



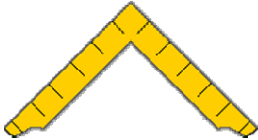
# The Trestle Board

Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154 AFM



November 2009

## From the East:



*Notes from the 2009 Worshipful Master*

Worshipful Master Steve Powers

### OUR MASONIC RESPONSIBILITIES (Conclusion)

Brethren,

Last month we spoke of Masonic Responsibility to Our Country, and To God.

### RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR FELLOW MAN

Again we read from the charge - "To your neighbor, in acting upon the square, and doing unto him as you wish he should do unto you." Many of you are sure to recognize:

#### THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not- How did he die? but- How did he live?  
Not- What did he gain? but- What did he give?  
These are the things that measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.  
Not - what was his station, but had he a heart?  
And, How did he play his God given part?  
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?  
Not- What was his church? Not what was his creed?  
But- Had he befriended those really in need?  
Not- What did the sketch in the newspaper say?  
But- Now many were sorry when he passed away?  
These are the things that measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.

AS A MASON YOU HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO YOURSELF

We read again from the Entered Apprentice Degree Charge:

"To yourself, in avoiding all irregularity and intemperance, which may impair your faculties, or debase the dignity of your profession." I believe that it is my duty and your duty to take the life that God has given us and make the very best out of it that's possible to make.

YOUR TASK – "To build a better world," God said. I answered - "How? The world is such a large vast place. So complicated now and I so small and useless am; There's nothing I can do." But God in all of his wisdom said, "Just build a better you."

Thank you, for your valuable time. While we endeavored to find:

### OUR MASONIC RESPONSIBILITIES

(Some excerpts and passages taken from Our Masonic responsibilities, by H. Dwight McAlister, P.G.M.- Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of S.C.)

Fraternally,  
Steve Powers W.M.  
Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154

#### Website:

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

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

#### Newsletter:

If you would like to see something added to the newsletter or would like to contribute anything. Please contact Acy Flora or email [acflora@bellsouth.net](mailto:acflora@bellsouth.net).

## From the West:



*Notes from the 2009 Senior Warden*

Brother Richard Gates

Being a Mason and being American.

Your duty as a Mason and your duty as an American run hand in hand. Citizenship is required for both titles. Citizenship is defined as “the state of being vested with the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen and the character of an individual viewed as a member of society; behavior in terms of the duties, obligations, and functions of a citizen.

As we skip the legal terminology and get down to simplicity, there are 3 types of citizen that we see today.

1. The citizen that is satisfied with his daily routine, he has his daily bread provided for. He reads the newspaper and believes everything without question. He is a pacifist and a pawn of society.
2. The citizen that goes to work daily, bitter with his situation. He reads the newspaper and believes everything to be a fabrication. The system is out to get him. He blames everyone else for his lack of success.
3. The citizen that although may be successful or not, performs his job to the best of his ability. He examines the news with an open eye. He researches each article and then conducts his own investigation, forming his own conclusion. This citizen looks for ways to improve not only his life, but also others around him. He loves his country and is willing to fight for her. He takes an active role in society and is dutiful to bring about positive change.

Would you agree that Masonry is based on the Third citizen? We as Masons are not only entitled to, but also morally required to take an active role in our Lodge and our Society. America would have not come to be if our Founding Fathers were classified as the First or Second Citizen.

I urge you to attend our meetings and functions.

“Masonic Citizenship,” take up an active role. Voice your ideas and opinions about how we can better our Brotherhood. Stop allowing others to decide our future progress. Let us all collectively research and examine new and effective ways to improve our Lodge.

Each of us has a God given talent. There are some of our Brothers that can barely walk these days, but they come and offer their heartfelt opinions and ideas, they offer us their spirit. That means so much too so many of us. Thank you, to those Brothers. Able-bodied electricians, painters, carpenters, etc., all have so much to offer.

I seem to solicit participation in each newsletter because I want to bring about positive change. I would like to establish some sort of measure of my success So, please come to see us and tell me that I have accomplished my mission.

Richard Gates  
Senior Warden



### **Do you know what to do if someone stops breathing or their heart stops beating?**

If not, Sinclair Masonic Lodge will be hosting a **CPR class** (date to be determined.)

