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COLUMBUS, INDIANA

TRESTLE BOARD FOR APRIL 2008

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

01	DeMolay Stated	7:30
02	York Rite Activity Night	7:30
03	High Point Lodge #755 Stated	9:30 AM
03	Rainbow Stated	7:00
04	Amaranth Stated	7:30
06	Commandery Drill Team Meeting	5:00
07	Order of Eastern Star	7:30
09	York Rite Chapter Stated	7:30
09	York Rite Council Stated	8:15
15	EA Degree Practice	6:00
15	DeMolay Stated	7:30
22	St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated	7:30
23	Commandery Stated	7:30
23	Beauceant Stated	7:30
24	St. Johns Lodge EA Degree (see inside)	7:00

### A LOOK AHEAD TO THE MAY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

01	High Point Lodge #755 Stated	9:30 AM
01	Rainbow Stated	7:00
02	Amaranth Stated	7:30
03	St. Johns Fish Fry (see inside)	11:00AM
05	Order of Eastern Star	7:30
06	DeMolay Stated	7:30
07	York Rite Activity Night	7:30
14	York Rite Chapter Stated	7:30
14	York Rite Council Stated	8:15

*Note: All times are P.M. unless stated otherwise.*

*Please watch the newspaper and our Website for any meetings not  
 scheduled above*

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### OFFICERS FOR 2008

Worshipful Master - Matthew B. Simmons	350-3620
Senior Warden - J.R. "Bobby" Tekulve	375-0249
Junior Warden - Brian J. Simmons	526-2232
Treasurer - Russell R. Henney, P.M.	372-2913
Secretary - Dennis J. Anness, P.M.	378-0673
Senior Deacon - Shannon D. Unsworth	447-4124
Junior Deacon - Jason Tekulve	552-3496
Chaplain - Don Abernathy, PM	526-2830
Senior Steward - Jeffrey D. Erdman	350-4021
Junior Steward -	
Tyler - Edward C. Thifault	378-9164
Trustee (3) - Wendel W. Hauck, PM	342-1887
Trustee (2) - Wm. Dirk Rader, PM	350-7313
Trustee (1) - Jay G. Heath, PM	342-4478

**ST. JOHNS EA DEGREE:** St. Johns will be conferring the EA degree on April 24th, at 7:00PM, with a meal starting at 6:00PM. There will also be a practice held on April 15th, at 6:00PM if you are interested in helping out or are just interested in coming to watch and learn. Spread the word and let's show our soon to be new brother what Freemasonry is all about!

**ST. JOHNS LODGE ANNUAL FISH FRY:** St. Johns lodge will be holding their annual fish fry on Saturday, May 3rd. Members will be receiving tickets in the mail and tickets will be sold at the door as well. Anybody wishing to help is more than welcome to and may contact Wendel Hauck, PM, at 342-1887. The proceeds from the Fish Fry this year will go towards an AED+ unit for the lodge. Invite friends and family and let's use this annual event as a good way to spread brotherly love and friendship and to raise the money to purchase this life saving device for the Lodge!

**COMMANDERY DRILL TEAM:** On Thursday April 6th, there will be a pitch-in at 5:00PM followed by a meeting to organize the Drill Team for competition at the 2009 Grand Commandery Session. Bring a covered dish for the pitch-in meal and family are welcome to join in on the meal as well.

**ST. JOHNS LODGE MEETINGS:** Starting with the February stated meeting there will no longer be a full meal served before meetings, unless otherwise noted. There will be refreshments available before and after the meetings as well as access to the recreation room before the meeting for fellowship. Doors will continue to open an hour and a half prior to the beginning of the meetings.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** To notify the Secretary of any family illness or death, and of any change of address.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Are extended to all Members and Brothers celebrating either their physical or Masonic Birthday during the month of April.

**GETTING INFO IN THE TRESTLE BOARD:** If you would like to have information put into the Trestle Board, please contact Matt Simmons at: mbsk.simmons@comcast.net or 350-3620. If you are interested in contributing information, please send me an email or call me for my mailing address if you do not have internet access. The Trestle Board is also available as a PDF attachment via email.

*~Masonic Entertainment~*

*The gathering in Port Hope appeared Masonic with appropriate decor and decorum. The brethren and visitors to Ontario Lodge No. 26 were properly attired with jackets and ties and Masonic aprons.*

*But the degree team... their apparel was unique. They appeared in dayglo-orange kevlar vests with matching peak caps. (Some had hunting licenses glued or sewn between the shoulder blades.) Others wore red and black checked bush shirts or camouflage jackets with multiple pockets. Clashing tartans were reminiscent of the field at Culloden.*

*Buckskin pullovers came with or without the dangling fringes. Trousers were chiefly denim, mostly baggy, and with commodious steerage in the stern.*

*The shoes weren't dainty either. Kodiak klunkers with snow-tire treads laced, in hunter fashion, to the half-mast position or hiking boots with wrap-around laces.*

*The lodge was holding, for the fifty-eighth time, its annual Hunters Lodge. No one but hunters from the district occupied the Chairs or performed the work. John Murray, an entered apprentice, was passed to the second degree with total propriety by these men of the field and forest. Their fancy dress did nothing to dilute the dignity or quality of the evening.*

*This annual event was started in the late 1920's when times were lean and it was difficult to purchase commercial meat. During an impromptu degree practice after a day of hunting it was thought up to do a "Hunters' Degree." The degree night would entail a pot-luck style meal consisting of what game was available in the area.*

*Delicacies in the early years included everything that would fit in the pot; Beaver tail soup, Muskrat stew, etc. As beaver and muskrat populations declined, bear started filling the pot. One year the candidate provided fish for the feed, a bit of a change.*

*There's no doubt Hunters' Lodge will be held again next winter, and the pot will be full. It's a tradition for the lodge, the district, the town, and Shuter's family. Two of his sons served as Worshipful Master of Ontario Lodge and the third, John, is still a regular attendee. This year he sent his regrets. At 94 years of age he broke his hip and couldn't make it, but says he'll be there next year with a hip replacement.*