

Winchester Hiram No 21 Masonic Lodge



Trestleboard February 2008

Dear Brethren,

What great success we have had traveling with our own RW Jim Golladay, DDGM to each of his Official Visits. So far, a Fraternal Visit for our Lodge has been recorded at five Lodges in the 3rd District. With a good turnout for his visit to Unity No. 146 on Friday, **February 8th**, we will have done it at all six. This gives us a great head start toward earning the James Noah Hillman Award. A special thank you goes to the Brethren who have made it to each one. Your support is noted and greatly appreciated.

February 4, 2008, we will travel to Spurmont Lodge No. 98 for a Fraternal Visit and the Official Visit of Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. This will be a tiled meeting. The Grand Master wants to hear your thoughts and opinions on the state of Masonry in the Commonwealth, as well as recommendations for the future. The Grand Lodge Administrative Council will try to implement positive change, based on what is heard at these meetings in each District. Dinner served at 6:15PM.

The Stewards Committee has planned a Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast for Saturday, **February 9th**. They will serve from 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Bring your sweetheart and your family for pancakes and fellowship.

At our **February Stated Communication**, we will recognize young men from our community who have earned the Eagle Scout Award in the past year. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award will also be presented to a member of our Lodge who has devoted a great deal in support of Scouting. We will close Lodge early, and then invite the Eagle Scouts and their families into the Lodge room. The Stewards have planned a reception afterwards. This annual event has resulted in new petitions in the past. Let's have a great turn out for the new Eagles and their families. If you are now, or have been, involved in Scouting, wear your uniform. If you're an Eagle Scout, wear your medal.

With several new petitions pending and three new EA's, our busy ritual schedule will continue. A Ritual School and practice on the FC Degree will be **February 5th**. The Degree will be conferred after the candidate's EA Catechism return on **February 19th**. Then on **February 26th**, we'll have a school on FC and Ruffian parts for the MM Degree. Come learn an easy part and enjoy the fellowship of your Brethren.

Monday evening education sessions will begin soon. The Masonic Education booklets for each Degree and the Masonic Leadership Correspondence Course will be available.

As a special project this year, we are retiring our aging MM Degree Costumes to the Lodge Museum. To help with replacement costs, make a tax deductible donation to the Museum Fund.

As you can see, we have great opportunities available for you to participate in the workings of Freemasonry. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Chip

Master of Winchester Hiram No. 21 Lodge

January 29, 2008 Masters & Wardens Club at Washington Lodge No. 78

January 31, 2008 District School at Spurmont Lodge No. 98

February 4, 2008 Travel to Spurmont Lodge No. 98 for Fraternal Visit and Official Visit of Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Tiled meeting

February 5, 2008 Ritual School on Fellow Craft Degree

February 8, 2008 Travel to Unity Lodge No. 146 for Fraternal Visit and Official Visit of DDGM

February 9, 2008 Sweetheart breakfast 8:00 AM till 11:00AM

February 12, 2008 Stated- Eagle Scout / Boy Scout Leader Recognition night.

February 19, 2008 EA Catechism return and Fellow Craft Degree

February 26, 2008 Ritual School on FC and Ruffians in MM Degree, Officer meeting

Monday evenings 7:00PM- Lodge Education, Catechism Coaching, Correspondence Course Classes and Coaching on individual ritual parts.

Tuesday evenings (except Stated) 7:30PM- Lodge Ritual School or Degree Work

Fraternal Visits will be made to each Lodge in the 3rd Masonic District to coincide with the official visit of the DDGM and official visit of Grand Master. (Other fraternal visits when opportunities arise)