



*Cary Lodge No. 198, 1142 East Maynard Road, P.O. Box 8, Cary, NC 27512*

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***Thank You For a Wonderful Year***

Dear Brethren,

Someone has said, "coming together is the beginning, working together is progress, keeping together is success." We have come together, we have worked together, now let us keep together and succeed. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come, but today is here, so let us use it. Let us turn our faces toward a new day of deeper understanding. Let us, as men who have learned the great truths of our Masonic Order, advance only things of lasting value. Let us live up to our responsibilities, as members of Masons.

It has been a most thrilling year for me, one that I will never forget. To my officers, my sincere thanks for your cheerful cooperation and splendid work. A great deal depended upon you—whether or not my year would be a happy one, or a disappointment. And I assure you, it has been a very happy one!

I also wish to thank those who worked on all the committees. You have had a great deal to do and have done your jobs well, especially on our charities.

To those on the sidelines, you have helped more than you know, just by being here.

To the incoming Master and your officers, I am sure your year will be a success. You will need our support, and we are here for you. We wish you the very best!

Fraternally,  
Thomas C. Stephenson  
Master

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***Dues Increase Beginning 2003***

**Brethren, please remember that our membership dues for 2003 will be \$65.00. Also, as the Code requires, these should be paid before January 1st of 2003.**

**This increase in our annual membership dues will help in maintaining the funds necessary for the high quality operations and maintenance of the Lodge building. Coupled with our auxiliary rental income, this will insure the building's long term maintenance and quality of operations, as well as help reduce any negative impact on those funds from future Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessments.**

***Endowed Membership***

Brethren, the Endowed Membership is a wonderful means to both help your Lodge and avoid the inflationary pressures of future dues increases. This year, until December 31st, will be your last opportunity to obtain an Endowed Membership at the current \$50 dues rate. Our dues will increase to \$65 with 2003 and so will the Endowed Membership calculations. For those who are considering it, the chart below shows you the cost differences, between these two dues rates. Please consider

Current \$50 Dues: Endowed Member

20 yrs x \$50 = \$1,000  
Or Five-year plan:  
4.52 x \$50 x 5 years = \$226/year for 5 years  
total: \$1,130 + \$65dues for five years (\$325) for a Grand total of 1,455. (You can save \$339, by endowing this year!)

New \$65 Dues: Endowed Member

20 yrs x \$65 = \$1,300  
Or Five-year plan:  
4.52 x \$65x 5 years = \$293.80/year for 5 years  
total: \$1,469 + \$65dues for five years (\$325) for a Grand total of \$1,794.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- ? Nov 16 Widows and Awards Night 630 pm
- ? Dec 2 Annual Elections
- ? Dec 7 Officers' Installation at 930 am

<b>November 2002</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					1 York Rite	2
3	4 Cary 198	5	6	7 Scottish Rite	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Widows and Awards Dinner 630 pm
17	18 Cary 198	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanks giving	29	30

<b>December 2002</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
1	2 Cary 198 Annual Elections	3	4	5	6 York Rite	7 2003 Officers Installation 930 am
8	9	10	11	12 Scottish Rite	13	14
15	16 Cary 198	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### ***Tidings from the West by Brother Kevin Hall, SW***

Brethren,

Our Fall Barbecue fundraiser for the Masonic Foundation has turned out to be another successful event. A big thank you to ALL who supported this event. It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman for both of our fundraisers this year. Although I have been thanked personally for conducting a smooth operation of both events, it was the hard work of ALL OF US that provided the key tool to making the fundraisers operational and successful. I just provided a little different idea to make it happen and together we did.

I have been appointed by Grand Master Elect Charles Lewis to serve our Grand Lodge on the Grand Masters Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations. With my support to my daughters in their involvement in Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls, I look forward once again to serving on this committee.

We have had fun with the Traveling Gavel this year. Although I have not been able to attend most of the "captures", it sure has created fraternal fun for our district.

