

Anchor Lodge No. 7 A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming

Trestle Board

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Buffalo Wyoming



Anchor 7 Soon To Have A New Home...

At the time this article is being written, the officers of the Lodge have received word that the IOOF have agreed to sell their building here in Buffalo to Anchor Lodge No. 7.

This is the building we have rented since selling our Masonic home in downtown Buffalo several years ago. While the "I's" have not been dotted and the "T's" have not been crossed, we believe that we will soon have a permanent home.

It is true that this structure requires some elbow grease and "sprucing up". However, I believe that it truly provides us with a unique opportunity to both invest our funds and to hold in trust for those future generations of Buffalo Masons, a home. A home in which they will be able to enjoy the Masonic fellowship, education and leadership opportunities which have existed in Buffalo for the past 125 years.

There has been much discussion about what we can do, what we'd like to do and what we need to do

with the building in terms of remodeling.

Obviously, we would like to see the exterior of the building addressed in a manner that speaks more highly of the those most useful tenants held within.

We will pursue a more efficient heating **AND** cooling system, which has already been identified by several members as a donation of material and labors.

However, many "updates" can be accomplished with simple scrubbing, cleaning and painting. Others exist in the form of being able to bring our own, original Lodge furniture back into use or establishing a Masonic library made up of our several individual collection of books and materials.

As well, we will once again be able to establish a Lodge office, that contains all of our files, records, materials and working tools. We will once again have an address.

With a quick glance at the existing space, it is easy to see a library, sitting room, conference room and office space sometime in the future. All of which can be accomplished as we desire, with our own labors, and as we see fit.

When these opportunities are combined with the existing Lodge room, dining hall, kitchen and other various spaces it is easy to see the home of Buffalo's next Masonic generation.

In Masonry, the word Lodge is not used exclusively for the building or structure in which its members meet. It is also used to mean the collection of Masons who meet as a Lodge.

Yet, when asked that question, "Where do Masons meet?" we should certainly have an answer. For our Masonic membership, the word Lodge will now describe both the good men and the building in which we come together to dwell in unity.

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Items of Special Note

Master's Breakfast will be held the first Saturday of the month. There is not a better breakfast in town!

About Anchor Lodge No. 7

At 125 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

EA - Monday Nov. 15th
7:00 P.M.
FC - Monday Dec. 20th
7:30 P.M.
MM - Monday Feb. 7th
6:00 P.M.

From The East

Brethren:

As our Masonic year gears itself into full swing we have several exiting ventures underway.

The first of which you may have read about on the front page of this Trestleboard. We are closing in on the purchase of a new Lodge building. Yet, one that we are comfortable in knowing the various issues with. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to moving all of our various furniture, records and pictures out of storage and put them back into use.

The second item on my mind is the fact that as of November 8th Masons have been meeting in Buffalo for 125 years. On November 8th, 1885 a group of Masons were issued dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming. This auspicious occasion marks the beginning of a year leading up to December 8th, 1886 when the Lodge received its official Charter.

It is my intension to celebrate this milestone throughout the year, hopefully leading up to our official anniversary December, 2011.

As Masonic awareness has been one of our focuses, it is great to see both those newly made Masons from last year as well as well as those who came back to Masonry, be active in our Lodge.

Brothers **Gene Sanders** and **Joseph St. Pierre** have both been active in our Lodge since returning to Masonic life. Gene who was originally raised in a military Lodge on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Vietnam war era moved to Buffalo six years ago

and is currently our Senior Deacon. Joe, came to us from Florida and is now our Junior Deacon.

As well, I am proud to call **Charlie Ellis** Brother. Charlie is now a dual member of Anchor Lodge as well as his home Lodge in Oklahoma. On a side note, Brother Charlie recently received an award from Absaroka Head Start here in Buffalo for his dedication and volunteerism in reading to the children of that program as well as being a great role model for reading education.

Mel Gerhold was raised a Master Mason at our last meeting in June. Since that time, Mel has participated fully in Wyoming's Masonic life. He has attended the Independence Rock Celebration, became a member of the Kalif Shrine and I am happy to say, regularly attends the Lodge meetings, social gatherings and educational sessions here at Anchor Lodge.

