

**The Master's Installation Speech  
Monday December 14, 2009**

The realization of the outcome of the election finally hit me the Wednesday morning after Monday's election. That morning I looked at myself in the mirror and thought "what a short time has passed since I had become a Mason and had started in the officer line traveling towards the East. Time, or the illusion of it fascinates many, including myself. We look at our watches and say "I am going to be late" or "Where is so and so?" but this illusion of time is basically controlled by our attention to it. An activity or event may seem long during the performance of it, however, this is mostly dependent upon our interest in it. We have heard the saying many times "time flies when your having fun".

Freemasonry has been and is an incredible joy to me. The secret of it is not in the brothers

here, this building, any book written on the subject, or the ritual associated with the several degrees. It is found in the hearts of men. Leaders of your community who can take an idea and for the only purpose of helping someone else, execute it with such zeal that the only thing that can come out of it, is good. Much "good" has graced this Lodge in this past year and throughout it's 135 year existence .

A great friend of mine, Winston, once shared with me the following words. He said "reality exists in the imagination of man and that this is "true reality."

It is not the things that we can see or hear or feel or distinguish with any of the senses . For when we take all those senses away, all we have is mind thinking.

We can look at something someone has created and say "hey that is a cool idea "...but the original thought is the true beginning , what you see is not the idea but the effect of

it. We can know the effects of Love and Truth and Honor and we try to manifest those qualities in ourselves, for is that not the Golden Rule?

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

I have been blessed with a great line of men , motivated to take this lodge into 2010 with great ideas and achievable goals. Please realize, just how important your support is to the success of our endeavors.

Brothers be regular in attendance and receive what this Great fraternity has to offer. Be diligent, prudent, temperate , and discreet. Give back where you can , pay forward for the purpose of re-giving, and the God of love and peace will delight to dwell with and bless you. Thank you all.

Daniel Rolon  
Master, Hickory Masonic Lodge #343

**Hickory Lodge #343 on  
Facebook.com**

For all of those that may not know, our lodge is now represented by a group on the popular website www.facebook.com This website is the ideal location for us to share information with each other because of the ease which we can post information, upload photos, videos, and calendar events. Because of it's open source software Facebook has become the world's largest social networking site. Many lodges in NC, including the Grand Lodge, and lodges from all over the globe have a page on this site. You can search for us on the site, or click on the link located on our webpage at www.hickorymasoniccenter.org Anyone can join our online group on Facebook and we have started using this tool to share information with everyone. We look forward to having you joining the group soon.

**Building Upgrades!**

As you all know we updated our kitchen back in the summer with 2 new ovens, new gas stove, new griddle and other items. However, what we still did not have a dishwasher until now. Thanks to The Order of the Eastern Star and the hard work of several brethren in the lodge, we recently replaced the dishwasher. Since then the Stewards have been using our china to serve meals instead of paper plates. What a great addition. Come join us for dinner at our meetings and enjoy the wonderful food and atmosphere that the Stewards are continuing to foster.

**WIFI Hotspot at Lodge**

That is right, simply bring your laptop to lodge now and connect with the world via the internet on our high speed wireless internet connection. Your computer will require a WEP key password that can be obtained from the Master, Wardens, or Secretary. Plus some brethren already have it and will gladly share it will you.

This connection will allow us to better utilize the DLP projector we acquired last year to its full potential for sharing Masonic information in lodge for education purposes. It also allows the Secretary to have access to the Grand Lodge website and online database for correspondence with them.

**York Rite Sweetheart Dinner**

The 4th annual York Rite Sweetheart dinner will be held Saturday February 13, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Lodge. Everyone is invited to attend. It is not essential that you be a member of the York Rite. This is a family friendly social gathering so feel free to bring the kids. Price is \$15 a couple and \$4 per child.



**OFFICERS 2010**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Dan Rolon	493-3543
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Lee Spach	446-1924
<b>Junior Warden</b>	David Brandon	638-1691
<b>Treasurer</b>	Terry Moore	312-1006
<b>Secretary</b>	Kevin Johnson	465-5619
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	James Hope	428-3752
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Paul Aulbach	514-6994
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Doug Moore	312-1012
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	Allen Lineberger	704-798-3691
<b>Steward</b>	Daniel Guthrie	310-3560
<b>Steward</b>	Adam Beagles	302-0616
<b>Chaplain</b>	Chris Jarrell	308-7762

**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:** Donna Rozzelle, 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., Bob Gregg, Richard Rozzelle's son, David Reep's wife, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Richard Borneman, Todd Cline, Joe Teague, David Early, Joe Vaught, and the following families in the loss of a loved one, the Pope family, the Holbrook family, the Nicholas family, and the Sutton family all need our prayers and attention. Sincere sympathy for our dearly departed brethren:

Brother Clyde Bruce Pope who was born on December 18, 1941, and died on November 28, 2009. Initiated on September 23, 1963, Passed on October 28, 1963, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 25, 1963.