The cost of the class is \$20.00 and all proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fundraiser, which \$250 will be given to a senior student from both Airport and Brookland Cayce High Schools.

If you are interested please contact Dan Crews at (803) 518-5715 to reserve your spot.

**Someone's life may depend upon you!**



## From the South:



### *Notes from the 2009 Junior Warden*

Brother Bill Rentiers

Brothers,

November has arrived. The year is almost gone. We have only about one month left before I relinquish my duties over the kitchen and preparation of meals [to the sounds of cheering from the whole craft]. In some ways I will be very relieved, but in other ways, I will miss these duties. I have learned so much in the kitchen this year, so rest assured I will be ready to help next year's Jr. Warden whenever my help is needed.

But it is very important for me stress that without the fine culinary talents of my Stewards, Will Tevepaugh and James Stanley, (as well as past masters Ed Lown and John Bearden) Sinclair brothers would not have enjoyed such delicious bill of fare as we have this year. If you had only my cooking throughout this year, at best it would have caused many brothers to avoid the lodge entirely, and at worst some of us might have been rushed to the hospital with food poisoning. So brothers, be thankful that these brothers (and others) gave so much of their time and effort this past year to bring you really good tasting food at our meetings.

Sadly, Sinclair lodge has recently had the misfortune of seeing too many brothers pass on to their heavenly reward. As shown on our web page, ten brothers passed away in 2008 and another five in 2009. While we are seeing a steady influx of new brothers, as these older brothers pass on, we lose a wealth of knowledge and experience. These brothers will be sorely missed.

In looking toward 2010, I see challenges ahead. As usual, all officers of Sinclair lodge will need your help and support, and I surely will be no exception. Thankfully, we have been blessed with a goodly number of new brothers who have been raised this year. Many of these new brothers are becoming quite active in the lodge, I am proud to say. I must say that I

am amazed at the impressive proficiencies and the willingness to learn ritual displayed by many of these recently raised brothers. God has been very good to Sinclair lodge in 2009. We have much for which to be thankful. I pray next year will be as productive and filled with brotherly love as was 2009.

Bill Rentiers  
Junior Warden

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Business Meeting

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: November 5<sup>th</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: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

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

### Practice

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Practice and Masonic Education

### Fellow Craft Degree

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

FC Degree (Note: Tentative Pending Ballot)

### Master Mason Degree

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

Date: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Tuesday before Thanksgiving)

Time: 6:45 PM

MM Degree (Note: Tentative Pending Ballot)

### Thanksgiving

Place: -

Date: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: -

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

### Business Meeting & Election of Officers

Place: Sinclair Masonic Lodge

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

Time: 6:45 PM

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

PRAYER LIST:

- Mr Bill Price - father of Marcia Watford.
- Miss Payton Owens - a 3 year old battling some health problems.
- 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.
- Please pray for Candy Powers, sister in law of WM Steve Powers, who is having health problems.
- W. Bro. Dan Crews is having health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tammy Simmons, wife of RW Brother Clifton Simmons, Senior Grand Deacon.

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



November Birthdays!  
Happy Birthday!



William Carroll Etheredge	2nd
Julian Lawson Kaiser	3rd
Bunyan Terrance Edwards	4th
John William Lloyd	4th
Mark Sox Wingard	4th
Earnest Dale Mazingo	6th
Spencer Philip Prince	9th
Robert Andrew Werts	9th
Thomas Andrew Baggott	11th
Lyle Michael Bockus	11th
John Edward Lundeen, Jr	14th
Richard Louis Gates	15th
Jerry Benjamin Vaughn, Jr	16th
Donald Francis Watson	16th
Tyrone Frankie Elliot	17th
David Randolph Bundrick	18th
Herbert Jesse Gladden	18th
George Franklin Boatwright, III	19th
John Edward Lorrick	20th
Roy Taylor	21st
Robert Arthur Bowers	23rd
Thomas Lowell Gainey	23rd
Ivey Mauney	24th
Victor Ray Petrella	24th
John Robert Martorelli	25th
Robert Jay Smith	25th
John Randolph Tate	25th
Lewie Ray Glenn	27th
Robert Strother Johnson, Jr	27th
Andrew Bigany	28th
Watt Brady	28th
Frank O'Neal Fowler	28th
Edwin Todd Griffin	30th



Cookbooks:

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

