



# The Trestleboard



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## Lodge Renovation Project

In April this year the Brothers of Halifax #81 began a major restoration project of Lodge hall. We estimate that the project will take about 2 years to complete and hope to have the restoration completed by January 11, 2014, our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the current location, and the 137<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary since our charter in 1877.

So far we have made excellent progress. The old carpet has been removed and the floor sanded revealing a beautiful hard pine floor. The old termite ridden paneling and under lying plaster wall in the East has been removed revealing the beautiful brick wall. New window sills and casings have been installed in the East. We are now ready to paint the North, South and West walls. When the walls are painted we will stain and finish the lodge floor. Then hopefully we will be able to install drapes at the windows in the East

This is only a start of our renovation. We plan to remove the false sealing, relocate the air conditioning ducts and refurbish the beautiful dome ceiling and balcony. When we finish the lodge hall will reflect its original grand 1928 appearance. Our best guess is that the cost of the renovation will be approximately \$15,000. We obviously don't have that money in our building fund. We are seeking grants from the City of Daytona Beach and the Historic Preservation trust, but in the current economic environment they may not be forthcoming. In order to complete this ambitious project we will need the help of not only the Brothers who regularly attend lodge and the appendent bodies but the support of those faithful brothers who rarely attend meetings. If you would like to help your check made out to Halifax Lodge #81 and noted "building fund" would be greatly appreciated.

### Halifax Lodge #81 F. & A. M.

#### August 4. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

#### August 18. Called Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

Entered Apprentice Degree

#### September 1. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

DDGM Official Visit

#### September 15. Called Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

Fellowcraft Degree

### Halifax Lodge #81 Trestle Board

#### Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Matthew Vaitkunas

#### Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

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Brother Michael Silverman

#### Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. Michael D. Star

#### Awaiting Balloting for Affiliation

Brother Gerald L. Pepin

## The Masters Message

John P. Hamblett, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East, I hope your summer is going well and I just have a short message this month. The Lodge restoration project is going well and we have brothers working on getting Lodge registered with the Daytona Beach Historical Society. This will help with the Grant and financial assistance applications we have been working on. I encourage everyone to stop by and see what we've been up to.

Masonic Trivia for the month:

1. The Governors of every one of the original 13 States at the time George Washington was inaugurated were Masons.
  2. In 1789 Dr. Edward Jenner discovered the vaccination process against smallpox. At the time he was also Worshipful Master of Faith and Friendship Lodge #270 in Berkeley, England.
  3. In July 1863, Confederate raiders rode into Versailles, IN, capturing the local militia and stealing the county treasury. The next day, General John Morgan (CSA), learned that his men has also made off with the Jewels of the local lodge. They were returned the following day. Morgan was from Daviess Lodge #22, Lexington ,KY
- I hope the rest of your summer is a good one.

## Masonic Education

Jim Bannerman P.M.

*Each month, as part of our Masonic education I highlight one of our appendent bodies. This month its the Scottish Rite.*



The Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Master Mason may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. Its mission is to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

The Scottish Rite builds upon the ethical teachings and philosophy offered in the craft lodge, or blue lodge, through a dramatic presentation of the individual degrees by one-act plays often staged with costume, scenery, special effects, and the full rigging of any production. Their purpose is to examine different philosophies, ancient religions,

and systems of ethics. Through all of these, people have tried to answer certain universal questions. The Degrees of the Rite do not tell a person what he should think about these questions. Instead, they tell him about what great thinkers and civilizations of the past have thought, and they try to create a situation in which the candidate or Brother can gain insight.

Like so much early Masonic history, the origins of the Scottish Rite are hidden in mist. There's evidence that by the early 1730s in England there were "Scotch Masons" or "Scots Master Masons," a step after the Master Mason Degree (and apparently unrelated to Scotland). By 1742 in Berlin there was talk of "higher or so-called Scottish Masonry." In 1743 the Grand Lodge of France adopted a regulation limiting the privileges of "Scots Masters" in lodges.

In the United States the Scottish Rite is officially recognized by Grand Lodges as an extension of the degrees of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando meets at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center located at 1485 Grand Road, Winter Park, Florida. The Halifax Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Monday each month at Woody's B-B-Q located at the corner of Nova Rd. and LPGA Blvd. at 6:00pm.

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