



THE JOPPA INFORMER

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30TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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Statesville #27 1 & 3 Tuesday
Olin #226 2 & 4 Thursday
Lee #253 2 & 4 Monday
Harmony #299 2 Monday
Campbell #374 2 & 4 Thursday
Grassy Knob #471 4 Friday
Mooresville #496 2 & 4 Tuesday
Snow Creek #571 1 & 3 Monday
Stony Point #593 2 & 4 Tuesday
Mt. Moriah #690 2 & 4 Monday

Elected Officers 2016

Duane Smyth - Master
Justin LaCount - S.W.
Eddie Rimmer - J.W.
Wayne Craddock - Treasurer
Joe Link, PM - Secretary

Appointed Officers 2016

Jerry Reynolds, PM - S.D.
Phil Long - J.D.
J.P. Ammons - Steward
TBA - Steward
Steve Horinka - Chaplain
Michael Wright - Tiler

Mission Statement of the Grand Lodge of N.C.

The mission of Freemasonry in North Carolina is to raise the moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, which are expressed outwardly through service to God, family, country, and self under the Fatherhood of God within the Brotherhood of Man.



Greetings;

I hope this letter finds you well. If you haven't attended a lodge meeting within the last few months, I can tell you you're missing out on great meals, awesome speakers and Masonic fellowship. Your officers have been working hard to improve all aspects of your lodge experience and I can tell you the work is paying off. We have drastically increased attendance at our last few meetings and the excitement continues to grow.

Wow! That is all I can say to describe the Allegory and Symbolism lecture presented by WB Ben Wallace at our last stated communication meeting on February 2nd. Ben's depth of knowledge, subject content and delivery were incredible. If you missed the forty-five minute overview lecture be sure to catch one of the four-hour, in-depth Allegory and Symbolism lectures Ben will be present around the state. You will not be disappointed.

Your Temple Committee has set the date of Saturday, March 19th for our next Masonic Charity Breakfast. The menu will consist of sausage, liver mush, eggs, grits, biscuits and gravy along with coffee and juice. The cost will be \$6.00 per plate, children under ten will be \$4.00 per plate. We will not be pre-selling tickets to this breakfast so we will need your help to spread the word in your family, workplace, church and circle of friends. Please come out to support this charity fundraising effort to support both the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro. If you cannot attend, consider sending a charitable donation to the lodge with "Charity Donation" written in the memo field.

Finally brother, remember that you can only get out of masonry what you're willing to put in masonry. If you have been away from the lodge for some time, give it another chance. I guarantee you will be welcomed back with open arms and you will leave that night wondering why you didn't come back sooner.

Fraternally,

Duane Smyth, Master

Statesville Lodge # 27 February Programs

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Presenter</u> | <u>Meal</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| March 1st | Masonic Landmarks | Rick Smith | Italian Herb Chicken |
| March 15th | | Duane Smyth | |

Additional programs will be added throughout the year, suggestions welcome.

*Program will be open to the public

The 25 Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry *(These will be discussed at our March 1, 2016 Stated Communication)*

1. The Modes of recognition.
2. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the third degree.
4. The government of the fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensation for opening and holding lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons on sight. (This is not adhered to in North Carolina.)
9. The necessity of Masons to congregate in lodges.
10. The government of every lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every lodge, when duly congregated, should be tyled.
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft and to instruct his representatives.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge.
15. That no visitor, not known to some brother present as a Mason, can enter a lodge without undergoing an examination.
16. That no lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another lodge.
17. That every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free born and of lawful age.
19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.
21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.
22. That all men, in the sight of God, are equal and meet in the lodge on one common level.
23. That Freemasonry is a secret society in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.
24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science founded on an operative art.
25. That the landmarks of Masonry can never be changed. These constitute the landmarks, or as they have sometimes been called, "the body of Masonry," in which it is not in the power of man or a body of men to make the least innovation.

From the South...

Brethren:

Have you ever tried to flip a king size mattress by yourself? It is virtually impossible. It takes at least two to flip that mattress; three or four is even better. The point is that so much in life is difficult to do alone. We need to band together to form a good working core to accomplish our task. If you have not been to your Lodge in a while, come and see what we have been working on. Let's labor together to improve ourselves, and our fraternity.

I encourage you to come to your lodge and be nourished; physically, mentally, and spiritually. We gather at 6:30 p.m. for a hearty meal, and continue our labors at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room. I look forward to eating, meeting, and fellowshiping with you in our lodge!

Fraternally,
Eddie N. Rimmer, Junior Warden

From the Secretary...

Greetings brethren, it's with a sad heart to report the passing of another of our members, MWBro. Curtis Matheson. WBro. Curtis went to be with the Lord on January 24, 2016. WBro. Curtis became a Master Mason on June 25, 1983 and served as Master during the year 1990. WBro. Curtis served the Lodge the Lodge for 32 years before passing away at the age of 72. A moment of silence was held in his honor at our February 2, 2016 stated communication.

Also brethren, I would like to remind everyone that has not paid their 2016 dues yet to please do so as soon as possible. April is just around the corner and past due notices will have to be sent out. Please help save the Lodge the expense of mailing one to you if you can. If you are need of assistance with your dues, please contact Duane Smyth at master@statesville27.org, or myself at secretary@statesville27.org.

Some Excellent Masonic Quotes

Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic.
[Carl H. Claudy]

Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.
[LAFAYETTE]

Freemasonry is an establishment founded on the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral life and social virtue.
[CALCOTT]

One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry.
[Carl H. Claudy]

Freemasonry is an institution essentially philanthropic and progressive, which has for its basis the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. It has for its object the exercise of benevolence, the study of universal morality, and the practice of all the virtues.
[CONSTITUTION GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE]

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*Stated Communications Are Held The
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 PM*

Upcoming Events For 2016

March 1st - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
March 15th - Stated Communication
April 5th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
April 19th - Stated Communication
May 3rd - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
May 17th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
June 7th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
June 21st - Stated Communication
July 5th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
July 19th - Stated Communication
August 2nd - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
August 16th - Stated Communication
September 6th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
September 20th - Stated Communication
October 4th - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker
October 19th - Stated Communication
November 1st - Stated Communication & Guest Speaker.
Also Election of 2017 Officers
November 15th - Stated Communication
December 6th - Stated Communication
December 20th - Stated Communication



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"FREEMASONRY EMBRACES THE HIGHEST MORAL LAWS
AND WILL BEAR THE TEST OF ANY SYSTEM OF ETHICS
OR PHILOSOPHY EVER PROMULGATED FOR THE
UPLIFT OF MAN."

BROTHER DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

What we do for ourselves dies
with us – what we do for
others remains and
is immortal.

- Albert Pike