



Trestle Board

A Message From The East...

by *WM Milton Harris*

Greetings brothers, as we come closer to my last days in the East, I begin reflect on my year as Master. Events that have transpired, particular issues overcome, and much more. The bonds that have been created, the new friendships that have formed that seemed like they were old ones, who I proudly proclaim are my brothers.

In my personal life I try to reflect on what I have learned throughout the year and what can I do different to become better. When it comes to Freemasonry (which is a major part of my life), I reflect on something a brother told me early on in my journey, "Remember though we are all brothers, we are all still human." Brothers, there will come times in life when your morals, friendships and bonds will be tested and though it is easy to take the path in front of you remember that we have more options than what is clearly presented to us.

We have taken a solemn obligation to be more than a regular man, even though this is a volunteer organization. This is all for not if we do not gain some guidance and perspective in helping our fellow man. We are indeed human and have chosen to walk a path that other men have not and some can not.

Although our fears, doubts, and judgment may come pass, an old saying comes to mind; "there are many things that can not stay in the dark but the truth, and the sun will forever come to pass". A very wise man once said that if someone tells

you that you can not do something it is because they themselves can not do it.

Do not believe them as you are more than a regular man because you have chosen to proceed as a brother in this fraternal order of Freemasonry. Should you ever doubt yourself or begin to get grow tired on your path, just look to the East and press on. I know from experience that your brothers will guide you.

Remember, we are Ivanhoe Lodge No.466, which I affectionately refer to as: "Jewel of the 18th District". We are not here for politics, positions, or praise, we are not here to peacock and say "look at me". We don't wear fancy suits and look down upon the less fortunate. We don't subscribe to the stereotypes of this world now nor will we ever.

We are a charitable organization, and remember this not only by my words, but firmly by what we do in our community. If there is someone who needs a hand up, extend yours. When a brother falls do not carry him, but give him the strength and knowledge to stand on his own.

You'll be faced with future choices in life, do not falter or sway in making the right choice, stand strong in your obligation and be the light no matter how small it may be. This life we have chosen is the lesser traveled, and though our individual roots are unique and different, we have come together in this fraternity and will always be apart of the spirit of Ivanhoe. Brothers, I will always love you all.

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A Master's Mentor: Class Helps Break Ice

by Dan Harmon

Becoming a Master Mason is a milestone in one's journey through the Craft, honestly it is what makes us who we are. I began my journey into the light on September, 15 2016. I remember knowing very little about what was beyond the door. After a knocking and asking for admission, an obligation I took as well as a charge given, my life was changed forever.

My trust was in God, as well as the hands of men who would become my brothers. I looked to what stood in the East and I found myself among like minded men.

In the days that flowed, I tried my best to understand what I had vowed myself to. The internet, books, and chaos that is Masonic understanding only gathered more questions.

Being only an Entered Apprentice, I was limited of what I could understand or ask. The following week I was told about a mentoring session that I could attend. I was very apprehensive at first, however I did attend.

It was a handful of brethren who gathered around me as I made my journey into the light. Master Masons, Fellowcrafts, Grand Lodge Officers, and other Entered Apprentices were all equals at Ivanhoe's Mentoring Class. There was no bias as I expected, but men gathered together to better learn the Craft as well as teach those of us seeking answers.

That night and at future sessions, we discussed everything masonic that my degree would permit. Many questions arose and my mind began to absorb the knowledge of the Craft. I soon found myself looking for the keys I learned within the class. My

understanding grew as did my quest for more knowledge.

In our Craft we have many tools, but I feel that knowledge is the most important tool of them all. Knowing what to seek as well as knowing what to learn became crucial. My appetite was enhanced with every class as if it was an addiction to learn. If I was to say; "what is the most important tool in hand?" I would have to say it was the mentoring sessions I attended.

March 25th 2017 I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason along with my son Justin, As I look both back and forward in my life and Masonic career I know without a doubt that knowledge is more important then ever. The benefits of these classes went well beyond sitting and listening.

