



Message From the East

Wow! We have been busy. April 23rd and 24th we attended Grand Lodge in Charleston. Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Gerald L. Carver completed an outstanding 2 years. Most Worshipful Barry A. Hickman is our new Grand Master. Most Worshipful Jay Pearson is Deputy Grand Master. Most Worshipful Bill Rogers will be Junior Grand Master. On Saturday the 25th we had a successful fund raiser, thanks to all you brothers who sold tickets and those who gave donations to the Lodge. We raised over \$2200 with some still trickling in.

WBro Rhett Vereen and 14 brother Masons pitching in to cook sausage and pancakes, served coffee, tea, and drinks and cleaned up. It was a smooth operation. We served over 170 with all they could eat.

We thank WBro Rex Thompson for a fine job on replacing our front door. We had a good practice for a EA Degree on April 27th and WBro Tom Kronenwetter in the East, RWBro Rawl Scheibler gave the lecture, and WBro Rick Causey gave the lesson on the 28th to Ray Lopez our newly made EA.

I had been inquiring with several contractors for quotes to pressure wash and paint our Lodge, landscape, seal and mark the parking lot and was getting discouraged with the cost when lo and behold the Lord lead me to some businesses owned or operated by Masons that were willing to help out the Lodge. It started with Sherwin Williams (249-7714) donating the paint, and Palmetto Scapes (455-9049) pressure washing and painting over the weekend. Best Lawn Care (458-2678), Kyles Grading and Hauling (399-8416), Vereen's Construction Inc. (249-1312), Remax at the Coast/Ty Bellamy (663-5663) and Sun Belt Asphalt Maintenance (241-4639). All with ties to masonry and Oasis Landscaping (280-0508) all willing to give us a break due to our charitable activities. Grand Strand Lodge 392 is deeply grateful and appreciative to these businesses. We saved a ton of money. It is a big improvement. Please patronize these businesses and inform your neighbors. They are a big support to our Lodge.

As usual our regular meeting was held last night (2nd Monday of the month. Supper at 6:30PM) Our Stewards served us a delicious Lasagna Dinner. Our District Deputy Grand Master RWBro Hugh "Hugger" Peteet paid us an official visit and conferred on William L McCullough of Avalon Lodge #657, Riga, Pa. a 50 year pin as a courtesy to his Grand Lodge. He also presented a 50 year apron to Horace Campbell donated by his grand son, Bro Ty Bellamy. His wife, and daughters and their families were also present.

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

Why does the master wear a hat?

A contemporary relic of the ancient custom where by the King remained covered under all circumstances, while his subjects were obliged to uncover in his presence. Apparently the custom which began in English Lodges is not common there now; but in American lodges a Master wears a hat as a sign and symbol of his authority.

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Nicholas Losette Henderson deemed favorable by the investigating team and will be initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 27th, practice on the 26th at 6:00PM. We received 3 petitions for investigation. They are Raleigh Davis, Michael Lee Travis, and Eldorado Simmion.

We will have a Master Mason's Degree on June 6th. This is a Saturday morning Breakfast at 8:30AM for the raising of Mike Chapman and Gordon Best Jr. Practice will be Tuesday June 2nd at 6:00PM. On May 21st a bunch of us are going to Wilmington Lodge #319 for a Master Masons Degree for Bill Moore's (Moose) son and son in law. Surprise! Supper to be served at 6:30PM. We will meet at our Lodge and will leave promptly at 5:00PM.

We will be going dark in July and August. However, we will have a Fish Fry fund raiser in July. More on this later.

Brothers, we are saddened by the tragic and inhumane attack by a crazed lunatic on WBro Rex Thompson's wife and her mother. Please keep them in your prayers. Give them and their families strength and comfort so they may heal and try to erase this from their minds. Their faith in you is strong and we know you will guide them down the path to recovery. Please look after WBro Del Vereen and Bro Bill Moore. We pray that they will gain strength through your guidance.

I also regret to inform you that Our 1976 Past Master Charles F. Bellamy has passed away. Funeral services were held at the Lee's Funeral Home at 3:00PM on Saturday May 16. Rev. Dennis Kenny presiding. Your's in Masonry, Worshipful Master, John Worley.

Thoughts and Prayers

Our Father in Jesus' name we pray, asking that Thy love and protection be around those in need. We come to Thee asking that Wanda Thompson and her mother be restored to health and strength, according to Thy wisdom and Thy will. Give us faith to know that according to Thy promises all things work for good to all who love and trust Thee. Bless the worried love ones who join in this prayer, and give them the comfort of Thy love. We ask You to please bless the families and friends of our Past Master Charles F Bellamy. Give them comfort and strength during their time of sorrow. Take him into your loving care and give ever lasting life. Amen



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Lodge Activities

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

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Nicholas Losette Henderson
May 27th 7:00PM Supper 7:30 Work
Practice May 26th 6:00PM

MASTER MASONS DEGREE

Mike Chapman and Gordon Best Jr.
Saturday, June 6th 8:30AM Breakfast 9:00AM Work
Practice June 2nd 6:00PM

FUNERAL

Charles F Bellamy
May 16 3:00PM Lee's Funeral Home

MASTER MASONS DEGREE

May 21st Leave from Our Lodge 5:00PM
Wilmington Lodge #319