Less I forget, Brother **Jason Fish** is tackling the role of Junior Steward with great gusto, and recently did an outstanding job with his Master Mason proficiency.

As we turn to this year, I am excited to note that we will host our first degree ceremony of the year on November 29th for **Jack Morey**. Jack is a local Engineer, businessman, husband and father.

We have also received an application for membership from **Steve Pruitt**, who is a member of Kenai Lodge in Kenai Alaska. Steve moved to the area several years ago and wishes to join our merry band of upstarts!

Along with Steve, we have received an application for membership from another Master Mason, Brother **Ken Quinn**. Ken comes to us from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He has lived in Buffalo for several years and we could not be happier to have his application in hand.

Once again keep up the good work. The work of being good men, striving to improve yourselves in Masonry, shining that light which attracts other good men to you, and through you to Masonry.

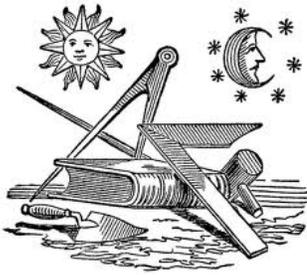
I close this article which celebrates growth and investment in our future on a somber note.

During the summer break, we lost a life long member of our fraternity. As many of you know, Brother **Dugal Dickerson** passed just before we reopened Lodge. While he will be sorely missed by some and firmly mourned by many, I leave you with this thought.

Dugal was the first recipient of a new tradition in our Lodge. The Masonic Anchor Award was bestowed on Dugal for his life long dedication to Masonry. As the anchor is a symbol of well-grounded hope and a well spent life, I ask you to join me in finding that next Masonic Anchor.

More importantly, join me in the never ending quest to improve ourselves in Masonry for the betterment of yourself, and your fellow man.

Fraternally,
Matthew J. Ramey
Worshipful Master



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Masonic Trivia

What is the oldest known Masonic writing? The Regius Manuscript or "Regius Poem" or "*Poem of Moral Duties*," was discovered to be a Masonic document by a non-Mason, J. O. Halliwell, in 1839. It was written about 1390 and was given the name "Regius" because it was found in the Royal Library of England. It is now a part of the British Museum. Some common Masonic Ritual terms in use today are found in it such as "*So Mote It Be.*"

A Mason's Wife

**From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and families we salute;
We surely know the price you pay,
Who sit alone while we're away.
No high degrees on you conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of sight,
While sitting home alone tonight.
Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who strive,
To keep our fortitude alive.
You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could we,
Continue acts of charity?
And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.**

Do you have something to share?

Have you ever thought about writing an article for the trestleboard? If you think you might have a poetic side, a philosophical side or just have something you would like to share how about sending it to me to be published here in our trestleboard. Its as easy as you need it to be.

E-mail me at: mjramey@gmail.com

Send it in the mail to: 341 Trabling Rd. Buffalo WY 82834
Or...Bring it to Lodge, we meet the 1st & 3rd Monday's



*“... would a passerby
be able to recognize
you as a Master
Mason?”*

Masonic Membership Has Its Privileges

Often, we as Masons take our privileges for granted and we fail to appreciate what we have. For the small investment of our annual dues we have:

- Membership in the largest and most dedicated fraternity in the world;
- A welcome in Lodges the world over where brotherly love and affection is ours for the taking;
- Wherever we travel, we have an enormous number of Brothers looking out for us;
- On the highway - assistance from a man we can trust;
- Our word accepted for the truth wherever we find ourselves;
- Help from a Brother going the extra mile, even if he was a total stranger a minute earlier;
- The comfort that no matter where our wives and daughters may travel, there will always be a helping hand regardless of time, day or place.
- Publications in our homes that bring inspiration, patriotism and truth to the entire family;
- The knowledge that we have much in common with those who led this country to greatness;
- A personal satisfaction about our part in providing significant Masonic charities for the needy: academic scholarships through our Lodges, Grand Lodges and foundations, dentistry for the handicapped, aid for the child with cerebral palsy, free hospital care for children with burns or orthopedic needs, assistance for the visually impaired, speech pathology for children with language disorders are but a few, and
- Unsurpassed opportunities for leadership training, management experience and personal growth.

