

The Lowcountry Trestleboard

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05Dec2018

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).

Br Justin James of Solomon Lodge is accepting donations for Jenkins Orphanage again. This is the 5th annual "Days of Giving" - all proceeds go to buying gifts that are on the girls' wishlist. For those with cash you can reach Justin on his cell 843-343-0429 and meet him at Solomons Lodge (1285 Orange Grove Road) or if you'd rather write a check make it out to Jenkins Institute and meet him at the lodge as well.

The South Carolina Masonic Research Society will hold their 4th Quarter Meeting This Saturday 08Dec2018 at the Grand Lodge Building (1445 Pisgah Church Rd, Lexington, SC). The 2019 Slate of Officers will be installed. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM

All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Come to the meeting, you might learn something!

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. 500 of each are available.

Jacksonboro Lodge # 206 is having their annual December Boston Butt BBQ fundraiser for only \$25. Tickets on sale now. Please contact WB Adam Goldman at 843-813-1775 or WB Joe Santua at 843-347-7667. Or any brother of Jacksboro Lodge. Butts will need to be picked up Saturday December 22nd between 9 and 12am at the Lodge.

National Sojourners is an American patriotic organization of Freemasons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The Purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States, and Honorary Members who are Master Masons, into Chapters for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present). There are three Chapters in South Carolina, One right here in Charleston.

National Sojourners will be celebrating its 100th year in 2019 and we are having a big push for membership. If you are currently an active duty member, retired military, or a veteran, you are eligible for the Sojourners. There is a one-time fee of \$250.00 for a life time membership. To read 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.

Brethren please be advised that per the SC Masonic Code & Constitution you CAN be elected, but you CANNOT BE INSTALLED in ANY Masonic office unless you have paid your 2019 dues! Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Sick & Distressed:

Br Charlie Edgeworth of Carolina Lodge 375, was admitted to Roper St Francis downtown Sunday. He is in Room 625.

RWB Herb Goldberg is in St. Francis West Ashley with an eye issue. He's expected to come home today

WB "Lankie" Lancaster is out of the cardiac rehab and resting at home.

Please keep in your prayers Charlie Edgeworth, Herb Goldberg, David DeChant, Billie DeChant, Theodore E. Driggers, Jr., Wilton "Lankie" Lancaster, Leonard (LC) Chapman, Charles Hiers, John Fisher, Bob Knight, Ralph & Mary Lou Bokern, Sybill (Mrs Phillip) Russell, Archie Davis, G Ray Marsh, Frank Shealy, Billie Jean Faulkner, Al Moesner, Guy Hancock, Ben Kirbin, Gene Nabors, Myrtle Johnson, Barbara Covar, Matthew Hogan, Richard Wooden, Micah Roane Auld, Carey & Carolyn Baxley, Sam Leviner, Phil Hawkins, Ricky Chubb, Joe Dorning and Tommie Epting. Barry Klein said it was OK to take him off the list, but I'm still praying for him anyway.

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:

As we enter the season of electing Lodge officers, this seems appropriate:

"All persons possessing any portion of power ought to be strongly and awfully impressed with an idea that they act in trust and that they are to account for their conduct in that trust to the one great Master, Author, and Founder of society." - Edmund Burke

"Look well to your ballot, and vote for the good of Masonry"

Here's This Week's Scoop:

(1st)Wednesday 05Dec2018

- Landmark Lodge #76 will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Dress: Coat, tie and white gloves required 6:00 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 7:30 PM

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

- MacArthur Lodge #427 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) MacArthur Lodge # 427 will have a Fellow Craft Degree on Wednesday 05Dec2018. We'll open a Lodge of EA Masons at 5:30 pm for the purpose of examining our two (2) candidates. Collation at 6:30 pm and work starts 7:30 pm.

(1st)Thursday 06Dec2018

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

- Harmony Lodge #61 (5355 Jim Bilton Blvd St George, SC) will have its regular communication and Ladies Night Meal at 7:30, Meeting 8:00 PM.

