



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

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From the East by Kevin C. Hall, WM

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We are off to a fantastic start in our lodge. We have a number of good men going through the degrees at this time. At this time of year, I have also directed some committees to proceed on several tasks. Be on the lookout for further details as they complete their assignments.

Cary Lodge is on the road to capturing the Traveling Gavel of the 15th Masonic District. On February 6 we captured it from Vandora Lodge. It looks like this will be another exciting year as we travel around the district visiting, eating, and providing Masonic cheer.

Of interest in the near future is my scheduling of a Past Master's Recognition at our Stated Meeting on May 5. Each Past Master will receive a letter within the next few weeks explaining this wonderful event.

Our Barbecue is just around the corner on March 14. Brother Watts Ward is heading up this project.

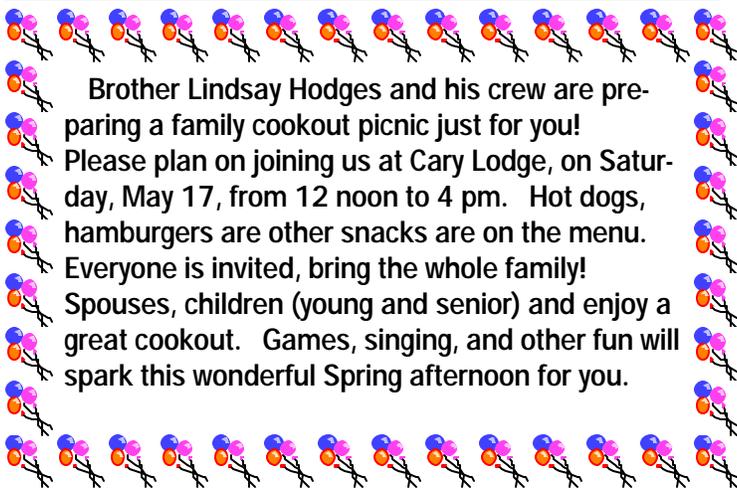
I'm calling for an Emergent Communication on Wednesday, March 12 for the purpose of initiation. There will be no dinner before this meeting and lodge will open at 7:00 PM. Come out on this special night as we welcome new brothers into the lodge as they travel seeking light in Masonry.

The 15th Masonic District School of Instruction will be held on March 27 at Fuquay Lodge No. 258 and March 31 at Holly Springs Lodge No. 115. There has been some changes in the ritual and this will be an excellent time to see and learn it.

Keep abreast of the lodge activities by visiting the web site and subscribing to the email notification list.

Fraternally yours,
Kevin C. Hall
Master

Enjoy a Family Picnic!



Brother Lindsay Hodges and his crew are preparing a family cookout picnic just for you! Please plan on joining us at Cary Lodge, on Saturday, May 17, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers are other snacks are on the menu. Everyone is invited, bring the whole family! Spouses, children (young and senior) and enjoy a great cookout. Games, singing, and other fun will spark this wonderful Spring afternoon for you.

Please make the following changes to your Lodge Directory:

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**SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS:**

- ? March 14 Spring BBQ
- ? May 3, 2003 MHC District 15 Picnic
- ? May 17, 2003 Family Picnic
- ? June 28, 2003 St. Johns Day
- ? July 12, 2003 MESH District 15 Picnic
- ? Sep 26-27, 2003 GLoNC Annual Communication, Winston-Salem
- ? Nov 7 Fall BBQ
- ? Nov 15 Awards Dinner

March 2003						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Cary 198 Dist 15 EC	4	5	6	7 York Rite	8
9	10	11	12 EC Cary 1st Degree	13 Scottish Rite	14 Spring BBQ	15
16	17 Cary 198	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 15th Dist Sch of Instruc	28	29
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April 2003						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 York Rite	5
6	7 Cary 198	8	9	10 Scottish Rite	11 Scottish Rite Reunion	12 Scottish Rite Reunion
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Cary 198	22	23	24	25	26
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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren I would first like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor to serve you this year as Junior Warden. Somehow in all of the confusion and hectic times of January I missed the opportunity to do that in last month's edition of the Trestleboard. I was taught as a young child that a late "thank you" was far superior to that of taking it for granted or never saying it at all – so again, thank you! I look forward to working with the Worshipful Master and doing everything that I can to support him in meeting his goals and objectives this year.

