



Greetings from the East !

My Brothers,

Thank You for your continued support of this fine fraternity. Brethren, at this weak time in our country's history do your best in your communities to get involved and improve the world around

you. Do good unto all.

Any Brother having a friend to recommend, please inform them more on how Masonry has enriched your lives and answer their concerns with informative answers, or refer them to the lodge officers, who would be happy to provide more information.

Fraternally,
Richard Rozzelle
Master



Greetings from the South...

Menu for the Month of April 2009

Stated Meeting April 6th

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, assorted desserts

Stated Meeting April 20th

Grilled Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, corn, Rolls, assorted desserts

Brethren these meals are low sodium, low sugar, low cholesterol health conscious selections so come out and enjoy Brother Ed Zammarelli's fine cooking.

Lee Spach,
Junior Warden



*Brother Pez Teague Memorial
Pancake Breakfast
For Charity*



**To benefit the Masonic Home for Children
Whitestone Masonic Retirement Community
and the Masonic Foundation
\$5 Donation requested for all you can eat
Children 12 and under FREE
All are invited to attend
May 2nd 2009 7am—11 am**

OFFICERS 2009

Worshipful Master	Richard L. Rozzelle	294-3013
Senior Warden	Daniel J. Rolon	493-3543
Junior Warden	G. Lee Spach	446-1924
Treasurer	W.J. "Buz" Hunley	ul 256-7633
Secretary	Kevin D. Johnson	465-5619
Senior Deacon	James L. Johnson	328-1679
Junior Deacon	James Hope	ul 465-0063
Sr. Steward	Ed Zammarelli	704-435-2877
Jr. Steward	Neal Hendren	446-0486
Steward	Paul Aulbach	704-300-8239
Chaplain	James Johnson, Sr, PM	
Tyler	Robert B. Bickel	294-6619
Trustees	<i>Chairman</i> David L. Brandon	294-2124
	W. Grimes Byerly	324-8678
	David Abernethy	

LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.L. Johnson	1974		2007
E.W. Beckom	1978	D.J. Wallace	1999
J.F. Taylor	1979	H.W. Wallker	2000
J.H. Elmore	1981	J.W. Davidson	2001
T.L. Hartman	1984	M.D. Hale	2002
E.C. Cline	1986	W.J. Hunley	2003
J.H. Elmore	1987	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
J.E. Vaught	1988	D.L. Brandon	2006
E.W. Masche	1991	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.D. Crawley	1993		
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Ray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		



April Birthdays



James Bengie	4/2/1944	Nolan Yount	4/14/1927	Wade Whitener	4/25/1925
Mark Moore Jr.	4/4/1939	Charles Bailey Jr.	4/14/1931	Kenneth Graham	4/25/1937
William Barlow	4/6/1975	Clyde Ramsey	4/14/1952	Teddy Smith	4/25/1943
Jimmy Travis	4/7/1940	James Seabock	4/15/1966	Danny Lingerfelt	4/25/1952
Terry Creasman	4/7/1950	Cyril Hammer	4/16/1945	David Abernethy	4/25/1954
Roy Tucker	4/9/1932	Fred Laxton	4/19/1972	Kenneth Bowman	4/25/1975
Samuel Devenney	4/9/1952	Shey Wright	4/19/1983	Joe Wilkey	4/26/1933
John Pask	4/10/1938	Wayne Propst	4/21/1944	Hugh Flowers	4/26/1936
Clifford Miller	4/11/1981	Ernest Fox	4/23/1942	Harold Isenhour	4/27/1943
Ward Medlin	4/12/1969	Paul Gadd	4/23/1944	Jackie Morris	4/29/1934
Earl O'Brien Sr.	4/24/1921	Chris Duncan	4/29/1963	Dennis Grigg	4/28/1962
Kermit Nash Jr.	4/26/1946	George Messinger	4/27/1943	Fred Sherrill Jr.	4/25/1934



Caring Report:

The Cooke family, Kevin Johnson's Father, P.C. Wray, Betty Burch, Glen Henline,(home from hospital} Nolan Yount (surgery) and Wife, John Wilson, Don Hudson, Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, (eye injury) John Harden's wife, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle's son and father, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, Jack Matthews, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.



