



TRESTLE BOARD

From The Master

...may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Brethren,

I want to take this time to say thank you for your help and support in my first quarter as Master of the lodge. I can not believe how fast this year is going by already. It seems only yesterday we held our installation and I was sworn in as Master. WBro. Loren Jones and Henry Drake told me that it would fly by and before I knew it we would be holding the elections for next year and man where they right. Our education program is running full speed and Brother Rick is keeping our minds sharp. The attendance at the lodge is up and the degree work has never been better. This is all through your hard work and effort and again I can not say thank you enough to all the Brothers who are making this happen.

I was asked the other day by one of the Marines at work what the picture was on my laptop screen. I explained to him it was the installation picture of my lodge officers; in fact it was W. Brother Joe Reyes year. I keep it up because it was the year I really began to understand Masonry and see how we all think alike in the way a family does for each other. He asked me what a Mason was and after a few minutes I gave him my answer.

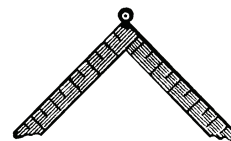
A Mason is a member of a fraternity or even more like a family. A group of men who join together because: There are things they want to do in the world; There are things they want to do "inside their own minds;" They enjoy being together with men they like and respect. A Mason

is a man who has decided that he likes to feel good about himself and others. He cares about the future as well as the past, and does what he can, both alone and with others, to make the future good for everyone.

Brothers, there is no doubt in my mind that I am apart of a family one I never had growing up. One that I was not going to let my children be without and you have all helped me become a better "man, father, husband and most importantly person."

Fraternally Yours,

Master Beau A. Brown



From the Secretary’s Desk

The warm weather has finally arrived, soon school will let out for the summer, please be careful as you drive children will be playing in the streets and we need to be attentive. Our last Onslow County Scholarship meeting was held at New River Lodge 736 where we raised \$1312.00 for the scholarship.

If the mailing label on your “Trestleboard has a red check mark on it your 2011 dues are in arrears. Please check your DUEs Card and make sure it is for 2011. We presently have 30 Brothers who haven’t paid this year’s dues. Dues are 87.00 which includes \$17.00 per capita tax.

On May 14th we are planning a lodge trip to “Whitestone” in Greensboro. They are celebrating “Family Day” and Brother Wayne Southern along with the Brethren from Revolution Lodge have invited us to partake in the festivities. Bring your family and see the jewel that we have there. This will also be a great opportunity to meet Annie Aquino and visit with Ill Brother Lloyd Wilkerson and Jeannie.

On June 11th we will have a “Ladies Night Out” at the lodge. We’ll be grilling and entertainment will be a Magic show by our own Brother Bill Frost. Join us for great night out.

Congratulations to Brother Bruce St. John who started Officer Candidate School and will become a Naval Aviator. Our treasurer WBro Bob Canning and Bro Carl Poulsen and their wives just returned from a cruise of the Caribbean.

If you need a ride to lodge or you know of a Brother that is ill please let one of the officers know.

Fraternally,
Howard



“Be a Brother Bring a Brother to Lodge”

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Officers of the Lodge

Master.....Beau Brown

Senior Warden..... Richard Welton

Junior Deacon.....Timothy Ryan

Junior Warden..... William Fitzpatrick

Senior Steward.....Jeff Hurt

Treasurer..... Robert Canning

Junior Steward.....Jason Houchins

Secretary..... Howard Kahn

Chaplain.....Charles Treble

Senior Deacon..... Joseph Houle

Tyler.....Michael Bartlett

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CABLE TOW

As explained by John L Cook Jr. Grand Master of Masons, Minnesota, in his Message of January/February 2011, the word cable tow is unknown outside of Masonry.

Further, the earliest allusion to a rope as a piece of equipment used in the preparation of a Masonic candidate is in a document dated about 1710, well within the “speculative” era. Even then, it was not described as a “Cable tow” for another fifty years, or so. All this suggest that the expression was introduced to Freemasonry’s vocabulary by the Speculative Masons as they gradually, but steadily, clothed the Speculative Science with symbols and terminology of the stone cutters.

The cable-tow, then, is the outward and visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life, or has pledged himself to save another life at the risk of his own. Its length and strength are measured by the ability of the man to fulfill his obligation and his sense of the moral sanctity of his obligation - a test, that is, both of his capacity and of his character.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, and initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, the cable-tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth; and so it is usually interpreted. Just as the physical cord, when cut, is replaced by a tie of love and obligation between mother and child.

When the cable-tow is removed, the brother, is bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable. What before was an outward physical restraint has become a inward moral constraint. That is to say, force is replaced by love - outer authority by inner obligation - and that is the secret of security and the only basis of brotherhood.

But let us remember that a cable two has two ends. If it binds a Mason to the Fraternity, by the same fact it binds the Fraternity to each man in it. The one obligation needs to be emphasized as much as the other. We then begin to see the other side of the obligation, that the Fraternity is under vows to its members to guide, instruct and train them for the effective services of the Craft and humanity.

“STRICT TRIAL, DUE EXAMINATION OR LAWFUL MASONIC INFORMATION”

Strict Trial. Refers to the matter, not the manner of an examination. A trial is strict when it satisfies a committee that the one being examined is what he purports to be.

Due Examination. The word “due” here refers to the manner not the matter of the examination. The necessary preliminaries, proper caution and the regulations of the Grand Lodge being properly observed, all enter into “due examination.”

Lawful Masonic Information. Lawful information that a person is a Brother Mason may be secured

- (1) by sitting in a Symbolic Lodge with him,
- (2) by a known Mason vouching for him as such,
- (3) by his passing the examination of a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master.

May, 2011 Birthday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 James Evans (83) Earl Wilson Jr. (63)	3 Charles Cook (66)	4	5	6 Robert Arbeene (59)	7 Rodolfo Sutis (81)
8 Bryan Taylor (37)	9	10	11 Donald Brazeal (46) Ethan Johnston (28)	12	13 James Freeman (88) Floyd Scott (84)	14 Rodger Penrod (62) Philip Mercer (61)
15	16 Shon Brodie (47)	17	18	19	20 Raymond Chainay (35) Matthew Spotts (27)	21
22 George Courie III (57)	23	24 Stephen Nelson (38) Bill Frost (35)	25 Ralph Jones (68)	26 Warren Bailey (70) Timothy Tolfree (49)	27 Roger Hayes (68)	28
29 Robert Hemphill (81)	30	31				

June, 2011 Birthday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Edward Collins (69) Luis Castillo (31)	3 Williams Perkins (81)	4 Nathan Simonds (34)
5 John Parker III (24)	6 Mathew Nelson (23)	7 James McElroy (74) Henry Drake (49) Steven Slaughter (25)	8	9	10	11 Denny Norris (65) Christopher Frazier (35)
12	13 John McElheney (65)	14 Joe Huddleston (89)	15	16 Kenneth Trout (77)	17 Jeffrey Hurt (26)	18 Troy Conner (93)
19	20	21	22	23 John Orosz (55) Michael Hussey (51)	24	25
26 Willie Hatchell (90) David Heald (54) Jonathan Curran (28)	27 Phillip Gurganus (64)	28	29	30 James Elliott (97)		

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11 Stated Communication 7:30 PM	12	13	14
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