



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Grand East, Brothers.

As the Fall season arrives, I, for one, appreciate the break from the summer heat. Our brothers in the Southeast faced significant challenges in September due to Hurricane Helene, which struck South Carolina and the surrounding states, causing considerable hardship. The brothers of South Carolina have worked tirelessly to support one another and those in nearby areas, providing both physical and monetary assistance. They gathered essential supplies and transported them to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. Teams of brothers have traveled to the hardest-hit regions, offering hot meals and support to families in need. I am immensely proud to call them my brothers.



will commence our instructional meetings. These meetings have been thoughtfully planned, and you will receive valuable guidance to help you fulfill the duties of your office. Dates for these meetings will be provided by your District Deputy, Masonic Education Committeeman, and will also be available on the Grand Lodge website calendar. I hope you will show your support and attend these instructional meetings, as I look forward to being with you across the state.

Brothers, thank you for all that you do. Keep up the great work.

Toni, Macy, and I would like to wish each of you and your families a very special Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

“Our Best Is The Least We Owe Each Other”

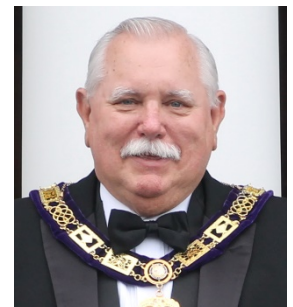
Fraternally Yours,
Steven D. James
Grand Master

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

**“IT IS TIME FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN AGAIN
CHARLIE BROWN”**

As I look back on the articles that I have written this past year, I just wondered if any of my thoughts sank in.

The Great Light says that if we have the faith of a mustard seed that we can



move mountains. We also know that faith without work is dead. So, what have you been doing? We know that as we move through life, we come to accept a lot of things by faith. When we believe that we can accomplish something and apply the work and effort, we can accomplish things that seem impossible.

Linus did not see the Great Pumpkin, but he did generate excitement and belief among his friends, Linus continued to search for his Great Pumpkin. Have you created excitement in your Lodge by continuing to search for wonderful things in Masonry or have you given up on your Great Pumpkin? The members need to see your excitement and zeal for the craft. You can be the spark that ignites the flame of growth in your Lodge.

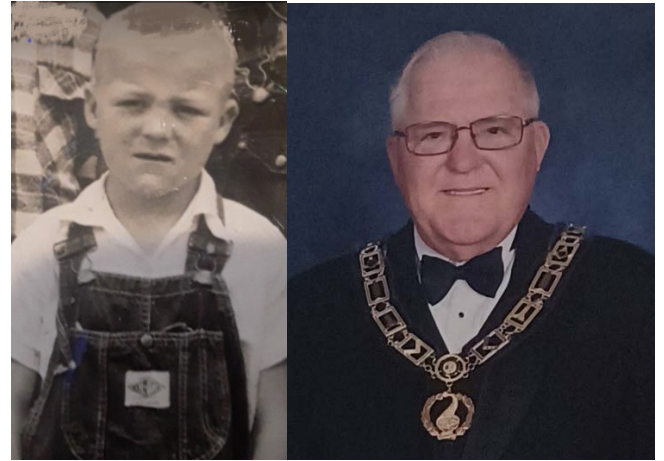
I Believe Santa Claus is alive and well in our Masonic Lodges. We now, more than ever, need to be searching our communities for ways to assist the needy. In this day and time there are people in our communities that are hurting, A kind word, a visit, a phone call, or a hot meal might make a tremendous difference in a person's life. Work with your community and church leaders to find people that we can send Santa Claus to see.

Are we really acting like everyone is looking? Do we conduct ourselves when we are alone like we should or do develop bad habits by being our same old selves. We as Masons should be an inspiration to all we meet and a mentor to all people looking for a better way of life.

As we continue our journey through life, remember our actions speak louder than words. Make your journey pleasant for everybody you meet, and you will bring great pride and joy to our fraternity. May our Heavenly Father bless, keep, and prosper you for all the days of your life.

Thomas E. Watson,
Deputy Grand Master

Last Issue's Name this Mason.



