

The Lowcountry Trestleboard

Brethren,

Another weekly heads-up from the Semi-official Charleston Masonic Town Crier on what's coming up in The Lowcountry that I know about. Thank you to the brothers who sent me word of upcoming events, and thanks for the help and encouraging words I've received from so many of you on this project over the years, as well as everyone's patience with my typos.

Hammerton #332 has 12 red theater style chairs that they replaced in the East. They are in 2 sets of 6. If there is a Lodge that can make use of them, let them know. They are in great working condition. They would rather donate them to someone that needs them. Contact: WB John Gregory PJGD. 943-998-1344

Brethren, Summer is here and a lot of Lodges will be going dark. If your Lodge is one of them, I need to know so we don't send brothers 50-100 miles to visit a dark lodge. PLEASE email me if your Lodge is going dark and let me know when. DON'T ASSUME everyone knows you always go dark, because if everyone could keep up with it, they wouldn't need the Trestleboard! So far I have the following, additions/corrections earnestly solicited:

Landmark, Pythagorean, Fidelity, Solomon, James Island, Ft Moultrie, Charleston York Rite, Egeria 71 and the Masters & Wardens Club will be Dark July & August

Jacksonboro will be also be Dark July & August, but the 4th Sat AM Breakfast will continue.

Franklin will be Dark for July ONLY.

Dorchester will be Dark for August ONLY.

The Inspirational Dinner for the 1st and 2nd Districts will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on 27 October 2016, Collation at 6 PM. All 1st District Lodges please ensure that you have paid your contributions for the Inspirational this year. Lloyd F. Christopher, DDGM, 1st District.

The SC Masonic Research Society is ALWAYS soliciting research papers for publication in our Transactions. If you have a paper or article on a Masonic-related subject, send it to me (thlwm2010@gmail.com) and I will get it into the right hands.

Sick & Distressed:

WB Charlie Lauder remains under hospice care at the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro. He is still in a wheelchair. However, his strength is failing and he is becoming increasingly weak. His ability to interact has lessened. Keep up your prayers for WB Lauder and his family. Thanks to WB Ned Balzano for this update.

Br John Carter of Orange Charles Towne entered the Celestial Lodge above on Friday July 1. His funeral service was held on July 4th at Charleston Baptist Church. John was a WWII Marine who was wounded in 1943 during the Invasion of Saipan.

Rev. Br. Frank Shealy has been fighting lung cancer and type 2 diabetes while recovering from a major heart attack. To date he has lost over 60lb.

Br Teddy Driggers of Orange Charles Town has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Chronic Kidney Disease. He is now awaiting a kidney transplant and will be beginning dialysis soon. A fundraising site has been established to help with expenses: <https://helpholive.org/campaign/9111>

WB Mike Hillery PM Dorchester #369 is back home, but has a long way to go to be back to himself. He was in a bad motorcycle accident the last weekend of Sept. of 2015 There is a gofundme account to go towards his medical expenses. <https://www.gofundme.com/rm6a9x5s>

These are who I am aware of at this time, if there are others the brethren need to be made aware of please email/let me know and I will pass the word. Brethren, these brothers have all been workers in the quarries of Masonry and deserve to be lifted up in prayer to the Grand Architect of the Universe by each of us. "The prayers of good men availeth much." Please call/visit these brothers as you are able.

Here's your assignment this month:

- 1) Go to Your Lodge's Stated Meeting this month - If dark, visit one who isn't.
- 2) Visit another lodge this month (times & places are all in the Trestleboard).

If everyone who actually reads this would actually do this we'd have attendance back up like it was 4-5 years ago, and we would all be enjoying it! Try it, you'll like it!

Quote of the Week: "Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."

— St. John Bosco

Here's this week's scoop:

Thursday 14July2016 - Etiwan Lodge #95 (438 Whilden Street Mount Pleasant, SC) will hold a Fellowcraft Degree. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(2nd)Thursday14July2016 - MacArthur Lodge #427 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(2nd)Thursday 14July2016 - Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their Regular Communication. Collation at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00

(2nd) Thursday 14July2016 - Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold an abbreviated Regular Stated Communication followed by a Family Fun Night (with hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes, indoor cornhole, and more. Dress for the meeting is traditional lodge dress; Dress for the Family Fun Night is "come as you are". Family, friends, and cornhole teams invited! This meeting only is at 6:30PM, Family Fun Night begins at 7:00.

(2nd) Thursday 14July2016 - Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

(2nd) Thursday 14July2016 - Ridgeville Lodge #361 (119 Academy Street Ridgeville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

Thursday14July2016 - Dorchester Lodge #369 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will confer a Master Mason Degree. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

Friday 15July2016 – Goose Creek Lodge #401 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will have a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser from 5:30 till 8:30PM.

