



Fidelity: (fi·del-i·ty)

- strict observance of promises, duties, word etc.; *person's fidelity.*
- loyalty: *fidelity to one's country, fraternity, organization.*
- faithfulness.
- adherence to fact or detail.
- accuracy; exactness.

Fidelity Lodge 304, AFM is in the Second Masonic District under the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient Free Masons. Although one of the smaller Lodges in the District, Fidelity Lodge 304 has a rich history and all Brothers are proud to be called a Mason. In 1910 Jacksonboro Lodge 206 moved from Ravenel to Meggett and at the same time changed their meetings from Sunday to Wednesday evenings. As a result of these changes three Brothers; W. R. Hart, William Seabrook and D. L. Jenkins had to cross a river and walk approximately two miles to attend the Lodge. Because of the difficulty of travel as well as the late hour on return, they practically ceased attending.

They approached Most Worshipful Brother W. O. Hart, PGM, at that time the Grand Secretary, about the feasibility of forming a Lodge on Johns Island. Mrs. J. S. Hart loaned the new Fidelity Lodge the use of a building known as the "Sandhill Store". MWB Hart obtained the loan of property of defunct Lodges. In addition, some Brothers of Jacksonboro Lodge were given dual membership to allow Fidelity Lodge to work. Fidelity Lodge 304 (UD - Under Dispensation) held their first meeting August 10, 1913 and was chartered by the Grand Lodge December 9, 1914 as Fidelity 304. The Lodge was dedicated June 26, 1915.



First Officers of Fidelity Lodge 304, AFM

WM: W. R. Hart
SW: Wm. M. Seabrook
JW: D. L. Jenkins
TR: A. C. Seabrook
SEC: M. McC. Beckett
SD: R. R. Bryan
JD: F. L. Seabrook
TY: E. L. Grimball

On November 30, 1968 our original Lodge building was unfortunately destroyed by fire. Some items were salvaged; the Tiler Sword, Lodge Bible, Officer Jewels and some other items. We have some intact old Lodge Minutes and other records, one of which holds the original minutes of our first Communication in 1913 as well as Communications through 1915. Our Masonic Brothers at James Island Lodge 396 graciously allowed Fidelity Lodge the use of their Lodge building until a replacement Lodge building was completed for Fidelity. The Craft began to use the new Lodge building April 14, 1970. Since that date it has served the Craft well. We felt ourselves most fortunate to reciprocate in offering our Lodge building to Jacksonboro Lodge 206 when they built a new Lodge in the early 2000 time frame. The circle was completed; we were helped by our Brothers and we could respond in kind to our Masonic Brothers.