



# JAMES K POLK LODGE #759 AF & AM

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## Greetings from the EAST:

Let's give cheers to another outstanding month for the James K Polk Lodge as we rallied with support to our charities, community service, and remarkable Masonic work. For starters, we operated the (PCAA) Pineville-Ballantyne Community Athletic Association's Spring Fling, hosted the 32nd District Masonic Picnic, performed a First Degree, received a flag from Iraq marine unit, and recognized our esteemed Charter Members. The Charter Members in attendance were Brothers Perry Blake, Don Boatwright, Robert Byrum, Don Earnheart, WB Tom Edwards, Joe Griffin, Bobby Osbourne, Tommy Therrell, WB Jack Thrower, WB James White, David Youngman, and WB Bill Crump. My sincerest admiration is to the respected Charter members who laid the foundation for our cherished Lodge. My Brothers, the Flag presentation coupled with the Charter member evening made this truly a memorable Stated Communication.

Not to rest on our laurels, we have several exciting items on the agenda in the next four weeks. This Thursday May 21st we travel to our neighbors at the Waxhaw Lodge where NC Grand Master Dan Rice will preside for our official GM meeting. The Stated will start promptly at 7pm. Many of us traveled to St. Andrews Lodge a few months ago to hear our eloquent GM speak. A fabulous event not to be missed!

The following week on Thursday, May 28th at 7:30pm we will hold a First Degree for Mr McConnell and Mr. Walker. The one and only practice is Tuesday, May 26th from 7-8pm and the cast remains the same as our previous first degree. All Entered Apprentices are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Four days later we will travel west to our Brothers at Steele Creek Lodge #737 to retrieve the elusive Traveling Gavel. We need a minimum of 12 Brothers and would like to show our true colors with twice that many. Our Steele Creek Brethren are always a pleasure to visit and their Lodge is very pleasing on the eye. So let's join in force to bring this treasured hammer to its new home!

Our first Fellowcraft Degree of 2009 is scheduled for Thursday, June 04 at 7:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Brothers St. Clair, Wasson, and Whitman are scheduled to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Jeff will confer this Degree and a practice and cast will be sent out in the next few days.

It's time to do a little homework at the Lodge on Saturday June 6th as we will do a full scale cleaning of our kitchen and dining hall. Lets tidy up our Chef's office so he can continually provide us with the gourmet dining we've become accustomed to.

Finally, we have dual events scheduled for June 13th. The Bakersville Lodge BBQ fundraiser for the Oxford Children's Home is from 10am to 7pm. Our own Brother Ed Elam will smoke mounds of meat for this event. Please call him at 704-588-1114 for BBQ orders if you can not make it. Bakersville Lodge sponsored Grand Master Dan Rice and his siblings at the Children's Home many years. Come meet the Grand Master, hear his story, and eat like a King.

Also, the Lodge at the Lake day on June 13th will coincide with the Oasis Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie from 10am-8pm. This is also family event with various games, rides, and moon bounces, and an Olympic size pool. BBQ will be served in the evening. If your plans do not take you to Bakersville, please come spend a day goofin' at the lake.

I am constantly amazed with the talent and energy of our members at JK Polk! From musicians to engineers to chefs it seems virtually all professions and trades are heartily represented; creating a valuable resource that sustains our activities. As my good friend Sandra Fadel always said, it takes a village to run the family. This so true! So I want to say THANK YOU to all Brothers and family members who made, and continue to make, all our community and Lodge events a fun-filled wonderful success. The District picnic was perhaps one the most exciting Masonic event in years. Families dined, children played, and the band rocked! Next year promises to trump this one!

As we move into summer, please keep the safety of our servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers as well as our Brothers and their families who are unwell or in poor health. Please check our website at www.jkpolk.com for calendar updates.

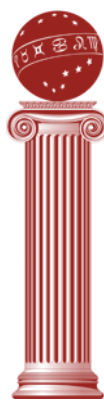
Be safe, live with passion, and see you at the next event!

**YeeHaw Brothers,  
WM Chris Minor**

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

Johnny Mac Satterfield and family, George Thrower, WB Jack Thrower's grandson, Tom Wimbish family, WB Tom Stroozas' wife, WB James White, Bobby Osbourne, Mark Gerow's wife.

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



## TRESTLEBOARD FOR MAY

<b>May 21st</b>	NC GM Meeting Waxhaw Lodge	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>May 28th</b>	1st Degree for McConnell & Walker	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 1st</b>	Traveling Gavel Steele Creek Lodge	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 4th</b>	2nd Degree for Whitman, Wasson & St. Clair	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 6th</b>	Kitchen workday	<b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 11th</b>	Stated communication	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 13th</b>	Family BBQ for MHFC Bakersville Lodge	<b>10:00 AM - 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Jun. 13th</b>	Oasis family fun day Lodge at the lake	<b>10:00 AM - 8:00 PM</b>

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