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From Master Chris

By Worshipful Brother Christopher John Landreth, Master

The Master's Musings

Brethren,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. Things are going very well for the lodge this year. Our attendance is picking up every meeting, and I am doing my best to keep on task to keep them from being mundane. I have received valuable input from the brethren and past masters on building a stronger base for our lodge. Our support system is gaining in width and will benefit everyone involved. I want to invite everyone to come out and help us help others. I understand that the lodge went through some tough times in the past. Those times are behind us thanks in part to some strong men and changes in the CODE. I encourage anyone who hasn't been to the lodge in a while to give it another look. We are having a good time and enjoying each other's company.

I want to brag on a few brothers who have been putting a lot of time into our practices and meetings: Kieth Mann, Fred Tinsley, Joe Burkel, Ralph Miller, Mike Ansari, Mark O'Donahue, Dana Hawkins, Steve Landreth, and Ben Hawkins. Thanks guys! Our practices recently have focused on the first degree. We will be putting on a first on the 15th. The incoming brother is an 18 year old student that has always wanted to help others. I really hope that we can get a good crowd to welcome this young man and show him what we are all about. It is great when a candidate can feel the virtues of masonry before he is told what they are.

Finally, I would like to ask everyone to read a few verses in the Bible that I believe are relative to our craft. Within the last year I have lost both of my grandfathers. Neither of them were Masons, and even though they were unaware of it, they both carried the virtues we try to emulate. Psalms 112 explains these men and the man I want to be. Join me in this effort. As WB Aaron said at our last Masonic education, "love and charity extends beyond the grave".

Stay safe and continue to walk uprightly.
Chris Landreth

From West of the Alter

By Worshipful Brother Terry Kieth Mann PM

Words of Wit and Wisdom

Brethren,

This year is going by fast. We have had a lot going on and a lot more to do. The Monday night practices have been a success. Worshipful brothers Joe Burkel and Ralph Miller have stepped up and been a big help with the new officers learning their parts. Several people have filled in different station to learn a new part or refresh their memory on a part they had not done in a while. A couple of the members have even brought in refreshments to the practices to help out. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated by all.

Saturday March 10th we attended the School of Instruction in Saluda. Dunn's Rock had the privilege to confer the 2nd section of the 3rd Degree at the school. We may not do it perfect, or even the same way twice, but I promise you that you will never be disappointed or bored at any of our degrees. Other Lodges conferred other sections including Labor to Refreshments and back again. There was even one member who explained the General Rules. In short it was a good school and we all picked up something from it. The Grand Master will be making a visit to our area in the near future and we are planning a car pool to go visit him soon. If you would like to go please call and we will be glad to have you ride with us. Check the schedule and times that we will leave the Lodge.

Next our roof project is getting closer to a reality. We have about ½ the money we will need to complete this project. The cool seal is about 12 years old and needs to be replaced. This is a costly adventure, but a very needed one. Without the sealant the roof will not last and the roof will have to be replaced and THAT WILL be an expensive project.

Finally brethren we need your attendance and input at our regular meetings. I know it has been quite some time since I have seen some of you at our regular stated meetings. Some I have not seen at all. You need to just give us a try again and see for yourself that your lodge has grown and we have gone past that old bickering that was done in the past. Most of the lack of attendance is from just getting out of the habit of going. I know if you will give it a try and just come for a meeting or 2 you will enjoy the company of your brothers as well as I do. Remember this is your Lodge too and we need your input to keep the doors open.

Kieth Mann pm
Senior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

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By Worshipful Brother Keith Dunn Harbin

Have Pen Will Travel

Brethren,

Several important milestones were reached during January and February. An audit of the **2011 Financial Books** was made on January 25th. Our records were found to be in good order, balancing to the penny with the Secretary, Treasurer and banks. **Aggressive Fundraising Goals** for 2012 were set by our new offices, relative to the money needed to operate, maintain and grow our Charities. Our **2012 Per-Capita** (\$2,222.00) was paid on February 2nd.

