

MORE LIGHT

From

Manteo Lodge #521

A. F. & A. M.

Chartered April 18, 1962

May & June 2009

TRESTLE BOARD

May 25, 2009-MEMORIAL DAY—STATED MEETING CANCELLED

June 8, 2009 6:30 PM

Pot Luck Dinner @ Lodge

June 8, 2009 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication

July 13, 2009 6:30 PM

Pot Luck Dinner @ Lodge

July 13, 2009 7:30 PM

Regular Stated Communication

August 10, 2009 6:30 PM

Pot Luck Dinner @ Lodge

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Regular Stated Communication

REMEMBER: WE ARE NOW ON SUMMER SCHEDULE: NO SECOND STATEDS IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.

Remember Shrine Meetings on 1st & 3rd Wednesday's at the Shrine Club

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings my brothers,

There are many items of interest to cover in this newsletter. Please note the Trestle Board; we are now in summer "mode" and will be dark for the Regular 2nd Stated meeting each month in June, July, and August. In addition, we will be dark for the 2nd Stated in May due to its coincidence with the Memorial Day holiday. Please note that all 1st Stated meetings are scheduled and the traditional bring-your-own "Pot Luck" dinner will precede each Stated in the Summer. Depending on the need for degree work and/or examinations, we may also require Emergent Communications during the Summer.

A work day is scheduled for the last weekend in May—Saturday May 30th to be exact at 9:00AM, to install the Fire Escape door on the 2nd floor. If you have operative Masonic skills, please plan to attend. More information can be obtained by calling WM Doug Langford at 441-7498 during the day.

The Pancake Breakfast held during Bike Week in April was very successful, with about \$800 raised for Masonic charities.

The Dare County Shrine Club will be hosting a FISH FRY on behalf of the Lodge Building Fund on Saturday, June 6th from 11AM to 3PM. Price is \$7.00. We moved the event this year to occur on the same day as the annual Dare

Day's celebration in Manteo. Hopefully this will increase our "traffic" and revenues".

Finally, we will be hosting a group of boys from the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford June 12-15. The boys will be housed at the "Outer Banks Croaker Club" on the Nags Head Causeway. Our thanks to "Pogie" Worsley and Kent Copeland for donating their club house and residence area for our kids.

Doug Langford, WM

FISH FRY

As mentioned above, our Shrine brethren are hosting a Fish Fry on behalf of the Lodge's Building Fund. This year, it is scheduled on the same day as Manteo's Dare Day's celebration—June 6th. The Shrine will hopefully be frying and selling fish to the many visitors coming to the day's events. A full plate of fish, hushpuppies and other fixins' is \$7.00 with all proceeds being donated by the Shrine to our Building Fund.

WELCOME NEW BROTHERS New Master Masons

Bro. Brian Marti
Bro. Leon Holleman
Bro. Robert Reardon

MANTEO 521 TO HOST MHCO BOYS

A group of young boys, residents of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford will be guests of Manteo 521. This has become almost an annual event for the Lodge. Sr. Warden James "Swivel" Cox has been the point man for this project since its inception.

Besides Lodge members, we've received support in the past from TL's Restaurant, the Shrinettes (buying snacks and sodas to stock the house), local builder Carl Worsley and Realtor Kent Copeland (the Outer Banks Croaker Club), and Captain "Dink" over at Broad Creek Marina. Usually the boys use the kayaks at the Croaker Club, go to the beach or a Dare Devils game, fish, and other activities. This year we hope to get them to the Lost Colony and perhaps the Aquarium.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SHRINE BBQ

It was a double Masonic presence at this year's Outer Banks Bike Week. On Saturday morning of the event, we hosted a Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge. Over \$800 was raised to be split between our two charities.

During the same festival, our Shrine Brothers held a BBQ fundraiser at the main Bike Week venue in Mann's Harbor, manning their booth Thurs-Sat for the entire event.

MISSING LINK

Bro. Leonard L Barnett, Sr.

We regret to report the passing of Bro. Leonard L. Barnett, Sr, member of Manteo 521. A graveside Masonic Service was held on May 21st at Manteo Cemetery. WB Randall Holmes conducted the Masonic Rites with aid of Chaplain Doug Langford, WM.

Bro. Barnett last resided in Salisbury, NC.

WHAT IS "GRAND LODGE"?

With so many new Brothers among us, we probably forget that when we speak of "Grand Lodge", new made Mason's are probably not sure exactly what this Grand Lodge entity is all about.

Members of our Lodge and others throughout the State of North Carolina operate with the permission of, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina. The only other Grand Lodge recognized by our branch of Freemasonry in North Carolina is the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Member lodges, such as Manteo 521 are considered subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge. Just as in our own lodge, the Grand Lodge is led by a line of officers that mirror the structure of Our own lodge. There is a Grand Master, a Sr. Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Sr. & Jr. Grand Deacons,

as well as the Grand Secretary, Treasurer, Tyler, and other positions.

These leaders are elected by the members of the subordinate lodges each year in an Annual Communication, usually held in Winston-Salem during September. Each subordinate lodge has three votes at Grand Lodge, which are assigned to the Worshipful Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens. If unable to attend, these officers can "proxy" their voting rights to any member in good standing. Other Masons are entitled to vote, including District Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers.

Any Mason in good standing can attend the Annual Communication, and are encouraged to do so. The only restriction is that they cannot cast a ballot.

In North America, there is no higher, or national Grand Lodge that oversees the various State Grand Lodges. Thus, the Grand Master of NC Mason's is the highest authority NC Mason's would recognize.

Since all the rules and procedures of Masons in North Carolina are voted upon by the members of subordinate lodges, in essence WE are the Grand Lodge. And that is important to remember if we are ever tempted to "blame" Grand Lodge for some rule or regulation we dislike. If that is the case, it is a rule we created and enacted ourselves!

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