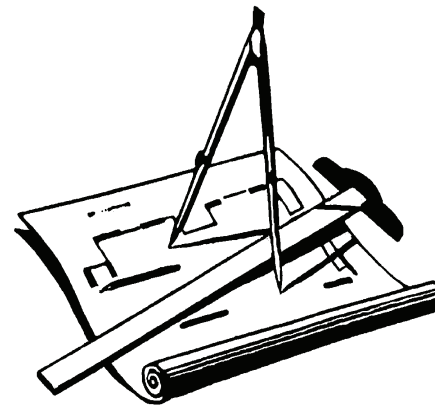


Greetings from the East !

My Brothers, Thank you all for coming out and supporting the Pancake Breakfast on May 2nd. This was a great opportunity to give back to those who so dearly need it. These Charities are what we swore to support in our obligations, and I can't think of any as deserving as The Masonic Home for Children, and Whitestone. This is also our opportunity to make a place for Hickory Lodge to stand with the many other Lodges

across the state who have such success with their fundraisers. Great Job to all the Brothers who participated. Further updates on this event will follow.

Fraternally,
Richard
Rozzelle
Master



Greetings from the South...

Menu for the Month of May 2009

Stated Meeting May 4th

Meatloaf, rice, steamed broccoli, rolls and assorted desserts

Stated Meeting May 18th

Salisbury Steak, macaroni and cheese, mixed steamed vegetables, biscuits and assorted desserts.

Brethren these meals are low sodium, low sugar, low cholesterol health conscious selections so come out and enjoy Brother Ed Zammarelli's fine cooking.

Lee Spach,
Junior Warden

A Warm Masonic Tale

A tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up:

"I can tell you more bout Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire ."

They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him."

They did that, too.

"Now, what do you See looking ahead ?"

"The face of a brother through the flames."

"What do you feel in front of you?"

"The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night."

"What do you feel at your side?"

"The warm hand of a brother."

"OK. Now drop the hands, and turn around."

They do so.

"Now what do you See, looking ahead?"

"Complete darkness."

"What do you Feel, looking ahead?"

"A sense of loneliness, of being alienated".

"What do you feel at your side?"

"Nothing at all."

"What do you feel on your backside?"

"The warmth of the fire."

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man.

"In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother.

When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world , you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother.

But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

Author Unknown

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J.D. Crawley	1993		
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Ray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		



May Birthdays



Mark Davis	5/1/1948	Willard Pittman	5/11/1959	Pennington Wray	5/23/1938
James Smith	5/2/1926	Robert Hoard	5/11/1966	Alfred Swofford	5/24/1939
Robert Hall	5/2/1935	James Taylor	5/14/1931	David Abernethy	5/24/1954
Dewey Keller	5/2/1947	Dan Beacham	5/14/1940	Frank Johnson	5/25/1924
David Bowman	5/3/1951	Creed Shortt, Jr.	5/16/1930	Marcus Cline	5/26/1945
Henry Truitt	5/4/1915	Johnnie White	5/19/1935	Donald Childress	5/26/1962
Keith Campbell	5/4/1968	Robert Tucker	5/21/1938	Walter Kisby	5/27/1962
Harry Whitener	5/8/1927	Robert Drum	5/22/1939	Horace Teague	5/28/1947
John McDaniel	5/9/1943	Ernest Masche	5/23/1927	Nelson Teague	5/28/1947

Caring Report:

The Cooke family, Kevin Johnson's Father, P.C. Wray, Betty Burch, Glen Henline,(home from hospital} Nolan Yount (surgery) and Wife, John Wilson, Don Hudson, Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, (eye injury) John Harden's wife, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle's son and father, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, Jack Matthews, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.



**From the West:
Greetings,**

Brothers, I would like to start by welcoming our newest Brother Master Masons, Terry Moore, William Mcneil, and Brian Edwards to Hickory Lodge #343. They were raised at an emergent communication on March 30th 2009. Richard Rozzelle Master of the Lodge conducted a great degree. Eighteen Past Masters were in attendance and there were several Brothers visiting from area lodges. We are looking forward to initiating several more candidates this month in addition to brothers Guthrie, Jarrell, and Weaver our new Entered Apprentices.

We hope you all were able to attend the Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast for charity. If you were unable to attend, your donations will still be accepted. They may be sent to the lodge Secretary. Just include a short note that you would like it to go to the Pancake Breakfast charities. I thank you all in advance.

By the end of May we will have six EA's in the process of learning the catechism. Come out and meet these Brothers as they will likely be in attendance at our dinners prior to our stated communications.

I include another reminder from the Lodge secretary on donations of books or memorabilia to the Carl Isenhour Library. Anyone interested in displaying books or Masonic memorabilia in the lodges' library may bring them by the lodge or send them to the

lodge at the following address:

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Thank You all for your continued support !

**Fraternally,
Daniel Rolon
Senior Warden**

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Brethren, Check this out!

Dear Comrades: We are now less than 30 days until the MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY at the Hickory Crawdads baseball game versus the Lake County Captains! This year there is a new Ranger in town! the Texas Rangers! The Hickory Crawdads are now the Class A-Affiliate of the Texas Rangers!

This is to remind you that ALL MILITARY VETERANS get in for FREE, courtesy of Bradley Ingels, Armstrong Ford. Please put in your newsletters, emails, websites, etc., letting all of your members and families know that they get a FREE TICKET for themselves and spouses to the game on Friday, May 15th game time at 7:00pm. Fireworks will follow the game.

The first 1000 people through the gate will receive a complete team set of the 2009 Hickory Crawdads as well!

Their will be many activities for the veterans and families. Vintage military displays will also be on hand.

If you know of anyone who would like to display their military items, please call me ASAP so that we can plan and make arrangements.

I hope that you will assist a brother and pass this information on to all veterans and their families. If you know of anyone who has special needs, call me and I will make arrangements to accommodate them in any way possible. We want to FILL the stadium with our honored veterans and enjoy baseball for FREE!!!

Thank you and God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Bradley Ingels

Veterans Advocate, Hickory Crawdads

Brother Ingels may be reached at Armstrong Ford 828-328-2222 for more information.

Masonic Dictionary:

Ardor: Fiery intensity of feeling.

Admonish: To gently and constructively counsel another person.

Allegory: A literary style that uses symbols, characters or events to suggestively represent an abstract idea.

Allude: A hint. To make a somewhat disguised reference about a person, place or thing.

Archaic: Out of use. So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period.

Aspersions :An unfavorable or damaging remark.

Barbarous: Lacking refinement or culture. Coarse, very cruel, savage.

Benediction: A ceremonial prayer requesting divine protection

Beneficent : A benefit. Doing or producing good.

Beseech: To earnestly ask or request.

Bourne: An archaic term for a goal or destination

Candor: Candid. The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.

Celestial: Relating to Heaven or the spirit.

Censure: Harsh criticism or disapproval.

Circumscribe: To draw a line or a boundary around.

Circumspection: Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress by being prudent.

Conciliates: Compromise. The ability to come to terms in the interests of obtaining good will.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar

May 2009

Stated Communication Monday May 4th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Emergent Communication 1st Degree Monday May 11th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

OSW Training Class Sunday May 17th , 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm

Stated Communication Monday May 18th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

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.

June 2009

Stated Communication Monday June 1st, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

OSW Training Class Sunday June 21st , 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm

Stated Communication Monday June 15th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Mark your Calendars NOW!

Family Day Saturday August 15th 2009 11am -2 pm

Awards Night Thursday November 19th 2009 6:30pm