



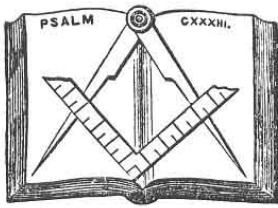
CARY LODGE #198, A.F. & A.M. TRESTLE BOARD



February, 2009

From The East

Greetings Brethren,



January has come and gone and the Lodge moves forward with each passing moment. We have an

approved budget; we have had a first degree and are planning a second on March 2. We just had another First Degree for February 9 at an Emergent Communication. We have had degree practices and discussions and very importantly, for me in the East, we've implemented the 'Lodge System of Masonic Education' for those currently going through the degrees. Nothing is more important than informing our newest members of who we are and what we stand for.

I'd like to personally thank the brothers that assisted the Edith Chapter No.160 of the Order of the Eastern Star, with their February 6 barbecue. As usual it was delicious and the slaw was especially tasty. Fresh slaw is a treat and the Edith chapter's purchase of the slaw maker is especially appreciated. Thank you ladies. Additionally the cakes, cookies and pies on the dessert table were wonderful. Again-thank you Brethren.

Our budget for the 2009 is a little more austere than for 2008, but we are focused on doing good works for charities and distressed brethren and will not cut back there. Hopefully

the property needs for the coming year will not be extensive and we'll not have to invest large amounts in maintenance. Thanks to the brethren that have contributed time and materials in the Lodge's upkeep; these efforts keep the lodge in good condition and allow us to continue our good deeds.

We have continued to explore the Lodge's history with a presentation by our Senior Deacon Brother Ludwik Wodka, on February 2, on the Lodge history. Cary Lodge has been an integral part of the Town of Cary's existence since before the town was incorporated. The contributions of Cary Lodge No. 198 since it chartering have been exceptional. The Lodge has been there to help with the building of businesses and schools as well as the development of the character of the men in the Lodge within the community. Those efforts continue on even today and we will attempt to chronicle those people in future article in the Trestle Board. If you have any ideas for articles, please let our Sr. Deacon or myself know about them.



Lastly, I'd like to thank those that have proposals, for consideration by the Brethren, written up and handed to the Secretary prior to the Lodge opening. This allows the Secretary to inform the Master of any new proposals prior to the opening of the Lodge. I am not cutting

spending for this year, but we must be prudent based on the economic situation as the current times call for. There will be a far greater need to assist distressed brethren and their families this year and we are charged with doing that first.

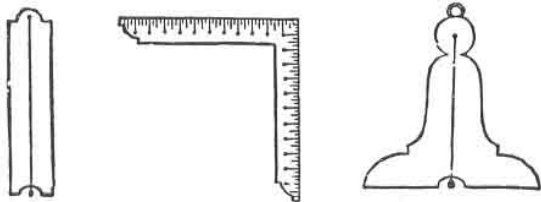
Thank you,

Mike Sibley , WM

REMEMBER: Pay your dues!

Upcoming Degree Work

Brethren, please mark your calendars that Monday, March 2nd, we will be holding a Fellowcraft Degree for possibly three new candidates. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. Dress for the occasion will be coat and tie.



Other degree work around the district will include Raleigh #500 holding a First Degree for five new candidates at the Masonic Temple on Caswell St in Raleigh on Thursday, February 19th.

DDGM Visit

On Monday, February 16th, the District Deputy Grand Master WB Jimmy Stevens will be making an official visit to visiting Cary Lodge.

Prince Hall Degree Work

We, the members of Cary Lodge, have been extended an invitation to attend the conferral of the Third Degree from the Prince Hall Masons of Durham. This would be a historic opportunity, this being among the first opportunities that we as A.F. & A.M. would get to witness this event. This is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 14th at 12:00pm in Durham. For more information, please contact Brother Bryan Jones

York Rite Spring Degree Festival

For those interested in furthering their quest for Masonic light, for receiving the true Master's Word, as well as some of them most impressive and interesting degrees in Freemasonry, the Raleigh York Rite bodies will be holding a degree festival that begins Friday evening, March 6th, and will conclude late on the afternoon on Saturday, March 7th. If you are interested in petitioning the York Rite, please contact either Jim Hetherington, David Milidonis, or Ludwik Wodka.



Scottish Rite Grand Cross Reunion

For those interested in pursuing further light in Masonry via the Scottish Rite, a historic opportunity is before you! This April in Charlotte, the combined Scottish Rite bodies of North and South Carolina will convene in Charlotte to confer all 29 of the degrees. This will begin on Wednesday, April 15th and will last until Saturday, April 18th. This is a rare event; very few Scottish Rite bodies in the country confer all the degrees in a single reunion, and many degrees seldom seen performed will be conferred. For information regarding hotel accommodations, petitions, or other questions, please contact Brothers Kevin Hall, Ben Oakes, or Morty Jayson.



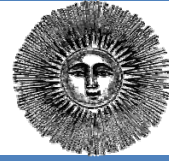
Masonic Vocabulary- Indite

This words, dating back to the 14th century, is defined by Webster's as "to compose; to give literary of formal expression to; to put down in writing." This is not to be confused with its homophone *indict*, which means to accuse.

Cary Lodge Spring Barbeque

Brethren, please remember that Cary Lodge will be holding its Spring Barbeque this coming April. To volunteer or to get more information, please contact Brother Bruce Koebler.

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1	2 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	3	4	5	6 York Rite	7
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