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**June 2010** 

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# **Notes From The East**

I bet you didn't notice, we skipped May. We sent you June. This month will be June also, as we number our TB with the month of our regular meetings....This has been a month of adjustment for me in my new position. Our Trestle Board is written for Grand Strand Lodge. If you have any tidbits or words of wisdom, you want to share or talk on the square, please phone or E-mail me....We didn't have any Degree Work this month and will not until after our regular meeting in July. We had 5 Petitions and our investigation teams will be busy visiting the candidates we will be voting on in July. Come on out and support the candidates....Our traveling team of George, Dale, and I accompanied by Pops Went to Southport. Our NC Brothers made us most welcomed from the time we stepped out of the car until we waved good bye. They have a most impressive Lodge built in

1838 and warmed by their hospitality. I highly recommend that you visit this unique and friendly Lodge. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday....We thank Bros Jack Terry, Don Kelly, and Jim Griffith for donating \$100 in the name of Grand Strand Lodge #392 for a hole sponsorship for the September 18th Pythagoras Lodge #249 golf tournament in Southport. Many prizes, breakfast and lunch. All golfers welcomed, \$50 per player....At our May meeting WBro Wilson Rankin appointed an Investment committee to evaluate and make recommendations to secure and safe guard our investments. WBro Tom Kronenwetter, Treasurer, BroTommy Bennett, Sr. Warden, RW Chris Holland PM and DDGM, and BroAlan Simeon recommended and after discussion the Lodge voted in favor to transfer our Brokerage accounts to ProEquities as we were getting no cooperation from Wacovia, now Wells Fargo, and sell our stocks due to the risk factor and uncertainty of the market and put our accounts into bonds. This will change our yield, presently 1+/-% to 6+/-%. We expect the dividends to be higher with no fluctuation in the market. The accounts will be under the Oppenheimer funds that are number one in the bond market. We will use the dividends each year from our Charity Account for charity work only and reinvest our Life Membership funds. Alan Simeon will be our Broker and all commissions will be donated to the funds. Also at our May meeting a question came up as to the availability of our Constitution and By-Laws of our Lodge. After discussion WBro Wilson asked me to look into it and report back to the Craft. The Constitution and Code are readily available in the Ahiman Rezon which was updated in 2007, the Two Hundredth

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



# Why is Masonry of today called "speculative"?

The word is used in the sense that the Masonry of today is theoretical, not practical, building; that is a pursuit of knowledge, not of the construction of edifices.

Speculative Masonry began with the practice of admitting to membership in operative lodges men who were not practical builders, stonecutters, architects, etc. but who were interested in the moral, ethical, and Philosophical teachings of the Fraternity.

Anniversary Edition (1807-2007) is available from WBro Del Vereen for \$15.00. We ordered some By-Law booklets and should have them available with amendments and alterations at our July meeting.... We went to Shalotte NC On May 25th and to Horry 381 on June 1st where we presented two 50 year pins and awarded WBro Richard Fausch at 79 our oldest and Ricky Bell our youngest Lecturers with their certificates. On Sat. June 12th we went back to Horry Lodge #381 to a breakfast meeting for the Raising of 5 Master Masons. WBro Ron Elvis led them through the proficiency of the entire Q and A's of the Fellow Craft Degree without A hitch. Excellent performance.

# $WARNING\ LETTER\ from\ MWBro\ Gerald\ Carver.$

Brethren,

I have just determined that other non-recognized Masonic organizations have recently obtained approval for a South Carolina License Plate with the Square, Compasses, and letter G on them. The other Masonic Plate currently at the DMV now has AF&M on the plate. I have also been informed that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge is also applying for a license plate and I do not know what Designation they will be using. This means that there will be at least three different Square, Compasses and letter G license plates in South Carolina.

Please inform the Brethren in your area soon as possible that when they are purchasing a Masonic plate at the DMV, they must specify the AFM license plate which designates them as Ancient Free Masons.

If a Brother purchases the wrong plate, the proceeds will go to the other organization and the Brother will have a license plate reflecting an unrecognized "Clandestine" Grand Lodge. Although the DMV is supposed to be checking for Dues Cards, they will be unable to keep the different designations straight. It will be up to the Brother purchasing the License Plate.

Fraternally, Gerald L. Carver, Past Grand Master of Masons in SC

# **Thoughts and Prayers**

We pray you had a "Happy Fathers Day". Let us pray for all FATHERS

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, bless we pray, the young fathers of our broad land who are leading our children. Give them the wisdom to train and teach the little ones who will be the leaders of tomorrow. And inspire the fathers of today with courage and faith so that future generations may love their land and its free people and honor Thee. Their God. Amen

Almighty God of the Universe, we ask you to watch over our brethen and their families and love ones to comfort them in their time of sorrow. Give them strength and heal those who are hurting. We pray for their recovery. Bless them to keep their faith in you, our Savior. Amen.

# **Lodge Activities**

2nd Monday of the month......Regular Communication
3rd Monday of the month.....Masters and Wardens Club
3rd Thursday of the Month.....353 Instructional of SC Masonry

# **Dates to Remember**

July 12th Regular Communication Sept.18th Pythagoras Golf tournament Oct. 2nd Family Fun Day Oct 9th Out Door Degree

MASONIC FLASHLIGHT: It is free. If you want to know what is happening in Masonry in South Carolina E-Mail to; Mitchell Floyd, Masonic flashlight@sc.rr.com . Include your name, E-mail address, telephone number, and Lodge affilitation.

Congratulation to Denise Lewis, darling wife of Bro Rick Lewis that was named "Out Standing Teacher of the year at Coastal Carolina" Last month Mickey Trexler was appointed Steward. It didn't take him long to perform and well he did on his own and provided us with a homemade meat sauce, spaghetti, Caesar salad, string beans, and garlic butter for the bread. Thanks Mickey, Great job.

Suggestion for RWBro Dale: Get some suspenders to hold your pants up.

Fraternally Yours Chris Holland, PM DDGM and Editor

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