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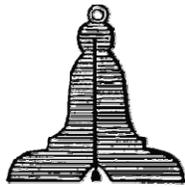
TRESTLE BOARD



September, 2009

From The West

Brethren,



August was our “move up” month for the officers of the lodge. For me it was an opportunity to sit in the East and get a feel for the responsibilities of the office. One thing I observed was that as August is a time when many people are away for the summer, so was attendance at the lodge less than usual. Sometimes it’s not just August. I would really like to see more of our brothers at Lodge. If not for the meeting at least for fellowship at dinner. I am sure that those who have not been to Lodge in awhile are missed and a visit would be most welcome. One of the reasons we became Masons was to come together with like minded men and to share in the friendship that comes from such fellowship. If you need a ride please give someone a call. If you are coming to Lodge call a friend who hasn’t been in a while and invite him to come with you.

I would really like to see a good turn-out on Sept. 21st. We are passing two brothers to the Fellowcraft Degree. It is a stated communication so dinner will be served. So come for the fellowship at dinner and then if you can stay, please do so and show your support for the candidates and for your Lodge.

A reminder that our Fall BBQ will be Nov 6th. Sounds like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. We need volunteers in all

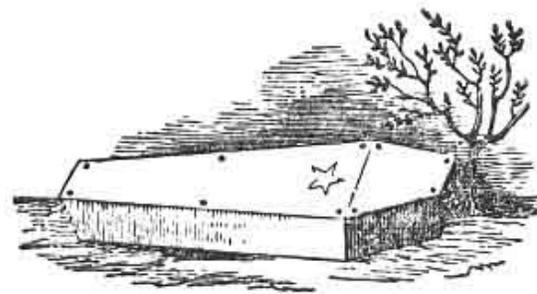
areas to make this a success for our charities. Call me at 919-345 8785.

The passing of Worshipful Brother Don Ellers was a sad time. He was a good friend to the brothers and a good friend to Masonry. He will be dearly missed. I want to thank all of the Brothers who attended the service for Brother Don, and particularly to WB Walter Highsmith, who did an excellent job with the Masonic Funeral service. It was a great show of respect for a man who gave so much to Masonry.

Finally brothers the coming months are going to be busy. Please check the calendar for all the events that are scheduled.

Fraternally

Bruce Koebler
Senior Warden



Grand Lodge

For those brethren interested, the Grand Lodge will be meeting on September 25th and 26th in Winston-Salem. Eight amendments to the code will be voted upon, which are as follows:

1. Each candidate for the degrees must demonstrate his proficiency of the catechism in its entirety (no alternating questions among multiple candidates).
2. An adjustment of wording really, but it refines the duty of appointing someone to fill the Junior Deacon's post when he leaves the lodge room.
3. That a lodge can only take action on those members who are delinquent in the payment of dues during a stated communication in the fourth quarter.
4. The amendment to allow alcohol in the lodge building for non-Masonic functions.
5. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts may be entitled to Masonic burial rites.
6. Regarding the meeting dates for the Board of General Purposes.

If you have any questions on these matters, please contact the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

York Rite

Just a reminder for those interested in joining the York Rite, there will be a degree festival in Raleigh beginning on Friday, October 2nd through Saturday October 3rd. Please get your petitions in now. Contact Brother Ludwik Wodka if you have any questions.

Upcoming Degree Work

A Fellowcraft Degree is scheduled for the evening of September 21st, which is our second stated communication for this month. We plan on passing two candidates that night. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. For anyone interested in taking part in the degree, please contact Brother Jeff Scott. We are also tentatively planning on having a Third Degree on Saturday, October 10th for the same candidates.

Fall Barbeque

This November 6th, we will be holding our annual Fall barbeque to help raise money for our charities. We are looking forward to a strong turnout, but we will be needing lots of help from the membership. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the barbeque, please contact brother Bruce Kobler. All proceeds donated to the Children's Home will be made in memory of WB Don Ellers.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Ladies and Awards Night

We will be holding our Ladies and Awards Night at the lodge on Saturday, October 3rd. We will be presenting our service awards, bibles to our newly-raised members, as well as to honor the wives and widows of the lodge members.

The Scottish Rite

For brethren seeking further light in Masonry, for brethren who would like to explore the more philosophical aspects of Masonry, for brethren interested in witnessing some of the most fascinating and impressive degrees in Freemasonry, you may want to consider the Scottish Rite.

Although the origins of the Rite are fairly obscure, it is widely believed that they were developed in France in the 1730s, and were transported to the French colonies in the Caribbean, and finally to the United States in the mid-Eighteenth Century. The Supreme Council, as we know it today, was founded in Charleston, SC, in 1801.

The Scottish Rite is composed of four constituent bodies:

- **The Lodge of Perfection** (4th-14th degrees). Also known as the “ineffable degrees,” these degrees include an alternate version of the Hiram Legend and insight into the ineffable nature of Deity.
- **The Chapter Rose Croix** (15th-18th degrees). Also known as the “Philosophical and Historical Degrees”, these degrees go deeper into the philosophy of Freemasonry. No longer connected to the Hiram Legend, these degrees begin to expand the scope of Masonry.
- **The Council of Kadosh** (19th-30th degrees). Known as the Chivalric and Philosophical Degrees, these are easily some of the most complex and esoteric of any in

Freemasonry. These degrees encourage the candidate to make a much deeper and more serious study in the pursuit of More Light in Masonry.



- **The Consistory** (31st and 32nd degrees). These degrees complete and summarize the Scottish Rite degrees, and are two very impressive and interesting degrees. Upon conferral, one is made a “Prince of the Royal Secret.”

If you are interested in learning more about the Scottish Rite, speak to one of the several brothers in the lodge who are members. **The next festival of degrees for the Scottish Rite will be held on October 30th and 31st in Raleigh.** Get your petitions in now!

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		1	2	3	4 York Rite	5
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