From the West:

Hello my Brother's and greetings from the west. I hope you all have enjoyed the change of seasons and have been able to see the beauty unfolding in the world around us. The officers here at the lodge have experienced plenty of "growth" also. There have been several new Brothers to come into the Lodge during these first couple of months. At this writing we have passed 3 on the second degree. Raised those 3, in addition to one in January. We have at least 4 to initiate this month on the first degree. If you get the chance to come out and see the work we would love to have you for a visit. Several brothers have visited from area lodges and this fellowship within the district is a wonderful experience. I was able to attend Ham Day at Riverside Lodge in Catawba with my family and I saw many other Brothers from Hickory Lodge there as well. The food was delicious and they have the service down to a science. The Brothers of Riverside Lodge definitely deserve to be commended for their efforts. Understandably this shows in the amount of funds they secure for the continued existence of our charities. Great work Brothers!

Greetings from the South Brethren,

So far we are off to a fantastic response to the request for supporting "The Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast for Charity". To date we have almost raised \$2,000. Thanks to everyone that has contributed no matter how great or small the amount. Every penny is appreciated. Now it is time to focus on the event itself. Right now we only have a couple of brothers signed up to work in the kitchen helping to prepare the food on May 2. With the amount of people we plan to serve at the breakfast, we really need more help in the kitchen. This year I have blocked off 1 1/2 hour shifts in hopes of not overburdening anyone willing to assist us. Please call me at your convenience to sign up for at least one time-slot to help. (828) 446 - 1924.

On April 24th, please be sure to tune your radios to WHKY 1290AM during the "First Talk with Hal Rowe" show. We will be live on the air that morning promoting this event. Be sure tune in.

Fraternally,
Lee Spach, Junior Warden

Masonic Dictionary:.

APPRENTICE: Comes from the Latin word apprehendere meaning "to grasp, to master a thing." Hence, a learner.

APRON: The badge of a Mason. Originally among priesthoods as a badge of office and a means of ornamentation.

The Masonic apron should be white lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep. It should be presented to the candidate at his initiation and not at some subsequent time. No substitute should be used. From the French word napron meaning "an apron of cloth." From earliest times in Persia, Egypt, India, the Jewish Essenes, the white apron was a badge of honor and candidates were invested with it, or a sash, or a robe. Its reference is to purity of heart, to innocence of conduct.

ARCHITECT: One who designs buildings.

ARCHITECTURE: The art or science of building.

ARCHIVES: a place for the safe keeping of records; the records themselves.

ARTIFICER: a craftsman or skilled laborer.

ARTS: branches of learning, as in the lecture of the F.C. degree. In E.A. degree: skills.

ASHLAR: a block of stone from which a column, capital, or other finished product is carved or hewn.

ASHLAR: A stone as taken from the quarry; an unpolished stone.

In Memory:

Brother

William Lawrence Cooke Jr.

Our sincere sympathies to the family of our dearly departed Brother William Lawrence Cooke Jr.

Brother Cooke was born September 9th 1935 and died February 17th 2009.

He was initiated on January 24th 1977 Passed on March 3rd 1977, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 28th 1977

"Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"



Also in attendance were several children from the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford N.C. and a bus load of residents also attended from the WhiteStone Masonic community. Brother Mark Kolada Executive Director of WhiteStone and Most Worshipful Brother Dan Rice, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina also enjoyed this gathering.

Another gathering definitely worth noting is the School of instruction hosted by the Lovelady Lodge in Valdese. This event took place on Saturday 3/21/09. This gathering starts with a breakfast for the Brethren and then proceeds upstairs to the Lodge room where the work of the degrees is performed by area Brothers. The fellowship is "golden". Many area lodges were represented and some hot issues were discussed. Thanks be to Brother Wendell Powell and Brother John Parlier for their continued guidance.

Fraternally,
Daniel Rolon
Senior Warden

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

IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar

April 2009

Stated Communication Monday April 6th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm
Emergent Communication 1st degree April 13th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm
OSW Training Class Sunday April 19th, 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm
Stated Communication Monday April 20th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Call the Lodge or visit our website for emergent communications.
Degree work is usually held on the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month.
We do have several candidates in the process of learning the catechisms.

May 2009

Pancake Breakfast Saturday May 2nd 2009 7 am-11 am

Stated Communication Monday May 4th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm
OSW Training Class Sunday, May 17th, 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm
Stated Communication Monday May 18th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Mark your Calendars NOW!

Family Day Saturday August 15th 2009 11am -2 pm
Awards Night Thursday November 19th 2009 6:30pm