



The Lodge Times



October 2009

Keeping You Informed

Arnold Lodge #673

Trestleboard

October 22nd—Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. A 50 year pin and certificate will be awarded to Sam Simonds.

October 24th—Grand Master's Area Meeting. Webster Groves Lodge at 2:00 pm.

November 12th—Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

November 26th—Meeting cancelled due to the holidays. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 10th—Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.



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Website Updates

Online Petitions— Petitions can now be printed from our website. They can also be filled out online and then printed. So if you know of anyone who need a petition, refer them to our website.

Forum—We now have a discussion forum on our website. This is where you can find the latest updates and stay in contact with other lodge members. You can also submit updates to your contact information through the forum. Once you sign up don't forget to fill out your profile information in the User Control Panel so everyone knows who you are.

2010 Lodge Officers

WM—Greg Wood
SW—Rick Braun
JW—Rich Stevens
Treas.—Rich Kraus
Sec.—Mike Toombs
Chap—Jack Grothe
SD—Matt LaRussa
JD—James Jarvis
SS—Jason Pearson
JS—John Doll
Tiler—William Pffingsten
Marshal—Don Jones

The Lost Symbol

Dan Brown, the author of *The Da Vinci Code*, has a new book called *The Lost Symbol*.

In *The Lost Symbol*, symbolist Robert Langdon is on a mission to find a Masonic pyramid containing a code that unlocks an ancient secret to "unfathomable power." It's a story of hidden history in the nation's capital, with Masons the greatest puzzle of all.

Brown goes out of his way in "The Lost Symbol" to present the lodge as essentially benign and misunderstood. Masons are praised for their religious tolerance and their elaborate rituals are

seen as no more unusual than those of formal religions. The plot centers in part on an "unfair" anti-Masonic video that "conspiracy theorists would feed on ... like sharks," Langdon says.

"I have enormous respect for the Masons," Brown told The Associated Press during a recent interview. "In the most fundamental terms, with different cultures killing each other over whose version of God is correct, here is a worldwide organization that essentially says, 'We don't care what you call God, or what you think about God, only that you believe in a god and let's all stand together as brothers and look in the same direction.'"

Please help us keep our records up to date. If any of your contact information has changed. Please let us know. You may also send updates via email to lodge@arnold673.com or post them on our forum. Please include an email address if you have one, so we can keep you up to date easier and cheaper.

Thanks,

Mike Toombs,
Secretary
Arnold Lodge #673

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, please send them to the Secretary as soon as possible. You may also now pay the 2010 dues.

The basic dues are: \$45.00

Voluntary Contributions

Penny-a-Day 3.65

Children's Foundation 2.00

Donation to Charity _____

Donation to Lodge _____

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Call or email if you have any questions or concerns.