Monday18July2016 - Orange – Charles Towne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will confer an EA Degree. Collation 6:30, Degree at 7:30pm

(3rd)Tuesday 19July2016 - The Charleston York Rite Bodies will be Dark July & August.

(3rd)Tuesday 19July2016 - Egeria Lodge #71 (150 Judge Street Harleyville) will be Dark July & August.

(3rd)Tuesday 19July2016 - Round Lodge #270 (10761 Cottageville Highway, Cottageville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 8:00 PM. Collation at 7:00, meeting at 8:00

Wednesday 20July2016 - Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville) will hold a Master Mason Degree. Collation at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00PM.

Wednesday 20July2016 - Mt Hope Lodge #128 (110 Brick Church Cl - St Stephens SC) will hold a Master Mason Degree. Collation at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00PM.

Thursday 21July2016 - Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold an Entered Apprentice Degree. Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

(3rd)Thursday 21July2016 - Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4 (945 Wappoo Road Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(3rd)Thursday 21July2016 - Fort Moultrie Lodge #428 (338 Whilden Street Mount Pleasant) will be dark July & August.

(3rd) Thursday 21 July 2016 - Hudson Lodge #373 (14385 Sniders Hwy Islandton, SC) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00 PM

(4th) Saturday 23 July 2016 – Jacksonboro #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will be having their monthly breakfast fundraiser. 07:00 – 09:00.

Tuesday 26 July 2016 - Hammerton Lodge #332 (1085 East Montague Avenue North Charleston) will confer a Master Mason Degree on 2 FC brothers. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30

(4th) Tuesday 26 July 2016 - St. Andrews Lodge #367 (945 Wappoo Road Charleston) will hold their Monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00

(4th) Wednesday, 27 July 2016 - The Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies (1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd) will hold their Stated Communication. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

Knights of St. Andrew will hold their monthly meeting at The Charleston Scottish Rite at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew is open to all 32° Masons.

Saturday 30 July 2016 - MacArthur Lodge #427 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will confer the Lewis Degree on Easton Michael Jones (born: January 09, 2016) Son of Br Austin Michael Jones of MacArthur Lodge #427 Grandson of WB Randy Lee Potts PM of Landmark Lodge no. 76 July 30th, 2016 AD 6016 A·L·: 11:00 AM (Lunch to be served)

(1st) Monday 01 Aug 2016 - Solomon Lodge # 1 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will be Dark July & August

(1st) Monday 01 Aug 2016 - James Island Lodge #396 (1613 Fort Johnson Road James Island) will be Dark July & August

(1st) Monday 01 Aug 2016 – Goose Creek Lodge #401 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their Regular Communication. No collation served. Meeting @ 7:30 PM

(1st) Monday 01 Aug 2016 - Harmony Lodge #61 (5355 East Jim Bilton Boulevard St. George) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting. Collation 7:30 PM, Meeting 8:00.

Tuesday 02 Aug 2016 - Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville) will hold a Entered Apprentice Degree. Collation at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00 PM.

(1st) Tuesday 02 Aug 2016 - Hammerton Lodge #332 (1085 East Montague Avenue North Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Communication Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30

(1st) Tuesday 02 Aug 2016 - Old Fort Lodge #420 (10935 Dorchester Road Summerville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30. <http://oldfortlodge.com/>

(1st) Wednesday 03 Aug 2016 – Landmark Lodge #76 will be dark July & August

(1st)Wednesday 03Aug2016 - The Low Country Past Masters Unit will hold their monthly meeting in the CCMA Center (1285 Orange Grove Road). The Past Masters Unit is open to all Blue Lodge Past Masters and exists to assist the Lodges in the Low Country as needed to put on their degrees. If your Lodge has a need for assistance on a degree, or to put on the entire degree, contact the Past Masters Unit for the assistance you need. Contact: RWB Dick Hughes <hughesr@mc-mc.com>.

(1st)Thursday 04Aug2016 – Franklin Lodge #96 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1st)Thursday 04Aug2016 - Etiwan Lodge #95 (438 Whilden Street Mount Pleasant, SC) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1st)Thursday 04Aug2016 - Dorchester Lodge #369 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1st)Thursday 04Aug2016 - Bethlehem Lodge # 338 (13819 Round O Road Round O) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1st) Friday 05Aug2016 – St. James Lodge #275 (227 Scotia Street, McClellanville) will be holding their Regular Stated Communication, followed by a Fellowcraft Degree. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

(1st) Saturday 06Aug2016 – CCMA Work Day at the CCMA Center (1285 Orange Grove Road). 08:00 AM until ...

