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Greetings from the East! My Brothers,

May has been a wonderful month with the blessing of rain and the beauties of Spring unfolding around us. The Lodge is also growing with many new Brothers entering the Craft and starting there Masonic journeys. Congratulations to Brothers Bowman and King on their initiation on May 11th, 2009. We are looking forward to the coming

We are looking forward to the coming months of degree work and invite all of the Brethren to come out and support the Lodge if within the length of your cable tow.

Fraternally, Richard Rozzelle Master

## Over \$5,500.00 collected for our Charities!



Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast. Full House!

#### In Memory:

### Brother Charles R. Meadows

Our sincere sympathies to the family of our dearly departed Brother.

Brother Charles Ransom Meadows was born December 7th, 1930 and died May 11th, 2009.

Brother Meadows was initiated on August 9th, 1977, passed on October 7th, 1977 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 24th, 1977.

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



Greetings from the South...

Menu for the Month of June 2009

Stated Meeting June 1st

Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Stuffing and assorted desserts.

Stated Meeting June 15th, 2009

Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, and 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

A special "Thank You" goes out to all the veterans who are serving and have served in the armed forces of this Great United States.. And to all the families who have given the ultimate sacrifice we can only sincerely, deeply, and most affectionately sympathize with them in their afflictive bereavement, and remind them that "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb looks down with infinite compassion upon the bereaved in the hour of their desolation, and will fold the arms of His love and protection around those who put their trust in Him.'

#### LIVING PAST MASTERS **OFFICERS 2009 Worshipful Master** Richard L. Rozzelle 294-3013 J.N. Cagle 1973 W.G. Byerly 1998 **Senior Warden** Daniel J. Rolon 493-3543 J.L. Johnson 1974 2007 **Junior Warden** G. Lee Spach 446-1924 E.W. Beckom 1978 D.J. Wallace 1999 **Treasurer** W.J. "Buz" Hunley 256-7633 J.F. Taylor 1979 H.W. Wallker 2000 465-5619 Secretary Kevin D. Johnson J.H. Elmore J.W. Davidson 2001 1981 **Senior Deacon** James L. Johnson 962-1857 T.L. Hartman 1984 M.D. Hale 2002 **Junior Deacon** James Hope ul 465-0063 E.C. Cline 2003 1986 W.J. Hunley Sr. Steward Ed Zammarelli 704-435-2877 J.H. Elmore 1987 J.P. Kuykendall 2004 Jr. Steward Neal Hendren 446-0486 J.E. Vaught 1988 D.L. Brandon 2006 Steward Paul Aulbach 704-300-0543 E.W. Masche 1991 J.D. Abernethy 2008 Chaplain James Johnson, Sr, PM J.D. Crawley 1993 **Tyler** Robert B. Bickel 294-6619 J.P. Hilton 1994 D.L. Reep 1995 Trustees Chairman David L. Brandon 294-2124 W. Grimes Byerly 324-8678 P.C. Wray 1996 **David Abernethy** L.D. Huffman 1997

#### **June Birthdays** Newman Bush 6/14/1940 Dennis Mikeal II 6/25/1943 Thomas St.Clair 6/1/1943 Burlon Cloer II 6/23/1923 **Bobby Mullinax** 6/14/1938 Jack Suther 6/15/1927 **David Flowers** 6/25/1930 John Parker 6/1/1946 William wigs 6/30/1945 Rufus Hope 6/23/1940 James Poovey 6/23/1939 James Yount 6/4/1951 W. Andrew Jennings 6/13/1962 **Brian Rary** 6/9/1961 6/9/1935 6/30/1966 William Keller Jeffery Rash Rondall Lail 6/10/1979 6/2/1948 Douglas Reep 6/23/1930 Robert Litwin **Bobby Roberts** 6/12/1958 6/1/1954 **Eddie Singleton** 6/3/1946 John Mayo

## **Caring Report:**

Kevin Johnson's Father, John Keener's wife, Frank Taylor, Gary Nichols, Thad Johnson, P.C. Wray, Betty Burch, Nolan Yount and Wife, Glen Henline, John Wilson, Don Hudson, Jack Lingerfelt, John Harden's wife, David Duncan, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Calvin Pittman, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, Amy Spach, Jack Matthews, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention. Our sincere sympathies to the Meadows Family of our dearly departed Brother.



