



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



March, 2009

From The East

Greetings Brethren,



As we move into March, I would like to encourage those that can, 'Please come, break bread with the brethren and then sit in Lodge with them.' We are off to a great start for the year and have 4 brothers

moving through the degrees at this time.

As the Grand Master has charged us with the task of 'doing a good deed each day', each of us need to be focused on that task. The Grand Master is not looking for great deeds, but striving to do good each day. This is a task that we as Masons and as believers of a higher power should feel is our calling.

I'd like to address some of the questions that were posed to the District Deputy Grand Master at our second February meeting.

First: the list of lodges that we keep for verifying regular lodges. *It is published annually, but issued to each lodge every five (5) years because of the expense.* The next edition will be printed in 2010. We are asked to use our judgment when examining a Mason for admission for the evening. I have attempted to locate on our Grand Lodge site a complete list

of NC Lodges, but there does not seem to be one, only lodges that have web sites. If someone would like to work on a complete list of NC lodges, the Master would appreciate it.

Second: Prince Hall Lodges. The DDGM contacted me with several corrections from the meeting and I'd like to pass them on. The most important would be that Freemasons in NC only recognize the Prince Hall Lodges of NC, meaning that we can only admit NC Prince Hall Masons upon the presentation of a valid dues card and the pleasure of the Master. A list of the valid NC Prince Hall Lodges will be attached to the Lodge book held in the Room of Preparation. Also you can view the list at the following URL, <http://www.mwphgInc.com/lodges.htm>.

Spring Barbeque

The Spring Barbecue is coming on April 17 and we will need your help. Please contact Bruce Koebler if you would like to help. I'd also like to voice my appreciation to all of the Brethren that assisted in the Easter Star barbecue in February. The food and fellowship were great and I believe that the Chapter did well when all accounts were settled.

Mike Sibley

WM Cary Lodge No. 198

REMEMBER: Pay your dues!

Upcoming Degree Work

Brethren, please mark your calendars that Monday, March 23rd, we will be



holding a Third Degree for possibly four new candidates. Dress for the occasion will be coat and tie. Dinner, beginning at 6:30pm, will be steak with baked potatoes, tossed salad, bread, tea & dessert. You are encouraged to invite your spouses, friends, children, etc for the meal. The price for the dinner is \$7.00 each.

We are also inviting our Widows that would like to attend. Cary Lodge will pick up the tab for our Widows. So that we may prepare enough for everyone, **we are asking that you reply to this email with the number in your party that will attend the dinner.**

Grand Master's Visit

MWM Dan Rice will be visiting the 15th Masonic District on April 1st at Garner Lodge #701. Dinner will be at 6:15 and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Please notify Garner Lodge in advance if you plan on attending so that they will make appropriate accommodations for dinner.

Masonic Vocabulary: Broached Thurnel

In the lectures of the early part of the eighteenth century the Immovable Jewels of the Lodge are said to be "the Tarsel Board,

Rough Asmar, and Broached Thurnel"; and in describing their uses it is taught that "the Rough Ashlar is for the Fellow Crafts to try their jewels on, and the Broached Thurnel for the Entered Apprentices to learn to work upon."

Much difficulty has been met with in discovering what the Broached Thurnel really was. Now what is the real meaning of the word? If we inspect an old tracing board of the Apprentice's Degree of the date when the Broached Thurnel was in use, we shall find depicted on it ... a cubical stone with a pyramidal apex. This is the Broached Thurnel. It is the symbol which is still to be found, with precisely the same form, in all French tracing boards, under the name of the pierre cubique, or cubical stone, and which has been replaced in English and American tracing boards and rituals by the Perfect Ashlar.

For the derivation of the words, we must go to old and now almost obsolete terms of architecture. On inspection, it will at once be seen that the Broached Thurnel has the form of a little square turret with a spire springing from it. Now, broach, or broche, says Parker in the Glossary of Terms in Architecture (page 97), is "an old English term for a spire, still in use in some parts of the country, as in Leicestershire, where it is said to denote a spire springing from the tower without any intervening parapet. Thurnel is from the old French tournelle, a turret or little tower.

The Broached Thurnel, then, was the Spired Turret. It was a model on which apprentices might learn the principles of their art, because it presented to them, in its various outlines, the forms of the square and the triangle, the cube and the pyramid."

But that is not all. Other explanations for this mysterious term include: Broaching-Thurmal, Thurmer, Turner, names given to the chisels by which broached work is executed."

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1	2 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm SECOND DEGREE	3	4	5	6 York Rite Spring Degree Festival	7
8	9	10	11	12 Scottish Rite	13	14
15	16 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Dinner & Emrg Comm 3rd DEGREE	24	25	26	27	28
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			1	2	3 York Rite	4
5	6 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	7	8	9 Scottish Rite	10	11
12	13	14	15 Scottish Rite Reunion begins	16	17 Cary 198- Spring Barbeque	18 Scottish Rite Reunion ends
19	20 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		