

TRESTLEBOARD

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TIDINGS FROM THE EAST

The succession of leadership in any organization is critical to the ongoing success of that organization. Masonry, throughout its existence, has passed from generation to generation the Working Tools which provide the foundation of our tenets. The youngest of our craft begin these lessons by way of their coach and gain additional light by progressing through the degrees, attending Lodge and participating in outside educational activities such as the School of Instruction, Grand Lodge Communications and Wilkerson College. The College, established through a joint venture between the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite, offers Deacons the chance to learn from those who have traveled this journey before them as well as from their peers who are

scattered all across this great State. By attending the school as a Deacon one has three years to prepare for his year as Master. I hope that the preparations and studies that I have made offer a rich, rewarding experience to the members of the Lodge this year. Again, I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you as Master and look forward to the opportunities it will present.

No one should undertake such a journey without clear and identifiable objectives. For 2005 I have identified the following goals:

1) Masonic Education: We will see several educational presentations offered during the year. Worshipful Brother Rick Smith, Past DDGL from Pilot Mountain will present an insightful Bible Presentation. Brother

Rick has done extensive research on each of the U. S. Presidents and where they had their Bible open to at the time of inauguration. Illustrious Sir H. Lloyd Wilkerson will present the History of Freemasonry in the Military and Wo. Brother Ric Carter will speak on the historical Mural, which is painted in the Grand Lodge. Depending on ritual work, it is my intent to have at least one education session per month if possible. I am also looking into the possibility of a weekend trip to Washington, DC for a Masonic Weekend in the fall. This would be an event that can include your spouse or significant other and include the conferring of a 3rd Degree at the Geo. Washington Memorial. More on this later!

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LODGE TO IMPLEMENT PHONE TREE SYSTEM

As a means of improving communications between the Lodge and its members, the membership approved the purchase of a Phone Tree system. This is a computerized system that will allow the Lodge to place as many as 60 calls per hour to update our members on the business of the Lodge. For

example a call could be made that would notify members of upcoming meetings, presentations or special events. Also should the need arise for an Emergent Communication the entire membership could be notified in a matter of minutes.

This system is not intended to be a disruption of your

evenings or family events. For those not wanting to participate you may "Opt Out" simple by letting us know. If the system receives an answering machine it will leave a message. For busy signals it will try to complete the call several times before terminating the call. Look for this system soon!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Tidings from the East: Goals & Objectives for 2005*
- *Greetings from the West*
- *Greetings from the South*
- *Lodge approves data management system and phone tree system*
- *A Call For Action: Become involved in **YOUR** Lodge—there is more to Masonry than just sitting in a Lodge Room twice a month!*
- *Message from Edith Chapter 160, OES*
- *Message from Cary Chapter 366, OES*



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BRO. DANNY
THOMAS
ENTERTAINER &
FOUNDER OF ST.
JUDE'S
CHILDREN'S
RESEARCH
HOSPITAL

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brethren, we have a busy year ahead of us and it includes many functions and dates. I am including several dates for your personal calendars . . .

February 26, School of Instruction at the Raleigh Masonic Temple;

March 7, Brother John Rose from MESH will speak at our Stated Communication;

April 15, Spring Bar-B-Que. All Brethren are encouraged to help in some way;

May 30, 5th Monday Night Dinner with OES Chapters;

June 25, St. John's Day at Oxford;

July 9, District 15 Bar-B-Que

at MESH;

August 29, 5th Monday Night Dinner with OES Chapters;

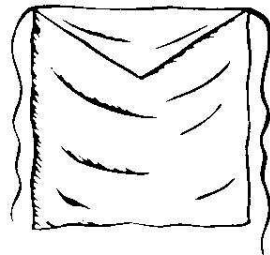
Sept. 23—24, Grand Lodge Communication in Raleigh;

November 4, Fall Bar-B-Que;

Brethren, we have Ritual practice every Sunday night at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and help work on degree or lecture procedures.

We are not perfect, but we try to go by the OSW so that we can exemplify the best work possible.

