



Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

1st QUARTER 2010

Masters Corner

Welcome

2010

Brothers

Entered Apprentice

Bro. Brian
Lownsbury
Bro. Darren
Canavan

Fellow Craft

Bro. Robert
Ignelzi

Master Masons

Bro Jarrod
Solar
Bro. Shannon
Book
Bro. Alex
Alvarez
Bro. Jon
Blevins

Brethren,
We are already at the end of March and I cant believe 1/4 of this year is coming to an end. It is a absolute pleasure and an honor to serve as Master of Lafayette Lodge for 2010. The petitions are still coming in and I am proud to say that Lafayette is still dedicated to performing great ritual work. I would like to think all the brethren for the continued help and a willingness to try new parts of the ritual, and also to past masters who are always willing to be there for practices and good counsel.

This year I am truly in debt to the brothers who have stepped up and taken on issues with the lodge such as toilets, aprons, AC, Lighting fixtures, overseeing our widows, helping with food etc.. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help the good of the lodge. This year I hope we can get the AC fixed or at least come up with a game plan to confidently resolve most of its issues.

I would also like to thank some brothers who do not get a lot of recognition and that is our coaches. Our coaches are so vital to the lodge, without coaches seeing candidates through their catechism we would never get brothers past the first degree. As every brother knows this is not a day or two meeting, but requires weeks of work and patience. So to the coaches thank you, and to the brethren I ask that if anyone is interested in coaching please inquire on what it takes to be a coach. It is very rewarding.

It is great to see brethren attending our degree work, but I challenge every brother to think of ONE brother you have not seen in lodge in awhile and to call him to see how he is doing or if he needs a ride. The one memory I remember most the night I was initiated was when I saw all these men who i did not know well standing there for me. It is something I will never forget so I ask brethren when debating coming to lodge for ritual remember how you felt that night, and if it's within your cable tow to be a part of that new brother's masonic memories.

I also want encourage brothers new and old to really dive into the ritual. Our ritual is so deep and intriguing that it baffles my mind and I learn something new all the time. I want brothers to ask yourself why are certain words said? What do they mean?

What was the reason for this part of the ritual? I believe that it was designed to challenge ones thinking to seek knowledge. It makes no sense to say or see something multiple times and not know why your are saying it, or what it means. If any brother reads or finds something interesting by all means share it at meetings or at dinner.

For myself the lectures are a wealth of knowledge that really define the ritual. The words are powerful and define just who we are and what we stand for. It blows my mind to think that the ritual we see weekly is basically the same ritual that the brightest most intelligent minds of all time could come to agree on its principles and values. I encourage any brother to become a Certified instructor or lecturer, I can guarantee that when you learn the ritual it takes on a whole new meaning because it forces you to examine what you are saying and to better understand and comprehend it. We are also very lucky that our lodge has 5 certified lecturers and one instructor.

Finally brethren I thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Everyone plays such a significant role in the running of our lodge and it could not function without a combined effort.

Faternally



Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The first quarter of 2010 has come and gone. If your dues card does not read 2010 please remit your dues as soon as possible. Welcome Bro George Gobko as our new assistant secretary.

Fraternally
Bro. Robert Savacool

Necrology Report

Bro. Abie Gordon was born in on March 20th 1920. He was initiated on September 16th 1949, passed on November 15th 1949 and raised on November 22nd 1949 in Lafayette Lodge #83 in Jacksonville N.C. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above in October 2009

Bro. Michael Baldwin was born on September 6th 1941. He was initiated on April 23rd 1991, passed on June 25th 1991, and raised on July 23rd 1991 in Lafayette Lodge # 83 Jacksonville N.C. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on March 14th 2010.

Brother Overseas Update

Please keep our brothers who are overseas in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless them all.

Events

W Brother Ron Dudley would like to take this opportunity to thank Bros Tim Abbey and Jonathan Snyder for their help in getting in the new bathroom fixtures, without their help this project would not be completed at this time. Great Job Guys!!!

Much information has been added to the Bros Only page of our website. Please check your information, if anything is wrong or missing please send e-mail to mike@lafayettelodge83.com with correct info.

VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

www.lafayettelodge83.com is the address of the Lodge website. Please visit it often and keep up with what is going on in YOUR Lodge. If you have some info you would like to see on the web site contact Bro Mike Wagoner. E-mail mike@lafayettelodge83.com- Cell # 910-382-9014.



Masonic Trivia

The earliest known appearance of the letter “G” inside the interlaced square and compasses is on a photo of an etching in *“Freemasonry A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol”* by Kirk MacNulty. The date shown on the etching is “5776” which we Masons know to be 1776 in standard dating form. Another very early appearance is a bronze plate made by Paul Revere in 1796. By the year 1800 the combined symbol had appeared in England on embroidered aprons and upon a “Master’s Tracing Board”. In the language of some countries, the letter “G” does not stand for either “God” or “Geometry” so it is not part of their basic symbol of Freemasonry.

Massachusetts lodges have no numbers. Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names. Georgia has two lodges identified as number 1, Social # 1 and Solomons # 1. Neither Maryland, Pennsylvania, or Tennessee has a lodge with the number 1

In 1952 eighty-nine percent of the U.S. Supreme Court Justices were Freemasons.

A lodge is opened by its Master in “due form” meaning according to ancient usages and customs, the laws and ritual of its Grand Lodge.

A Grand Lodge is opened by the Grand Master in “ample form” meaning he has the power and authority to deviate from common ritual to save time.

A Lodge may not be adjourned for any purpose. No member has the authority to present a motion for adjournment since that would usurp the Master’s power. A Lodge must be in one of three conditions: Closed, open and at work, or at refreshment.



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