

MORE LIGHT

From

Manteo Lodge #521

A. J. & A. M.

Chartered April 18, 1962

January, 2008

TRESTLE BOARD

January 12, 2008 2:00 PM

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 14, 2008 6:30 PM

****Bring a covered dish to Lodge**

January 14, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular stated communication

January 28, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular stated communication

February 11, 2008 6:30 PM

****Covered dish at Lodge**

February 11, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular stated communication

February 25, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication

YORK RITE MEETINGS 8:00 PM

Eureka Lodge—Elizabeth City, NC

1st & 3rd Thursday of Each Month

Except Summer

SHRINE CLUB 7:30 PM

First Wednesday of Each Month

Shrine Club, Manteo, NC

www.manteo521.org

FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren,

My year as Master has come and gone with a blink on an eye. 2007 started and ended busy with much degree work. At our last meeting, we raised Brother Jay Hart to the sublime degree for Master Mason.

Our third and final fundraiser of the year; a turkey shoot, was held the two weekends before Christmas. Due to inclement weather, the turnout was not as expected. But even with the poor attendance, we still managed to turn a profit. Had the weather cooperated, I feel this fundraiser would have been quite a success. I would like to thank each and everyone that volunteered their time to help with this fundraising event.

I would like to thank all the Brethren for the opportunity to serve as Master of Manteo Lodge #521. It has truly been an honor and privilege for me, as well as a life learning experience of Masonry; one I will never forget.

Please support our upcoming Master as you have supported me throughout my year, and carry it over to all the new officers for 2008 and the years to follow. I look forward to continuing to do my part to stay active and show all the support that I am able to give.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Master and I hope you and your families have a very prosperous new year.

Master Craig Davenport

Remember to invite a Brother to lodge.

FROM THE WEST

This is my last scribbling from the West. I want to thank everyone for all the help I received this year. In particular, W.M. Craig Davenport & Randell Holmes, PM for all the time they spent teaching me how to confer the 2nd degree; Bro. Doug Langford for practicing with me on many weekends and week nights, and W.B. Larry Sawyer for doing all the lectures, giving me pointers before and after each degree, and for coaching me in the first place so that I could eventually occupy the West.

I also want to congratulate W.M. Craig Davenport on a fine year as Master. I enjoyed serving with him, and bringing back fundraisers to the Lodge was a major accomplishment. WM Davenport, preceded by WB Jim Hughes marked two years in a row that the East has been occupied by graduates of Wilkerson College.

Finally, a big thanks to Bro. Jim Cox and WB Jin Hughes for doing all the real work in getting More Light published and mailed each month.

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren:

I want to thank everyone for all their help in the South this past year, and I look forward to serving as Senior Warden in 2008. A special thanks to WB Randell Holmes for working with me on my E.A. Degree work, and to WB Wayne Cox, DDGL for all the lectures this year.

DON'T FORGET THE SHIRNE CLUB AND YORK RITE; SEE THE TRESTLEBOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2007 YEAR IN REVIEW

2007 was an eventful year for the Lodge. First, we raised SIX new Brothers ; Eric Mabe, Tony Wilcox, Bo Taylor, Joe Southern, Lou Williams, Jay Hart. A few more candidates are working their way through the degrees, and we still had one petition to act on at the end of the year!

The fire escape, long talked about, actually began to take form in 2007 and all is done except for the door!

The lodge held three fundraisers; a Pancake Breakfast in the spring, a fish fry in late summer, and two Turkey Shoots in December. It had been 3 years since we tried a Pancake Breakfast; probably 8 or more years since a fish fry, and we have never held a Turkey shoot. Our charities were the beneficiaries., and thanks to the Shrine Club, the lodge building fund also received a boost.

We again awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Manteo High School graduate, and the Scholarship fund continued to grow, although a little slower in 2008.

Two cleanup days at the Lodge improved the exterior, and a lot of fun was had by all who participated. District cooperation was also in evidence; we traveled to Hatteras to provide help in conferring degrees, and in return, members of Hatteras and Ocracoke helped Manteo with their degree work.

Finally, two more members of Manteo 521; Doug Langford and Jim Cox attended Wilkerson College, marking Manteo 521's sixth appearance at the school.

WHAT'S IN A COMMA?

More than one might think. In NC and other jurisdictions, Entered Apprentices are urged

To lean to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry

Yet, in other jurisdictions in the US and elsewhere, the insertion of punctuation changes the meaning quite a bit, to wit:

To lean, to subdue my passions, and improve myself in Masonry

What is a dual charge in NC is a three-fold exercise elsewhere, all because of the placement of two commas. Which is correct? That is hard to say. Our OSW and other ciphers used in other states lack punctuation, thus, the manner in which we verbalize our work is dependent upon how our coaches orally relate the phrases.

Which brings up another point. This is precisely the type of information that would be most interesting as a topic in Masonic education. I am sure I am not the only member of Manteo 521 interested in this type of Masonic information. Consider this an open invitation to all of our members; if you are interested in Masonic research or various topics and want to share your knowledge with the rest of us, let me know and we'll work it into a stated communication for education that night. Its your lodge, so feel free to come forward any time you wish!

INSTALLATION

Check the Trestle Board and note our installation on Saturday, January 12 @ 2PM. This is a change from our usual dinner time installation. This ceremony is open to the public, so bring your friends and family!

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN BROTHERS

The following members passed to the Celestial Lodge in 2007:

Bro. Sheldon O'Neal
Bro. Ray Wescott, Sr.
Bro. Dave Austin
Bro. Dewey Mann
Bro. O.W. Austin
Bro. Robert Baum

If any of you are in contact with these members families, especially their widows, please remind them that the Lodge is here to serve them and make sure they are invited to Lodge functions.

2008 OFFICERS

The following were elected in December for the ensuing year:

Worshipful Master-Russell Lay
Sr. Warden: Doug Langford
Jr. Warden: Jim Cox
Treasurer: Lowell Spivey, PM
Secretary: Brian Edwards, PM

Bro. Chris East has agreed to serve as Sr. Deacon; Bro. Terry Sherman as Jr. Deacon, Bo Taylor & Joe Southern as Stewards, Marvin Worrell as Tyler and Randell Holmes, PM as Chaplain.—

"Those who hammer their swords into plows will plow for those who don't"-Thomas Jefferson

"The secrets of Freemasonry are secret from only those who do not know how to do a Google search"-S. Brent Morris, Scottish Rite Research Society

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