

## MORE LIGHT

From

Manteo Lodge #521

A. F. & A. M.

Chartered April 18, 1962

July & August, 2008

### TRESTLE BOARD

July 28, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication  
F.C. Degree for Eligible Candidates

August 25, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication  
Master Mason Degree for Eligible Candidates

August 30, 2008 11:00 AM

Shrine Fish Fry Fund Raiser at  
Lodge—BE THERE!!!!

September 8, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication  
Covered Dish @ 6:30 PM

September 22, 2008 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication  
Possible Entered Apprentice Degree

SHRINE CLUB 7:30 PM

First Wednesday of Each Month  
Shrine Club, Manteo, NC

[www. Mante521.org](http://www.Mante521.org)

### FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren,

While we usually go dark one meeting each month in the summer, this year has proven to be the exception. All summer long we have put on degrees, and the work continues.

In June, we added two more Master Masons as WB's Davenport and Holmes filled in for yours truly and raised Bros. Doughtry; father and son. Our Junior Warden initiated some new brothers, and in July, additional 2nd degrees are on tap. More Master Mason's will be raised in August (perhaps as many as three), and we have at least one more petition and a possible E.A. degree in September.

Bro, Chris East gave his first, and I will add, very successful E.A. degree lecture; he now has two of the three lectures not only memorized, but performed before a live audience! Congratulations, Chris.

As many of you know, WB Craig Davenport, our immediate Past Master and current Dare County Shrine Club President was injured in a motorcycle accident. He is in a brace and recovering at home, but he came very close to a very serious injury. The Great Architect was looking out for W.B. Davenport, his family, and his friends. We look forward to his full recovery and return to "duty".

### FROM THE WEST

At the July 7th Emergent Communication we examined Brothers Gil Myers and Chip Reynolds on their Second Degree and look forward to their Raising next month (August) along with a third brother to be

named very soon. At our upcoming stated July 28th Brother Edward Lee Mann, Jr. will receive more light in masonry by being passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Also, Brother Brian DeFosse will be examined on his Second Degree and is the third Brother that will be Raised in August-which qualifies as very soon.

It is wonderful watching the lights grow brighter as each candidate moves through their Masonic Degrees to that Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Join us and join in, my Good Brothers, on the 28th at 7:30 PM and again in August for this enriching experience. See you in Lodge,  
Doug Langford, SW

### SHRINE FISH FRY AUGUST 30TH @ THE LODGE

Our 2nd annual Shrine Club Fish Fry, hosted by our Brother's in the Dare County Shrine Club will be held at the Lodge, Saturday, August 30, 2008. Proceeds from this event are donated by the Shrine to the Lodge for our General Fund. Proceeds from our Pancake Breakfast in the Spring, and our upcoming Turkey Shoot in late fall are used for our charities.

We plan to start serving around 11AM, and ask that our Lodge Brother's show up around 10AM. This is a *joint* effort, so we ask that members of Manteo 521 who are not Shriner's show up in force to help with the cooking, pre-sale of tickets, and fellowship.

**We have a covered dish dinner before the FIRST stated of each month. Bring some grub and join the fun at 6:30 PM.**

### DEGREE WORK

**July 28: Fellow Craft Degree  
August 30: Master Mason Degree**

### MORE LIGHT NOW IN PDF FORMAT

For those of you proficient in the ways of computers, "More Light" is available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. If you wish to receive the newsletter in this format, send me an email and we'll email it to you each issue. This way you can also save it on your computer. In addition, we will post the PDF version on our website, [www.manteo521.org](http://www.manteo521.org) for viewing or downloading

### DUES & INITIATION FEE INCREASE

Degree work has taken a toll on regular Lodge business; we have not had a Stated Communication since February where Degree or Examination work did not preclude doing business. We have had a proposal before the Lodge since March, recommended by our Finance Committee, to raise both our Annual Dues and our Initiation Fee. This discussion has been delayed twice due to Degree Work. We will take this issue up at our July 28th Stated, even though there are 2nd degrees scheduled. It will require a long night, but we need to move on with this important decision so we can set our 2009 Lodge Budget.

There is some doubt as to whether this newsletter will reach the membership prior to the meeting. I apologize for that, but it has been an extremely busy summer with all of the degrees, Emergent Communications, and practice sessions..

