

Membership Dues

Important Dues Information!!!
 Agreeable to Article 77-3 of the N.C. Code We are sending out this reminder for the collection of dues. **REG. 77-3 WHEN DUE.**
 All dues of members to subordinate lodges shall be due and payable annually in advance on January first each year. [77-2; 77-13].

Hickory Masonic Lodge #343
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The dues for the Blue Lodge are \$77.00 for 2010. The per capita tax that goes to the Grand Lodge went up \$2.00.

The York Rite dues are as follows: \$60.00 for all three unless you are a life member to the Templar Eye Foundation which gives you a \$1 dollar deduction. If you are just a member in only one or two bodies the dues are as follows:
 Catawba Chapter #60 \$18.00
 Hickory council #32 \$18.00
 Hickory Commandery #17 \$24.00.

For those that have not paid their dues for 2010 please contact the Secretary at secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org or at 828-322-8016.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Brother, Kevin Johnson, Secretary.

Blood Drive Results

Thanks to everyone that participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive in January at the lodge. We had approximately 50 people present for blood donation. This is very good but we could always use more. Stay tuned for when we will be having another one in August.

Family Movie Night @ Lodge

About 20 people attended our first family movie night at lodge on January 8th. We watched the movie "August Rush" and enjoyed popcorn and drinks. Thanks to Brothers Doug and Terry Moore for use of the popcorn machine. More movie nights will be upcoming!



Lodge Menu for February

Come join us for some great meals! Thanks to Brothers, Doug Moore, Allen Lineberger, Adam Beagles, Daniel Guthrie, J.J. Kuba, and Ed Zammarelli, we are eating meals equal to any top restaurant in Hickory. Where else can you get "All you can eat" for \$4-\$5??? All meals homemade in our renovated kitchen.

Feb 1st—breakfast for dinner!

Feb 15th—lasagna, salad, rolls, deserts

OFFICERS 2010

Worshipful Master	Dan Rolon	493-3543
Senior Warden	Lee Spach	446-1924
Junior Warden	David Brandon	638-1691
Treasurer	Terry Moore	312-1006
Secretary	Kevin Johnson	465-5619
Senior Deacon	James Hope	428-3752
Junior Deacon	Paul Aulbach	514-6994
Sr. Steward	Doug Moore	312-1012
Jr. Steward	Allen Lineberger	704-798-3691
Steward	Daniel Guthrie	310-3560
Steward	Adam Beagles	302-0616
Chaplain	Chris Jarrell	308-7762

LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.J. Wallace	1999
E.W. Beckom	1978	H.W. Wallker	2000
J.F. Taylor	1979	J.W. Davidson	2001
J.H. Elmore	1981	M.D. Hale	2002
T.L. Hartman	1984	W.J. Hunley	2003
E.C. Cline	1986	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
J.H. Elmore	1987	D.L. Brandon	2006
J.E. Vaught	1988	W.G. Byerly	2007
E.W. Masche	1991	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.D. Crawley	1993	R.L. Rozzelle	2009



Lodge Membership Directory

Recently Brother Kevin Johnson, Secretary, finished updating the membership roster for Hickory Lodge #343 and the Hickory York Rite Bodies. Rather than incur the expense of printing a large quantity of these directories we decided to inform everyone about them via the newsletter.

If you would like a copy of the membership directory we can send you a PDF file via email or we can print hard copy. Dan Wallace as agreed to print, free of charge, the ones needed in hardcopy. He will print 10 at a time when enough people want a hard copy.

If you would like an electronic version please email the Secretary (secretary@hickorymasoniccenter.org) and he will gladly send you one via email. If you would like a printed copy, please let the Secretary know and he will put you on a list for printing.

Remember to keep in mind Regulation 43-3. Item 8-9 regarding use of the roster in The Code. It states "8. No lodge shall permit the use of its roster of membership or any part thereof for business or political purposes, nor for any solicitation whatever that is not strictly Masonic.

9. No lodge shall permit the use of its roster of membership or any part thereof for the sale of any book purporting to be Masonic or to relate to Masonry which has not been expressly approved by the Grand Lodge."



