



TRESTLEBOARD

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Message From the East

Brethren,

Activity has continued at Phalanx through August, most notably at the August 10th Stated at which we had the privilege of welcoming 6 of our Service Award recipients for their Award presentations. All four of our 25-year Grand Lodge of North Carolina Service Award members, WB Mack Wilson, WB Rai Desai, Bro. David Campbell and Bro. Earl Beckham, were able to attend and receive their certificate and token. Two of our four 50-year Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veterans' Emblem recipients, WB Lou Bledsoe Jr. and Bro John Kirkpatrick Jr., were present to receive their certificate and token. We will be sending Bro. Jerry Cohen (now residing in New York) his 50-year certificate and will soon present Bro. Ben Honeycutt his 50-year award at his home. Our 60-year Grand Lodge of North Carolina Diamond Jubilee Veteran's Emblem recipient will be presented his award in his home after he returns

from his honeymoon...congratulations Bro. George McCormick on your recent nuptials.

To the Gentlemen noted above, it is with the deepest admiration and highest respect that we, your Brethren, express our gratitude for your service over the many years. As Masons, we accept many obligations to our Brethren, our Lodge, and our fellow man. By keeping these tenets in your life for so long, you provide the example to which we may all choose to aspire. The tokens we present are a reminder of how many people you have chosen to positively influence throughout your years of service to Masonry, its precepts, and its activity. We laud and appreciate your continued support of the Order. As we all reflect on what this example means to us personally, please know that your work and the results of our contributions have been noticed and are very much appreciated.

August wrapped up with the Master Mason degree on August 31 for Brothers Golibart and Armentrout. I wish to thank those who participated in that special night for these brothers, and those who were in attendance. I believe that Phalanx continues to present quality work in all that we do, and with that, we encourage a better understanding of the profound lessons of the ritual.

Looking ahead, please note the Entered Apprentice degree scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st and the October dates of October 1st (11:00am – 8:00pm) for the York Rite BBQ Fundraiser and the October 12th Stated Communication. Please also note that the November 9th Stated has been designated as our Annual Communication, when the Election of 2011 Officers will occur.

Finally, as we continue to work to smooth and polish the rough ashlar that we are, let us remember that we strive to

do this so that when the time comes to lay down our tools and make the final journey to the Grand Lodge above, we may leave behind a reputation as a wise counselor, a pillar of strength and stability, a Perfect Ashlar on which younger Masons may test the correctness and value of their own contribution to our Masonic order.

I look forward to seeing you in the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Mike Hamrick
Master
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*



Message From the West

Brethren,

Time is the only thing that men have in equal abundance. As you learned in the First Degree, time is important. Each day should be divided into portions. It should be used towards the service of God and your fellowman. It should be used wisely, for every second wasted is lost forever. Time is one commodity that can never be recovered.

By using time during our

youth and manhood wisely to acquire knowledge, by putting this knowledge to use for God and man during our years of manhood, our rewards will be great. We will achieve immortality. We will be "gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us."

Masonry is a symbol of time. It is also a symbol of Learning, and of Immortality.

In many rituals a Spade,

Setting maul Coffin, and Sprig of Acacia are explained together. The first three are obviously symbols of Death or Mortality. Just as obviously this is something that must come to all of God's creatures. But Freemasonry, through its teachings and philosophy, holds out hope for everyone. It believes in Immortality, as symbolized by the Sprig of Acacia.

The grave is the end of life on this planet, but it's

not the end of man. The body will decay and disintegrate. man will return to dust. But something within man, soul, spirit, or call it what you will, never, never dies. That part of man has absorbed the teachings of Freemasonry, and put them into daily practice, will live forever.

Fraternally,
Brad Hufeld
Senior Warden
Phalanx Lodge #31



WM Mike Hamrick with Service Award recipients (Left-Right): WB Louis A. Bledsoe Jr., (Lou) John P. Kirkpatrick Jr., WB Balvantrai B. Desai (Rai), David J. Campbell, WB David M. Wilson (Mack), James E. Beckham (Earl)

Secretary's Corner

Brethren,

Thank you for your quick responses to the request for help locating missing brethren. We have now located most of these brothers.

We are now down to 19 Brothers who have not fully paid their 2010 dues. I am sending this month's Trestleboard to these Brothers along with a notice that their dues have not been

paid. Shortly, I will be sending an Official Notice of Delinquency in preparation for the Lodge taking the action of exclusion for non-payment of dues per Regs 77-18, 77-19, 77-

20, 77-21, and 77-22. Please don't let this happen to you.

