



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



March April 2010

## *From The East*

Brethren,



What an exciting time this is for Masonry. Interest in the Fraternity, judging by the new candidates being initiated, is on an upswing- not just in our lodge, but in Lodges around the

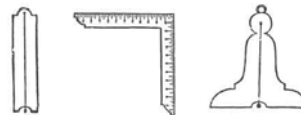
district. By the end of March we will have initiated 11 new entered apprentices and had three applicants elected to membership. Yes it is exciting, but also very busy. Busy with degree work, busy with coaching, busy with investigating committees, BBQ fund raisers, our golf fund raiser, charity requests and building repairs and its not even April. But none of this could be done without the support and involvement of you.

Our coaches are giving up a lot of their time to work with the many candidates. Not only are they working with them on their catechism but also taking them around to other lodges that are doing first degree work. I cannot say enough about these brothers and the work they do. A candidate and coach spend a lot of time together and it is from what he sees and learns from his coach that sets his perception of who and what a Mason is.

Which brings me to what is the next thing that a candidate will experience. That is the

involvement of the brothers who participate in the rituals. I believe they feel the dedication and sense of respect we have for these rituals. No matter how many times we do them. It really is good to see brothers wanting to take part and work in different roles.

The taking part is not only for the degree work, but I see it in all aspects of the Lodge. The fellowship among the brothers and the stepping up to make the Lodge a better place is tremendous. I would like to thank our three newly elected brs who affiliated with us for their volunteering from the get-go to participate in our Lodge activities. So thank you Brs Jeff, Eric and John. Also you will by now have noticed that when lodge is assembled we have three burning tapers present. They are resting on the candle sticks crafted by Brother Kevin Johnson. All I did one night was mention that it would be nice to have something like that and Kevin took it upon himself to do it. Great addition to the furniture. One more addition to the lodge furniture you should know about is the Bible on the altar. This was given to me for the Lodge by Marcelle Ellers. Don had this at home for years and Marcelle said he would have wanted the Lodge to have it. It, too, is a great addition.



Brethren, one more thought on my mind before closing: participation. I brought this up the other night and I think it is worth repeating. Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may not remember. Involve me, and I will understand.

If you know a brother that hasn't been to lodge call him and invite him, even if he can just stay for fellowship at dinner. Let him know we miss him. We need his presence.

Fraternally

Bruce Koebler  
Master



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### *Upcoming Degree Work*

We will be holding the first of several Second Degrees on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We have also asked Green Level Lodge #277 to confer a First Degree on yet another new candidate for Cary #198. If you are interesting in participating in the degrees, please contact Brother Ludwik Wodka. This will bring us to 12 new members initiated in 2010!

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### **REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES!**

### *Charity Golf Tournament*

This year we will be reviving our charity golf tournament. It will be held in conjunction with Global Golf Consultants at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course on the NC State campus. The date for the tournament is Monday, April 26, 2009. Registration begins at 9:00am, and the entry fee will be \$100 per golfer. All profits raised by the event will go to the benefit of the Children's

Home in Oxford. For further information pertaining to this event, please contact Clay Garland.

### *Cary Lodge Barbeque*

Cary Lodge will be holding its Spring Barbeque on April 9th, 2010 to raise funds for their charities. Plates will be \$8.00 each. Any assistance you can offer in helping the lodge will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please notify Jeff Scott or Derek Love.

### *Scottish Rite*

The Scottish Rite will be holding their spring degree festival. The Scottish Rite reunion will begin at 8:00am on March 25th. If you are interested in joining these bodies, and pursuing further light in Masonry, get your petitions in now. For those of you who are Scottish Rite members, this would be a great opportunity to come visit the Scottish Rite and support us in the conferral of these fascinating degrees.



### *Amran Shriners*

The Amran Shriners will be hosting their Spring Ceremonial in Burlington, NC on April 30<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are interested in enjoying the fun side of Freemasonry, as well as supporting one of the greatest philanthropies in the country, you may want to consider joining the Shrine. Contact Brother Thomas Stephenson for more information.



### *15<sup>th</sup> District School of Instruction*

Brethren this year we will be having our annual School of instruction for the 15<sup>th</sup> District in two sessions. The first will be on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Vandora #745; the second will be at the Raleigh Masonic Temple (on Caswell St.) on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions will begin at 7:00pm. We will need to have at least three officers and two members present. Please come out and support our new DDGL, Cary #198's very own Ludwik Wodka.

### *Grand Master's Visit*

M.:W.: Bro William Dill, Grand Master of Masons for North Carolina, will be making his visit to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Districts on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Zebulon #609. The Lodge will open at 7:00pm sharp. Please make your reservations for dinner in advance.

### *Around the District*

We're not the only ones busy with degree work, brethren:

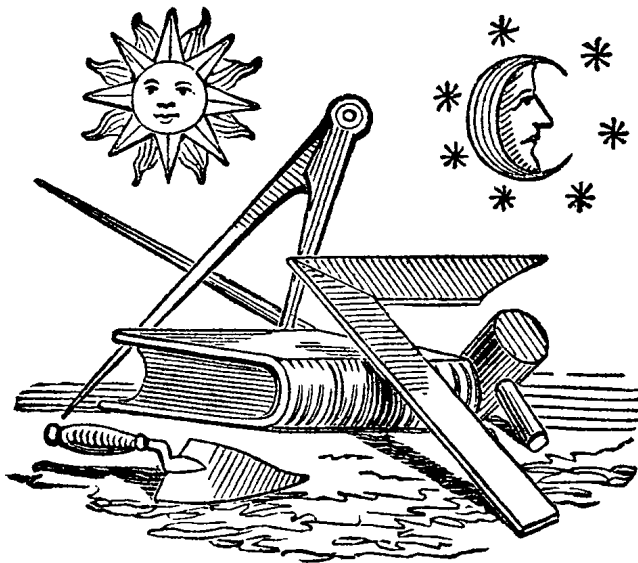
**Apex #584** will be holding a First and Second Degree in the upcoming month.

**Masters #754** will also be holding a Second Degree in the upcoming month. Further details TBA.

**Vandora Lodge #745** will also be holding a Second Degree, date & time TBA. Check with Ludwik Wodka for more details if interested in attending.

**Hiram #40** will be holding a Second Degree in the upcoming month. Details TBA.

**Green Level #277** will be holding a First Degree (they will include courtesy work for Cary #198).



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	<b>1</b> Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 York Rite Degree Fest	<b>6</b> York Rite Degree Fest
<b>7</b>	8	9	10	11 Scottish Rite	12	13
<b>14</b>	15 Stated Comm. Dinner- 6:30pm <b>2nd DEGREE</b>	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21</b>	22	23	24 <b>GM District Meeting</b>	25	26 <b>Scottish Rite Reunion</b>	27 <b>Scottish Rite Reunion</b>
<b>28</b>	29	30	31			

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