(1st) Saturday 06Aug2016 – Summerville Lodge (111 North Main Street Summerville) Our Eastern Star chapter is having their monthly breakfast from 7-10 AM. Come hungry, leave happy. All you care to eat of a full buffet meal. Come support our sister organization in this effort. Remember, this is a fundraiser so don't be afraid to tip.

Saturday 06Aug2016 – Omar Shrine Cowboy's Unit Gospel Show; featuring Jason Crabb in concert Saturday, August 6, 2016, 7 PM at Charleston Southern University, Lightsey Auditorium. Advance tickets \$17.00 / adults – Children under 12 years old / \$6.00. Day of show \$20.00 / adults (cash ONLY!) To charge tickets 1-843-766-6633. Other ticket questions: Contact Lee Runion at 843-224-2846, or Brett Strickland at 843-693-0694.

Saturday 06Aug2016 – The DeMolay Legion of Honor Conferral will be 2:00 PM at Myrtle Beach Masonic Lodge. This is a public ceremony and all family and friends are invited. RWB Hugh Petite and Brother Sam Bennett will receive this honor. Please come and see this prestigious award presented.

(2nd)Monday08Aug2016 - Orange - CharlesTowne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will have their regular Stated Communication at 7:30pm. No meal served.

(2nd)Monday 08Aug2016 - Fellowship Lodge #400 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm.

(2nd)Monday 08Aug2016 - Jacksonboro Lodge #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will be Dark July & August

(2nd)Monday 08Aug2016 - Mt Hope Lodge #128 (110 Brick Church Cl - St Stephens SC) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. Collation at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00PM.

(2nd)Tuesday09Aug2016 - Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00PM meeting at 8:00.

(2nd)Tuesday 09Aug2016 - Pythagoran Lodge #21 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Communication in the Dorchester Lodge Building. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(2nd)Tuesday 09Aug2016 - Orangeburg York Rite will be having their monthly Stated Meeting. Collation starts at 7:00 and meeting at 7:30 PM. We do not go dark in summer. We rotate which body does the opening. Chapter, Council, Commandery is the annual sequence. With us opening/closing in full form, meeting is usually over by 9pm. Come Fellowship with us.

(2nd)Tuesday 09Aug2016 - Unity Lodge #55 (35 Trevor Dr. Walterboro, SC) will have their regular Stated Communication. Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm

(2nd)Tuesday 09Aug2016 - Fidelity Lodge #304 (2827 Maybank Highway Johns Island) will be Dark July & August

(2nd)Tuesday 09Aug2016 - Carolina Lodge #375 (5929 Murray Drive Hanahan) will hold their Monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30

(2nd)Wednesday 10Aug2016 - The Masters & Wardens Club of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts will be Dark July & August

(2nd)Thursday 11Aug2016 - MacArthur Lodge #427 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(2nd)Thursday 11Aug2016 - Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their Regular Communication. Collation at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00

(2nd)Thursday 11Aug2016 - Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Light Collation at 6:45PM, Meeting begins at 7:30.

(2nd)Thursday 11Aug2016 - Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:30 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

(2nd)Thursday 11Aug2016 - Ridgeville Lodge #361 (119 Academy Street Ridgeville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(2nd)Saturday 13Aug2016 - Scottish Rite (1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd) will be having their monthly breakfast fund raiser from 07:00 to 10:00AM. \$6.00/person buffet style. All are welcome. Come hungry – leave happy! The KSA also meets at 9:00am

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 11Sept2016 - Omar VIP Escorts Presents the Pat Brown Memorial Golf Classic at Summerville Country Club. 8:00AM Shotgun Start, \$65.00 Per Player Captains Choice - Four Man Teams. Prizes & Refreshments. All proceeds go to benefit OMAR VIP Escorts. For more information, contact: Ricky Lewis (843)209-0957 Jim Harmon (843)810-5937

24Sep2016 - Omar Shrine Cowboys 4th Annual Benefit Banquet and Big Prime Rib Dinner, Bud Knight Barn Hwy 17A Knightsville, SC, Tickets are \$100 each Admits Two, Big Prime Rib Dinner, Open Bar, DJ, Door Prizes and More! Cash Drawings \$100 for first name out & \$100 for every tenth name out, final three \$500, \$750, & \$1500. Bar opens at 6pm Dinner at 7pm Activities start at 8pm.

For Tickets Contact Andy Garvin (843) 475-4697 or Glenn Caddell (910) 617-9163 or email Omarcowboys@outlook.com. All proceeds benefit the Omar Shrine Cowboys, and are not tax deductible.

