

275TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND CELEBRATION

On April 26 & 27th our Grand Lodge will be celebrating its historic 275th Annual Communication at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in North Charleston. Joining with the South Carolina Brethren in celebrating the 275th Anniversary of our Grand Lodge, one of the oldest Grand Lodges in North America will be Grand Masters and Masonic Dignitaries from many other Grand Jurisdictions. The following is a schedule of the major events at our Grand Lodge's 275th Annual Communication and Celebration:

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Church Service at historical Circular Congregational Church with a wreath laying ceremony on Past Grand Master's Graves in the church's cemetery, Masonic Regalia will be worn during church service and wreath laying ceremony. Advance reservation necessary due to limited seating.
- 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM A complimentary Bar-B-Que dinner for all attending Brethren and their families at the Charleston Scottish Rite Center. Each Lodge must advise the Grand Secretary in advance of the number attending from their Lodge.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

- 8:30 AM Religious Service
- 9:30 AM Entry Procession & Public Reception of Grand Masters and Dignitaries with Country State Flags and Bag Pipe Unit. Masons, non-masons and families invited to attend.
- 10:00 AM 275th Annual Communication convenes.
- 12:30 AM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Grand Lodge Reconvenes
- 7:00 PM Grand Lodge Banquet, Entertainment
North Charleston Police Bag Pipe Unit

Friday, April 27, 2012

- 9:00 AM Grand Lodge reconvenes
- 11:00 AM Installation of Grand Lodge Officers
- 12:00 PM 275th Annual Communication Closes

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Brother and Mrs. Lloyd F. Christopher, PG Marshal, Chairman
RW Brother Thomas E. Blackwood, PDDGM
RW Brother and Mrs. Richard A. Wooden, PDDGM
RW Brother Herman L. Resch, PDDGM
RW Brother and Mrs. Dickie Phalen, PDDGM
Brother Stephen B. Hiott

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 275th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina will be held April 26-27, 2012 in the Embassy Suites Hotel Airport/Convention Center, 9055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418.

The Religious Service will commence at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, conducted by the Reverend Jerry L. Phillips, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge will be officially opened at 10:00 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson, assisted by the other Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren.

The Annual Banquet will be held Thursday night, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites.

The Embassy Suites will be the headquarters hotel. Those desiring rooms there should get their reservations in early as rooms will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Each person, including Grand Lodge Officers, will be responsible for making his own reservations. Rates at the hotel are \$149.00. Identify yourself as attending the Grand lodge of Ancient Free Masons to get this special rate. It is not likely that everyone will be able to stay at the hotel as there are a limited number of rooms. It is desirable, if at all possible, that all Grand Lodge Officers including Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters and Committee Members, stay at the headquarters hotel. The telephone number of the hotel is 843-747-1882, Fax 843-725-1300. Listed below are other nearby hotels for your convenience.

Holiday Inn Charleston Airport and Convention Center
5264 International Blvd.
North Charleston, South Carolina 29418
Phone 843-576-3000

Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport
5265 International Blvd.
North Charleston, South Carolina 29418
Phone 843-414-2564

Fairfield Inn and Suites Charleston Airport and Convention Center
4841 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
North Charleston, South Carolina 29418
Phone 843-300-3100

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GRAND LODGE BANQUET

The Grand Lodge Banquet will be held on Thursday evening, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel Airport/Convention Center, 9055 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC. In the near future, two tickets will be mailed to the Secretary of each Lodge. If the Lodges do not want to use the tickets, they may be returned to the Grand Lodge Office for credit.

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM THE LODGE, OR IF THE TICKETS ARE NOT RETURNED, THE LODGE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SAME.