

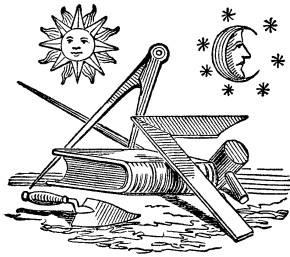


CARY LODGE #198, A.F. & A.M. TRESTLE BOARD



July, 2009

From The South



Brethren! Greetings from the South! I hope that you and your family are having a great summer. It's been a busy year, and it is

hard to believe that half of it is gone.

Sometimes, I feel like I need to check the gauge and make sure there are still 24 hours in the day because they seem to go by so fast now.

I hope that you enjoyed our country's 233rd birthday. I watched the news on the 4th and saw stories about government crackdowns in Iran, China, and the Middle East and was humbled that I live in a land that values personal freedom. Think about it; in many countries your religion (or lack thereof), your speech, your vote (if you have one), and, in essence, your life would be dictated to you. While we, as Americans, have personal freedom and choice. Although I never had the opportunity to serve our country, I admire and respect the men and women who have and do to this day. I know that the blessings that my family, fellow citizens, and others around the world enjoy were paid for by soldiers in a far away land. If you are or were a soldier or if you have a family member that was or is a soldier, let me say "Thank You"; thanks for your service, and for taking or making the personal sacrifice so that so many others can enjoy their freedom.

I do have a plea, Brethren. I know with the economy in the shape it is in, many of us are feeling squeezed in the pocket. But, Brethren, organizations that do good work but depend upon charitable contributions are feeling the squeeze tenfold. If you can, stretch that cabletow a little farther, dig a little deeper, and try to support those institutions whether through Masonry, your church, or your community. You never know how the money or time that you donate can brighten someone's day or bring a long missing smile to their face.

Finally, Brethren, I leave you with my final thought. I'd love to see you at lodge. There are so many that I haven't met and many that I haven't seen in quite a long time. If you haven't been to lodge in some time, make a commitment to come at least one night before the end of the year. If you need a ride, give me a call (my #'s in the directory); I'll make sure that you can get there and home. Come, enjoy a meal, fellowship with kindred spirits, and rekindle that interest which brought you to our door.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your family. Have a wonderful summer!

Brother Jeff Scott
Junior Warden



Job's Daughters- Bethel #2

Bethel No. 2 has officially moved to Cary Lodge. Since its charter in 1976, the Bethel held their meetings at the Raleigh Masonic Temple on Caswell St in Raleigh and had successful years at that location. With the recommendations of a few lodge members, the Bethel now has a new home.

If you are not familiar with Job's Daughters, it is a youth organization of young women between the ages of 10 and 20 who have a Masonic relationship to a Master Mason. To put it simply, if the young lady is the daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter or is legally adapted by a Master Mason in good standing or was at the time of his death, she is eligible for membership in Job's Daughters.

Job's Daughters is truly an international organization with Bethel's in the USA, Canada, Brazil, the Philippines, and Australia. They have an annual session that is held in different cities where Job's Daughters are active. For instance, the 2009 Supreme Session is being held in Richmond, VA. When my oldest daughter was active, she participated in two Supreme Sessions, one in Michigan and the other in Idaho. The girls compete in different areas of ritual, signing, performing arts and other activities. It is also a chance for them to learn leadership skills and be selected to an international office.

Their charity is the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE). Each Bethel raises money for this endowment. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to

meet this special need financially. There are an estimated 100 children who are provided with hearing devices each year. For this reason many Bethel's learn signing and compete during Supreme Session.

Any Master Mason and lady of proper Masonic credentials (Eastern Star) may visit a meeting. The ritual is based on the 43rd chapter, 15th verse from the Book of Job which states, "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Bethel No. 2 meets at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month with the exception of July when they meet only on the 1st Thursday. They would welcome any new members to join them and also any Master Mason and Eastern Star member to sit in on their meetings. As a Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 2, I thoroughly enjoyed the years I was active on the Guardian Council and the many trips we made to different events. I encourage any one with a young lady that is eligible for membership to take this opportunity to get them involved in this organization. They do have fun!

(Submitted by W.:B.: Kevin Hall)



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5	6 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	7	8	9 Scottish Rite	10	11
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16	17 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm 1st Degree- 7:30	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31 Family Night					