Over the last eighteen months or so I have had the opportunity to travel across this great State of ours, as well as other jurisdictions, to attend Lodge. I know that many of our members regularly attend meetings and other functions within our District, and are to be commended for it, however I want to challenge you to broaden your perspectives and travel to other Districts as well. The support that we show our sister Lodges within the District is important and I am in no way suggesting that this not be done. But to travel only within the District and not experience Masonic brotherhood outside of Wake County is like driving down the Blue Ridge Parkway with blinders on. The scene in front of you is beautiful and breathtaking but only a small snippet of what is going on around you. Although all of the recognized Lodges in North Carolina are under one jurisdiction and operating under one set of Code guidelines each region has its own interpretation of those regulations and rituals. To travel regionally within North Carolina will provide you with a rich and rewarding experience. And to experience Masonic brotherhood to its fullest, attend Lodge in another State or if the opportunity presents itself, in another country. The friendships and knowledge that you come away with will be with you for the rest of your life. North Carolina's past is rich in Masonic history – to be this close and not experience it would be an injustice to yourself.

Each month there are several of us in the Raleigh area that get together and travel to different regions of the State to attend Lodge. Periodically we will even venture across State lines and into other jurisdictions for special events or to observe ritual work. If you would like to join us one evening or one weekend call me. I would love to have you join us.

I challenge you to remove blinders and experience Masonry to its fullest!

Cary Lodge 198 Spring BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, March 14, 2003 is the date for our Spring BBQ Fundraiser! Cary Lodge's famous BBQ will be prepared and served from 1100 am until 700 pm, or when it runs out, whichever comes first!

As always, volunteers for preparation and service of this great feast are always welcome. If you can assist, please sign up with Brother Watts Ward, Senior Warden.

BBQ Captains and Assignments by Brother Watts Ward, SW

Brethren,

The time has come once again to prepare for and carry out our spring pork feast. March 14th will be here before you know it. We plan to cook around 1800 pounds of shoulders and hams. Needless to say, we are going to need all the help we can get. I'm asking those of you who were captains at last falls barbeque to once again fill those positions. Brother Bill, please once again stand by (or should I say try to stay awake) with the cookers overnight, Brother Chuck, will you agree to pump out the hushpuppies (along with a few fried potatoes when all is caught up or while we're busy even), Brother Gerald, get your choppers ready, sharpen those clevers and prepare to blend the meat with that sweet sauce. Well Brother Luther, while The Worshipful was the Colonel last year, I am this year, so less talk in the potato cooking area and just get the job done, Private. Brother Bob Heater, will you please ramrod the take out shelter? That crew always does a good job especially during the rush hour. I'm not taking away from the other crews, for when its time to take out the other crews are usually caught up. Brother Thomas, again you do such a good job at collecting all the supplies, I'll ask you to once again be our collection agent and ask your Sweet Bride to make the trip to White Swan to pick up the slaw. Isn't it nice that we don't have to go fill gas bottles, Thomas will you call Jordan on that subject. Brother Forrest, will you see that a crew is formed to prepare the sauce and set up the dinning hall? The toughest job comes after the meat comes off the grills and the end of the day approaches, therefore, I'm asking Brother Tommy Jr. to ramrod the task of cleanup. At the end of the day everyone is tired out and ready to quit, but, as it is with aircraft maintenance, the job isn't done until the paperwork is complete and like that the barbeque isn't complete until the clean up is done. In this area we need all the help we can get so if you get off work at a decent hour, we will still working together to both sell all the product and to clean up the Lodge and surrounding grounds. Come on down. Much thanks to Brother Arey for providing his trailer to haul off the trash and I hope you can once again provide that service. Ladies of the Eastern Star and wives and friends, we are calling on your good graces to assist us with this task, and that's exactly what it is, but, at the end of the day, with a sigh we'll all put our cans in a chair and be proud of the amount we've raised for our charities. Those of you who I have not mentioned, you are not off the hook so **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE**. We need all the help we can get for a day full of togetherness, a day of work, and a day of fulfillment at the end.

Thank all of you, The Brothers, Members of the Eastern Star, Wives, Friends and Others

Brother Watts Ward