Fraternally,
Bill Stout
Secretary

Deaths

James Joseph DeLargy, a very adoring husband, loving father and grandfather, died Monday September 6, 2010 at his home on Polkberry Trail. He was 78 years old.

Bro. DeLargy was born in Baltimore, MD, a son of the late James J. DeLargy and Alice Healy DeLargy. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother David DeLargy and a sister Kathryn Brocato.

He worked in sales and marketing having received his degree from the Baltimore College of Commerce in Baltimore, Maryland. He

had worked as a regional sales manager for Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Standard Packing Corp. and later owned and operated DeLargy's Office Supply & Printing in Charlotte.

A U.S. Air Force Veteran, he served in the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing in Japan and Korea.

He was a member of the Meridan Lodge #728 AF & AM in Charlotte, where he was a past secretary. He was also Past Governor of the Charlotte Moose Lodge #113 and American Legion Post #182 in Little Rock, Arkan-

sas.

He and his wife Helen, have enjoyed raising Mini Dachshunds over the years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Porter DeLargy; children, Bridget Krenz and husband Alan, Mary Furr and husband Ron, Kathlyn Rowell and husband Doug, Jimmy DeLargy and wife Beth, Helen Schoenberg and husband Gerd and Michael DeLargy and his wife Kim; fourteen grandchildren, two brothers Danny DeLargy and John DeLargy; three sisters Alice Bradley, Peggy Meagher and Mary Edwards; a

brother-in-law Robert Porter and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to express a special thanks to his special nurses, Barbara, Kara and Debra.

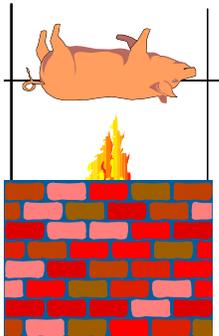
Memorials for Mr. DeLargy may be made to: Hospice and Palliative of Cabarrus County, 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28081 to whom the family also thanks very much for their help and kindness. Lady's Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Birthdays

Join us this month in wishing Happy Birthday to:

- 01 – James T. Brandenburg
- 01 – Matthew T. Sawtelle Jr
- 09 – Jeffrey A. Katz
- 10 – Homer N. Smith
- 11 – James B. Morrow Jr.
- 13 – Clifford T. Evans
- 20 – Dennis A. Wilson
- 23 – William A. King
- 24 – Joseph R. Linn
- 27 – Ralph O. Lee
- 28 – Yancey J. Owens
- 28 – James Z. Pittard
- 30 – Michael S. Hamrick

7TH ANNUAL
CHARLOTTE YORK RITE BODIES
BBQ FUNDRAISER

<p>Friday, Oct. 1, 2010 11:00am - 8:00pm</p> <p>\$8.00</p> <p>3 Sandwiches or BBQ Plate Includes BBQ, Slaw Beans & Roll <small>BBQ or Sweet Slaw</small></p>		<p>1229 N. Sharon Amity Rd (between Monroe Rd & Randolph Rd)</p> <p>Dine In or Carry Out</p> <p>For Large Orders call early day of event 704-365-4294</p>
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Stories From the South

Brethren,

Here is a story that bears repeating and gets me every time. Makes me think of my own sweet parents. I thought it was appropriate as we ruminate on those we have lost and those that are infirmed.

The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon

onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he

sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

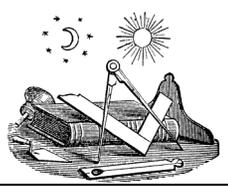
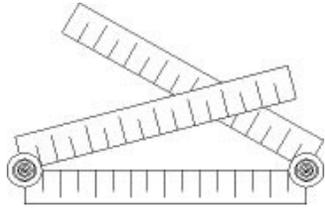
He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then

tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Fraternally,
Ralph Harkey
Junior Warden
Phalanx Lodge #31



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Upcoming Dates

Check the Website Calendar for the latest schedule!!

- Thu., Sept 9** — Officer's Meeting — 6:30pm
- Tue., Sept 14** — Stated
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
- Tue., Sept 21** — Entered Apprentice Degree
6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Lodge Opens
- Thu., Oct 1** — York Rite BBQ
11:00am—5:00pm
- Thu., Oct 7** — Officer's Meeting — 6:30pm
- Tue., Oct 12** — Stated
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
- Thu., Nov 4** — Officer's Meeting — 6:30pm
- Tue., Nov 9** — Stated /Annual Communication/Election of Officers
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens
- Thu., Dec 9** — Officer's Meeting — 6:30pm
- Tue., Dec 14** — Stated
6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens

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