# 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.

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

All 1st & 2nd District lodges please send a list of their lodge officers to WB Jay Wallace (jewallaceiii@yahoo.com) for inclusion in this year's Masters & Wardens directory. Full names, chairs, phone numbers and emails are needed. No street addresses needed.

#### **ANNUAL OBLIGATORY MEETING COMING UP:**

<u>Saturday 19Mar2016 – Annual Wardens Workshop</u>. 0830 – 15:00 @ the Columbia Scottish Rite

(7230 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, SC). Mandatory for all Senior and Junior Wardens. Please be advised <u>All Senior & Junior Wardens are Expected</u> <u>To Attend</u> this meeting whether this is your 1<sup>st</sup> time in the chair or your 10th. Begin making plans to attend now. Lunch Provided.

#### Sick & Distressed:

# Br Patrick Hagan of St Andrews #367 is having the first of two back surgeries today.

MWB William B Rogers MWGM is still healing from a broken leg.

**RWB William R Logan RWDGM** is dealing with serious health issues.

**Billie DeChant** (wife of MWB David DeChant PGM) recently had knee replacement surgery.

# WB Charlie Snyder of Mariner #2 recently had his leg amputated due to circulation complications caused by type 2 diabetes.

**Br Stephen Pilling of MacArthur 427** was injured in a tractor accident at his cabin in northern Georgia on Thanksgiving morning. His tractor rolled over on top of him. I understand he is now in Vibra Hospital (1200 Hospital Dr, Mt Pleasant) with multiple injuries including severe head injuries, broken neck, broken back, broken pelvis and sundry other broken bones and internal injuries. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

# WB Mike Hillery PM Dorchester #369 has been moved to

Neurorestorative in Augusta, GA. He is at the Center West location. 706-737-9300. He is up and talking and is writing, laughing. He was in a bad motorcycle accident the last weekend of Sept. Mike's cousin Margy Hobbs set up a gofundme account to go towards his medical expenses. https://www.gofundme.com/rm6a9x5s

#### Here's a good New Year's Resolution:

1) Resolve to go to <u>Your Lodge</u>'s Stated Meeting each month,

2) Resolve to <u>visit another lodge</u> once each 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:**

"Illustrious examples are displayed to our view that we may imitate as well as admire. Before we can be distinguished by the same honors, we must be distinguished by the same virtues." *--James Wilson* 

# Here's this week's scoop:

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Wednesday 10Feb2016 - **The Masters & Wardens Club** of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts will be meeting at **Mariner Lodge #2** (<u>1285 Orange</u> <u>Grove Road</u>). Dinner @**18:30**, meeting @**19:30**. Masters and Wardens Club meetings are open to <u>all Master Masons</u> and per the bylaws must be over by 9:00PM.

# AND:

"We must stand up for the rights of our neighbor who is suffering from injustice; we must defend them all the more vigorously because we see Jesus present in them. Surely this is our duty because of our love for others for his sake. We have no right to be 'sleeping watchmen' or dumb watch-dogs. Whenever we see evil we must sound the alarm."— Blessed Charles de Foucauld

#### Thursday 11Feb2016 - Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4 (945 Wappoo Road

Charleston) will have a Special Communication on Thurs, Feb 11th for the purpose of **EA work**. Collation will be at 6:45, and the meeting starts at 7:30, as our usual time.

**Thursday 11Feb2016** - Etiwan Lodge #95 (<u>438 Whilden Street</u> Mount Pleasant, SC) will confer an **EA Degree**. We gather around 6:30, collation at 6:45 and degree work at 7:30.

<u>Thursday 11Feb2016</u> - Dorchester Lodge #369 (<u>3567 Dorchester Road</u> <u>East</u> North Charleston) will be having a FC Degree Thursday - 6:45 eat, 7:30 degree

<u>(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 11Feb2016</u> - MacArthur Lodge #427 (<u>145 St. James Avenue</u> Goose Creek) will hold Their monthly Stated Communication. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 11Feb2016 - Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their Regular Communication. Collation will be at 7:00 pm and Meeting begins at 8:00 PM

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 11Feb2016 - Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. <u>Light collation at 6:45PM</u>, Meeting at 7:30.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 11Feb2016 - Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:30 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 11Feb2016 - Ridgeville Lodge #361 (<u>119 Academy Street</u> Ridgeville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Saturday 13Feb2016 - 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!