- 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. Agenda will include Election of Officers and induction of the incoming Worshipful Master into the Oriental Chair of King Solomon. 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 and Ladies Night Dinner. Meeting at 7:00 PM Installation & Banquet to follow

(1st) Friday 07Dec2018

- 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

- Hammerton Lodge #332 (1085 East Montague Avenue North Charleston) December 7th Hammerton Lodge will hold their Annual Banquet at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy a good meal and Brotherhood.

- 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

(2nd)Saturday 08Dec2018

- Summerville Lodge #234 (111 North Main Street Summerville) Summerville Lodge will confer an MM Degree. Breakfast begins at 7:00 am. Proficiency will be at 8:30 and the Degree to follow.

The South Carolina Masonic Research Society will hold their 4th Quarter Meeting at the Grand Lodge Building (1445 Pisgah Church Rd, Lexington, SC). The 2019 Slate of Officers will be installed. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

- Etiwan Lodge #95 (438 Whilden Street Mount Pleasant, SC) On Saturday Dec 8, we will hold our Annual Ladies Night Banquet. The craft are fraternally invited to attend. The guest speaker will be our favorite Tennessee Volunteer. Festivities begin at 6:00PM with dinner to be served by 7:00

- St. Andrews Lodge #367

St Andrews Lodge will hold their Annual Ladies Night at The Charleston Scottish Rite Building 1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd (just got that location update today!) Dress:Business Casual (Slacks, Collared Shirt) Festivities begin at 6:00PM

- Goose Creek Lodge #401(145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) will have their Annual Ladies Night. Social hour begin at 6:00 PM (time change!) and the meal will begin at 7:00 PM (time change!) . Guest speaker will be RWB Tommy Blackwood, PDDGM2. Please RSVP to WB Gregg Schneider, PM/PGT at ghs722@aol.com or his cell at 843-367-9874.

(2nd)Monday 10Dec2018

- Orange - CharlesTowne Lodge #14 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. No Collation, meeting at 7:00PM.

- 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) Monday, December 10 at 7:00pm, Fellowship No. 400 will be conducting our Annual Installation and Banquet. We will open the lodge at 7:00pm, and go immediately to refreshment. Once in refreshment we will conduct an Open Installation with family and friends invited into the lodge room. Immediately following the installation, we will clear the lodge and close. This will be followed by dinner and a speaker.

(2nd)Tuesday 11Dec2018

- Pythagoran Lodge #21 (3567 Dorchester Road East North Charleston) will hold their Regular Stated Meeting. 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)

Annual Communication and business meeting and this one has the distinction of beginning at 7:30. On this evening we will have the Election and Installation of officers. This will be an OPEN installation so you may bring your wife and friends. There will be NO Collation but food will be served afterwards.

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

- Carolina Lodge #375 (5929 Murray Drive Hanahan) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30PM, Meeting at 7:30

- James Island Chapter #284 OES (1613 Fort Johnson Road James Island) will hold their regular Business Meeting. Collation 6:30. Meeting @ 7:30PM

- Orangeburg York Rite (Progress Lodge 356 AFM 1201 Five Chop Rd., Orangeburg, SC) will be having their Stated Meeting (every 2nd Tuesday of the Month). We do not go dark in the summer.

Collation 6:45 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

(2nd)Wednesday 12Dec2018

- The Masters & Wardens Club of the 1st and 2nd Masonic Districts does not meet in December -
However...

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

(2nd)Thursday 13Dec2018

- Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their Annual 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 - Baked Chicken, Lima Beans and rice, toss 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.

MacArthur lodge # 427 will have our Installations and Banquet on Dec. 13 2018 Thursday. We'll open a
Lodge of MM at 6:15 pm then labor to refreshment to have a public installation. The Brethren and family
are all invited and invite friends for this event/occasion. For our banquet the lodge will prepare roast
beef and pork loin (more details to follow) and any brethren who want to share your favorite dish
and/or desserts are deeply appreciated. E-mail WB Rolando to have it in our menu.

