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Rochester York Rite Trestleboard

Rochester York Rite Stated Meetings, Tuesday, December 5, 2017:

6:30 PM: Supper provided by the Rochester Rainbow Assembly. Ladies, as always, you are our guests.

7:30 PM: Stated Meetings: **Chapter**, *Council*, and *Commandery*. (**Bold** opens. *Italics* does Education program).

Other Rochester York Rite Events:

December 28th, Thursday, 7PM, Round Table - we will rehearse either the Royal Arch Mason degree or the Order of the Red Cross as determined at our December stated meeting.

Other NH York Rite Events:

December 3, Sunday, 2 PM, Commandery Christmas Observance at Concord Masonic Temple.

Comments:

Our Council Inspection of the Royal Master degree was held on Thursday, November 30. The hard work and many rehearsals were reflected in the work of the degree. Many thanks to those participating in the degree.

Your Officers, Companions, and Sir Knights wish you a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and productive New Year!

Your comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome and are being requested concerning our TrestleBoard, now that we are not limited to 1 sheet of paper (the bulk mail requirement). Please, send me your articles or ideas for inclusion in the TrestleBoard!

Note: If you send an email or text message and do not get a timely response, please make a phone call for an immediate response.

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COMMENTS: Christmas got off to a slow start on the world stage. No one knows for sure on what day Christ was born. When a consensus arose in the church to celebrate Christ's conception on March 25th, it was reasonable to celebrate his birth nine months later. It wasn't until AD 336 that Roman bishops first recorded December 25 as Christ's birth. Some may have hoped that it would replace the various ancient pagan winter solstice celebrations, but people simply added religious significance to their festive symbols and continued the merriment under the name Christmas. Dionysus Exiguus, a sixth century monk, was the first to date all of history from December 25th.

Cultures around the Mediterranean and across Europe observed feasts on or around December 25th which marked the winter solstice. The Jews had a festival of lights. Germans had a yule festival. Celtic legends connected the solstice with Balder, the Scandinavian sun god who was struck down by a mistletoe arrow. At the pagan festival of Saturnalia, Romans feasted and gave gifts to the poor. Drinking was closely connected with these pagan feasts.

Many of the pagan customs became associated with Christmas with Christian stories replacing the heathen tales, but many practices hung on. Candles continued to be lit. Kissing under the mistletoe remained common in Scandinavian countries. Over the years, gift exchanges became connected with the name of St. Nicholas, a real but legendary figure of 4th century Lycia (a province of Asia). A charitable man, he threw gifts into homes. Around the thirteenth century, Christians added one of the most pleasant touches of all to Christmas celebrations when they began to sing Christmas carols.

No one is sure just when the Christmas tree came into the picture. It originated in Germany. By the end of the sixteenth century, Christmas trees were common in Germany. Some say Luther cut the first, took it home, and decked it with candles to represent the stars. When the German court came to England, the Christmas tree came with them. Christmas trees became popular after Germany's Prince Albert married Queen Victoria and introduced the Christmas tree tradition to England. In 1850, an American newspaper carried a picture of their Christmas tree and the custom spread rapidly throughout the UK and the US. Today, more than 2 billion people in more than 160 countries consider Christmas to be the most important holiday of the year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

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