

## **MORE LIGHT**

**From**

**Manteo Lodge #521**

**A. J. & A. M.**

Chartered April 18, 1962

May & June, 2008

### **TRESTLE BOARD**

**June 9, 2008: Manteo 521 is Dark. Members are requested to attend Currituck Lodge #463 in Coinjock instead, meeting at 7:00 PM.**

**June 23, 2008 7:30PM**  
**Regular Stated Communication.**  
**Master Mason Degree for Eligible Candidates**

**July 14, 2008: Manteo 521 is Dark. Members are requested to attend Currituck Lodge #463 in Coinjock at 7:00 PM**

**July 28, 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**

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### **FROM THE EAST**

Dear Brethren,

What a busy year thus far. In May alone we initiated four candidates at one meeting, then two days later raised two new Master Mason's for our lodge and performed a courtesy raising for Cape Hatteras Lodge. I've lost count of how many first degrees we have done thus far in 2008, but I believe the number is 6, with one more petition pending. Some Fellowcraft degrees have occurred also.

Congratulations to Bros. John DeBoy and Bruce Ferrier, our newest Master Mason's!!!

Our Pancake Breakfast raised \$500+ dollars for our charities. Thanks to WB Craig Davenport, who once again did the organizing, Bros. Doug Langford and Randell Holmes who procured the donated food, Missy McPherson and Jodie Sherman who made the pancakes, Bro. Brian DeFosse (Fellowcraft) for grilling the sausage, and Bro. Dan Merrell who manned the door and kept the cashbox.

As you can see from the Trestleboard we have 3rd degrees on June 23rd. Right now we expect two candidates. We may also have some unscheduled Emergent Communications in June and July in order to keep the 10 or so men "moving through the system" !

Finally, a big thanks to everyone who came out to both degree programs in May, and to all of those who have stepped up to the plate and agreed to coach all these new Brethren.

Please keep attending lodge in the summer, and if you can make the trip, please head to Currituck Lodge on our "dark" nights this summer and visit our Brethren to the north! Russ!!

### **DON'T FORGET CURRITUCK LODGE THIS SUMMER. SEE TRESTLEBOARD.**

### **FROM THE WEST**

Greetings Brethren, and welcome to our summer schedule. We had great Degree Programs in April and May, thanks to everyone for their dedication, and look forward to the advancement of the six new Brothers as they head my way on their way through the degrees. Hope everyone is blessed with good health and happiness here in this wonderful land we call home. See you in Lodge at our June 23<sup>rd</sup> stated.

Doug Langford SW

### **Bro. Chris East gives 2nd Degree Lecture!!!! WB Lary Sawyer Goes South!!!!**

Our Sr. Deacon, Chris East has learned the Fellowcraft Lecture and debuted his skills at our F.C. degrees in April. Bro. East is the first Sr. Deacon in over a decade I believe to actually learn this part of the ceremony, which is technically part of the Sr. Deacon duties.

While we're handing out kudos, WB Lary Sawyer travelled South and gave the Fellowcraft Lecture down at Cape Hatteras Lodge for their recent degree night. Thanks Larry!

We've seen increasing interaction between the Manteo & Cape Hatteras Lodges, so much so that many of us now know each other by name! I know I speak for everyone in relating how much we enjoy interacting with our Brothers in Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke!

### **BUILDING FUND DONATION**

A special thanks to Bro. Bob Waddington, now residing in Costa Rica for a very generous donation to our Lodge. The money was added to the Building Fund.

### **MORE LIGHT NOW IN PDF FORMAT**

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### **HOT (SHRINE) FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME**

W.B. Craig Davenport, a/k/a Dare County Shrine Club President is planning a "Introductory" to the Shrine on June 8th (which looks to be a Sunday) at the Shrine Club. All Manteo members, including Master Mason's, Fellowcraft, and Entered Apprentices are invited to see what the Shrine, the Club, the Facility, and the Beach Bums are all about. No more details were left on my voice mail, so if you are interested, call Craig at 256-2820 (his cell, so its often off at night) for more information.

### **DUES & INITIATION FEE DISCUSSION**

We have degree work scheduled June 23rd, but we will also discuss, then vote on Dues and Initiation Fee increases at this Stated Communication. These increases were recommended by the Finance Committee and mentioned in a previous edition of "More Light".

## ELEVATOR & CHAIR LIFT

Is now a realty thanks to the Eastern Star and Amaranth. If negotiating those stairs has kept you out of Lodge, now you have a way to attend.

## MANTEO ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR CHAPTER 79 MERGES WITH CURRITUCK

Sadly, Manteo no longer lays claim to an Eastern Star Chapter, as #79 voted to merge with the Currituck Chapter in Coinjock. Lack of new members and persons willing to serve as officers were the main reasons the Chapter disbanded. Over time, we have lost our Scottish Rite Club in Dare County, and now Eastern Star. As I have mentioned several times, the York Rite Bodies in Elizabeth City are also suffering, more from lack of participation than anything else. It is sad to see our appendant bodies suffer these declines.

We thank the OES for all their support, both financially and by helping out at our many functions they have offered in the past.

## THE CELESTIAL LODGE-2008

**Robert Mullen Baum, Jr 24 December 2007**

**Gustaf Peter Hultman 28 February 2008**

**Guy Hartwell Midgett 27 April 2008**

**Michael Dennis Schillings 17 May 2008**

We have been remiss in remember these Brother's who have passed to the Celestial Lodge. WB Shillings passed suddenly after a very short illness. We were pleased we were able to present him the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award, offered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania just a

few short weeks before his death. The service at Wanchese United Methodist was touching, handled by both the Roanoke Island Fire Department and local Scout Troops, both of which Mike volunteered for with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Hultman had moved to Pennsylvania, but kept in touch with handwritten correspondence and once provided us a book of history from his lodge in that state.

## CARLISLE DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

By the time you read this, the Lodge will have presented its 2008 scholarship to Manteo High School senior James Israel Southern (no relation to our Steward of the same surname). We should all be very proud of the scholarship, which is supported by the donations of our members at each meeting, as well as from those who send checks our way from time to time. Thanks to all who support this worthy cause.

## CIRCUMAMBULATION

It is a term derived from the Latin words *circum* (around) and *ambulare/ambulatum* (walk about). It allows continued and lengthy inspection of the candidate by the Brethren. It also is present in many ancient religious rites and ceremonies of initiation wherein the candidate was conducted in a formal procession around the alter or some other holy or consecrated object. This rite is obviously related to the circle itself, which in many manifestations is a symbol of the all-embracing principal of Divinity, without beginning or end, complete and absolute. The wedding ring is an example of this relation to time everlasting and the completeness of the union of man and wife. *Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin, Vol 1, 2008*

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