

Greetings from the Secretary's desk, **Important Dues Information!!!** Agreeable to Article 77-3 of the N.C. Code We are sending out this reminder for the collection of dues. **REG. 77-3 WHEN DUE.** All dues of members to subordinate lodges shall be due and payable annually in advance on January first each year. [77-2; 77-13].

So this year in an effort to save the Lodge a little money on stamps and envelopes we are sending this notice out in the newsletter to expedite the process. So prior to an official dues collection notice mailing and with

your cooperation we ask that your dues be sent to the following address :

Hickory Masonic Lodge #343
PO Box 451
Hickory ,
N.C. 28603

The dues for the blue Lodge are \$77.00 for 2010. The per capita tax that goes to the Grand Lodge went up \$2.00.

The York Rite dues are as follows: \$60.00 for all three unless you are a life member to the Templar Eye Foundation which gives you a \$1 dol-

lar deduction. If you are just a member in only one or two bodies the dues are as follows:
Catawba Chapter #60 \$18.00
Hickory council #32 \$18.00
Hickory Commandery #17 \$24.00.

Thank you in advance Brothers and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kevin Johnson,
 Secretary



AWARDS NIGHT 2009

Congratulations to all of the Hickory Masonic Service Awards recipients that were presented at our annual awards night on November 19th. Here is a complete list of those honorees.

Blue Lodge Award Recipients; 25 years—Dan Leroy Beacham, Grady Allen Costner, Cecil Larry Hildebran Jr., William Alfred Keller, Paul Lewis Phillips, Richard Wayne Rink, Harold Arnold Tolbert; 60 years—Robert Lee Mitchell, Jr.

York Rite Award Recipients; 25 years—Robert Wayne Jarrett, William Alfred Keller, Ernest August Masche, Richard Wayne Rink; 50 years- Richard Pascal.

Almost one hundred people were in attendance at this years event. Thanks to the Order of the Eastern Star for cooking such a fine meal. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. This year's enter-

tainment was provided by Les Amis Quartet. This is a string quartet and they delighted us all with their musical talents.

The highlight of the evening was the candle lighting service to honor our deceased and pay tribute to the widows of our lodge. This service was quite emotional and was a combination of poetry, Scripture readings, prayer, and a very special video presentation created by Brother Dan Rolon.

As usual, the Worshipful Master thanked the officers of the lodge for assisting him in this years endeavors, which have been quite extensive. To date, our lodge has raised over \$11,000 for charities this year in addition to Raising 8 new Master Masons. Plus we still have several Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices working to continue their Masonic journeys. We have hosted 2 successful Blood Drives, renovated our kitchen with new equipment, and shared some fantastic fellowship along

the way at Family Day and many other events and gatherings. But our work is not quite done for 2009. Please see the back of this newsletter for further information on work to be done.

Brother Kevin Johnson, Secretary, was honored by the Worshipful Master this year as Mason of the Year for 2009 for our lodge. This was a great honor and rendered Brother Johnson speechless. Additionally, his wife, Carla and Susan Brandon were honored for all of the support and work that they contribute to the lodge on a regular basis.

As our lodge continues to grow and struggles to labor in the quarries of life we collectively have a lot to be thankful for during this holiday season and we have a lot to proud of as Mason as we head into 2010.

God Bless and Happy Holidays.

OFFICERS 2009

Worshipful Master	Richard L. Rozzelle	294-6586
Senior Warden	Daniel J. Rolon	493-3543
Junior Warden	G. Lee Spach	446-1924
Treasurer	W.J. "Buz" Hunley	ul 256-7633
Secretary	Kevin D. Johnson	465-5619
Senior Deacon	James L. Johnson	962-1857
Junior Deacon	James Hope	ul 850-7932
Sr. Steward	Ed Zammarelli	704-435-2877
Jr. Steward		
Steward	Paul Aulbach	704-300-0543
Chaplain	James Johnson, Sr, PM	
Tyler	Robert B. Bickel	294-6619
Trustees Chairman	David L. Brandon	294-2124
	W. Grimes Byerly	324-8678
	David Abernethy	

LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.L. Johnson	1974		2007
E.W. Beckom	1978	D.J. Wallace	1999
J.F. Taylor	1979	H.W. Wallker	2000
J.H. Elmore	1981	J.W. Davidson	2001
T.L. Hartman	1984	M.D. Hale	2002
E.C. Cline	1986	W.J. Hunley	2003
J.H. Elmore	1987	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
J.E. Vaught	1988	D.L. Brandon	2006
E.W. Masche	1991	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.D. Crawley	1993		
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Wray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		



December Birthdays

John Cauble	12/01/1933	Michael Norris	12/08/1955	Jeffery Kuykendall	12/20/1966
Jerry Triplett	12/01/1943	John Cansler, Jr.	12/10/1927	Ray Ross	12/21/1929
Allen Norman	12/05/1966	Jacob Abernathy	12/12/1934	Dean Brittain, Sr.	12/21/1939
Ronald Hampton	12/06/1946	Lander Johnson	12/13/1921	Charles Lookadoo	12/23/1931
Ted Rhyne	12/07/1926	Arlie Graves	12/16/1928	Jeffry Bivens	12/24/1973
Charles Meadows	12/07/1930	Michael Pope	12/17/1969	Wesley King	12/24/1983
Ronald Hicks	12/07/1954	Paul Faini	12/18/1939	James Huffman	12/25/1932
Mark Abernethy	12/07/1966	Clyde Pope	12/18/1941	James Weaver	12/28/2943
		Jospeh Grzesiak	12/18/1952	Alfred Lathan	12/31/1940
				Lee Spach	12/31/1969

Caring Report:

Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Cliff Pruitts wife, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Frank Taylor, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Glen Henline, Nolan Yount and Wife, John Wilson, Jack Lingerfelt, John Harden's wife, David Duncan, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Richard Borne-man, Mark Aiken, Todd Cline, Joe Teague, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, Jim Beckom, David Reeps's wife Ramona, and Bruce Pope and the following families in the loss of a loved one, The Ray Fox family, The Rupert Little family, and The Zane Stillwell family all need our prayers and attention.

Our Sincere Sympathies to the Underwood family of our dearly departed brother;

Brother Horace Coolidge Underwood who was born on November 3, 1926, and died on November 5, 2009. Brother Underwood was Initiated on October 11, 1965, Passed on November 18, 1965, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 29, 1965.

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

With the Christmas holidays rapidly approaching we are again reminded of those in great need within our community. Our annual toy drive has grown into a wide reaching show of love and affection for our fellow man.

This year we have adopted five (5) families from the Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley. These five families represent twenty-two (22) individuals that our Lodge has taken on responsibility to help make their lives a little better. In these families there are thirteen (13) children ranging in ages from newborn to eleven (11) years old.

In addition to collecting items for these families, Brother Daniel Guthrie, who owns a Christmas tree farm, committed to providing each of them with a live Christmas tree and wreath from his tree lot. The Officers of the lodge have also committed to providing these families, the staff of the Pregnancy Care Center, and members of our lodge a home cooked meal on at our lodge.

Saturday December 19th at 5:30pm

Brother "Junior" Cline has agreed to come as Santa Claus and has already stopped shaving in order to have a "real beard".... *Please come and join us on this evening for a great meal and fellowship as we help others! RSVP will be appreciated.*

Lists of items that the families have requested are located on the glass wall of the Secretary's office at the lodge. Please stop by and commit to helping.

If you are unable to get to the lodge or to obtain the items, we are also taking cash donations that will be used to purchase remaining goods.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Allen Lineberger at 704-798-3691 or call the lodge.



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Important Dues information Enclosed !!!

IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar

December 2009

Stated Communication Monday, December 7th, 2009 Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Emergent Communication ,Officer Installation Monday, December 14th, 2009 light hors d'oeuvres
following the installation

Stated Communication Monday, December 21st , 2009 Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm

January 2010

Stated Communication Monday, January 4th, 2010 Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Stated Communication Monday, January 18th, 2010 Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm

Call the Lodge or visit our website for updated information about emergent communications or to print a copy of the calendar.

Degree work is usually held on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month.
We do have several candidates in the process of learning the catechisms.

Mark your Calendars NOW!

Election of Officer's for 2010 December 7th, 2009

Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley "Toy Drive" Dinner December 19th, 2009...more details previous page

Installation of Officers December 14th,2009

Red Cross Blood Drive—January 2010