Regards from the West,
Gerald Edwards
Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH . . .

Brethren:

Our world is in an ever-changing mode. However; there has always been one constant, the brethren in Masonry. There are times when we have disagreements, even amongst our own. But we have always worked out most of the differences that exist. Remember, we are all Masons and have taken the same obligations in the presence of

God. Each of our working tools have a special meaning which we should carry with us as we go out into the world. With all of this being said, I am looking forward to a year of moving forward with the true meaning of Masonry.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Tommy Stephenson, Jr.
Junior Warden

CALL FOR ACTION

As you look through the 2005 Yearbook you will see some changes in the Committee assignments and composition. The Code mandates some Committees as well as its makeup however many are left up to the discretion of the Master.

I have combined a couple of the Committees so as to streamline their composition and make them more accountable to the members. One

such change affects the Committee on Awards, Special Programs and Masonic Widows. It is imperative that we have better communication with our Widows. As Master Masons we took an obligation to help and assist our Widows. That should extend beyond a one time per year dinner. I have charged the Co-Chairmen of the Committee to maintain contact with the Widows throughout the year

so that we can meet our obligations to them, and to our departed Brothers. Calls will be made to these ladies periodically throughout the year as we step up our efforts to be of assistance to them.


I have requested the Committee Chairs to involve as many members as possible—especially our new members, in their duties. What better

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MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Edith Chapter</i> OES Meeting	2	3	4 <i>York Rite</i> Meeting	5
6	7 <i>Masonic</i> Education: MESH	8 <i>Cary Chapter</i> OES Meeting	9	10 <i>Scottish Rite</i> Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Edith Chapter</i> OES Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Masonic Edu-</i> cation: Ric Carter	22 <i>Cary Chapter</i> OES Meeting	23	24	25	26 <i>Edith 160,</i> OES Installation
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>York Rite</i> Meeting	2
3	4 <i>Stated</i> Communication	5 <i>Edith Chapter</i> OES Meeting	6	7	8	9 <i>Cary 366,</i> OES Installation
10	11	12 <i>Cary Chapter</i> OES Meeting	13	14 <i>Scottish Rite</i> Meeting	15 	16
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24	25	26 <i>Cary Chapter</i> OES Meeting	27	28	29	30

JOIN US FOR
DINNER AT
THE LODGE
ON THE FIFTH
MONDAY
NIGHT!

BRING YOUR
FAMILY AND
JOIN US AS WE
REACH OUT
TO BOTH
CHAPTERS OF
THE EASTERN
STAR. DINNER
BEGINS AT
6:30PM AND
IS FOLLOWED
BY SOME
GOOD OLD
FASHIONED
SOCIAL TIME!
A SPECIAL
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OUR MASONIC
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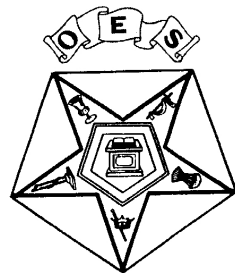
REMAINING
2005 DATES:

MAY 30
AUGUST 29
OCTOBER 31

A MESSAGE FROM EDITH CHAPTER 160, OES

I would like to thank the Masons and both Chapters for making our fifth Monday night dinners such a success. Our first joint dinner started out on Memorial Day 2004 and has grown. My hope is that this joint venture of fun and fellowship will continue in the years to come.

Our last Bar-B-Que fundraiser was a tremendous success. This was in part because of the work and assistance of the Lodge.



NEWS

Cary Chapter's Carrying On

Cary Chapter held Elections on Feb. 22nd. The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron- Maxine Hutchens; Worthy Patron- Bob Walkup; Assoc. Matron- Olive Stone; Assoc. Patron- Jack Scott; Secretary- Adrian Hatfield; Treasurer- Joan Scott

thank you.

I would also like to extend a Thanks for the giving by the Masons to the widow of a Lodge Brother who is also in the Eastern Star. Also, for your help in the Spaghetti Dinner that was held for her in raising money toward her medical bills.