<u>Monday 15Feb2016</u> - Orange-CharlesTowne Lodge #14, A.F.M. (<u>1285</u> <u>Orange Grove Road</u>) will be putting on a FC Degree. Collation is at 1845. Degree will be at 1930.

(<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>)<u>Tuesday 16Feb2016</u> - Egeria Lodge #71 (<u>150 Judge Street</u> Harleyville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 8:00 pm. Dinner at 7:30 PM.

(<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>)<u>Tuesday 16Feb2016</u> - Round Lodge #270 (<u>10761 Cottageville Highway</u>, Cottageville) Round Lodge #270 (<u>10761 Cottageville Highway</u>, Cottageville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 8:00 PM. Collation at 7:00, meeting at 8:00

(<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>)Tuesday <u>16Feb2016</u> - The Charleston York Rite Bodies will hold their regular monthly Stated Meeting. The Council will preside. **The Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees** will be conferred. Please bring any petitions to the secretary/recorder and we'll start them right away. The petitions may be obtained by going to the Grand York Rite website; scgyr.org.

**Tuesday 16Feb 2016 - Carolina Lodge #375** (<u>5929 Murray</u> <u>Drive</u> Hanahan) will conduct an **EA Degree** for one candidate. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30

<u>(3<sup>rd)</sup>Tuesday 16Feb2016</u> - Egeria Lodge #71 (<u>150 Judge Street</u> Harleyville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 8:00 pm. Collation at 7:30 PM.

(<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>)Thursday 18Feb2016 - Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4 (<u>945 Wappoo Road</u> Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

<u>Thursday 18Feb2016</u> - Franklin Lodge #96 (<u>145 St. James Avenue</u> Goose Creek) will confer an **EA Degree** on Thursday, February 18th on two candidates. Brethren are fraternally invited. Collation will start at 6:30PM.

(<u>3rd</u>)<u>Thursday 18Feb2016</u> - Fort Moultrie Lodge #428 (<u>338 Whilden</u> <u>Street</u> Mount Pleasant) will hold their monthly Stated Communication after which they will confer a **FellowCraft Degree.** Craft fraternally invited. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>)Thursday 18Feb2016 - Hudson Lodge #373 (14385 Sniders Hwy Islandton, SC) will have their regular meeting. Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00PM

<u>Saturday 20Feb2015</u> – MacArthur Lodge #427 (<u>145 St. James Avenue</u> Goose Creek) will be holding a **Breakfast Degree** on Sat. 20 Feb. The **Master Mason Degree** will be conferred. Breakfast will be served by our Ladies at **7:00 AM**. Degree work at 8:00AM

<u>Monday 22Feb2016</u> - Mariner Lodge #2 (<u>1285 Orange Grove Road</u>) A special Communication will be held for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree. Dinner @18:30, meeting @19:30.

(4th)Tuesday 23Feb2015 - St. Andrews Lodge #367 (945 Wappoo Road Charleston) will hold their Monthly Stated Communication. They will be presenting a **60 year pin** to **Br Monnie Sanders**. Br Monnie is a real WWII hero who parachuted behind enemy lines in Europe. He was the Chaplain for many years(decades) at St Andrews Lodge. We are very proud of our 60 year member and look forward to paying tribute to his service to Masonry. **Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00** 

(4<sup>th</sup>)Wednesday, 24Feb2016 - The Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies (1051 Sam <u>Rittenburg Blvd</u>) 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 **6:00pm** in the auditorium. **Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew is open to all 32° Masons**. <u>Thursday 25Feb2016</u> - Etiwan Lodge #95 (<u>438 Whilden Street</u> Mount Pleasant, SC) will confer a **MM Degree**. We gather around 6:30, collation at 6:45 and degree work at 7:30.