(2nd)Friday 14Dec2018

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

Ladies Night Banquet and Awards Ceremony. RWB Cal Disher, Deputy Grand Master, will be the guest speaker. All are invited including your family and friends. A catered meal will be served and you won't be disappointed. Dress is Church Dress- whatever that means to you. Festivities begin at 6:00PM

(3rd)Saturday 15Dec2018

- Mariner Lodge #2 (1285 Orange Grove Road)Open Installation of 2019 Officers, Ladies Night Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Festivities begin at 6:00PM

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

- Annual Ladies Night Banquet - The Ladies Night Banquet is held to thank all of the ladies associated with the Lodge for the support throughout the year. The meal will consist of - Prime Rib, Bake Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, tossed salad and dessert.

(3rd)Sunday 16Dec2018

- Franklin Lodge #96 (145 St. James Avenue Goose Creek) Open Installation of Officers and Ladies Night Banquet. Festivities begin at 4:00PM

(3rd) Tuesday 18Dec2018

- Charleston York Rite Bodies (1285 Orange Grove Road) will have their regular Annual Communication, Installation and Ladies Night Banquet. We will have our required Christmas Day Observance as well.

It is very important that all officers must pay their dues NLT December 18 in order to be installed. I am sure the Secretary-Recorder will be happy to take your dues.

Remember companions, as in a blue Lodge, if you are dropped for npd in the York Rite you will also be dropped from any appendant body such as the Knight Masons, York Rite College or another York Rite body as well.

- 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

- Hammerton Lodge #332 (1085 East Montague Avenue North Charleston) December 18th at 7:00pm Hammerton Lodge will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on five candidates. Come out and support the Brothers. Collation is at 6:00pm

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

(3rd) Thursday 20Dec2018

- Union-Kilwinning Lodge #4 (945 Wappoo Road Charleston) will have their regular Stated Communication. Collation at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30PM

- Allendale Lodge No. 109 (500 Barnwell Highway Allendale) Allendale 109's December meeting is moved by dispensation to the third Thursday, 20Dec201

Collation at 6:45, 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.

(4th)Saturday 22Dec18

- Jacksonboro Lodge #206 (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will be having its famous monthly breakfast, on the 4th Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30. 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) Monday 24Dec2018

- Carolina Chapter #25 OES (6085 Hwy 165 Ravenel) will have their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00PM and meeting at 8:00pm.

(4th)Thursday 27Dec2018

- St. John the Evangelist Day - All 2018 lodge officers are relieved, and 2019 lodge officers assume their new duties.

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

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Service. At this event there will be 5 brothers standing proficiency on the Master's Degree. If you have not heard this done it is both interesting and challenging. This event will start at 6:30 pm and no Collation will be served. The start time is a correction from earlier notice.

Lookin' Ahead

(1st)Tuesday 01Jan2018

- 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.

(1st)Wednesday 02Jan2019

- Landmark Lodge #76 will be holding their Regular Stated Communication. Coat, tie and white gloves required. 6:00 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 7:30 PM
- The Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies (7230 Garners Ferry Rd) will conduct their Monthly Business Meeting. Dinner at 6:30PM, Business Meeting to follow.

(1st)Thursday 03Jan2019

- Harmony Lodge #17 (30 Burr Street Barnwell) will hold their Regular Stated Communication. Collation at 7:00, Meeting at 8:00PM
- Harmony Lodge #61 (5355 Jim Bilton Blvd St George, SC) will have its regular communication Meal at 7:30, Meeting 8:00 PM.
- 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 04Jan2019

- 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

Saturday 05Jan2019

- Summerville Eastern Star (111 North Main Street Summerville)

Saturday December 1, 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). 08:00 AM until ...

(1st)Monday 07Jan2019

- Solomon Lodge #1 (1285 Orange Grove Road) will hold their monthly Stated Communication. 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. They will also hold their Election and Installation of Officers. Collation at 6:45 PM, Meeting at 7:30.

(3rd) Saturday 19January 2019

- 30th Masonic District Square and Compass Club Instructional Meeting @ Indiantown Lodge in Hemmingway. The Square and Compass club business meeting will begin at 11am. Lunch will be served at Noon. The Instructional meeting will begin at 1pm. All Master Masons are welcomed.

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.

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