WB James Whitey Hamilton
Buffalo No. 202

Name this Mason.



The first correct guess to our Deputy Grand Master (tommy.watson21@gmail.com) will receive a copy of *A History of Freemasonry in South Carolina The Years 1860-1919*

signed by the elected Grand Lodge Officers.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN'S MESSAGE

We are nearing the end of our Inspirational Meeting season. I have appreciated attending these meetings. I hope that you have also been able to attend these meetings. There are a lot of things going on over the next few months. In January, our Instructional meetings will start. Please mark your Districts Instructional Meeting on your calendar and if you cannot make it to that meeting, you can go to a neighboring District for this Instruction. You can get quality Instruction and fellowship with your Brethren at these



meetings. Your Masonic Education Committee has prepared an Instructional Meeting program that will give you the training that we think is useful and desirable for your Lodge. The information for these meetings will be in Grandview. This information can be used for group or self-study to get additional training for each individual office. Please review this material and use this education. There will be a chance for you to ask questions during the meetings. If you want to prepare a question beforehand, there will be a form in the back of the downloadable material. If you have questions about the material or your office, please fill this out and bring it to the meeting.

In 1985, the H. Dwight McAlister Award for Journalism was instituted to honor our late Past Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Most Worshipful Brother H. Dwight McAllister. This award was created to annually acknowledge and honor a Lodge for their timely, quality, educational, and informative newsletters. As your Senior Grand Warden I have the honor to assist in the selection of the recipient of this award. I have received many worthy submissions. If you would like for your Lodge newsletter to be considered for this award please send your submission to the Grand Lodge Office with attention to the Senior Grand Warden no later than February 28, 2025.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and this is normally a great time of family, food, football, and being thankful for our many blessings. We as Masons and Americans have so much to be thankful for.

We will install our Lodge officers for next year over the next couple of months. When you are installed into your office at your Lodge, please pay special attention to the words you say as they are said to you.

Christmas will be here soon and on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus embarks on a magical journey around the world, spreading joy and wonder to boys and girls everywhere. With his sleigh pulled by reindeer, he soars through the night sky, delivering beautifully wrapped presents to homes far and wide. Santa

carefully reads each child's wish list and, with a twinkle in his eye, selects the perfect gifts that will bring happiness and delight on Christmas morning. Santa doesn't do it all by himself. His tireless work, aided by his trusty elves, ensures that every child experiences the magic of Christmas, awakening to a world of festive cheer and the excitement of discovering what Santa has left under the tree.

We too should not try to do everything by ourselves as we assume our new leadership roles. Just as Santa relies on his elves to ensure every toy is perfectly crafted and delivered on time, we must also recognize the invaluable support and cooperation of our fellow brethren in the Lodge. Leadership is not a solitary endeavor; it is the summation of efforts, dedication, and teamwork from all members. As we step into our new roles, let us not forget the importance of collaboration and mutual assistance.

In our Lodges, each member has unique talents and strengths that contribute to the overall success and harmony of the group. By fostering an environment of trust and support, we can ensure that every task, no matter how small, is carried out with precision and care. Just as the elves work tirelessly behind the scenes, the collective efforts of our brethren will pave the way for a prosperous and harmonious term. Embrace the spirit of cooperation and remember that, much like Santa's workshop, our Lodge thrives on the unity and dedication of its members. Together, we can achieve great things and uphold the values and traditions that define us as Masons.

The essence of good leadership lies in recognizing the strengths of each individual and leveraging them for the benefit of the collective. It's about inspiring and motivating each member to contribute their best, knowing their efforts are valued and crucial to the success of the lodge. A leader, like Santa, should be approachable and supportive, creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels empowered to share their ideas and participate actively.

As leaders, we must set clear goals and provide the necessary guidance and resources to meet those

objectives. It's essential to communicate effectively, offer constructive feedback, and celebrate the achievements of the team. Remember, a thriving Lodge is a product of cohesive efforts and shared vision. By embodying the qualities of patience, empathy, and resilience, we can navigate challenges together and build a strong, cohesive unit dedicated to our common goals.

