

The Adelphi Trestle Board

December 2010

Monthly Business Meeting

The lodge holds our monthly business meeting the second Tuesday every month. Business meetings are open to all Masons in good standing. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th.

Pizza	6:30 p.m.
Study Club	7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Fund Raiser Golden Corral

Adelphi participated in the guest server program at The Golden Corral on December 06. We made \$94.00 in tips that went into our operating fund. We were pleased to make so much money with no overhead. However, the waitress told us that night was the lightest crowd she had seen in a long time and to expect more in the future. The week before us that lodge made over \$150.00 and they were disappointed.

Please come see us at the Golden Corral January 10th. Ask to sit in the Guest Server section. The Golden Corral is located at 8800 NW SKYVIEW AVE KANSAS CITY, MO.

Fund Raiser – Gas/Pizza

Adelphi members sold \$255.00 in raffle tickets. Way to go! PM Bill Luttmann won the \$50.00 gas card, but he requested that lodge keep the money. Thank you, brother Bill. And RWB Larry Cook (Weston) won the \$25.00 Bredeaux Pizza certificate.

Dues and Donations

Dues notifications have been sent and I'm pleased that so many brothers have responded. 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. Brothers that were endowed in 2009 still owe their full 2010 dues, but will owe nothing starting 2011. That's according to the Grand Lodge. So if you endowed last year you owe one last time.

Dues cards for paid brothers are enclosed.

Adelphi News

What's going on in lodge?

Michael Allen
Worshipful Master

Merry Christmas

I want to say Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your entire family. I hope you all get to spend quality time with your family and friends and enjoy what this season is truly about.

I'm pleased to report that the lodge is recovering from our financial crisis. The two fundraisers we held this month netted us over \$325.00. And we have a recurring monthly fund raiser at The Golden Corral set-up that hopefully will create a positive cash flow. Thank you everybody for your hard work!

Please also note the return of dinner before the business meeting. We're all looking forward to getting fed again! What'cha cookin', Brother Junior Warden?

Contacting the Lodge

Our mailing address is:

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

If you have e-mail please send a note to the lodge's e-mail. Several members are requesting the Trestle Board via e-mail and we're happy to oblige.

It's come to my attention that some demitted brothers are receiving The Trestle Board. If you would like to rejoin the lodge, please contact me at 816-746-0577 or at the above addresses. Otherwise I will remove you in January. I would love to talk to you before that.

Financial Matters – part II

So far we have paid the Grand Lodge \$431.00, half of what we owe them. We've set-up paying them \$100.00 a month until the remainder is paid-off.

We owe the Boy Scout (JW Shawn Harmer's son) \$120.00 for past lawn mowing(s).

We changed our insurance to a quarterly pay, thus reducing the sudden impact, but slightly increasing the overall cost. At the end of one year we can change this back to a yearly payment.

With the dues coming in, the fund raisers being successful, and some cost savings efforts we now have enough to pay all of these bills. However, we do not want to find ourselves in the same predicament in two months. Therefore, we've decided to fully pay the Boy Scout and continue paying Grand Lodge their monthly installments. WB Curtis Wilson and I will be sitting down December 28 to budget-out 2011.

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.

Scholarship Fund

SW Tom Sweet asked if Adelphi could set-up a scholarship fund to benefit kids in the Edgerton community. Many other lodges in the area have such a scholarship program and receive great publicity because of it. The lodge overwhelmingly approved this fund and committed to having it fully funded by May. Our initial scholarship will be \$200.00. Brothers, this is easily obtainable and one of the most important new programs we've implemented.

Partnership with Schools

Adelphi currently has a \$150.00 account that we use to buy clothing and other needed items for school kids in our area. The lodge agrees that this program is important and we want to see it continue. Part of our fund raisers will go to replenish this account as needed.

Furnace – part II

We had to replace two more parts on the furnace for a total cost of just under \$55.00. SW Tom Sweet spent an entire Saturday tracking down the parts we needed. Due to the delicate nature of one of the parts most companies didn't want to sell him without installing it themselves. Fortunately Tom was able to use his powers of persuasion and not only got the parts but got them installed. Thank you, Tom.

Exterior Lights – part II

I went to Lowe's to buy the replacement parts we needed for our motion lights. Cost of the parts was going to be \$33.00 a light (we have two). I happened to notice that the same light cost \$40.00 new. So rather than try to replace parts I entirely replaced both lights. And brothers, let me tell you, those two parking lot lights are **NOT** on the same circuit breaker.

District 17 Study Club

Please drop by the official District #17 Study Club held every Thursday night at Rising Sun lodge #13. 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.

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.

Thank you!

Thank you all for your contributions, whether monetary, physically or morally. Your enthusiastic support of the lodge means a lot to all of us. Merry Christmas!