Hope to see you in Lodge,  
Kevin C. Hall  
Senior Warden

### ***Widows and Awards Night***

Our annual Widows and Awards Night will be held on Saturday evening, November 16th, 2002, beginning at 630pm. This year we are honored to be able to distribute perhaps the most service awards Cary Lodge has ever distributed. We will present eleven 25-Year Awards and three 50-year Awards. Worshipful Brother Thomas Stephenson's famous Grilled Steak is on the menu! Please join me in congratulating our Service Award recipients:

#### 25-Year Awards:

Bobby Gene Barlow  
Edward Laurence Caffera  
Harry Thomas Cleland  
Lattie Frank Floyd  
Burlin Lowry  
Luther Little Renfroe, Jr.  
James William Smith  
Charles Kirkendall Totten  
George Wilbur Umholtz  
Willem Adolph Van Eck  
Alvin Morris Wade

#### 50-Year Awards:

Daniel Wilbur Jones  
Walter Burrus Mann  
William Carson Stiles

### ***Directory Update***

Brethren,

Please look at your personal information listed in the 2002 Lodge Directory. If there is anything that needs to be changed, deleted or added, please contact Carson Clippard, Secretary, or Dave Milidonis, DMilidonis@aol.com, before the end of November. This will give us the time necessary to make all corrections prior to the 2003 Directory publication. Over the next several weeks, our Directory Committee will be reviewing the data we have and you may be called to fill in any missing information. You can help by letting us know of any changes. Thank you!

### ***We Need Your Email Addresses!***

If you would like to receive your copy of the Trestle Board via email, we need your email address! You will also need a copy of the Adobe Acrobat PDF File Reader. This file can be downloaded free of charge from the Adobe website at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). Send your email address to Brother Dave Milidonis, at [DMilidonis@aol.com](mailto:DMilidonis@aol.com).



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### *A Study of Hands*

“Depicted in this sculpture is Union Captain Henry Bingham, a Mason and staff assistant to General Hancock, himself wounded, rendering aid to the fallen Confederate General. Armistead is shown handing his watch and personal effects to be taken to his friend, Union General Hancock.” (Friend to Friend Memorial at Gettysburg, PA).

This past week I made another “pilgrimage” visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield. During my visit, I was informed by the Worshipful Master of the Gettysburg Lodge that a new patina had been added to the “Friend to Friend” Memorial. Hurriedly, I rushed out to see and was overwhelmed by what I saw. The original bronze statue now had a blue and gray patina that made it so life-like that any beholder would and will be awestruck by its presence. I sat for hours admiring the work and taking dozens of pictures



(right). Then I began to see details which I have never seen before. Sometimes an artist’s work has intended and unintended consequences. The new patina presented details to me that may have been intended, but never seen before, and those details were in the hands of these two brave soldiers. Artist Frank Hummel and sculptor Ron Tunison, whether intended or not, have given life to what a Masonic hand should be. Look carefully and you might see the weak, crippled hand of Need and forlorn Hope; a hand strengthened by Faith and Trust releasing its treasure for one last time; a hand that knows it will next touch the “undiscovered country”; the hand of a Mason who has completed his task for one last time. Then study the open hand of Charity; a open hand of strength that all may count on; a hand of the enduring power of love for all mankind; a hand that will be forever open to anyone in need; a hand that will never close or push away at the slightest hint of danger, but will be there open to anyone whenever the danger seems to be at its darkest; the hand of a Mason’s Mason. These two hands, cast in bronze, but forged in the hearts of all Masons, are there as a reminder to us of what Masonry was, of what it is, and of what it shall ever be. Brothers united with open hands to quench the thirst of Need with the strength and love of Charity. I will never see this statue again with an unimpassioned glance, I cannot, I will not! If anyone ever asks me, from this time forward, “who is a Mason”, I now have a new answer for them. I will show them these photographs; show them these hands; tell them to look carefully and ask “After seeing these, who do You think a Mason is?” There can be no other way.



*By Brother Dave Milidonis, Cary 198.*

# Application For Endowed Membership And Installment Payments

I hereby make application for a North Carolina Masonic Lodge Endowed Membership under all the provisions of the Constitution, General Regulations, and Edicts of the Grand Lodge. I certify that I am a member in good standing in the Lodge indicated below. I understand this money will be placed in a trust fund and the interest used to support my lodge and Grand Lodge. I further understand and agree that a condition of this Endowed Membership is that, if accepted, the membership fee is non-refundable. If accepted, I therefore waive any and all rights to reclaim this fee.

Please Type Or Print

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of ApplicantDate of Application

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Lodge and Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of ApplicantCityStateZip

### Endowed Membership Fee

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Dues  
At PurchaseFee For One (1) time payment  
(Minimum \$750)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 4.52 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Dues  
At Time of PaymentAmount of payment if fee is to be  
paid in five (5) equal installments

Payment Number
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Additional voluntary contribution to increase my support of my lodge and Grand Lodge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL amount transmitted to Grand Secretary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check to: Endowed Membership Fund

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Lodge Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Received by Grand Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Number

Return to lodge secretary who will mail it with membership check to the Grand Secretary.