



TRESTLEBOARD

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Message From the East

Brethren,

WHAT IS A LODGE OF FREEMASONS?

A Lodge is an assemblage of brethren met to expatiate on the mysteries of the Craft, or, in the language of the Ancient Charge, a Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of the ancient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly or duty organized meeting of Masons is called a 'Lodge'.

Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the General Regulations of the Craft.

A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft is alone to be acquired.

From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

In the Lodge while constituted you are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn, nor use any unbecoming language upon any reverence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens, and Fellows, and put them to worship.'

No private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any discussions about religion or nations, or State policy, we being only, as Masons, of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindred and languages, and are resolve against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Brad Hufeld
Master
Phalanx Lodge #31

Message From the West

Brethren,

My message from the West is one of a simple nature this month. I call upon you to reflect on your Fellowcraft charge (break out your Bahnsen Manual, if you must).

As you read this call to

action, especially take to heart the words which state:

"You are not to palliate or aggravate the offenses of your brethren. But, in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with can-

dor, admonish with friendship and reprehend with justice."

These words implore us to act fairly and without malice. After all, brethren, is that not the way in which we wish to be treated when it is we that stand on the oppo-

site side of the equation?

The poem below sums it up nicely. I hope to see you in lodge, brethren!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Bro. Ralph

JUDGE NOT

I was shocked, confused, bewildered, as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven, who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade, who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor, who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought, was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?, I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet, So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.'
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a
Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAST...
Every sinner has a FUTURE!

-Author Unknown-



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE

A PINT FOR A NIGHT!

For each donation in March and April, CBCC will make a contribution to support the families of sick children staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE BLOOD?

Our Community Needs Blood Every Day

More than 250 donations are needed each day to meet the needs of patients in the 14 counties served. If every blood donor would give just one additional donation per year, we would not reach dangerously low levels.

While most people believe the need for blood is driven by disaster, the reality is more blood products are needed by patients in our local hospitals every week than has ever been required in response to any domestic disaster. The blood you donate is being used to care for cancer, cardiovascular disease, trauma and transplant patients and many others in our community.

Please donate regularly and help us make sure enough blood is available for everyone, every day.

Primary uses for blood products:

1. Cancer patients
2. Cardiac patients
3. Transplant patients

21% of all patients in our hospitals depend on the availability of blood for their treatment.

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011

Time: 9:00am—2:00pm

Location: "Community Bloodmobile" at the Scottish Rite Temple

For an appointment, contact Brad Hufeld at 704-365-3579 or log onto www.cbcc.us/dontate and use sponsor code: **Scottishrite**

Secretary's Corner

Brethren,

While the snowed-out January Stated certainly contributed to more business to conduct at the February Stated, it certainly was good to have the opportunity for fellowship with those of you present. The Master certainly has a lot for us to get involved with outside of the Lodge. I look forward to joining in on these projects and seeing you there as well.

We now have 102 of 170 who have paid their 2011 dues. As you whittle down those Holiday purchase charges, and now that you've treated your better half to her Valentine's treats, please remember to put that dues notice back in the queue for payment,

as effective March 1st, members not paid are deemed delinquent. All members should have received the 2011 dues notice in December. If you have not received yours, please call me as soon as possible so that I can get that to you.

Please mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of next month. We would love to see you in the Lodge.

Mike Hamrick, PM
Secretary

Birthdays

Join us in wishing Happy Birthday to:

February

02 - James H. Beard
04 - Earl J. Campbell
05 - Martin J. Travis
07 - John P. Kirkpatrick
10 - David L. Morgan
12 - Vance L. Morris
16 - Jesse A. Campbell
20 - James E. Beckham
20 - Teddy H. Brooks
22 - James D. Monteith
24 - Douglas R. Whitaker
24 - Gennaro Lorusso
24 - Alan T. Ames
24 - Jon S. Porter Jr
28 - Linwood E. Wade

March

01 - Martin D. Ball
03 - Jack L. Rimmer
03 - Dennis A. Moody
08 - Matthew S. Jordan
09 - John S. Harder
09 - Robert L. Saye Sr
09 - Charles A. Cutlip
12 - Robert C. Richardson
12 - Vernon M. Goode
17 - Christopher B. Miller
17 - Jeffrey J. Armentrout
19 - Ed J. Davis
19 - Anthony W. Yankowsky
20 - Robert K. Braswell
21 - George Dizes
24 - Fred P. Culbreth Jr
26 - Gregory S. Morrison

Stories From the South

Brethren,

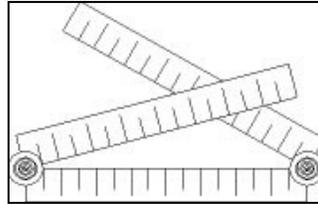
The ABC's of Masonry:

Acacia - The timber of the Shittim tree, widely used in making the sacred furniture of the Temple. In speculative Masonry, the term is used as a symbol of the immortality of the soul.

Boaz - Denotes strength. The name of the left-hand pillar that stood on the porch of King Solomon's Temple, and adopted into speculative Masonry because of its symbolic meaning.

Cable Tow - A cable tow is a rope or line for drawing or leading. Symbolically, it represents the covenant by which all Masons are bound.

The immortality of the soul, strength and the covenants by which we all strive to live by, are basic tenants of Masonry. Every one of us found our way to Masonry for different rea-



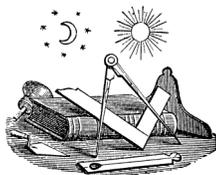
sons, but at the same time, seeking the same thing. A brotherhood, the feeling of belonging to something greater than ourselves, and guidance in life. These are all things that unite us and make us whole and strong. These symbols, while simple in nature, have a meaning far greater for each of us. It's these lessons that we must never forget. As a

brotherhood, we are strong. As a divided house, we are not.

Just remember, The Babylonians broke apart the left hand pillar (Boaz) and carried the pieces to the city of Babylon as a symbol that they have taken our strength. As a brotherhood, we have a stronger bond than that.

Kai Ferell
Junior Warden

2011 LODGE OFFICERS			Upcoming Dates	
Worshipful Master	Brad Hufeld	704-844-8976	<u>Check the Website Calendar for the latest schedule!!</u>	
Senior Warden	Ralph Harkey	704-614-6715	Tue., Feb 8 — Stated Communication 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	
Junior Warden	Kai Ferell	704-995-4676	Wed., Mar 2— Grand Master Visit—Joppa Lodge 6:30pm Dinner, 7:00pm Lodge Opens	
Treasurer	Angus Mercer, PM	704-542-1422	Tue., Mar 8— Stated Communication, DDGM and DDGL official visit 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	
Secretary	Mike Hamrick, PM	704-724-8454	Wed., Mar 30— School of Instruction—Lodge TBD 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Lodge Opens	
Senior Deacon	James Lofton, Jr.	704-488-1020	Thur., Mar 31— School of Instruction—Lodge TBD 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Lodge Opens	
Junior Deacon	Steven Porter	704-361-7185	Sat., Apr 2 — Blood Drive 9:00am—2:00pm, Scottish Rite Building	
Senior Steward	Bill Clark	704-628-6652	Tue., Apr 12 — Stated Communication 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	
Junior Steward	Ralph Lee	704-661-3220	Tue., May 10 — Stated Communication 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	
Chaplain	David Morgan, PM	704-882-6179	Tue., Jun 14 — Stated Communication 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	
Tyler	Charles Cutlip	336-309-1522	Tue., Jul 12 — Stated Communication 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Lodge Opens	



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