



Greetings from the East !

Brethren there has been little response to my request for volunteers for the Masonic funerals. I again publish this request. If any Master Mason wishes to make himself available to represent the Fraternity of Masonry at

any of the many Masonic Funerals we participate in, please contact myself or the Lodge Secretary (Kevin Johnson).

Thank You,

Richard Rozzelle  
Master



Greetings from the South...  
Menu for the Month of March 2009

Stated Meeting March 2nd,  
Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad , bread, and assorted desserts  
Stated Meeting March 16th  
Pork chops, pinto beans , cole slaw, cornbread, and assorted desserts  
Brethren these meals are low sodium, low sugar, low cholesterol health conscious selections so come out and enjoy.  
Lee Spach,  
Junior Warden



*The Plez Teague  
Memorial  
Pancake Breakfast  
For Charity*



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

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	ul 256-7633	J.F. Taylor	1979	H.W. Walker	2000
Secretary	Kevin D. Johnson	465-5619	J.H. Elmore	1981	J.W. Davidson	2001
Senior Deacon	James L. Johnson	328-1679	T.L. Hartman	1984	M.D. Hale	2002
Junior Deacon	James Hope	ul 465-0063	E.C. Cline	1986	W.J. Hunley	2003
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	704-300-8239	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		
Trustees Chairman	David L. Brandon	294-2124	D.L. Reep	1995		
	W. Grimes Byerly	324-8678	P.C. Ray	1996		
	David Abernethy		L.D. Huffman	1997		

March Birthdays

Paul Bollinger	3/1/1927	Phillip Anthony	3/12/1942	Jamie Yrigoyen	3/19/1969
Lawton Hatley	3/1/1945	Johnny Hollar	3/12/1936	Ralph Maxwell	3/21/1949
Virgil Hoffman	3/2/1950	William Baird	3/12/1943	Earl Digh, Jr.	3/23/1951
Mark Huffman	3/3/1971	Paul Aulbach	3/14/1966	Robert Keller	3/23/1986
Joseph Cohen	3/4/1943	Larry Huffman	3/14/1948	Robert Bickel	3/24/1954
Vernon Hodge	3/7/1942	Wayne Yoder	3/14/1948	Bradley Davis	3/25/1967
Joseph Gibbons II	3/8/1952	James Beckom, Sr.	3/16/1935	Andy Brinkley	3/27/1938
John Crawley	3/9/1952	John Keever	3/17/1924	Henry Crowgey	3/31/1961
Darrell Chapman	3/10/1955	Solomon Sutton	3/17/1935		
Timothy Hewitt	3/10/1968	Paul Wilson	3/17/1942		
Johnny Miller, Jr.	3/11/1958	Mack Bristow	3/19/1958		

Caring Report:

Sandra Isenhour, Betty Burch, Glen Henline,(home from hospital} Jack Sains Family, Nolan Yount (surgery) and Wife, Misty London, Denise Wallace, (surgery) David Chastain, (accident) John Wilson, Don Hudson, (hospitalization) Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, (eye injury) John Harden’s wife, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle’s son and father, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, August Masche, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, Mary Cline, Calvin Pittman, Jack Matthews, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.



From the West:  
Many thanks to the many Brother’s who have visited our Lodge in recent month’s your friendship is valued by the Brothers here at Hickory Lodge. Visit as often as you can.

The Valentines dinner was again a success . Over 30 couples were on hand to share in the great meal and entertainment. Special thanks go out to Past Master David Brandon and his wife Susan and also to Secretary Kevin Johnson and his wife Carla for there work putting together this incredible occasion. The meal consisted of pasta with marinara sauce, shrimp Scampi, and

chicken picotta, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and for dessert, strawberries, pound cake and ice cream. After the dinner we enjoyed an entertaining round of the newlywed game. Our newly married couple the Zammerelli’s (3 WEEKS), and our longest married couple the Herman’s (59 YEARS) were two out of the four couples who competed for a prize. Another game consisting of opening a present while not using your hands was won when Past Secretary Clay Rawn knocked the present from his wife's arms and began stomping on the package. To the amusement of us all . And yes, a good time was had by all.

As in previous newsletters we are still doing the work of the lodge. A second degree was conferred on Monday, February 9th for two candidates. A 3rd degree for these Brothers will follow shortly as they have excelled in their catechisms. The coaching staff has informed me that we will be having another 2nd degree soon, as well as a first degree this month. Stay tuned to the website for updated news and information regarding these degrees.

