

# The Adelphi Trestle Board

November 2010

## Monthly Business Meeting

The lodge holds our monthly business meeting the second Tuesday of each and every month. Business meetings are open to all Masons in good standing. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14th.

Study Club	7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.

## Fund Raiser Help Needed

The Golden Corral is offering its Guest Server program again in 2011 and they have reserved a night for us. We have to supply a minimum of 4 servers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month starting at 4:45 p.m. **If we fail to do so without 72 hour advanced notice we will have to pay them.** Guest Servers get to keep all the tips generated in their section. Camden Point and several OES chapters participate in this event and guesstimate that they are making around \$3000.00 per year by working every month. Our Mondays begin in January and will run the entire year. The Golden Corral is located at 8800 NW SKYVIEW AVE KANSAS CITY, MO

## Fund Raiser

We're selling chances on a \$50.00 gas card with a second chance of a \$25.00 Bredeaux Pizza card. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Interest has been phenomenal. If you need more tickets to sell please contact WM Mike as soon as possible. Thank you to everybody for helping us with this fund raiser.

## Hall Rental

Need a place to hold your family reunion, a graduation party or some other gathering? Adelphi lodge hall can be rented for a reasonable rate. The lodge can be rented by any member of the public. Please keep us in mind. To rent the hall contact PM Marshall Welch or WM Mike Allen.

## Adelphi News

*What's going on in lodge?*

**Michael Allen**  
Worshipful Master

## Air Conditioner Mishap

The outside air conditioner unit was hit and moved off of its foundation. This stripped one of the electrical wires which came into contact with the metal building and short circuited the unit. We had to replace several electrical components, including the main circuit board. Parts alone cost nearly \$200.00. Rising Sun Brother Steve Hanchette donated his time and fixed the air conditioner just in time for the OES Installation of Officers. Please be sure to thank Brother Steve when you see him. And, of course, if you'd like to make a donation towards the parts we'd appreciate it.

## Contacting the Lodge

There are several ways you may contact the lodge. Our mailing address is:

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P.O. Box 125  
Edgerton, Mo 64444

Website: <http://www.modistrict17.org/adelphi>  
Lodge e-mail: [adelphi@modistrict17.org](mailto:adelphi@modistrict17.org)  
Facebook group: Adelphi #355 Masonic Lodge

If you have e-mail please send a note to the lodge's e-mail. We'd like to compile an e-mail distribution list for future Trestle Boards and easier communication from the lodge. We will not sell this list nor make it available for any use other than lodge business (in other words, you won't get jokes from us!).

## Financial Matters

We had a SNAFU this last year in paying our Grand Lodge assessment. Our lodge secretary moved about the same time as the assessment became due and as the lodge was installing the new line. The assessment bill got lost in the shuffle and was only found this last month. The same time we found this bill the yearly insurance was due. Adelphi had over \$1500.00 in outstanding bills with less than \$1000.00 in the bank. Additionally, the assessment included \$250.00 carry-over from the previous year. I contacted DDGM Jack DeSelms who managed to work-out a payment plan with Grand Lodge, who waived their late fees. We also changed the insurance from a yearly payment to quarterly payments. As of now we have paid-off ½ of our bill to GL and will be making monthly payments of \$100.00 on the remainder (just over \$400.00). We very much appreciate our DDGM's assistance and the GL's cooperation.

One of the committees I formed this year is a budget committee. This committee will be meeting later this month to set a budget for the coming year. It will be very important that we stick to this budget.

## Dues and Donations

Dues notifications went out last month. Dues are \$54.50 for 2011. According to our bylaws Adelphi's dues are set at only \$35.00. The other \$19.50 is Grand Lodge Assessments. 50 year members and endowed members do not owe any dues, but if you would like to make a donation the lodge would certainly appreciate it.

2011 dues cards will be mailed-out to those that have paid as soon as have we them. RWB Jack advised this should be late this month. Expect to see your new dues card in early December.

## Adelphi OES Dinner

We're discussing with Adelphi OES hosting a meet-and-greet dinner to be held at Adelphi lodge. For many of us we know there's an OES chapter in Adelphi but very few of us know who their members are. Other lodges in our district have very strong bonds with their OES chapters and they are active together. I would like to see our relationship grow with our OES chapter and it all starts with a smile and handshake. OK, over food isn't all bad, either. No date has been established yet. Adelphi OES is very interested in this event. I hope that you are, too.

## Lodge Visitations

Camden Point lodge meets first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. I'd like to encourage Adelphi members to visit Camden Point for their December meeting. Please let me know if you'd like to join me in attending their meeting so that I can give them a heads-up that they're going to have dinner guests.

And remember, visiting other lodges how we get guests to visit our lodge.

## Exterior Lights

The exterior light over the door has been fixed so that it is now functioning as a dusk-to-dawn light. Since this light illuminates our flag we felt it important to have this light correctly working.

We've identified the problem with both of the motion lights. I will be working on installing the replacement parts in the very near future.

Cost for fixing these lights is around \$30.00 each. As the motion lights are the only lights we have for the parking lot on the south side we feel it's important to get these lights working again. It's getting darker earlier and we don't want any needless accidents.

## District 17 Study Club

Want to learn even more about the ritual? Every Thursday night RWB Michael Wheeler conducts the District 17 Study Club at Rising Sun Lodge #13 in Kansas City. The Study Club is open to all Masons in good standing. In addition to RWB Mike there are many brethren there that can assist you in learning your proficiencies (it's never too late), learn a new part, or brush-up on what you already know.

Don't be shy! You'll find this a fun, rewarding experience that you'll want to attend again and again.

Rising Sun is located at 2000 NW Barry road, Kansas City, Mo 64154 across the street from Joann's Fabrics. Study Club starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Masonic Home Presentation

Adelphi and Camden Point lodges will be hosting a Masonic Home presentation at Adelphi during an open meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. You and your family are encouraged to attend this very important presentation. This meeting is open to all.