Brother Gary Grant Holbrook who was born on February 24, 1945, and died on December 8, 2009. Initiated on September 30, 1974, Passed on January 27, 1975, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 24, 1975.

Brother Gary George Nicholas who was born on February 24, 1945, and died on December 14, 2009. Initiated on February 26, 1979, Passed on July 13, 1979, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 13, 1979.

Brother Solomon Kirk Sutton who was born on March 17, 1935, and died on December 30, 2009. Initiated on June 24, 1965, Passed on July 26, 1965, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 23, 1965.



**2010 Hickory Lodge #343 Officers**

front row left to right: Paul Aulbach, Jr. Deacon; Lee Spach, Sr. Warden; Dan Rolon, Master of the Lodge; Dave Brandon, PM, Jr. Warden

middle row, right to left: Kevin Johnson, Secretary; James Hope, Sr. Deacon; Terry Moore, Treasurer

top row, right to left: Robert Bickel, Tyler; Adam Beagles, Steward; Daniel Guthrie, Steward; Allen Lineberger, Jr. Steward; Doug Moore, Sr. Steward.

Not pictured: Chris Jarrell, Chaplain

## Pregnancy Care Crisis Center Family Adoptions; A Great Success!

When Brother Allen Lineberger and his helpers arrived at the lodge on December 19th in the early afternoon there was several inches of snow in the parking lot and plenty of work to be done. Brother Lineberger graciously returned home and utilized his tractor and plow to clear the parking lot. Thank goodness he had these tools available. Meanwhile many of the brethren and their families began cooking food, cookies, and making preparations for the invited guests. Last minute gifts were wrapped and several were placed under the tree for each child. There was a tremendous amount of excitement in the air as time neared for the arrival of the Care Center staff and the families that our lodge adopted.

As the invited guests arrived they were greeted by the wonderful smells coming from the kitchen and by many members of our lodge. Right away several children began interacting with our own kids that were in attendance and it became very self-evident that definitely the innocence of children can make anyone feel "at home". Soon everyone was socializing and sharing some great fellowship with one another.

After a fantastic dinner was served to the families, Care Center staff, and lodge members by the officers of the lodge, we awaited the arrival of Santa Claus himself. With a stereo playing the famous song, "Here Comes Santa Claus", and the children all chatting in unison, "Santa, Santa, Santa," the jolly ole elf made his grand entrance into an overly excited room. Santa took a seat and immediately began handing out presents to each of the children. If you were not there to see their eyes light up with the joy of Christmas, you missed the perfect chance to witness Masonry at its best. Once each of the children opened a present, they went to watch a movie while we loaded up the rest of the goodies into the parent's cars to take home for Christmas morning. The lobby area was temporarily transformed into a media room where the movies "The Polar Express" and "The Christmas Story" were projected onto a big screen set up for the purpose.

As usual, our lodge far exceeded any expectation that could have been set in it's giving because all of these families received the majority of items they requested and then some. Some did not even have room in their vehicles to take all the presents home with them. All of the families and staff were extremely impressed with our efforts and the showing of love and emotions from everyone there was incredible. Repeatedly we heard comments, like "without your generosity, we would have had nothing for Christmas".

Brethren, we all did a GREAT thing by helping those in great need in our community and I assure you that each and every contribution you made to the success of this endeavor was appreciated by the families. Several have already written letters of thanks to the lodge. So when you come next time take a moment to read them. Thanks to everyone for the support.



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## IN GOD WE TRUST

### Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar

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

**Red Cross Blood Drive— Friday, January 8th 2pm—7pm**

**Emergent Communication—1st Degree—Monday, January 11th, Dinner 6:30pm, Degree 7:30pm**

**OSW Training Class—January 17th, at LINCOLN LODGE 3:00pm—5:00pm**

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

**Mark your Calendars NOW!**

**York Rite Sweet Hearts Dinner—Saturday, February 13th, 6:30pm**

**York Rite Festival—Friday, February 26th and Saturday, 27th**

If you have any event you would like added to the calendar please let us know.