We are hoping to **Cool Seal the Lodge roof** early this Spring, before it gets way to hot to be up there. Cool Sealing the roof needs to be done about every 10 years. It has now been 12 or 13 years since it was last sealed. To accomplish the task we will need about \$3500 for materials. We plan to mostly use our own labor. The lodge has already received a couple of donations toward the roof work; but, we need a lot more money. If you have a few dollars for the roof, please send it to 174 East Main Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Our new **furnace/boiler** continues reducing our consumption of natural gas. Unfortunately, the price of **natural gas** has increased significantly and we've seen increases from the **City of Brevard, Comporium** and our **Insurance Carrier, Duke Energy** has filed for an increase; which likely will be approved by the Utilities Commission. All our **office supplies** have increased in costs and **postage** just went-up. To make a long story much shorter, every thing now costs more than it did just a few years ago. In this regard, we want you to know that your officers are doing everything we can to contain these increases by lessening consumption, and buying on sale, in bulk or in the most economical quantities and times to keep our rising costs manageable.

One of our efforts has been to eliminate purchasing the very expensive **printer ink**. This has been a real challenge since we stopped purchasing printed stationery and envelopes a few years back. We now print our own which actually increased our consumption of printer ink. A few years back we started recycling empty printer ink cartridges through STAPLES. Since everyone has these and brothers probably throw their empties into the trash, we would like for you to bring these empties to the lodge and we will recycle them. Over the last couple of years we have saved the equivalent of two brothers' dues, each year, by this effort

We've recently added to **our Membership**. Two Master Masons were raised at the end of January and one Brother whose membership had been excluded for Non-Payment of Dues was restored. With this in mind, check to make sure your current dues card shows **2012**.

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Our **routine daily communications** are generally by e-mail. In this manner we disseminate most current events. About half of our brothers will receive this newsletter on their computer. If you do not have e-mail, that is perfectly okay, and we will continue sending your quarterly newsletter by the U.S. Postal Service. However, if you have e-mail, please send Worshipful Brother Kieth Mann krmann@comporium.net an e-mail asking him to place you on our e-masons distribution list. Then, you will start receiving daily activity notices and your news letter will be right at your finger tips, delivered a couple of days earlier than the rest of us receive it by snail mail, not to mention it saves a few dollars.

At the lodge, we will have a **1st degree** this next Thursday evening (**March 15th**) we will **eat at 6:00 PM** and the degree will begin at **7:00 PM**. I bring this to your attention because this newly elected petitioner is only 18 years of age and comes to us well recommended. Won't you please come support this special candidate? Besides, wasn't attending lodge more often one of your new year's resolutions?

Masonic Service Awards will be presented during our regular stated meeting on **April 12th**. This is something we only do twice per year. At this Awards Ceremony there will be two brothers receiving their 25 year Service Award and one brother receiving his 60th. Also, on this same evening our DDGM and DDGL will make **their Official 2012 Visit** to our lodge.

Our Master wants to soon hold a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the lodge. If you would be willing to donate a pint of blood please let him know. W. Bro. Chris Landreth (tele.) 828-553-6040.

Our DDGM recently remarked how important it was to visit and work together with other Masonic Lodges. An opportunity to do this will be coming-up on **March 20th**. The **Grand Master of NC** will be making his **Official Visit** to our 38th Masonic District. The brothers from our district will gather at Cliff Side Lodge to eat at **6:15 PM**. The G.M. wants to preside over a tyled lodge promptly at **7:00 PM**. If you would like to come along, a group of brothers will depart from our lodge at 4:30 PM. Just show up.

Mentioning attending lodge more often, I definitely must tell you about the wonderful thought provoking **Masonic Educations** which have been provided by W. Bro. Aaron Whitmire, W. Bro. Joseph Burkel and These brothers put lots of hours of research and effort into making our meetings worthy of your attendance. Please come hear these interesting presentations and participate.