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2016 - Omar Shrine "Smoke on the Beach" Sponsored by: Omar Shrine, Broadway at the Beach. For more info:www.SmokeOnTheBeach.org

November 19, 2016: The Charleston Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew is pleased to announce their First Annual Feast of Saint Andrew Ladies Night, to be held on November 19, 2016 at the Scottish Rite Center, 1051 Sam Rittinburg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407. The play "Rose Upon the Alter" will be presented in the main auditorium at 5:00PM, with the Feast of Saint Andrew following at 6:30PM. Tickets for the play and dinner are \$50 per person, and tickets for just the play are \$15 per person. Only 150 seats are available for the Feast. Dinner will be served buffet style. Doors will open at 4:00pm and your tickets can be picked up at that time. Attire will be black tie preferred, dark suit otherwise.

You can message Bro Andy Albright at raa29420@gmail.com or contact the KSA by email at ksacharleston@gmail.com for additional information. You can purchase your tickets at <https://squareup.com/store/KSACharleston/item/feast-of-st-andrew>.

That's all I know about for now, stay tuned for further developments...

Please forward this email as you see fit - it's cheaper and faster (and usually more accurate) than the newspapers. Everyone has a few email addresses that I don't have. If they get it twice it only takes a second for them to punch "delete".

This newsletter is only possible because of the Intel I get from all of you. Please let me know of any functions your Lodge/Chapter has going you want passed around and I'll put the word out - that's what this newsletter is for. Also let me know of any sickness or distress of which the craft needs to be appraised. Please send all degree dates and special meetings you wish to be included to thlwm2010@gmail.com. Deadline for inclusion is NOON Wednesday so if you snooze you lose.

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The Masonic Light in the past has only been available if you picked up a copy at the Lodge or had an annual subscription. It is now available online in a downloadable format for anyone to read and keep up with what is going on in our Grand Jurisdiction. Look under the resources tab to find the page or just click here.

The Grand Lodge also has a Lodge Locator on the website that tells you where any Lodge in South Carolina is located and when they hold their Stated Meetings. Everything but what's for dinner. Here's the link: <http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org>

York Rite General Grand Chapter Magazine

The York Rite General Grand Chapter has urged all Grand Chapters to get their body at 100% electronic subscription rate, as this is the most inexpensive way to get the magazine. They have urged everyone to sign up for the Electronic Version by going on the following Web Site: www.yorkrite.org.

Click on the General Grand Chapter logo (under the state grand bodies links) and then sign up by typing your email address. It is that easy and it is free. They run through Mail Chimp like the Trestleboard does, so if for some reason you want to stop getting it, it's easy to opt out. If I figured out how to sign up, anyone should be able to.

FYI: The Blue Lodge in SC & most other US states IS a York Rite Body!

Charleston Holiday Parade Masonic March – December 2016

After many years of absence we are again participating in the Charleston Holiday Parade that marches down King St., December 3rd 2016. If you can't walk the whole way, we've got a ride for you! Help make this a huge event and distinguish yourself in the community – Sign up today! Hosted by the Scottish Rite, Knights of St. Andrew 2016 Charleston Holiday Parade Masonic March Registration and Coin The Masters and Wardens website for the First and Second Masonic Districts can be found at <http://lowcountrymastersandwardensclub.org/> . It has much useful Masonic and Veterans information; including the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro and the Charleston Veterans Administration Hospital with contacts and how you can help. The latest Sickness and Distressed gleaned from The Trestleboard is also available. Fundraiser information is on the website; support your Brothers when you are able. If you have questions or comments or if your Lodge/Masonic body desires to update their information, contact WB Ned Balzano (webmaster) at wurdsalid@gmail.com

DeMolay is back on the Move Forward in South Carolina with their new Personal Rep Br Damon Lam!! Should your Lodge be interested in starting a Chapter or have a young man or group of young men between the ages of 12 and 21 please Contact Bro.: Dick Mgrdechian at 843-903-6848.

For security concerns I was asked by the Rainbow/DeMolay Powers-That-Be to no longer include the regular meeting times/places of our young people's organizations in this newsletter. I will however include announcements of special events for both bodies as I am made aware of them as I do the other organizations in the Masonic family. Any questions you may have about these young people's organizations feel free to email me (I was a DeMolay back before electric lights and indoor plumbing) – thlw2010@gmail.com. If I don't have the answer I will get it for you or put you in touch with someone who can answer it like: <http://www.palmettodemolay.org> or Damon Lam at Damonlam1@gmail.com or (843)597-7113. The DeMolays of today will be the Masons of tomorrow!

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"It's amazing how much good you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

- MWB Harry S. Truman - US President, PGM of Missouri.

Respectfully and Fraternaly

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