



SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE NO. 680
TRESTLE BOARD
May-June 2007

FROM THE MASTER

We had an active month at the lodge. Brethren, our lodge participated in the Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern on March 30-31. All did an outstanding job. Those who participated were WBros. Howard Kahn, Robert Canning, David McLaurin, John Brown, WM. Denny Norris, Bro. Loren Jones, and Bro. William Fitzpatrick. Brethren, to put these degrees on take a lot of commitment from the brothers and a whole lot of personal time.

We also had three candidates go through the degrees as well. They were Bro Luke Scholl, Bro. Beau Brown, and Bro. Jonathan Curran. I spoke to them after they went through the classes and they all said it was a wonderful experience.

The Eastern Star had their installation on March 30. Congratulations to the new Worthy Matron Debbie Miller, Worthy Patron Charlie Miller and all the elected officers. I am looking forward to a great year working with them.

I'm excited to say that WBro. Jim Wisdom will be putting on a Third Degree on May 16. We will be raising four brothers that night. Please come and give him your support.

Brethren, in closing let me say that the lodge needs your support and guidance. Together we can build a stronger brotherhood.

WM Denny Norris

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren, your Lodge has been quite active the last two months. Semper Fidelis was awarded the "Travel Gavel" for having the most members in attendance at the School of Instruction. Congratulations to Brothers Ralph Nelms, John Alvin Davis and J. E. Estes on receiving their 50 Year Veterans Award. Illustrious Billy Dill was elected to Honorary Membership in our Lodge. Brothers Jesse K. Naihe and James E. Grant, III were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. We have several petitions waiting to be voted on. We will be busy as usual during the next few months. Thank you to all of you who have sent your dues in, hopefully we won't have to drop any Brother for non-payment of dues this year. We will once again be preparing lunch for the athletes at the Special Olympics. Onslow County Masons raised \$1394.00 at our last Scholarship visitation; we will award four \$1200.00 scholarships to qualified students this year. Hickory Farms baskets were sent to each of our Brothers presently serving in "Harms Way". Brethren, there is something to do for each of us in the Lodge, just let the Master know what it is that you would like to take part in. Remember this is your Lodge!

Howard

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday May 2 nd	Grand Master's Official visit Doric Lodge # 568
Thursday May 3 rd	Scholarship Visitation at Richlands Lodge #564. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 16 th	3 rd Degree. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday May 19 th	Lodge Breakfast at 8-9 a.m.
Saturday June 16 th	Lodge Breakfast at 8-9 a.m.
Wednesday June 20 th	Lodge Open House at 7 p.m.

Our regular Stated Communications are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Please check the Area Happenings of the Jacksonville newspaper for Emergent Communications or changes.

Happy Birthday to the Following Brothers:

Warren Bailey	May 26	Donald Brazeal	May 11	Shon Brodie	May 16
Charles Cook	May 03	George Courie	May 22	James Evans	May 02
James Freeman	May 13	Ralph Freeman	May 12	Roger Hayes	May 27
Robert Hemphill	May 29	Roger Penrod	May 14	Floyd Scott	May 13
Faik Shukur	May 11	Rodolfo Sutis	May 07	Julian True	May 20
Raymond Chainay	May 20	Bryan Taylor	May 08	Ralph Jones	May 23
Harry Boone	June 10	Eugene Brown	June 03	Edward Collins	June 02
Troy Conner	June 18	Henry Drake	June 07	Max Edwards	June 12
James Elliott	June 30	Phillip Gurganus	June 27	Willie Hatchell	June 26
David Heald	June 26	Michael Hussey	June 23	Richard Jordan	June 14
John McElheney	June 13	James McElroy	June 07	William Perkins	June 03
Kenneth Trout	June 16	James Wisdom	June 01	Denny Norris	June 11
John Orosz	June 23	David Bays	June 13	Christopher Frazier	June 11
Joe Huddelston	June 14	Nathan Simonds	June 04	Lewis Sullivan	June 26

Masonic Trivia

Brethren, in the last newsletter, I published a Famous Mason quiz. Here are the answers:

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

In the next newsletter, I will publish a new quiz. Thanks for playing!

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.

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

Fraternally yours,

Scotty Reed