



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

I hope that this communication finds everyone doing well. As we move into 2010 there have been several changes in the way we are approaching communication with lodge members. As you know, we have a website that details information and we have a very interactive page on the popular networking site Facebook. This page has allowed us a great deal of flexibility in communicating with Masons from all over the world, not just our lodge. Additionally, this tool is beginning to identify itself as a mechanism which prospective brothers are finding us and reaching out to ask that all important question regarding membership. We currently have several candidates for initiation and entered apprentices that located us by

searching through the internet and Facebook.

Truly amazing times we are living in with respect to the way information is shared in our society.

Additionally we are now moving more into using the internet and email for sharing the lodge monthly newsletter. Currently the newsletter is posted in advance of each month on the lodge website at www.hickorymasoniccenter.org

Also all of the past issues of the newsletter for the last 3 years are archived on the site and easy to read. Now with the installation of our wireless internet service at the lodge, we have the ability to email copies of the newsletter directly to members of the lodge.

Therefore we are offering everyone the opportunity to help us save money on

postage. Right now it costs the lodge about \$65 per month to mail the newsletter just for the postage at bulk rate. If you are willing to read the newsletter from the lodge website or would like a copy emailed to you each month, please contact the secretary at secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org and let him know. We will remove you from the US postal mailing list and set you up to read the newsletter electronically.

We completely understand that many members will still want a hardcopy sent to them in the mail and we will continue to offer this service to each member of the lodge.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at lodge.

Lee Spach
Senior Warden

Need a Ride??

Brethren, any member of our lodge who would like to come to any lodge function or meeting that is in need of a ride, please contact the lodge at 828-322-8016. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message and someone will call you back and we will make arrangements for someone to pick you up and bring you to lodge and take you back home.

Menu Requests

If you haven't been to lodge lately and eaten any of the wonderful meals being prepared by a whole kitchen crew you are really missing out on a great meal. The Stewards of the lodge are requesting your input for meals. They want to cook meals that you want to eat. That way more brethren will continue to come out and support the lodge. If you have an idea for a good meal that they could prepare,

please come by the lodge at let one of the Stewards know what you have in mind.

First Step Domestic Violence Services Donation

On February 3, 2010 the Hickory Daily Record printed a great article pertaining to our lodge. Dan Rolon, Master of the Lodge; Terry Moore, Treasurer; and Doug Moore; Steward presented a check to the First Step Domestic Violence Services of Catawba County, aka "The Battered Women's Shelter", for \$3,000. The money was raised last fall from the lodge's Chicken Pie sale.

We will be doing the chicken pie sale again in November. If you know of a local charity that needs our support, please let the Master of Lodge know and potentially we can provide them with proceeds from the event.



Lodge Menu for March

Come join us for some great meals! Thanks to Brothers, Doug Moore, Allen Lineberger, Adam Beagles, Daniel Guthrie, J.J. Kuba, and Ed Zammarelli, we are eating meals equal to any top restaurant in Hickory. Where else can you get "All you can eat" for \$4—\$5???

March 1st—Lasagna, Salad, Rolls, Desserts

March 15th—Country Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Okra, Mashed Potatoes, Desserts

OFFICERS 2010

Worshipful Master	Dan Rolon	493-3543
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Junior Warden	David Brandon	638-1691
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Steward	Daniel Guthrie	310-3560
Steward	Adam Beagles	302-0616
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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.J. Wallace	1999
E.W. Beckom	1978	H.W. Wallker	2000
J.F. Taylor	1979	J.W. Davidson	2001
J.H. Elmore	1981	M.D. Hale	2002
T.L. Hartman	1984	W.J. Hunley	2003
E.C. Cline	1986	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
J.H. Elmore	1987	D.L. Brandon	2006
J.E. Vaught	1988	W.G. Byerly	2007
E.W. Masche	1991	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.D. Crawley	1993	R.L. Rozzelle	2009
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Wray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		



Caring Report: Robert Gregg Family, David Reep, Henry Holland, Doug Moore, David Crawley's Wife, Allen Linberger's grandmother, John Cansler, Al Swofford, Everette Beckom, Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Cliff Pruitts wife, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Glen Henline, Nolan Yount and Wife, David Duncan, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Todd Cline, Joe Teague, Joe Vaught, all need our prayers and attention.

Our Sympathy to the family of our dearly departed Brother Robert Eugene Gregg, who was born on August 21, 1930 and died on February 16, 2010. Brother Gregg was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on January 14, 1991, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 11, 1991, and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on March 23, 1991. Brother Gregg was also a member of the Hickory York Rite bodies which he joined on August 26, 1998.

Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast for Masonic Charities

Saturday May, 1st 2010

We are seeking volunteers who are willing to help sponsor the breakfast by donating money for the food. Please contact Brother David Brandon if you are able to contribute in this manner and help us raise a lot of money for our great charities.

beone@charter.net 828-638-1691

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND
By: *unknown*

The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide in interesting program of investigation to the Member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. To the contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

TEN MASTER MASONS
Author *Unknown*

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;

Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodges door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center March Events Calendar

Stated Communication	Monday	March 1st	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Emergent Communication	Monday	March 8th	1st degree; Dinner at 6:30pm; Degree at 7:30pm
OSW Training Class	Sunday	March 14th	3:00pm—5:00pm at LOVELADY LODGE
Stated Communication	Monday	March 15th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm

Mark your Calendars NOW!

Grand Master Visit to 34th District	Thursday	April 15th	LOVELADY LODGE
Pancake Breakfast for Charity!	Saturday	May 1st	6:00am—10:00am
Hickory Lodge #343 Family Day	Saturday	August 14th	11:00am-2:00pm
Chicken Pie Sale for Charity!	Saturday	November 6th	1:00pm—5:00pm
Hickory Lodge Awards Night	Thursday	November 18th	6:30pm