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TRESTLEBOARD PHALANX LODGE NO. 31



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Message From the East

Brethren,

As you read this, we will have just raised our three newest Master Masons, Brothers Cutlip, Porter and Miller, and are readying for a Fellowcraft Degree for Brothers Davis and Britt. This will be followed in the month to come by yet another Fellowcraft Degree for Brothers Ball, Goliart and Walters, and if that is not enough, we will be scheduling an Entered Apprentice Degree for three new petitioners. Plus, I anticipate at least one petition to vote on at our March Stated. My brothers, I am proud to say that Phalanx is an active and busy Lodge.

As these Brothers progress through the degrees, they will be prepared for and introduced to the purposes and ideals of Freemasonry through the Lodge System of Masonic Education.

They will be taught that Freemasonry is a life to be lived and not a set of forms to be observed.

Personally, I've found that staying engaged with the work of the Lodge has given me an opportunity to learn so much more about this fraternity, and also challenged me to continue to maintain the importance of honesty, integrity, compassion, trust and love. I would invite each of you to consider participation in the upcoming degree work. There will always be a place for you.

I would like to relay a story I recently heard:

A Mason, we will call him John, was sitting alone in his backyard casually tending a small fire of sticks and limbs he had picked up after a wind-

storm. As he set peacefully watching the fire flickering in the breeze, a Lodge Brother walked up and sat down next to him not saying a word. Both felt the warmth of the fire as they sat watching the coals glowing red-hot. John, knowing the Brother was going to invite him to Lodge finally said: "Now look brother, I'm a man and a good Mason. I pay my dues, other people know I'm a Mason and I don't need to go to any lodge meetings or events to remain a good Mason".

"You're absolutely right..." replied the Brother...about that time, a hot coal popped from the fire and landed about a foot away from the others. Both men sat quietly watching as this coal, now sitting all alone, quickly lost its glow and warmth and soon be-

gan to die out. The Brother gently guided the coal back into the fire and it soon became red hot again as it shared in the warmth of the others. John, with a smile on his face, casually turned and said. "I look forward to seeing you in Lodge my Brother".

I do so appreciate the opportunity to see brothers sharing the joy of being a Mason. Brethren, if there is any way that I can assist you (transportation, phone call or email reminder, etc.) please do not hesitate to give me a call. My cell is 704-724-8454.

I look forward to seeing you in the Lodge.

Faternally,
Mike Hamrick
Master - Phalanx Lodge #31

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

It has certainly been a busy month. With the weather and ski trip, we had to make several changes to the calendar. Please check the Calendar on the website to ensure that you are aware of any schedule changes and to get the latest news between issues of the Trestleboard. If you don't have access to the website, please call myself or any of the other officers to confirm dates.

We still have 47 brothers who have not paid their 2010 dues and 104 who have not returned their member datasheets. Please

see to these important business items as soon as possible.

I would like to collect as many pictures as possible for the photo gallery from past events. If you have any that you would like to contribute, please email them to me. If you only have prints, I can scan them and return the originals. Please identify the event, date and if possible the people in the pictures.

Join us this month in wishing Happy Birthday to:

02 - James H. Beard
04 - Earl J. Campbell

05 - Martin J. Travis
05 - Anthony L. Garagiola
07 - John P. Kirkpatrick Jr.
08 - George G. Bacogee
10 - David L. Morgan
12 - Vance L. Morris
16 - Jesse A. Campbell
20 - James E. Beckham
20 - Teddy H. Brooks
22 - Robert J. McEwen
22 - James D. Monteith
24 - Douglas R. Whitaker
24 - Gennaro Lorusso
24 - Alan T. Ames
24 - Jon S. Porter Jr.
28 - Linwood E. Wade

Faternally,
Bill Stout
Secretary—Phalanx Lodge #31



*We look forward to seeing you
the **Second Tuesday** of each
month for our
Stated Communication
held at*

*Charlotte York Rite Temple
1229 N. Sharon Amity
Charlotte, N.C. 28211*

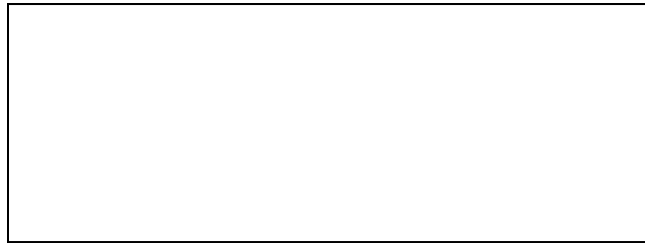
*Dinner 6:30 PM
Lodge opens 7:30 PM*



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2010 LODGE OFFICERS			Upcoming Dates
Worshipful Master	Mike Hamrick	704-724-8454	Tue., February 9 — Stated 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
Senior Warden	Brad Hufeld	704-844-8976	Thu., February 11 – FC Practice — 6:30pm
Junior Warden	Ralph Harkey	704-614-6715	Tue., February 16 – Entered Apprentice Degree 6:30pm Lodge Opens, Offsite Fellowship after Degree
Treasurer	Ken Caudle, PM	704-502-8640	Tue., February 23 — Fellow Craft Degree 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
Secretary	Bill Stout	704-996-4110	Thu., March 4 — Officer’s Meeting — 6:30pm
Senior Deacon	George Ginn	704-291-9445	Tue., March 9 — Stated — DDGM Official Visit 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
Junior Deacon	Kai Ferell	704-995-4676	Wed., April 28 — Spring 2010 School of Instruction Hosted by Excelsior Lodge #261 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Work Begins
Senior Steward	James Lofton, Jr.	704-488-1020	Thu., April 29 — Spring 2010 School of Instruction Hosted by James K Polk Lodge #759 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Work Begins
Junior Steward	Will King	704-400-3042	Sat., May 1 — 32nd District Picnic James K Polk Lodge Grounds
Chaplain	David Morgan, PM	704-882-6179	Tue., May 25 — Grand Master Dill’s 32nd District Official Meeting , held at Steele Creek #737 6:15pm Dinner, 7:00pm Lodge Opens
Tyler	Ralph Lee	704-661-3220	



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Brother, if you’ve received this Trestleboard by mail, it is because we do not have a current email address for you. If you would prefer to receive this via email, and save the Lodge some expense, please email the Secretary at Secretary@Phalanx31.org.