

# The Lowcountry Trestleboard

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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.

*"Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound."*

*- Albert Pike, Preface to Morals and Dogma(Original Edition).*

## Friday 28 June 2019

**Carolina Day** is celebrated on the 28th of June every year since 1777.

Carolina Day commemorates an important battle that took place on Sullivan's Island in 1776, an action that could rightfully be called the first significant American military victory in the early days of our war for independence from Great Britain. Charleston celebrates this event every year starting with a church service at St. Michael's Church followed by a parade and ending with a Wreath laying. The older the organization, the nearer the front of the parade - Solomon Lodge #1 is one of the 1st few every year and all Masons are invited to march with them. Coat & tie and apron required.

Schedule of Events:

10:00am-11:00am - Church Service at St. Michael's Church

11:00am-11:30am - Marching groups muster at Washington Square

11:30am - Parade begins at Washington Square

11:45am - Parade concludes in White Point Garden

11:45am-12:30pm - Wreath laying and Jack Warren speaks

**FIAT LUX LODGE NO. 432** will hold their **1st Annual Banquet** on **Friday June 28th @ 7:00**

**p.m.** at the Scottish Rite Center in Charleston. RWB and Dr. Robert Elsner, PGC of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in South Carolina will be the guest speaker. RWB and Dr. Elsner recently published his book, "Bible Study for Free Masons" which is available on Amazon, and he will be available to autograph a copy for you. Tickets for the banquet are \$20 each and can be purchased

from any Fiat Lux Lodge member, or purchased at the door if you have made a reservation. Prime Rib dinner will be served. Please call or email RWB Steve Hiott (843-819-5002 or Steve@Hiott.com) to make reservations or purchase tickets. Guests are welcome to attend. Coat and tie preferred. Please come out and support this brand new Lodge and help them get started on a good note. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated.

**Old Fort #420** is selling raffle tickets to replace our sign which was destroyed by the severe weather on 4/19/19. 1 ticket - \$20, 2-\$35, 3-\$50, 4-\$70, 5-\$85, 6-\$100.00

Please help us in supporting our raffle, contact any member of Old Fort for tickets.

We are selling only 250 total

For a \$500.00 gift certificate to Palmetto State Armory.

The drawing will be announced when all the tickets are sold.

Do not have to be present to win, make sure the seller has your contact information, and ticket#.

We hope to sell out before the 4th of July sales, to get the most out of the prize.

Thank you!

WM Steve Staley PM

**There WILL BE a meeting of THE LOW COUNTRY MASONIC CLUB (Masters & Wardens Club) on July 10, 2019.**

It will be hosted by **MacArthur Lodge # 427** at The Goose Creek Masonic Lodge # 401 building at 145 St James Ave. in Goose Creek, SC.(across from the BILO store on 176).

The meeting will start at 7:30PM, with collation at 6:30PM.

Topics to be discussed, will be the declining attendance of certain lodges and or the Masters or Wardens. It

is very strongly recommended, that at least the Master and one Warden of each lodge be in attendance. We are

trying to adjust the bylaws, so that a quorum can be obtained, and legal business meetings be conducted. It can not

be accomplished without the support of the lodges of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts and their Masters and Wardens. It is of utmost importance there be a greater participation of the Masters and Wardens at this

meeting. Thank you, to all the brethren of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts for your assistance in improving our

attendance. Look forward to seeing the brethren at this meeting.

Fraternally,  
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President,  
Low Country Masonic Club  
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843-830-2473

**Order of Amaranth 2nd Annual Boston Butt Sale & Pig Pickin'**

**12:00 Noon- 4:00PM Saturday 20July at Beulah United Methodist Church, 1577 Olld State Rd, Gaston,SC.**

Boston Butts are on sale now - \$30 for one, \$50 for two. Orders must be recieved NLT 6July.  
Information/to Order: Sue Cornell 843-685-2789 or skcornell@sccoast.net

SAT, AUG 10 AT 12 PM

**OMAR Shrine Seafood Festival 2019**

176 Patriots Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464-4377

**Vietnam Era Degree**

**MacArthur #427** will be holding its **first ever outdoor degree!!!** It will be held at the **Vietnam Experience** out on Patriots point on **August 17, 2019.**

**Collation at Omar Shrine** will be provided by Sticky Fingers and will be from **4:30-6:30.** We will be passing out FREE parking passes for the event there.

