

# Trestleboard

## Algabil-Freedom Lodge No. 636



1996-2022  
26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

February, 2022

**Stated Communications: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays**  
**7:30 PM**

Freedom Masonic Temple  
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Brethren, the following poem was provided to me via WB Dan Stoessel via his mother. *From the Moolah Shrine Camels Tail.*

THE LETTER "G"--- He entered the Lodge and filled each chair, Was sent to the East and presided there, He could give the lectures of each degree, But fell way down on the letter "G"  
Though he said each head must "in honor bow", Yet out of the Lodge he forgot somehow, For from his careless and prayerless lips, The Name of Jehovah would oft times slip.  
He recited the lecture with solemn tone, When the letter "G" to the Lodge was shown, But we knew at once why the world did scoff when we heard this man with his apron off.  
The Fellowcraft, too, when the Lodge was through Listened as you and I would do, But the work though finely exemplified Was spoiled by his talk in the room outside.

I have a story and a comment I would like to add to this wonderful poem. This story comes from my role as Music Director for a church I served for ten years. Pastor H. had just given a wonderful sermon on Christian Love and how we should do what we can to help our fellow man. As it so happens there was a church meeting after the service. One of the topics to be discussed was the parking lot and how a much bigger church down the block was using our parking lot. There was some discussion about how to solve the problem when one of the parishioners suggested putting potatoes in the tailpipes to sabotage any cars that were parked illegally. I could see the color drain from Pastor H's face as he gripped his coffee cup. His wonderful sermon had not been heard at all. Eventually cooler heads prevailed and the sabotage idea was tossed. As a music teacher I quickly learned that students do not always hear what you say. But they watch what you do like a hawk. If your actions do not match up with what you do, you lose all credibility in their eyes to teach them. Children can spot a phony a mile away. All of this is just to illustrate a very simple message. "Actions speak louder than words". Make sure your actions match your words.

WB Stephen Jones

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Please open the Website as noted above. It is new. It is in its infancy. Please comment as to pros and cons to the secretary. We need your input. Brother Jeff Horton has been working hard at make this something we can be proud of. I thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.---secretary, Mike Apple

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!!!! And then,

Please update your wife's name and profile in the Grand Lodge portal. This can be done by emailing the secretary your wife's name and contact information or log into the Grand Lodge web site and follow the prompts to find the area under your name to include your wife's information. Please assist the secretary to facilitate this project. I thank you for your assistance in this process. I have been trying to remember when dues are paid to take the wife's name off the check and input.

The dues payment information for 2021/2022 Term is on the last page of the Trestleboard. When you send in your dues payment, please remember the CHARITIES OF THE LODGE AND GRAND LODGE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Last year several of you made donations to the Lodge to assist Distressed Worthy Brothers in paying their dues (14 paid), plus we made additional contributions to Charities of about \$2,000 and purchasing some needed items not in the budget. Your consideration with other items this term will be greatly appreciated.---THANKS

**Please remember the dues were payable by 1-1-2022. After that you cannot visit another Lodge or any other Masonic Organization. Please refer to Page 6 of this Trestleboard for updates especially for dues collection. If not paid or at least contact the Lodge secretary, YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED on April 2, 2021. If you are having financial or health difficulties, please contact the secretary and request assistance.**

**To use PayPal, put in Algabil-Freedom Lodge No. 636. It should open.**

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY. EMAIL IS THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR EXPENSES DOWN AND COMMUNICATE QUICKLY.**

**IF YOU ARE RECEIVING YOUR TRESTLEBOARD BY U.S. MAIL, THEN WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL.**

Please remember you can go to the Grand Lodge Web Site (momason.org) using your member number noted on your dues card, follow the prompts to make changes in contact info (if you do, please notify the secretary as the GL does not.)—this is also how you input in your wife's information.

