



Message From the East

Prior to opening the Lodge, we welcomed Mr. Dennis Wolterding, Community Education Liaison and Stephen Chapman of Mercy Hospice & Palliative Care, who had joined us for supper. I presented Mr.

Wolterding with a check for \$1000 to Mercy Hospice for our continuing efforts in our Charitable responsibilities to the community. He thanked us for our generosity and gave a short summary and very informative talk on the scope of responsibilities that Mercy Hospice offers for the comfort and peace of mind for

the bereaved. After which we opened the Lodge for our Regular Communication.

Our first order of business was to vote for Ty Bellamy and Walter Vick for the Masters Masons Degree. After a favorable ballot we scheduled it for March 24th. Practice to be on the 23rd at 6:00PM We also voted, passed, and scheduled a Fellow Craft Degree for Gordon Best, Jr. and Mike "Bo" Chapman for April 7th. Practice to be on April 6th at 6:00PM..

I thanked Myrtle Beach Lodge #353 for their excellent courtesy work with the Fellow Craft Degree. We had 14 Brothers in attendance. Seaside Lodge #419 hosted the degree with a rather unusual King Mackerel casserole supper.

As announced last meeting, we will have a Fund Raiser Pancake Supper on April 25th from 4:00 to 7:00PM. We need the support of all the brothers to sell tickets. This is the only way we can make it a success. You will be receiving a letter and Tickets in the mail this week. Thanks to W. Bro Milford Powell who has supplied us with tickets. W. Bro Rhett Vereen and his committee will be mailing them out this weekend. The more tickets we sell, the more money we will have to support our Charity Work with Mercy Hospice and Sea Heaven Shelter Home. Also the Lodge is in the need of repairs.

I would like to thank W. Bro Rex Thompson for the carpet in the former Amaranths closet in it's transformation to become a Lodge office. Also thank you to our Fellow Craft Walter Vick who reattached the A/C disconnect electrical box for us.

W. Bro. Tom Kronenwetter presented the recommendation for approval of the audit committee to be sent to the Grand Lodge. Tom also discussed the status of our Money Market accounts. Several Brothers expressed that we not make a hasty decision

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



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Why does Freemasonry forbid brethren to ask Their friends to become a mason?

One of the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry is that application for membership must be wholly a voluntary act. A man must seek for himself and join "of my own free will and accord." Under no other formula can men unite brethren of a thousand religious and political beliefs. Under no more constricting act could Freemasonry accomplish her only end, the building of character among men. Men who become members of a Masonic Lodge for any other reason than their own desires can neither receive nor give to others the advantages of a wholly voluntary association. Freemasonry is bigger than any man; the man must seek its blessings; it never seeks the man.

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and asked for more time to talk it over and think about it before we make a decision. W. Bro. Rawl Scheibler who had been on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee was to talk to The Grand Master and Grand Treasurer and get some input from them. M. Worshipful Bill Miskovic pointed out that currently, we have a paper loss; if we sell them, they become an actual loss which we could never recover. We tabled the discussion until we can get more answers and discuss it at a special meeting or the next Regular Communication.

Waccamaw Shrine Club has extended an invitation to the Masons and their wives for a steak dinner and fellowship at a Shrine/ Mason night April 2nd at the Shrine Club in Conway. There will be a presentation on Masonic Lodge and Shriners in SC. For further details call W. Bro. David Finn at 843-278-8210.

We hope to see many of you at our Degree nights and especially hope to see at our regular meeting.

God Bless you all. Yours in Masonry,

~ Worshipful Master, John Worley

Thoughts and Prayers

STOP! What are you doing? Think about your family, your friends, and your neighbors. LOOK UP...Close your eyes. Ask the good LORD to comfort and help those in need. Ask HIM for strength and wisdom. Thank for HIS attention to the needy and may GOD bless you.



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

Lodge Activities

2nd Monday of the Month...Regular Communication

3rd Monday of the Month... Masters and Wardens Club

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24 - Master Masons Degree

Ty Bellamy and Walter Vick
7:00PM Supper - 7:30PM Work
Practice on March 23rd - 6:00PM

April 7 - Fellow Craft Degree

Gordon Best, Jr. and Mike "Bo" Chapman
7:00PM Supper - 7:30PM Work
Practice on April 6th - 6:00PM

April 25 - "Pancake Supper" Fund Raiser

4:00-7:00PM Lodge Dining Room
Tickets \$5.00 - All you can eat
Proceeds to charity; Mercy Hospice and
Sea Haven Shelter Home