

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season and that it was filled with hope, love, and joy. There are no words to describe the elation I have experienced since you graciously elected and installed me as master of the lodge for 2011. It is most certainly the greatest honor that has been afforded me since I was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I look forward to working with the distinguished officers of the lodge to serve this great organization to the best of my ability. I pray that the Great Architect inspires me and guides me in living up to the standard set by all those that have come before me and that the harmony and cooperative attitude of the lodge continues to foster in each of us.

The officers are diligently working to set calendar dates for events in 2011 and are planning some great opportunities for lodge member involvement. Bro. Dan Rolon, PM is heading up our education committee and his team is planning out some fantastic Masonic education presentations for the lodge. When dates are set for when each program will be presented to the lodge, we will post them on the calendar, so make sure you keep watching it in the newsletter and on our Facebook group calendar online.

Bro. J.J. Kuba is actively seeking information on how our lodge can re-establish the Jones W. Shuford DeMolay Chapter at our lodge. This is awesome opportunity for us and for young men in our community to be exposed to the wonderful tenants of the Order and to see how Masonry is put into action. We will keep you all posted as we advance on this goal.

Bro. Chris Jarrell is heading up our Member Outreach and is working very closely with his committee to ensure that each and every member and widow of our lodge is personally contacted during the year. They will also be reaching out to members and their families of the lodge that are sick, shut-in, hospitalized, or in bereavement at the loss of a loved one. These are just some examples of the dedicated work that members of the lodge are performing to continue raising the level of attention we provide our members and our community.

## From the East!

Lastly, if you haven't been to lodge and enjoyed any of the numerous gourmet meals we have had in the last couple of years, you have no idea what you are missing. Currently our lodge is blessed greatly with the cooking talents of our Stewards and their assistants. We honestly have a chef advising and helping in our kitchen that was employed as a chef at *The Tavern on the Green* in NYC.... How many lodge's can say that? Very few I bet, so please, if you haven't come for dinner at the lodge, I promise there is no other place where you can get such great meals for \$4—\$5 anywhere!! Just ask your friends that have been there and eaten recently.....

Here are the other lodge committees and the chairman of each. For a complete list of committee members, please visit the lodge and see it posted on the bulletin board in the dining hall by the kitchen or the website ([www.hickorymasoniccenter.org](http://www.hickorymasoniccenter.org)).

Trustees - David Abernethy, PM

Charity - Lee Spach, Master

Finance/Budget - Larry Huffman, PM

Reference - Dr. Grimes Byerly, PM

MHC - Mark Abernethy, Chaplain

Whitestone - David Crawley, PM

Masonic Education - Dan Rolon, PM

DeMolay - J.J. Kuba

Newsletter - David Brandon, PM, Senior Warden

Member Outreach - Chris Jarrell 828-308-7762

Please feel free to reach out to these committee chairman with any information that you think will help us all be more successful in our endeavors to serve Masonry, The Lodge, and The Members!

Again, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and I look forward to many occasions of fellowship and working with all of you to advance Masonry in our community by "living" and putting into action the tenants, customs, obligations, teachings, and allegories that we have all learned and experienced as we advanced through the degrees of Masonry.

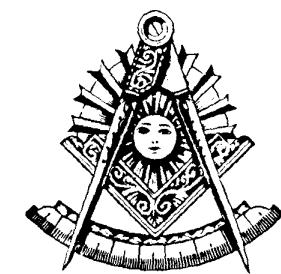
Let's continue to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection to all mankind. I hope to see each of you at lodge soon!

Fraternally,  
Lee Spach

## OFFICERS 2011

Worshipful Master	Lee Spach	446-1924	J.N. Cagle	1973	J.W. Davidson	2001
Senior Warden	David Brandon, PM	638-1691	J.L. Johnson	1974	M.D. Hale	2002
Junior Warden	James Hope	428-3752	E.W. Beckom	1978	W.J. Hunley	2003
Treasurer	Terry Moore	312-1006	J.F. Taylor	1979	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
Secretary	Kevin Johnson	244-9055	J.H. Elmore	1981	D.L. Brandon	2006
Senior Deacon	Doug Moore	312-1012	T.L. Hartman	1984	W.G. Byerly	2007
Junior Deacon	Allen Lineberger	704-798-3691	E.C. Cline	1986	J.D. Abernethy	2008
Sr. Steward	Adam Beagles	302-0616	J.H. Elmore	1987	R.L. Rozzelle	2009
Jr. Steward	Daniel Guthrie	310-3560	J.E. Vaught	1988	D.J. Rolon	2010
Chaplain	Mark Abernethy	381-5477	E.W. Masche	1991		
Tyler	Robert Bickel	294-6619	J.D. Crawley	1993		
			J.P. Hilton	1994		
			D.L. Reep	1995		
			P.C. Wray	1996		
			L.D. Huffman	1997		
			W.G. Byerly	1998		
			D.J. Wallace	1999		
			H.W. Wallker	2000		

## LIVING PAST MASTERS



Caring Report: Caring Report: Darren Cloer's grandfather, Doug Moore, Donald Abernethy, Creed Short, Howard Lindsey Simpson, David Foster, Ed Zammarelli's father, Daniel Guthrie, Daniel Guthrie's mother, father and sister, Brent Sigmon's mother, Larry Hale, Wendell Powell DDGM, Rick Jarrell, Calvin Pittman, Henry Holland, John Cansler, Al Swofford, Everette Beckom, Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Nolan Yount and wife, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Richard Rozzelle's Son, Rufus Smith, Todd Cline, Joe Vaught, and Clyde Price all need our prayers and attention.