I would like to extend an invitation to our open installation of officers on March 26th at 7:30 PM. Our newly elected officers are Worthy Matron, Ruby Barnes; Worthy Patron; Tony Houser, Assistant Ma-

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tron, Margaret Holland; Assistant Patron, Luther Renfroe; Secretary, Vada Hayes; Treasurer, Lorraine Renfroe; Conductress, Linda Stephenson; Assistant Conductress, Karen Jayson.

These, plus others, will be installed that night and start as our new officers.

I look forward to my last two meetings in March and becoming a Past Matron of Edith Chapter.

Fraternally,
Marie Myrick
Worthy Matron

A MESSAGE FROM CARY CHAPTER 366, OES

Conductress- Dolly Walkup; Assoc. Conductress- Mary Louise Matthis; Installation of the newly elected Officers will be on April 9th 7:00 PM. This is an open installation and everyone is invited to attend. Y'all Come!

Initiation for 2 new members will be held on March 8th. We also ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers Bea Tucker, who is at Wake Med Rehab on New Bern Avenue (Stroke) and Magdaline Whor-

ley who is at Parkway Retirement Home (Broken Shoulder)

We have several who are not up to par. Who was it that had "Fallen and couldn't get up"?

Fraternally,
Polly Mulholland
Worthy Matron

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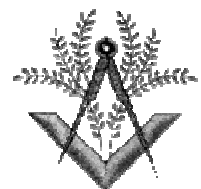
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TIDING'S FROM THE EAST CONTINUED . . .

"THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE MUST REACH OUT AND SPREAD THE WORD OF MASONRY TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SO FORTUNATE AS YOU AND I. MASONS, NOT HOLLYWOOD OR NOVELS SHOULD TEACH THE TENETS OF MASONRY."



"THE BIGGEST SECRET OF MASONRY IS THAT THERE ARE NO SECRETS IN MASONRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW WORDS AND SIGNS"

2) Improved Communication: As you have already witnessed by the layout and expanded Yearbook one of the major objectives this year is increased and improved communications between the Lodge and its members. Too often I hear complaints from Brothers that while hospitalized or home incapacitated they did not hear from anyone associated with the Lodge. Brothers, if we don't know about it we can't respond. I have already implemented a means of gathering updated contact information so we can stay in touch. Included in this year's budget is a computer system that will allow us to manage our database within the walls of the Lodge. No longer will any one member "own" the database or be responsible for its maintenance. At its February 21st meeting, the Lodge approved the purchase of a Phone Tree system that will notify all of our members within a matter of hours when an Emergent Communication is needed or if an emergency arises. This system will also notify members of upcoming events and will be made available to OES.

3) Outreach: The time has come when we must reach out and spread the word of Masonry to those who have not been so fortunate as you and I. Masons, not Hollywood or novels should teach the tenets of Masonry. Brothers, the biggest secret of Masonry is that there are no secrets in Masonry with the exception of a few words and signs. Masonry, its rich history and mission, should be discussed publicly. There is very little that cannot be said on the steps of the Courthouse any given day. It is really okay to admit in public that you are a Mason.

Be proud! Invite a friend, co-worker or family member to dine with us. Remember the closing charge, recommend it especially to the household of the faithful . . .

4) Family events: As Masons we all know that our families and our faith come before all else. It is my hope that we can have 2 or 3 family oriented events during the year where our families can join us. Through this they too can get to know one another and the bonds of friendship can form between our spouses and our children.

5) Officers will respond as a TEAM: A blind man could see the division that was present in our Lodge in December 2004. At a meeting of both the elected and appointed officers prior to the installation it was made clear my expectation that we would work as a group for the betterment of our Lodge. Our officers this year come from a diverse background but they also come with one common objective: To provide leadership and direction so that Cary Masonic Lodge No. 198 can continue its rich heritage and growth for centuries to come. At the conclusion of that meeting 100% of the participants reaffirmed their commitment to work together as a team. I am proud of them and honored to be among them.

