

Volume 15

No. 1

January 2008



Greetings from the East!

Brethren,

I am looking forward to the months ahead. I again recall the speech made by the new Grand Master at the Grand Lodge this year, emphasizing that Masonry is most effective when we emphasize friendliness and brotherhood in our meals, meetings, and work. The better our attendance, the better we can get to know and support one another during the changes we each experience in our lives.

While we have installed a very capable group of officers, one Steward’s position remains to be filled. If any brother is interested in serving in that position, he should let me know.

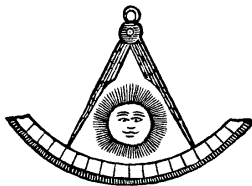
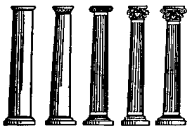
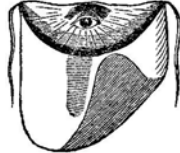
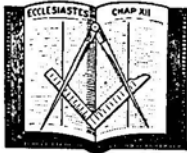
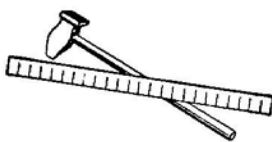
Please remember to pay dues promptly, so that you can receive your card by the beginning of the year without any delay.

I have received a proposed committee list for the ensuing year. If anyone is interested in serving on a particular committee or would like to change to another committee, please let me know so any changes can be made as quickly as possible.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas season and an exciting new year.
David Abernethy

CARING REPORT: The Shelby Teague Family, Carl Isenhour, Creed Short, John Harden’s wife, Clyde Price, Bill Deitz, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Jack Lingerfelt, Jerry Johnson’s daughter, Jack Bridges, Gregg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr. , Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Bob Patton, Charles Meadows, Jim Rader, Don Hudson, Richard Rozzelle’s son, A.W. Morris, Jim Barker, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.

SYMPATHIES: Our sincere sympathies to the family of our dearly departed Brother; John Shelby Teague who was born June 21, 1915 and died on December 14, 2007. Brother Teague was Initiated on June 15, 1954, Passed on June 16, 1955 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 7, 1955



OFFICERS 2008

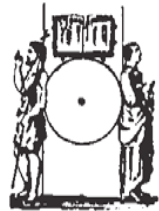
Worshipful Master	J. David Abernethy	323-8349
Senior Warden	Richard L. Rozzelle	294-3013
Junior Warden	Daniel J. Rolon	313-2461
Treasurer	W.J. “Buz” Hunley	ul 256-7633
Secretary	Kevin D. Johnson	465-5619
Senior Deacon	G. Lee Spach	446-1924
Junior Deacon	James L. Johnson	328-1679
Senior Steward	Eddie Elliott	
Junior Steward		
Chaplain	James Hope	ul 465-0063
Tyler	Robert B. Bickel	294-6619
Trustees <i>Chairman</i>	Lawton H. Hatley David L. Brandon W. Grimes Byerly	294-0910 294-2124 324-8678

LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.L. Reep	1995
E.W. Beckom	1978	P.C. Ray	1996
J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998 2007
J.C. Bridges	1983	D.J. Wallace	1999
T.L. Hartman	1984	H.W. Walker	2000
E.C. Cline	1986	J.W. Davidson	2001
J.E. Vaught	1987	M.D. Hale	2002
J.H. Elmore	1988	W.J. Hunley	2003
C.E. Isenhour	1989	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
E.W. Masche	1991	D.L. Brandon	2006
J.D. Crawley	1993		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Martin Falls, Sr.	1/2/1954	Joe Cagle	1/10/1939	Carl Isenhour	1/22/1937
Thomas Whisnant	1/3/1934	Paul Murphy	1/13/1957	Cloyd Propst, Jr.	1/22/1950
Glen Holland	1/3/1945	Richard Rink	1/14/1946	Henry Abernethy	1/23/1929
Richard Rozzelle	1/3/1947	Fred Medlin	1/15/1941	Virgil Hildebran	1/27/1927
Royd Bowman	1/4/1932	Ralph Parker, Jr.	1/15/1946	Floyd Yoder	1/27/1934
David Reep	1/4/1947	Harold Tolbert	1/17/1937	John Stratton	1/29/1926
Joseph Vaught	1/5/1916	Robert Herman	1/19/1930	Edward Pope, Jr.	1/29/1946
Dennie Lail	1/7/1965	Jason Chapman	1/19/1977	Walter “Buz” Hunley	1/29/1950



Lodge Responds to Community in Need!

By: Brother Lee Spach

The Chief of Police in the community of Brookford, Scott Butler, discovered a couple of weeks ago that there were a large number of children in his community that would not be receiving any presents for Christmas. Scott who is a long time friend of our Junior Deacon, James Johnson, contacted him on a hunch that our lodge may be willing to assist on such short notice. Scott told Brother Johnson that he had heard that Masons are a charitable organization and since our lodge is located in the local community he thought we might be able to help on a short time frame for his need to provide 35—45 children of various ages with a present for Christmas. Brother Johnson invited Scott to have dinner with us at our Stated meeting on December 3rd to discuss the matter in detail. Brothers Buz Hunley and James Johnson were told by Scott that he knew it would be a stretch to get a present for each of the kids in his community considering this had just come to his attention only a couple of days before. Needless to say, Brothers Hunley and Johnson told him that they would approach our lodge with this request knowing that only 2 weeks were available to accomplish this task.

During our lodge meeting that evening and at the Eastern Star meeting the following night Brother Hunley made the announcement that the community needed help. For the next ten days toys poured into the collection bin that was set up at our lodge. Thanks to the very generous donations from the Brethren and Sisters of the organizations. On multiple occasions the collected toys were taken to the Brookford Community Center. When all the toys had been collected and delivered to the Chief of Police he told us that he was “overwhelmed” by the charitable response to this need in such a short time.

With the combined efforts of Hickory Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter over 100 individual toys were collected, meaning that each of the kids on Scott’s list will be getting 2 to 3 toys for Christmas which otherwise would not be getting any. Additionally, a considerable amount of money was donated and it is anticipated that Scott will be purchasing food for the families in need.

Because of the liberal giving that we made to the local community and the Masonic virtues that were displayed our lodge will reap what it has sown. Three petitions were requested from men involved in this collection effort. It is definitely through community involvement like this that our lodge will continue to prosper and grow well into the future. Well done Hickory Lodge #343!!

AD 1874

CONSTITUTED

AL5874

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
Hickory, NC 28601
PERMIT NO. 86



34th NC Masonic District

HICKORY LODGE NO. 343

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
P.O. Box 451
Hickory, NC 28601
828-322-8016

www.hickorymasoniccenter.org
secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org

Lodge Events Calendar

JANUARY 2008

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30pm OES	2	3	4 BLOOD DRIVE 2pm—7pm	5
6	7 6:30pm Meal 7:30pm BL Stated	8	9 6:30pm Meal 7:30pm York Rite	10	11	12
13	14	15 7:30pm OES	16	17	18	19
20	21 6:30pm Mea 7:30pm BL Stated	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		