**HIRAM LODGE #50 TRESTLE BOARD**

**DECEMBER 2018**

My Brothers of Hiram Lodge #50:

The month of December begins with Hanukkah at sundown (12/2), followed by National Cookie Day (12/4), Pearl Harbor Day (12/7), National Brownie Day (12/8), Poinsettia Day (12/12), National Maple Syrup Day (12/17), The First Day of Winter (12/21), National Egg Nog Day (12/24), Christmas Day (12/25), National Chocolate Day and Card Playing Day (12/28) and New Year’s Eve (12/31). December is also known for the first successful heart transplant (12/03/1967), the invention of the phonograph (12/04/1877), Walt Disney’s Birthday (12/05/1901), Eli Whitney’s Birthday (12/08/1765), The Pilgrims’ Landing at Plymouth Rock (12/11/1620), The first Transatlantic Radio Broadcast (12/12/1901), The Ratification of the Bill of Rights (12/15/1787), Ludwig Von Beethoven’s Birthday (12/16/1770), The Boston Tea Party (12/16/1773), The Wright Brothers First Flight (12/17/1903), The Publication of Dicken’s A Christmas Carol (12/18/1843), and The Establishment of the Federal Reserve System (12/23/1913). Source: [***www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars***](http://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars).

For Hiram Lodge #50, December 2018 is a time of transition. Hiram Lodge #50 will hold its Annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 1:00 pm in Lodge Room One at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave. in Madison, WI 53703-2107. In addition, the installation will be joint with Commonwealth #325, Madison #5, and Doric #356.The new officers are looking forward to the opportunity and challenge of serving the membership of Hiram Lodge #50.

Our Lodge Secretary wanted me to remind you that Reminder from the Secretary: Lodge dues for Masonic year 2019 are due December 31, 2018. Mail to the Lodge at 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison 53703.

Also, Veterans Administration William Middleton Hospital Chapel Escort volunteer slots still available for Sunday, December 23rd and 30th. A time commitment from 9:15 to approximately 11:00 will brighten the day for one or more of our Veterans and will give you a "boost" as well. Thank a vet everyday. Contact Secretary Christian for your scheduled slot.

Our next Stated Communication will be on Monday December 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm in Lodge Room #1 at the Madison Masonic Center.

Hiram’s Trestle Board is now published on our webpage – Our Lodge Page – at [**https://50-wi.ourlodgepage.com**](https://50-wi.ourlodgepage.com) . Look for future Trestle Boards as well as a listing of Lodge Events on [**https://50-wi.ourlodgepage.com**](https://50-wi.ourlodgepage.com).

If it has been a while since you have been to a Hiram Lodge meeting, we get together @ 7:30 pm on the 3rd Mondays in Lodge Room #1 at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703-2107.

Hope to See You Soon!

Fraternally Yours,

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Matt Hughey

Worshipful Master