Blair, Margaret Raye, and I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we would like to wish you a Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

A.C. Flora, IV

Senior Grand Warden

Chairman, MEC Committee

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Whereas the Masonic year is ending, I would like to take a moment to remind all members that shortly annual reports will be due to the Grand Secretary. Please make the proper actions to get your Lodge MSA donations approved. In an effort to streamline the reporting of each Lodge there is a line on the annual report that allows you to make your Lodge's contribution. This amount should be included in the check that you send to Grand Lodge. There is no need to write separate checks. Your donation will be taken out at time of posting. There should be no checks sent directly to MSA. I again would like to offer my sincere appreciation to each and every Brother and Lodge for their participation. We as Mason's hold charity dear to our hearts. The below article in my opinion defines us as South Carolina Ancient Free Masons.



Freemasonry, often described as a "brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God," places charity at the core of its values. Charity is not only an act of kindness but a cornerstone of the Masonic way of

life. Supporting the Masonic Service Association (MSA), a central charitable body within Freemasonry, is a critical extension of these values and fulfills several key Masonic principles. Below are several reasons why charity to the MSA is so important for a Freemason.

1. Living the Core Values of Freemasonry

Freemasonry teaches moral principles, such as brotherly love, relief, and truth. Relief refers to the duty to help those in need, particularly fellow Masons and their families. Supporting the MSA enables Masons to live out this fundamental value by contributing to initiatives that provide relief to Masonic brethren and communities. Through the MSA, Freemasons can collectively pool resources to reach a larger audience and provide meaningful assistance.

2. Assistance to Veterans and Active Military Personnel

The MSA has a long history of serving military veterans and active service members, particularly through its Hospital Visitation Program. Freemasons visit veterans' hospitals to offer comfort, companionship, and sometimes material support to those who have served their country. Donations to the MSA help fund these visits, ensuring that the men and women who fought for freedom receive the care and respect they deserve. Supporting these efforts is a practical way for Freemasons to honor the sacrifices made by military personnel, many of whom are Masons themselves.

3. Disaster Relief and Community Support

When natural disasters or large-scale crises occur, the MSA is often one of the first Masonic organizations to mobilize. Through its Disaster Relief Fund, the MSA provides direct assistance to Masonic lodges, families, and communities affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other disasters. Masonic charity becomes a force of good during these critical times, offering financial relief and manpower to rebuild and recover. For

Freemasons, contributing to the MSA means participating in a larger, organized effort to bring relief to those in desperate need, embodying the principle of brotherly love on a grand scale.

4. Preserving and Promoting Masonic Education

Charity to the MSA also supports Masonic education. The MSA provides educational materials, research, and publications to help further the knowledge and understanding of Freemasonry among its members. By donating to the MSA, Freemasons help ensure that the organization remains a beacon of enlightenment, preserving traditions and promoting deeper insight into the Craft's history, philosophy, and moral teachings. This aspect of charity strengthens the fraternity by fostering well-informed members.

5. Building a Stronger Masonic Community

The MSA helps strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that are central to Freemasonry by offering a unified platform for charitable giving and service. Through the MSA's various programs, Freemasons across jurisdictions work together to achieve common goals, whether that is providing for the needy, comforting the sick, or educating the next generation of Masons. Charity to the MSA is an opportunity for Freemasons to contribute to the greater good of the Craft and help build a more vibrant, supportive Masonic community.

6. Setting an Example for the World

Freemasonry is not only about serving the Craft but also about setting a positive example for the world at large. By contributing to the MSA, Freemasons demonstrate the values of generosity, compassion, and solidarity in action. This example resonates beyond the walls of the Lodge, inspiring others to practice charity and care for their fellow man. It also enhances the public image of Freemasonry, showcasing the fraternity's commitment to making the world a better place.

Conclusion

Charity to the Masonic Service Association is vital for Freemasons as it upholds the very principles that define the Craft. Whether through providing relief to veterans, assisting in disaster recovery, supporting Masonic education, or fostering a strong Masonic community, the MSA allows Freemasons to live out their values in meaningful and impactful ways. It is not just a duty, but a privilege to support the MSA, knowing that such contributions help sustain the brotherhood and extend its hand of kindness far beyond the lodge.

