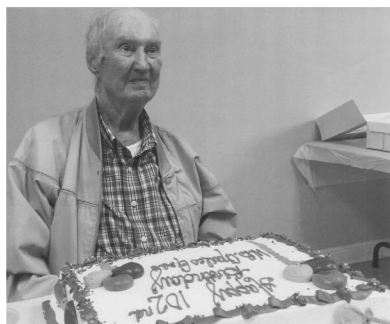




Brother Ralph Harris, long time Tiler of Prudence Lodge No. 139 AFM, was presented his 60th year membership award by RW Troy Shealy, District Deputy Grand Master – 12 District and Worshipful Master Mark Garner on June 4, 2015 at the Lodge's Regular Communication. Brother Ralph is 92 years young and very active in his Cattle Farm, his Church, and his Lodge. Pictured above from left to right is RW Troy Shealy, DDDGM, 12th District, Brother Ralph Harris, and WM Mark Garner.



On August 8, 2015, RW William P. Breland, PDDGM presented a 60 year Service Award and pin to Worshipful Brother Charles H. Gooding Sr., Past Master of Bells Lodge No. 236. Also present at the presentation were the following Brothers from Bells Lodge No. 236; Marshall Ryan, PM Shane Hudson, PM Charles H. Gooding, Jr., PM, Sammie K. Padgett, PM, Lonnie C. Breland, and J. Allen Hart, PM. Also present were W. Brother Steve Deloach PM, Stafford Lodge No. 216 and Brother Allen Thomas from Hudson Lodge No. 373. After the presentation, fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

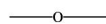


Brother Charles Goss celebrated his 102nd birthday at the August 10th Regular Communication of Cedar Lodge No. 184. He regularly attends his Lodge each month. Happy Birthday Brother Goss!

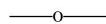
## SIXTY YEAR AWARD



On August 10, 2015 RW Brother Jon Majerus DDDGM of the 6th Masonic District and W. Brother James Ellis, Worshipful Master of Cedar Lodge No. 184 presented Brother Robert M. Fulmer with his 60 year Service Award.



On July 13, 2015, RW Brother Glenn R. Watts, PM of Wannamaker Lodge No 329, and PDDGM of the 24th Masonic District, was recently honored by his Lodge, family, and Masonic Brethren. RWB Brian F. Steele, District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District proudly presented RWB Glenn with his certificate, while his wife, Lady Peggy and his son Richard, were by his side.



## NOTICE

The Grand Lodge Junior ROTC Medal and Certificate Award has been reinstated. The Award will be presented by South Carolina Masons to deserving Cadets in 170 South Carolina High Schools. Those Lodge Officers or Brethren wishing to participate in the presentations in their area should contact their District Deputy Grand Master or Worshipful Brother John R. Marcucci, P.G. Marshal, MEC at: jrmarcucci@aol.com

## GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015, MARION (CENTENARY), SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Rededicating Centenary Lodge No. 312, AFM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and Centenary Lodge No. 312 at 12:30 PM. The Ceremony of Rededication will follow at 1:00 PM. Centenary Lodge is located on Alice Ave at Davis Street, Marion, South Carolina. For GPS purposes, the address of 500 Centenary Ave, Marion SC may be used.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015, BISHOPVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone and Rededicating Bishopville Lodge No. 104, AFM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and Bishopville Lodge No. 104 at 12:30 PM. The ceremony of Laying the Cornerstone will begin at 1:00 PM. The Ceremony of Rededication will follow. Bishopville Lodge is located at 509 Cousar Street, Bishopville, South Carolina.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015, CROSS HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone and Rededicating Cross Hill Lodge No. 159, AFM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the First Baptist Church at 761 North Main Street, Cross Hill, South Carolina. The Grand Master with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and Cross Hill Lodge No. 159 at the Lodge Hall at 12:30 PM. The Ceremony of Laying the Cornerstone will begin at 1:00 PM. The Ceremony of Rededication will follow. Cross Hill Lodge No. 159 is located at 1064 Highway 39, Cross Hill, South Carolina.

These Ceremonies are open to the public, visitors, and all Brethren including Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons. All Grand Lodge Officers are expected to be present and all Past Grand Masters are requested to attend.

## IN MEMORIAM

AINSLEY SMITH GRANT

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
 July 24, 1935                      Chester County, SC  
 August 1, 2015                    Chester, SC

ROY WELCH, JR

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
 June 28, 1945                      Clarendon County, SC  
 September 11, 2015              Columbia, SC

LELAND AUBREY HAYNES, SR.