We were able to go over our ritual in action and theory. More importantly, I was able to bond with my new family and brothers.

Joking around, serious incite, conversations about the history of the Craft, and just plain enjoying the true call of a Masonic "Brotherhood".

If I were asked what could I offer as advice being a newly-made Master Mason? I would have to say it would be seeking knowledge. What better way then on the same floor as one man to the next. No titles or undue pressure that you would find in a regular stated lodge meeting.

I would recommend without hesitation for anyone new to the craft or seasoned in years to take part in the Mentoring Class offered by Ivanhoe on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

I hope that my journey into light and adventure in seeking knowledge motivates you to improve your self as a man and Freemason.

Summer Masonic Events

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| - Ivanhoe Mentoring Class | June 14 at 6:30pm |
| - Flag Retirement Ceremony
at Swope Park Lodge No.617 | June 14 at 6:30pm |
| - Stated Meeting | June 15 at 7:00pm |
| - <i>Mother Chapter DeMolay Meeting</i> | <i>June 20 at 7:00pm</i> |
| - Paul Miller Study Club at
Swope Park Lodge No.617 | June 21 at 7:00pm |
| - Ivanhoe Mentoring Class | June 28 at 6:30pm |
| - Stated Meeting | July 6 at 7:00pm |
| - Ivanhoe Mentoring Class | July 12 at 7:00pm |
| - <i>Mother Chapter DeMolay Meeting</i> | <i>July 18 at 7:00pm</i> |
| - Paul Miller Study Club at
Swope Park Lodge No.617 | July 19 at 7:00pm |
| - Stated Meeting | July 20 at 7:00pm |
| - Ivanhoe Mentoring Class | July 26 at 7:00pm |

“Dad” Land’s charter DeMolay Mother Chapter is Active!

by Adam James

On Sunday, April 30th, seventeen young men took the initiative to revitalize the long dormant Mother Chapter, Order of DeMolay at Ivanhoe Masonic Temple. These bright and courageous local neighborhood teenagers stepped into the unknown with only a small bit of information, following their hearts towards what felt like a worthy endeavor.

Brothers, this was an awe inspiring event to witness! A room full of kids, along with their families, Brother Master Masons from Ivanhoe, Swope Park Lodge, and Kansas City 220, as well as notable DeMolay officials, flown in from the other side of our great state for this special event.

received at the Lodge about this event, many brothers, including myself, have since completed the appropriate training and background check at www.demolay.org with the desire to work with these young men.

This is an opportunity for our Lodge, as well as Freemasonry in the local area! We have the chance to work with these teens as they prepare for their future life endeavors. They may even one

day become Freemasons, you never know.

I can't stress enough the importance of Ivanhoe's Brethren getting involved in Mother Chapter! These are our neighborhood children that we already serve through Center Schools. Our community involvement at our Lodge is second to none, and shouldn't be anything less in this "new" endeavor. After all, we are the "new" Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge!

Rising From The East: Our Lodge's First Master

by Matthew Dowd

Burr F. Augustine was one of Ivanhoe's three fathers. Worshipful Brother Augustine had the distinct pleasure of being chosen to be the first Master of Ivanhoe No. 446. He served as Worshipful Master from June through December of 1901. In December he was elected by the Brothers to be Master again in 1902. Due to both family reasons and career opportunities in the lumber business Brother Augustine relocated to St. Louis, Missouri in April 1902.