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Recently a brother asked “**how do I start through the chairs.** I want to participate more than just sitting on the sidelines.” My answer was probably not as well thought out as it should have been; but, this was my response and my advice: “(1) show up at Monday evening practice sessions, held every Monday evening starting around 6:00 PM. (2) attend the Schools of Instructions. (3) Show the Master and officers you are 100% dependable, want to learn and are willing to try. (4) Start out by learning a single part and delivering it. Perhaps you might start by learning the working tools. For this you would not need anyone’s assistance. Then, learn another part and build on it. (5) Ask a Committee Chairman to let you work with him on his Fundraiser. (6) Research Wilkerson College and figure out a way of attending. (7) Always do your very best, show-up on time and volunteer. It won’t be long until you are an essential participant moving rapidly through the chairs. Waiting for someone to come to you might be a particularly slow process. But remember, knocking only opens the door. As an officer you must, be there, participate and deliver. That is why there are different levels of stations and places. Study to show thy self approved, (learn a part.) Ideally there are progressive key developmental skills associated with each office. When voting on next year’s slate of officers, there always the question to ponder: has he performed well in his preceding level?”

We were saddened to learn of the death of our next door neighbor Joseph Pickelsimer, previous owner of Citizen Telephone and long-time friend of our lodge.

Finally, our Master has asked us to attend lodge meetings more often and bring a brother with us. We definitely would like to see you soon.

My Sincere Best....

Keith Harbin, P.M., Secretary

Upcoming Noteworthy Events

- ◆ **Thursday March 15th Dunn’s Rock Lodge will confer the EA Degree on one candidate. Eat at 6PM and the Lodge will open at 7PM.**
- ◆ **Thursday March 22nd Regular Stated Communication, eat at 6PM and the Lodge will open at 7PM.**
- ◆ **Tuesday March 20th, Grand Master’s visit to the 38th Masonic District. At Cliffside Lodge, eat at 6:15 and the Lodge will open at 7PM sharp. (Please note that the Grand Master of South Carolina and his Grand Lodge Officers will also be in attendance. We will be leaving Dunn’s Rock Lodge 4:30PM to car pool down.)**
- ◆ **Saturday March 24th. Second School of instruction at Cliffside Lodge. Begins at 9AM until approximately 2PM. (We will leave Dunn’s Rock Lodge at 6:45 AM.)**
- ◆ **Thursday April 12th Regular Stated Communication. Eat at 6PM and the Lodge will open at 7 PM. (DDGM/DDGL official visit and Masonic Service Awards Night.)**
- ◆ **Saturday August 18th 2012 38th Masonic District Picnic at Harmon Field in Tryon NC. 11AM until 3PM. (Bring your friends, family and prospective Masons. All members of OES, Shrine and the Scottish and York Rite Bodies are encouraged to come.)**

Lodge	Days	Place	Time
Western Star #91	1 st Tuesday	Rutherfordton	7:30
Dunn’s Rock #267	2 nd 4 th Thursday	Brevard	Eat 6PM Open 7PM
Forest City #381	2 nd 4 th Tuesday	Forest City	Eat 6:30 PM Open 7:30
Kedron #387	1 st 4 th Monday	Hendersonville	Eat 7PM Open 8PM
Cliffside #460	2 nd 4 th Monday	Cliffside	Eat 6:30 PM Open 7:30
Saluda #482	1 st 3 rd Thursday	Saluda	Eat 6:30 PM Open 7:30
Hollis #535	2 nd Thursday	Bostic	Eat 6PM Open 7PM
Jeff L. Nelson #605	1 st Monday	Tryon	Eat 6:30 PM Open 7:30
Spindale #673	1 st 3 rd Monday	Spindale	Eat 6PM Open &pm
Horse Creek #719	2 nd 4 th Tuesday	Columbus	Open 8PM

Photos from a MM Degree on 1/28/12



"These signs and tokens are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attention and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost so long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world; still these credentials remain and are available for use as circumstances require."

"The great effects which they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation."

"On the field of battle, in the solitude of the uncultivated forests, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, and most distant religions, and the most diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a social joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a brother Mason."

Brother Benjamin Franklin