

January, 2010
Message From the East

Well, Brethren, this is the start of a Brand New Year!! I trust that everyone had a Merry Christmas and an Excellent New Year. December was an exciting month for your Lodge. We had Awards Night and we awarded 25, 35, 40, 50 and even 60 Year Service Awards. I was excited by this to realize there were Brethren out there who were raised before I was born! We also had a Raising on Dec. 17. This was no ordinary Raising. Bro. **Stephen Kern** was Raised by both his grandfathers. Also, in attendance and taking an active part were 2 of his uncles and a great uncle. RWB **Herb Kern** and his sons, **Chris** and **Jeff Kern** did excellent work filling the top 3 chairs in the first 2 Degrees, and **Chris** sat in a chair while **Jeff** served as a ruffian in the Second Section of the MM Degree. Going back to the Awards program, I should mention that W.B. **Henry Long** received his 50 year award. What makes this remarkable is that his son **Richard** is our J.D. and his grandson **Matt** is our S.D. Both of which were named most enthusiastic new Masons from our Lodge. If all goes well, we will have 3 generations of W.B.s from the same family in our Lodge. January is going to be a great month also. On Jan. 14 we will have our Annual Inspection. We will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice Degree. We are going to do a candlelight Degree. This is a most impressive presentation for any degree. I personally invite any and all members of our Lodge to come out and see the most enthusiastic Officers in the District Perform; in my opinion, the best ritual work in the District. Well, it is time for me to go and brush up on my Ritual work, and as I will do all year, remind you that I am open to suggestions for improving YOUR Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Dan

STATED MEETING-JANUARY 7, 2010

After a dinner of Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese, the Master opened a Lodge of EA in due form at 7:30 p.m. He then advised the Lodge that we had obtained the Travelling Gavel at Melrose Lodge last Monday. The usual business was transacted. Dues were remitted on 8 members. The Master recognized two 50 year members and six Past

Masters. He closed the Lodge in due form and harmony at 8:45 p.m. Ten members enjoyed the evening despite the snow storm.

SPECIAL MEETING-December 10, 2009

After a dinner of Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Salad and Pie, the W.M. declared a Lodge of MM opened at 7:30 p.m., with 23 members, 5 visitors and 15 guests present. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, he announced that this Lodge of MM was open for the purpose of holding our Annual Awards Ceremony. The Master and the Secretary presented a Certificate to Bro. **Howard Hunt** for becoming an Endowed Member. They then presented a 25 year pin to Bro. **Harry Klein**, a 35 year pin to Bro. **David Johnson** and a 40 year pin to Bro. **Dale Abbott**. Pins will be sent to those expressing regrets. The Master and our District Deputy Grand Master, RWB **Charles Black** then presented 50 year Certificates and pins to Brothers **James Agin**, **John Cecil** and **W.B. Henry Long**. They then presented a 60 year Certificate and Pin to Brother **Ralph Center**. 50, 60 and 65 Certificates and pins will be sent to the other eligibles or have already been sent to them. Brother **Klein** then presented a humorous L.E.O. Report. Five 50 year or more members and nine Past Masters were recognized and applauded. RWB **Black** made appropriate comments to the recipients. The guests were dismissed and Grand Honors were extended to the new 50 and 60 year Masons and to the DDGM. W.B. **Robert O. Boyington** was called upon and advised that he and Margo were moving to Florida permanently, expressed the pleasure it has been to him to be a CH-HSJ member, how much he will miss us and promised to return as often as he could. The Master then declared the Lodge closed at 8:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY-December 12, 2009

The Annual Christmas Party began at about 11:00 a.m. with games for the children led by Rachel Schroer of Hoffner OES Chapter. RWB **Herb Kern** and his grandson appeared as Lucky the Clown and Little Lucky, told jokes, did "magic" and made balloon animals. Santa Claus visited and gave the children two gifts, and a stuffed fish. The girls were also given a pair of gloves and the boys also received a knit toboggan hat. Hoffner Chapter decorated the tree. Refreshments were served about

noon and were hot dogs, mac and cheese and cookies. Special "Birthday Cupcakes" were presented to Rachel and Tony Dsuban (V). Tony was 9 on Friday and Rachel was 6 on Sunday. Eleven members, twelve ladies and fourteen children enjoyed the day.

SPECIAL MEETING-December 17, 2009

After a Roast Beef Dinner, the RWB **Herb Luckey Kern** opened a Lodge of Master Masons in due form and announced that the purpose was to Raise Brother **Stephen Lawrence Kern**. RWB **Charles Black**, DDGM and RWB **Norman J. Mick** Grand Orator, were accorded Grand Honors. There being no objections, RWB Kern proceeded with the work. Brother **S. Kern** was raised by his grandfathers RWB **Kern** and W.B. **Joseph Unthank**. RWB **Kern** gave the Lecture and Brother **Jeff Kern** gave the Charge. The L.E.O., Brother **Harry Klein**, presented a report on Brother **John Whistler** an early member of N.C Harmony Lodge #2. One DDGM; one Grand Orator, one Past Grand Tyler, five PDDGMs, two 50 year Masons and ten P.M.s were recognized and applauded. Twenty-four members and eighteen visitors enjoyed the evening.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year were due by November 5, 2009. Members whose dues were not paid by December 31st, have been suspended. Payment, even now, will result in restoration. If illness or your financial situation makes the payment of dues impossible, please let the Master or Secretary know, so your dues can be remitted and you can be restored to membership.

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.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

The second floor apartment is available to rent. Call W.B. Tony Dsuban for details.

TRESTLEBOARD

Monday, January 11, 2010

Officers Practice

6: 30 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Practice

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

North Bend Inspection; Grand Master to attend.

Dinner 6:15 p.m., MM 7:00p.m.

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Annual CH-HSJ #641 Lodge Inspection

Dinner 6:15 p.m., EA 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

McMakin Lodge Inspection

Dinner 6:15 pm., EA 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 21, 2010

DARK

Thursday, January 28, 2010

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Thursday, February 4, 2010

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE L.E.O.

Medal of Honor April 1, 1865 at Five Forks, Virginia. **Wilmon W. Blackmar**, Lieutenant, Company H, 1st West Virginia Calvary at a critical stage of the battle, without orders, led a successful advance on the enemy. Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, VA. (Omitted from Dec. Bulletin)

Medal of Honor April 21 & 22, 1914 at Vera Cruz, Mexico. **Randolph C. Berkley**, Major, U.S. Marine Corps. He was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion and was in the fighting both days. His cool judgment and skill in handling his men, encountering and overcoming machine gun and rifle fire down Cinco de Mayo and parallel streets account for the small percentage of losses of Marines under his command. John A. LeJeune Lodge No. 350, Quantico, VA.

IN MEMORIAM

No deaths were reported this month.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Chris Beckelhymer reports that his Mom died on December 19, 2009. May she rest in peace.