



The Trestleboard



The Voice of Halifax Lodge 81, F & A M
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The Master's Message



I must begin by apologizing for my lack of involvement in the lodge these last two months. My cable tow has been yanked pretty hard as of late. On the bright side it has shown me how much I miss the lodge when I can't be at the events and work groups and has caused me to want to rededicate myself to the goals

I started with at the beginning of the year. So I started looking around at different Masonic Material to kind of get my Masonic Mind on and I found this article that made me think about the goals I set for myself this year. No mind you this is not directed at our lodge, we have one of the most amazing lodges I have been to. I just thought the message of education in the mysteries of Masonry, the history, the symbolism, the enlightenment of oneself has been missing in our lodge and I believe the district. I hope you enjoy the article.

"Someone commented that everyone seems to be waiting for some "white knight" to ride in and save the craft. There seems to be no shortage of Masons who are dedicated to doing what they believe a lodge does and work very hard at it. But I have often said that in many cases these proud, hard-working Masons' energies are misdirected. Misdirected how? We seem to have, in many cases, a system that focuses on the process of creating new Masons and have built an organization that supports, inspects and rewards the process and not the quality of the output. There are lodges creating Master Masons like Steve Jobs is creating iPads but no one has asked them; "now what are you going to do with them?" Our focus is on the evaluation of the creation process but the greater focus should be on the education process that occurs after a man is made a Master Mason. There, in my opinion, is the "white knight" we have been looking for. If we supported our purpose of "taking good men and making them better" with an education system that was designed to do just what that statement says, and then inspected and rewarded that effort I am sure we would see wonderful results. This statement

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was intended to expand the "taking good men and making them better" statement and further define its meaning and purpose. It also purposely used the term "masonic experience" with the intent that the "experience" would be defined by meaningful lodge programs and education. And once those programs are in place a system would be designed to evaluate and reward them. So what does all this mean? It means that if we changed our focus to educating men instead of just making Masons and then encouraged, supported and rewarded this effort, Masonry would thrive. The "white knight" we are waiting for has been there all along. We even say it; "We take good men and make them better." We just need to put some things in place to back up our statement. If you want to be a leader think about how you can put programs in place to make men better."

Author: Mike, Masonicleader.com

Fraternally,
John Hamblett, *WORSHIPFUL MASTER*

Our Senior Warden's thoughts

Sean A. Stenson

A Thanksgiving Payer

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer the temperature starts to dip and the feeling of fall and the holidays start to creep back into our lives. This time of year I'd like to give thanks for all the good in my life, my family, my good health, good friends and their good health.

I'd like to offer this prayer for you and yours during this time of Thanksgiving. Oh Grand Architect of the universe, thank you for the things that you have given us that we have asked for. Thank you as well for not giving us the things that we don't want.

I'd like to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving.



W.: Dick Geyer celebrates 90 years

On Thursday evening October 13th. Our lodge hosted a surprise birthday party for brother Dick Geyer.



The event was attended by not only his lodge brothers



but many of his family and friends.

**Many Happy Returns Dick.
Lets do it again at 100**

Masonic Education

W.: Jim Bannerman
Lodge Instructor

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Why is the presiding officer of the Lodge called Worshipful? This is an Old English word meaning, "worthy of respect." Since he is chosen by the Brethren, they deem him to have sufficient wisdom, integrity and Masonic knowledge to govern the Lodge properly. Why is the Worshipful Master's station in the East? In the world of nature, the sun rises in the East to shed light and luster on earth. In a like manner, it is the province of the Master to be the source of Masonic knowledge for his Brethren as they "approach the East in search of light." Why does the Master wear a hat in the Lodge? He wears the hat, and the remainder of the Brethren remain uncovered, for several reasons. Keeping the head covered while others are uncovered has long been a symbol of superior rank. Men, as a mark of respect, usually uncover in the presence of those they deem to be of superior rank. Also, it is possible that the Worshipful Master wears a hat because King Solomon wore a crown as a mark of dignity. The title Master is not unlike the Master of a ship or one who has received a Masters Degree in his chosen discipline. He is capable of teaching his subject - thus imparting "light" or knowledge.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren,

There are still 10 members of Halifax Lodge No. 81 that haven't paid their dues for 2011. Delinquent Dues/Final Summons were sent on September 30, 2011. Please look at your Dues Card to ensure that you are current with your dues. Please contact me if you should have any questions or concerns regarding your delinquent dues.

The Dues Notices for 2012 will be mailed around the third week in October 2011. Your prompt attention to paying your dues will ensure that Halifax Lodge will remain afloat in these trying economical times.

Fraternally,

Bill Evans, Secretary

Halifax Lodge #81 F. & A. M.

November 3. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

November 10 & 24. Officers practice

Light dinner 6:30pm Practice 7:00pm

November 17. Called Communication

50 year pin presentation
Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm

On The Trestle Board

Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Michael Silverman
Brother Donald E. Needham

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Athul Radkarishnan
Brother Ferando Fernandez
Brother Michael D. Star

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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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* Denotes DDGM

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