



# Trestle Board



Equality Lodge #497 Newsletter -- Vol. 1 -- November 12, 2001

## New Officers

The election of officers was held on June 22, 2001. Right Worshipful Brother Clarence Wieland installed the new officers in an open installation on September 14, 2001. The new officers are:

WM	Shelby Chism
SW	Andrew Chism
JW	Ernest Ray Sr.
Tres	Wayne Daniels
Sec	George Ornsbey
Chap	William Woolsey
Mar	Wilbert Hodge
SD	David Pilotte
JD	Ernest Ray II
SS	Clarence Wieland
JS	Billy McDowell
Tiler	Luther Fryer

Masonic Home Officer  
William Woolsey  
Education Officer—  
George Ornsbey



## Achievement Award

Equality Lodge has received the 2001 Grand Lodge Achievement award for Past Master George Ornsbey's year as Master. Past Master George received his Award at the Grand Lodge Banquet. This makes **Eight** awards in a row. We need two more for a Ten Year Lodge Award.

## Lodge News 2001-02 lodge year:

Rt. Wor. Bro. William C. Woolsey has been reappointed as District Deputy Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. George E. Ornsbey has been appointed as District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 29<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

Equality Lodge has a new Fellowship Hall in the downstairs of the building. PM Dennis Neese and his new bride Donna had their wedding and reception in the fellowship hall on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

Newburg Day was very good this year. As always we need help. We are looking forward to an out standing Newburg Day again this year on June 8<sup>th</sup> **Your help, as always is needed.**

Wor. Bro. Shelby Chism presented PM. George Ornsbey with his **Past Master's Apron and Past Master's certificate** during the open installation on September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Dues:** The dues continues to be \$30.00 for the 2001 2002 lodge year.

## From the Master

I would like to thank the brethren for selecting me as Worshipful Master for the coming year. It is an honor and privilege to be a member of and to serve this lodge. I will strive at all times to maintain the high standards, traditions and goals you expect and deserve from your lodge. Our advancing line is made up of first timers (no past masters) and supported by several members with Grand Lodge Sub 1, 2 and 3 instructors' cards. Equality#497 is fortunate to be the home Lodge of the DDGM and the DDGL for the 29<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. The lodge will be working hard to qualify for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards established by the Grand Lodge in 2000. We continue to need the experience, knowledge and participation of our Past Masters, as well as all of our members, to enable the lodge to be a most enriching and satisfying Masonic experience. I sincerely solicit your attendance at all of the meetings and fundraisers. Your constructive input and help is always welcomed.

**W.M. Shelby Chism**



# Grand Lodge News



## 180<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session:

**Resolution:** Establishing the Grand Lodge Ritual award. There are three categories the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award. To receive the Bronze award your lodge must open on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees, Ballot in any degree and Close with no more than 10 mistakes. There were no lodges in the 29<sup>th</sup> Masonic District that received any of these awards last year. We are going to make every effort to see that the 29<sup>th</sup> district is represented at the Grand Lodge in 2002 with at least one Bronze Award from the District.

**Resolution:** A joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Committee, consisting of four representatives of each Grand Lodge, will meet to establish procedures for recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodge by the State of Missouri Grand Lodge and “vice-versa”.

There was no meeting between the two Grand Lodges this year. The Grand lodge voted to continue to make contact for Three more years.

The Per Capita increase to \$14.50 to the Grand Lodge was tabled for another year.

The Grand lodge is asking everyone to donate Ten Dollars for Ten years (10 four 10) to raise money instead of increasing the per-capita to \$14.50 per year.

The Grand Lodge passed the amendment to drop the Most and Right Worshipful from the Grand Lodge By-laws. The titles would no longer be Rt. Wor Bro. Doe in the Grand lodge By-Laws it would just be Bro Doe.

The Grand Lodge voted to add **Seven Regional Grand Lecturers**. The reason is because the Grand Lecture could not cover the state in one year. The Regional Grand Lecturers would only have to make one visit to one half of their district per year.

For more information about G.L. proceedings contact the lodge, or better yet come visit, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

The Grand Lodge is going to open Four new Masonic Lodges in the State of Missouri on College Campuses. One will be at the University of Missouri – Rolla.

The Grand Lodge has issued a new proficiency certificate

for Degree Work. There will be Four stickers, one for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree 2<sup>nd</sup> Section. You can get them in any order and are good for three years. The DDGL will be the approving official.



Halloween Party for the Community, Oct 31, 2001 in our new Fellowship Hall

Ritual Club will meet in Newburg on Nov. 26th at 7:30pm.

Newburg Day Fund Raiser will be June 8, 2002 all day.

Election of Officers will be June 28, 2002 at 7:30pm

Open Installation of Officers will be September 13, 2002 at 6:30pm

See our Web Page for lodge updates and Pictures:  
[www.geocities.com/equalitylodge/](http://www.geocities.com/equalitylodge/)