The lodge will open on the 3rd degree at 7:30. Please bring your own chair, apron, and bug spray.

The event will be held under a tent to protect us from the weather. This event will cost \$40 to attend and will include your meal and a commemorative coin.

**Right Emminent Past Grand Commander Robert Elsner's book Bible Study for Freemasons**

is available on Amazon! I'm reading it and it is AWESOME! Here's the link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Bible-Study-Freemasons-Robert-Elsner/dp/1797553844/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_title\\_o?encoding=UTF8&qid=1553088692&sr=1-3](https://smile.amazon.com/Bible-Study-Freemasons-Robert-Elsner/dp/1797553844/ref=tmm_pap_title_o?encoding=UTF8&qid=1553088692&sr=1-3)

If you haven't heard, **both the Scottish Rite Building and the CCMA Building** are available to be **used for business meetings, civic club meetings, wedding receptions etc** in an effort to defray some of the costs of maintaining and insuring those buildings. Our useage rates are competitive with the rates charged by similar venues, we're easy to get to, and we have plenty of parking. If you or

someone you know is having a special event of some kind, and need a place to have it, **deal with your brothers** - call **843-224-3271 for the Scottish Rite** or **843-708-5365 for the CCMA**, or just send me an email.

### **Sick & Distressed:**

#### **Busy Week!**

**RWB Roger Viduya** has been suffering with the shingles. They won't kill you but a bad enough case will make you wish they would.

**WB Dale Usery of Solomon Lodge #1** was finally able to get the colostomy reversed Tuesday that he has been dealing with since his emergency hiatal hernia surgeries several months ago. He is in a lot of pain and he's looking at some more recovery time, but he can see the end of the tunnel. No doubt he will have some interesting scars.

**WB Teddy Driggers of Orange CharlesTowne #14** received a kidney transplant in the early hours of Monday morning and is doing very well, he's expedited to go home today.

**Mrs. Jerri Nix** (wife of our Grand Chaplain **RWB Robert Nix**) is having medical problems that will require routine surveillance over the next three months.

**Br Charlie Heirs** from Hammerton Lodge has had a setback. His bladder cancer has returned, and they are trying to fix an infection to start chemo, and is scheduled to have the bladder removed.

**WB Roy Triplett** has suffered some sort of medical event. At present he is unable to communicate effectively and is deeply depressed. It's not clear exactly what it is or what the outcome will be at this point. What is clear is that he needs our prayers for him and his family. Please pray for them and, if you can, try to visit him in Room 951 at MUSC.

Please keep in your prayers **Mrs. Jerri Nix, Horace Williams, Roy Triplett, Ola Mae Wilcox, Mike Taylor, Dale Usery, John Ditmore, Dick Hughes, Ron Traver, Charlie Edgeworth, Herb & Helen Goldberg, Billie DeChant, Ted Driggers, Jr., Wilton "Lankie" Lancaster, Charles Hiers, John Fisher, Bob Knight, Ralph & Mary Lou Bokern, Sybill (Mrs Phillip) Russell, Archie Davis, G Ray Marsh, Frank Shealy, Billie Jean Faulkner, Guy Hancock, Ben Kirbin, Gene Nabors, Myrtle**

**Johnson, Barbara Covar, Matthew Hogan, Richard Wooden, Micah Roane Auld, Barry Klein. Carey & Carolyn Baxley, Phil Hawkins, Jim Spence, Ricky Chubb, Del Morgia & his family, and Tommie Epting.**

These brothers (and their ladies) 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." These are who I am aware of at this time, if there are others the brethren need to be made aware of please email me and I will pass the word.

#### **4 Things to do this month (please!):**

- 1) Go to Your Lodge's next Stated Meeting - SERIOUSLY! Please do it.
- 2) Attend the next Masters & Wardens meeting.
- 3) Visit another lodge this month (times & places are all in the Trestleboard).
- 4) Pray for those in distress.

Guys, we are ALL paying good money to be Masons, why are we not all reaping the benefits of that membership?

**No Lodge can survive, even if all the members pay dues, if no one attends the meetings.** Show up!

#### **Quote of the Week:**

"Never push a loyal person to the point where they no longer care."

