



# THE TRESTLEBOARD



Clemson Lodge No. 254 A.F.M.  
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February 2010

## Worshipful Master's Notes

Brothers,

Now that we are two months into a new year, we've had the opportunity to look back at the past year, and set our sights on the year ahead. As we so often do at the onset of any new year, we resolve ourselves to new hopes, new promises, new visions and new dreams. We often seek a renewal of ourselves and a change of who we were. As I move to the East for this year, I share many of the same thoughts regarding the current state of our lodge.

Over the last 100 years, our lodge has been truly blessed. We've been allowed to enjoy the fact that our predecessors had the foresight to plan and invest in our lodge. We've had brothers who have stayed active and participative and contributed throughout the years, of their time and their money. Those brothers paved the way for new brothers to come. And although the world has changed greatly over the last 100 years, the need for Masonic Morals and Virtues remains as strong today as ever. The need for Masonic Friendship and Brotherly Love is as important today as it was then. We must not forget where we came from and the principles on which we were founded. Yet, to steal a famous quote from John F. Kennedy in his 1962 Inaugural address, the torch has been passed to a new generation of Masons.

This year in the Clemson Masonic Lodge, we have what could be, the youngest group of lodge officers to sit in the chairs in the last 50 years. Yet we remain committed to the same goals that those who came before us were committed. To build the bonds of fraternal friendship, to help our fellow man and to spread charity and good-will where there is need.

But as I look back on my last few years at the Lodge, I see things that have been missing. It is my intent, and my promise to each of you, that I will strive to return the lodge to a place where you can come to learn, come to participate and come to socialize.

Masonic education has all but disappeared at our lodge. Many brothers receive their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and know no more about Masonry today than they did on the night they were raised.

How many brothers no longer come to lodge because we "never do anything there?" Why are we not an active part of the community? Why are we not actively engaged in

## Hall Calendar

### Masons

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. @ 7 p.m.  
Feb. 22 FC° @ 6:15 p.m.

### Eastern Star

Public installation of officers Mar. 13.  
See p. 4 for details.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. @ 7:30 p.m.

### Rainbow

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
Pledge Group @ 6 p.m.

### York Rite Bodies

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Degree work begins Feb. 23. See p. 4 for details.

### Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD)

5<sup>th</sup> Friday @ 7 p.m.

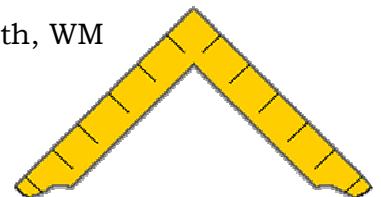
raising money for charities? Why are we not providing scholarships and donating to local causes? We can do so much for so many if we can only get involved.

And why do we only see each other once a month? How are we supposed to build fraternal bonds if we see each other once a month over a short meal before a boring business meeting?

I challenge each of you to start coming to lodge again. If you stopped coming because you weren't getting anything out of it, I urge you to start coming again and give us a chance to show you that much can be gained through your membership as a Freemason. As we move forward in 2010, it is my hope that each of you will come and join us at each business meeting. Come and see how we are striving to make the lodge a better place. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Fraternally,

Brandon Smith, WM



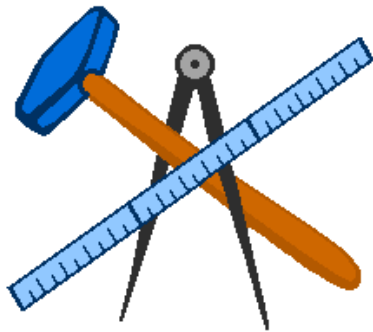
## Building Fund Update

### *Special Presentation at March Communication*

At our March communication we will have a special presentation by Brother Tim Kalnin and the Building Committee. Br. Kalnin is in the Clemson University Masters of Real Estate Development program. As part of the program he and a team of fellow students did an assessment of the value of our building and the possibility of exchanging our land between us and Tiger Town Tavern for land at the rear of our building.

Your presence at the presentation is most desired since we would like all Brothers to have a voice in making a decision an exchange. The participation of all will assure that we make an informed decision.

Also part of the presentation will be an update on our Building Fund and a discussion of the next step in renovating the building. As part of the research Br. Kalnin uncovered a number of interesting facts about the building. Some of those will be included in the next issue of The Trestleboard.



## 2010 Officers

Worshipful Master	Brandon Smith
Senior Warden	Ben Weeks
Junior Warden	Wayne Heath
Senior Deacon	Liam Cunningham
Junior Deacon	Tim Kalnin
Steward	Leverett Brunner
Steward	Nathan Moore
Secretary	Tom Hayden
Treasurer	Joe Granger
Chaplin	Mitchell Dobrenen
Tiler	Marty Gawlas

## Degree Work

*The Lodge has approved the following for investigation or advancement.*

### Petitions Received

Vincent William Petraroli  
Alexander Vincent Petraroli  
Skattowe Houston "Scott" Wells

### Entered Apprentice

*Awaiting Balloting*

None

*Pending Advancement*

None

### Fellowcraft

*Awaiting Balloting*

None

*Pending Advancement*

Stephen F. Baxley (Inactive)

Caleb R. Carroll

R. Matthew Culbreath

Randolph R. Davis

William A. Forrest

Neeraj V. Gohad

Andrew S. Mount

Earl W. Shealy

Zachary B. Shuler (Inactive)

Robert D. Sloan

K. Andrew Willoughby

### Master Mason

*Awaiting Balloting*

None

*Pending Advancement*

Creswell G. Curtis

Charles Edward Polley (Inactive)

Christopher J. Sebesta

Matthew A. Summers

Adam C. Westmoreland

*Raised Dec. 12, 2009*

Joseph C. Ellers

Alexander M. Stefanic

*Raised Jan. 2, 2010*

Brody W. Smith

## Must Reads

*A History of Freemasonry in South Carolina—The Years 1860-1919*, by our own RW Sam Willis and Ross Cornwell is back in print. Copies may be purchased through our Lodge Secretary for \$20. RW Willis will be happy to sign your copy when it comes in.

