



The Trestleboard



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2012 Installation of Officers



Master's Vision

Sean Stenson W.: M.:



If you asked me what the Masons' Mission Statement was, I would have to answer, "Masons' mission is to make good men better." After all, of all the things that Masons stand for, that is the basis, the foundation. That's the mission, that's my statement, ergo, my Mission Statement.

With a Mission Statement one needs a vision, or, as current management states it, a vision statement. What do I see? What do we, as Halifax Lodge # 81 see?

The job I see before us will involve many aspects but the overarching theme we need to remember, it seems, is to leave it better than we/I found it. That is not to say that I'm inheriting shambles. Perhaps I should have chosen a different word. The 'it' I refer to encompasses everything this Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons stands for which include but not limited to: condition and appearance of the lodge, condition and appearance of our Lodge's relationships with other Lodges

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and the public at large, condition and appearance of our behavior as a functioning Lodge.

Our condition is just that, a condition. Merriam Webster's dictionary lists one meaning as being a restricting or modifying factor. If our condition is restrictive in a detrimental way I feel that the condition should be modified so it isn't restrictive but rather nimble, acceptable and accepting, responsive, informative, and above all, respectful and respectful.

With modification, appearance will change. Appearance directly affects perception and it is said, "Perception is reality."

I also intend to remember to listen and act, rather than react, for the betterment of the fraternity. I will strive for structure and regiment through open communication so everyone knows what is going on when, who's in charge of what, and who needs to talk to whom about problems X, Y, and or Z.

This is to foster involvement which it is hoped will bolster ownership. If you feel your Lodge is truly partly yours through involvement, i.e. sweat equity, quality time, learning, and fun, to name a few, you will take better care of it, show it off more, and most importantly, share it with others. This doesn't have to be viewed as pride, which some take as a mortal sin, but rather greatness that you want to share.

I would like young Masons or Masons who maybe aren't as active, etc., that may say, "This Lodge is 'theirs,'" to be able to say, "I know that I want to be, and can be part of it so I can say with self-respect and a smile, "It's mine too!"

That is my Vision.

From the West

Gary Wisniewski S.W.



2012 already! Wow where did 2011 go? Building update. Repairs in the sitting room about dining area are coming along two areas damaged by termites have been found in the sitting room and have not yet been completed repairs will take place after our installation; painting and wall repairs have been completed in the sitting room. The dining room is almost completed being painted and all the wall repairs are done except final sanding; there is also a small repair to be done on the floor in the dining area, looks to be termite damaged also. These two rooms

are shaping up well you can view pictures on our website under construction activity. But sorry to report to you my Brothers our Kitchen is a wreck, ceiling joist rotten and termite damaged, kitchen cabinets are also termite damaged, suspended ceiling tile is water damaged with tiles missing frame rusted, The insulation in the kitchen ceiling is moldy and smells, the appliances are old and we have no hood over the stove for venting the exhaust from the stove.

If only we could fix up the kitchen? We would be able to have dinner type fund raisers and more functions in the Lodge, such as pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinners or bring in lectures, not to mention being proud how our Lodge looks. Once again I am asking any Brother with the means to help to look within his heart to assist our Lodge any way that he can.

Internet update. Our website www.halifax81.com has currently 10,050 hits this is pretty good for a little Lodge in Daytona Beach, Our Face book account Freemasons Halifax Lodge has 3455 Lodges and Brothers from around the world who are following us. A big hand to Brother Thomas Lopez who has been running our face book account, our Twitter account Mason Lodge @ Halifax 81 has 551 friends again Lodges and Masons from around the world. If anyone has any questions or wants to know more about the repairs or our website please feel free to contact me at excalibur@cfl.rr.com

Greetings From The South

Iran Medrano J. W.



It falls on to me as the new Junior Warden in the south to provide nourishment and refreshment to my fellow brethren . Its long been my opinion that, braking bread at the table has been the best place to communicate and to strengthen bonds between those who care about each other. There are those who are of the opinion that at the table is where great things happen, from the worst of fights to the best of sharing and connections. At the table is where we all come together and share the same food, communication and the daily walks of our life, work and troubles.

After all having a meal is considered to be a great and important place to share, your first date is always taken to a restaurant, on a special day we bring mothers, fathers, loved ones breakfast in bed to show the great service we put on ourselves in an effort to show them just how much we care. One of the most prominent pauses of the life of Jesus Christ was at his death and just as memorable as his death on the cross was his last meal know as "The last su-

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per” that he spent with his comrades. We see it as one last time to have fellowship and unity with those closest to him. So if some may not think of it that way, it still stands that having a meal has a great way to bring people together and it’s the easiest way to show people around you how much they mean to you.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to be able to bring the lodge together, So I send greetings from the south and wish you all a great new year and leave you with this thought.

“There are people in the world so *hungry*, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”
Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Remember always to fill yourself with good bread for the body to be strong in the same way that, you must fill yourself with the bread of the spirit and in both instance do not let a brother go hungry for ether.

Until we eat again my brother

Pat & Bill had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other that the first to go to the Grand Lodge above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Bill went first.

One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, " Pssst Pat!" He looked around but saw nothing.

A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly " Pat! Its me, Bill!"

"Bill" Pat exclaimed, " are you in Heaven?"

"Indeed I am" said Bill.

Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said "Well, Bill, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?"

"There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent, equal or better to Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive."

"My goodness, Bill," said Pat, "It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me old friend, what is the matter."

"Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad."

"OK, so what's the good news?"

"The good news is that we are doing a 3rd this coming Wednesday"

"Great" said Pat. "What's the bad news then?"

"You're the Senior Deacon!"



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On The Trestle Board

February 2.

Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30, Lodge 7:30

February 9

Practice for Fellowcraft Degree

February 16.

Called Communication

Fellowcraft Degree

Dinner 6:30, Degree 7:30

February 23

Practice E.A. Degree

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Athul Radkarishnan

Brother Ferando Fernandez

Brother Michael D. Star

Awaiting Balloting for the Three Degrees

Mr. Dino Dinesh Dodani

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Louis E. Keffer	1975	James W. Bannerman	1998
C. James Wilson	1976	Ed M. Halligan	1999
William T. Blackwell	1977	James M. Payton	2000-01
Harold Powell	1978	William Broughton *	2002
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J. P. Yelvington	1981	William Broughton *	2003
Edwin L. Sanders	1982	Richard M. Geyer	2004-05
P. A. Weatherford	1985	Melvin R. Bonner	2006
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Ed M. Halligan	1990	Steve Irineou	2008
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* Denotes DDGM		John Hamblet	2011

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