Fraternally,  
Daniel Rolon  
Senior Warden

Greetings from the South!  
Brethren,

Over the years the Hickory Lodge has graciously supported the endeavors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro (Whitestone). Our lodge has a long standing tradition pertaining to these entities. As a young Master Mason, I am not fully aware about the many years of giving, in various ways, that our great lodge has supported these homes. I do know that for many years’ members of our lodge traveled to Oxford, with boats in tow, for fishing trips with the children. I also know that the boys from the home have come to our lodge in years past for visits and fishing on nearby lakes. Unfortunately due to changing times and conditions these events are not as feasible as they once were. More importantly, I know from conversations with many members of our lodge there was a brother in recent times that epitomized the meaning of “CHARITY”. This brother, who is now deceased, would literally travel all over the Catawba Valley area collecting items needed for the orphanage such as bicycles, clothing, shoes, and many other basics that we all take for granted in our lives. He would then deliver or ship, at his own cost, these items to the children. This brother was not a brother of great means, so it was with great personal sacrifice that he acted in this capacity, truly exercising his Masonic obligations. This brother is most widely known for his “jelly” sales that yielded large donations. I have heard that he would literally sit and wait until he received a donation for the charities in exchange for a jar of jelly. Today if you contact the Children’s Home, there is definitely a positive connection between Hickory Lodge #343 and the administration because of our brother’s dedication to their needs. For most of you, you probably already know that I am referring to Brother Plez Teague. I never had the pleasure of knowing Brother Teague, but he must have been a great Mason and man, because so many of the brethren speak so highly of him and his actions..... thus, extending beyond the grave are the fruits of his labors and charitable works, just as we hear in the several Masonic lectures that we should all try to emulate.

Therefore, with this in mind, our lodge passed a motion on February 16<sup>th</sup> to officially name our annual pancake breakfast, “The Plez Teague Memorial Pancake Breakfast for Charity”. Considering that this brother single handedly raised thousands upon thousands of dollars for our charities, it is only fitting that we honor him in this manner.

Finally, since we no longer have Brother Teague on the forefront of fundraising for our charities, it now becomes each of our duty to continue building on the foundation he and others have laid, by donating our time, money, and efforts to the pancake breakfast and other events that support the homes. By doing so, we can honor The Craft and be proud of who we are as Masons.

I look forward to receiving support from each of you for this year’s pancake breakfast to be held on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 – 11AM. There are plenty of tickets to sell, supplies needed, and available time slots to work at the event. Please contact me for more details 828-446-1924. We can do much more for The Craft together than we can on our own.... so please help me accomplish OUR goal of \$5,000 for the charities.

Fraternally,  
Lee Spach  
Junior Warden

Masonic Dictionary: ANCIENT: Old, time honored.  
ANNO BENEFACIO: (A.B.) Latin for "In the Year of the Blessing." Used by the Order of High Priesthood for dating their documents. (1930 added to the current date.)  
ANNO DEPOSITIONIS: (A.Dep.) Latin for "In the Year of the Deposit. "The Cryptic Masonic date designation. (Add 1000 to the current date.)  
ANNO DOMINI: (A.D.) Latin for "Year of our Lord."  
ANNO INVENTIONIS: (A.I.) Latin meaning "In the Year of Discovery." The Royal Arch date designation. (Add 530 to the current date.)  
ANNO LUCIS: (A.L.) Latin mean-ing "In the Year of Light, "the date used by Ancient Craft Masonry. (Add 4000 to the current date.)  
ANNO MUNDI: (A.M.) Latin meaning "In the Year of the World." The date used by the Scottish Rite. (Add 3760 to the current year until Septem-ber; if after September, add 3761.  
ANNO ORDINIS: (A.O.) L thin meaning "In the Year of e Order." The date used by the Knights Templar. (Sul)tract 1118 from the current date.)  
ANOINT: To apply oil to, or pour oil on, particularly holy oil as a sign of elevation to kingship or consecration to priesthood. Hence, "anointed," one accepted by the Lord, as "The Lord's anointed." . Comes from the custom of the Egyptians and Jews.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center Upcoming Events Calendar

March 2009

Stated Communication Monday March 2nd, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm  
Emergent Communication 2nd degree Monday March 9th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm  
OSW Training Class Sunday March 15th 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm  
Stated Communication Monday March 16th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm  
(To be announced) Emergent Communication 1st degree Monday March ?, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

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.

April 2009

Stated Communication Monday April 6th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm  
Stated Communication Monday April 20th, 2009 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm  
OSW Training Class Sunday, April 19th, 2009 3:00pm-5:00pm  
Mark your Calendars NOW!  
Pancake Breakfast Saturday May 2nd 2009 7 am-11 am  
Family Day Saturday August 15th 2009 11am -2 pm  
Awards Night Thursday November 19th 2009 6:30pm