

Greetings from the Desk of the Secretary

By Worshipful Brother Kevin Johnson

Brethren,

I am happy to say this has been a very good and busy year.

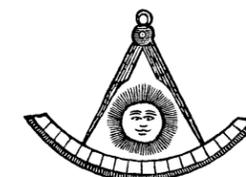
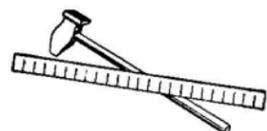
On behalf of the Worshipful Master and your fellow Lodge Brothers I would like to thank everyone who went and supported our Lodge at St. Johns' Day. From all the reports, our Lodge was very well represented at this event.

Next I would like to address a very sad situation that happened a few weeks ago. We were contacted by a funeral home requesting our Lodge to conduct Masonic Funeral Rites for a departed man. The family supplied a lodge name and number which we could not confirm. As a result of this, the Grand Lodge of NC informed us that we would not be able to give this man's family their request. Brothers, the Code is very clear on giving Masonic Funeral Rites. We must have proof that the Brother is in "good standing" with his home lodge, which means his dues have to be current. While this has been a problem in our lodge in the past, the brother was not a member of our lodge. To be considered current, dues are to be paid by Dec 31st of each year for the upcoming year. (Example—2008 dues must be paid by Dec 31, 2007). The point I wanted to make is to please inform your family if you want a Masonic Funeral and share with them the information they need to provide the lodge performing the Rites.

On a happier note, everyone is invited to attend Family Day at the Hickory Lodge on Sunday, August 12th for a "Splashing Good Time". Bring the kids and grandkids and be prepared for them to get wet. Hope to see you there

CARING REPORT: Carl Isenhour, Darrell Chapman, Tony Walker, Shelby Teague and Family, Jerry Johnson's daughter, Jack Bridges, Gregg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr. , Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Bob Patton, Charles Meadows, Jim Rader, Don Hudson, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Jim Barker, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.

Sympathies: Our sincere sympathies to the family of our dearly departed brother: Brother Sam J. Spencer who was born on March 8, 1922 and died on July 7, 2007. Initiated on April 8, 1957, Passed on May 10, 1957 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 10, 1957.



OFFICERS 2007

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.L. Reep	1995
E.W. Beckom	1978	P.C. Ray	1996
J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.C. Bridges	1983	D.J. Wallace	1999
T.L. Hartman	1984	H.W. Walker	2000
E.C. Cline	1986	J.W. Davidson	2001
J.E. Vaught	1987	M.D. Hale	2002
J.H. Elmore	1988	W.J. Hunley	2003
C.E. Isenhour	1989	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
E.W. Masche	1991	D.L. Brandon	2006
J.D. Crawley	1993		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Richard Mingle	8/2/1931	Hugh Reese	8/17/1942	Tommy Simpson, Jr	8/25/1953
Richard Ellenburg	8/2/1938	Mitchell Lingerfelt	8/17/1957	Richard Stoll	8/26/1925
Ernest Cline, Jr	8/3/1948	Kent Elliott	8/17/1971	Forrest Ferrell	8/26/1938
David Morton	8/4/1966	Robert Patton	8/19/1931	Rudy Snow	8/26/1940
Danny Church	8/8/1944	Joe Dickinson	8/20/1931	Clement Pope	8/27/1926
Jack Beach	8/8/1967	Richard Bunton	8/10/1941	Paul Phillips	8/27/1931
Arthur Price	8/9/1927	Robert Gregg	8/21/1930	James Johnson	8/28/1939
Jack Bridges, Sr	8/10/1934	Cecil Starnes	8/21/1942	James Goodnight	8/29/1920
Bruce Bumgarner	8/10/1955	Danny Bean	8/22/1948	Robert Mozeley	8/29/1953
James Hope, II	8/10/1979	Harry Mitchell	8/23/1934	Alton Price	8/30/1957
Jess Underwood	8/12/1929	Ronnie Rash	8/23/1943	Dick Adams	8/31/1936
Howard Simpson	8/14/1955	Thad Johnson	8/24/1928	Ronald Wolfe	8/31/1940
Hal Lingerfelt	8/16/1928	Tommy Childers	8/24/1938	Terry Church	8/31/1950
		Dewey Honeycutt	8/25/1940		

Family Day 2007

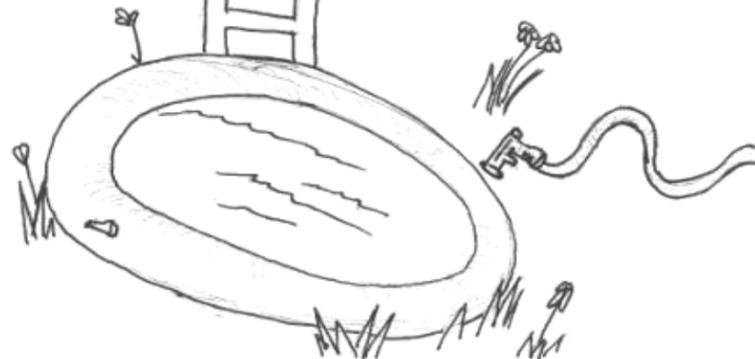
Splashing Good Time



Food, Fun, and Water Games
Kids will get Wet!
Lots of Family Fun to be had
by all

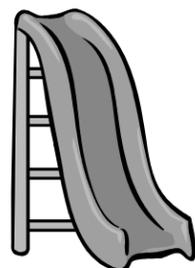


Bring the whole Family,
Friends, Neighbors.
Most importantly;
BRING KIDS!



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1:00PM - 4:00PM



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Lodge Events Calendar

AUGUST 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 Meal 7:30 Stated	7 7:30 OES	8 7:30 York Rite	9	10	11
12 LODGE FAMILY DAY 1pm-4pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 6:30 Meal 7:30 Stated	21 7:30 OES	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm-6:30pm	