

September, 2009

Message From the East

Brethren:

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Well, now it's time to get back to work. The next few months are going to be very busy. We will be conferring quite a few degrees over the next few months so I hope everyone can get out and watch their officers perform some excellent work. This month we will be having Past Masters' Night which will be led by WB Dick Wendt. Also Widow's Night will be the 24th. The Grotto Band will be here to perform once again, so please come out and enjoy. Well, I must run, so once again come out and enjoy some fellowship and see some of the best work in the District.

Fraternally yours,
W.M. Steve Croucher

(Secretary's Note: Due to space limitations and items which must be included, meeting notes are being abbreviated. Details are available in the meeting minutes distributed at Lodge meetings.)

STATED MEETING-JUNE 4, 2009

After dinner, the Master opened a Lodge of MM in due form at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge Education Officer, Brother **Harry Klein**, presented a report. The usual business was conducted. A petition for reinstatement from SNPD was received from Brother **Robert Earl Abner**. Petitions for degrees were received from Mssrs. **John Anthony Light** and **Steven Lawrence Kern**. These were referred to the Investigating Committee. The In Memoriams for five Brothers were read. Reports were received from the Trustees and on behalf of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shrine. The Master then set the Trestleboard and recognized the three 50 year members present and the 11 Past Masters present. The Master then closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:50 p.m. and wished all a safe trip home. Nineteen members enjoyed the evening.

SPECIAL MEETING-June 11, 2009

After dinner, W.B. **Daniel J. Floyd** opened a Lodge of Fellow Crafts in due form at 7:30 p.m. There being no objections, W.B. Floyd exemplified the Degree of Fellow Craft on W.B. **Richard H. Wendt**, P.M. After the first Section, the In Memoriam for our late Brother **Albert Leroy Seyberth** was read. W.B. **Charles R. Hicks** recited the Twenty-Third Psalm. W.B. **Daniel J. Floyd** gave the Lecture, W.B. **Steven Croucher** gave the G Lecture and the Senior Steward, Brother **Richard Long** gave the Charge. W.B. **Floyd** recognized the two 50 year members present, and the six Past Masters present, followed by applause. There being nothing further to come before this Lodge of FC, W.B. **Floyd** closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:50 p.m. Nine members enjoyed the evening.

TRESTLEBOARD
Thursday September 10, 2009
DARK
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Past Masters' Night – F.C. Degree for Matthew Thornburg.
Thursday, September 24, 2009
Wives' and Widows' Night-Family Invited.
Thursday, October 1, 2009
Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE L.E.O.

Charles A. Varnum (b. June 21, 1849-?), Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Served under General Custer. 1881 life member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 47, Sturgis City, South Dakota.

I-CARE COMMITTEE

The I-Care Committee is seeking members. Please contact Brother **Rick Long** if you would be interested in helping in this very valuable charitable effort. He will schedule training (1 to 1 1/2 hours) in the near future (at our mutual convenience). Please call Rick at 851-5166.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT LEROY SEYBERTH

Born: April 16, 1930
Entered Apprentice: May 21, 1953
Fellow Craft: June 25, 1953
Master Mason: September 17, 1953
Died: June 7, 2009

ESTEL LEO BETTS, JR.

Born: June 5, 1922
Entered Apprentice: September 11, 1975
Fellow Craft: September 15, 1977
Master Mason: October 27, 1977
Died: June 26, 2009

STEVEN CURTIS MEADOWS

Born: April 13, 1952
Entered Apprentice: February 15, 1979
Fellow Craft: March 22, 1979
Master Mason: May 10, 1979
Died: July 4, 2009

EDWIN HERBERT HORMANN

Born: September 5, 1933
Entered Apprentice: March 10, 1955
Fellow Craft: April 21, 1955
Master Mason: May 26, 1955
Died: July 9, 2009

ROBERT LAMONT SADLER

Born: November 8, 1926
Entered Apprentice: April 8, 1948
Fellow Craft: May 27, 1948
Master Mason: June 19, 1948
Died: January 1, 2009

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TUXEDO AVAILABLE

The widow of one of our late Brothers has available for sale a tuxedo, jacket size 46, trousers waist 39-41 (adjustable sliding buckle), inseam 30 with 3 1/2 hem, pleated shirt 17 1/2 /34, black under collar bow tie and 1 pr. black onyx cuff links. Fairfield location. Call the Secretary for more details, if interested.

FROM THE SECRETARY

I have received notice from Grand Lodge that Brother **Ernest F. McCalla** has died. He was a member of CH 641 and affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge 28 years ago.

THE PILLARS SOCIETY

The Pillars Society has been established as a means for individuals wishing to assist the 1st Masonic District in meeting the financial obligations required to host the Communication of Grand Lodge in 2014 by encouraging individuals to donate a nominal amount each year. Contact the Secretary for further details.

ANNUAL RETURN REPORT

Members @ 8/1/08		348
Raised	6	
Reinstated	2	
Plural Members	1	
Total Gains	9	
Died	11	
Susp. NPD	5	
Susp. MMX	1	
Total Losses	17	
Variance	1	
Members @ 8/1/09		341
G.L. Dues and Fees	\$3,652.35	

PETITIONS RECEIVED

FOR RESTORATION FROM SNPD

Robert Earl Abner; Houston, TX.

FOR DEGREES

John Anthony Light, Network engineer,
Recommended by W.B. **Neil Weber** and Bro.
William Hughett.

Steven Lawrence Kern, Student.
Recommended by RWB **Herb Luckey Kern** and
Brothers **Jeff Kern** and **Chris Kern**.