**If you hold a sub card, the Grand Lodge has requested you look at your information on the Portal to determine if all are up to date. They will be publishing a list of all who have sub cards in the various Regions as reference for those who need help.**

**If anyone has suggestions on how to improve the Trestleboard, please contact the secretary.**

Just a note, the secretary, RWB Michael Apple notified the Lodge Members present at our 1-4-2022 meeting that he would not be continuing as secretary the next term for personal reasons. At the Annual March Meeting of the Past Masters Club he will not accept the position of president.

Fraternally,  
Michael Apple, secretary

**From: Norman G. Schlagenhauf, III, Senior Warden, chairman, Widows Committee:** The bottom line we must do a better job of keeping in contact with our Widows and we will do that starting with revising the by-laws and requesting of the Widows their accurate contact information.. If there are any questions, please let me know.---Thanks, Norm  
**Sickness and Distress:** Please keep in your thoughts and prayers for the following: David Johnston, Bud Occhi, Walt Sawicki, Steve Dodson. Please notify the WM or secretary if anyone else should be recognized.

The Lodge still needs members to step up to take the positions of SS and JS as well as a full time Tiler. We must plan ahead now for improving the Masonic knowledge of our current officers and those stepping in to take the various positions for the future. If not now, then when will you step up. The Lodge needs you.

**The Grand Lecturer is reinstating the Round Robin Competition for the Candidates lectures. If interested in participating, please contact RWB Mike Apple and he will help.**

1/1/22	Meeting Official Visit	7:30 p.m.	We have 2 petitions for degrees in the works.
2/8/22	FMTA - cancelled Practice	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
2/15/22	Meeting	7:30 p.m.	<b>2 Master Mason Degrees will be scheduled. Notice will be sent out by email.</b>
2/22/22	Practice	7:00 p.m.	

Meals for the First Meeting of the Month will be a pitch in with the Brothers providing desert and the Lodge providing meat, etc. The Second Meeting, the Lodge will provide a light meal with all meals starting at 6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. if Degree Work.

The following locations for practicing various aspects of the Ritual are: Tuesday morning breakfast at Overland, 9:00 breakfast and 9:30 to 11:00 practice. ----- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Fenton 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Algabill-Freedom Normal Practice session 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) ----Thursday morning at Fenton, coffee/donuts/fellowship 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.—practice 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Please remember, “Ritual is the Basis of our Art”**

**Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS and see Steve Jones or Mike Apple for details.**

**Lodge of Instruction the first and third Mondays of each month from November thru April with light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and practice at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All Master Masons and especially Lodge Officers are encouraged to attend. The locations are the first Mondays at Overland-Occidental Lodge and the third Mondays at Meridian Lodge.**

Two new items have come to the secretary by at least two sources: **First**, the Grand Lodge for 2022 will be held in October 2022 at St. Charles, MO. **Second**, Bethel 47 who have been meeting at Freedom Temple for many many years will be moving to Beacon Lodge on January 1, 2022. We are all sorry to see them go.

**BIRTHDAYS – February 2022**—Ronald Crites, Thomas Moser, Kenneth Wenk, Neil Dressler, Paul McClaine, Eugene Arendell, Edward Wilder, Jr., Tom Purvines, Lawrence Reinecke, Albert Niewoehner, Ryan Campbell, Michael Singer, III, Jared Scheel, Michael Barcus.

**THOSE WHO WILL OBTAIN THEIR 50 YEAR STATUS WITH THE FRATERNITY IN THE NEXT 3+ YEARS.**

**Bill N. Pulizos - 11-22-2021, Paul E. Parrett - 2-8-2022, Bruce E. Williams – 9-2-2022, Norman G. Schlagenhauf, Jr. - 10-28-2022, Thomas J. Noel - 2-21-23, Fred Wayne Shoemake – 5-7-23, Jimmy H. Elam - 5-8-2023 – Harry C. Scurlock, Jr. – 8-31-2023, William J.B. Mathis Jr. – 9-15-23, Terry L. Coff – 10-14-23, Charles E. Woolf – 6-4-24, Robert H. Burnette – 10-8-24, Stephen W. Marquard – 10-9-24, Dennis E. Fetter – 10-22-24, Thomas J. Moser – 12-16-24, Richard A. Mirkay – 2-1-25, Donald J. Earll – 4-5-25, Joseph M. Walker – 6-10-25, Joseph R. Rivituso – 6-24-25.**

WB Bill Pulizos and the Lodge secretary have been talking about presenting him his 50 year pin and certificate. He will let us know when he will be available at a later date.

