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Year AL 6001 Cary Lodge Officers

At the stated communication of December 4th, 2000, elections were held for the Year 2001 Officers and Appointees. Your Officers and Appointees for this coming year (2001) are as follows:

- WM Forrest R. Cannady
- SW Thomas C. Stephenson Sr.
- JW Kevin C. Hall
- SD W. Watts Ward
- JD Morty Jayson
- SS Gerald S. Edwards
- JS Thomas C. Stephenson Jr.

Treasurer: Jeffery M. Daniel

Secretary: Carson A. Clippard Jr.

Chaplain: Flynn Hudson

Tiler: Benjamin Franklin

Congratulations to all.

2001 Committee Chairs:

Charity: Forrest R. Cannady

Reference: Charles Early

Masonic Home for Children: Lloyd Young and Carson Clippard (co-chair)

Masonic & Eastern Star Home: Gerald Edwards

Masonic Education: Woodley B. Kennedy

DeMolay: Joshua Dunbar

Coaching: Dave Milidonis

Masonic Foundation: Thomas Stephenson Sr.

Awards and Special Programs: Lloyd Young and Morty Jayson (co-chairs)

Masonic Widows: Gerald Edwards

Grounds: Larry Emerson

Welcoming: Watts Ward

Trestleboard/Website: Dave Milidonis/ Kevin Hall

Attendance and Telephone: Thomas Stephenson Sr.

Visitation: Carson Clippard and Lloyd Young (co-chairs)

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Ramblings From The East by Worshipful Master Forrest R. Cannady

As we begin the new millennium, let us be reminded of the obligations we took when we first began our journey in masonry, by rededicating ourselves to work harder in support of our charities and one another. I strongly urge your regular attendance at all meetings.

The first thing I would like to say is "thank you" to each and every brother for their support in electing me as Master of the Lodge for this coming year. I will do my utmost to see that your Trust was not misplaced.

We have an excellent slate of officers and I think we will have a great year.

There are several activities planned and others in the works which I hope will be successful, but this will depend on the effort we put into them. I am asking ALL the Brethren to help make this a year of which to be proud!!

Just to mention a few ideas to get us started:

1-ALL committee members listed in the Lodge Directory are to lead that committee. All members of the Lodge will be asked to help.

2-A Trestleboard will be published every two months to keep us informed of Lodge and District 15 (new district) activities.

3-Frequent social gatherings with the Eastern Star Chapters.

4-The SECOND stated communication of each month will be a DINNER meeting. This is to begin in January 2001.

5-On February 19, 2001, at our regular Stated Communication, we will have a Lodge Reunion. Every brother is asked to come to the lodge on this night for this event. A Brunswick Stew will be served and a special program will be presented. If you can physically be here, please do so. Let's completely fill the Lodge one more time!!!!!!

These are but a few of the things that are planned. Others will be announced when the details are worked out. Again, if I can be of service to you, please call me at 467-9883.

The Earliest Masonic Document by Dave Milidonis

The Regius Manuscript: The Earliest Masonic Document, by Frederick M. Hunter, Kessinger Publishing Company, Montana, USA, ISBN 1-56459-526-9

During the Installation Ceremonies of a Lodge, the Master-Elect promises to uphold the ancient landmarks, constitutions and usages of masonry. All of us have heard, at one time or another, of Anderson's Constitution, or the "Ancient Charges". The Grand Lodge of England officially adopted these in 1723. But, many of us may not have known that Anderson used a more ancient document as his source for the constitution that bears his name. The oldest of the earliest known Masonic documents, today sits in the British Museum. It is known as the Regius Manuscript and was written as a poem in Middle English about 1390 A.D., 327 years before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. This document forms a link between what we today call Operative Masonry and Speculative Masonry. It provides a clue to the practices and official usages of Masonry in those very early stages. Mr. John J. Church, from the University of Oregon accomplished a free rendering of the text of that poem, and it is in book form and a must for every Mason's personal library. The poem contains all fifteen articles and fifteen points that are so familiar in our Ancient Charges and begins with the phrase:

"Here begin the constitutions of the art of geometry according to Euclid".

For those of you who have never seen the Ancient Charges, the following lists the essence of each:

15 Articles:

1. Pay the craft their wages if aught be due.
2. Obey all signs and summons unless sickness prevents.
3. Apprenticeship is to be seven years.
4. Freemen only – of all ranks – are eligible.
5. Only the physically sound are acceptable.
6. Wages of the apprentice may be increased.
7. No one of bad reputation or record may be a member.

8. The Master may replace a craftsman with a better Mason.
9. The Master must be conscientious and responsible for completion of his contracts.
10. The Master is bound not to default on his work.
11. Night work is forbidden.
12. The Master must not disparage each other's work.
13. The Master must teach the apprentice effectively.
14. The Master must take no apprentice incapable of completing his training in the specified term.
15. No false report may be made.

