



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



May, 2009

## *From The East*

Greetings Brethren,



I'd like to start out by thanking everyone that helped out at the Barbecue in April. The food was, as usual, the best and all of our customers agree with me.

Brothers were available to fill every position and we never ran short on hands to get the work done. Thank you Brethren.

Our charity giving for the year is on-par with what we have done in the past and I encourage you to continue to consider the Lodge in your giving, even during these very trying economic times. I realize that each of us has many financial obligations every month, but please do remember Cary Lodge No. 198.

In discussing our charity, I'd like to implement a new procedure for making charity requests in the Lodge. I appreciate the efforts of the brothers to present requests in writing prior to the opening of the lodge and our secretary does also. However, from this point forward I will table any requests for charity, at least until the next stated communication, for request that would be directed to persons not directly associated with the Lodge. I'm not denying any request, but wish to make careful consideration of each request based on our ability to meet those goals of assisting the Children's Home and

Whitestone MESH to the very best of our abilities and resources. At the same time there may be brothers within the Lodge that will need our assistance and we need to have the resources available to meet those needs also.

Every request will be considered, we may just not move as fast as some brothers would like. For that I apologize, but we have a long ways to the end of the year, a less that robust economy and I feel that there will be a lot of requests for assistance before the end of the year.

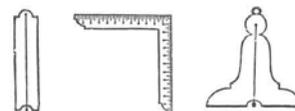


**Mike Sibley**

WM Cary Lodge No. 198

## *Spring Barbeque*

The Spring Barbecue this year was a success! We sold out over 1,500 lbs of barbeque and so far have raised almost \$5,000 for our charities. A special thanks goes out from the Lodge to our Senior Warden Bruce Koebler for all his hard work in organizing this event. Those who were on hand to participate should all be proud of what you have accomplished.



### *Contributions to the Children's Home*



Earlier last month, Brothers Ted Long, Sonny Bjork, and Don Ellers also went up to the Children's Home in Oxford and

repaired the grill that the lodge had donated a few years ago. It turns out that it only needed a thorough cleaning, but the residents were greatly appreciative to have it in working order nonetheless. The same brothers went back a few weeks later to help clean out the rest of the grills on campus so that the residents may once again have the grill ready for use for the summer.

Well done, Brethren. You make the lodge proud.

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### *Around the District*

**Fuquay Lodge #258** will be holding a Third Degree on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Your assistance and attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Fuquay Lodge #258 will also be hosting a Sporting Clays shooting event at Drake's Landing as a fundraiser for the NC Masonic Charities on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### *Wilkerson College Graduates*

Lodge Deacons Bryan Jones and Ludwik Wodka have just completed their training sessions at Wilkerson College. The lodge generously voted to cover their expenses, and for this the

Brothers Jones and Wodka are deeply grateful. Cary Lodge's involvement in this program has helped us build and develop the leadership that has helped our lodge grow and prosper in recent years.

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### *Keys to our Past*

Brother Derek Love received a call from a member of Beulah Lodge in Burlington, NC regarding a set of keys that they found that they thought would be of



interest to us. The keys belonged to Brother J.W. Creel. For those of unfamiliar with this brother, he was initiated in January 1875, passed in March 1875, and raised on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1875. He held several posts in the lodge, including Steward and Treasurer.

Brother Creel also started a brick plant in Cary, but this enterprise was unsuccessful and only lasted a few years.

In September, 1874, Brother Creel set to out help start a Baptist Church in Cary as he was dissatisfied with the local Sunday school (Union Sunday School, a joint Methodist-Baptist program) using only Methodist textbooks. Together with Rev. A.D. Blackwood (also a member of Cary #198), the Cary Baptist Church was founded (from Byrd, *Around and About Cary*, pg. 53).

Brothers Derek Love and Ben Oakes paid a visit to Beulah Lodge and presented the Master with the Cary Lodge 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative coin and lapel pin.

## May 2009



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 York Rite	2
3	4 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	5	6	7 Scottish Rite	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## June 2009



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 York Rite	6
7	8	9	10	11 Scottish Rite	12	13
14	15 Stated Communication Dinner- 6:30pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Family Night	30				