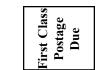




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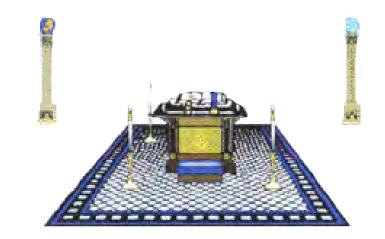


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GRAND STRAND LODGE NO. 392



TRESTLE BOARD **"ON THE LEVEL"**

January, 6010

Grand Strand Masonic Lodge No. 392 A.F.M 916 6th Avenue South - North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina www.mastermason.com/GS392

Notes For the East

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January 11th at our Regular Communication we started off running for the Masonic year of 6010 with our new Master, Worshipful Brother Wilson Rankin in the East. Please refer to the address page and become familiar with our new officers. They did very well on their initial journey. The Worshipful Master asked me to be sure to thank them and also to thank all of the 53 members and visitors. So a BIG "THANK YOU" to all.

What a great opening. We had a very distinguished crowd in attendance. There was 1 Past Grand Master, 6 Past DDs, 16 Past Masters, 1 Past Grand Steward, 2 Brothers from England, 6 from North Carolina(4 Wilmington, 2 South Port), 2 from Ohio, 3 from Penn, and 2 from Loris. We all enjoyed a great meal of fellowship and lasagna and salad from the floor (inside joke) served by our newly made Master Mason (Dec 8th) Steward Allan Simeon under watchful eye of our past outstanding Steward and new Jr. Deacon Charlie Wilkinson.

Incidentally our other steward David Rankin was recently released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. His wife fell and dislocated her shoulder. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Saturday, January 9th Myrtle Beach Lodge #353 hosted the staff of The Grand Lodge of South Carolina for the laying of the cornerstone for the new Fire House in Surfside Beach. We had a delicious fried chicken dinner and Grand Lodge opened the Lodge in Ample form and 353 in due form, a most impressive ceremony. At one time Masons laid the cornerstone on most municipal buildings. The Horry County Court House on March 5th 2004 was the last one we have had in this area. Past Grand Master, Rite Worshipful Bro Jack Marler was Grand Master, presided. He told us he laid 17 stones at the schools in Horry County awhile back. The ceremony was shortened due to the location and the weather. If you have not attended a stone laying, make it a point to go next time as it is impressive. You will be proud to be a part of it as a Mason. That evening Loris Lodge #205 hosted the Instructional. All of our officers were in attendance to learn their new assignments. Naturally not to be out done they impressed us with a BBQ and chicken-bog supper that filled everyone up and made it hard to stay concentrated, but we came away with valuable information to perform duties professionally.

Back in our Lodge on Monday, Worshipful Bro Del Vereen starting his 40th year as Secretary told us that at the end of last year, we lost 2 with Demits, Bros Joe Demco and Charles Nye. We received 2 applications for affiliation from members of Pythagoras Lodge #249 in Southport, NC.

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WHAT IS DUE FORM AND AMPLE FORM?

A lodge is opened and closed by its Master "in due Form", meaning according to the ancient usages and customs, the laws and ritual, of its Grand Lodge. When the Grand Master opens and closes a Grand Lodge (or a particular lodge) he is to do it in "ample form". In some jurisdictions the Grand Master will shorten the common ritual to save time, but his power and authority are "ample" to accomplish his purpose, regardless of the manner in which he does it.

WHAT ISADEMIT?

Permission given a member to terminate his membership: the paper representing that permission. Obtaining a demit is a formality; a lodge is obliged to grant a demit to him who asks for it, provided he is in good standing and no charges have been or are about to be preferred against him. The theory is that he joined his lodge of his own free will and accord. He should have the right to leave the same way. In some jurisdictions a member may receive a demit only to join another lodge, or to remove from his Grand Jurisdiction to another.

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They were investigated and will be voted on at our next Regular meeting, Bros Donald Perry Sr. and Donald Kelly. Wbro Del told me that was the most people he has seen at any of our meetings. Mickey Trexler, brother of Bro John Scott Trexler will be initiated on Tuesday, January 19th. Hope to see you there. Jody Blackburn, after several postponements, will receive his 2nd degree on Tuesday January 26th. Come on out!

Unfortunately after notices, letters, and phone calls, 2 members defaulted on their dues and have been declared NPD. If you have not paid your 2010 dues yet, please don't wait until the last minute. Pay your dues now.

The Master asked me to let you know he is setting up the committees and may be getting in touch with you. He will announce them at our next

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Thoughts and Prayers

Since our last Trestle Board Bro Ken White's lovely wife, Sandra and Bro George Wertheimer's wife Julie's father have gone to that great home in the sky and are now resting comfortably. We ask you Dear Lord to give their families strength and comfort them to ease the pain of their loss and Bro Bill "MOOSE" Moore's wife Brenda and Bro David Rankin and his wife need your healing hand upon their shoulder to give them comfort.



Also Dear Lord, please give all Masons guidance to help them become better men.

Lodge Activities

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

Dates to Remember

1st Degree Mickey Trexler Tuesday January 19 Supper 7:00 PM Work 7:30PM Practice Monday Jan 18, 6:00 PM

2nd Degree Jody Blackburn Tuesday January 26 Supper 7:00PM Work 7:30 PM Practice Monday Jan 25, 6:00 PM

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regular meeting. The updated business cards with the new officers and their phone numbers are available in the lobby. They include the web site address. Also the Master has asked if anyone wishes to sponsor, prepare, and serve a meal, get in touch with him or Bro Randy Black and schedule it. I am sure we have a lot of talent. \sim Chris Holland, Editor