15 Points:

1. Love of God and the Brethren is obligatory.
2. Deserved holidays are allowable.
3. The secrets must be kept inviolate.
4. A Mason must be true to the craft and its members.
5. The Master may discontinue employment after full payment.
6. Disputes should be adjusted on holidays.
7. Adultery and fornication with another Mason's wife or concubine are forbidden.
8. A Master Mason must be a good mediator of disputes.
9. A member must be ready to serve in the Lodge, and honest in the payment of his debts.
10. A Mason is enjoined to righteous living, but offenses may be tried in the lodge.
11. A Mason is obliged to assist brethren in correcting errors of workmanship.
12. The Mason is a freeman, but if he becomes a law-breaker he may be arrested.
13. Stealing is forbidden, and thieves shall not be members.
14. Masons may be tried before the lodge for the keeping of all these points.
15. Offenders if convicted may be punished.

Schedule of Events

January 2001

- **Jan 15th**— Dinner and 2nd Degree conferral
- **Feb 19th**—Reunion, dinner and Program to be announced
- **Feb 23rd** - Edith Chapter OES BBQ, 11-7
- **Feb 28th**—District 15 Meeting with GMNC, dinner served.
- **Apr 20th**—Cary Lodge BBQ
- **May 18th**—Cary Shrine Club Fishfry
- **Jun 23rd**—St. Johns Day @ MHC, Oxford
- **Sep 7th** — Cary Shrine Club Fishfry
- **Sep 21**—Cary Lodge BBQ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>SC 198</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>York Rite</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Scottish Rite</i>	12	13
14	15 <i>SC198 Dinner and</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

As scheduled activity dates are announced, they will be placed in this column. For example, once dates are set for our Spring and Fall BBQs, Awards and Ladies Night, Children's Christmas Party, they will be listed here.

February 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>York Rite</i>	3
4	5 <i>SC 198</i>	6	7	8 <i>Scottish Rite</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>SC 198 Reunion Dinner Program TBA</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Edith Chapter, OES BBQ</i>	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Dinner District 15 Meeting with GMNC</i>			



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Places to Visit During Your Masonic Travels

A little more than 7 miles outside of Edinburgh, Scotland, in a small and otherwise insignificant village stands a building that every Master Mason needs to either see or read about. It is the Rosslyn Chapel. Founded by Sir William St. Clair, patron of craft-masonry, foundations for the chapel were laid in 1446 and took four years to complete. Masons from all over Europe were employed in its building and it is said to bear a striking resemblance to the general layout of King Solomon's Temple. Inside and supporting its vaulted ceiling are three pillars, aptly named the Apprentice Pillar, the Journeyman's Pillar and the Master's Pillar. Of these, the most ornate is by far the Apprentice Pillar, pictured below. The legend surrounding its construction bears a striking parallel to that of the Legend of Hiram Abif. In a guidebook written about this legend is the following:

"The master mason having received from his patron the model of a pillar of exquisite workmanship and design, hesitated

to carry it out until he had been to Rome or some such foreign part, and seen the original. He went abroad, and in his absence, an apprentice, having dreamed the finished pillar, at once set to work and carried out the design as it now stands, a perfect marvel of workmanship. The master mason on his return was so stung with envy that he asked who had dared to do it in his absence. On being told it was his own apprentice, he was so inflamed with rage and passion, that he struck him with his mallet, killed him on the spot, and paid the penalty for his rash and cruel act."

Two of our own lodge brethren have visited the chapel and gazed on this pillar as well as numerous other markings, which bear striking resemblances to our own craft symbols and emblems. So, in your travels through the lodge, take a moment to ask Brothers Russ Secrest, Jr. and Ben Franklin about their first hand experience. They may even show you some of their photographs from the region!



Plumbs From the South by Kevin Hall

Rainbow Girls Installation:

The Raleigh Rainbow Girls Assembly No.4 will hold their Installation of Officers on January 20th, at Cary Lodge No.198. Lindsay Hall, daughter of our Junior Warden, Kevin Hall, will be installed in the elected office of Charity. She is in the officer line which progresses to Worthy Advisor, the top elected office in the Assembly. The terms of these youth offices are six months, on the local level. The Lodge is invited to attend and support our Masonic youth in their activities and especially at this installation.

Scottish Rite News:

Three of our lodge members will be receiving honors at the Biennial Session of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in October 2001. Brother Charles Keadle will be coronated a 33rd Dgeree Scottish Rite Mason. Brothers Kevin Hall and Robert Marshblum will receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) during the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Rite. These ceremonies will be held in Charleston, SC, the seat of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Brother Dave Milidonis has been appointed as Ambassador for the Scottish Rite, Valley of Raleigh, to Cary Lodge No. 198. His duties will include the promotion of the Rite and the communication of news from the Rite to the Lodge.

The next Scottish Rite Reunion is scheduled for March 30th-31st. This will be the only reunion for the Raleigh Valley for the year 2001. So, if you are considering joining the Scottish, please plan to attend the Reunion in March. Applications for Degrees can be obtained from any Scottish Rite member or from the Lodge Secretary.

Grand Lodge Committee Appointments:

Kevin Hall has been appointed by Grand Master William Mathis to serve on the Grand Master's Committee on Masonic Youth. This is his third appointment on this committee.

Walter Highsmith, PM and Certified Lecturer has been appointed as Deputy District Grand Lecturer for the 15th District. Watch this newsletter for his future announcements.

Lodges of District 15 Wake West:

- Hiram 40
- Holly Springs 115
- Cary 198
- William T. Bain 231
- Fuquay 258
- Green Level 277
- Apex 584
- Garner 701
- Charles B Newcomb 740
- Vandora 745
- Masters 754