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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).

Past Right Emminent 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_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1553088692&sr=1-3

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

Friday/Saturday 05&06 April 2019 – Smoke At the Lodge.

Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville).

FRIDAY – No Pork Night - SAMPLING 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Beach Music with the CAROLINA COAST BAND onstage @7PM

SATURDAY - BBQ PLATES \$ 7.00 11:00AM – 5:00PM SIT DOWN OR CARRY OUT

The Scholarship Luncheon sponsored by West Columbia Rainbow Assembly No. 36 is set for April 6 at 12:00 noon. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 7230 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, 29209. Please plan to support this event to benefit our Edna D. McLaurin Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are still available for Mason's Night at the SC Stingrays on Saturday 6 April 2019. Game time 7:05. All tickets will be free of charge, thanks to several donors.

For information contact: WB James Schaefer, WM Goose Creek 401 CHVYTRK3@gmail.com or 843-830-2473.

Ridgeville Lodge Boston Butt Fundraiser will be April 20, 2019, they are trying to sell 150 this year. Tickets are \$30 ea, For more info: amuckenfuss@sc.rr.com

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 282nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina will be held on April 25th & 26th, at the Marriott Hotel located at 299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29606. Those desiring to stay at the Marriott Hotel, which is the Headquarters Hotel, are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible since there is a limited number of rooms available. Elected Grand Lodge Officers, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Committeemen are requested to stay at the Headquarters Hotel and to make their reservations promptly. Each person including Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Committeemen are responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations may be made by calling the Marriott Hotel at 864-596-1211. When calling, you must ask for group reservations and identify yourself as being with The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina (Code: GLCGLCA for One King Bed Room or GLCGLCB for one Double Queen Room) in order to obtain the special room rate of \$159.00 plus tax per night. This will include two Breakfast Tickets per person up to two persons for each night reserved.

AIKEN YORK RITE BODIES, Will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree on May 11, 2019 at the Aiken Masonic Lodge. located at 443 Laurens St. NW, Aiken, SC. The evening will begin at 5:00PM with a steak dinner with baked potato, rolls, salad, iced tea, coffee and dessert. The cost for the degree and meal is \$15.00 there are no dues. The degree will be conferred following the meal.

Please RSVP by May 7, 2019 to Gary B. Hinson, Secretary in writing, by email Gbhmigm02@comcast.net, or by phone 803.640.8848.

If you haven't heard, both the Scottish Rite Building and the CCMA Building are available to be rented 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 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:

Please keep in your prayers Ron Elvis, Mike Taylor, Dale Uery, John Ditmore, Dick Hughes, Ron Traver, Charlie Edgeworth, Herb & Helen Goldberg, Billie DeChant, Ted Driggers, Jr., "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, 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:

“Your value doesn’t decrease based on someone’s inability to see your worth.”

- “Wink” Martindale

Here's This Week's Scoop:

(1st)Wednesday 03April2019

– Landmark Lodge #76 will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Coat, tie and white gloves required

6:30 PM at the Charleston Yacht Club Building

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

- The Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies (7230 Garners Ferry Rd) will conduct their Monthly Business Meeting.

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(1st)Thursday 04April2019

- 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 hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM.

– Franklin Lodge #96 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will be holding their Regular Stated Communication..Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

- 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 holding their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM

(1st) Friday 05April2019

- 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 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will be holding their Regular Business Meeting. Collation at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM

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(1st)Sunday 7April2019

Joel W. Frampton Council Knight Masons (1285 Orange Grove Road). Rehearsal 2:00 PM Sunday 7April. We need a few Cousins to come a little early to help set up the Council room. Be sure to bring your ritual, sword belt and sword. Everyone that is interested in joining the Degree Teams, please attend this meeting

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

Old Fort will be having their Corn hole Tournament/ Family Day 10:00AM on 4/20/19 open to the public. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, and sodas for sell. Our Palmetto State Armory raffle will draw the winner, and the Top Corn hole team will win a cash prize. Bring your regulation boards or use ours, but you better bring your A game. They have a number of two person teams claiming to be the best.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per team. Put Old Fort 420 on your calendar 4/20/19 10am start time.

(2nd)Monday 08April2019

- Orange - CharlesTowne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. NO Collation, meeting at 7:30PM.
- Mt Hope Lodge #128 (110 Brick Church Cl - St Stephens) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. Collation at 7:30 PM, meeting at 8:00PM.
- Jacksonboro Lodge #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM
- Fellowship Lodge #400 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

(2nd)Tuesday 09April2019

- Pythagoran Lodge #21 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting followed by a Master Mason Degree. Collation at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30PM.

