



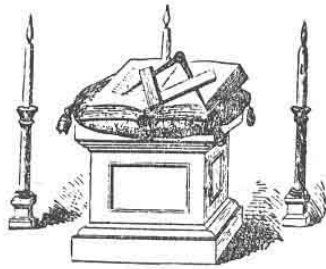
# CARY LODGE #198, A.F. & A.M. TRESTLE BOARD



April, 2009

## *From The East*

Greetings Brethren,



March was a very good month for Cary Lodge No. 198, in which Lodge members were able to participate in several history making events that opened our eyes to the potential of what Masonry can and should be.

On March 14, Ludwik Wodka, Bryan Jones, Trip Macolly and I attended a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at Grand Lodge for Prince Hall Masons in Durham, NC, with A.S. Hunter #825 serving as the Raising Lodge. There were approximately 150 Masons at the event, coming from Prince Hall lodges all up and down the East Coast, as well as one from Colorado.

The event started at noon and we finished at 6:00pm with a 30-minute lunch buried in there, we raised eight new Masons. We were informed that due to time constraints, they were doing the 'short-form' ceremony. Not really sure what that meant! We observed that the words and forms used by Prince Hall are very similar to how we do our openings, degree work, and closings and at the same time it was very different. Where our confusion in the lodge that occurs in the second section only lasts about a minute for us, it took over an hour for it to play out for our Prince Hall brothers,

and there was a heavy emphasis on the confusion part.

We, in turn, invited our Prince Hall brothers to attend a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree done by Cary Lodge No. 198. We managed to pull it off in about 3 ½ hours. Not bad for raising four new Master Masons. We started the evening with an excellent steak dinner prepared by a chefs crew of Ben, Luther and Sam, along with their excellent cast of helpers. Thank you Brothers, it was truly a great way to start an evening; the families and widows enjoyed it greatly.

We were privileged to have nine lodges in attendance for the ceremony: Stratford 29 NH, Green Level 277, A.S. Hunter 825, James B. Green 735, Haven of Peace 4385 Tanzania, Apex 584, Doric 28, Sheppard Memorial 840, Palmyra 147. I'd like to thank each of these lodges for their support and hope that we can do it again soon.

We also managed to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Dinner during the month. I'd like to thank the Degree Teams, Chef's Crew and each and every attendee and participant.

It truly was a great month.



**Mike Sibley**

WM Cary Lodge No. 198

### *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. Plates will be \$8.00 each, and barbeque will also be sold by the pound for \$8.00. Plates will include barbeque, slaw, potatoes, and hush-puppies- all made fresh on the premises! Please show your support of the lodge and its efforts to raise money for our charities.

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## **REMEMBER: Pay your dues!**

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### *Welcome, New Brethren!*

Please join in welcoming our newest members of Cary Lodge #198, Brothers Blake Burd, Chad Reeves, Adam Martin, and Ed Carr. Their raising was no ordinary occasion, as our Master has pointed out. Members from several PHA Lodges in the area were in attendance. We had a fantastic turnout for the event, and it was a wonderful evening of fellowship for all who attended. Once again, congratulations, brothers!



*(left to right) Blake Burd, Adam Martin, & Chad Reeves  
(not pictured: Ed Carr)*

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### *Grand Master's Visit*

MWM Dan Rice will be visiting the 15<sup>th</sup> Masonic District on April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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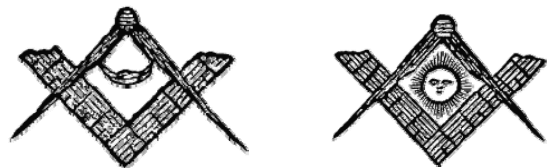
### *Building Repair and Maintenance*

The lodge is taking steps to make improvements to the building, which shall include a concrete path between the outside door to the lodge room, and between the main lodge entrance and the shelter. We are hoping these upgrades will result in less dirt tracked into the building and for easier transport of items in and out of the lodge.

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### *Scottish Rite Grand Cross Reunion*

For those interested in pursuing further light in Masonry via the Scottish Rite, a historic opportunity is before you! This April in Charlotte, the combined Scottish Rite bodies of North and South Carolina will convene in Charlotte to confer all 29 of the degrees. This will begin on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and will last until Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a rare event; very few Scottish Rite bodies in the country confer all the degrees in a single reunion, and many degrees seldom seen performed will be conferred. For information regarding hotel accommodations, petitions, or other questions, please contact Brothers Kevin Hall, Ben Oakes, or Morty Jayson.





We enjoyed a full house as we welcomed our widows and visitors to a steak dinner.



...and it was a full house in the lodge for the raising of three new brothers. We had guests from several local PHA lodges as well as others from as far away as New Hampshire and East Africa.



Welcome back, Brother Gerald!

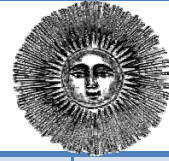


How good it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!



Brother Bryan Jones of Cary #198 and WM Keith Smith of A.S. Hunter Lodge #825, PHA, of Durham. Members of Cary #198 attended a Third Degree held by A.S. Hunter Lodge on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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