



Message From the East

My Brothers, as explained to you in our regular January meeting, it is my strong desire to have several fund raisers this year to help with the cost of supporting our Charities and the repairs to the Lodge that is in need of work. I have appointed W. Bro. Rhett Vereen as the Chairman of a fund raising committee to include W. Bro. Steve Smith, and Bros. Rick Lewis and Kevin Causey. Additional members will be added as needed. W. Bro. Rhett has set the date of April 25th for a \$5.00 "all-you-can-eat" Pancake Supper from 4 to 7 pm at the

Lodge. W. Bro. Milford Powell is getting the tickets printed and a letter of explanation and the tickets will be sent out to all members asking for their support in selling them. This is so very important. If all members participate in the sale of the tickets, we will have a successful fund raiser to support your Lodge activities.

I would like to personally thank W. Bro. Rex Thompson for getting the tile laid in the Ante Room. It's a great improvement and a very professional job.

January was an active month. On the 15th, 18 members of our Lodge traveled to Wilmington Lodge #319 in North Carolina to honor Brother Bill "Moose" Moore's son, Adam, and son-in-law Patrick Piorier who were initiated as Entered Apprentices. This was an outstanding Masonic brotherhood gesture of Masonry in action. Bro. Moore is an honorary member of our Lodge with almost perfect attendance. We had all of our Lodge Officers, 1 Grand Master, 2 DDGMs, 6 PMs, 2 EAs and 7 Bros. attending. We wish them well in their Journey.

On the 20th, Gordon Best Jr. and Mike Chapman were initiated as Entered Apprentices. W. Bro. Chris Ward, Past Master of Lorris Lodge #205 and who is engaged to Gordon Jr's sister, and his father, Gordon Sr., assisted in the Degree. Following on the 27th, Bro. Randy Ridenhour raised John Scott Trestler to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. R.W. Rawl Scheibler gave both Lectures and Charges and a rendition of the Working Tools that was outstanding and very unique. I want to thank all who participated in the Degrees and congratulations to the candidates and our newly made Master Mason.

Last week, we got our flag back from Pawley's Island!

On February 18, we will have a joint Fellow Craft Degree at
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GRAND STRAND LODGE No. 392 A.F.M. TRESTLE BOARD



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Why are we called "Freemasons?"

There are many theories: a man was a Freemason because his ancestors were not slaves nor was he a slave; he was so called because he was free within his Guild, or free of the Guild's laws and could thus "travel in foreign countries" and work where he would; he was a Freemason because he worked in freestone, which is any stone which can be cut, smoothed, carved in any direction; he was free when he had passed his apprenticeship and became a Fellow of the Craft; he was free when he had left the status of serf or villein and legally became free. Probably at one time or another, masons were called Freemasons for any of these reasons or for all of them. The consensus leans to the theory that the Freemason was such because of his skill, knowledge and abilities which set him free of those conditions, laws, rules and customs which circumscribed masons of lesser abilities in the Cathedral building age.

The Architect of the Universe has called him Home

Isaac Clyde "Bill" Duncan of North Myrtle Beach passed away Sunday, January 25, 2009. Born May 29, 1936 in Horry County, many of our Brothers knew him as the owner of the BP station in Little River. He was a member of Lordsway Baptist Church where he served as Deacon. Bill was a former Ocean Drive and North Myrtle Beach police officer, but we knew him best as a Past Master of Grand Strand Lodge #392. He was also an Omar Shriner. Over 20 Brothers paid our last respects at the Church service and gave him Masonic Rites at graveside at Southeastern Memorial Gardens. He also received Military Honors. In remembrance, our staffs in Lodge have been adorned with ribbons. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his devoted wife, Patsy, and the family to comfort them.

This and past issues of the "Trestle Board" are available for viewing at our web site www.mastermason.com/GS392

Thoughts and Prayers

There are a lot of those around us that have Loved ones close to them and friends and neighbors that need comfort. Take just a moment out of your busy day and stop to think about them. At that time, say a little prayer. Ask our Lord and Savior to reach out and put his hand upon them and comfort them. Lord Bless and keep us and ever be mindful of the needs of others both now and evermore. "So mote it be," Amen.

Committees

Fund Raiser: W. Bro Rhett Vereen, Chairman; W. Bro Steve Smith, Bros Rick Lewis and Kevin Causey.

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

Website: W. Bro Chris Holland and Bros Randy Black and Lee Hitchcock

Charity: W. Bro Chris Holland, Chairman, W. Bros Richard Brown, Tom Kronenwetter, Milford Powell, Rick Causey and Bro Lee Hitchcock



Dates to Remember

Feb 16 - Masters and Wardens Club

Feb 18 - Fellow Craft Degree

Joint ceremony at Seaside #419 with Grand Strand #392 and Myrtle Beach #353

Our Lodge candidates: Ty Bellamy and Walter Vick

Supper-6:45PM Work-7:30PM

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Seaside Lodge #419 and Myrtle Beach Lodge #353. All Lodges will participate in the ritual. Our candidates are Ty Bellamy and Walter Vick. We will be car pooling and leaving the lodge at 5:45. We look forward to seeing you and pray you will support our candidates.

God Bless you all. Yours in Masonry,

~ Worshipful Master, John Worley