



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



August, 2009

## *From The South*

Brethren,



Greetings from the South! This month marks our second "Moving Up" month at Cary Lodge, where all of the line officers advance to

the seat ahead for the meetings in August. This gives everyone a chance to get a taste of what's ahead (as well as ample time to prepare).

Last month, the lodge was presented with a report from the Finance Committee and everything appears to be on track according to the estimates laid out in the budget for 2009.

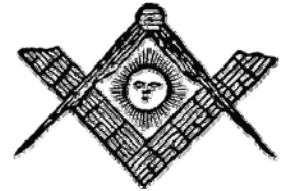
We have passed the mid-year mark for the year, and are preparing for the events we have scheduled for this fall. This year will be holding our Awards and Ladies Night on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Fall Barbeque will be on Friday, November 6. Past Masters' Night will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>, and Officers' Elections will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

I was also recently informed that the cottage at the Oxford Home we are sponsoring just received two new girls. We were introduced to them this weekend when they came to the Raleigh-Cary area to do some back-to-school shopping. I am sure that I am not alone in saying that Cary Lodge is proud to have a brother like Sonny Bjork who has tirelessly

supported our girls at the home, and hosted a backyard barbeque for them at his own house when they came down here to go shopping.

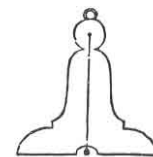
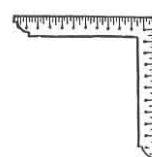
It also looks like we may have some degree work coming up. We have been receiving a good number of visitors inquiring about joining and affiliating in the last month. We have one new petition in and are hoping to see a few more soon.

I'd like to add one further note. This is the twelfth edition of our recent run of the Trestleboard newsletter, which I have been in



charge of preparing and sending out for the last year now. I hope that this letter has been and continues to be helpful in getting information about the doings of Cary Lodge #198. If you have any comments, suggestions, or announcements you'd like to have posted in here, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information can be found in our directory.

Brother Ludwik Wodka  
Junior Warden *Pro Tem*



### *Family Night, August 31*

We have a fifth Monday Night approaching at the end of this month, brethren. The members of Cary #198 will be hosting some special guests from the Oxford Children's Home. Dinner will be hot dogs and hamburgers. Mark your calendar and be sure to come out to join in the fun and fellowship!

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### *School of Instruction, August 31*

There will also be a School of Instruction on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> held at Garner #701, at 7:00pm. A minimum of two officers and three members are required to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for all newly raised Masons to learn a great deal about the operations, rules, and ritual of the lodge.

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### *Around the District*

Fuquay Lodge #258 is hosting golf tournament as part of their fundraiser for their local scholarship fund. This event will be held on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at the Crooked Creek Golf Course. Registration forms can be found on the Fuquay Lodge website.

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### *Changes to the By-Laws*

For the brethren absent at our last meeting, the following changes to the by-laws of Cary Lodge #198 were approved:

- Initiation fee be raised to \$100.00
  - Membership dues to be raised to \$75.00
  - Our Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) will be held on the first meeting in December.
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### *The York Rite*

For the brethren seeking to discover the Master's Word that was lost, for the brethren who wish to pursue further light in Masonry, and for any and all Christian Masons, now is the time to consider joining the York Rite.

The York Rite consists of three main bodies- the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of Knights Templar.



The Royal Arch degrees continue and complete the Hiram Legend, culminating in the exaltation of the Holy Royal Arch. In these degrees, Masons also see the Temple completed, and discover the source of many of the phrases and traditions we observe in our Blue Lodges.



The Council of Royal and Select Masters, also called the Cryptic Council, adds further to the story of Hiram Abiff and further explains some of the events portrayed in the York Rite and Blue Lodge degrees.

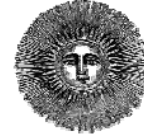
The Commandery of Knights Templar consists of the chivalric orders-



the Illustrious Knight of the Red Cross, the Knight of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. These are based upon the legends of the Crusader Knights from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. These include some of the most impressive ceremonies in all Freemasonry.

If you are interested in learning more about the York Rite, speak to one of the several brothers in the lodge who are members. **The next festival of degrees for the York Rite will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh.** Get your petitions in now!

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