



Notes From the East

If you noticed any difference in our “Trestle Board” last month, you were right as we changed our printer to Bro John Scott Trexler’s family business. We can change the cover page monthly and print in color. We have a few minor adjustments to make, but please bear with us.

Our First Degree on January 19 was well attended. We enticed the Brethren with beef stew, rice, and green beans. It was our new stewards, Bro Alan Simeon, first attempt and a good one. But most important was the fellowship and brotherly Love with 49 brothers and visitors to witness an outstanding EA Degree with Senior Warden, Bro Tom Bennett in the East. W Bro Rick Causey performed the 2nd section and RW Bro Rawl Schreiber gave the lecture and Bro Gordon Best presented the Apron. All attendees were impressed with the ceremony, especially that newly made brother was cooperative. We had a bunch of visitors 2 from Del., 3 from Pa., 1 from Canada, 1 from England and 13 from North Carolina to see how it is supposed to be done. We also were honored with 3 Past DDGMs. Bro Moose Moore, an Honorary Member of our Lodge, made a special presentation. He said each Lodge had at least one big A__ and gave a little donkey adorned with a Masonic emblem to the big A__ of our Lodge. I cheerfully accepted it as the recipient of the award, but want him to know that “it takes one to know one”. Graddy Lodge #257 came down with 7 members to capture our flag. We plan on picking it up on March 1st.

On January 26th Bro Jody Blackburn, with his father Bro Dick Blackburn of Chester Lodge #18 in attendance, received his 2nd Degree with Worshipful Master Wilson Rankin in the East. RW Rawl Scheibler gave the 1st Section and Bro Steve St Clair the 2nd and Wbro Rhett Vereen gave the letter G. Thirty-nine visitors and Brothers were treated to an excellent Chicken Bog prepared and served by our Worshipful Master... On Feb 1st a traveling team set out to Loris Lodge #205 to capture their flag. We had 7 Brothers and RW Rawl scheduled. Unfortunately 3 members dropped out at the last minute due to various circumstances. We then had only 4 and Rawl who is not a member of our Lodge. Loris stuck to the rules and had no sympathy for our circumstances. However all was not lost as every February the Eastern Star feeds their Lodge. They prepared a delicious South Carolina country meal with Chicken
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FREEMASONRY: Its Place in the World

~ Excerpts from a short talk by Norman Buecker

Free masonry in its present form has existed for less than 300 years. There are many definitions of Freemasonry. Most quoted is an association of men believing in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, using building tools as symbols to teach basic moral truths, of the cardinal virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth which they should apply in our everyday activities.

What can we learn from Freemasonry which will help our modern world?

- 1st: Freemasonry does not deal with mass media. It works through the individual.
- 2nd: Free Masonry believes in and Teaches the Fatherhood of God.
- 3rd: “The Brotherhood of Man” if we have a common Father - God- are we then not all brothers?
- 4th: Freemasonry evolved from the builders guilds of the middle Ages. Therefore, the word “work” plays an important part in the philosophy in our ceremonies.
- 5th: Freemasonry offers an opportunity for social contacts and the development of friendships.
- 6th: Freemasonry offers the world a philosophy of life. Our Degrees are designed to teach each member certain basic moral truths.

No man ever became a Mason without becoming a better man. The world really needs what Freemasonry has to offer.

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Bog, Ham, Fried deer steak, Collards, cabbage, 3 types of beans, broccoli salad, biscuits, and to top it off 3 or 4 desserts. WOW!, What a feast... Thursday the 4th of Feb, we took our 2 EA’s to Myrtle Beach Lodge 353 as they had a First Degree. Though we had 8 members and thought that we were good to go, Socastee 301

Thoughts and Prayers

DOORS

Look back and thank GOD
Look forward and trust GOD
Look around and serve GOD
Look within and find GOD

GOD closes doors no man can open
God Opens doors no man can close

Lodge Activities

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

Dates to Remember

2nd Degree Mickey Trexler
Monday, 22 February - Practice 6:00 PM
Tuesday, 23 February - Supper 7:00PM Work 7:30

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showed up with 12 members to get their flag back and also got 353’s at the same time. That shot us down for the 2nd time in the week. We came back to our Lodge with our tail between our legs. But our spirits were soon bolstered as at our Regular Communication on the second Monday, Feb. 8th, we had 52 visitors and members. Visitors from Penn., Maryland, Virginia, Northern New York State, New Hampshire, Canada, and England. Many trying to escape the white stuff. We had 16 past Masters, 4 Past DDGMs, And 1 Past Grand Master. What a great turn out of Brotherly Love. We voted on and accepted with pleasure Bros Jack Terry and Donald Kelly from Southport, NC to be affiliate members. A warm welcome Brothers. We look forward to having you with us often. We also voted for a 2nd Degree for Mickey Trexler to be on Feb. 23, 2010. Our Secretary, Wbro Del Vereen read a warm Thank You letter from Brenda Bankhead, Director of Sea Heaven Shelter Home. He also brought us up to date on our membership list. On Jan. 1st, 2009 we had 135 Members... 2 were dropped NPD, 5 passed to the Garden in the Sky and 1 demit. We raised 7 and had 5 Affiliated giving us a total of 139 at the end of 2009.

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