

The Lowcountry Trestleboard

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05Feb2019

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).

Apr 3 - Apr 4

- Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville)- Smoke at the Lodge 2020

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If you haven't heard, both the Scottish Rite Building and the CCMA Building, in an effort to defray some of the costs of maintaining and insuring those buildings, are available to be used for business meetings, civic club meetings, wedding receptions etc. Our usage 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 843-819-5002 for the Scottish Rite or 843-708-5365 for the CCMA, or just send me an email - thlwm2010@gmail.

Sick & Distressed:

Please keep in your prayers Tommie F Brant, "Dick" Wesner, Br/Mrs Matthew Simpson, Bob Pinkston, Mel Acevedo, Gregg Schneider, Jerry Espiritu, Basil Ammons, Adam Goldman, Vince Aquino, Randy Potts & his Family, Jayson Rose, Ray Hall, Mrs. Jerri Nix, Horace Williams, Wilton Earl Lancaster Jr., Roy Triplett, Ola Mae Wilcox, Mike Taylor, Dale Usery, John Ditmore, Ron Traver, Charlie Edgeworth, Herb & Helen Goldberg, Billie DeChant, Sybill (Mrs Phillip) Russell, Mary Anne Marsh, Frank Shealy, Billie Jean Faulkner, Ben Kirbin, Gene Nabors, Myrtle Johnson, Matthew Hogan, Richard Wooden, Micah Roane Auld, Carey & Carolyn Baxley, Jim Spence, Ricky Chubb, Del Morga & his family, Tommie Epting, and all the people of the Bahamas & Puerto Rico.

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 avail 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.

A Good New Years Resolution - 4 Things to do each 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.

Masonic Trivia

In Fascist Spain under Franco, it was a crime to be a Freemason. Masons convicted had to serve prison terms equal in years to the number of Masonic degrees possessed.

Master Mason = 3 years.

Quote of the Week:

"Leadership, in any case, is always accompanied by the responsibility to act on behalf of one's peers and to act in the best interest for all." ~ MWB Michael D. Smith

Here's This Week's Scoop:

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(2nd) Saturday 08Feb2020

- St. James Lodge #275 (227 Scotia Street McClellanville)

St James Lodge #275 AFM Breakfast Fundraiser February 8, 2020 starting at 8:00 am

Come out and see our lodge, meet some new people, have fun and have some wonderful breakfast.

Contact CR Rolader to make donation or for advance tickets

Menu; pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, grits, coffee and juice.

\$8.00 donation

- Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner)

Berkeley Lodge will confer the Master Mason Degree. Breakfast at 8:00AM, Degree at 9:00AM.

(2nd) Monday 10Feb2020

- Orange - CharlesTowne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. No collation.Meeting at 7:00pm.

- Mt Hope Lodge #128 (110 Brick Church Cl - St Stephens) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting.

Collation at 7:30 PM, meeting at 8:00PM.

- Jacksonboro Lodge #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will have their monthly Stated Communication.

Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

- Fellowship Lodge #400 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

(2nd)Tuesday 11Feb2020

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

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

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

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

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

- Fidelity Lodge #304 (2827 Maybank Highway Johns Island) will hold their monthly Stated Communication Collation at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30PM.

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

(2nd)Wednesday 12Feb2020

- 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!!!!

Program will be "Mentoring Candidates."

Masonic Education will be "Writing Ceremony Education."

Please come out and show your support of the M/W Club. If a quorum is obtained, we will elect and install the new officers. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting 7:30.

(2nd)Thursday 13Feb2020

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

Dress: Coat & Tie please

Light Collation at 6:30PM, Meeting begins at 7:00 (Per MWGL/current approved bylaws).

- 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 monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 7:15, Meeting at 8:00PM.

- Vance Lodge # 230 (1316 Camden Rd, Hwy 310, Vance) will have their monthly 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 monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(3rd) Tuesday 18Feb2020

- Charleston York Rite Bodies (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting at 7:00PM. The Council will preside.

