



The Trestleboard



The Voice of Halifax Lodge 81, F & A M
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Halifax #81 Installed Officers for 2011



Front row: Mat Dueweke, Seth Rye, John Hamblett, George Tarrant, Richard Kicklighter, Tom Truhlar

Back row: Bob Moore, Bill Evans, Bill Broughton, Sean Stenson, Iran Medrano, Gary Wisniewski, Chris Altavilla

Greetings from the East

John Hamblett, Worshipful Master



My Brothers, I want you to ask yourselves, "Why did I become a Freemason?" Was it to make new friends, hang out with old ones, networking with others, learn more out the incredibly rich history of the Freemasons, was it study the tenants of Freemasonry and learn to be a better man or was it for a completely different reason. For me it was all of these, more especially to learn about the history of the fraternity and the mysteries behind the degrees and rituals. That search for further Light or enlightenment which is spoken of in the degrees. I had hoped I could find this knowledge in the Lodge, taught by those who have been in the fraternity longer than me or study areas different than I had. Alas this was not the case. Oh sure I have met

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many people with incredible amounts of knowledge in various areas, but not the structure or the platform to share that knowledge. I have asked many of the newest members of the fraternity and they have agreed that they would like to see more educational type programs in the Lodges. I am hoping this year to accomplish that by dedicating certain meeting nights as Masonic Education nights, whereby learned people can come in and share what they know by giving a presentation on a particular subject. It can be a lecture, Power Point, Video, round table discussions of ideas ect. I am hoping this will bring the enlightenment we have been looking for or at least create a dialog whereby we can search and learn together.

A secondary goal I am hoping for is to entice you members that are still in this area to come back to Lodge. I think by offering interesting programs that you will enjoy we can accomplish this. For those who have not been to Lodge in a while and would like to come back, but may have forgotten how things are done in a Lodge. I would like to offer the opportunity to be part of a "Rusty Nail Degree". This degree will give you the ability to re-learn all the things you will need to know to come back to Lodge. I have not set a date for this degree yet. I would ask that those that would be interested in this degree or who would like to give a presentation or offer an idea for a presentation to please contact me at the Lodge or via my e-mail john.hamblett@yahoo.com .

Lastly I would like to say a Lodge and Freemasonry as a whole is only as strong as its members. This being said I would like to extend my thanks to you for being a member of Halifax #81 F&AM. With your help we can succeed in keeping this Lodge great. If I or my officers can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to let us know. Masons take care of Masons.

Fraternally,

John Hamblett

Worshipful Master

On Saturday December 4, 2010 Members of Halifax Lodge 81 gathered at the Pinewood Cemetery (one of oldest cemeteries in Daytona Beach) to memorialize and honor those brothers that served the craft many many years ago.



Members raked leaves and placed a potted flower at each of the 72 grave marked with the square and compasses. Some of the Mason's buried in Pinewood were members of Halifax lodge over a hundred years ago.

It was a beautiful day and fun and fellowship was had by all. This should become a tradition and annual event at Halifax 81. Who knows maybe a hundred years from now a member will put a flower on one of our resting places.



Brother Bob Moore, W.M. (elect) John Hamblett, Brother Tom Lopez and P.M. Jim Bannerman set a wreath at the grave of Arthur Carter (1859-1924) Past Master of Halifax 81. in 1899.

THE FIRST STEP ON THE JOURNEY

by Bro. E. A. Snell, Grand Secretary, G. R. Saskatchewan

As an old Chinese Proverb says “The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.”

The applicant has become the candidate when we accept his petition. Masonry now owes the candidate much. He is about to take a single step along the journey of Masonry. He expects to be taught. How better can we teach than by the exemplification in our daily lives of those lessons learned in the E.A. degree. He wants to learn everything a candidate should know. He has a right to expect that his Lodge will teach him not only the forms and ceremonies, through which he will pass when taking the degrees, but also the aims, purposes and ideals of the Order. He has a right to expect answers to those many questions that will arise as he moves along that first step. He has a right to expect that he will not be left to flounder around in the darkness when Light was the thing he requested when he was asked “What do you most desire?” One of the duties of the W.M. is ‘to employ and instruct the brethren in Masonry’ or ‘to give them good and wholesome instruction for their labors.’ Masonic Education and Inspiration is the first step of our thousand mile journey. At the 1977 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, section 122 of the Constitution was amended to read: ‘All business of the Lodges may be conducted in any of the three Craft degrees as provided in the ceremonies; except that when there are no F.C. or E.A.’s present, business must be done in the third degree.’ [Ed Note:- *There is no such restriction in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Constitution*] The greatest argument presented in favor of this amendment was that education for the newly admitted Brother could be better accomplished. It is incumbent then upon the W.M. of every Lodge to set apart certain meetings of the year or a portion of several meetings, for the study and discussion of Masonry. To our newly admitted Brethren, especially, periodic sessions devoted to Masonry, its history, symbolism, development and its system of morality and brotherhood, based on the V.S.L., should help them to understand and appreciate the fraternity they have joined. ‘Only through the medium of Masonic

education and inspiration, originating in the Lodge room itself, may those who are admitted into Masonry be taught that ours is not a club or mutual benefit society, but a joint effort for individual self-improvement - an institution for learning and cultivating the art of living and building of character.” *Designs upon the Trestle Board - H. R. Hermmman.*

Let us make use of our medium of Masonic Education and Inspiration

On The Trestleboard

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Ryan A. Glenn
Brother Richard Carbonell
Brother Daniel Duran
Brother Mathew Vaitkunas
Brother Scott Watson
Brother James Zimmer Jr.

Halifax Lodge No. 81 F. & A.M.

Stated Communication 1st. Thursday
Called Communication 3rd. Thursday
Lodge Practice 2nd. and 4th. Thursday

February 3rd. Stated Communication
Regular Business

Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm

February 17th. Called Communication
Fellowcraft Degree

Dinner 6:30 pm Degree 7:30 pm

February 10th. and 24th.
Lodge Practice 7:00 pm

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Louis E. Keffer	1975	Steven Timbs	1996
C. James Wilson	1976	James W. Bannerman	1998
William T. Blackwell	1977	Ed M. Halligan	1999
Harold Powell	1978	James M. Payton	2000-01
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* Denotes DDGM

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