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
 July 10, 1940                      Winnsboro, SC  
 September 12, 2015              Columbia, SC

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## GRAND MASTER’S MESSAGE

### *A Time for Renewal*

As we meet together in our various Lodges, do we ever consider the dedication and hard work of our forefathers in building the facilities we’ve inherited? Their desire to build upon their predecessors’ labor is to insure they would give us this great Fraternity in better condition than they received it.

It is time for us to reflect upon our responsibility and ask ourselves if we have the fervency and zeal that distinguishes us from our ancient Brethren.

As a Fraternity, we have great philanthropies and we should be proud of that. However, we aren’t a philanthropic organization. We are to be more than promoting fundraisers for different purposes. Are we not to be different from other civic clubs and organizations? We are to be Brothers dedicated to promoting Relief and Brotherly Love, and in doing so, we are building better men...husbands, fathers, community leaders, and citizens. It also strengthens that “Mystic Tie” that binds us into a sacred band of Brothers.

Are we following someone else’s expectations by doing the same things the same way year after year? Our meetings should be inspiring, interesting, and creative, not just come and open the Lodge, read the minutes, pay bills, close, and go home. Our Lodges must distinguish themselves from other Fraternities or clubs by creating an experience that Brothers perceive as worthy of their time and effort. Do we have a good agenda of Masonic activities planned for our meetings such as an inspiring Masonic speakers, a good program of Masonic Education readily available for our Brethren to enjoy and learn more about our great Fraternity. There are many publications and videos readily available if we would only spend a little time in search of these. We must live up to the duties and responsibilities which we voluntarily took upon ourselves as Masons. We come of our own freewill and accord. We are not invited into the Fraternity. We knocked upon the door for admission. We are to live our Masonic principles before the public and in our everyday life. If we do this, we will make a positive impact on others. At first, they might seek admission just for the fraternal association, but if they see we have something to offer them that is beneficial to daily living, they will see our Fraternity in a different light and seek admission.

If they do, let’s give them the best fraternal experience we have to offer. And finally ask yourself: “Have I given the Fraternity my best?”

Faternally,  
William B. Rogers, Grand Master

## MASONIC EDUCATION CORNER

### *Sustainable Leadership Beyond 2020*

Brethren, before we introduce our next Masonic Education topic, let's review the first 2 lessons in the "Lodge of the Future" series of Lesson Plans and Lodge Education Topics.

**In Lesson 1**, you should have gathered your Lodge membership data and determined how your Lodge will address your

Membership trends, Dues and Lodge Expenses, Membership Communication so as to determine where you are today and begin thinking about your Lodge. At current Membership levels, how long will your Lodge be sustainable?

**In Lesson 2**, Membership Engagement, we raised the questions and your Lodge should had discussed how to improve Membership Value, Communication, and how to better care, one for the other as promised. It is all about improving communication with all your members and getting them involved and engaged.

**Lesson 3**, Sustainable Leadership is being introduced and the Masonic Education Lesson Plan can be found at [www.scgrandlodgeafm.org](http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org) under the Resources Tab.

Let's begin by asking the important question of how many new members raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the last 5 years are active in your Lodge today? From the travels of our Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Reports and discussions, it appears that most of our new members are joining us and not active in our Lodge Leadership as officers or committeemen. Is it possible we have failed to set ALL the Craft to work and give good and wholesome instruction? In discussion with new members from various Lodges, we make an impression when they receive their degrees. Some report favorable impression, while others report less than favorable experience and voice concern.

Sustainable Leadership is another critical item for us to consider for the Lodge of the Future. Who will be the officers and will they be successful beyond 2020? Will your Lodge have qualified men to serve as leader of their peers or will we continue to rotate leadership roles between our Past Masters, who continue to serve the Lodge?

Sustainable Leadership, in the Lodge setting, is all about the process of selecting, engaging, and training members who will lead our Lodges by serving the membership, and consistently improving the Quality of the Lodge Membership. This is an important task for the Past Masters and Officers to work together with an eye to the future of the Lodge. Too many times we see a rift between the generations with one side on "That's the way we have always done it" and "What if we tried new ways to get members involved." I am here to say, in my opinion both are correct! We need structure and tradition, if and only if the tradition is good and follows our specific ritual, and also new ways to get members involved.

So our Lesson plan will offer some discussion topics to help develop our new members for future leadership. It will come at a price. The price is giving of ourselves, as current Leaders and Officers, to assign ritual parts to the newest members, coaching does not stop with the completion of catechism! By sharing the proper and correct way to delivering the important lesson is our great care and one that helps get members on the path to effective leadership. It comes at a price of assigning our newest members to investigation committees with seasoned members, to teach how to work with a new candidate and his

family on Lodge membership. It comes at a price by assigning new members to committees on how to balance needs of the Lodge and the financial resources to get the job done, or to positively impact the image of the Lodge to our members, our families and our communities. Step by step we learn and teach. Step by step we approach the East and making a positive impact as a leader.

