



Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

3rd QUARTER 2013

Masters Corner

Welcome

2013

Brothers

Entered

Apprentice

Bro. Justin

Delong

Bro. Kelsey

Gonzales

Bro. Joshua

Carswell

Bro. Matthew

Ortensie

Fellow Craft

Bro. Charlie

Cox

Bro. James

Samuels

Bro. Alexander

Smith

Master Masons

Brethren,

It's hard to realize that the third quarter has come and gone. Hopefully each of you have had a healthy and prosperous year so far.

Our degree work has been on the light side so far. We have 5 candidates in waiting to show their proficiency. 2 in the first degree and 3 in the second degree. Hopefully we can complete their degree work by the end of this quarter.

This last quarter will provide us an opportunity to have a number of move-up practices for the officers for 2014. At the same time I would encourage all new master masons to attend if possible as we can always use extra help. There are a number of areas that you can learn and participate in various degree work. Announcements will be made at stated meetings as to when practices will be scheduled.

Grand Lodge was held on September 27th and 28th. the officers attended and voted on the proposed amendments to the code , as directed by our membership.

Don't forget our BBQ fundraiser on October 25th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. with a chance to win a 46in. TV, drawing to be held on Nov. 5th.

This year we have had a lot of building maintenance inside and outside the lodge, to all those involved a sincere thank you for a job well done.

Fraternally
WBro Ron Dudley



Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The third quarter of 2013 has come and gone. If your dues card still reads 2012 please remit your dues as soon as possible. It is way past due. Note to all Brothers the Grand Lodge is asking for all Military Service information for all members, please provide your dates in service and any campagians you were involved in. Per Capita has gone up \$3.00 and our new Lodge dues are \$80.00 making a total of **\$100.00** for Lodge Dues for 2014

Fraternally
Bro. Robert Savacool

Necrology Report

I am happy to report that none of our Brothers left us this quarter

Grand Lodge 2013

I am happy to report that all the votes went as we had hoped except the \$3.00 increase

Items of Interest

FUND RAISER

October 25TH

ONSLOW SHRINE CLUB

Serving from 11:00 to 6:00

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

&

SELL YOUR TICKETS

MASONIC HOMECOMING

October 11-13

Oxford NC

New Bern York Rite Fall Festival Oct 5th

New Bern Scottish Rite Masonic Reunion Nov 1st & 2nd

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From the West

Brethren,

Just a note from the West. We have had a busy year with the Lodge having been painted on the outside, with this being headed up by WBro Ron Dudley through the appeal as well as the actual work being done. Also the AC upstairs went out and that was another expense that was unexpected. Thankfully we had enough monies left over from the appeal to take care of this. A big thank you goes out to Brother Wayne Yates who headed up the AC project. We also need to thank WBro John DeMichele for his help in securing an AC unit at a savings of several thousand dollars. A big thank you to all involved.

Fraternally
Charles Roby
Senior Warden

Masonic Words

Obligation:

From time immemorial, men have entered into covenants of brotherhood and friendship under solemn obligations of fidelity and loyalty, and when even the circumstances and purposes warranted it, secrecy has been pledged. This practice among Masons has many precedents and is based on the truths and principles set forth of the Great Light of Masonry. All obligations voluntarily taken in Masonry must be faithfully performed and are never subject to revocation. The obligation is the tie, or bond, itself; in Masonry a formal and voluntary pledge on the candidates part by virtue of which he is accepted as a responsible member of the family of Masons.

Oblong:

This has long been a puzzle word in Masonic nomenclature. How, it is asked, can a square be oblong, when a square is equal on all its sides? The answer is that in this connection "square" is used in the sense of rectangle; the angles are square not the sides. Oblong is derived from *ob* near or before and *longus*, long; that is, it something approximately long, so that the main axis is much longer than the others, as a slender leaf, a shaft, etc. An "oblong square" is a rectangle of which two opposite sides are much longer than the other two. The Lodge is symbolically an oblong square in this sense.



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