Brother Augustine would continue his journey in Freemasonry and career with the Deardoff Lumber Company. He found considerable success at both. He finally settled in South Bend, Indiana with his wife and children. Under Augustine's guiding hand, 33 men were Raised Master Masons in the newly Chartered suburban Lodge of Ivanhoe. The first man Raised was Bro. John Q. Watkins. Brother Watkins would go on to become



*Brother Augustine's Headstone.
Located in the Riverview Cemetery,
South Bend, Indiana.*



*17 new brothers joined in a ceremony
put on by Br. Ukiab Camp, State
Master Councilor of Missouri
DeMolay and an all star
Jurisdictional Officer Team*

The event began with an open house for all invited young men and their families. DeMolay reached out to the Center School District, with whom Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge has had a long-standing relationship. The goal, to see how many local teenage boys would be interested in becoming apart of our Masonic family at Ivanhoe. Once word was

Master of Ivanhoe and a pillar in the greater Kansas City Masonic community. Next up is Brother George S. McLanahan. Brother McLanahan was recognized as the beating heart of Ivanhoe. He dedicated his Masonic journey towards growing Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge into the shining jewel of Kansas City's Masonic Lodges during the guided age of American Freemasonry.

Lessons To Be Learned From Past Actions

by *WB William C. Huff*

Brothers, we are in a new era, one which we need to keep an open line of communication and understanding between each other. Feelings, emotion, misinterpreting, or staying willfully uninformed can cause great rifts in our fraternity. Don't play to an agenda and become part of the goals that we all joined our lodge to share.

It is taught to each of us on the night of our initiation to knock three times, lay open our heart and mind and all things will be opened unto you. In our past, we have kept secrets that do not benefit the craft and this has caused rifts in our membership. But I ask you, why do we need these burdensome secrets? A few years back I got a call on Christmas Day from a brother. He needed help with a problem and said he did not want the Lodge to judge him for it. I told him that keeping this from his brothers was a mistake. We state that we are here to make good men better. Unfortunately, brothers like this, hold back their feelings because of judgmental actions seen in the past. How can we make or help someone become better if we judge them first when they ask for help?

These negative actions create a bad atmosphere for each of us to improve as men. We have set up a positive, masonic way to help each other.

I told my brother to tell everyone in Lodge without fear of ridicule, so that we can have an army of brethren to help him. One brother has an answer that may be right, but put the eyes of your brethren on a problem and you will find the answers you need.

This may not be what you want, but your brethren are supposed to be here to help you see a little deeper into your soul. I say to you all, use the tools of the Craft. Square your actions every second of the day, and especially square them before you speak in emotional turmoil and outrage! Your volatile actions could be causing good brothers to hold back their commitment to this Lodge.

Use those quiet moments to circumscribe your desires and keep your passions within due bounds. Take this instant to review your feelings, give yourself a gut check, and breath, relax, and speak your mind. Because your voice is needed in this lodge! Your take on the work at hand, a problem, a

challenge, or a goal is not only needed but demanded in this Lodge!

If one stays quiet and does not speak his mind then we all fail in our doings. Gentlemen, failing is tiresome. We each, must hold those great and moral duties that are commanded before the throne of The Great Architect.

Sit on the side lines and be a lump on a log, or stand up, speak your mind, and be apart of this fraternity! I challenge each of you, including myself, to speak from the heart on anything you lack understanding in, actions you would question, and ideas you can bring to the table.

Do not ever learn the word "no", instead welcome the idea to take initiative, and do the things you love, explore the paths you want, and blaze your own trail in our fraternity.

Let us all truly be of one mind, with the goal that we will communicate to our best intentions, and grow beyond these walls. Let us all create a better world for the lives we touch.

Summer Time Is Kid's Cafe Time!

by *Keith Jordan*

Summer time is here and that means that Kid's Cafe is back in full swing! What is Kid's Cafe? It's a program in coordination with Harvesters where Ivanhoe helps children who would normally be receiving assistance from their schools for lunch. Now that school's out, they don't have any lunch assistance. We are helping area kids still receive a healthy meal while they are out of school. If you want to volunteer, contact me. Here are the spots we set up:

Mondays: Lykins Park (8th & Myrtle) 11:45-1:15pm

Tuesdays: Emerson Park (2717 Strong in KCK) 11:45-1:15pm

Wednesdays: Arleta Park (77th & Prospect) 11:45-1:15pm

Thursdays: Waterway Park (708 Waterway Dr in KCK) 11:45-1:15pm

