



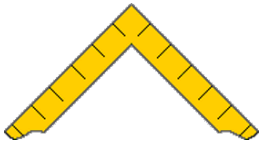
# The Trestle Board

Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154 AFM



June 2009

## From the East:



*Notes from the 2009 Worshipful Master*

Worshipful Master Steve Powers

To all the Brothers of Sinclair Lodge:

In these trying times, Economy, War, etc. It is extremely important that we practice a part of what we stand for (Brotherly Love and Affection). If you know a brother who has not attended the lodge lately, call them up, or better yet; go by their home and offer them a ride to a lodge meeting. In this fast paced world we are living, it is not hard to miss out on the Good Things in LIFE. The Lodge held a CWP class as a fundraiser in April. Many thanks to Brother's Bill Rentiers JW, Steve Kelsay Tiler, and Acy Flora SD; in making it such a success. The Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina; MW Barry A. Rickman will make an official visit Sept. 3rd. Please mark this on your calendar and let us have a great turnout to receive him, and his officers at Sinclair.

Fraternally,

Steve Powers  
WM

## OUR NEW GRAND MASTER:

*Most Worshipful Barry A. Rickman*

*Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina*



## CWP fundraiser:

The CWP fundraiser was officially declared a success. Thank you brothers for all of your support and hard work.



You will find various other pictures from the fundraiser throughout this newsletter.

## Cookbooks:

Don't forget we have plenty of cook books for sale. They are \$15 each and make a great gift for every occasion.





## Masonic Education:

### *Working tools for life*

Brother Acy Flora SD

My brothers, I had something else prepared for the Masonic education section for this issue of the Trestle Board but I have been fortunate enough to have spoken with a few candidates before they took their Entered Apprentice degree and when I spoke to each one I found myself repeating the same thing. The statement I made to them was that they were about to embark on a very personal journey. This got me to thinking about my Initiation and the life I have led since then. While the candidate is often times told that they have three degrees and two months worth of studying before they become a Master Mason. I feel this is sometimes seen as an end of the journey but this is not the end of your journey. While we progress through these degrees we receive working tools and learn what their meaning and application is as Speculative Masons we also learn why the Operative Mason used them. As the Operative Mason builds marvelous temples and cathedrals we are building a temple within ourselves, a temple which would be worthy of dedicating to the Grand Architect of the Universe. The temple of Solomon stood for hundreds years. Even though this temple had been completed I am quite sure over the years that it stood it required much maintenance, upkeep and defense from attackers. The Temple of Solomon was eventually destroyed as was the second temple and many other beautiful architectural creations. We too must maintain, keep up and defend our personal temples, a place within us for the Grand Architect of the Universe to lead and guide us. We must constantly apply the working tools to our life and work on our own temple. When we don't do these things we will allow the internal and external forces to destroy us piece by piece, brick by brick, stone by stone. So brothers don't lay down your working tools and see your temple as completed and neglect it. Make sure you use them every day with every creature. This will keep your temple strong until you can no longer hold on to these working tools and you are welcomed into the Celestial Lodge above by the Divine Architect. It is said that Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better men. Please try every day to make yourself a better man than you were the day before.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Buddy Breakfast

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM

Come join us for breakfast and bring a friend!

### Business Meeting

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Eat at 6:45. Gavel Drops at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

### Practice

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Practice and Masonic Education (Small meal will be served.)

### Fellow Craft

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Fellow Craft Degree (Note: Tentative Pending Ballot)

### Table Lodge and 150 Year Celebration

Place: Acacia Masonic Lodge

Date: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM

Breakfast and Table Lodge (150 Year Celebration)

### Practice

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Practice and Masonic Education (Small meal will be served.)

### Square and Compass of the Midlands

Place: Dentsville Masonic Lodge

Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Meal and Program.

### Business Meeting and Grand Master Official Visit

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Eat at 6:45. Gavel Drops at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

### Ladies Night

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: October 2009 (Date TBD)

Time: TBD

Bring your lady and come enjoy in the fellowship and a great meal.

## From the West:



*Notes from the 2009 Senior Warden*

Brother Richard Gates

We as Masons each believe in God. We Masons believe in morality, virtue, brotherly love and affection. We Masons do not tell each other what to think. Our religious and political opinions belong to each of us as individuals.

