

# TRESTLEBOARD



## The History of Memorial Day

The story of Memorial Day begins in the summer of 1865, when a prominent local druggist, Henry C. Welles, mentioned to some of his friends at a social gathering that while praising the living veterans of the Civil War it would be well to remember the patriotic dead by placing flowers on their graves. Nothing resulted from this suggestion until he advanced the idea again the following spring to General John B. Murray.

Murray, a civil war hero and intensely patriotic, supported the idea wholeheartedly and marshaled veterans' support. Plans were developed for a more complete celebration by a local citizens' committee headed by Welles and Murray.

On May 5, 1866, the Village was decorated with flags at half mast, draped with evergreens and mourning black. Veterans, civic societies and residents, led by General Murray, marched to the strains of martial music to the three village cemeteries. Their impressive ceremonies were held and soldiers' graves decorated. One year later, on May 5, 1867, the ceremonies were repeated. In 1868, Waterloo joined with other communities in holding their observance on May 30th, in accordance with General Logan's orders. It has been held annually ever since. Waterloo held the first formal, village wide, annual observance of a day dedicated to honoring the war dead.



On March 7, 1966, the State of New York recognized Waterloo by a proclamation signed by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. This was followed by recognition from Congress of the United States when the House of Representatives and the Senate unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution 587 on May 17th and May 19th, 1966 respectively. This reads in part as follows: "Resolved that the Congress of the United States, in recognition of the patriotic tradition set in motion one hundred years ago in the Village of Waterloo, NY, does hereby officially recognize Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day..."



On May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson, signed a Presidential Proclamation recognizing Waterloo as the Birthplace of Memorial Day.



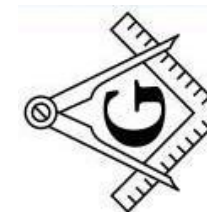
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## Calendar of Events May 2009

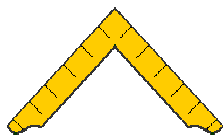
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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Officers Meeting                       | 6:00 pm |
|                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cave Committee Meeting |         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Stated Meeting                         | 7:00 pm |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Light Dinner<br>Meat Loaf Sandwiches   | 6:00 pm |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Stated Meeting<br>Committee Reports    | 7:00 pm |

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## FROM THE EAST



### Greetings Brethren,

It looks like spring is once again upon us, and with the promise of summer soon to come, we will be gearing up this month to prepare for our annual cave meeting in August and will be putting together a work day at our next Stated Communication to get things rolling.

This year will prove to be a challenge in accomplishing our goals for the Cave this summer. Because of the short supply of able bodies to tackle the tasks before us, we will have to call on volunteers, nonetheless, I am confident that our goals will be met and that those who participate are assured to have a great time.

Fraternally, WM Beau Boyd



### Masonic Humor

A young Entered Apprentice was being tested on his proficiency. After going over the signs and passwords, he looked at his tester and asked, "I noticed several of the older members sticking their fingers in their ears and whistling. What does that sign mean?"

"That's not a sign," his tester said, "Those are Past Masters adjusting their hearing aids."



### Good of the Order

Most of us would be upset if we were accused of being "silly". But the word "silly" comes from the old English word "selig", and its literal definition is "to be blessed, happy, healthy and prosperous".

So, in that vein, let's all hope we are "SILLY".

## Events & Activities



### 71<sup>st</sup> Malheur Cave Degree Event to be held August 28th - 30<sup>th</sup>

There will be a meeting at 6 pm on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, to discuss the "who's, where's and what's", of this year's Malheur Cave Event. Tasks will be reviewed and assigned.

There appears to be a shortage of Lodge Brothers available to pull this off in the manner worthy of our Lodge.

So please look at your calendar, mark it down and let the Master know how you can help.

### Meatloaf Sandwiches

That's what's on order for the "light" dinner planned for our 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stated Meeting this month.



Show up at 6 pm for some Fantastic Meatloaf.

## LODGE INFORMATION

### MASONIC LODGE

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### AFFILIATED BODIES

### HARNEY COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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### Chaplain's Corner

#### "Hope"

*There are seldom, if ever, any "hopeless" situations, but there are many people who lose "hope" in the face of some situations. The door to a balanced success opens widest on the hinges of "hope" and encouragement.*