



# Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

2nd QUARTER 2016

Welcome

2016

Brothers

*Entered*

*Apprentice*

*Bro. Tyler*

*Williams*

*Fellow Craft*

*Bro. Nicholas*

*Kissel*

*Master Masons*

*Bro. Jeffery*

*Cheeseman*

## Masters Corner

Brethren,

Greetings from the East!

In the poem "The Dash" Linda Ellis writes how a man, at his friend's funeral, noticed that the dash between the friend's year of birth and year of death represented his friend's entire life. He realized that in the case of his friend, that dash was just too short.

Today at a Masonic Funeral while the last Masonic Rights were being conferred, the words in "The Dash" poem came to mind and made me contemplate a few things. Are we doing enough to let our "dash" get an honorable mention? Has our life "dash" encompassed enough stories and actions worth remembering? Have we spent our time wisely, productively, doing all we can do to make a difference, to improve our surroundings, our community our families and ourselves?

Though the "dash" is limited in it's volume, we must compact a lifetime of achievements within it's borders. Therefore, I've concluded that to make the most of the limited space within that dash, I must illuminate worthless things that would take up space within it's borders. Among these are **hatred, prejudice, vengeance,** and senseless **worry.** In it's place I must include, **faith, hope** and anything else that is **good, kind and charitable.** SMIB

Fraternally

W Bro. J.R. Suarez, Master



## Secretary's Desk

Brethren,  
The 2016 year is half over. Do you know where your 2016 Dues Card Is?

Fraternally  
Bro. Robert Savacool

## Necrology Report

Bro. David Lewis born on February 5th 1935. He was initiated on August 23rd 1983, passed on October 11th 1983, raised on November 8th 1983, in Lafayette Lodge #83. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on June 7th 2016

## Items of Interest

Wilkerson College Ritual Competition was won by The Down East Rascals (aka The Down East Ringers) for the second year in a row This team consist of W Bro. Loren Jones, WB Bill Thacker, WB Jim Fitzgibbons, WB Russ Jones and WB Mike Wagoner

Grand Lodge September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24th

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## Masonic Words

### Speculative:

The Latin *specere* meant to see, to look about; *specula* was a watchtower, so called because from it one could look about over a wide territory. It came to be used metaphorically of the mental habit of nothing all the aspects of a subject; also as applied to theoretical knowledge as opposed to practical skill. "Speculative Masonry" was knowledge of the science, or theory, of building;

"Operative Masonry," trained skill in putting that knowledge into practice. When operative Masonry was dropped out of the Craft in the eighteenth century, only the speculative elements remained and these became the basis of our present Fraternity. It is for this reason that we continue to describe it as Speculative Masonry. The word has nothing to do with philosophical speculation, or with theorizing merely for its own sake.

### Stand to and Abide By:

This is a unique pledge of every mason and means that he binds himself to stand by and obey every regulation of the Order, that he will be governed at all times by its laws and rules, and that the landmarks of the Fraternity will be followed faithfully in every detail

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