As a child, I was raised to never to humiliate another due to their ignorance or inability but to assist them as to the best of my ability. I was to show kindness and compassion in the face of anger and indifference. This shared attitude is what attracted me to Masonry.

Masonry builds in each of us character rather than ego. The only competition is with ourselves to become better men, rather than an unhealthy competition whereby we negate another.

I want to thank each and every brother the love and care you have shown me over the years. I have only a simple wish. I pray the younger generations can be brought to Masonic Light. I feel that the more Masons that exist, the more love we will have in the world.

Fraternally,  
Richard Gates  
SW

## Website:

For the most up to date information please visit our website:  
<http://www.mastermason.com/sinclairmasonicclodge/>

To be included on the Sinclair email list please email the secretary your email address. [sparky154@gmail.com](mailto:sparky154@gmail.com)



## Birthdays:

*The following brothers are celebrating their birthdays this month.*

Happy Birthday!

William Todd Lindsey	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Richard Sanders Cogburn	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
David Franklin Plyler	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hiram Hubert Moseley	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Billy Ray Glenn, Sr	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Alton Hall	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Ollie Wendell Smith	June 8 <sup>th</sup>
William Howard Allen	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Lee Turner, Jr	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Melton Roof Bundrick	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Leonard Neil Martin	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
William Steven Tevepaugh	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Rawl John Scheibler	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Phillip Arnold Lambert	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Douglas Herman Reeves	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Kenneth Nolan Kelly	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Bruce Smith	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Leonard Sawyer, Jr	June 20 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Morgan	June 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mack E Sims	June 24 <sup>th</sup>
James Stephen Warr	June 25 <sup>th</sup>
James Bryce Shealy, Jr	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Watson Bedell, III	June 27 <sup>th</sup>
Bennie Moore Howard	June 27 <sup>th</sup>
James Lorenzo Day	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
Jesse Wayne Grahl	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
Larry LaGrande Huckabee	June 29 <sup>th</sup>
Grover Edison Lown, Jr	June 30 <sup>th</sup>



## From the South:



*Notes from the 2009 Junior Warden*

Brother Bill Rentiers

Brothers,

It is already the month of June. Soon we will reach the half way mark for 2009. Where has the time gone? Sinclair brothers have had some fine meetings and fellowship so far in 2009, and we plan to have many more for the remainder of the year.

The Sinclair CWP Fundraiser was a big success, with over 30 students attending and several Sinclair brothers helping out in the class on Saturday and on the firing range on Sunday. Thanks to all who helped make our fundraiser such a success!

Plans are being made for our Ladies Night in the Fall. If anyone has a suggestion for which Saturday evening we should hold our Ladies Night, please let me know. The best time will be when there are no conflicts with the many sports events that take place. I am not a sports fan, so I have no idea of the dates these games are planned. Your help with suggestions for a good date will be very helpful.

Fraternally,

Bill Rentiers  
JW



### PRAYER LIST:

- Pray for W. Bro. Ed Lown and family who are mourning the sudden loss of their son Scott.
- Bro. Riley Thomas is having pacemaker problems and will have some procedures done on Jan 27, 2009.
- Mrs Dot Mullinex - mother of Brother John Bearden, PM.
- Mrs Marian Owens - sister of Brother John Bearden, PM.
- Mr Bill Price - father of Marcia Watford.
- Mrs Gladis Turner - neighbor of Brother John Bearden, PM.
- Mrs Dot Jones - neighbor of Brother John Bearden, PM.
- Miss Payton Owens - a 3 year old battling some health problems.
- Tommy "Mater" Storey - brother-in-law of Brother Steve Powers, WM.
- Linda Willams - wife of Brother Frank Williams.
- Bro Frank Sivik is in the Augusta VA hospital with heart problems. We are told that he has 2 major blockages.
- Mary Skelton, wife of late Bro. Sam Skelton and mother of Bro. Bennie Skelton. She is 81 years old, a diabetic with failing eye sight, living alone. Masonic visits are appreciated.
- Please keep the wife of Bro. Curtis W. Wright in your prayers.
- Mary Janette Elliott, mother of Shelton Elliott, is in Lexington Hospital Room 520 with fluid around her lungs.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please send an email to: [rentiers@yahoo.com](mailto:rentiers@yahoo.com).