



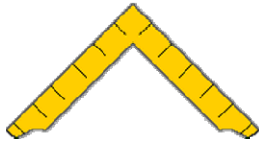
The Trestle Board

Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154 AFM



August 2009

From the East:



Notes from the 2009 Worshipful Master

Worshipful Master Steve Powers

Our Masonic Responsibilities

Over the next few months, let us endeavor to answer the question: What are my "Masonic Responsibilities" This question can be answered with the help of two books, the Ahiman Rezon, which contains the Code and Constitution of the Grand Lodge with "A System of Monitorial Instruction", and the Holy Bible which is given to us as the rule and guide of our faith. No doubt most of you have copies of these two books but I wonder how much you read them. As Mark Twain once said, "The man who doesn't read is no better off than the man who can't." There is the story of a man who built a library in his home, he filled it with books, but never entered, except to show it off. He never read any of the books. He had his library and his books, but they profited him nothing. Take time out, to read and study in order to improve yourself in Masonic knowledge. At the beginning of my Masonic journey as Master of Sinclair, I talked about practice. Our Masonic responsibilities can really be summed up in one word, "PRACTICE". We have the responsibility of living our Masonry before all mankind. We should live and practice the ideals and principles taught in our Lodges. In Masonry, it is said to be un-Masonic to solicit members, this is true if you are speaking of asking someone to join the fraternity. However, if we live and practice Masonry in our daily lives, new members would be influenced to seek admission to our fraternity. To sum it up, we should practice what we preach. A tragic truth is that Masonry means so little to so many who call themselves Masons. Just Imagine the whelm if suddenly every Lodge member would become a mason in deed as well as in word; if suddenly every Lodge member would become what he professed to be; if every Lodge member would do what he is obligated to do; if suddenly he should measure up to his Masonic Responsibilities and begin practicing what he

preaches. Next month we will look at one specific area of our responsibility as Masons.

Steve Powers W.M.
Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Business Meeting

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: August 6th, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

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

Entered Apprentice Degree

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: August 13th, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

EA Degree (Note: Tentative Pending Ballot)

Fellow Craft Degree

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: August 20th, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

FC Degree (Note: Tentative Pending Ballot)

Practice

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: August 30th, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Practice and Masonic Education.

Business Meeting and Grand Master Official Visit

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: September 3rd, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

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

Business Meeting and DDGM Official Visit

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: October 1st, 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: November 7th 2009

Time: TBD

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

Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2009 Sinclair Lodge Scholarship recipients.

Ms. Haley Jordan McKnight from Airport High School

Ms. Linday "Blaire" Goodwin from Brookland-Cayce High School



We now have the following items for sale at the lodge.

- Square & Compass neck ties: \$20



- Square & Compass car emblems.: \$5 Each



- Square & Compass polo shirts: \$26 Each (L and XL – 2X or larger by special order)



- T-Shirts: \$10 Each



From the West:



Notes from the 2009 Senior Warden

Brother Richard Gates

My Brothers, as you read this newsletter you may think to yourself, how you would like to see some tidbit of information or you may desire a whole section dedicated to any given subject. Well my Brothers, we are all in this together. We would greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions. Take time to write your ideas down and let us discuss them.

We would gladly welcome your vote on the vital issues involving our Lodge. We urge you to attend the meetings. Many words of encouragement, knowledgeable nuggets, and some wonderful ideas have been discussed right in our very own kitchen. I am not known to be a braggart, but I feel we have the best meals in Masonry.

Let us remember that Masonry is a vital part in the structure of the United States of America, which might not have ever been if it were not for our early Masonic Brothers. Our founding Fathers were very devoted and risked their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. Let us not forget our Military that continue to secure those freedoms we, at times, take for granted. They are in our prayers.

I was honored by sitting in the East Thursday July 23rd, for my first time, in order to conduct the Third Degree work for Brother Gary Nye. Brother Gary did a wonderful proficiency and I was at that time reminded, of the devotion and love for Masonry that his coach, Steve Kelsey had given along with Brother Gary. Both are to be commended. Each one of our devoted Brothers that give of their time to coach properly our newly made Brothers is so very special to the coached individual and to our Lodge as a whole. The special bond that is forged between a candidate and coach is everlasting. I am sure we will all remember our devoted coach, our mistakes, brain cramps, and their patience and perseverance with us for the rest of our lives. I know, I will.

I look forward to seeing you at the next business meeting with your list of wonderful ideas for the craft. If you do not have a list, then just come and share in the three precious jewels.



August Birthdays! Happy Birthday!



Jay Hardy Coker, Jr.	1st
Michael Edward Cooper	1st
Charles Ruggles Fagg	3rd
James Robert Metts	3rd
Riley Martin Thomas	4th
Raymod Haskell Hudson, Jr.	5th
Ted Ollie McGee, Jr.	5th
William Bruce Walters	5th
William Steven Galloway, Jr.	7th
Jack Neeley	7th
James William Level, Jr.	8th
Virgil Henry Kilgoar	10th
Barry Steven Powers	11th
William Robert Green	12th
Roy Tresvan Fulmer	13th
Phillip O'Neal	13th
Jerry Wayne Carrigan	15th
David Arther Fleming	15th
Wildrum Alfred Harvey, Jr.	15th
Roger Dale Engle	16th
Tommy Peagler	16th
James Aubrey Reinhardt	16th
Morris McQuinn	17th
Joe Edward Anderson	18th
Jerry Walter Hill	19th
Johnny Woodrow Yelton	19th
Christopher John Garoppo	20th
Peter Harrison	20th
Tony Ray Mitchum	21st
Frank John Schults, Jr.	21st
John Mckinnon Amick	22nd
William Jerome Clement	22nd
Tommy Richard Haselden	22nd
William Dillard Jackson	22nd
Raymod DeFoix Efirid	25th
Edward Curtis Waldrop	25th
Lawrence Disque Walker	26th
Richard Emil Parker	27th
Wilbur LeRoy Amick	30th
Anthony Wayne Augustine	30th
Ray Holley Henry	30th

PRAYER LIST:

- Mr Bill Price - father of Marcia Watford.
- 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.
- Please keep David Easley and his family in your prayers.
- Brother Frank Sivik is facing the possibility of a second heart surgery.
- Elizabeth Reese Wallington, niece of WM Steve Powers.
- Please keep the family of our departed brother EJ Self in your prayers.
- Bro. Riley Thomas is having health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Please keep Beth Powers, wife of WM Steve Powers in your prayers. She is having health problems.
- Please keep Mrs. Bennie Jackson in your prayers. She is now living in Spartanburg with her son, still having some health problems but doing ok.

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

Cookbooks:

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



Website:

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

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