6) Let's Have Some Fun: Finally Brethren lets have a little fun. I am as tired of redundant topics and meetings as you are. Lets take the opportunity to make the meetings enjoyable and worth coming too. Sure, we have some items of business that are mandated but they only take up a small portion of the meeting. If you have an idea for a discussion topic or event that you would

like to see let me know. The Officers are here to serve you, not dictate to you. This Lodge belongs to the members and its membership shall determine its course.

In reviewing the Yearbook you will see some revisions surrounding the Committee composition. While the Code mandates some Committees as well as its membership, most are at the discretion of the Master. I have taken the liberty of combining some Committees and eliminating others. If a Committee is going to function in name only, fail to meet or give reports then why have it. I hope by streamlining the process we will increase, not only participation, but productivity as well. Each of the Chairmen have committed to insuring that their Committee is meeting its mandate and that the Lodge is kept abreast of their progress.

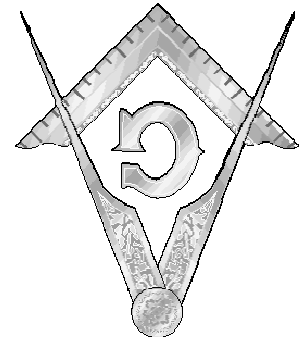
Brethren, as you can see it is going to be a very busy year. We cannot do it without the participation and support of you, our members. We have an aggressive set of goals this year. Aggressive, yes, unobtainable, no.

We have a Chef's Crew this year that will prepare a great meal for us prior to each of our Stated Communications. Even if you can't stay for the meeting please come and join us for a little social time and fellowship with your Brothers in Masonry!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morty Jayson". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Morty Jayson
Master, 2005

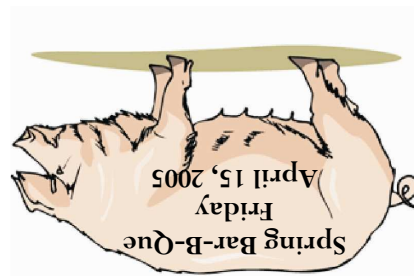


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CALL FOR ACTION CONTINUED . . .

way to learn the workings of the Lodge than to get involved and participate. Look for new and improved Committee Reports as well. I have requested the Chairs of the Committees on MESH and MHCO to make personal contact with the Administrators of those facilities, or their personal representatives, for updated and meaningful reports. If you are interested in becoming active give the Master or Committee Chair a call.

Speaking of getting involved, we need everyone's assistance in performing degree work. Cary has been very fortunate over the years in attracting new members. This in turn puts a demand for increased participation on the degree teams.

Ritual work is practiced at the Lodge every Sunday evening from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM. So as not to exclude anyone this is the only sanctioned practice unless authorized by the Master. As in years past the 1st Degree Team will be lead by Senior Deacon Flynn Hudson; the 2nd Degree Team by Junior Warden Tommy Stephenson and the 3rd Degree Team by Senior Warden Gerald Edwards. They have been challenged to include as many different members as possible, especially new members. They are also encouraged not to utilize the same member for the same Chair two times unless absolutely necessary. This allows members to learn the various parts and put those teachings into practice. Not

sure you know the speaking part? Don't worry, we will teach it to you. Start out in a Steward's Chair and learn the floor action and then progress through the various stations, accepting more involved roles as you move up. Please contact us if you have a particular part you would like to try. I am sure some of the members who have done them repeatedly would welcome the opportunity to see greater involvement and try new Chairs as well.

SPECIAL NOTICE !!!

2005 Yearbooks have been mailed to all members of the Lodge as well as to all of our Widows. We are making a concerted effort to insure that everyone is included this year in Lodge Communications.

If you have not received your copy of the Yearbook please give us a call.

Please be sure notify us of changes in your mailing or e-mail address. E-mail changes can be sent to: morty@mjayson.com. Physical address or phone changes should be sent to the Lodge Secretary.

