



Ruth Lodge #89

A.F. & A.M.

Trestleboard

February 2020



Stated Communication

2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Our Next Stated Communication

DDGM Joseph George Daigle Jr.
Official Visit
February 11, 2020



A View from the East

Brethren, I first want to thank you for the honor you bestowed on me by electing me to sit in the East. I do not take this duty lightly and will do my best to serve you and Ruth Lodge #89 to the best of my abilities.

As your Brother and fellow Mason, I will always be forthright and honest in my communications with you. Ruth Lodge is facing the serious challenge of declining membership and participation. This problem is neither new nor unique to Ruth Lodge. Many lodges, in fact most social and civic organizations, are facing this same dilemma. The question is what can we do about it?

To help answer this question, I will pose another. What is a Masonic lodge? Is it a building, a room inside a building, or a Charter from the Grand Lodge? Is it the furniture and jewels? Of course, the answer is no. These are requisite objects but they do not constitute a Masonic lodge.

I have had the opportunity to visit several lodges in different states and share meals with our distant brethren. Some of these lodges were magnificently elaborate in their decor, and in

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contrast, others very modest and humble. Some meals were full course and others were a simple hot dog and plate of beans.

What made each of these nights memorable was not where and what was served. It was the company and fellowship of the Brothers I shared it with. The same can be said of Ruth Lodge's Stated Communications and work nights. That is what truly makes a Masonic lodge. It is the active participation of the brethren.

Our stated communications are so much more than a routine meeting to conduct the business of the lodge. Our work nights are more than well practiced ritual to confer a degree. Amidst the concerns and employments of the outside world, these nights allow us to reaffirm, unite, and cement our common bonds of friendship, morality, and brotherly love. I cannot stress the importance that when a candidate receives light in Masonry, he also beholds his many brethren there to support and assist him on his journey. These are the principals that make us Masons and make our lodge.

It is my sincere hope that this year, 2020, is the year the brethren of Ruth Lodge reaffirm their commitment to the principals of Freemasonry, to our lodge, and to their Brothers. Your participation in the activities of Ruth Lodge #89 is vital to her continued success. May you affirm to keep her needs within the length of your cable tow.

Fraternally, Jim Arab W.M.

A View from the South

It is my pleasure that I am able to help our lodge again and provide a meal for my good Brothers. It is my desire to have more brethren come to enjoy a meal and to come out and enjoy our fellowship. Please check your cable tow. Let me know if you can come to our Stated dinner. I do enjoy cooking in our wonderful kitchen at our temple.

Fraternally, Gary Gouge, J.W. (PWM)

From the desk of the Secretary

Brethren please check your dues cards. If you have not paid your 2020 dues yet please do so. Some brethren wait till later on in the year to pay, but it puts a strain on the lodge. The lodge has to pay assessments to Grand Lodge & to the Temple Corporation. Also if you haven't paid them yet you are technically delinquent. Those that have already paid you dues cards are being mailed out to you.

Thank You, Walter "Dink" Pope, Jr., Secretary (PDDGM)

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Upcoming Calendar Reminders

Tues, Jan 28 - Ruth #89 F.C. and M.M Practice, 7 pm

Wed, Feb 5 - Calcott Ritual School, 7 pm

Tues, Feb 11 - Ruth #89 Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

Tues, Feb 18 - Ruth #89, F.C. Practice, 7 pm

Wed, Feb 19 - Masters and Wardens, 6:30 pm
- Calcott Ritual School, 7 pm

Tues, Feb 25 - Ruth #89 , F.C. examination and
conferral

