



# TRESTLEBOARD

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

by Carl D. Thompson, WM



Greetings Brethren,

I hope this November finds you all well. This month in my business it is a time to get prepared for the slowing winter months and the short work days. It's also a month of thanksgiving. If you don't know the story of Squanto the Native American at the first Thanksgiving in the new world I highly suggest you google him. Had it not been for Squanto there would have been no celebration that first Thanksgiving. I'm sure, that only the Great Architect could put important men in lives of other men. There is no coincidence in this. I have always faced life a little afraid, maybe nervous at times, and even excited. I think we all walk around at times, like little children playing hide and seek, wanting to be found yet hoping we wont be, looking around wide eyed with anticipation watching things happen around us. Each one of you has helped me learn from the big chair in the East that the true nature of reality is not to worry or fear, because I have you and you have me.

That my brothers is enlightenment. This did not happen by chance. It happened at just the right time and with the right men. The very Cable tow of God running from heart to heart. I will always be grateful to each one of you for this gift.

Brother Albert Schweitzer said "the tragedy of man is what dies in him while he lives" We as freemen should always remember we are living images of the lion of the tribe of Judah. What we are given is a precious gift, and often this gift is squandered, abused and maltreated so that the lion in our inner being withers away and dies. Feed that inner lion brothers. I know each one of you have one I've witnessed it in all of you. Step out of your comfort zone. Work on a new part in degrees, offer to help coach a candidate. Make a couple phone calls to your brothers just letting them know your there. Would you like to step into the officer line at lodge? let an officer know. Don't forget this stated is elections!

Congratulations to Brother Casey Zwan our newest MM who was raised November 5th, 2013. We have stated coming up on November 12th, 2012 with dinner of course being served at 6:30. We have a great turn out at the Past masters dinner on the night of Oct 29th where our WB Bud Burdick was presented his 70 year jewel. Congratulation to WB Burdick! We also have an open officers meeting Saturday at 9am on the 9th. The meeting will

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be held at my house as the lodge will be in use for a rental. My address is below and all brothers are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally

Carl D. Thompson  
Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST

*By Gene Hannon, Senior Warden*



Today, I had a chat with my one of my brothers about what constitutes the makeup of a man. Is it what he says? How he says it?

What defines us as loving, sentient beings is strictly based on our actions. Protecting our reputation is far less important than protecting our integrity. I hope, that if I am elected to be WM for 2014, that none of you ever shrink from the idea of open and honest discourse. It is the only way to foster something true and real.

It is up to us to create an everlasting continuum, so that future generations can appreciate our foundations. If I don't say it often enough, thank you for your continued friendship and brotherly love.

SMIB,  
Gene Hannon

## THE ROLE OF THE WORKMAN HAS BEEN CALLED ...

*By Patrick Sheehan, Building Management Board Chair*

... and our beloved Lodge furnaces have not answered to their name. Yes, brethren, the day has come that we are forced to replace our furnace / air conditioners. Repairs have become too frequent, expensive and temporary. They need to be replaced now.

The cost is roughly \$15,000 –which we don't have. A steady stream of unplanned repairs and the needed remodeling that was done over the past few years have left us without the financial resources to write a check for this. I want everyone to begin thinking of what they can invest on or before December 10.

We cannot do this with the money left over in your wallet – or what you can spare – it will have to be a donation that you sacrifice for. If you've been able to help the Lodge out with \$100 when asked, we need to you to dig deep and give \$500 or \$1,000. If all you can spare is \$20, then we need you to tighten your belt and come through with \$150.

You will get a call in the coming weeks asking for a pledge. We hope to raise all \$15,000 through donations. That's 30 donations averaging \$500 each. This might mean fewer items under the Christmas Tree, or maybe a holiday bonus finds it's way to the Lodge. We frequently pass the hat for a distressed worthy brother or member of our Masonic family – but this request is to save the life of our building. At a time when other Lodges are shuttering their doors rather than stand and fight for their historic Masonic meeting halls - we will continue to lead by example and show them that Milwaukie Lodge will be here for another 90 years. Dig deep brethren. Talk to your families. Sacrifice. We will be in touch soon.

# FROM THE SOUTH

*by Roger H Hodge II, Junion Warden*

Hello to All of our Brothers and your Families-

Happy November to You and Yours! We are in for a wonderful treat at November's Stated Meeting! Jennifer and WB Dave Klementis, will be preparing an amazing Gnocchi (Pronounced 'No-Key') Dinner with Salad and Bread! I will be working on the Dessert to follow up the great dinner!

We have a busy schedule ahead of us, and I need any and all help if possible! We have a Master Mason Degree this Tuesday the 5th, and another one in two weeks on the 19th! I will send emails out regarding both of these nights, as we would love to have some new people step up and help where they can. there are small parts and large parts, but they are all important. Thank you!

As we near the end of another year here at Milwaukie #109 AF&AM, I would like to say another big 'THANK YOU' to my Family and Everyone that volunteered to prepare one or more of the Stated Dinners...We could not have done it without you! The food has been spectacular, and we are doing a great job of staying within the budget for the year! And thank you to my Stewards, Bobby Anderson, and Jason Levin (and their Families!) for being there to help prepare and clean up every meeting! And Chef Levin, you are such a wonderful Man and resource....Thank You!

With less than two months remaining, we have so many things going on...do what you can when you can! No one can do everything! Take care of your Family and Loved Ones! Best of Wishes, and Happy Holidays to All of You!

Thank You for All that You do!

Sincerely,

Roger H. Hodge II  
Junior Warden  
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## CALENDAR DATES ARE ADDED CONSTANTLY

Visit **MilwaukieLodge.org** for the most current calendar of events!

Tuesday, Nov. 19	Master Mason Degree	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov 20	DeMolay	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 21	Amaranth	6:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec 2	Daphne	
Wednesday, Dec 4	DeMolay	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Dec 5	York Rite	7:30 p.m.
Saturday Dec 7	Bethel	
Monday, Dec 9	Bethel	
Tuesday, Dec 10	STATED COMMUNICATION	
	Dinner (\$10)	6:30 p.m.
	Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec 12	Amaranth	
Friday, Dec 13	Christmas Party	
Saturday, Dec 14	Officer Installation	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 18	DeMolay	

*Check the website for scheduling of degrees*



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