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

- 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.

- Round Lodge #270 (10761 Cottageville Highway, Cottageville) Round Lodge 270 will be having an EA degree Tuesday April 9th in Cottageville. Eat at 6:00 degree at 7:00.

- 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 10April2019

- The Masters & Wardens Club of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts will meet sponsored by Omar Shrine (176 Patriots Point Rd., Mt Pleasant) . NOTICE! ALL 3° Master Masons are invited and encouraged to attend!!!!

Dinner at 6:30, Meeting 7:30. The may meeting will be hosted by Carolina Lodge #375 (5929 Murray Drive)

(2nd)Thursday 11April2019

- Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Dress: Coat & tie, slacks & dress shoes. 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 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00

- Berkeley Lodge #269 (101 California Avenue Moncks Corner) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. The meal will consist of - steak and potatoes, tossed salad and desert. 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.

(3rd) Tuesday 16April2019

- Charleston York Rite Bodies (1285 Orange Grove Road) will have their regular Communication. The Chapter will preside, so wear your Red Coat if you like. Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

- Egeria Lodge #71 (150 Judge Street Harleyville) 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 420 will be conferring an EA degree on one Candidate on 3/19/19 @ 1830

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

(3rd) Wednesday 17April 2019 (This Month Only)

- The Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies (1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd) will conduct their Business Meeting. The Consistory will preside. Dinner at 6:30PM, with the Business Meeting to follow.

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° Mason

(3rd) Thursday 18April 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

- 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. Dinner at 7:00 and meeting at 8:00pm.

(3rd) Saturday 20April 2019

- Ridgeville Lodge #361 (119 Academy Street Ridgeville) Ridgeville Lodge Boston Butt Fundraiser will be April 20, 2019, we are trying to sell 150 this year. Tickets are \$30 ea, For more info: amuckenfuss@sc.rr.com

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

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(4th) Tuesday 22April 2019

- 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

James Island Lodge No. 396 (1613 Fort Johnson Road James Island) James Island Lodge No. 396 will hold a Master Mason Degree April 22, 2019. Degree will have MWB David DeChant, PGM presiding in the East assisted by the Low Country Past Masters Unit. Collation at 6:30 PM. Degree at 7:30 PM. Craft fraternally invited.

(4th) Wednesday - Friday 24 - 26 April 2019

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(4th) Saturday 27 April 2019

- 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!

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(1st)Saturday 04May2019

- 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 AM until ...

(1st)Monday 06May2019

- 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 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 served. Meeting @ 7:30PM

(1st)Tuesday 07May2019

- 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.

2nd Monday 13MAY2019

James Island Lodge No. 396 (1613 Fort Johnson Road James Island) James Island Lodge No. 396 will hold a Fellow Craft Degree May 13, 2019. Collation at 6:30 PM. Degree at 7:30 PM. Craft fraternally invited.

That's all I know about for now.

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".

The deadline for submissions to run in next week's Trestleboard is 10:00AM on Wednesday. Please bear in mind if you wait until you get next week's newsletter to remember to send me something happening that weekend or the following Monday or Tuesday I'm not sending a special for you unless I hosed something up – you snooze, you lose.

PLEASE check and make sure my email address thlwm2010@gmail.com 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. Email addresses that consistently bounce back MailChimp will automatically delete after a few bounces.

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 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>

For Candidates background check, Click here for infocheck USA.

DeMolay is back on the Move Forward in South Carolina with their 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 WB Joe Thompson at 803-673-0484 thompson.josephc@gmail.com ,

<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. SC DeMolay is selling a SC Centennial coin to commemorate the 100th anniversary of DeMolay. \$10 each in a round plastic protector case.

2 types available, shiny or antique. Just reach out to a SC DeMolay advisor to get your coin today. Only 500 of each are available.

"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>

The National Sojourners is an American patriotic organization of Freemasons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The National Sojourners will be celebrating its 100th year in 2019. There are three Chapters in South Carolina, one right here in Charleston. If you are currently an active duty member, retired military, or a veteran, you are eligible for the Sojourners. To learn more About the Sojourners, visit www.nationalsojourners.org If you have any questions or would like to join the National Sojourners, please contact Gregg Schneider at 843-367-9874 or at ghs722@aol.com.