



Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

3rd QUARTER 2010

Welcome

2010

Brothers

Entered Apprentice

Bro. Brian
Lownsbury
Bro. Darren
Canavan
Bro. William
Rumbaugh
Bro. Daniel
Jackson
Bro. Adam
Williams
Bro. Dante
Brucchi
Bro. Jeff
Peeler

Fellow Craft

Bro. Robert
Ignelzi

Master Masons

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

Masters Corner

Brethren,

As the third quarter comes to a close I am happy that Lafayette Lodge is continuing to make new Masons. Petitions are still coming in and Masonry is thriving in the Carolinas due to the hard work of its members.

Degree work continues and members are stepping up by trying new parts. I mentioned this in my last newsletter but will mention again to all Lafayette members, if you are wanting to work on new parts or participate in degrees please let it be known. Where some lodges in the state have no certified lectures or instructors our lodge is blessed to have several. I challenge any member to learn a portion of the ritual and participate. I myself started with a portion of the ritual that meant a lot to me and that was the charges. I remember WB George Dodds presenting these when I was a new mason, and thinking "man i want to do that" which led to more parts. If i can give any advice on learning ritual, it is to take a sentence a day and keep building on it. Learning the ritual for me has made masonry so much more rewarding, and I never forget the brethren who put on my wonderful degrees.

Also I would like to say that if any brother likes cooking or repairing things please let us know. Lafayette can always use more cooks, and a big thanks to the brethren who do help out in the kitchen. Your help is invaluable and i cannot say thank you enough.

Past Masters night has come and gone and to all the past masters of the lodge I have to give a huge thanks for all your help and advice! Your help is so appreciated. I believe that it is impossible to run a lodge in harmony without there advice and assistance of the brethren.

Our barbeque is fast approaching and I look forward to some good barbeque every year. I hope all brethren will do their best to sell their tickets and remember where this money is going, and how it effects the lives of children. This is one of the few times where all money raised goes 100% to these children and our other Masonic charities. I hope everyone will come out and participate in making plates or deliver meals. It is a great time to come out for some good fellowship and great food.

Finally brethren please make sure that your 2010 dues are up to date. The lodge like anything needs funds to operate and maintain. I wish all brethren a happy fall season and look forward to Lafayette moving forward to 2011

WBro Michael Luna



Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The Third Quarter of the year has come and gone. If you know of a Brother who has not paid his 2010 dues time is drawing short. If a Brother needs help please let us know.

2011 Dues notices will be sent out December 1st.

Fraternally
Bro. Robert Savacool

Necrology Report

. Br, Claude Wilson Burns was born on February 22, 1924. He was initiated on January 1, 1953, passed on January 1, 1953, and raised on January 1, 1953 in Attala #0606 in Liberty Chapel Mississippi, affiliated with Lafayette Lodge #83 on April 16, 1979. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on August 26, 2010.

Br, Raymond Lee Egan was born on March 7th 1921, He was initiated on November 11, 1952, passed on December 16, 1952, and raised January 13, 1953 in Lafayette Lodge # 83 in Jacksonville N.C. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on March 3rd 2010.

Brother Overseas Update

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

Events

Lafayette Lodge 83 Fund Raiser

Friday Nov 12th

Onslow Shrine Club

Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Master Masons

cont

Bro. Charles

Ritchie

Bro. Abraham

Polaski

Bro. Ronald

Graham

Bro. Daniel

Corrales

Bro. Joseph

Polingo



Masonic Rings

The ring is a symbol of the Covenant entered into with the order, as the wedding ring is the symbol of the Covenant of Marriage, is worn in some of the higher Degrees of Freemasonry. It is not used in Ancient craft Masonry.

In reference to the rings worn in the higher Degrees of Freemasonry, it may be said that they partake of the double symbolism of power and affection. The ring, as a symbol of power and dignity, was worn in ancient time by kings and men of elevated rank and office.. In the Bible (Genesis 41:42) we note that Pharaoh took off his ring and bestowed it to Joseph as a mark of the power he had conferred upon him. It is in this light that the Inspectors General (33rd Degree) of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry wear rings as Sovereigns of the Rite. But, those who receive only the Fourteenth Degree, in the same Rite wear the ring as a symbol of the Covenant of the affection and Fidelity into which they have entered.

While on the subject of the ring as a symbol of Masonic meaning I do not believe it would be irrelevant to refer to the 'magic' ring of King Solomon of which both the Jews and the Mohammedans have abundant tradition. The Mohammedans have a book on magic rings entitled "Scalcutal", in which they trace the ring of King Solomon from Jared the father of Enoch. It was by means of this ring, as a talisman of wisdom and power, some say, enabled Solomon to perform the wonderful acts and accomplish those vast enterprises that have made his name so celebrated as the wisest monarch of the earth.

While there may not be as many versions of the Masonic ring as there are Masonic lapel pins, there are several, most notably the square and compasses and the so-called Tubal-Cain sign. The ring can be found crafted from many materials and the Masonic symbols have been placed on stones, or artificial replicas of stones, that are red, blue and black. Some of the myths surrounding these rings are that the red setting indicates a brother under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, while the blue setting is for those lodges that evolved from the United Grand Lodge of England. The black is just excepted. I have never heard anyone try to associate it with Prince hall masonry or lodges that are predominately comprised of Black brethren such as Equity #106, on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Probably the greatest myth and one which I have seen debated in earnest by well-meaning brethren, is the proper way to wear a ring which depicts the square and compasses. My Brothers how could there be a proper way to wear a ring which has not been officially sanctioned as a jewel or symbol. As far as I can determine only one Grand Lodge has ever attempted to rule on the subject. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has ruled that a Mason should wear the ring so the tips of the compasses are pointed towards him. But, you will note, that even this ruling is a suggestion and not mandatory.

The consensus is that if a Masonic ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a Master Mason, the tips of the compasses should be pointed towards the tips of the fingers. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, the ring should be worn with the tips of the compasses towards him. The choice is yours to make!

A word of caution Brethren. Do not take the wearing of a ring as "lawful Masonic information". These rings can be bought anywhere, at any time, by anyone!

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