



# Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2013

## Masters Corner

Welcome

2012

Brothers

*Entered  
Apprentice  
Bro Justin  
DeLong*

*Fellow Craft*

*Master Masons*

Brethren,

On behalf of myself and my fellow officers we would like to thank Worshipful Brother Mike Powell and Worshipful Brother Jim Fitzgibbons along with all the installing officers who assisted with the 188<sup>th</sup> installation of officers on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the Eastern Star for preparing a delicious meal and to the Rainbow girls for serving the meal.

I am excited about our new officers as they are prepared to fulfill their responsibilities. Our degree work has been light starting out but we have several candidates coming up for degree work

We are off to a good start with the following

1. The officers have completed the training and education program required by the Grand Lodge under the direction of Worshipful Brother Mike Powell.
2. At our March 5<sup>th</sup> stated meeting the lodge received Worshipful Brother Phillip Mercer DDGL 4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and Worshipful Brother Loren Jones DDGM 4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

We have had a great response from the membership regarding donations for the building fund. We are still accepting donations from those who have not had the opportunity to do so. We are currently accepting bids for cleaning and painting the exterior of the building. The project is expected to begin mid April and be completed mid May.

Thanks to those who participated with the blood drive on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like to thank Brother Mike Wagoner for all his work in keeping the web page up to date ,taking photos, printing the program for the installation and the news letter at no cost to the lodge. Please check the web site for all the activities going on in our lodge. Such as the school of instruction being held at Seaside Lodge #429 on Saturday April 20 , and The Most Worshipful Grand Master visit to the 4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District hosted by Newport Lodge on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I am looking forward to the continued support from our membership and the Past Masters of Lafayette Lodge.

Paternally  
WBro Ron Dudley



## Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The first quarter of 2013 has come and gone. If your dues card still reads 2012 please remit your dues as soon as possible. Note to all Brothers if you have any change of address you need to notify the Secretary right away.

Fraternally

Bro. Robert Savacool

## Necrology Report

WBr, Joseph Corbin was born on May 24<sup>th</sup> 1928, He was initiated on June 26<sup>th</sup> 1979, passed on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1979, and raised on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1979 in Lafayette Lodge # 83 . He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2103.

Bro. Johnny Barrow born on August 31<sup>st</sup> 1950. He was initiated on November 14<sup>th</sup> 1989, passed on December 12<sup>th</sup> 1989, raised on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1990, in Lafayette Lodge #83. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

Bro. Franklin Black born on September 7<sup>th</sup> 1945. He was initiated on May 9<sup>th</sup> 1978, passed on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1978, raised on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1978, in Lafayette Lodge # 83. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## Items of Interest

School of Instruction

Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Seaside Lodge 429 in Swansboro

Grand Master visit to the 4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District of North Carolina  
Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Newport Lodge, Newport NC

Further Light in Masonry

Scottish Rite Reunion April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> New Bern

York Rite Festival April 13<sup>th</sup> New Bern

Make sure and come by the Lodge and see our jewelry counter. We now have lapel pins, coffee mugs, decals, auto emblems, hats, shirts and much more. Buy your Masonic Items and support your Lodge at the same time.



## Masonic Words

### Light

Throughout the ritual and work of Freemasonry, Light is the symbol of knowledge, and just as God spoke into existence physical light, so He is the original source of all true knowledge. The Great Light of Masonry is His inspired work. Masons are pledged to strive after more and more Light as life goes on and should seek above all things Light Eternal. By an inevitable association the word came into metaphorical use to mean the coming of truth and knowledge into the mind. When a candidate ceases to be ignorant of Masonry, when through initiation the truths of Masonry have found entrance into his mind, he is said to be “enlightened” in the Masonic sense.

### Lodge

This word comes from the Old French, English and Medieval Latin and meant generally a hut, a cottage, a gallery, a covered way, etc; our “lobby” had the same beginning. How the Operative Masons came to employ the term and just what they meant by it, has never been determined; they symbolic Lodge, their building was a Lodge, and often times the whole body of Masons was called a Lodge. In our own usage the word has three technical meanings; the place where Masons meet, the assembly of the brethren duly congregated for labor, and a place of furniture.

### Manual

Relating to the hand, from the Latin *manus*, a hand

### Mason

This is a word from the Middle Ages, with an uncertain origin. The old Gothic *maitan* meant to hew, or cut, and it is supposed the word carried that general meaning through Medieval Latin, English, German, and in the Scandinavian languages. If at first it was used only of a stone-cutter, it came later to mean a builder. Why the Operatives were called “Freemasons” is still an unsolved puzzle; the most likely view is that they were a society of builders free to move from one place to another in contrast to the gild Masons who were confined in their labors to one community. In our Fraternity a Mason is a builder of manhood and brotherhood.



# The Masonic Family