From the West:

Greetings, Brethren, Let us welcome our newest Brothers to the Craft. Brothers' Tim-Weaver, Daniel Guthrie, Chris Jarrell, Wes King, and Larry Bowman. All have been initiated as an Entered Apprentice.

There are currently two more in the wings which will be initiated in June. Also worthy of mention is The recent visit of Wor. Bro.: John Parlier DDGM of the 34th Masonic District and Wor.: Bro. Wendell Powell DDGL of the 34th Masonic District, who

made their official visit on May 18th, 2009. It is always a pleasure to have such distinguished visitors with us. Visit when you can

Fraternally,
Daniel Rolon
Senior Warden



It is with the deepest gratitude, admiration, and thanksgiving that I am writing to you. When I first decided that I wanted our Lodge's goal to be \$5,000 in fundraising for the charities through our annual pancake breakfast, I have to admit that I was apprehensive that we would achieve it. With poor economic conditions in our community and businesses, horrible media news being reported daily, and the information I gathered concerning the decline in donations to the Orphanage and WhiteStone I felt as though "I had bitten off more than I could chew." Therefore I began to pray daily about the success of this event and the needs of those less fortunate.

As I began "selling" the idea to our lodge and talking with each of you individually I quickly realized that FAITH in my God, HOPE in my brothers, and the CHARITY of mankind would lead us to our goal. After learning about the dedication of our dearly departed Brother Plez Teague and his unending pursuit of raising money for our charities it seemed only fitting that our pancake breakfast be named for him as a reminder to all of us to never stop fighting and working for those in need.

Because of each of your moral beliefs, commitment, and strong convictions in Masonry we DID achieve our goal and even surpassed it. As of now, we have raised over \$5,500 (after expenses) to donate to our charities on behalf of Hickory Lodge #343 from this single event. WOW! What else needs to be said? The numbers alone speak in volumes about this lodge and its members. Special thanks to everyone that gave their time to help prepare the food, serve it, clean, and monitor the event itself. I am not sure exactly how many people we fed that morning, but I do know that we used approximately 750 plates and almost 70 pounds of pancake mix.

There are not enough ways in all the written or verbal languages in the world for me to express to each of you my thanks other than to say "may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words – Well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord..." remembering that Charity extends beyond the grave when we all go to the celestial lodge above.

I can't wait for next year!!! Sincerely and Fraternally,

Lee Spach, Junior Warden

More words defined:

Conform: The ability to adapt oneself.

Consecrated: Solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high purpose, usually a Holy purpose. Contrive: To come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort.

Convex: Curving or bulging outward.

Countenance: Consent to or give permission.

Cowans: Profanes, pretenders, intruders, eavesdroppers. Those seeking to obtain the Masonic words and secrets of

Masonry without having been admitted to the fraternity.

Delineate: To accurately depict a shape. To draw or trace the outline of; sketch out. Deluge: An overwhelming number or amount of an item;..as in a deluge of rain.

Demean: To reduce in worth or character.

Deportment: A manner of personal conduct or behavior.

Derogatory: Implies contempt or disapproval, ...such as a derogatory remark.

Diligent: Taking care, patience and perseverance in carrying out tasks.

Discerning: Having, revealing and exercising keen insight and good judgment.

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#### IN GOD WE TRUST

# <u>Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar</u> <u>June 2009</u>

Stated Communication Monday June 1st, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm OSW Training Sunday June 28th. 2009 3:00 pm –5:00 pm Stated Communication Monday June15th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Call the Lodge or visit our website for updated information about emergent communications or to print a copy of the <u>calendar</u>.

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.

July 2009

Stated Communication Monday July 6th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm
OSW Training Sunday July 19th 2009 3:00 pm -5:00 pm
Stated Communication Monday July 20th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Mark your Calendars NOW!
<u>Family Day Saturday August 15th 2009 11am -2 pm</u>
<u>Awards Night Thursday November 19th 2009 6:30pm</u>