#### **[Here's This Week's Scoop:](#)**

##### **(4th) Wednesday 26 Jun 2019**

- The **Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies** ([1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd](#)) will conduct their Business Meeting. The **Chapter** will preside.

**Mrs Anita Rosenberg** (Past President of Beth Elohim Kadosh here in Charleston) will presenting a lecture on **four of the Eleven Gentlemen of Charleston (the founders of our modern Scottish Rite) who were members of Beth Elohim.** The lecture is open to all Masons and non-Masons and will begin at **7:30pm**. The monthly communication of the Valley will follow.

**Dinner at 6:30PM**, with the lecture & Business Meeting to follow at **7:30pm**.

Knights Commander Court of Honour (**KCCH**) meet at **6:00PM** outside the General Secretary's office.

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

**(4th) Thursday 27Jun 2019**

- MacArthur Lodge #427 ([145 St. James Avenue](#) Goose Creek)

This Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a **FC degree** on one Brother.

Proficiency at 530, eat at 630, work at 730. Brother Jay King will be conferring.

Come out and support the lodge, but more importantly, come out and support our Brother on continuing his journey.

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**(1<sup>st</sup>)Monday 01July2019**

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Suit and tie preferred  
Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

- Harmony Lodge #61 ([5355 East Jim Bilton Boulevard](#) St. George) will hold their monthly Stated  
Communication, Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

- James Island Lodge #396 ([1613 Fort Johnson Road](#) James Island) will hold their regular Stated  
Meeting. No collation served. Meeting @ 7:30PM

- Goose Creek Lodge #401 ([145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek](#)) will hold their Regular Stated  
Communication. No Collation, Meeting at 7:30PM.

**(1st)Tuesday 02July2019**

- **Summerville Lodge #234** ([111 North Main Street](#) Summerville)

Tuesday July 2 we will confer a **FC Degree**. Proficiency at 6:30pm, Collation 7:00pm and Degree at  
8:00pm.

- Denmark Lodge #246 (308 S Palmetto Ave [Carolina Hwy/Hwy 321] Denmark, SC) will  
**bedark July and August**. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

- Hammerton Lodge #332 ([1085 East Montague Avenue](#) North Charleston) will hold their monthly  
Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

- 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/>

- Charleston Chapter #56 OES ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will have their Regular  
Business Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm.

**(1st)Wednesday 03July2019**

- Landmark Lodge #76 will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Coat, tie and white gloves required. **6:30 PM** at the Charleston Club

- The Low Country Past Masters Unit ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)) will be holding their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM

- Lawrence Howell Court Order of Amaranth ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)) will be holding their regular monthly meeting at 7:30PM.

- The Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies ([7230 Garners Ferry Rd](#)) will conduct their Monthly Business Meeting. Dinner at 6:30PM, Business Meeting to follow.

**(1<sup>st</sup>)Thursday 04July2019**

- Harmony Lodge #17 (30 Burr Street **Barnwell**) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00, Meeting at 8:00PM

- Etiwan Lodge #95 ([438 Whilden Street](#) Mount Pleasant, SC) will be **DARK this month only**. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

- Franklin Lodge #96 ([145 St. James Avenue](#) Goose Creek) will be **DARK July only**

- Bethlehem Lodge # 338 ([13819 Round O Road](#) Round O) will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

- Dorchester Lodge #369 ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will be **Going Dark July & August**. No Collation Meeting at 7:30 PM

**(1st) Friday 05July2019**

- St. James Lodge #275 ([227 Scotia Street](#) McClellanville) will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM



- Loyalty Chapter #136 OES ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will be holding their Regular Business Meeting. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

**(1st) Saturday 06 July 2019**

- **Summerville Eastern Star** ([111 North Main Street](#) Summerville)

Saturday our Eastern Star Chapter's **First Saturday Breakfast** begins at **7:00 am and runs until 10:00 am**. Breakfast is an Eastern Star fundraiser so please be generous with your donations. Everyone who eats is expected to give at least \$7.00 for one of the best buffets in town. This includes the drink. Come hungry, leave happy.

- **CCMA Work Day at the CCMA Center** ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)).

**09:00 - 10:00 AM (approx)**

**2nd Monday 08 July 2019**

- Orange - Charles Towne Lodge #14 ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. NO Collation, **meeting at 7:00 PM** per newly--approved bylaws.

