



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



August, 2008

From The East



It is truly an honor to be serving Cary Lodge #198 as its Master in this our 150th year of "Making Good Men Better". In the first half of the year the first thing we did was to take a meeting to honor our Secretary

Carson Clippard as he stepped down from his post of many years. We made a parking spot just for him with the title Secretary Emeritus so that no matter where he is, he always knows he has a place here among us. Worshipful Brother Derek Love took on the job of Secretary and has done a great job. Every Master knows how important that Secretary is and how much he does for the lodge. We had a number of guest speakers give presentations to begin to color in the historical picture of the lodge, its town, and state. We had Worshipful Brother Ric Carter come in and give a presentation on the mural which is on the wall at the Grand Lodge which contains much History of Masonry in the State of NC. We also had Lyman Collins, Cultural Arts Manager of the Town of Cary come in and present the History of the Town of Cary. We had Worshipful Brother Don Bennett come and give us his "Masonic Footsteps in History" presentation to enlighten us on some of the famous people who built this wonderful fraternity over the years. We had presentations

on the various appendant bodies like the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Shrine, as well as the youth groups. We had a presentation on "Making Good Men Better" by Worshipful Brother Shaun Bradshaw, something we have been doing as a lodge for 150 Years. We even had a presentation on the upcoming historical Digital Television Transition to give us some variety. Over the months our numbers continue to grow with the addition of new members. We have had a number of active members face adversity over the course of the year and in spite of that, the lodge still enjoys an active membership. Thanks to all who have pitched in wherever needed. A special thanks to our Chef's crew who took a brunt of that adversity and yet continues to prepare the excellent meals we have all come to enjoy so much. I want to send out a thank you to Brother Ludwik Wodka who has taken the reins of the Trestle Board. This is something that has been missing from our lodge for a number of years now and it's good to see it back. I would like to let the membership know about 2 brothers about to join the ranks of lecturers in this lodge, Aaron Harris and Ludwik Wodka. Their certification is just days away. I am sure they will both do well. Knowing full well the time and work that goes into learning to be a lecturer, my hat is off to them both. I am sure they will do the lodge proud. This will make 7 Lecturer's in this lodge. When you realize that most lodges are lucky to have one, this is truly amazing. We are currently in the middle of our "Master of the Month" program and Mike

Sibley seems to be enjoying it. It's all about the parking spot! For the unaware, we decided to let the SW take the mantle of leadership for the month of August to help prepare him for 2009. I'm sure there are some things I missed, but that is a rather lengthy summary of the year thus far. If there is anything that any of you wish to see or would like to put together, don't hesitate to give me a call.

-Jim Hetherington, WM

Ad Book Donations

Brethren, please take notice that time is running out for you to make a donation to our Ad Book. Although this is an effort on the part of the Lodge to help raise money for the Masonic Foundation, you also get the opportunity to place the name of a loved one in this booklet as well. Keep in mind that this year's Ad Book will be one of the documents that we will insert into the Time Capsule we are planning on creating on the occasion of this, our sesquicentennial anniversary. For \$10, you can include a personal message, such as "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. Either individual or businesses can put an advertisement in the book, in any of the of sizes:

Business Card Size.....	\$25.00
1/4 Page.....	\$150.00
1/2 Page	\$300.00
Full Page	\$500.00

Up to this point, we have not seen the level of support from the brethren we were expecting. Please take this opportunity to support the Masonic Foundation and leave your mark on the history of the lodge. The



deadline to submit your donation is the end of September. Please contact Brother Stephen Lewis for more information.

New Members

Please welcome the new brethren who have been raised in the lodge since the beginning of the year. They include:

- Jeremy Griggs
- Devin Roberts
- David Anthony Hardesty
- Clayton Garland
- Thomas "Ted" Long
- Christopher Arout



Cary Band Boosters

Cary Lodge #198 is not the only group in town celebrating an important milestone anniversary this year: Cary Band Day turns 50 years old as well. The Cary High School band, which has a long and proud tradition in the community, has been supported by the lodge almost since its inception. In fact, as far back as the early 1920's, the Cary Band would rehearse in the old Cary Masonic Temple (then located near the corner of Chatham and Harrison Streets). This year, we will be donating \$1000 to the Cary Band Boosters as our way of keeping alive our tradition of supporting this local institution.

Homes For Our Troops

This year, Brother Watts Ward introduced to the Lodge the organization Homes For Our Troops, which specializes in building or remodeling homes for veterans who have been severely disabled as a result of injuries sustained in combat. After a moving presentation given at the Lodge, we have been deliberating how to offer our support for this

worthy charity. We have voted to send \$2500, \$500 of which was donated to the lodge by the family of Brother James Merrick, a decorated WWII veteran for whom the members of Cary #198 conferred Masonic rites.

York Rite Christmas Observance

The Raleigh Commandery #4 is proud to host their 2008 Annual Knight Templar Christmas Observance and Concert, on December 12, 2008, at the Raleigh Temple, 1520 Caswell Street, Raleigh, NC. The Knight Templar Christmas Observance is a solemn ceremony commemorating the Christmas event and this year the participants will include as many as possible of the Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. The Christmas Message will be delivered by our current Grand Commander, His eminence Richard Ripley. The ceremony will take place at 7 pm. Immediately following the ceremony, Brother Howie Damron will perform in concert. Brother Damron is currently conducting his "Masonic Pride" tour throughout each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and is booked through 2011. His one scheduled stop in North Carolina is the 2008 Annual Knight Templar Christmas Observance and Concert, on December 12, 2008, mentioned above. The York Rite Bodies of Raleigh, as hosts of the event, are selling Brother Damron's two CDs, containing his original recordings and tickets for the live concert event. All net proceeds are designated for the York Rite and Scottish Rite charities. CDs are \$20 each. The tickets will sell at \$25 per couple and \$15 for an individual, before September 1st. Any tickets remaining after that date will have a price increase. Only 300 tickets and 300 CDs are available.

Cary Lodge History Project

As part of the ongoing observance of our 150th Anniversary, a committee of members have come together to work on preparing a

presentation on the history of Cary Lodge to be given at our Awards Night banquet this November. The committee is planning to expand this effort into a book that will contain a great deal more detailed information on our Lodge's history. However, the committee members would very much like to hear from some of our more senior members, and perhaps would like to collect any stories, photographs, memorabilia, or anything else you'd like to offer to go on record as part of a book that chronicles our fraternity.

August Birthdays:

- 4- Lemuel Kornegay III
 - 5- Norwood Northcutt, James Abney, Robert Vedell, Robert Walkup
 - 7- Floyd Chastain
 - 9- W. Bickett Webb
 - 10- Charles English, Jason Strickland
 - 13- Joseph Hodges
 - 15- Frank Dray, Orlando Buck
 - 18- Bryant Marriner
 - 20- James Waugh, Walter Mann, Edward Slavin
 - 24- Henry Scoch
 - 25- J.T. Beal
 - 26- Ronald W. Jones
 - 27- Dylan Bunch
 - 28- Andrew Robinson, Jr.
 - 29- Charles Keadle
 - 31- John David Graham
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