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Greetings from the EAST

Well brethren the first stated meeting for 2012 is behind us and I think it went pretty well. I was very excited to see the large group of brethren that came out. I'm not sure if they all came to see how badly the new Master would do in the East, but if that is what brought everyone in, I'll take it. There were a couple of hiccups but we managed to pull it off. Everyone did their part in keeping me in line and it was very much appreciated. We also had a Masonic education put together by WB Brian Kirby and the help of Mr. Daffy Duck which I found very interesting and I hope you did as well. Who ever said you can't learn and have fun at the same time. Brother Ed Elam never ceases to amaze me in his compassion and drive by finding people in need in and around the Carolinas and he gave us the early tidbits of an interesting trip he is putting together to visit historic Beaufort, SC to help out some more people in need. Brother Ed exemplifies what Masonry is all about and I am glad he is allowing us to be a part of this event.

It was also an exciting night being that we were able to vote two men Michael and Duncan St. Claire, to receive the Entered Apprentice Degree of Masonry. We will have practices on the 19th and 24th to prepare for these fine young men's degree. They have a long family history of Masonry and it is an honor that these two men have chosen this lodge to join and start their walk. We have set January 26 to be the date for this first degree. Please come out and welcome these new brothers to the lodge and Masonry. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and the degree at 7:00 pm. On February 16 will be conducting a joint degree with the Knights of Solomon where we will welcome Brother Donnie Smith and our own Brother John Newman to the ranks of Fellowcraft. As usual, dinner will be at 6:00 pm and the degree at 7:00 pm.

Tell your wives to search for any old towels, comforters, blankets, and sheets. My wife is putting together a care package that she takes to the Humane Society for the animals in their care. Thanks to everyone that brought in supplies at the last stated meeting and if you would like to give please bring it by the lodge between now and the next stated communication. In closing don't forget our upcoming community breakfast and blood drive on March 3.

From the Secretary's Desk

What a great job WM Brent did on conducting his firsts lodge. All went well and the flow of our meeting; although very busy, went well. To add to the above, we installed our Junior Deacon, Brother Mitch Vickers. The installing officer was WM Brent Wilson. All officers for 2012 have now been installed. We also read tow petitions to receive the degrees in masonry and they were Mr. Maurice Batshon; and, Mr. Maurice McIntosh. If elected, we look forward to their walk in Masonry. The annual report was read and accepted. We had a great year in that we raised 10, excluded 3 and 1 demit giving us a gain of 6 members. We now have 141 members. I want to thank all who have paid your 2012 dues. Please remember, if you have not paid your dues, you are now delinquent. Please pay your dues. As a new part of our Messenger, I am going to mention birthdays during current and upcoming month. I hope I do not miss anyone. If I do, please let me know.

Birthdays		February	
January			
Matthew Glenn	Jan. 4	William Snyder	Feb. 1
WB Randy Richardson	Jan. 4	Dave Ward	Feb. 5
Skott Shores	Jan. 5	Ed Albert	Feb. 10
David Jordan	Jan. 15	David Harvey	Feb. 15
Craig Kluttz	Jan. 16	Lew Platt	Feb. 17
WM Brent Wilson	Jan. 18	Darwin Byrum	Feb. 17
WB Jack Thrower	Jan. 21	Jerry Voiles	Feb. 19
Robert Todd	Jan. 21	Bruce Noblitt	Feb. 22
WB Jim Ferguson	Jan. 22	James Williams	Feb. 22
Perry Blake, Jr.	Jan. 30	James Pierce	Feb. 23
		Hub Cranford	Feb. 24

Happy Birthday to all!

Master	Brent Wilson
SW	John Keiter
CPLN	Chris Minor
JW	Dave Adams
SD	Jerry Voiles
JD	Mitch Vickers
SS	Marc Whitman
JS	Billy Winecoff
Tyler	Chris Robinson
Treasurer	Bill Crump
Secretary	Randy Richardson

TRESTLE BOARD	
1/19	Practice for First Degree 6:00 pm
1/24	Practice for First Degree 6:00 pm
1/26	First Degree 6:00 pm
2/09	February Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm Degree 7:00 pm
2/15	Practice for Second Degree Dinner 6:00 pm Degree 7:00 pm
2/16	Second Degree Dinner 6:00 pm Degree 7:00 pm
3/03	Breakfast Fundraiser 7:30 am - 11:30 am Degree 7:00 pm
3/08	March Stated (Official Visit).... Dinner 6:15pm Degree 7:00 pm
3/22	Grand Master's Meeting Dinner 6:15 pm At Matthews Lodge Degree 7:00 pm
3/27	School of Instruction Dinner 6:15pm At Mint Hill Lodge Degree 7:00 pm