Collation will be at 6:30pm and will be provided by the third in the Commandery. You can break out those pretty Purple coats if you have one. Don't worry if you don't. We will receive any petitions and dues at this meeting. We will confer the Mark and Past Master degrees on 6 candidates. Please come out and bring a companion with you".

There are still a number of members who have yet to pay their 2019/2020 dues. Please check those cards and get your dues in asap. Obviously, we need the money, but mostly we need each and every member. Just like the blue lodge you will be dropped from all York Rite bodies including the Knights Masons, AMD, York Rite College, et cetera if you are NPD in the York Rite.

- Egeria Lodge #71 (150 Judge Street Harleyville) Egeria 71 will hold their monthly Stated Communication. 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

- Old Fort Lodge #420 (10935 Dorchester Road Summerville)

Old Fort will confer a FC degree on 2/18/20 on one brother. 1845 coalition, degree@ 1930.

- Hilda Lodge #426 (51 Railroad Avenue Hilda SC) will hold their regular Stated Communication

Collation at 7:15, Meeting at 8:00PM

(3rd) Thursday 20Feb2020

- 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 Ellore, SC) will be holding a regular Stated Meeting,

Collation at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

– Franklin Lodge #96 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek)

Franklin Lodge will examine our EA brother for his proficiency on Thursday, Feb 20 at 5:30PM.

If found proficient we will confer the FC Degree that same evening at 7:30PM. Collation at 6:30PM

- 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

Friday 21Feb2020

"The Fort Moultrie Lodge Quarterly Social Dinner will be held at Athens Restaurant located at 1939 Maybank Hwy in Charleston on Friday Feb 21st at 7:00 pm with seating starting at 6:30 pm. There will be tables especially reserved for this occasion. All Brethren, Spouses, Significant Others & Friends are welcome! Please respond to boolenj@rocketmail.com if attending by Feb 10th for head count to ensure adequate seating".

Saturday 22Feb2020

- Goose Creek Rainbow Girls (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will have a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, 22 February. All proceeds will go to the Girls to help offset the cost for the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly in June. There is a \$10.00 cost per ticket and will run from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Come on out and show our girls how much we appreciate them

– 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!

(4th) Tuesday 25 Feb2020

- 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

(4th) Wednesday 26Feb2020

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

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

Saturday 29Feb2020

- My Dad's Birthday. He would have been 104, but would have had only 25 actual birthdays. No he wasn't a Mason, by the time he had enough birthdays he was in his dotage ;-} - THL

MARCH

1st)Monday 02Mar2020

- Solomon Lodge #1 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their monthly Stated Communication
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 7:30 PM, Meeting at 8:00.

- James Island Lodge No. 396 (1613 Fort Johnson Road James Island) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM.

- Goose Creek Lodge #401 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will hold their monthly Stated Meeting
Collation at 6:45PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

(1st)Tuesday 03Mar2020

- Denmark Lodge #246 (308 S Palmetto Ave [Carolina Hwy/Hwy 321] Denmark, SC) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. 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.

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Saturday 07Mar2020

Wardens Workshop for Districts 1-10 & 25-30

ALL Junior and Senior Wardens are required to attend!

8:00AM to High Twelve at The Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies (1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd)

- 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

8 – 10 March 2020

South Carolina Annual Grand York Rite Session

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Acy Flora, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Tom Corbin and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Jeff Hall, cordially invite All York Rite Masons in good standing to the South Carolina Grand York Rite Sessions March 8–10, 2020 at the Columbia Scottish Rite, 7320 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209.

The Headquarters Hotel will be the Hampton by Hilton Southeast – Fort Jackson, 201 E.

Exchange Blvd., Columbia, SC 29209, Phone: (803) 217-3999. You are responsible for your own reservations. When calling for reservation, identify yourself as being with the SC Grand York Rite in order to receive the group rate of \$119 plus 12% tax. Cutoff date for reduced rate on rooms is February 23, 2020. There are several other Hotels in the area for your choosing.

