



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



October, 2008

From The East



As most of you already know by now, the Prince Hall Resolution passed this round. 970 total votes, 642 pro

328 con. This is probably the vote of greatest interest, so I figured I would get that out of the way. The Schools of Instruction are not being eliminated, just the language requiring TWO. That way, the board of custodians can alter the required amount without having to go through a code change each time they do that. It is no longer a penalty for owning or keeping a saloon or tending bar in one. The amendment for being allowed to serve alcohol at Non Masonic functions failed miserably. Being able to do business on any degree per the Master's discretion was tabled due to the level of code changes it would entail. However they did take a "How do you feel about this Amendment" vote and it was very negative. The White Hart Rule Amendment passed after it was amended. This one is rather complicated so I would refer you to my comments in the summary which I will hopefully get posted on the website. One important point is that a lodge must put this into their by-laws in order for them to use it.

So, if a lodge does not want to use it, they don't have to. Also, the Amendment group was altered and reads nothing like the current one, so read the amended version.

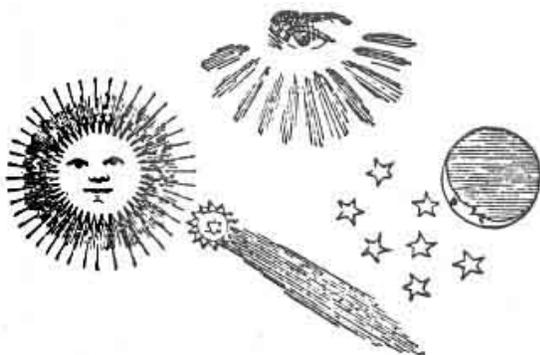
Your Grand Line Officers for 2009 are:

- Grand Master** – Dan Charles Rice
- Deputy Grand Master** – William L. Dill
- Senior Grand Warden** – Lewis R. Ledford
- Junior Grand Warden** – Robert E. Gresham, Jr.
- Grand Treasurer** – Clifton W. Everett Jr.
- Grand Secretary** - T. Walton Clapp III

Also, the end of September brings us to the end of the Ad Book Fundraiser. Thank You to all those who donated and also a big thank you to the committee and all their hard work in getting this done. Namely:

- Stephen Lewis – Chairman
- Ben Oakes, PM
- Derek Love, PM
- Ted Long

As some have seen, there have been a number of trees removed from around the property. This was done to prevent damage from trees that were leaning and/or dying from falling. Also there were a couple filling our gutters with debris. There is also a current problem with water leaking into the building at a spot or two and WB Ben Oakes is looking into quotes to repair this issue. This will not be a low cost item by any stretch of the imagination, so be prepared. We are talking about sealing some foundation walls around the building which involves some digging and sealer application along with drainage augmentation. The full



plan once arrived at will be brought before the lodge for approval.

At our 5th Monday Night Dinner we had a special guest for all who missed it. It was the Executive Director of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home now called Whitestone a Masonic and Eastern Star Community, Mark Kolada. He gave us a presentation of the workings of the home as well as its status and ongoing events. He answered some questions as well from the audience. He made special note of the fact that Cary Lodge was the number one lodge in the entire state that contributed to the home last year (2007). He made a presentation to the Master of Cary Lodge, but since it was last year's donation, I think I should give it to Derek Love. So, when I get back I will do that very thing. As we head into October, I will not be in the East for the first meeting as I will be out of town. Instead Mike Sibley will be assuming the role.

We will be having our Veterans Interview event for the first time. We will need some volunteers for the event as we are to provide some light refreshments and in general be good hosts to the veterans that come to be interviewed. Again, this is October 18th, from about 10am – 4pm. If you are a Veteran and would like to be interviewed, please let Dave Milidonis know so that he can schedule a slot for you. You can also tell me and I will tell him if you like. You will receive a copy of this interview for yourself which of course becomes a keepsake for your family in the long haul. Remember James Merrick who was interviewed just a week or so before he passed away (Decorated WWII Vet). His family was so glad that they brought him to have that interview because now they have those stories that otherwise would have died with him.