Caring Report: Donna Rozzelle, Allen Linberger's grandmother, John Cansler, Al Swofford, Everette Beckom, Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Cliff Pruitts wife, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Glen Henline, Nolan Yount and Wife, David Duncan, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Richard Rozzelle's son, David Reep's wife, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Richard Borneman, Todd Cline, Joe Teague, David Early, Joe Vaught, and the following families in the loss of a loved one, the Pope family, the Holbrook family, the Nicholas family, and the Sutton family all need our prayers and attention. Sincere sympathy for our dearly departed brethren:



Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday February 13, 2010 6:30pm

**Hickory Masonic Center—\$15.00 per couple
 \$4.00 for children to eat and childcare provided.
 Contact Bro. David Brandon or Bro. Kevin Johnson
 Open to ALL Masons**

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THE FIVE POINTS SYMBOLISM

By BRO. N. A. McAULAY
(From The Builder,
Anamosa, Iowa, October, 1916)

Foot to foot that we may go,
Where our help we can bestow:
Pointing out the better way,
Lest our brothers go astray.
Thus our steps should always lead
To the souls that are in need.

Knee to knee, that we may share
Every brother's needs in prayer:
Giving all his wants a place,
When we seek the throne of grace.
In our thoughts from day to day
For each other we should pray.

Breast to breast, to there conceal,
What our lips must not reveal;
When a brother does confide,
We must by his will abide.
Mason's secrets to us known,
We must cherish as our own.

Hand to back, our love to show
To the brother, bending low:
Underneath a load of care,
Which we may and ought to share.
That the weak may always stand,
Let us lend a helping hand.

Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,
That our lips may whisper cheer,
To our brother in distress:
Whom our words can aid and bless.
Warn him if he fails to see,
Dangers that are known to thee.

Foot to foot, and knee to knee,
Breast to breast, as brothers we:
Hand to back and mouth to ear,
Then that mystic word we hear,

Which we otherwise conceal,
But on these five points reveal.

COMPASSES OR COMPASS? - WHICH IS CORRECT?

by V. Wor. Bro. I.J. Nathan G.L.

This is a question that has concerned a number of members but a simple answer cannot be given. There has been a suggestion made that the plural form came into common use when the mariners compass was invented. The word compass has been recorded as having been used in the 14th century. Three examples are: 1340 "craftily casten with a compas"; 1387 "made the first compas"; and in 1391 by Chaucer who wrote of the "poynt of my compas". In 1551 this sentence was recorded "haue a payre of compasse aptelye made for to draw the circles." In 1570 a mathematical text had "geometrie teacheth the vse of the Rule and cum-passe." Swift wrote in 1745 "to fix one foot of their compass wherever they think fit." As recently as 1845 Emerson wrote "defined by compass and measuring wand."

Earliest uses of the plural form have been recorded in the 16th century. In 1555 "we took owre compasses and beganne to measure the sea coasts" and an example from 1594 "how to make with your compasses a perpendicular line to fall from any point given another right line." Milton wrote in Paradise Lost in 1667 "in his hand he took the golden compasses to circumscribe this universe."

The mariners compass first appeared in 1515 "Some the anker layde . . . one kepte the compass and watched the our glasse." In 1552 this was recorded "ane skypper can nocht gyde his schip without direction of his compas."

In at least four verses of the Old Testament compass appears in its singular form. Isaiah 44:13 "The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass" Other references are Exodus 27:5, Exodus 38:4 and Proverbs 8:27.

Early masonic rituals do not show any marked preference for either form. Prichard's Masonry Dissected of 1730 uses the singular four times and the plural once. Three Distinct Knocks published in 1760 has the plural form seven times and the singular twice. Jachin and Boaz which appeared in 1762 shows a slight preference for the singular over the plural by five to four.

In the United States some jurisdictions use compass and there are also masonic clubs known as square and compass clubs.

After reading this far it would be a bold reader who would say one or the other was correct. There is, however, a criterion of correctness for the modern New Zealand constitution mason and that is how the word appears in our Book of Constitution and Ritual. As it always appears as compasses then as far as our working is concerned compasses is the correct form.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

Hickory Masonic Center February Events Calendar

Stated Communication	Monday	February 1st	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
York Rite Sweet Hearts Dinner	Saturday	February 13th	6:30pm
OSW Training Class	Sunday	February 14th	3:00pm—5:00pm at CONOVER LODGE
Stated Communication	Monday	February 15th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
York Rite Festival	Friday	February 26th	5:30pm HIBRITEN LODGE
York Rite Festival	Saturday	February 27th	11:30am HICKORY LODGE
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OSW Training Class	Sunday	March 14th	3:00pm—5:00pm at LOVELADY LODGE
Grand Master Visit to 34th District	Wednesday	April 28th	6:30pm at MAIDEN LODGE
Pancake Breakfast for Charity!	Saturday	May 1st	6:00am—10:00am
Hickory Lodge #343 Family Day	Saturday	August 14th	11:00am-2:00pm
Chicken Pie Sale for Charity!	Saturday	November 6th	1:00pm—5:00pm
Hickory Lodge Awards Night	Thursday	November 18th	6:30pm