



Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

1st QUARTER 2009

Welcome to our
newly initiated
Brothers 2009

Bro, David
Burford

Br, David
Williams

Br, Tony Frank

Br, Aaron
Kinsley

Br, Joshua
Beeler

Br, Paul Morin

Br, Brian
Raynor

Br, John
Hensley III

Masters Corner

Brethren,

Lafayette lodge continues to stay busy with degree work, and I am pleased with the quality of degree work given by your officers and members of the lodge. We have quite a few brothers going through degrees and are receiving petitions quite regularly. I thank everyone for continuing to help spread Masonry.

We are in the process of setting up a phone tree and email list in order to keep everyone informed of lodge happenings, so make sure your email is in our roster. Also I would like to give a big thanks to Bro, Mike Wagoner for updating our web site.

We are in the process of replacing all the toilets in the lodge. The new toilets will have a higher seat making them easier to use. Thanks to Bro, Tim Guice and Bro, Jim Nunnery and W.B. LW Thomas for spearheading the upstairs bathroom project.

The lodge room also needs a fresh coat of paint, we have an estimate of materials and I would like to start the project soon. Also the heat pump for the upstairs continues to give us problems, it is 22 years old and we need to replace it in the near future. Thanks Bro, Jim Nunnery for continuing to repair it.

W.B. Ron Dudley has done an excellent job of updating our Masonic widows list, any one interested in helping us keep in contact with our widows can get a copy from W.B. Ron Dudley or myself. Also I would like to give a big thanks to the brothers for their support to the Masonic Scholarship were Lafayette collected more than \$1,200!

Finally keep our brothers who are in harms way in our prayers.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Russ Jones

Master

Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

As a friendly reminder Lodge dues are \$78.00 a year. Please make sure these are taken care of for the continue running of our lodge. If you know of a brother that cannot pay his dues please let the lodge know of his situation.

Fraternally
Bro. Robert Savacool

Necrology Report

Br, Joseph James Merkle was born in Richmond Hills, N.Y. on February 2, 1930. He was initiated on May 25, 1964, passed on July 13, 1964, and raised on August 3, 1964 in Semper Fidelis lodge # 680 in Jacksonville NC He received his 25-year award in 1989. Br. Merkle joined Lafayette Lodge in 2005. He died on March 26, 2009 in Jacksonville N.C

Br, Joseph Clemmons Bynum Jr. was born on June 27, 1918 in Maysville, N.C. He was initiated on August 24, 1951, Passed on September 18, 1951 and raised on October 9, 1951. Br, Bynum received his 50-year award in 2001. Br, Bynum was a life member of Lafayette Lodge. Br, Bynum was the unofficial photographer of the lodge. Br, Bynum died in April 5, 2009

Brother Overseas Update

We want to keep Bro, Dan Carmona in our prayers as he has just gotten settled in Iraq. He emails our SW and states that all is well and that he has met some other brothers in Iraq and enjoys the fellowship. If anyone wants to email him his address is daniel.carmona@tq.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

His mailing address is

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Also welcome back to Bro, Gabriel Charron and a job well done in Iraq

Masonic Quiz

Pertaining to the 1st degree who were the Parents of Grand Master Hiram ?

A. a widow of Naphtali and a man of tyre

What is the meaning of the 1st degree word to enter a lodge on the first degree?

A. 7th chapter of kings 21st verse

Is there a chapter in the bible where the forests of Lebanon and the sea of Joppa is mentioned?

A. True 2 Chron. ii. 16

How many Presidents were Mason?

A. 14 Washington, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft
Harding, Roosevelt, Truman, Ford. / Jefferson and Madison's membership could never be truly proven
and therefore not considered Masonic Presidents. Lyndon Johnson completed only the first degree of
masonry.

Can u identify the Masonic images in this photograph, and do u know who painted it?
To find the answers I encourage any mason to read *A pilgrim's path*. By John J. Robinson
The painter is Hieronymus Bosch