Brethren, come join us if you have not been here in awhile. I would love to meet you if I have not yet this year. If you need a ride or some assistance in anyway, give me a call and we will see if we can help you with that. What

is important is that you get to have some fellowship with your brothers of Cary Lodge. So, if you can make it, we would love to have you. Hope to see you soon.

Jim Hetherington

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Master – 2008

Welcome New Brothers!

On Monday, September 15th, Cary Lodge raised two new brethren to the sublime degree of Master Mason. They include:

James L. Bjork

Jonathan Mook

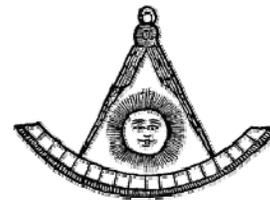
Please welcome our new brethren.

Annual Barbeque Fundraiser

Please mark Friday, November 7 on your calendars- the date Cary Lodge will be holding its annual barbeque. If you are interested in helping out with preparation or clean-up, please contact Mike Sibley for more information. This year, \$8.00 will get you a platter of barbeque, slaw, steamed potatoes, and hushpuppies. Please stop by and help us make this fundraising effort a success.

Past Masters' Night

Cary Lodge will be holding it's annual Past Masters' Night on November 17th. All of the Worshipful Brethren of the Lodge are cordially invited to attend and share your experiences



and memories with the Lodge. We look forward to seeing you there!

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REMEMBER: Pay your dues!

Cary Band Day

Saturday, November 1st will be the 50th anniversary of the first celebration of Cary Band Day. Please come out and help support this local tradition, and continue to show our support to the Cary Band as we, Cary Lodge, have shown for almost a century. And don't forget to congratulate Brother Gerald Edwards, who as a student, march in that inaugural Cary Band Day parade!

School of Instruction

A school of instruction will be held at Cary Lodge on Thursday, October 30th, from 7-9pm. Dinner will be held at 6:15pm. All are invited to attend.

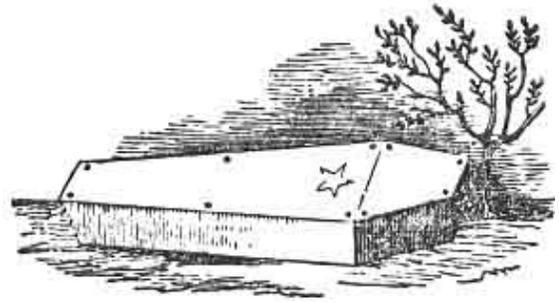
Awards Night and Ladies Night

The Lodge will be holding its annual Awards Night and Ladies Night on Saturday, November 1st. Please come join us for this gala event that will feature dinner, presentation of awards, and a presentation on the 150th Anniversary of Cary Lodge #198 by the members of the History Committee.

Masonic Vocabulary: Acacia

As we learn from our degrees and lectures, the Sprig of Acacia is one of the more prominent symbolic emblems of Freemasonry. Occasionally (and mistakenly) referred to as

“cassia,” Mackey describes it as such: “The acacia of Freemasonry is the Mimosa Nilotica...a shrub which grew in abundance in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. According to Jewish law, no interments were permitted within the walls of the city, and it was unlawful for the cohens or priests to pass over a grave, it became necessary to place marks wherever a dead body had been interred. For this purpose, the acacia was used” (Mackey, *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, 7).



According to the Rev. G Oliver, there were at one point, the use of acacia differed according to variations ascribed to different countries. For example, some say the Three Fellowcrafts placed the sprig, other the ruffians, and one version has it that the body was lost altogether and was found washed up on the seashore. “The York Masons say the seaside; the Americans, Mount Moriah; the French, Mount Lebanon.”

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5	6 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Veterans' Interview 10am-4pm
19	20 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 School of Instruction (@ Cary 198) 7:00-9:30 pm	31 Halloween	

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2	3 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	4 Election Day	5	6	7 Lodge BBQ Fundraiser	8
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16	17 Stated Communication Past Masters' Night Dinner-6:30pm	18	19	20	21	22
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