Finally, Servant Leadership is about leading for a short time your peers or your Brothers, and having a positive influence. Servant Leadership is about helping others be better than themselves. In the Scottish Rite Easter Sunday Service, we close with the following charge from the Leader, "May the Peace of Our Master be with you and remain with you always. It is always better to Love than to hate. Remember our duty is not to be better than others, but to be better than ourselves, and the more we have, the more we owe those around us who are in need." May your Lodge of the Future be filled with servant leaders, each in his turn contributing to the benefit of all the Lodge Members, Families and Communities, and by doing so with the right attitude, provide for the next generation of engaged, enlightened Servant Leaders for the Glory of God and betterment of each other.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Michael D. Smith, SGW, Chairman  
Masonic Education Committee

## INSPIRATIONAL MEETINGS

Monday, October 5, 2015, 6:30 pm, 13th District, RW Brother J. Robin Entrekin, DDGM, Palmetto Lodge No. 19, Laurens, SC. RW Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr., Senior Grand Warden, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 15, 2015, 6:30 pm, 11th District, RW Brother G. Walker Moore, DDGM, Stonewall Lodge No. 124, 119 Church Street, Troy, SC. Speaker will be RW Brother Richard Williamson, Past Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Supper will be served.

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 6:30 pm, 14th District, RW Brother Claude A. Turpin, Jr., DDGM, Starr Baptist Church, 115 Stones Throw Avenue, Starr, SC. The speaker will be Rev. Brother Charlie Hayes, Pastor. Supper will be served.

Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00 pm, 5th District, RW Brother Donald C. Kirby, DDGM, El Bab Shrine Club, 517 Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell. The speaker will be RW Brother Walter C. Disher, II, Junior Grand Warden. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 22, 2015, 6:30 pm, 1st and 2nd Districts, RW Brother Roger D. Viduya, DDGM and RW Brother Dale A. Schumann, DDGM. **NOTICE LOCATION CHANGE: The meeting will be held at the Charleston Scottish Rite Center, 1051 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston.** RW Brother Walter C. Disher, II, Junior Grand Warden, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 22, 2015, 6:30 pm, 9th District, RW Brother Sean Burch, DDGM, McCormick United Methodist Church, 206 East Gold Street, McCormick. M.W. Brother Gerald L. Carver, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 22, 2015, 6:30 pm, 17th District, RW Brother Terry King, DDGM, Empire Lodge No. 213 AFM, 150 Whatley Circle, Mauldin. Reverend and Worshipful Brother Jamie Croft, PM, Youth Minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pelzer will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 5:30 pm, 4th District, RW Brother G. Ray Christian, Jr. DDGM, American Lodge No. 98, 990 Grays Highway, Ridgeland. RW Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr., Senior Grand Warden will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Monday, October 26, 2015, 6:30 pm, 7th District, RW Brother Joseph E. Wells, DDGM, Edisto Shrine Club, 2265 Five Chop Road (Hwy. 301), Orangeburg, SC. RW Brother Carey D. Baxley, Jr. PDDGM will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7:00 pm, 28th District, RW Brother Thomas H. Lee, Jr., DDGM, Hillsboro Lodge No. 308, 104 Peachtree Street, Lake View. RW Brother Walter C. Disher II, Junior Grand Warden will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Friday, October 30, 2015, 6:30 pm, 15th District, RW Brother Cecil C. Conyers, DDGM, Clemson United Methodist Church, 300 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC. Rev. Brother Kyle Caudell, member of Townville Lodge No. 209, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Monday, November 2, 2015, 6:30 pm, 16th District, RW Brother Dwight A. Yates, DDGM, Bates Lodge No. 189, Easley, SC. RW Brother Johnny Mack Brown, US Marshal for SC, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 6:30 pm, 24th District, RW Brother Brian F. Steele, DDGM, Kershaw Lodge No. 29, 833 John G. Richards Way, Camden. MW Brother Barry A. Rickman, Past Grand Master will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Friday, November 13, 2015, 6:00 pm, 18th District, RW Brother Scott A. Matheny, DDGM, Greenville Scottish Rite Center, 817 Cleveland Road, Greenville. MW Brother G. Kent Elkins, Past Grand Master will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 6:00 pm, 29th District, RW Brother Gordon W. Best, DDGM, Belin United Methodist Church, 4183 US 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC, MW Brother Gerald L. Carver, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Monday, November 23, 2015, 6:30 pm, 22nd District, RW Brother Jerry N. Smith, DDGM, Indianland Lodge No. 414, 9189 Charlotte Highway, Fort Mill, SC. MW Brother Gerald L. Carver, PGM, Grand Secretary, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.