Who is that Mason?

Have you driven by the court house lately? There is a new statue of Nate Champion, guns a'blazing. The statue was placed there this summer as part of an ongoing program of historic preservation in Johnson County.

The statue was put into place and the base, curbing and war memorial have been covered in stone. More important to this article is the fact that this stone was worked into place by a Mason.

Brother **Ed Crain** was entrusted by the county to decorate the area north of the court house and museum with historically accurate stone work.

It has been with a sense of pride that we have watched Ed work the stone into place, fitting it for his use. All the while, stopping and visiting with families, children and passersby.

Brother Ed has performed his

work with little fanfare, a kind smile, a friendly word and with a master's hand.

While we enjoy the irony that this Mason is an operative stone mason, we should all strive to in our lives outside of the lodge to display those moral and social virtues which are inculcated in it.

If there was a sign at your work place, would a passerby be able to identify you as a Master Mason?



King Solomon, Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abif

Anchor Lodge No. 7 Website: <http://anchor7.org>

Honoring Our Veterans

Where did our traditions go? November 11th, 2010 is veterans day.

Some thirty-five countries fought in World War I from 1914 to 1918. The United States fought in the war from 1917 to 1918. On November 11th, the several participating countries signed an armistice agreement which was a temporary cessation of hostilities. This agreement was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. While many believed that this had been the war to end all wars, President Wilson declared November 11th a holiday called armistice day stating...

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

For years, at eleven o'clock in the morning, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people stopped what they were doing, wherever they were doing it. The nation went completely silent for one minute, to remember those who had sacrificed so much and hoping beyond all hope that we would never lose another soldier in war again.

However, as time wore on, the United States participated in three more wars: World War II, Korea, and the Vietnam War. Somewhere in between, on June 1st, 1954 armistice day became Veteran's Day and was changed to a national holiday, honoring all veterans. While the date of Veteran's day has been moved several times, the historical significance of November 11th eventually overcame bureaucratic reasoning.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

However, far too often we fail to adequately say, "Thank You" to a group of men and women whose sacrifice is too easily taken for granted. In the prime of their lives, when their thoughts turned naturally to those things they wanted to do in the future, they were called to our Nation's service.

Whether it was in the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marines these men and women stepped forward and stood the watch so that those of us at home slept safely and peacefully in our beds. It is perhaps because of the enormity of their sacrifice, their willingness to stand for something greater than themselves that we feel so incapable of properly saying how deeply their sacrifice has touched us. But that is exactly what we need to do. Say to them, Thank You. Thank You for your willingness to do what so many cannot, your willingness to forgo comfort, safety, family and home. Thank You for your love of our Nation, your love of the ideals of liberty and freedom, and your willingness to give freedom and liberty to those – yet unborn.

Yes, Thank You is a fairly insignificant thing to say to these great men and women, but it is the very least that we can do. This article is dedicated to every member of our Armed Forces, Thank you and God Bless You.

Don't forget ...!

It's that time of year again, when we all start receiving our Masonic Due's notices. Don't forget to pay your Blue Lodge dues. All of the other Masonic organizations require you to stay current with your Blue Lodge dues.