**The Trestleboard will be emailed and/or mailed monthly. We will email other information as it becomes available. (SO, PLEASE REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO PROPERLY COMMUNICATE.)**

**Masonic Funeral Services:** Please inform your family your desire of having a Masonic Service. Most families are not aware of the service and its meaning. It is the Fraternities way of saying good bye for a while until we meet again.

**DIRECTIONS: To Freedom Masonic Temple---** take I-270 South to the I-55 North / Lemay Ferry exit. Turn right on LeMay Ferry for about 1/2 mile. Lodge is on the right. Look for the lighted sign board

Please fill out the following and send to the secretary via email or snail mail as soon as possible. We are trying to update our Membership list and wives information and need **everyone's** help.---Thanks, Mike Apple, secretary

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note, the Lodge members have decided not to have any large group meetings for the time being until it is determined to be safe from COVID-19. Once we resume special meetings, etc. All will be notified by email and Trestleboard. This was not an easy decision.**

**A Question to the membership: There have been notices sent to the membership through Face Book. Would you prefer for the notices to be sent via email from now on. Please respond to WM Steve Jones or secretary, Mike Apple. We thank you for your assistance.**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD PRESIDENT**

The Temple Board decided at their January meeting to start having meetings every two months. When special items come up the Executive Committee will hold a special meeting. For security within the building we are changing the locking and alarm system so as to have an alarm on the downstairs door from the parking lot and an alarm on the door by the secretaries desk. Everyone who has a key must notify the Temple Board so as to make sure the key is identified and serial number utilized for entrance into the building. In other words the number on your key will be the pass code. Any questions, please contact Craig Stratmann.

Thanks, Steve Dodson, president FMTA

### **INFORMATION FOR OUR WIDOWS—PLEASE RESPOND**

**The Widows committee is working hard to make contact with all of our Widows. Please fill out the form on the previous page and mail or email to the Lodge secretary as soon as possible so we can make you aware of what is going on with the Lodge. To date, we have very few phone numbers and even fewer email addresses. We sent out stamps again this year. If you did not receive stamps, Please confirm your mailing address, the stamps will then be sent to you. Your phone number and email address are also needed as well. The committee has made**

the decision if no updated info is received by 4-2-2022 we will remove the Widow from the mailing list and remove from the Grand Lodge Portal. **We need your help.**

**—Thanks, Norm Schlagenhauf III, chairman**

ALGABIL-FREEDOM LODGE No. 636 A.F.& A.M.  
2022

**ALL DUES ARE PAYABLE and were due on JANUARY 1, 2022**

The information below conforms to Section 18.010 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws

<b>LODGE DUES---MANDATORY</b>	\$61.00
Grand Lodge Mandatory Assessments	*\$35.50
*Masonic Home	
*Masonic Children's Foundation	
*Masonic Scholarship	
*George Washington National Memorial	
*Public Relations Fund	
Mandatory Liability Insurance	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL (required dues)</b>	<b>\$98.50</b>

**VOLUNTARY DONATIONS:**

**GRAND LODGE:**

Penny--A-Day for Masonic Home	\$ _____
Lodge of Research	\$ _____
Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
MoChip	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALGABIL-FREEDOM:**

Algabil-Freedom Charity and Relief Fund	\$ _____
Lambskin Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Benevolent Fund	\$ _____
WM Charity Fund	\$ _____
Printing of Trestleboard	\$ _____
Contribution to General Fund	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CHOICE WITH secretary applying as needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SUSPENSION DATE WAS CHANGED FROM 6-2 TO 4-2 IN 2021.**

If **you need assistance paying**, please let the secretary know **NOW** or you will be suspended.  
**SEND YOUR PAYMENT TO: Michael L. Apple, secretary, Algabil-Freedom Lodge No. 636 at**

**912 Kylemore Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021.**