- Mt Hope Lodge #128 (110 Brick Church Cl - St Stephens) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. Collation at 7:30 PM, meeting at 8:00 PM.

- Jacksonboro Lodge #206 ([6085 Hwy 165](#) Ravenel) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM

- Fellowship Lodge #400 ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM

**(2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday 09 July 2019**

- Pythagoran Lodge #21 ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. Collation at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM.

- Ornan Lodge #38 (50 Ornan Street Bamberg) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45, Meeting at 7:30 PM.

- Unity Lodge #55 (35 Trevor Dr, Walterboro) will have their Regular Stated Communication.  
Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm

- Hope Lodge #126 (13088 West Main Street Williston) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. **Collation at 7:30, Meeting at 8:00PM.**

- Summerville Lodge #234 ([111 North Main Street](#) Summerville) will hold their Regular Stated Communication **Collation at 7:00, Meeting at 8:00PM.**

- Fidelity Lodge #304 ([2827 Maybank Highway](#) Johns Island) will have their regular Stated Communication at 7:30pm. Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm

- Carolina Lodge #375 (5929 Murray Drive) will have their regular Stated Communication.  
Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm

**(2nd )Wednesday 10July2019**

- The Masters & Wardens Club of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts will meet  
sponsored by MacArthur Lodge #427 ([145 St. James Avenue](#) Goose Creek)

**NOTICE! ALL 3° Master Masons are invited and encouraged to attend!!!!**

Dinner at 6:30, Meeting 7:30

**(2<sup>nd</sup> )Thursday 11July2019**

- Mariner Lodge #2 ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)) will hold their Regular Stated Communication.

**Dress: Summer Relaxed Dress Code (business casual) - Polo/Golf shirt. nice slacks & dress shoes.**  
**NO Shorts or flip flops/sandals. Light** Collation at **6:30PM**, Meeting begins at **7:00**.

- Harmony Lodge #22 (2710 Depot Rd Beaufort, SC) will hold their monthly Stated Communication.  
Meeting begins at **7:30**.

- Blackville Lodge #63 ([10920 Solomon Blatt Avenue](#) Blackville) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. **Collation at 7:15, Meeting at 8:00PM.**

- Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:30

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

- Ridgeville Lodge #361 ([119 Academy Street](#) Ridgeville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

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

### **(3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday 16 July 2019**

- **Charleston York Rite Bodies** ([1285 Orange Grove Road](#)) will have their regular Communication. **The Chapter will preside**, and that means the third in the Council line will provide the collation at 6:30. The **Most Excellent Master Degree** will be conferred. Please get any petitions to the secretary/recorder as soon as possible and, of course your 2019 dues. Hope to see you there.  
Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

- Egeria Lodge #71 ([150 Judge Street](#) Harleyville) Egeria 71 will be **dark June, July, and August** . Collation at 7:00, meeting at 8:00

- Round Lodge #270 ([10761 Cottageville Highway](#), Cottageville) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00, meeting at 8:00

- Hilda Lodge #426 (51 Railroad Avenue Hilda SC) will hold their Regular Stated Communication Collation at 7:15, Meeting at 8:00PM

### **(3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday 18 July 2019**

- Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4 ([945 Wappoo Road](#) Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication. In keeping with the lodge's Scottish roots Kilts are encouraged (if you dare!)  
Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

- Charity Lodge #62 (6328 Old Hwy 6 Elloree, SC) will be holding a regular Stated Meeting, Collation at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

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

- Fort Moultrie Lodge #428 ([338 Whilden Street](#) Mount Pleasant) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

- Azelea Chapter #192 OES ([3567 Dorchester Road East](#) North Charleston) will have their Regular Business Meeting.

**(4th) Tuesday 23July2019**

- Allendale Lodge No. 109 ([500 Barnwell Highway](#) Allendale) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45, Meeting at 7:30PM.

- St. Andrews Lodge #367 ([945 Wappoo Road Charleston](#)) will hold their Monthly Stated Communication. **Collation at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 8:00**

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**Saturday 27July2019**

- **Jacksonboro Lodge #206** ([6085 Hwy 165](#) Ravenel) will be having its famous monthly breakfast, on the 4th Saturday from 7:00 to 9:00. Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs, French toast. \$5 donation. Help us support brotherly love in Ravenel. We would love to have you visit us. Come hungry, leave happy!