



The Trestleboard

Albert Pike Lodge # 714, F. & A. M.
January, 2007

Calendar of Events

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| Feb. 15 | Practice Night |
| Feb. 22 | Practice |
| Mar. 1 | Stated Meeting Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:00 |

Albert Pike Lodge #714 Well Represented at 2007 Grand Lodge

The 164th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held on February 1st and 2nd at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock. Our lodge was represented by our principal officers (less Bro. Bert Miller who had surgery that week) and our junior Past Master as our delegates. Several other brethren in Albert Pike Lodge attended the Grand Lodge session, including Bro. James Graham who is serving as Grand Senior Warden, Past Grand Master Dick Browning, Bro. Jim Morehead, and several others. Bro. Lynn Beasley served as the Grand Lodge Organizer for the session.

The Grand Lodge delegates voted to raise the per capita from \$5 per member to \$10 per member. This action will provide more stable funding for our Grand Lodge. Our lodge will have to pay \$10 per member next January to the Grand Lodge. Three resolutions were presented by constituent lodges and all were defeated. The Grand Master made several recommendations which were passed. Bro. Bernie Singleton of Ozark Lodge was elected to the Grand Lodge line as Grand Junior Deacon. Bro. James Graham was advanced in the line to Deputy Grand Master. Bro. R. L. Sheffield of Batesville was elected and installed as Grand Master. The new District Deputy Grand Master for our area is Bro. George Coffman, Past Master of Pulaski Heights lodge. **Continued Pg 2.**

FROM THE EAST

C.B. GOINS, W.M.

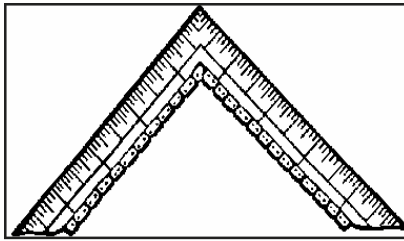
My Brothers,

We are off to a great start in 2007. Kudos to Brothers Angelo Coppola, PM and Jonathan Teeling for conferring two excellent Fellowcraft degrees in January. It was a first time for both, and each did a marvelous job.

Now we need to start practice for some upcoming MM degrees. Please take time to come to our practice nights and help prepare some beautiful ritual work.

I am happy to report that our Senior Warden, Brother Bert Miller, has recently undergone successful surgery to replace both his knees. And only a week after his last one, he showed up for Stated Meeting! Way to go, Bert. Talk about setting an example for the rest of us...

For those who missed the February Stated, we received a good review of the Grand Lodge proceedings from Right Worshipful James Graham. The per capita was passed, which means our annual contribution will rise from \$5 per year to \$10 per year. This increase is sorely needed to keep



our Grand Lodge adequately funded. In other business, the three proposals before the Grand Lodge failed to pass. But for us at Albert Pike, the highlight of the session was

watching Right Worshipful James Graham elected as Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas! Congratulations, James. We are all proud of you and wish you the best as you prepare for your year as Grand Master. Certainly, Albert Pike Lodge will give you all the support we can muster.

Brethren, the weather is cold and miserable this time of year, but rest assured that warmth and good cheer can always be found on a Thursday night at Albert Pike Lodge. So put on that coat and come on out. Your Lodge always welcomes you!

Fraternally,

C.B. Goins
Worshipful Master

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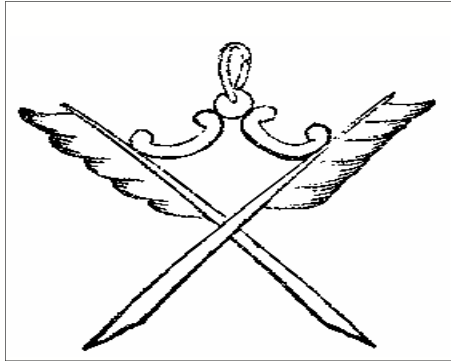
Several out of state guests were in attendance and recognized at the session, including the Grand Masters of Texas and Alabama. Overall, the session was very smooth and was conducted with brotherly love and concord.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

DICK BROWNING, P. G. M., SECRETARY

Brethren,

We had a good Grand Lodge session the first of February. Our Lodge was well represented by our officers and junior Past Master. Our own James Graham was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. When you see him be sure and tell him how proud the members of Albert Pike Lodge are of him.



The per capita tax (dues that we pay on ALL members of Albert Pike) will double next year to \$10.00 per member. While this will be hard on our Lodge it was most important for our Grand Lodge that the dues be increased. Our Grand Lodge operational budget is twice what the dues have been so perhaps the Grand Lodge will be able to function better with more funds. It has been twelve years since we raised our dues! It's time we start thinking about that. Per Capita is going up, utilities are going up a lot, we will have to

hook on the Little Rock sewer system this year that will cost several thousand dollars as well as increase our monthly water and sewer bill so now it the time to begin thinking about what we should do. Please let your officers know your thoughts on this.

Speaking of money, we have several members who have not paid there 2007 dues. Please take a moment and look at your dues card and if it does not say paid until December 31, 2007, then you owe for this years dues which is \$50.00. It will help the Lodge if everyone could have their dues paid by the end of February. I look forward to closing out the dues books this month. If you have special needs please give me a call at home, (501) 851-2694.

Fraternally,
Dick Browning, P. G. M.
Secretary

Did you know?

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA has many, many Masonic connections. It stands on land purchased by Wm. Allen, Grand Master of PA. The ground was staked by Edmond Wolley, a Mason. Thomas Boude, the brick mason, was the first Secretary of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and later Deputy Grand Master. Benjamin Franklin laid the cornerstone while Grand Master (1734) with the assistance of St. John's Lodge. Brother Andrew McNair of Philadelphia rang the bell to call the populace on July 8, 1776, to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell cracked in 1835 when it tolled the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

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How True by Bro. Anse Cates

Oh, yes, we are all Craftsmen and very proud to be;
We wear our pins and rings for everyone to see.
But let us pose the question,
even though the thought may sting-
Would you know me for a Mason,
if you did not see the ring?
'True we show Tenets of our ancient hallowed Creed.
Not just on coat and finger, but by words and deeds.
There's one thing to remember,
if I've learned my lesson well
My deeds do more convincing than my finger or lapel.