Yours Fraternally,

Boyd "Ebbie" Hodges, Jr.,

Junior Grand Warden

GRAND LODGE

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024: For the purpose of laying a Cornerstone on the Blacksburg High School building. Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren will assemble promptly at the Flag pole in front of the school at 11:30 am where the Grand Master will declare the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of AFM of SC open in Ample Form on the First Degree. The Cornerstone Ceremony will commence promptly at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be served afterwards. Blacksburg High School is located at 201 West Ramseur Drive, Blacksburg, SC 29702. There is parking in front of the school and across the road from the school.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024: For the purpose of rededicating St David's Lodge No. 72 in Celebration of the Lodge's 175th Anniversary. Lunch will be served in the Lodge Hall's Dining Room at 11:30 am. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and St. David's Lodge No. 72 on the First Degree at 12:30 pm. The Rededication Ceremony should begin at 1:00 pm and is open to the public. St. David's Lodge is located at 1205 Periwinkle Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024: For the purpose of rededicating Cedar Lodge No. 184 in Celebration of the Lodge's 150th Anniversary. Lunch will be served in the Lodge Hall's Dining Room at 11:30 am. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and Cedar Lodge No. 184 on the First Degree at 12:30 pm. The Rededication Ceremony should begin at 1:00 pm and is open to the public. Cedar Lodge No. 184 is located at 135 Lee Street N., Wagener SC 29164.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025: For the purpose of rededicating Spartan Lodge No. 70 in Celebration of the Lodge's 175th Anniversary. Lunch will be served in the Lodge Hall's Dining Room at 11:30 am. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge and Spartan Lodge No. 70 on the First Degree at 12:30 pm. The Rededication Ceremony should begin at 1:00 pm and is open to the public. Spartan Lodge No. No. 70 is located in the Spartanburg Masonic Temple at 190 West Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025: For the purpose of rededicating the Grand Lodge Building and conducting a Bronze Plaque Laying Ceremony in Celebration of the Grand Lodge Building's 25th year Anniversary. Lunch will be served in the Grand Lodge's Library Dining Area at 11:30 am. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge on the First Degree at 12:30 pm. The Bronze Plaque Laying Ceremony should begin at 1:00 pm and is open to the Public with the Rededication Ceremony following.

NOTE: Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Subordinate Grand Lodge Officers and the District Deputy Grand Master of the Host Lodge's District should be present. Elected Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters should wear black tails with black bow tie, black vests, jewel, and apron. All other Grand Lodge Officers should wear black tuxedos with black bow ties, black cummerbunds or black vests, jewel and aprons.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 6:00 pm, 29th District, Inspirational Meeting, RWB J. Randall Durant, DDGM, Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 10595 North Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. MWB Ron Mitchum, PGM, will be the speaker. Supper will be served.

Friday, January 3, 2025, 6:30 pm, 22nd District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Mike Rowe, Sr., York Lodge No. 385, 1256 West Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 9, 2025, 6:30 pm, 16th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Donald Craig Ison, DDGM, Bates Lodge No. 189, 439 NE Main Street, Easley, SC 29640. Supper will be served.

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 8:00 am, 6th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Harvie "Pete" Bailey, DDGM, Aiken Lodge No. 156, 443 Laurens Street, Aiken, SC 29801. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 9:00 am, 12th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Chris Turner, DDGM, Union Lodge No. 75, 805 South Duncan Bypass, Union, SC 29379. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 11:30 am, 14th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Terry McGuffin, DDGM, Ruff Lodge No. 240, 611 Piedmont Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625. Lunch will be served.

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:00 pm, 25th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Daniel Curtis, DDGM, Hartsville Lodge No. 173, 411 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC. Supper will be served.

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:00 pm, 29th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Randy Durant, DDGM, Socastee Lodge No. 421, 7650 Butler Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:00 pm, 15th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Gerald Burton, DDGM, Seneca Lodge No. 185, 205 North Townville Street, Seneca, SC 29678. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:30 pm, 17th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB W. L. Cantrell, Jr., DDGM, Fountain Inn Lodge No. 192, 108 North Weston Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:30 pm, 20th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Mark Tinsley, DDGM, Mid-City Shrine Club, 1470 Fort Prince Blvd., Wellford, SC 29385.

