



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



October, 2009

From The East

Brethren,



This past weekend Bruce Koebler, Jeff Scott and I attend the 222nd Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. It was held in Winston-Salem as

has been the custom the past few years and there was a very good turnout. Some 900 plus Masons, plus numerous dignitaries and some 70 Prince Halls Masons were at the opening ceremonies. This included the Grand Master of Prince Hall, Brother Toby Finch.

This year's Grand Lodge did not have all of the drama of the last few years, but many interesting events did occur. Probably the next 'issue' that Masons will be addressing will be alcohol. Nothing was passed this year, but the issue has been building and there will be further efforts next year. The motion to allow alcohol at non-Masonic events in the Lodge was defeated by less than 30 votes (probably because the directions for voting for were so confusing that nobody was sure just what they were voting for!). I encourage you to communicate with your elected officers as to what direction you think Masons should be moving in the next year.

An additional motion that did pass was the conferring for Masonic rights for Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft. Much of the movement was based on the Apron Lecture in the Enter Apprentice degree. This passed by a fairly wide margin.

The following officers were elected to the Grand Lodge Positions for 2010.

Grand Master – William L. Dill

Deputy Grand Master – Lewis R. Ledford

Senior Grand Warden – Robert E. Gresham Jr.

Junior Grand Warden – Dewey R. Preslar Jr.

Grand Treasurer – Clifton W. Everett Jr. PGM

Grand Secretary – T. Walton Clapp Jr.

I have the program material and will have it with me at the next meeting for those that would like to look at it. Remember that we have a 3rd degree on Saturday October 10th at 7:30 in the morning.

Fraternally



Mike Sibley
Master



Upcoming Degree Work

We have an emergent communication scheduled for the **morning** of October 10th at **7:30 am** for the conferral of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason for our two candidates. Breakfast will be served between the first and second sections. We will need help filling positions on this, brethren, so please come join us in welcoming these new members into the Craft.

Fall Barbeque

This November 6th, we will be holding our annual Fall barbeque to help raise money for our charities. We are looking forward to a strong turnout, but we will be needing lots of help from the membership. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the barbeque, please contact brother Bruce Kobler. All proceeds donated to the Children's Home will be made in memory of WB Don Ellers.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Ladies and Awards Night

We held out Ladies and Awards Night on Saturday, October 3rd. The Chef's Crew prepared an excellent meal for us, and a good evening of fellowship was had by all. Bibles were presented to brothers Blake Burd and Adam Martin. Luther Renfroe and Derek Love were present to receive special aprons for their work on the Chef's Crew, and WB Charles English was also awarded a special apron

dubbing him the "Grand Master of the Hushpuppy Oil of Joy". Although he was unable to receive the award in person, Brother Sonny Bjork was honored as Mason of the Year for not only the work he has done on the Chef's Crew, but also in taking charge of the lodge's efforts to support the Children's Home in Oxford.

Scottish Rite

The Scottish Rite will be holding its fall reunion on October 30-31. Those interested in joining the Scottish Rite, please contact either WB Kevin Hall, WB Ben Oakes, Ludwik Wodka, or any other Scottish Rite member for a petition. See last month's Trestleboard for more information on the Scottish Rite.

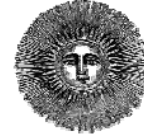
The Shrine

Not all of Freemasonry is based on solemn ritual. For those looking to engage in the "Playground of Masonry," there is the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or Shriners, for short. Perhaps the most popular of the concordant bodies in Masonry, it is also one of the most generous.



Often seen in public with their red "fez" caps or riding their diminutive cars in parades, this group has gained a great deal of fame for its work in supporting the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. The Amran Shriners will be holding their Fall Ceremonial this year in Roxboro (Cold Sands) on November 6th and 7th. For more information, please contact WB Kevin Hall.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2 York Rite	3 Ladies & Awards Night
4	5 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	6	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10 THIRD DEGREE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion	31 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

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1	2 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	3	4	5	6 FALL BBQ, Shrine Ceremonial	7 Shrine Ceremonial
8	9	10	11	12 Scottish Rite	13	14
15	16- PAST MASTERS NIGHT Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	Family Night					
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