



Gems of Purpose

The E-Trestle Board for
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Officers for 2006 were elected and installed on December 15. It is a great responsibility to be a lodge officer, but the rewards for serving are great.

Your 2006 Lodge Officers are:

W. Master	Timothy Roberson
S. Warden	David Satterfield
J. Warden	Bill Bowen
Treas.	Lee Roy Grizzle
Sec'y	David E. Stafford
Chap.	Kenneth Woodall
S. Deacon	Joe Womack
J. Deacon	Harlan Savely
S. Steward	Doug Stinson
J. Steward	Ferrell Fuqua
Tiler	Billy Burroughs

Dues for 2006 are Due

Lodge dues are due each year in advance. Dues for 2006 were due on December 31. Dues have remained at \$30.00 once again this year. More than half of the brethren have already paid their dues. Thank you so much for your prompt attention. Those of you who still need to pay your dues may mail them to the lodge secretary's address listed at the heading of this newsletter, or you can save the price of a stamp by bringing your dues to the lodge at the next stated meeting. If it has been a while since you have been to the lodge, the secretary will vouch for you. All you need to do is see him with last year dues card and \$30, and he will issue you a new card and vouch for you. The lodge would be most pleased to see you.

*We can only know the fullest joys of
Masonry when we truly walk the paths of
service and of hard work in the quarries.*

- George E. Burrow

The Bethpage Lodge's stated meeting is on the Third Thursday of Each month at 7:00 pm.

Bethpage Christmas Parade

The Annual Bethpage Christmas Parade was held on December 17th. It was a wonderful experience. The lodge had the opportunity to join Trammel Lodge (Westmoreland) on their float. There was a massive number of entries and the crowd was wonderful. A big thanks goes out to the fine brethren at Trammel for allow us to join them on their float! It is hoped that next year Bethpage Lodge will be able to put together a float and have an entry of our own.

The Electronic Mason

The following are two websites that are recommended by the lodge secretary. They have all been reviewed and found to be useful for Masonic growth. Hope you enjoy them.

<http://www.masonic-network.com/>

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca>

Four Cardinal Virtues

In 1499 the artist Perugina was commissioned to decorate a vaulted ceiling in a building in Italy. His painting depicted four women seated. "La Prudenza" or Prudence was looking into a mirror with a snake coiled around her arm while she points with the other. "La Temperanza" or Temperance held 2 ampulae and pours liquid into another indicating temperance in drinking. "La Fortenza" or Fortitude has the attitude of a soldier and is clad in armor. "La Guistizia" or Justice is holding scales at the true balance while in the other hand she holds a sword. (*The Philalethes*, Oct. 2005)

Bethpage Lodge welcomes Brother Darrell Miller. Bro. Miller demitted to Bethpage from Greenbrier #753. Welcome Darrell! It is great to have you back!

Important Dates!
Mark your Calendars

January 21st – School of Instruction
Eat at 6:00 and work at 7:00

Brother Odie Gregory has been appointed the Grand Lecturer for District 12. All members and visitors are encouraged to attend the SI. These meetings are wonderful if you have not been in the Lodge for a while and need a refresher. Come out and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

MASONIC BOOK CORNER

There has recently been released a book that should be on the shelves of all Masons. *Freemasons For Dummies* by Christopher Hodapp 32° is a very informative thorough book that covers the whole spectrum of Masonic history, philosophy, appendent bodies, current issues, and symbology. The book is written in an easy to read way and has a wonderful Index. The book is inexpensive at \$19.99. It may be ordered through Amazon.com or purchased at a local bookstore. It is well worth the money and will leave you with a desire to learn and read more. Go check it out today.

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Our new Worshipful Master, Brother Tim Roberson, has done a wonderful job creating and maintaining the webpage for the lodge. It is a wonderful and informative site. It includes a great deal of history about the lodge and a very informative Education page. You are encouraged to surf right on over and experience the site. Three cheers for the work Bro. Tim has put into making our website so wonderful.



**SCRIPTURES FOR THE
STUDYING MASON**

FIRST KINGS 7:13 – 18 KJV

- 1Ki 7:13** And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.
- 1Ki 7:14** He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.
- 1Ki 7:15** For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.
- 1Ki 7:16** And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:
- 1Ki 7:17** And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.
- 1Ki 7:18** And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

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Do you have the e-mail address of another member of Bethpage Lodge or a fellow Mason who would want to receive this newsletter? E-mail the secretary and he will add them to the mailer!

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