

FROM THE EAST!

Dearest Brethren,
 Again we come to the close of another year and I hope this day finds you better than the day before. I want to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Master of the Lodge. It has been an incredible experience. One that I shall cherish forever. To all the Brothers who have worked so hard in the quarries of this fraternity I salute you. Masonry is, The Greatest Fraternity ever known! To the Brothers who have not seen the inside of a Lodge in a while I encourage you to visit. Many men would enjoy meeting you and hearing your stories. The history of the lodge is so important to its future and the “seasoned” hold half of the key, The new Mason holds the other half with new and fresh ideas. His visions should be explored, for right or wrong , good or bad, at least something was done and the Lodge stays active. Brethren until we meet again. Live in peace and may the GOD of Love and Peace desire to dwell with, and bless you.

Daniel Rolon

THE PHILOSOPHICAL CORNER, BY BROTHER J.J.

Hello Brothers.

Just a few quick notes on the month that just passed. Congratulations to all the people that were involved in the chicken pie sale. It went great for both the profane and the “amateurfane” alike. Also a standing ovation with the signs for Brother Adam Beagles, I personally know of no other brother that put in more time, effort, and evolution into the practice of Masonry this year, but then again I don’t know all of you.

With the Season upon us I just wanted to get the holiday greeting out of the way so Happy Holidays to all and a safe a peaceful New Year may bless you in the times ahead. There that’s over with, now on to our regularly scheduled programming.

I have a six year old son who has just joined to Boy Scouts. He is a tiger cub and has taken to it, thank God. Any how he is getting training in the way of the scout. Now for those that do not know the scouting movement was started by a Brother in England and at the very late writing of this the author can not remember the man’s name, the public will have to forgive me. He started it because the recruits he was getting at his station during the Bohr Wars were pitiful and he swore to do something to fix it when he got back to England.

One of the first things that they, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is to follow Akela. Now this is a word that is hard for six year olds to understand, you see Akela is not a person but a “good leader”. Parents, police, teachers, you get the idea. Most people think that this is an American Indian word and tradition, it is not but it is an Indian tradition. You can find the word in the *Jungle Book* written By Brother Kipling in the 1870’s. If you listen carefully to the *Jungle Book* movie by Brother Disney; Akela is the name of the head of the wolf pack that has raised the man cub and tells its father that he must leave. One other thing about the movie, Bagera the panther says in a voice over that the wolves had to make a decision about the boy so they held a lodge. During the scene with the wolves they are set up in lodge. The right three wolves are placed on three large rocks in the right position and the lodge is held on top of a hill. I think that you might even see a tyler off in the distance. Strange the way The Craft can reach across time and inspire two followers of the craft in two completely different worlds for the 1890 and the 1960’s are two completely different realities with the same concept and execution.

There are other things about the BSA that I have found to be interesting . They have a secret hand shake, all boy scouts wear a patch that is called the arrow of light and they receive the patch when they finally get to the level of Boy Scout. There are three steps to this; there is the Tiger Cub, the Webelo and the Cub Scout. There are many many other examples of this and I have only been involved for a little over four months.

The idea that three wise men followed divinely sent life offered too many options for me to try and write in this space, but I just wanted to bring that little piece of esoteric idea to the brethren. Three being what it is and then the idea of the three wise men, Magi, men traveling from the east with wisdom and peace in their hearts and on their minds. The ideas form this simple sentence might get me that book deal I’ve been looking for.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas. Let the light shine, Lets make think a verb.

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J.H. Elmore	1981	D.L. Brandon	2006
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E.C. Cline	1986	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.H. Elmore	1987	R.L. Rozzelle	2009
J.E. Vaught	1988		
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J.D. Crawley	1993		
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Wray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		
W.G. Byerly	1998		
D.J. Wallace	1999		
H.W. Wallker	2000		



Caring Report: Darren Cloer’s grandfather, The Sossoman family, Doug Moore, Donald Abernethy, Creed Short, Howard Lindsey Simpson, David Foster, Ed Zammarelli’s father, Daniel Guthrie, Daniel Guthrie’s mother, father and sister, Brent Sigmon’s mother, Larry Hale, Wendell Powell DDGM, Rick Jarrell, Calvin Pittman, Henry Holland, John Cansler, Al Swofford, Everette Beckom, Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Nolan Yount and wife, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Richard Rozzelle’s Son, The Richard Borneman Family, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Todd Cline, Joe Teague, Joe Vaught, and Clyde Price all need our prayers and attention.

***Congratulations to Hickory Lodge #343
 Master Mason of the Year for 2010***

Brother Adam Beagles, Steward

Adam’s commitment to our lodge is unwavering.

In addition to performing his duties as a Steward, Adam has identified himself as a leader within our lodge by coaching, learning ritual, and by overall commitment. On behalf of the lodge, thanks for your continued dedication.

