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Message From the East



Our first meeting of 2009 was a huge success with 50 brothers in attendance which included 9 from Pawleys Island #409 who traveled to capture our flag. Ours made 9 flags that they now have. It was great to see W Bro Wesley Merritt, W Bro Richard Brown and Brothers David Sowell, Heath Stone and Glenn Blanton. We look forward to seeing them more often We were honored to have Right Worshipful Rauls Scheiber of

Sinclair Lodge #154 from West Columbia, Past DD of the Grand Lodge Of SC who has moved to Little River. Thank you to our officers who did a professional job in their new positions with their ritual.

Our first order of business was to approve 2 applications for affiliation, 1 Master Mason, 2 Fellow Craft, and 2 EA candidates all positive. An EA Degree is set for Tuesday, Jan. 20th for Mike Chapman and Gordon Best, son of Gordon Best Sr., and a Master Mason Degree for John Scott Trextler on Jan. 27th; practice on Jan. 26th at 6:00 PM. A Fellow Craft to be announced for Ty Bellamy, Grandson of Horace Campbell, and Walter Vick. David Rankin and Fred Kisner were approved for affiliation pending approval from Grand Lodge.

Please review the committees; I am directing the chairmen to have a planning meeting and be prepared to give a report at our February Regular Communication. I laid out a rather ambitious program to improve our facilities to include surfacing and striping of our parking lot, painting the building, and cleaning out and reorganizing the storage rooms to include making an office in the right hand unit. To do this it will take some funds. We have a couple of suggestions for fund raisers, but I ask all brothers to put on their thinking caps and come up with some ideas, put it on paper and submit it at our next meeting. We will set up a committee to come up with a plan.

We want to become more visible in the community with our Charity work. We will continue to support Sea Haven Shelter Home and we also agreed to support Mercy Hospice. Let us know what your favorite Charity is that we might be able to help. (continued next column)

GRAND STRAND Lodge No. 392 A.F.M. TRESTLE BOARD



Why is a Lodge meeting called a "communication?"

In old English "communication" was "to common"--To share with others. In the church "communion" is the common partaking of a sacrement. In a Masonic Lodge "communication," "to common," is to gather in a "communication," signifying not just a meeting of men to legislate, but a gathering of men with a common purpose, governed by a common idea, believing in a common ideal. It is one of the precious and delightful ways in which Masonry keeps alive an old, old idea in the words of long ago.

The Lodge will be draped for 30-days to Honor Past Grand Master of South Carolina, MW Bro Jesse C. Branham, who past away December 10th.

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We thank Bro. George Wertheimer for the work he has done in cleaning the Lodge. It looks great! The Stewards provided us with an outstanding Chicken Bog supper. We donated the proceeds of the meal to the MSA (Masonic Services Assoc). One of their many activities is supporting the Disabled Veterans of South Carolina. We also passed the hat and were able to donate \$200 to the NROTC of North Myrtle Beach High School who is raising money to march in the Inaugural Parade.

Before we opened our Lodge we honored Dorothy Fife, widow Of Austin Fife a long and well respected Brother. Right Worshipful Dale Baldwin introduced her. Mrs. Fife was accompanied by Peggy Baldwin. Right Worshipful Billy Holmes presented Mrs. Fife with a Widows Pin which she said she would wear with pride.

We look forward to an outstanding Masonic Year. We need your support. ~ Worshipful Master, John Worley

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The Worshipful Masters Father and Step

Father and his wife Tracy all have cancer in various late stages. Kevin Causey's Brother has cancer. Please comfort them and their families with your prayers and support them to give them strength. Dear lord please put your hand upon them and don't let them suffer.

Committees

Building Maintenance & Improvement: W. Bro Rex Thompson, Chairman, W. Bros Rick Causey, Steve Smith and Rhett Vereen, and Bros Wilson Rankin, George Wertheimer and Mike Fowler

Past Masters Council: All Past Masters; W. Bro James Anderson, Chairman

Funeral: All members; W. Bro Billy Holmes, Chairman

Trestle Board: W. Bro Chris Holland and Bro Randy Black

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Lodge Activities

2nd Monday of the Month....Regular Communication 3rd Monday of the Month... Masters and Wardens Club

Dates to Remember

January 20th EA Degree January 27th MM Degree Supper-7:00PM Work-7:30PM

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