



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

## TRESTLE BOARD



December, 2009

### *From The East*

Greetings Brethren,



As my last official contribution to this newsletter, I'd like to say thank you for your support during this last year. I would not have been able to make it through the year without your continuous support and assistance. This 'job' cannot be done by a single person and so you, brother Masons, are the reason we made it work this year. From our dinners, barbecues, to even our funerals, I was only able to contribute my part, you made it happen.

I'd like to acknowledge some specific brothers that made my year enjoyable, starting with Brother Bruce Koebler. As my Senior Warden, Bruce made it happen and made it look effortless. Our barbecues were successful and I can honestly say that it had not been for his efforts, it would not have been so. Bruce provided council and opinions that helped me steer the right course and that is what is most appreciated.

Brother Jeff Scott provided the council and ideas and support that again helped make it work. His perspective and efforts made my decisions seem wise on my part. Brother Ludwik Wodka, as my Senior Deacon provided ideas and council; even more importantly, he

published the Trestle Board. Without it, we would not have as effective communications as we have, for such a large Lodge. Brother Bryan Jones provided the enthusiasm and ideas and served as the go-between for our relations with our Brother Prince Hall Lodges. To Ben Oakes, who served as Treasurer, Web Master and on the Chef's Crew, I can only say thank you.

The Chef's Crew, with Ben, Luther and Sam and all of the assistants: I/we would not be worried about our waistlines if it were not for the excellent meals that magically appeared twice a month. I speak from the knowledge of how hard it is to do, having cooked the December meeting meal last week. To the assistants, thank you. You all stepped in and helped and did whatever it took to get it on the table at 6:30pm.

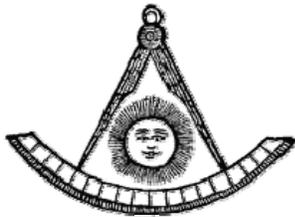
To all of the Past Masters, thank you. I could approach you with concerns and ideas and get honest feedback and support. Their prior knowledge base provides the necessary support that is needed in order to reach the end of each year.

Finally, to Brother Derek, the Lodge Secretary; it would not have happened if he had not been there to provide me with the needed information and more likely do all of those small tasks that the secretary needs to do, just to keep it running. Thank you Secretary Emeritus Carson for all that you did to 'keep the charter on the wall'.

I'm sure that I have left people out that should be recognized and please don't count it as a slight. I truly appreciate all of your efforts.

One last item- our charity work, and what we accomplished this year. This was an exceptional year and we should all be proud of what we have done. From our support for the Children's Home, Whitestone, and the Masonic Foundation, to our efforts with non-Masonic charities, we were magnificent. As of 12/7/2009 we have contributed over \$28,800 to charity for the year. Thank you.

It has been a marvelous year and I have enjoyed it. I've learned many new things about Masonry and myself that only this opportunity could have provided. With that, I turn the gavel over to Bruce and wish him the best for 2010 and hope that you will be there to join us as we Masons look forward to the new year.



Mike Sibley, PM  
Cary Lodge No. 198, Cary, NC

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### *Upcoming Degree Work*

It appears that several petitions have landed on our Secretary's desk. Be advised, Brethren, that there will be degree work coming up beginning January 18th. The number of petitions we have received will require that we will have to hold two separate first degrees to accommodate all of the applicants. If you are interesting in

participating in the degrees, please contact Brother Bryan Jones, our new Senior Deacon.

### *Elections and Installation of New Officers for the year 2010*

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The election of officers was held on our stated meeting, December 7th, and the following officers were elected and appointed:

WM: Bruce Kobler  
SW: Jeff Scott  
JW: Ludwik Wodka  
Sec.: Derek Love, PM  
Treas.: Ben Oakes, PM  
SD: Bryan Jones  
JD: Sonny Bjork  
Senior Steward: Ted Long  
Junior Steward: Tripp Macolly  
Chaplain: Adam Martin  
Tyler: Mike Sibley, PM

WB Mike Sibley was elected to the Board of Trustees, and Brother Blake Burd was elected to the Finance Committee.

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### *Newsletter Changes*

This coming year, the Trestleboard will no longer come out every month as it has for since August 2008. In order to relieve the strain on the Master and Editors on this publication, we think the lodge will be well served with a release every two months. Thank you for all of your support and interest in helping me keep this going.

-Ludwik Wodka

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

# December 2009



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 <b>York Rite</b>	5
<b>6</b>	7 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm <b>Elections</b>	8	9	10 Scottish Rite	11	12 <b>Officers Installation</b>
<b>13</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b>	21 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	22	23	24	<b>25 CHRISTMAS</b>	26
<b>27</b>	28	29	30	<b>31 New Years Eve</b>		

# January 2010



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 <b>New Years Day</b>	2
<b>3</b>	4 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	5	6	7	8 York Rite	9
<b>10</b>	11-	12	13	14 Scottish Rite	15	16
<b>17</b>	18 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm <b>FIRST DEGREE</b>	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b>						