Chicken Pie Fundraiser a Major Success!

By Lee Spach

WOW, what a remarkable event this was for our lodge and others. If you were not able to participate in this fundraiser you missed an impressive opportunity to reach out into our local community on a massive scale, have a lot of fun, and potentially change lives for the better.

Between Friday and Saturday November 5th and 6th we made, baked, and sold about 1,900 chicken pies and served about 300 meals, but more importantly we shared fellowship with the brethren of our lodge and made many new friends from the Catawba Valley Aquatic Club (CVAC). Through this event we were able to use our Masonic trowel and spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. Since which time we have had 2 men in our community that participated ask for more information on how to become a Mason. This is incredible. Remember, we reap what we sew. If we continue to work in our community, we will ultimately continue to grow and prosper as a lodge. What a better way to light the pathway to our doors.

I want to personally thank the following people for their total commitment to this successful fundraiser; WM Dan Rolon for supporting the lodge in this endeavor. Brother Terry Moore for his financial contributions, selling tickets, arranging deliveries (and even provided a van for it), and ultimate chicken grinding skills! Brother Dan Wallace, for printing (free of charge) the pie tickets, meal tickets, and various promotional materials and signs and for encouraging us to start this project last year. Brother Doug Moore, for keeping track of all the needed raw materials, ordering, and picking up the 7 pallets of materials we used. Brother Fred Laxton, for his generous donation of cardboard boxes for hauling pies in. Brother David Crawley for allowing us to use his refrigerated trailer to store materials and pies. Brother JJ Kuba, whose culinary skills and ability to organize a kitchen staff are a fantastic asset and allowed us to meet our goals. Brother David Brandon for arranging the sell of 100 pies and delivery of those pies to the Corner Round Table in Newton (soup kitchen). It was my honor to be able to go with him and drop off these..... If you want to warm the cockles of your heart, go spend some time helping those in greater need than yourself. Brother Kevin Johnson for allowing us to publicly print his phone number for people to call in orders. Brothers Adam Beagles, Allen Lineberger, Daniel Guthrie, Paul Aulbach, Eddie Elliott, and Richard Rozzelle for spending the majority of two days of their time serving our lodge by working hard in various positions making sure this project was completed without a hitch. Not to mention all the ladies of the lodge that supported us and participated. We owe our special appreciation to Bro. Mike Davis, Master of Knights of Solomon Lodge #764 for traveling up from Charlotte and working with us most of the day on Saturday, as well as taking a good number of pies home with him. And each and every other Brother within the lodge that sold tickets, worked the event, and provided support to the lodge in any way. Without each and every one of your efforts we could not have achieved the goals we made.

I also want to thank Coach Paul Schiffel of CVAC and ALL of the swim team members and parents that assisted us. We had about 100 individuals that help us over a 3 day period. Their support was phenomenal and the amount of labor they provided, for three shifts a day, was simply amazing. There were times when we had so much extra help that we literally had to turn people away from helping us. What a great problem to have, right?? Collectively the CVAC team sold over 600 of the pies that we baked. Wonderful job! Most importantly, they have already requested to be a part of this fundraiser next year. Without the support of Camille Gruman at The Family Care Center we would most certainly not made the goals we set. The staff, friends and supporters of their organization was responsible for about 250 of the pie sales. She has told us that with more notice for next year she can assure us more sales provided we choose to work with her group. Although they will not read this, the approximate 500 pies we sold from walk-ins was enormous. Thanks to the Hickory Daily Record, WHKY radio, Hal Rowe, WCNC, and all the other advertising that promoted this. It definitely paid off for us.

**Collectively we were able to profit about \$7,500 that will be going to the local charities.
This is outstanding!!**

Single handily this could not have come to fruition. I hope that I thanked everyone involved and if not, it was not on purpose if you were omitted. Thanks to everyone and we hope to see you again next year.

As a result of this tremendous achievement we have purchased a new chest deep freezer that currently holds about 150 lbs of left over chicken and about 100 frozen chicken pies. The chicken we will be using next year for other fundraisers. Can't wait to have a splendid chicken-n-dumpling meal early next year. Stay tuned for more details.

Anyone who would like to purchase more chicken pies, please contact the lodge immediately.

We are selling the remaining 100 frozen pies for \$5 each on a first come first serve basis.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hickory Masonic Center Events Calendar

Officer Elections	Monday	December 6th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Officer Installations for 2011	Monday	December 13th	6:30pm
Stated Communication	Monday	December 20th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Red Cross Blood Drive	Friday	January 7, 2011	2:00pm—7:00pm

Be sure to pay special attention to the Events Calendar in January for next year's traditional events that the lodge hosts.....

**If anyone has anything they would like to add to the calendar, please email
secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org or call the lodge**