# Friday/Saturday 26/27Feb2015 – 2016 Shriners Hospitals for

**Children® College Classic**, February 26-28 at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas. To purchase tickets, go to <u>astros.com/collegeclassic</u>. The 2016 lineup will include TCU (#4), Arkansas (#9), UL Lafayette (#16), Houston #22), Rice (#25) and Texas Tech. For the first time it its history, the 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic will be nationally televised on the MLB Network.

(4<sup>th</sup>)Saturday 27Feb2015 – Jacksonboro #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will be having their monthly breakfast fundraiser. 07:00 – 09:00. Come hungry, leave happy!

# LOOKING AHEAD:

<u>(1<sup>st</sup>)Tuesday 01Mar2016</u> - Hammerton Lodge #332 (<u>1085 East Montague</u> <u>Avenue</u> North Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Communication Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30

(1<sup>st</sup>)Tuesday 01Mar2016 - 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/

<u>Wednesday 02Mar2016</u> – Landmark Lodge #76 will hold their monthly Stated Communication, followed by an **EA Degree**. For location info contact WB Scott Moore (<u>smoore@hagemeyerna.com</u>). <u>Coat, tie and white gloves are</u> <u>required</u>. **Meeting at <u>6:00PM</u>** 

<u>1st)Wednesday 02Mar2016</u> - The Low Country Past Masters Unit will hold their monthly meeting in the CCMA Center (<u>1285 Orange Grove Road</u>). The Past Masters Unit is open to <u>all Blue Lodge Past Masters</u> 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).

(1<sup>st</sup>)Thursday 03Mar2016 – Franklin Lodge #96 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their Monthly Stated Communication in the Goose Creek Masonic Center. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30 <u>(1<sup>st</sup>)Thursday 03Mar 2016</u> - Etiwan Lodge #95 (<u>438 Whilden Street</u> Mount Pleasant, SC) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1<sup>st</sup>)Thursday 03Mar 2016 - Dorchester Lodge #369 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their Regular Stated Communication at 7:30PM. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1<sup>st</sup>)Thursday 03Mar 2016 - Bethlehem Lodge # 338 (<u>13819 Round O Road</u> Round O) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

<u>(1<sup>st</sup>) Friday 04Mar 2016</u> – St. James Lodge #275 (<u>227 Scotia</u> <u>Street</u> McClellanville) will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

(1st ) Saturday 05Mar2016 – CCMA Work Day at the CCMA Center (1285 Orange Grove Road). 08:00 AM until ...

<u>(1<sup>st</sup>) Saturday 05Mar2016</u> – Summerville Lodge (<u>111 North Main Street</u> 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.

<u>(1<sup>st</sup>)Monday</u> 07Mar2016 - Solomon Lodge # 1 (<u>1285 Orange Grove Road</u>) will hold their monthly Stated Communication followed by an **Entered Apprentice Degree**. Dinner will start at 6:30pm. The Lodge will open at 7:30pm

<u>(1<sup>st</sup>)Monday 07Mar2016</u> - James Island Lodge #396 (<u>1613 Fort Johnson Road</u> James Island) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 7:30. No meal served.

(1<sup>st</sup>)Monday 07Mar 2016 – Goose Creek Lodge #401 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Communication at 7:30PM. No collation served.