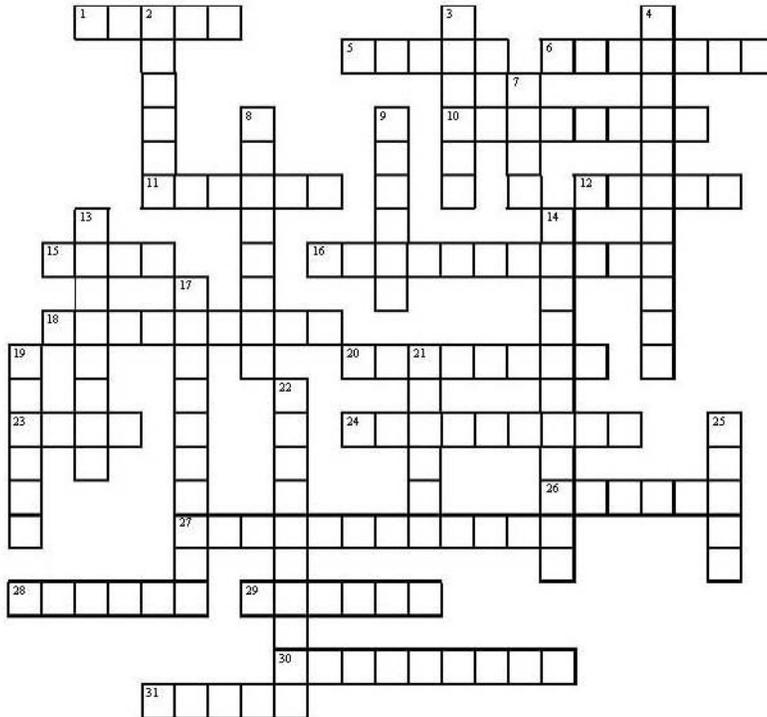
Also, remember that you can get a life-time membership in Anchor Lodge No. 7. You will automatically receive your dues card for the rest of your life!

Best Breakfast In Town!!

On the **first Saturday** of the month, Anchor Lodge No. 7 hosts a "Master's Breakfast". This tradition started out because we told the Master of the Lodge he had to cook for us. If you leave this meal hungry, its your own fault.

Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. Don't miss some great conversation, tell a few jokes and tackle some Lodge work if we need too. Friends, family and non-Masons are welcome!

Masonic Crossword



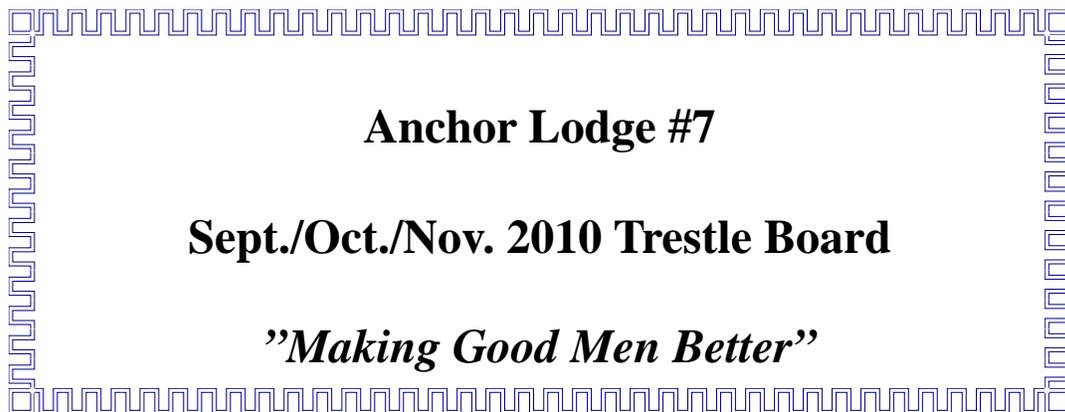
ACROSS

- 1 It is pure and spotless
- 5 It is in the center of the Lodge
- 6 He had the temple built
- 10 You can't see anything with this
- 11 We depart upon this
- 12 There were two men of this name at the temple
- 15 Its not west
- 16 He hasn't quite mastered it yet
- 18 What did the Lord hold in his hand on a wall
- 20 Responsible for refreshments
- 23 If you are not barefoot you are this
- 24 Who keeps the notes
- 26 Its spreads the cement which unites
- 27 The rock where it all began
- 28 Second in charge
- 29 A winding flight of these
- 30 These give direction
- 31 Where we meet

DOWN

- 2 Very old poem
- 3 Column on the porch
- 4 This holds a time capsule
- 7 Column on the porch
- 8 He says the prayers
- 9 "_____ how good and how pleasant..."
- 13 How we are first bound to the Fraternity
- 14 The boss
- 17 We take three of these
- 19 Head of the Lodge
- 21 He had a problem
- 22 Beginner
- 25 Guards the outer door

In 1892 the world's tallest building was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago



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