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From the East by Kevin C. Hall, WM

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Past Master Recognition night will be on Monday, May 5. A steak dinner at 6:30 PM will precede the Regular Stated Meeting on this evening. A letter was sent to all known living Past Masters to invite them to this special night.

The Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 2 will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26 at Cary Lodge. The breakfast will last from 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM.

From the East

Brethren, our lodge is off to a great start this year. By the time this Trestle Board gets published, we will have raised 7 new members this year and we have several brothers in the pipeline between their 1st and 2nd degree catechism.

Our barbecue was a success under the leadership of Brother Watts Ward. Mark your calendar for the fall barbecue to be held on Friday, November 7.

As Master, I have traveled to several lodges in our district to visit and represent our lodge. It's always fun and exciting to visit with brethren of other lodges and see the things they are doing to be successful.

Our lodge committee on "Special Programs and Awards" has planned a special Family Picnic on Saturday, May 17 at the lodge. This is a family event and you are encouraged to bring your family. They have planned a great event. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge brethren and their families.

Until next time....

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.

District 15 MHC Picnic!

The 3rd Annual MHC Children's Picnic, sponsored by the 15th Masonic District will be held at Oxford from 9am until about 4 pm, on Saturday, May 3, 2003. Please bring your family, friends and prospective candidates and enjoy a great day with the Children of Oxford. Mexican cuisine is on the menu and some wonderful entertainment for the whole family. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in all that demonstrates what Masonry is and can do. Join us!

**SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS:**

- ? 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

<h1 style="margin: 0;">May 2003</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 York Rite	3 MHC Picnic Oxford, NC
4	5 Cary 198	6	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Family Picnic at Cary Lodge
18	19 Cary 198	20	21	22	23	24 15th Dist Masonic Ed Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

<h1 style="margin: 0;">June 2003</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cary 198	3	4	5	6 York Rite	7
8	9	10	11	12 Scottish Rite	13	14
15	16 Cary 198	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 St Johns Day MHC
29	30					



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GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH BY BROTHER M. JAYSON, JUNIOR WARDEN

Since our last Trestleboard publication I have had the opportunity to travel and attend Lodge in a couple of cities and towns across this great State of ours. One such visit was a couple of weeks ago to Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217 in Morganton. Catawba Valley, nestled in a city of roving foothills in western North Carolina is rich in Masonic history. Its majestic Lodge room is made of heavy wood panels that exemplify craftsmanship at its finest. The Honorable Sam Ervin, Jr., distinguished State Senator was a lifetime member there and is remembered through the displays of Masonic memorabilia in the lobby. Once a year the Lodge designates a night as "High Attendance" and seeks to get as many of its members to attend as possible. While averaging 40+ on a regularly stated communication, this night has yielded attendance upwards to 100 members. Brothers from all over the country come to this "Homecoming" and enjoy the camaraderie of each other.

Another recent visit took me to Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2. Located just about 1 ¾ hours northeast of Raleigh in historic Halifax, this Lodge should be on the top of your list to visit. Rich in Masonic history, the Lodge is in the process of beginning its restoration project. Joseph Monfort's gravesite is located on the property – just outside the front door. Monfort, the one and only "Grand Master of the America's" was a member there. Receiving its Dispensation in 1764, Royal White Hart was Chartered in 1767 by Cornelius Harnett, Provincial Grand Master for England. Marquis Lafayette, a French ally and hero made an American tour in 1820 and visited this Lodge shortly after arriving. When sitting in the Lodge you can't help but imagine how it was hundreds of years ago when Monfort and Lafayette attended meetings there and sat in the very same chairs that are before you. The high dome ceiling, the steep flight of stairs, and the old desks with candleholders make for a unique experience.

I mentioned in my last article the slight differences that you will see in the ritual work and Lodge decorations in the various regions across the State. One such illustration is that of the corncob. We learn in our rituals that "... represented by a corn cob suspended near a waterford". In the piedmont and western parts of the state beginning around Statesville you will see a corn cob suspended over the Junior Wardens chair in the South. This tradition is a means of illustrating the Second Degree.

Hibriten Lodge No. 262 located in Lenoir has a stone sitting in the East that has a convex top – similar to that of an ashtray. If a Petition is read and voted down the Master immediately takes the Petition, places it on the Rock and sets it on fire – a symbolic gesture. When that is done there is absolute silence in the Lodge – a practice that is unique to this Lodge.

My Brothers broaden your horizons – through visitation you can experience first hand many of the things inculcated around our Alter. Masonry is a way of life. Experience what it has to offer!

National Resolution Revisited by Brother Dave Milidonis

One year ago, almost to this very month, I told you of a proposal that several brothers had begun work on, seeking a formal resolution of recognition of Freemasons, from the U.S. Congress. As many of you know, resolutions of recognition are no longer a simple means of getting a favorable President to pick a pet project. Today, formal recognition requires the full legislative process of preparing a bill, and obtaining a sponsor, then having it read on the floor. In most cases, proposed bills never get to the stage of being read. They languish on congressional desks until the enthusiasm for the bill simply dies away. If a bill gets read on the floor, it is then submitted to committee to await an appropriate amount of signed co-sponsors before it is discussed or brought to a vote. In 2002, the resolution of recognition of Freemasons did just that. It sat on many desks without action and died in the 107th Congress. Brothers Dave Milidonis (Cary Lodge 198) and Jimmie Talaska (Garner Lodge 701) did not lose their enthusiasm however. They once again visited Congress in early February, seeking recognition. Working with the Honorable Nick Smith, Representative of Michigan and a Brother Mason, the resolution was worked out and refined. Thirteen (an interesting historical number) U.S. Congressmen and Brother Masons signed on as original sponsors and the bill was read on the floor of Congress, on March 5th, 2003! This means it has been officially registered as House Resolution 125 and is awaiting action. A copy of that bill is displayed below.

This is only the beginning and Brother Jimmie and I respectively ask for your help and support. Of the thirteen congressmen who have signed the bill so far, not one...not one...is a representative of the great State of North Carolina! What is needed now is your voice and your pen. To make this bill a reality and signed Law of the Land, we need all who are interested to call or write their respective congressional representatives, requesting them to sign on to H.Res 125 as a co-sponsor. But, this effort is not only for our state alone. Our call is being sent out to interested Masons we know in every State of the Union, asking for their support. If a majority of Congressmen sign on to the bill, it will be pulled from committee and brought immediately to the floor for a vote. This needs to expand now into a nationwide grass-roots effort. The bill is now waiting for your interest, your pen and your call. If successful, your effort will result in the first time in U.S. history that a Congress of the United States has ever formally recognized Freemasonry for its wonderful work. The time has come for you to take a part, not just in re-enacting history; but in making it! We humbly request your active support.

108th CONGRESS 1st Session

H.RES.125

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2003

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honoring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout history.

Whereas Freemasons, whose long lineage extends back to before the Nation's founding, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of this great Nation and signers of the Constitution, most of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of the United States;

Whereas members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity continues to provide charitable relief and education of the citizens of the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of care-giving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards; and

Whereas Freemasons have always revered and celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, as dedicated to their patron saints: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honors them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.