

## ~ A Brief Lodge History ~

**NOVEMBER 16, 1966** - Dispensation to establish a new Lodge at Pawleys Island, SC was granted by MW R. Lewis Smith, GM.

The first meeting place was in the Parish House of All Saints Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island.

### ~ FOUNGING OFFICERS ~

**WM** - Henry G. Deer, PM / **SW** - Boyd L. Marlow, Sr., PM / **JW** - W. Reese Hart / **Treas.** - George Edwin Prince

**Sec.** - Earnest LeRoy Barnes / **SD** - Andrew Lealand Gantt / **JD** - Charles William Cusick / **Stew.** - William Dewey McCall

**Stew.** - William Harold Sapp, Jr. / **Tiler** - Gordon Leath Miller, Jr.

**DECEMBER 7, 1966** - Our first Regular Communication. Grand Master Smith, accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers, delivered the Dispensation Document to the Lodge. Forty-five (45) members and visitors were present.

**JULY 14, 1967** - Grand Master Smith constituted Pawleys Island Lodge #409 and installed the Lodge officers. Eighteen Grand Lodge officers were present.

**MARCH 6, 1969** - A Building Committee was authorized to begin construction of a Lodge building on land donated by WM and Mrs. W. Reese Hart.

**JULY 3, 1969** - The Lodge received the official Charter Document.

**DECEMBER 4, 1969** - The first meeting was held in the new Lodge building - our current building.

**FEBRUARY 2, 1978** - The last of the bonds issued to finance the Lodge building were called and paid. Lodge now free of debt through fund raising efforts.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1985** - MW Jesse Branhan, GM, visited, monitoring work done on the F.C. Degree.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 1989** - Hurricane Hugo: Fortunately no Lodge casualties. Our Lodge contributed substantial effort & material assistance to storm victims including food & clothing delivered in the hard hit community of nearby McClellanville.

**FEBRUARY 7, 1991** - An informal visit by MWBro. Jarman, PGM of North Dakota, MWBro. Ross, PGM of Illinois during a Regular Communication.

**AUGUST 7, 1991** - Received a large cash donation by Bro. Salem Van Every, III for Lodge renovation & landscaping. WBro. & Mrs. W. Reese Hart donated the Lodge's cornerstone.

**MAY 16, 1992** - Grand Lodge of South Carolina opened at Pawleys Island Lodge #409, MW William D. Longshore, GM, presided for the setting of cornerstone & dedication of Lodge Building.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2002** - WM Hugh Peteet, Master of P.I. 409 welcomed MW G. Kent Elkins, GM, along with other Grand Lodge Officer's attendance at a special "Table Lodge" conducted by Pawleys Island Lodge #409.

**Most Historical Highlights** adopted from archived notes of WBro. Charles Cusick, PM, deceased.