(1<sup>st</sup>)Monday 07Mar Feb2016 - Harmony Lodge #61 (5355 East Jim Bilton Boulevard St. George) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting. Collation 7:30PM, Meeting 8:00. (2<sup>nd</sup>)Tuesday 08Mar2016 - 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.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Tuesday 08Mar2016 - 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.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Tuesday 08Mar2016 - Unity Lodge #55, AFM (35 Trevor Dr, Walterboro, SC) will have their regular Stated Communication with dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Tuesday 08Mar2016 - Fidelity Lodge #304 (2827 Maybank Highway Johns Island) will have their regular Stated Communication at 7:30pm.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Tuesday 08Mar2016 - Carolina Lodge #375 (5929 Murray Drive Hanahan) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30

<u>(2<sup>nd</sup> )Tuesday 08Mar2016</u> - Summerville Lodge #234 (<u>111 North Main Street</u> Summerville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication . Collation ,7:00PM meeting at 8:00.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Wednesday 09Mar2016 - **The Masters & Wardens Club** of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts will be meeting at **York Rite** (<u>1285 Orange Grove Road</u>). Dinner @**18:30**, meeting @**19:30**. Masters and Wardens Club meetings are open to <u>all Master Masons</u> and per the bylaws must be over by 9:00PM.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 10Mar2016 - MacArthur Lodge #427 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 10Mar2016 - Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their Regular Communication. Collation will be at 7:00 pm and Meeting begins at 8:00 PM

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 10Mar2016 - Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. <u>Light collation at 6:45PM</u>, Meeting at 7:30.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 10Mar2016 - Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:30 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

<u>(2<sup>nd</sup>)Thursday 10Mar2016</u> - Ridgeville Lodge #361 (<u>119 Academy Street</u> Ridgeville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

**<u>11-12 March 2016</u>** – Shriner Days at Greenville Shriners Hospital. There are several Hotels in the area but most of the Board members stay at The Drury Inn located on Woodruff Road which is about 10 miles or so from the Hospital. They do have a "Shriners rate" and breakfast is included– the direct phone number to the Drury is 864-288-4401. This is one of the best events the Shrine will have during the year and it will certainly go a long way in renewing your vision as a Shriner!

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Saturday 12Mar2016 - 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!

#### 12 March 2016 - Round Lodge #270 (10761 Cottageville Highway,

Cottageville) will be selling **chicken leg quarter plates** on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It will include chicken, baked beans and corn on the cob, **\$6** starting at **11AM**. We will also be selling raffle tickets - prize package is a yeti 45 cooler with 2 320z tumblers. Tumblers have been engraved with the square and compass. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20, drawing to be held on April 30th at the lodge. Need not be present to win. Contact WB Ted H Underwood at 843-297-9085 or any brother of Round Lodge #270.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Monday 14Mar2016 - Orange - CharlesTowne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will have their regular Stated Communication with dinner at 6:00 and meeting at 7:30pm.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Monday 14Mar2016 - Fellowship Lodge #400 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication with dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm.

(2<sup>nd</sup>)Monday 14Mar2016 - Jacksonboro Lodge #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will have their regular Stated Communication. Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm.

<u>Saturday 19Mar2016</u> – <u>Annual Wardens Workshop</u>. **0830** – **15:00** @ the Columbia Scottish Rite (7230 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, SC). Mandatory for all Senior and Junior Wardens. Please be advised <u>All Senior &</u> <u>Junior Wardens are Expected To Attend</u> this meeting whether this is your 1<sup>st</sup> time in the chair or your 10th. Begin making plans to attend now. Lunch Provided.

<u>Saturday 19March 2016</u> – Annual Veteran's Victory House Oyster Roast. It will take place at the Veteran's Victory House in Walterboro on March 19tht. For any brother who would like to help out we will meet at the Victory house at 9AM. Come help us serve those that have served.

<u>Friday/Saturday 25/26March 2016</u> – Smoke At the Lodge. Summerville Lodge #234 (<u>111 North Main Street</u> Summerville). FRIDAY – No Pork Night - SAMPLING 7:00 - 10:00 PM – Beach Music SATURDAY - BBQ PLATES \$ 7.00 11:00AM – 5:00PM

April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Smoke on the Beach www.smokeonthebeach.org – 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South (In the Parking Lot) at Sea Mist Oceanfront South MYRTLE BEACH (USE THE SOUTH OCEAN BLVD. ENTRANCE) FRIDAY April 15 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM - ANYTHING BUTT SAMPLING SATURDAY April 16 - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - BBQ PLATES \$ 7.00, SANDWICH COMBO \$ 5.00

*Thurs & Fri April 28 - 29, 2016 - 279th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of SC – Greenville South Carolina.* **SAVE the DATE!** 

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

<u>Please forward</u> 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** <u>thlwm2010@gmail.com</u>. **Deadline for inclusion is NOON Wednesday** so if you snooze you lose.

