



The Trestleboard



The Voice of Halifax Lodge 81, F & A M
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Halifax No. 81 is Getting a Face Lift

Jim Bannerman P.M.

Halifax Lodge #81 was chartered on January 11, 1887. Meetings were held in the upper floor of Jackson Hall located on the corner of Orange Avenue and Beach Street, the current site of the 5th district court house. In June 1888 the lodge moved to its present location at 135 Orange Avenue. The Lodge hall was rebuilt in May 1924. It had heart of pine floors and a beautiful vaulted ceiling. In 1978 the Lodge hall was modernized by installing wall-to-wall carpeting and a drop ceiling to accommodate central air conditioning. Over the past 35 years the carpeting has become worn and the general appearance of the lodge has become rather tacky.

Under the leadership of our Worshipful Master John Hamblett and the professional direction of our Senior Deacon Gary Winieswski we have undertaken a project to restore the Lodge to its previous beauty and grandeur.



The first phase was to remove the old carpeting and its underlying glue. On Saturday morning April 23rd eight brothers showed up to undertake this task.



Five brothers and several wives sanded the floor.



When the floor was finished we removed the paneling from the East wall to exterminate the termites and expose the original beautiful red brick wall.



We still have to paint the other walls, stain and wax the floors, and hang drapes over the windows. In the future we hope to remove the drop ceiling and refurbish the original dome ceiling.



All Masons are invited to come to the lodge any Thursday evening and observe our progress. As mentioned by the Worshipful Master, in his message on page 3, we would welcome your participation and financial support.

Masonic Education

W.: Jim Bannerman
Lodge Instructor

Each month for the next several months, as part of our Masonic education, I will highlight one of our Masonic appendent bodies. This month it is the Grotto and next month the Scottish Rite.

The Grotto



The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm had its origins in 1889, at Hamilton, New York, where it was originally called, the "Fairchild Deviltry Committee." It sprang from a series of informal meetings, where

Master Masons gathered for relaxation and laughs and hence the name "Deviltry," not to be confused with any sinister applications or connotations that word may have today. The founding member was Brother LeRoy Fairchild of Hamilton, Lodge No. 120, AF. & A. M.

Fairchild's brainchild grew immensely popular, because those who entered the Enchanted Realm were truly enchanted, and made the fact known. Letters poured in from Master Masons everywhere. There was an instantaneous realization that here was an idea, which could bring joy into life.

Today there are about 201 Grottoes in the United States and Canada and the M.O.V.P.E.R. is a social organization for Master Masons only, with an emphasis on the Craft Lodge field. The organization has nothing whatsoever to do with symbolic Craft Masonry.

The requirements for membership in the Order of Veiled Prophets is that a man must first be a Master Mason in good standing, and that he must continue to maintain his good standing in the Craft Lodge in order to retain his standing in the Order. In no way does the Grotto infringe upon the rights and ceremonies of Masonry or of any other Order.

The Grotto's own web site says the following of the order:

"Grotto leads its votaries through an Enchanted Realm where the spirit of mirth touches the hearts and evolves cheerful companionship, in joy of which they are brought near together in helpful sympathy, which is none the less

true because the eye beams with delight and laughter goes with a Prophet's greeting when hand clasps hand in its mystic fellowship."

Lest the reader think that the M.O.V.P.E.R. is all fun and games, it should be known that there is a solemn, serious motif. The lessons of the order teach its votaries to invoke the precepts of the Golden Rule, translated into two words, "GOOD FELLOWSHIP." The result is spiritual uplift, a keener love for life and laughter, and strengthened optimism.

The charitable side of the order is involved with providing funds to the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation. Many millions have been contributed by the Grottoes to Cerebral Palsy and other philanthropic charities, projects and organizations.



Brothers Scott Watson, Ryan Glynn and Richard Carbonell raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 16,

Worshipful Master's Message

John Hamblett W. M.:

As some of you are aware we have been making several major improvements to the Lodge as you will see in the rest of this Trestleboard. This has been a lot of very hard work and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated time, financial support and materials to these projects. If you would like to help us with improving the Lodge and making it a beautiful place to hold lodge either financially, with few hours of time or with materials please contact me or the lodge secretary R:W: Evans.

As you may know the Grand Lodge communication was held a few weeks back and here are some of the most significant legislative results;

Resolution on Establishing Eligibility Criteria for Wardens- and Worshipful Master **Defeated**

Resolution on increasing the Initiation fees-**Defeated**

Resolution prohibiting Firearms in the Lodge and on Lodge Property-**Defeated**

Resolution changing the Lodges Annual Calendar-**Defeated**

Resolution defining the Grand Master's Authority with regard to admissions to the Masonic Home-**Adopted**

Resolution on Lodge charter fees-**Defeated**

Resolution on Funeral Service dress -**Defeated**

Resolution on the Flagship Charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory-**Adopted.**

A detailed explanation of all the proposed resolutions is available in the lodge and on our website.

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Stated Communication 1st. Thursday
Dark 3rd. Thursday July & August
Officers Practice 2nd. and 4th. Thursday

July 7. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

August 4. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm
Entered Apprentice Proficiency

Halifax Lodge #81 Trestle Board

Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Matthew Vaitkunas

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Donald E. Needham

Brother Athul Radkarishnan

Brother Ferando Fernandez

Brother Michael Silverman

Awaiting Balloting for Affiliation

Brother Richard Keilin

Awaiting Balloting for the 3 Degrees

Mr. Michael D. Star

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Guy E. Lewis	1970	William J. Evans *	1994
Jon F. Greaves	1972	Richard G. Ragsdale	1995
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
Harry G. Ison	1980	William Broughton *	2002
J. P. Yelvington	1981	Edward P. Marx	2003
Edwin L. Sanders	1982	William Broughton *	2003
P. A. Weatherford	1985	Richard M. Geyer	2004-05
T. N. Iltopoulos	1987	Melvin R. Bonner	2006
Alfred S. Tatum	1989	Stevan Petrov. Jr.	2007
Ed M. Halligan	1990	Steve Irineou	2008
Bradley L. Rauch *	1991	Thomas W. Truhlar	2009
		Dominick Tesoriere	2010

* Denotes DDGM

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