

Trinity Lodge #694

Calendar for March

2008

March 11th – 7:00 PM - Practice

March 18th – 7:00 PM – Practice

March 25th – 7:00 PM – Practice

April 1st - - 7:00 PM – Stated Meeting

From the East

Brothers,

The Year 2008 has started off with a colossal bang this year. We have been very busy with degree work thus far. Is this bothering anyone? What a great problem to have. Now it time for us to practice the second section of the Master's Degree. Trinity Lodge # 694 simply cannot put on this degree with the personnel we have. We have brothers in Trinity that have come up missing so far this year and I would like to see all that can, show up. Some of the brothers I know have tremendously busy schedules and have told me that they will be there when they can. And some brothers have quietly just faded away. I would like to put on record that I personally miss each of you. I miss the brotherhood we have had and I miss having your participation on the degree work. I would ask that all brothers

try to get in touch with the ones you have missed and give them a call and check on them. Maybe there are brothers out there who need are help. And if we can, I would like to help.

We have a busy April coming with the possibility of four Master's Degrees and I could use all of you playing a role in those second sections. I am asking for you to choose a role with a speaking part so we can work on them during practice nights. I want us as well to become efficient on our regular duties in opening and closing the lodge. This may mean we get with a brother outside of Lodge to work on this. We owe this to ourselves and the young men traveling to the East. My thanks to PMs Grazianni and Kimball for their ever attentive ear and to SW Middleton for his tediously hard work he has been laying out for the young craftsmen.

As always my brothers, use your extended hand to aid in mankind and your squares to keep you focused on your journeys not forgetting what is between the extended points of the compass...

Anthony Francis, WM

From the Secretary

The Trivia Question last month was what part do Plato and Aristotle play in our degrees?

Plato and Aristotle should appear in our Fellowcraft degree, but frequently they are overlooked because we are busy

memorizing our lecture so we can move on to our Master's Degree. Plato's teachings were through Deductive Logic and Aristotle's Teachings were through Inductive logic.

One article in the Scottish Rite magazine titled "Freemasonry IS" last month got my attention. The article talks about how Charity is the dominant theme in the US and Canada, Politics is the dominant theme in Mexico, Social Status is the dominant theme in Central and South America and Philosophy is the dominant theme in Europe.

I have even listened to Brothers talk about years and generations past when the Fraternity wielded more political influence or recognized more social status. than it does now.

When the Lodges of North American and Canada rediscover the Craft's rich history of Philosophical Inquiry and lead initiates to look for the symbolism behind not only the lectures and ritual but of their every thought and action of every waking moment, the lodges will be filled to capacity again.

Bob Winchester
Secretary – Trinity #694