All functions will be held at the Columbia Scottish Rite, 7320 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia

Sunday the 8th - Sign in and voting credential pick up will be open 1:00PM at Columbia Scottish Rite; Instructional Meetings for the Chapter, Council and Commandry will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 2:00PM;

The Grand York Rite Banquet will be from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Dining Hall.

Monday the 9th – Sign in and voting credential pick up will be open 8:30AM – 9:45AM;

The Knight Templar Religious Service will begin 8:45 AM.

All business and elections in all Bodies will begin 9:45 AM with a Joint session and introduction of Distinguished Guests.

Tuesday the 10th – A Joint Public Installation of All Officers will begin 9:30AM in the Dining Hall.

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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/events/468161740529045/>

April 23rd & 24th

The 283rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina will be held on April 23rd & 24th, in the Myrtle Beach Convention Center which adjoins the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel located at 2101 Oak Street, Myrtle Beach SC 29577.

The Religious Service will commence on Thursday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM and will be conducted by Reverend and Right Worshipful A. Robert Nix, Grand Chaplain. Following the Religious Service, the

Grand Lodge will be officially opened at 10:00 AM by Most Worshipful Walter C. Disher, II, Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren. The Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 PM in the Convention Center Ball Rooms.

As soon as you receive a Petition from a Man for the Degrees in Masonry, it is essential that you enter his information into the Grand Lodge Membership Management System "Grandview". immediately. The system will compare the First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth of the candidate's information with the thousands of records in the system and if the information matches another man in the system, the system will automatically place the entry into a pending mode. If you make an entry and receive a Pending Mode notice, please contact the Grand Lodge Office immediately. The Pending Mode means that a record already exists for that man. This is especially important if a man fails to indicate on his petition about having previously petitioned another Lodge. Today, it came to my attention that a Secretary entered a Candidate's information after he was made an Entered Apprentice and the system kicked his record out as Pending. After investigating, it was found that the Candidate had petitioned another Lodge a couple of years earlier and had not indicated on his petition that he had previously petitioned another Lodge. Please take the important precautionary step of entering every Candidate's petition information into the System upon receipt.

I got an email from a young lady named Keri Ann Benton saying she would like to sell three (3) Cemetery Lots in the Masonic section at Live Oak Memorial Gardens, 3093 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC: Lot No. 181-A, Masonic Section, Spaces 1, 2 & 3. Retail Value: \$2590 each Selling 1 Lot for \$2300; 2 Lots for \$4400; or all 3 Lots for \$6300 You can contact Keri at 843-737-3161

The owner of a ANOTHER cemetery plot in the Masonic Section of Live Oak Memorial Gardens would also like to sell.

Anyone interested contact RWB Steve Hiott DDGM 1st for the owner's information.

DeMolay is on the Move Forward in South Carolina. Their new Personal Representative RWB Clifton Simmons has taken over the reins from Br Damon Lam who retired from the post after doing an excellent job the last several years. 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 WB Joe Thompson at 803-673-0484 thompson.josephc@gmail.com ,

<http://www.palmettodemolay.org>

The DeMolays of today will be the Masons of tomorrow.

The Masonic Light is 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.

(<http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org/masonic-light.html>)

The Grand Lodge 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>

For Candidates background check, Click here for infocheck USA.

The Grandview App includes a Social Media platform with 28 Grand Jurisdictions that also use the Grandview System and are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. Brothers on this App who are removed from good standing by their Lodge are automatically dropped from having access to this APP. To install the app on your phone go to <https://portal.scgrandlodgeafm.org/app> and follow the instructions on the screen. The system is set up to give instructions specific to the device loading that URL.

"Companion Adept of The Temple"

Education Program sponsored by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. This Program is open to all York Rite Masons. The course is designed to follow the degrees and orders of the York Rite Bodies through a series of 5 exams and all needed resources are free or very low cost (\$1.00 -\$5.00). In order to enroll a Companion or Sir Knight needs to click the link below, print and fill out the form and send it in with a check or money order for \$30. This course is designed to enhance your Masonic Journey and inspire enthusiasm for learning what the York Rite has to offer. All information and instructions can be found on the form. <http://www.yrscna.org/forms/YorkRiteenrollmentform.pdf>