Friday, January 17, 2025, 6:30 pm, 3rd District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Tony Lowder, DDGM, Harmony Lodge No. 61, 5355 Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George, SC 29477. Supper will be served.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 9:00 am, 4th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Steven Switzer, DDGM, American Social Hall, 990 Grays Highway, Ridgeland, SC 29936. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 7:30 am, 8th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Ian P. Strickland, DDGM, Batesburg-Leesville Lodge No. 138, 222 West Church Street, Batesburg, SC 29006. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 3:30 pm, 26th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Michael Kelly, DDGM, Fidelity Lodge No. 394, 1044 Morris Street, Turbeville, SC 29162. Supper will be served.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 8:00 am, 27th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Jarrod Cockfield, DDGM, Hampton Lodge No. 204, 206 South McQueen Street, Florence, SC 29501. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 12:00 pm, 30th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Michael Smith, DDGM, Kingstree Lodge No. 46, 313 East Main Street, Kingstree, SC 29556. Lunch will be served.

Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:00 pm, 5th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB James M. Williams, Jr., DDGM, Harmony Lodge No. 17, 30 Burr Street, Barnwell, SC 29812. Supper will be served.

Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:00 pm, 23rd District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB Thomas Martin, Sr., DDGM, Great Falls Lodge No. 277, 1 Masonic Avenue, Great Falls, SC 29055. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 7:00 pm, 9th District, **I**nstructional Meeting, RWB W. D. "Bo" Willis, DDGM, Mine Lodge No. 117, Hwy. 221 (Greenwood Hwy.), McCormick, SC 29835. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:00 pm, 11th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Wayne Blackburn, DDGM, Greenwood Masonic Temple, 121 Bailey Circle, Greenwood, SC 29646. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 7:00 pm, 13th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Tom Ashley, DDGM, Palmetto Lodge No. 19, 316 Hillcrest Drive, Laurens, SC 29360. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:00 pm, 28th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Gary Cook, DDGM, Damascus Lodge No. 161, 114 East Proctor Street, Mullins, SC 29574. Supper will be served.

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 9:00 am, 1st & 2nd Districts, Instructional Meeting, RWB Tom Lewis, DDGM & RWB Phillip Reichner, DDGM, Charleston County Masonic Association, 1051 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29407. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 8:00 am, 10th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Kyle Smathers, DDGM, Boyleston Lodge No. 123, 1310 Dutch Fork Road, Irmo, SC 29063. Breakfast will be served.

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 8:30 am, 24th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Alan Freezon, DDGM, Jackson Lodge No. 53, 300 West Gay Street, Lancaster, SC 29720. Breakfast will be served.

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6:30 pm, 18th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB Michael D. Peeler, DDGM, Greenville Shrine Club, 119 Beverly Road, Greenville, SC 29609. Supper will be served.

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 7:00 pm, 7th District, Instructional Meeting, RWB George Barber, DDGM, Charity Lodge No. 62, 6328 Old Highway 6, Elloree, SC 29047. Supper will be served.

GRAND MASTER'S WORKSHOP FOR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

The Grand Master's Workshop for Worshipful Masters will be held at the Columbia Scottish Rite Center located at 7230 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209. **Registration will be promptly at 8:00 a.m.** with the Workshop following immediately afterwards. The Workshop is projected to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will not be served. In addition to the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges, all Elected and Subordinate Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Masonic Education Committeemen, Masonic Service Association Committeemen and Chancellors should attend. Past Grand Masters are invited to attend. **The dress for Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen and Chancellors is coat and tie. The dress for Worshipful Masters is business casual.**

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM PRESTON BRELAND, SR.
PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

October 25, 1934	Charleston, SC
October 20, 2024	Lodge, SC

Brother James Robert Conner, Past Grand Pursuivant, passed October 12, 2024.

We wish to express our deepest sympathies, to the family, friends and Lodge Brethren.

