



Shekinah Lodge 256

A.F.A.M. - Crystal City, Missouri

Trestle Board

Dear Brethren:

With just a few more weeks left of my year in the East, I can say that it's been a great year for myself as well as for the Lodge in general. Here's some news of the past year and some of what has happened:

We have seven members who died this year:

1. James T. Brockman - 09-19-2012
2. Clifton Herman Allen - 01-25-2013
3. Alvin N. Lord - 01-09-2013
4. Thomas A. Koester - 01-24-2013
5. Garland Grooms - 12-13-2012
6. Welton Zerwig - 02-2013
7. Clifford French

We raised three new Master Masons:

1. Aaron Douglas Moore
2. Ronald Mark Spoth
3. Andrew William Nausley

We welcomed one new dual member, **Zach Hardesty** from Zelma Lodge; and had one member, **Rodney M. Wilson** who left for another lodge.

We presently have **three petitioning the lodge to begin the degrees.**

In addition, we had a great Chili Clam Chowder Dinner to raise some much needed funds for the Lodge and co-sponsored a MoChip event with Herculaneum Lodge at Festus Elementary, identifying over 60 children.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Lodge and I'm sure that next year's Worshipful Master will continue the tradition and legacy of Shekinah.

Fraternally Yours,

Martin W. Wynn

WM Shekinah Lodge 256
Crystal City, Missouri

OVERDUE DUES NOTICE

There are still just a handful of you left that have not paid your dues this year. Please return your dues if you haven't already by return postage to assure we can continue your membership in the world's finest and oldest fraternal organization!

FREEMASONS AND ROSICRUCIANS – THE ENLIGHTENED

by Manly P. Hall (1901 - 1990)



The following excerpt is from the lecture series entitled "**Rosicrucian and Masonic Origins**" dated in the 1920's. A prolific writer and student of comparative religion, philosophy, sociology, and psychology, and most noted for his encyclopedic volume entitled "**The Secret Teachings of All Ages**" and "**The Lost Keys of Freemasonry**", Hall became a 33rd Degree Mason in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in 1990 shortly before his death. **If you have never read this or any other titles by Manly P. Hall, you would certainly learn much from this inspiring and knowledgeable author.**

A new day is dawning for Freemasonry. From the insufficiency of theology and the hopelessness of materialism, men are turning to seek the God of philosophy. In this new era wherein the old order of things is breaking down and the individual is rising triumphant above the monotony of the masses, there is much work to be accomplished. The "Temple Builder" is needed as never before.

A great reconstruction period is at hand; the debris of a fallen culture must be cleared away; the old footings must be found again that a new Temple significant of a new revelation of Law may be raised thereon. This is the peculiar work of the Builder; this is the high duty for which he was called out of the world; this is the noble enterprise for which he was "raised" and given the tools of his Craft. By thus doing his part in the reorganization of society, the workman may earn his "wages" as all good Masons should. A new light is breaking in the East, a more glorious day is at hand. The rule of the philosophic elect-the dream of the ages-will yet be realized and is not far distant.

To her loyal sons, Freemasonry sends this clarion call: "Arise ye, the day of labor is at hand; the Great Work awaits completion, and the days of man's life are few." Like the singing guildsman of bygone days, the Craft of the Builders marches victoriously down the broad avenues of Time.

Their song is of labor and glorious endeavor; their anthem is of toil and industry; they rejoice in their noble destiny, for they are the Builders of cities, the Hewers of worlds, the Master Craftsmen of the universe!

Calendar May and June 2013

- Tuesday May 7th is **Election Night** at Shekinah
- Tuesday May 21st is JW/SW Night
- Tuesday June 4th is **OPEN Installation of Officers** (tentative)
- Tuesday June 18th is a Regularly Stated Communication and Possible Degree Work
- First Saturdays are Breakfast Joachim Lodge in Hillsboro
- Second Saturdays are Breakfast at DeSoto Lodge

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