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January 21, 2012

Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Past Masters, Grand Lodge officers past and present, and brothers all, greetings. Due and timely notice is hereby given that the regular communication of Light of Elmwood Lodge #45 will convene on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:30 pm sharp! All line officers are required to be at their stations on time.

*Proverbs Chapter 2 verse 6: For the Lord giveth wisdom and out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

#### MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	February 1st	8:00pm	Cabinet Meeting
Thursday	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30pm	Visitation to Bethel Lodge #47 (4301 N. Broad Street)
Saturday	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Rehearsal
Sunday	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Annual Super Bowl Party
Wednesday	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lodge Meeting
Saturday	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Rehearsal
Thursday	February 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Square Club Meeting
Saturday	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Rehearsal
Saturday	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Rehearsal
Sunday	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	District Council Meeting (4301 N. Broad Street)

#### PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our sick and shut-in brothers: P.M. Milton Stith, Bro. William Robinson, and Bro. Franklin Johnson. Please reach out to PM Emmett Gallashaw Sr. and PM Clemmie Murphy as they can't get around the way they use to. Calls and visits would be greatly appreciated. We are our brother's keeper!!

#### MASONIC LIGHT

**THE SQUARE:** The Holy Bible lies open upon the altar of masonry, and upon the Bible lie the square and compasses. They are the three great lights of the lodge, at once its divine warrant and its chief working tools. They are symbols of revelation, righteousness, and redemption, teaching us that by walking in the light of truth and obeying the law of right, the divine in man wins victory over the earthly. How to live is the one important matter, and he will seek far without finding a wiser way than that shown us by the great lights of the lodge.

Nearly everywhere in our ritual, as in the public mind, the square and compasses are seen together. If not interlocked, they are seldom far apart, and the one suggests the other. And that is as it should be, because the things they symbolize are interwoven. In the old days when the earth was thought to be flat and square, the square was an emblem of the earth, and later, of the earthly element Om, as the sky is an arc or a circle, the implement which describes a Circle became the symbol of the heavenly, or sky spirit in man. Thus the tools of the builder became the emblems of the thoughts of the thinker; and nothing in masonry is more impressive than the slow elevation of the Compasses above the square in the progress of the degrees. The whole meaning and task of life is there, for such as have eyes to see.

Let us separate the square from the compasses and study it alone, the better to see its further meaning and use. There is no need to say that the Square we have in mind is not a cube, which has four equal sides and angles, deemed by the Greeks a figure of perfection. Nor is it the square of the carpenter, one

leg of which is longer than the other, with inches marked for measuring. It is a small, plain square, unmarked and with legs of equal length, a simple try-square used for testing the accuracy of angles, and the precision with which stones are cut. Since the try-square was used to prove that angles were right, it naturally became an emblem of accuracy, integrity, & rightness. As stones are cut to fit into a building, so our acts and thoughts are built together into a structure of Character, badly or firmly, and must be tested by a moral standard of which the simple try-square is a symbol.

### **EDUCATION**

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL BE MENTORING AT THE OVERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 2032 N. 62<sup>ND</sup> STREET, ON FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 3PM. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THESE CHILDREN, AS WELL AS, THE COMMITTEE. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD. ANY QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO THIS PROJECT CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JW MONTE GUESS @ 215.214.9009.

### **LODGE DUES**

Brothers, please keep your dues and taxes current to avoid being dropped from the rolls of Light of Elmwood Lodge #45. Anyone who owes more than \$51.00 dues, and/or his Grand Lodge Taxes without giving just cause will be dropped, so please keep your dues, and taxes current.

### **WORSHIPFUL MASTERS COMMENTS\**

Brothers please come out and support the deacons and the in coming class. They meet Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2pm. Kudos goes out to Senior Deacon Kevin Lofton, Junior Deacon Herman Hall, the degree team and the class for a job well done for the second degree. The class has invited the brothers to the annual super bowl party on February 5<sup>th</sup> @4pm. ***\*\*Let's make sure we conduct ourselves, as Masons should. If you are not a deacon this year please do not have any conversation with the class just enjoy their hospitality. I will not tolerate any harassment of the candidates and if it is reported you will be excused from this affair.\*\**** Remember if you sponsored a candidate this year please make it your obligation to support that brother from his orientation thru his raising!! Each new brother will represent our Lodge. It is our duty to teach them how we want to be represented. We will have 2 Master Mason of the Year recipients, Brother Timothy B. Davenport, and Brother JMC Marlon J. Williams. Let's make sure we support them. Job well done brothers, keep up the good work. I would like to thank all of the brothers that supported the 70's Cabaret. Kudos goes out to Senior Warden Tony Early and his committee for a job well done. Please call the Ramada hotel and make your reservations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree @ (610) 521-9600 (don't forget to mention Light of Elmwood #45 to receive the discount and to also help us with meeting our quota). This year's 3<sup>rd</sup> degree celebration will go from Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact PM James "Wax" Williams @ (215) 416-8832. Brothers we have to do a better job with our Grand Lodge raffle. We are reimbursed 30% of all funds received through our lodge. The deputy will be performing a monthly audit of raffle ticket sales. It's a free way to raise money but we have to put forth the effort. SW Tony Early has the tickets and he can be reached at (215) 287-8393. Brothers please keep up the good work, and pay your dues!! We can't afford to go backwards. Everybody must contribute in order for our situation to get better!! Brothers please take heed, and govern yourself accordingly!!

Fraternally submitted,

*Damien A. Ross Sr.*

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Worshipful Master  
Light of Elmwood #45

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Attested: Secretary