



SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE NO. 680
TRESTLE BOARD
January-February 2007

FROM THE MASTER

Brethren, another year has come and gone and our lodge is still progressing. You have elected new officers to oversee your lodge for the upcoming year. We have pledged to do the best job possible, but we need everyone's help to make better. The officers of the lodge can't do it alone; we need your help and wisdom. Please come and support our lodge.

I want to thank everyone for your support in the elections. I promise to do my best to make Semper Fidelis a more prosperous lodge. I have some new ideas that we are going to try. Do I know everything? Certainly not! Am I going to make Mistakes? Yes. That is where I employ your guidance and wisdom to help me and the fellow officers of our lodge.

I want to close by paraphrasing a great leader: Ask not what your lodge can do for you; ask what you can do for your lodge.

Fraternally,

Denny Norris
Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Our lodge officers for the year 2007 have been elected and will be installed on Friday, January 5th at 7 p.m. Please attend the installation if possible and show your support for our new officers.

Thanks to all of you, we only had to drop one member for non-payment of dues. The 2007 dues cards are in and many brethren have already submitted their dues. Dues remain \$70.00 for 2007.

We will be hosting the Onslow county Masonic scholarship visitation on Wednesday, January 24th, come out to the lodge and enjoy the good fellowship and dinner.

Brethren, if you are in sickness or distress, please be sure to have the lodge informed. We cant help if we aren't informed. If you would like to come to lodge, but cant drive, call any of our officers and we will arrange transportation for you.

The widows committee delivered 38 fruit baskets to our Masonic Widows. Thanks for a job well done. The lodge Children's Christmas party was held on December 9th. Bro. Joe Reyes made a convincing Santa. Thanks to Dean Remington for providing pony rides. The lodge donated \$3000 to each of our Masonic Homes

Howard Kahn – Secretary.

Visit us at our web site: <http://www.mastermason.com/semperfidelis/>

Congratulations to our 2007 officers!

Master:	Denny Norris	Junior Deacon:	Terry Rademann Jr.
Senior Warden:	Joseph A. Reyes	Senior Steward:	Beau A. Brown
Junior Warden:	Loren Jones	Junior Steward:	Luke W. Scholl
Treasurer:	Robert Canning	Chaplin:	Charles Treble
Secretary:	Howard Kahn	Tyler:	James Wisdom
Senior Deacon:	Harvey Lambka		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Stated Meetings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please check the "Area Happenings" in The Daily News for any changes.

- January 5th, Friday – Lodge opens at 6:30 p.m. Installation of officers start at 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow.
- January 10th, Wednesday – Stated Communication: 7:30 p.m.
- January 20th, Saturday – Lodge Breakfast: 8 a.m.
- January 24th, Wednesday – Stated Communication: 7:30 p.m. Scholarship Visitation; covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- January 31st, Wednesday – OSW study at lodge: 7 p.m.
- February 10th, Saturday – Valentine dinner: Time and place to be announced.
- February 14th, Wednesday – Stated Communication: 7:30 p.m.
- February 17th, Saturday – Lodge breakfast: 8 a.m.
- February 21st, Wednesday – OSW study at lodge: 7 p.m.
- February 28th, Wednesday – Stated Communication: 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to the Following Brothers:

Gary Bradley	Jan. 04	Ronald Burns	Jan. 01	Robert Cannining	Jan. 30
Emmet Collins	Jan. 14	Malvin Collins	Jan. 01	Thomas Collins	Jan. 22
Manfred Daughtry	Jan. 07	John Davis	Jan. 13	Howard Kahn	Jan. 17
Abdo Kharrat	Jan. 12	Marvin McAfee	Jan. 14	Cecil Morton	Jan. 18
Douglas Mrak	Jan. 02	James Rouse	Jan. 10	Carl Scheer	Jan. 25
Eugene Stout	Jan. 17	Yousif Telya	Jan. 20	Eli Trott	Jan. 14
Charles Winder	Jan. 23	William Jones	Jan. 28	Ronald Braney	Jan. 14
David Castillo	Jan. 26	Scott Barta	Feb. 25	Eddie Bowling	Feb. 19
Thurman Currey	Feb. 07	Freddie Fletcher	Feb. 11	Rhyne Garris	Feb. 28
Richard Geary	Feb. 08	Herbert Goetz	Feb. 15	Elwood Harmon	Feb. 13
Ralph Hicks	Feb. 06	Robert Irvin	Feb. 01	Wallace Kennedy	Feb. 23
Woodrow Myers	Feb. 16	John Shumaker	Feb. 01	Jimmy Stevens	Feb. 25
Loyd Swinson	Feb. 21	Marty Kaminski	Feb. 05	Marlin Esh	Feb. 16
Richard Patane	Feb. 13	Christopher Hansard	Feb. 16	Thomas Wilkerson	Feb. 11

Masonic Trivia

On the aluminum cap atop the Washington Monument in Washington DC are two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact ... most visitors to the monument have no idea they are even there and ... for that matter... probably could care less! But there they are ... 555 feet, 5.125 inches high ... perched atop the monument to the father of our nation ...overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia...capital of the United States of America.

Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words ...out of sight and, one might think, out of mind ... but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the world. And what might those two words ... comprised of just four syllables and only seven letters ... mean? Very simply ...

"Praise be to God!"

The first assembly of the Continental Congress was presided over by a Master Mason, Peyton Randolph, Provincial Grand Master of Virginia.

The American Flag was made by the widow of John Ross, a Mason, and was placed in the hands of George Washington, who was elected Grand Master of Virginia, but did not accept because of his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, which absorbed all his attention and time.

Washington took the oath of office as President of the United States upon a Bible brought from St. Johns Lodge No. 1, of New York.

WHAT IS A MASON ?

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Submitted by Russel Wagner

A Mason is a Man and a Brother, whose trust is in God.
He meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square.
Truth is his Compass and he is ever Plumb.
He has a true Grip of all that is Rite.
He is loyal to his Order and whatever his Degree
he is Master of himself.
In the Lodge of life he wears unstained the White
Lambskin of Innocence.
On his Initiation as an Entered Apprentice he travels
ever East towards the Light of Wisdom.
Until he receives the final, the Divine Password that
admits him into the Ineffable Presence of the Eternal
Supreme Grand Master of the Universe
GOD

Editor's Note

If anyone has anything to offer for the good of masonry, you can email it to me at sar9399@uncw.edu

Keep in mind that all submissions will be subject to editing for grammar and length. If anything needs any drastic changes I will notify the writer before publishing the piece.

The Masonic trivia in this newsletter is from http://www.egyptshrine.org/president/tr_menu.htm It has a lot of good stuff and I encourage you to all look at it. The poem came from the International Masonic Poetry Society at <http://www.masonic-poetry.org/index1.htm>

If you happen across any interesting Masonic related trivia, let me know.

Fraternally yours,

Scotty Reed