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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

We had a first degree on July 15, 2008. Brother Robert Smith did the degree and did a very good job; thanks, Robert. We now look forward to July 29, 2008 when we will do the Fellow Craft degree for our four Entered Apprentices. We look forward to having a third degree in the next few weeks. The officers will start practicing for the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 5, 2008. We will need as many Brethren as we can get to do the degree. Please make an effort to come and practice with us on Tuesday nights.

Brethren, do not forget the charities – the Masonic Home for Children, Masonic & Eastern Star Home (WhiteStone), and the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. This year, we have increased our giving. Thanks to each of you for your contribution to these charities. Contributions have slowed for the summer. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Brother Robert Smith will be launching a Masonic Home for Children campaign soon. You will be receiving a letter from his committee in the next few weeks.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brother Al Bradshaw, Millie and Rodney Huss, Rodney Huss, Jr., and their families in the loss of Polly Bradshaw – wife, mother, and grandmother, respectively, and Brother Miles L. Hamrick who lost his father, Brother Miles F. Hamrick, Jr. Please remember these families in your prayers.

Today is the day to encourage someone.
Tomorrow may be too late if you wait to get it done.
Just a friendly hello or even a smile
Can make a dismal day worthwhile.
So call or visit a Brother today and let him know you care

That you are thinking of him and remembering him in prayer.
Remember that special person or Brother
For all we have in this world are each other.

Let us not forget those who are sick and need our thoughts and prayers: Bro. Jenes G. Brymer, Bro. Robert P. Fields, Bro. G. Richard Gottschall, W.Bro. Jimmie C. Hill, W.Bro. Rodney D. Huss, Jr., W.Bro. William E. Martin, Bro. Gary E. Queen, Bro. Richard A. Reed, Bro. T. Mitchell Sanders, Bro. Roy P. Warren, W.Bro. Donald K. Webb, and Bro. Ronnie T. Wiggins.

“Finally Brethren, be yea all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you.”

Fraternally,

Bob

Robert W. Erwin, Jr., PM
Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

On behalf of Brother Miles Hamrick's family, I would like to thank those members of our lodge who participated in the Masonic Service for his father. Our lodge had the most masons at the service.

We are in the process of purging the phone tree. If you would like to be added to or taken off the list, please call me at 704-853-0353 and let me know.

As of this writing, we have eleven members who have not paid their 2008 dues. Please get them in ASAP. If you know of anyone who cannot pay due to a financial hardship, please let me or the Master know so that the proper action can be taken.

Speaking of dues, the lodge voted to increase our dues from \$75.00 to \$85.00 effective January 1, 2009. This change has been approved by the Grand Lodge.

For those who might be interested in an endowed membership, this would be a good time to take advantage of this program before the dues increase. The cost is 21 times your dues (\$1,575.00 before December 31, 2008; \$1,785.00 beginning January 1, 2009). If you are interested, let me know.

We will be presenting service awards at our September Stated. We have one 25 Year, one 50 Year, and two 60 Year awards. I will be notifying the recipients later.

Remember that we do have supper before our stated. If you have not eaten at the lodge, you are really missing a special treat.

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Victor A. Willis, PM PS CL

Secretary

CALENDAR

August 5, 2008	Practice	7:00 PM
August 12, 2008	Supper	6:30 PM
August 12, 2008	Stated Communication	7:30 PM
August 19, 2008	Practice	7:00 PM
August 26, 2008	Practice	7:00 PM