## From the Secretary's Desk

In accordance to Regulation 77-3 of The Code by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina: "all dues of members to subordinate lodges shall be due and payable annually in advance on January first each year". Therefore members of Hickory Lodge #343 who have not paid their annual dues for 2011 please make sure to remit payment to the attention of the Secretary as soon as possible.

The total amount due for 2011 is \$77.00 This covers the \$60 lodge dues and the \$17 per capita set forth by the Grand Lodge. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please send your dues to the following address.

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**P.O. Box 451**

**Hickory, NC 28603**

**828-322-8016**

**[secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org](mailto:secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org)**

We are trying to save money on postage so we have NOT mailed official notices, we are attempting to collect as much as possible by placing this notice in the newsletter. Thanks for your help.

**THE PHILOSOPHICAL CORNER**  
**BY: BROTHER J.J.**

Okay , I have had enough. The triangle with the eye on the back of a one dollar bill is not, never has been and never will be a purely Masonic symbol. I would be so bold as to tell people that there are no symbols, doodles, or markings that can state for a fact that they are only applicable to this idea or this religion or this group of people. There is only so many ways that one can manipulate the horizontal and vertical planes. Please media outlets, special report producers, and every one at the history channel , take this statement to be a truism and just let is lie. Please everyone take out and look at a one dollar bill, I will wait. .....no the other side on top of the pyramid on the left hand side, yeah right there.

This symbol has been directly linked to the fact that Masons have some type of nefarious purpose in mind for the country and everyone at large should be vigilant. I know that the WM is trying to take over the international banking system as you read this, but curse you Icelandic super intelligent sea anemones, his plan is distained to futility. You should see some of the things that they try to lay at the feet of the fraternity. It is vile and the fact that a lot of these people claim that they were once Masons keeps me awake at night. All right, all right you don't need to know what keeps me awake at night, maybe that was an over share but we're all family here right.

The symbol on the left hand side of the back of the one dollar bill is called the all seeing eye and it is the picture of an eye in the center of a triangle atop an unfinished pyramid. This is actually a symbol used to express and invoke the arc- angle Metatron. It is only one of the five angles directly named in the Bible; Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, and Lucifer being the rest that round out the gang. Metatron is the scribe and the knower of all secrets. He is the voice of the Great Architect of the Universe. He was the burning bush and gave the All Mightiness true name to his chosen people. He was the one that told Mary that she would give birth. He is needed because for the human form to encounter the actual sound of the All Mightiest voice it would blow the gray matter right out of the top of your head. So the All Mighty needs to use a middle man, you know for our sakes. In this area the symbols show us a couple of things 1) That as humans we can conceptualize only a small part of the whole nature of God, but you gotta admit its better than nothing.

2) That this symbol can be pulled out for almost any occasion. The varied uses extend from illustrating the three parts of the Christian God. To it being the first demonstrate-able figure, after the dot and line of course. This made it sacred to Pythagoras and his followers. In fact I think that the triangle can be used as a tool to illustrate any religion be it Hindu or Rastafarian. More about this later; I have to let that marinade in the oven of my brain pan.

The sign was set there to demonstrate that the United States was a work in progress and that only by the guiding prudence and wisdom of the greater power will it be finished. That is what that symbol means. Also the fact that Metatron is the arch-angel protector of America so it seems only fitting to be on the bill.

For the brothers out there thanks for thinking

For the rest of you lets try and make think a verb, please!

**My New Cut Ashlar**  
**By: Brother Rudyard Kipling**

My new-cut ashlar takes the light  
Where crimson-blank the windows flare.  
By my own work before the night,  
Great Overseer, I make my prayer.  
If there be good in that I wrought  
Thy Hand compelled it, Master, Thine —Where I have  
failed to meet Thy Thought  
I know, through Thee, the blame was mine.  
The depth and dream of my desire,  
The bitter paths wherein I stray —Thou knowest

Who hast made the Fire,  
Thou knowest Who hast made the Clay.  
Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,

Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain —  
Godlike to muse o'er his own Trade  
And manlike stand with God again!  
One stone the more swings into place  
In that dread Temple of Thy worth.  
It is enough that, through Thy Grace,  
I saw nought common on Thy Earth.  
Take not that vision from my ken —Oh  
whatsoe'er may spoil or speed.  
Help me to need no aid from men  
That I may help such men as need!

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**Happy New Year 2011**

**Hickory Masonic Center Events Calendar**

Stated Communication & 1st DEGREE (Mr. Ralph Greene)	Monday	January 17th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Emergent (3rd Degree)	Monday	January 31st	Dinner 6:30pm, Degree 7:30pm
Stated Communication	Monday	February 7th	Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm
York Rite	Wednesday	February 9th	Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Knights of Solomon #764** Saturday April 9th  
(they will be using our lodge for their Stated Meeting. All Master Masons may attend) Meal 11am, Meeting 12pm

Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast for Masonic Charity	Saturday	May 7th	6:00am—11am
Family Day 2011	Saturday	August 13th	11 am—2pm
2011 Awards Night	Thursday	November 17th	6:30pm

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