## Membership Directory

Our Lodge Secretary has published a directory of the membership of Clemson Lodge No. 254. The directory will be distributed by mail to all members in good standing.

When you receive your copy please take a moment to review your entry and send any corrections or updates to:

RW Tom Hayden, Secretary  
 Clemson Lodge No. 254  
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Or you may e-mail him at [thayden1956@bellsouth.net](mailto:thayden1956@bellsouth.net).

If you are not already receiving The Trestleboard and other Lodge communications via e-mail please help us save on postage by providing an e-mail address that we can use to Brother Hayden.

Another way to keep up to date with your Lodge Brothers and Lodge events is to join our Yahoo! Group. To become a member go to:

[groups.yahoo.com/group/ClemsonLodge254/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ClemsonLodge254/)

and request to join.

## Secretary's Annual Membership Report

	2009	2004
Members at last report	114	136
Raised	5	4
Affiliated	0	0
Reinstated	0	0
<b>Total plus increase</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>140</b>
Erased N.P.D.	0	4
Died	2	4
Demitted	1	1
<b>Total as of 12/31</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>131</b>
40-year Life Members	34	62
Perpetual Life Members	32	5
Dues Paying Members	82	69
Past Masters in Good Standing	27	30

Deaths: William Weldon Clardy, Seymour Agee Porter

Demitted: Clarence Mahue Caraway to a lodge in Florida

## Milestones & Transitions

### January Birthdays

T. Mitchell Pollock	1
Christopher A. Colthorpe	16
Tucker H. Couvillon IV	18
Zedekiah Cassell	22
Rhemar P. Lane	23
Phillip A. Zellner	29

### February Birthdays

Julius C. "Mike" Hubbard, Jr.	2
William R. Geddings, Jr.	12
Franklin S. Dempsey	13
Casey R. Graham	13
Samuel M. Willis	18
Horace G. Edmondson, Jr.	19
Liam J. Cunningham..	20
W. Walton Wilson	21
Phillip M. Paradise	22
Edward H. Curtis	24
Charles P. Butler	25

## Upcoming Events

### Masonic Activities Subscription

Please be sure to subscribe to RW Jim Turner's Masonic Activities e-mail list. Included in the e-mail is a list of upcoming degree work in Lodges around the Upstate and special events happening throughout the state. He also sends out the Grand Master's itinerary and updates. Send an e-mail to: [jimturnerpddgm@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimturnerpddgm@bellsouth.net) to subscribe.



## Appendant Body Spotlight

### IORG-SC Green Area Official Visit

All Master Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star are invited to attend the Green Area Official Visit. At an Official Visit the Grand Worthy Advisor and Supreme Inspector visit the Assemblies to assess their organization and fellowship with the members. It is a unique experience and a wonderful way to learn about this worthy organization for girls.

## *You Are Invited*

*Come, fly with us on gossamer butterfly wings*

*Through God's Garden of Dreams*

*In the Green Area*

*March Sixth at Sinclair Lodge*

*1104 B Avenue*

*West Columbia, South Carolina 29169*

*Courtesies at 2:00 p.m.*

*Meeting to follow*

*Garden Tea Party*

*With heavy refreshments after the meeting*

*Hosted by the*

*Assemblies of the Green Area*

*West Columbia Assembly No. 36*

*Fidelity Assembly No. 56*

*Greenwood Assembly No. 33*

## Appendant Body Update



### Rainbow Fidelity Assembly #56

If you know a girl that is interested in joining Rainbow contact Dr. Loey Krause, Mother Advisor at (864) 878-1379, (864) 430-3053 or [L\\_Krause@bellsouth.net](mailto:L_Krause@bellsouth.net).



### Clemson Chapter #191, Order of the Eastern Star

A public installation of officers will be held on March 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Clemson Masonic Temple. All Masons and the public are welcome. Information on OES is available in the lobby of the Temple or from Chapter Secretary, Dr. Loey Krause, at [L\\_Krause@bellsouth.net](mailto:L_Krause@bellsouth.net), (864) 878-1379, or (864) 430-3053.



### Clemson York Rite Bodies

The Clemson York Rite Bodies will begin its Spring class of degrees with the first three Chapter degrees on February 23 at 7 p.m. Petitions will be received and voted on that evening. Those wishing to affiliate with the York Rite bodies may do so by being present no later than 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 23. Other degrees are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays for five sessions. Total cost is \$150.00. This may be paid in increments if desired.

If you desire to obtain further light in Masonry by becoming a York Rite Mason, contact: Joe Granger at (864) 654-2793 or Tom Hayden at (864) 654-4943.



### Scottish Rite

For membership information contact the Valley of Greenville at (864) 232-5430.