I have been asked by a few brothers not to send certain types of emails to them like obits, or sickness & distress, etc. Because I send the Trestleboard to so many brothers (around 600), I really can't change what I send for any one brother. If I did that, keeping up with the changes would be a logistical nightmare. So no content cherry-picking. If I send something you don't want to read, delete it - takes about a second.

You're receiving this newsletter because either you asked to be included, or one of your Lodge brothers asked for you to be. If you really don't ever want to receive this newsletter again, click "unsubscribe" and Mail Chimp will take you off.

PLEASE check and make sure my email address <u>thlwm2010@gmail.com</u> is in your address book – this newsletter is so big and goes to so many people (over 600 directly from me, and over 1000 with forwards!) that some spam filters mis-identify it as spam. <u>Email addresses that consistently bounce back Mail</u> <u>Chimp will automatically delete</u> after a few weeks.

**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 <u>here</u>. 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: <u>http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org</u>

Brothers: Remember that your 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> District **Masters and Wardens Club** has a Grand Lodge of South Carolina, AFM approved website at <u>http://lowcountrymastersandwardensclub.org/</u>. It has all kinds of useful Masonic and Veterans information including a list of local Masonic Veterans at the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro at <u>http://lowcountrymastersandwardensclub.org/page44.php</u> with the latest sickness/distress from The Trestleboard at <u>http://lowcountrymastersandwardensclub.org/page52.php</u>. If you have questions or comments or if your Lodge/Masonic body desires to update their information, contact WB Ned Balzano (webmaster) at <u>wurdsalid@gmail.com</u> **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) – <u>thlwm2010@gmail.com</u>. If I don't have the answer I will get it for you or put you in touch with someone who can answer it.

South Carolina DeMolay (Palmetto DeMolay Association) has instituted a new honorary degree, with the approval of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. **The Albert Pike Honorary Senior DeMolay degree**, in honor of one of the great men in Masonic History, Albert Pike.

This honorary degree is open to conferral on any Master Mason in good standing in South Carolina who applies. The degree provides an opportunity for the South Carolina Masons to experience the ritual work of our young men and Senior DeMolays, to get a better understanding for the basic tenets that DeMolay is based on; regretfully there are still Masons who ask what DeMolay is. The goal of this degree is show the quality of the ritual work of our young men, and build a tighter bond with Freemasonry in South Carolina. The Albert Pike "members" would not meet, have no by-laws, dues, no office or position and are not obligated to any club or group in any way. Masons receiving this degree will receive a beautiful and unique oversize certificate suitable for framing, and an Albert Pike Degree pin. Those having questions or wishing to receive this honorary degree may apply at: <u>http://www.palmettodemolay.org</u> or may contact Damon Lam at <u>Damonlam1@gmail.com</u> or

(843)597-7113. The DeMolays of today will be the Masons of tomorrow!

This newsletter is produced by a Mason with the help of other Masons to promote Masonic cooperation and visitation for the benefit of Masons and Masonry in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. While publication of this newsletter has the support and approval of the Grand Master of South Carolina, it is not to be construed that <u>anything</u> found in this newsletter is coming from or overseen by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina (http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org) or any other Masonic body <u>unless</u> <u>specifically stated to be so</u>. Ultimate responsibility for content/opinions expressed lies with the editor alone.

"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 Fraternally** 

Tom Lewis, Jr PM 32° KT KY KRC PM Mariner Lodge #2 Charleston, SC Life Member Jackson Lodge #45, Jackson TN

Veritas Vos Liberabit

"No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were totally freaked out.