DEMOLAY UNIVERSITY

Palmetto DeMolay Association will be hosting DeMolay University on November 9th at Gaston Lodge No. 382. During this event, adults will learn how to run a DeMolay Chapter and will be given opportunities to ask questions about the benefits of sponsoring a DeMolay Chapter. DeMolays will work on completing the five parts to the DeMolay Leadership Correspondence Course.

You do not have to be a DeMolay advisor to attend this course. Nor do you have to commit to being a DeMolay volunteer. If you have any curiosity about DeMolay, I recommend that you attend DeMolay University. All we ask is that you come willing to learn and wanting to share the information with the Brothers of your Lodge and District.

Gaston Lodge No. 382 has graciously agreed to host this event and will prepare lunch for the attendees. There is no charge for the event. Should you cancel your reservation after November 2nd, you will be asked to reimburse Palmetto DeMolay Association for the cost of the meal.

The day will begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clifton Simmons, Executive Officer, at (803) 755-9930.

MASONIC LIGHT SPEAKS TO US: FROM JANUARY, 1944, VOL. 16, NO. 10

Masonic Legends

Masonic legends have a fascination and make a strong appeal to those who delve deeply into the “mysteries” of Masonry. The operative Masons or Masonic Guilds of the middle ages are said to have used legends, and even invented them, to further their important work. That Operative Masonry was introduced into England in the third century by Saint Albans, and nourished for a long period, but became almost extinct by the tenth century. It was then revived by King Athelstane and

his son Edwin, in the City of York. Again, it prospered for many years, but at the beginning of the eighteenth century was almost extinct. In 1717 the four remaining lodges in London united and formed the first Speculative Lodge of Masons, using the rites, ceremonies, legends, myths, manners and tools of the operative Craft as symbols and thus passed from operative to Speculative in character. The following are the principal Masonic legends: Legend of Enoch, Legend of Euclid, Legend of the Craft, Legend of the Guild, Legend of the Royal Arch Degree, and the Legend of the Third Degree. These are all of ancient origin and were handed down orally from generation to generation for many years before being committed to writing. Some of them contain but little historical confirmation, but contain an excellent system of morality and brotherly love. It is because of their high moral character that legends are used in Masonic instruction.

Our Flag

Our flag symbolizes the most successful form of Government ever known, because for the first time in the annals of man, a Government was established for the benefit of all the people and ruled entirely by them.

Because it discriminates against no man because of his race, color, or religion.

Because it waves over a Government ruled by law and not by men.

Because its basic philosophy is founded upon the Golden Rule.

Its red bars are symbolic of the blood and tears shed through the ages to abolish tyranny and oppression.

The blue of its background is a promise of equality of opportunity to achieve material success.

Its stars are a sign that man shall not live by bread alone, and a symbol of our faith and trust in all-prevailing and loving Intelligence of Whom we are a part.

May we ever be intelligent, honest, alert, and fearless in its maintenance and defense!

BROTHER H.W. EDWARDS, ELY, NEVADA

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

We wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. As we gather around our Thanksgiving table with our families and give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our families, let us remember in our thoughts and prayers those who lost their homes, loved ones and lives from the devastation of the recent hurricanes. May we also remember the men and women in our Armed Forces, who during the holiday season will be away from their families protecting our Country and our Freedom. As Masons, we should remember to visit and assist our shut-in Brethren and the families of those Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above throughout the year, and more especially, during the Holiday Season.

Your Grand Lodge Office Staff

2024 GRAND MASTER'S Perpetual Life Membership Raffle



\$4000
or Perpetual Life Membership plus Balance

July 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
Drawing - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM
Grand Lodge AFM of SC
1445 Pisgah Church Road
Lexington, SC 29072
Proceeds to support Grand Lodge Operations

\$20/Entry
Minimum
\$7500.00
Total Payout

Lodges who sell and return raffle tickets by the below dates are eligible for the following prizes

Return Tickets
July 31 - Entered to win \$2000 (drawing will be held on 8/16/24)
September 30 - Entered to win \$1000 (drawing will be held on 9/30/24)
November 30 - Entered to win \$500 (drawing will be held on 12/13/24)

Prizes Subject to Taxes