

# JAMES K POLK LODGE #759 AF & AM

Where we meet on the level, and part on the square

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## Greetings from the EAST:

February is the month of LOVE, and we brought it to the James K Polk Lodge! What an amazing time we had at our Valentines dinner and February Stated meeting. It is such a pleasure to have so many families share this wonderful time of love and friendship. More importantly we can express our appreciation to our lovely ladies for their unwavering devotion to our families and charities. The unbelievable event planning of Susan Jordan always makes me smile as her creative and artistic flair sets the ambience of the evening. Thank you Susan and David Jordan for adding the Touch of Love to our dining hall. Last, but not least, applause to our esteemed Chef Jeff and his gourmet crew of Brian Kirby, Dave Adams, and Mark Rudy for tantalizing our palates with pasta while warming the hearts of our women with strawberries and roses.

Congratulations to Brother David Adams who stood proficient on the Master Mason Degree and immediately installed as our Junior Steward. This Stated was quite active as we balloted on three petitions and five new were read. Scott Karrow, David St. Clair, and Lane Wise were elected to receive their degrees. Brothers, please join together in welcoming these fine gentlemen on their First Degree Saturday, March 7th at 8:30am. A FULL BREAKFAST will be served at 7:30am. The five new petitions were read, as well as one affiliation, and waiting Grand Lodge approval.

My wife Mica's Girl Scout Troop #150 elected the Masonic Home for Children their charity of choice. A portion of the monies from all boxes of Girl Scout cookies sold from Troop #150 will go directly to the MHFC. I applaud these young ladies for their wise and worthy selection. You can order your Girl Scout cookies directly by emailing my daughter at maci@carolina.rr.com.

The Pineville Community Athletic Association (PCAA) will again bear our name and wear our colors to sponsor a ball team. Congratulations to the members for this unanimous vote. WB Randy Richardson pioneered this program in 2002 and it is a pleasure to welcome it back. This is undoubtedly a perfect opportunity for the James K. Polk Lodge to be involved at a local level, assist a non-profit organization, and display to the Pineville-Ballantyne community we care about the children and their activities. The cost for the season is only \$350 and will be supported solely on donations. The hat will be on the alter at various times or send donations directly to Randy Richardson on behalf of PCAA. Donations of any amount are welcome.

The eyes of Texas are upon us as the Lone Star State comes to Charlotte for our March Stated. As you know, Texas is all about beef. My father, Brother Jim Minor, is traveling with several grain fed Texas sized beef briskets to smoke at our next meeting. For those of you who have not experienced Texas BBQ, you're in for a treat! However, rumor has it that our mighty Chef Jeff might enter the arena on behalf of North Carolina. I suspect we might just have us an old fashioned Texas shoot out.

Our James K. Polk Lodge answered the call to hold a Masonic funeral for a 93 year old Brother who had been a Mason for over 60 years! This was done on very short notice (as all funerals are) and with the utmost dignity. Thanks to WB Jack Thrower DDGM, WB Bill Crump, WB James White, WB Rudi Maier, WB Dave Jordan, WB Dennis Woolery, Bro Bruce Noblitt, Bro Ken Stewart, and Bro Joe Griffin for giving last honors to this Brothers grand life.

As we progress into the Spring months, our life is full of FOOD, FUN, and FRIENDSHIP. Brother Ed Elam is sponsoring a rib-fest fundraiser March 09 6:00PM at Steele Creek Lodge. Our semi-annual JK Polk Lodge ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast fundraiser is March 21st from 7:30 to 11:30. Tickets are \$7 apiece and each member will receive 5 tickets in the mail. Please contribute to this worthy cause and enjoy an award winning breakfast

Well, that's enough for one month. Please send me your thoughts and wishes for our Lodge in 2009 to cminor@carolina.rr.com. It is through our membership, activities, and new ideas that we will keep James K. Polk on the leading edge of Masonry. Be sure to frequently check the Trestleboard, and your Lodge calendar rev-4 for upcoming events, both of which can be viewed on the website at www.jkpolk.com

**YeeHaw Brothers,  
WM Chris Minor**

## Prayer List Please remember the following in your devotions.

Lew Platt, David Youngman, Joyce White, Dave Adams father in law.

### TRESTLEBOARD FOR JANUARY

Feb. 26th	Rehearsal - 1st Degree	7:00 PM
Mar. 5th	Rehearsal - 1st Degree	7:00 PM
Mar. 7th	1st Degree	6:30 AM
	Breakfast	7:30 PM
Mar. 9th	BBQ Fundraiser	
	Steele Creek Lodge	6:00-9:00 PM
Mar. 12th	Texas/NC BBQ Shootout	6:00 PM
	Mar. Stated Communication	7:30 PM
Mar. 21st	All you can eat Breakfast Fundraiser	7:30-11:30 AM

**As usual, dinner will be served at 6:30 PM on stated and degree nights and 6:00 PM on Third Degree nights.**



Master .....Chris Minor  
 SW ..... Jeff Todd  
 JW ..... Brian Kirby  
 CPLN..... Mark Gerow  
 SD ..... Brent Wilson  
 JD..... Jeff Sorrells  
 SS..... John Keiter  
 JS..... Dave Adams  
 Tyler..... Gerry Voiles  
 Secretary .....Randy Richardson  
 Treasure ..... Bill Crump

