



SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE NO. 680
TRESTLE BOARD
March-April 2007

FROM THE MASTER

Brethren,

This has been a fast month with many things happening at your Lodge. First, PM Robert Canning has taken the ball and is running full speed on the Community Services Committee. During the week of 24 Feb 2007, with his guidance, the Lodge logged in 112 hours of service at the Soup Kitchen. This couldn't have happened without the help of all the volunteers who devoted their time to this worthy cause: Marian Shiver, Bob Baldwin, Bob and Helen Canning, Louise Collins, Mary Ann Kahn, Rhyne Garris, Charles Treble, Hazel McKinney, Kate Karr, Loren Jones, Gene Solomon and Olive Downing. I want to personally thank each and every one of them for their support to the Lodge as well as the community because, after all, that's what we are all about - helping others.

I'm excited to announce on 30 January we had a public address sound system installed in the Lodge. This system will enable us to have five different microphones placed around the lodge so that, no matter where you are seated, you will have the ability to hear everything that is said.

We had a Valentine's Dinner at Mikes Farm on 10 Feb. A good time was had by all.

We are having breakfast every **THIRD SATURDAY** of the month at 0800 at the lodge. Last month we had over sixty people at the breakfast. Please come and support all the efforts that the chefs are doing.

Please keep our **Freedom Fighters** in your prayers

Denny Norris – Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren, there is a renewed feeling of enthusiasm in the lodge. You can feel it as soon as you enter the building. Your newly installed officers have started the year off with a bang. Attendance at our meetings is climbing and we are definitely headed in the right direction.

Semper Fidelis hosted the Onslow County Masonic Scholarship Visitation on January 24th. We not only raised \$691 for the Scholarship but the fellowship and meal were outstanding. The next visitation will be at Lafayette Lodge on March 20th.

Congratulations to Brothers Christopher Hansard and Javier Rivera who were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 31st. Brother Hansard was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 21st.

Dues are coming in at a good pace. Dues are \$70.00 annually; this includes Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax of \$15.00 a member.

Brethren, we have several of our Brothers presently serving in Iraq, I will try to have their names and e-mail addresses posted on our Lodge Web Site. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Several members of the Lodge visited the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Camp Lejeune and presented 34 Pewter Dog Tags on behalf of WBro R.T. James of Princeton, Nova Scotia.

Howard Kahn – Secretary.

NECROLOGY REPORT

Brother Loyd Earl Swinson entered The Celestial Lodge Above on February 10, 2007. He was born February 21, 1928 in Beulaville, NC and initiated April 15, 1964. He was passed May 6, 1964 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason June 3, 1964. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.

BROTHERS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

WBro Dan Bishop has lung cancer. He is currently receiving Chemotherapy treatments. Tests reveal progress from the treatment.

Brother Roger Penrod also has cancer and is also under going treatment. Test indicated the cancer is shrinking.

Brother Leslie L.Varnadore is having back trouble and back surgery might be needed. Has a doctor appointment on 13 February.

We need to keep these brothers in our prayers.

Happy Birthday to the Following Brothers:

Harold Abbott	Mar. 17	Warden Baysden	Mar. 07	James Bell	Mar. 22
Henry Browning	Mar. 02	Herbert Chandler	Mar. 25	Roy Ormond	Mar. 10
James Huggins	Mar. 13	Carlton Poulsen	Mar. 10	Joseph Shirley	Mar. 24
Russell Somdahl	Mar. 20	William Vendeville	Mar. 17	Martin Wallace	Mar. 31
Peter Franco	Mar. 16	John Licato	Mar. 02	Timothy Black	Mar. 12
Marc Burgard	Mar. 02	Dean Remington	Mar. 07	Jonathan Curran	Mar. 26
Joseph Houle	Mar. 06	Harold Barrer	Apr. 15	Clarence Boney	Apr. 30
John Denman	Apr. 22	William Fitzpatrick	Apr. 25	Frank Hartman	Apr. 02
Donald House	Apr. 03	Jeffrey Miller	Apr. 28	Ray Milligan	Apr. 20
James Perry	Apr. 18	Mat Raymond	Apr. 04	Anthony Scarangelo	Apr. 15
Eugene Solomon	Apr. 18	William Yarnall	Apr. 02	Kenneth Blizzard	Apr. 22

Masonic Trivia

Can you match the Mason on the left to what he has done for the world and the Craft on the right? Some are international Masons and some are from The United States of America. Answers will be in the next issue. Good luck!

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| Brad Anderson | ___ | A. Philippine president who declared his country's independence in 1898 |
| Franz Liszt | ___ | B. Wrote the lyrics for "The Star Spangled Banner" |
| Sir John J. C. Abbott | ___ | C. Wrote the original Pledge of Allegiance |
| Francis Scott Key | ___ | D. Inventor of the revolutionary rotary press in 1843 |
| Richard March Hoe | ___ | E. Prime Minister of Canada from 1891 to 1892 |
| Johan Christian Bach | ___ | F. German classical composer and son of Johann Sebastian Bach |
| Francis Bellamy | ___ | G. One of the founders of the Mayo Clinic |
| Dr. Charles Mayo | ___ | H. The only Native American to serve a president of Mexico |
| John Fitch | ___ | I. Built the first steam-powered ship in America in 1786 |
| Jonathan Swift | ___ | J. Chief of the Mohawks from 1742 to 1807 |
| Joseph Brant | ___ | K. Nineteenth Century Hungarian virtuoso pianist and composer |
| Rev. Norman Peale | ___ | L. Creator of the comic strip <i>Marmaduke</i> |
| Emilio Aguinaldo | ___ | M. Published <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> in 1726 |
| Benito Juarez | ___ | O. Second president of Czechoslovakia |
| Edvard Benes | ___ | P. Protestant clergyman who wrote <i>The Power of Positive Thinking</i> |

Editor's Note

If anyone has anything to offer for the good of masonry, you can email it to me at weirdbob@yahoo.com

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

Fraternally yours,

Scotty Reed