Our Senior Deacon, Chris East has now learned two of the three degree lectures, as mentioned above. I wanted to bring it to your attention one more time! By learning the E.A. lecture, we can now save our overworked D.D.G.L., WB Wayne Cox many long trips to our Lodge. Bro East has plans to make this a trifecta and will tackle the M.M. lecture next.

## THE MASONIC BOOK CLUB

For many years, the Masonic Book Club was a hidden gem in the world of the Craft.. Operated on a volunteer basis by college professor Bro. Robin Carr, the club had a restricted membership (around 1000) and only those in the “know” were even aware of its existence.

In the past few years, membership has been opened up, but this seems to have come about with the general decline in overall Masonic membership nationwide/

The Club specializes in reprinting very old, out of print books related directly to the Craft. For example, the 2009 Book will be **The Lamp of Diogenes**, a book about the Illuminati, and written by its founder, Adam Weishaupt in the 19th century. As many students of Masonry are aware, there was overlap in Europe among the Masonic and Illuminati fraternities, and in some parts of 19th century Europe, the Illuminati were politically active. Many critics of Freemasonry cite these “connections” as reasons to fear our own Fraternity.

Membership is \$20 a year, and all books are hard-back and suitable for any Masonic library. The address for information is Box 1563, Bloomington, IL, 61702-1563. You can also visit their website at [www.masonicbookclub.org](http://www.masonicbookclub.org), or call Bro. Barry Weer at 309-663-1043.

Remember in your vows you pledged to improve yourself in Masonry and to study the Craft. Here is way to do so that is inexpensive and educational.

---

[www.manteo521.org](http://www.manteo521.org)

## GRAND LODGE 2009

Grand Lodge will convene in Winston-Salem September 26 & 27. Manteo 521 has already voted to co-sponsor a resolution that the Grand Lodge of NC recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NC as regular. This resolution does *not* make provisions for cross-visitations and the two organizations remain totally separate and independent from one another. The outcome of that resolution will be determined at Grand Lodge. It is expected that an affirmative vote from our Grand Lodge will result in a reciprocal recognition from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

However, this is not the only item on the agenda that your Lodge officers will be asked to vote for or against. Typically, at our first stated in September, our Secretary, Brian Edwards, will review and explain all of the proposed changes to the NC Code and any other resolutions that may come before Grand Lodge.

Please plan to come to this Stated (September 8th) and let your line officers know how you wish us to vote on these resolutions, or at least your thoughts and opinions.

---

### SUMMER HOURS END IN SEPT

Don't forget we return to our regular schedule in September, with two Stated Communications each month (2nd & 4th Monday) and a Covered Dish (bring something with you—fried chicken, pizza, dessert, a side) at 6:30 before our first stated of each month.

## 2008 OFFICERS

**Master**  
Russell (Russ) Lay..... 480-1859  
409 Raceview Ct  
Nags Head, NC 27959

**Senior Warden**  
Douglas (Doug) W Langford..... 441-8862

**Junior Warden**  
James (Jim) M. Cox..... 473-6270

**Secretary**  
Brian D Edwards, PM..... 473-6971  
PO Box 1864  
Manteo, NC 27954-1864  
E-mail: [bedwards@albemarle.cc.nc.us](mailto:bedwards@albemarle.cc.nc.us)

**Treasurer**  
Lowell Spivey, PM. ....255-0631

**Senior Deacon**  
Christopher (Chris) East..... 491-9261

**Junior Deacon**  
Terry Sherman.....

**Chaplain**  
Randell E. Holmes, PM.....473-5119

**Tyler**  
Marvin R Worrell.....473-2797

**Stewards**  
Joe Southern & Bo Taylor

**Lodge Hall Phone 252-473-2241**

**Editor**  
Russell Lay—252-480-1859  
409 Raceview Ct  
Nags Head, NC 27959  
[russlay@embarqmail.com](mailto:russlay@embarqmail.com)

---

[www.manteo521.org](http://www.manteo521.org)

NON PROFIT ORG  
27949-9803  
Kitty Hawk, NC  
PERMIT NO 2

MANTEO LODGE 521  
A.F. & A.M  
Brian D. Edwards, Secretary  
PO Box 1864  
Manteo, NC 27954