

Algabil-Freedom Lodge No. 636 Trestleboard



Greetings from the East

Brethren, thank you for showing a great deal of confidence in me and electing me to be your Worshipful Master for this term. The faith you put in me is humbling, and from my perspective, somewhat scary. C'est la vie. However, I must say I have felt very uplifted and encouraged by many of the kind comments and statements of support I have received from many of my Masonic brothers.

Over the summer our officer line held practices every Tuesday to work on our ritual. I felt these were extremely helpful and productive (well, based on my last two efforts, you wouldn't know it). A big thanks to Chris Rollins, Rodney Kleine, and Jake Singer for volunteering their time to lead us waifs in our struggles. We will continue to hold Tuesday practices until we feel comfortable in the opening and closing of the Lodge. I have invited the Arnold Lodge brothers to join us in these practices. My hope and goal is that, once we achieve this level, we can continue to meet on Tuesdays and begin to work on learning the parts for the first-degree ritual, lecture, and charge. This invitation is open to not only our current officer line, but anyone who is willing to learn a part. We get many of our older brothers and members of Charlie's Angels to come and help with degree work; but as one of them said to me, "We won't be around forever". A sad, but true statement.

And for that reason, I am STRONGLY asking that our younger brothers (20's, 30's, 40's in age) get involved. We will need people who will be able take on these duties for the long term once it falls to us to continue these rituals in the exemplary manner that has been displayed to us by our current crop of brothers. If you are willing to commit to this effort, please look over the parts and decide which part you would be willing to learn. Now, if everyone shows up and says "I want to be the Junior Steward", then we might have to have a talk amongst ourselves. I see this as a multi-year undertaking; meaning once we learn the first degree, we will continue with the second and third degrees. While I do not see us reaching the Charlie's Angels level (although it would be nice), I would like our combined Lodges efforts to become known as a Charlie's Angels light production (minus the three detectives the series featured).

Finally, I tend to read a lot, and lately I find that I am going to the internet and reading Trestle Boards from Lodges around our country. I have read many things I find interesting, and ongoing in this space I will share something I found pertinent/interesting/noteworthy, whatever.

My Trestle Board Item of Interest

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the

triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

-Brother Theodore Roosevelt

Fraternally,
Bill Woods
Worshipful Master

Upcoming Events

*Grand Lodge on the 2nd (committee work), 3rd, and 4th of October. The 4th is a day we have a regularly stated communication scheduled and currently I intend to hold that meeting since the last day of Grand Lodge tends to end in the very early afternoon, giving us plenty of time to drive all the way back from St. Charles.

*It has been brought to my attention that a certain someone is about to receive his FIFTY-YEAR pin. So, in honor of this momentous achievement, we will be having a celebratory meal at 6:30 PM followed by the pin presentation on Tuesday, the 8th of November. Since we anticipate this event could generate a large crowd, we are requesting that the occasion be limited to Master Masons. If you plan to attend, please contact our lodge secretary at johnphilipsinger@gmail.com so we can get a head count for ordering food and making sure we have enough seats in the lodge room. Oh yeah, that certain someone is R.W.B Norman G. Schlagenhauf, Jr. Brother Micheal Rohrbacker is on tap to receive his third degree, but underwent surgery on his foot and he will be contacting us when he is available.

*MOCHIP at Lemay VFW – On Sat. Oct. 22nd, at the VFW in Lemay we will be hosting the MOCHIP event. The other Lodges co-hosting with us are Arnold, George Washington, Craftsmen, and Spirit of St. Louis. The event is from 9am - 2pm, equipment will arrive at or by 7:00 o'clock am and will need members there to help unload and carry the equipment in; and we need ones from the lodges to stick around and help pack up and carry it back out (more hands make for lighter work). R.W.B Rodney Kleine talked to Bro. Tony Leech, and he was talking about the VFW providing donuts in the morning and lunch. (Yes Rodney, I plagiarized from one of your earlier e-mails. Deal with it!)

*We have a second fifty-year pin presentations upcoming. The recipient is Bruce Williams: more details to come once we get his award ceremony scheduled.

*Fruit Baskets – YES, they are back on our schedule! Specifically, on the 17th of December. Now, if conditions change, we can always revert to stamps; but many of our widows have little interaction with the world in general, and this little bit of interaction we have with them when we deliver the baskets is GREATLY appreciated. I have found it to be a wonderful and fulfilling time when I have delivered baskets and had some time to talk to our widows.

Secretary's Message

Friends and Brothers,

I appreciate your patience and assistance! This is my first year as secretary, and as such I'm still trying to get my feet under me. Fortunately, I have the new dues cards! The dues breakdown is below, and they are due and payable January 1, 2023. **The suspension date is now in April!**

If you cannot pay your dues this year, or if you require any assistance from the lodge, contact me! My phone number is (636)575-0488. My email is Johnphilipsinger@yahoo.com (ONLY ONE L) and my mailing address is below.

The Trestleboard will be emailed and/or mailed monthly. We will email other information as it becomes available. It is a great boon to send these trestleboards electronically! If you would like to help the lodge (and me personally) please send me your email and I will add it to the email list!

Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 PM

October 2022

Web Site – www.lodge636.com

A Note on 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.

The Lodge's Physical Address:

Freedom Masonic Temple
4557 Lemay Ferry Rd
St. Louis, MO 63010.

The Secretary's Mailing Address:

John "Jake" Singer
1864 South Arlene Drive
Arnold, MO 63010

DIRECTIONS: To Freedom Masonic Temple--- take I-270 South to the I-55 North / Lemay Ferry exit. Turn south onto Lemay Ferry and continue south for about 1/2 mile. The lodge is on the right. (Look for the lighted sign board.) If you reach Butler Hill Road, you have gone too far!

Dues Notice

THIS IS A NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS TO PAY YOUR DUES. If you would like to send your dues by mail, checks are payable to ALGABIL-FREEDOM MASONIC LODGE. The minimum amount is **\$98.50**.

If you would like to donate to one of the additional charities listed, simply mark the amount in the designated space. Any additional money sent will be considered a donation to the general fund of Algabil-Freedom Masonic Lodge #636 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

If you are an ENDOWED or 50-YEAR MEMBER, you do not need to pay. If you are a MULTIPLE MEMBER and you do not pay, you will cease to be a multiple member with Algabil-Freedom (but you will still be in good standing in your home lodge). If Algabil-Freedom #636 is your HOME LODGE, and you are NOT endowed, or a 50 year member, then you **MUST PAY YOUR DUES by APRIL 2023 TO AVOID SUSPENSION.**

If you have paid your dues, but your dues card has been lost or destroyed, contact the secretary. it will cost the lodge one whole dollar to replace it.

If you are uncertain if you need to pay; or if you are unsure if you have already paid; or if you have any other questions about dues, or the lodge in general, please do not hesitate to contact the secretary.

The dues notice is on the reverse side please read and please make my job easier by paying your dues

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

LODGE DUES--- \$61.00

MANDATORY

Total 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

TOTAL (required dues)

\$98.50

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS:

GRAND LODGE:

Penny--A-Day for Masonic Home \$ _____

Lodge of Research \$ _____

Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund \$ _____

MoChip \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

ALGABIL-FREEDOM:

Lambskin Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Benevolent Fund \$ _____

WM Charity Fund \$ _____

Contribution to General Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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