

Notes For The East

My brothers; A lot has happened since our last Trestle Board in October. A memorable event for me was a trip to Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 1st. Most Worshipful Master Barry Rickman invited SC Masons to accompany him to Fredericksburg Lodge #4 at the invitation of the Grand Master of Virginia. This is George Washington’s Lodge where he was Initiated November 4, 1792, Passed March 3,1793, and Raised August 4,1793. It has been tradition that the Virginia Grand Masters spend the last meeting of their tenure in the Lodge honoring Brother George Washington. The Lodge’s 1st recorded meeting is September 1, 1752. Their 1st Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, July 21, 1758, and the Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia dated January 30, 1787. Both Charters hang in the Lodge as well as other artifacts. There were over 100 members and guests in attendance....On October 30th we had an EA Degree after a Saturday morning breakfast of bacon, eggs, and sausage. Bro Joseph Baptista did not disappoint us. We has 6 guests from NC and a small turnout of 14 members. Bro Randy Black was in the East and W Bro Rick Causey did his excellent job of questioning what Bro Joe had learned on his journey. W Bro Steve St. Clair gave the lecture....Saturday November 6th W Bro Lawrence Johnson PM of Loris Lodge 205 “tied the knot” with Jennifer Heinisch. His best man was his father RW Eldridge Johnson PM Loris Lodge 205 and PDDGM of the 29th District. There were 3 Past Grand Masters MW Ron Mitchim, MW Gerry Carver and MW Jack Marler and PDDGM Hugger Peteet and present DDGM Chris Holland in attendance. A good time was had by all.... That evening Sugar and I went to a celebration of the 60th Anniversary for Chief Lee “Pops” Hitchcock as a firefighter. He has been a member of 5 different stations, the last 20 years in Myrtle Beach at Station #7 at Arrowhead Road and 40 years in Connecticut, where he was a recruit and worked up to the appointed position on the Governors Staff. It would take a complete TB to name all of his honors. He is to be commended for his devotion and loyalty to firefighting. I was impressed and in awe of all of the awards presented to him. The county Chief and the Chaplain are Brother Masons....At our regular November 8th Communication we elected our 2011 officers and made appointments they are:

- Worshipful Master: Bro C.K. “Tom” Bennett
- Senior Warden: Bro Randy Black
- Junior Warden: Bro Gordon Best
- Secretary: W Bro Wilson Rankin PM
- Treasurer: W Bro Tom Kronenweather PM
- Senior Deacon: Bro Alan Simeon
- Junior Deacon: Bro Mickey Trexler
- Steward: TBD Steward: TBD
- Chaplin: Bro Lee Hitchcock
- Tiler: Bro George Wertheimer

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



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Geometry:

“God is always geometrizing,” said the ancient philosopher, In the Fellow Craft Degree, Geometry is a symbol not only of mathematics but of the divine and moral significance of abstract truth.

G, the Letter:

Symbol of Geometry; of God. An abstruse and involved symbolism has been evolved which has been the subject of uncounted papers, books, articles. In this country it is usually combined with the square and compasses in Masonic pins; the combination is a symbol of Symbolic Masonry.

We also voted on W Bro Gary Grim as a dual member of our lodge. He is presently Master of Pythagoras Lodge #249 in Southport, NC. Welcome Bro Gary.....We voted on 5 EA’s who were proficient and ready for their Fellow Craft Degree and then confirmed on Wednesday November 10th to pass them. This Degree was originally scheduled and reported on in the October Trestle Board as 3 EA’s. Two more became proficient and all were voted on to to take the degree.....W M Wilson Rankin called bro George Wertheimer to the altar and presented him the Mason of the Year 2010 Award for Grand Strand Lodge #392. This was well deserved as Bro George our Tiler does so many things around the Lodge such as cleaning the Lodge, helping the stewards, keeping the momento case, making sure all sign the book, etc, etc, etc. He is also an officer in the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, and an active member in the Shrine, Amaranth, and Master and Wardens Club. He also accompanies me in all my visits to the Lodges in our District and North Carolina. Congratulations Bro George.....We set the dates and times for our TURKEY SHOOT: December 16th from 4PM til, December 17th from 4PM til, and December 18th from 10AM til. Prizes will be---you guessed it “frozen turkeys”. Jody Blackburn is our team leader. We will need lots of help. It will be on Route 9, approx 4 miles from the waterway bridge, North on the right before HB Spokes....I delayed the sending of this TB to include the Fellow Craft Degree on November 10th. I am glad to have made that decision as this was one of the most impressive Degrees that many guests, members and new Brothers committed on. We were all treated to a fried chicken dinner. We had 29 members and 10 visitors form New Wilmington and Bethlehem PA, Yorktown, NY, Atlanta GA, Portsmouth, OH, Maryland and Southport, NC. Brother Tom Bennett was in the East. He and all of the officers did an outstanding job with the ritual and degree. Brothers Joe Batista, Brett

Thoughts and Prayers

We come before Thee, Heavenly father, bearing our sheaves at this Thanksgiving time, laying our offering upon Thy altar, asking that Thy love may find beauty in what we have done in Thy name. All over our land, people kneel bringing an offering of love. To those whose gift is only love, whose sheaves were a disappointment to them, let them see that love for Thee, is the greatest of all. For in loving Thee, we learn to love one another. Bless our work; help us to come closer to Thee, as we go forth to labor. Amen

2010 Delinquent Dues

Those of you have not paid you know who you are. Why don’t you just send in your dues now? You are the same ones every year. You have been erased. Grand Lodge has been notified. If not paid or received by December 31st you will be dropped as NPD. Send your dues to Bro Del Vereen PM., 2231 Hwy 111, Little River, SC. 29566. If you have a problem please call W Bro Del Vereen at 399-6978 or RW Chris Holland at 280-5430. We may be able to help you.

Dates to Remember

November 25 Happy Thanksgiving
December 13 Grand Strand Regular Communication Supper at 7:00PM. Installation of Officers 7:30 PM

Fund Raiser

December 16th Turkey Shoot 4:00PM - 9:00PM

December 17th Turkey Shoot 4:00PM - 9:00PM

December 18th Turkey Shoot 10:00AM - 6:00pm

December 20th Masters & Wardens at Pawleys Island

Boring, Bryan Childress Chris Kensel, and Hunter Platt received from RW Dwayne Singleton one of the most inspiring lectures many of us had ever heard. This was confirmed by at least 10 members and guests and also 5 fellow craftsmen concurred by expressing themselves when asked to comment. RW Dwayne said he always looks into their eyes and saw how attentive all 5 were. We all gave him a standing ovation. Bro Don Kelly our dual member from Pythagoras Lodge NC gave an inspiring charge to top it off, The Craftsmen are all anxious to become proficient and to be Raised in December.....As a side note W Bro Steve St. Clair was supposed to give the lecture. He had a kidney stone attack and went to the hospital. He is recuperating and needs your prayers....Today is Veterans Day. Thank you to all our Brothers who served our great country. GOD BLESS AMERICA. From Brother to Brother a Happy Thanksgiving to each and all of you and your families. Fraternally Yours Chris Holland DDGM and editor
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