886 the lodge was granted its charter.

Anchor Lodge No. 7 currently meets in

the Odd Fellows Hall on Cedar Street.

Our regular communications are held at 7:30 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month.

### Degree Work

7:30 P.M.

EA – Monday Nov. 16th  
FC - Monday Dec. 21st  
MM - Monday Jan. 18th

## From The East



The Middle Chamber:  
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*“We ARE Masons  
Awareness  
Renewal  
Education”*



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Brethren:

It is with great anticipation and celebration that I send out the first Trestle Board of the year. While the year started off just a bit slow. The first Monday in September was Labor Day, so we did not hold lodge. Then... the first meeting of October saw the lodge without electricity and a “bit” of snow throughout the area.

However, at the September 21st meeting, I laid out the outline of a plan for the upcoming year.

While it may sound “corny” to some, I based this years planning on the thought that we are Masons.... we ARE Masons.

**Awareness  
Renewal  
Education**

That is what the focus of this year will be.

To build awareness in the community of the good men and good deeds found inside the Masonic Family.

To renew the obligations we all took to follow the sublime principles of Masonry. To renew the dedication we all have felt at one time or another to our fraternal, internal and eternal work.

To continue to educate and re-educate both ourselves and others. Education that feeds both the spirit of the lodge and the understanding of non-Masons about the lodge. Who we are and what we stand for.

While included in this Trestle Board is a Calendar of events, it does not, cannot, include all of the various programs we will put into place this year to help reignite the spark and fire we all once felt and still do feel towards Masonry. Every lodge meeting will contain some form of Masonic Education. Fellowship Dinners will be more than just dinners, but should include programs, respecting, honoring, educating, and inspiring the Masonic family and our potential Masonic brothers.

We will serve our Widows, our brothers, our community, and ourselves.

However, I need you. We need you, in Lodge with us. Discussing, educating, learning, growing and participating in some program or another.

As part of our Masonic Awareness this year, you will see notices in the local papers concerning Masonry. As well, we will make sure that the lodge building “acquires” the appropriate signage to inform both the public as well as visiting brothers of our location and existence.

We will adopt a soldier, honor our widows, and our brothers who have achieved various years of service and various deeds along the way.

We will adopt two local families for holiday meals, we will participate in the food pantry drive.

We will hold a regional education day.

We will continue to have a Master’s Breakfast the first Saturday of each month.

We will travel.... travel to neighboring lodges, to visit our brothers in the south end of the county, hosting a lodge night in Kaycee.

Finally, I would ask for your input into what I believe is the most serious of undertakings. A reobligation night, in which all Master Masons, if within the length of his cable-tow joins us in lodge around the altar, to retake the Master Masons obligation.

At this time, we have two candidates slated to meet us at the outer door, who desire admission into this lodge of friends and brothers. We also have three brothers who have landed in Buffalo and desire to continue their Masonic travels with us.

While none of this is earth shattering by itself, the goal is to create an overall program of Awareness, Renewal and Education, designed to grow and sustain our lodge well into the future through quality members who are satisfied by rewarding work, which will create a cycle of respect and desire for membership in the community.

Be well, and see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Matthew J. Ramey  
Worshipful Master

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If you have comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to contact any member of the elected officers team. In future issues of the Trestle Board, we will post a complete listing of officers and trustees.

## What's an E-Blurb?

This year, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming is attempting to communicate with the Brethren throughout the state on a regular basis. One of the ways he is doing this is by putting out an electronic communication to the regional education councilors and the Grand Lodge officers. We will include these E-Blurbs in both our lodge communication as well as in each Trestle Board.

## What Makes A Man A Mason

By: George M. Free

**What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?  
It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,  
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast  
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed**

**It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,  
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,  
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word  
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.**

**Though these are essential, desirable, fine,  
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.  
That you to your sworn obligation are true  
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.**

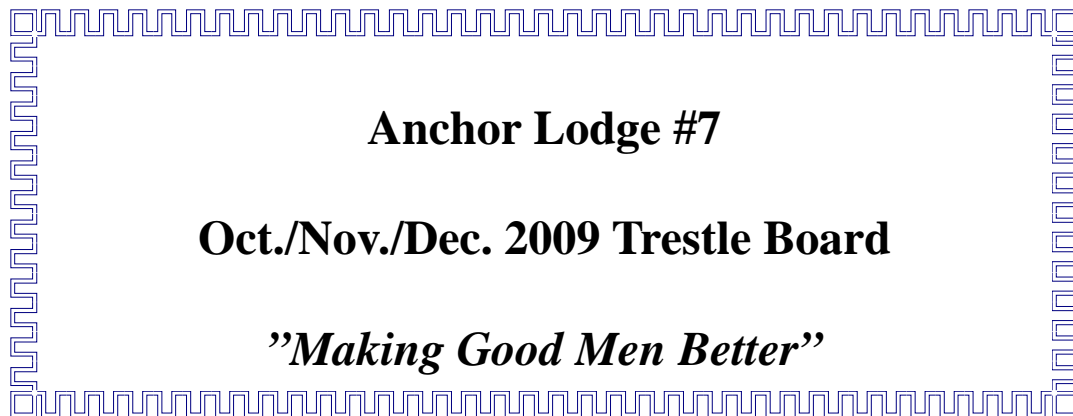
**Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,  
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,  
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,  
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.**

**Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,  
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.  
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,  
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.**

**Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,  
The gavel of vices with courage apply;  
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,  
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,**

**The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,  
The compass your passions shut safely inside;  
The stone which the Architect placed in your care  
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.**

**And then you will meet  
with approval divine,  
And you'll be a Mason,  
O brother of mine.**



**Anchor Lodge #7**

**Oct./Nov./Dec. 2009 Trestle Board**

***”Making Good Men Better”***

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