



THE TRESTLEBOARD

Conway Lodge No. 65, A. F. M.
903 15th Ave.
Conway, SC
January, 2018



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

First off, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve our Lodge as Master. It is humbling to be entrusted with the responsibility of the office once but to be entrusted again is overwhelming. I pledge to to continue to serve you to the very best of my ability. Secondly, I want to thank you for electing and/or appointing brothers of such high caliber to serve with me. They are truly fine gentlemen and great leaders who will lead our Lodge into the future. You, as members, can show your support by attending every meeting possible.

Here are some of my goals for 2018:

- Increase attendance and participation in the degrees.
- Involve all who want to serve. If you desire to work, we have a part for you. Just let us know.
- Contact and stay in touch with widows of our deceased brothers and involve them whenever possible.
- Have a "Ladies Night Out" at least every other month.
- Plan and hold a fundraising event for charitable purposes.
- Visit other lodges and encourage all members to do likewise. Great friendships are made and important lessons learned through those visits.

These are just a few things that I hope to accomplish. With your support, we can and will do more and better things. I encourage each of you to get involved.

We will probably cut our January regular meeting a little short so everyone could get home in time for the kickoff of the college football championship game.

Thanks to the brothers who volunteered to furnish our meals on regular meeting nights. Brother William Gray will start us off by supplying our meal on January 8.

Please remember that we will continue to support the Myrtle Beach Marathon which will take place March 3, 2018 and make plans to be there to help. You will be glad you did and we will be happy to see you.

All of our elected and appointed officers should be prepared to attend the 29th District's Annual Instructional Meeting at Murrells Inlet Lodge on January 13.

I hope to see everyone at our regular meeting on January 8.

Happy New Year to all.

David Beckworth, PM
Worshipful Master

SAVE THE DATES

STATED COMMUNICATION

Monday
January 8, 2018
Dinner - 6:45 pm
Lodge - 7:30 pm



29th DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING

Saturday,
January 13, 2018
6:00 PM
29th District, RW Brother David E. Harrell DDGM
Murrells Inlet Lodge No. 368, 620 Collins Ave.
Murrells Inlet, SC
Supper will be served.



STATED COMMUNICATION

Monday
February 12, 2018
Dinner - 6:45 pm
Lodge - 7:30 pm

BROTHER WRIGLESWORTH HONORED



Brother Lemoine Wriglesworth was honored for his years of dedicated service to our Lodge at our last regular meeting. Bro. Lemoine served faithfully as Tiler from 2006 through 2015. He was presented with a beautiful sword and plaque expressing our appreciation of his years of service.



MYRTLE BEACH MARATHON

Saturday
March 3, 2018

Volunteers needed

Brothers, please use the link below to register as a volunteer for the 2018 Myrtle Beach Marathon. Click on it, fill in the boxes, scroll down to Mile 18 water stop and check the box there, scroll down to shirt size and select a shirt size and hit submit. Takes about two minutes. The marathon is on Mar 3. We will need to be in place on Grand Dunes Blvd by 7:00 am. To get there just turn right on Grand Dunes Blvd from Bypass 17 just before Pirates Voyage. That's if you are headed east on 17.

We will be setting up tables for cups of water and a sports drink for the runners. We will set up hundreds of cups and pass them to the runners as they come by. We will be encouraging the runners as well. The Marathon benefits the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society and other good causes. I encourage you to come out and support your lodge in this community service project. You will have fun and be helping a good cause. Mile 18 water stop is recognized as sponsored by Conway Lodge 65 AFM. Should be done by 1 pm. Call me if you need more information and/or assistance in registering.

<http://mbmarathon.com/volunteer>

Ross A. Word, PM
843-340-5296

ATTENTION: MASONIC LIGHT RECIPIENTS

The current and past Masonic Light Issues are available on the Grand Lodge Website. You may copy them by logging onto scgrandlodgeafm.org, under the Resources Tab, click on Masonic Light. Then click on the Issue that you wish to copy. Since you are now able to obtain the Masonic Light Issues on the Website, please advise if you wish to discontinue receiving the Masonic Light in the mail by emailing grandsecretary@scgrandlodgeafm.org with a message to discontinue mailing the Masonic Light.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our Senior Warden, Bro. Michael Keen, is planning a "Ladies Night Out" for January. If you attended the last one he organized, you know you will not be disappointed. The exact date is not set but will be by the time of our regular meeting on January 8. You will be notified by email or phone tree when the date is firmed up. Stay tuned.

Perpetual Life Membership Information

Any member in good standing and possessing a current dues card in a particular Lodge in this jurisdiction may become a perpetual member of his Lodge pursuant to the provisions of **Section 15g** of the **Code of the Grand Lodge**. Applications must be made through the Lodge secretary. Every member is encouraged to participate using the formula provided below to calculate your fee. Call our secretary for an application if you are interested in this program. The fee is determined by multiplying the annual dues by the factor for the age of the applicant, i.e., Age 44: Dues \$75.00; factor = 20

\$75.00 x 20 = \$1,500.00 fee due to the Grand Lodge.

Age	Factor
18 - 23	27
24 - 29	25
30 - 39	23
40 - 49	20
50 - 59	18
60 - 64	15
65 +	10

The applicant for perpetual life membership may select the option to pay the fee in three annual installments, one third of the fee to accompany the application, the remaining portion of the fee to be paid on January 1, each year following the year of the application. The dues to the Subordinate Lodge, in the years between the first and last payment, shall be borne by the applicant. The final payment will entitle the applicant full status as perpetual life member and no further dues shall be required.

Ahiman Rezon
Code of the Grand Lodge
Section 15g

PAST MASTERS ON OUR ROLL

Kenneth Holt	1972	Brett Allen	2005
Dwayne Singleton	1977	Brad Moore	2006
Doug Roberts	1978	Verlon Brown, Sr.	2007
James Singleton	1982	Verlon Brown, Jr.	2008
Steve Elvis	1983	Billy Ray Carroll	2009
Billy Ray Carroll	1985	Franklin Watts	2010
Samuel Martin, Jr.	1988	Joshua B. Jordan	2011
Lester Chavis	1990	Donald W. Register	2012
Kenny Brackens	1993	Robert Cooper, II	2013
Arnold Johnson	1996	Timothy M. Hutson	2014
Kenny Brackens	1999	J. Thomas Smith	2015
Thomas Richardson	2000	David Beckworth	2016
Terry Dupie	2001	Ross A. Word	2017
William B. Parker	2002		

MSA GREEN ENVELOPE APPEAL

Our Lodge donates to the MSA Green Envelope Appeal every year. Have you ever wondered just what this donation is for? I hope this information from the Masonic Service Association explains why we respond.

MSA Hospital Visitation Program

Today, Masons around the country volunteer an estimated 200,000 hours a year with MSA's Hospital Visitation Program. At virtually every Veterans Administration Hospital and State Veterans Home in the country, MSA provides daily services to our military Veterans. They supply coffee, push wheelchairs to chapel services, donate a variety of "comfort items" needed by the Vets, and provide a host of other services specific to each VA location. Your donation is critical in seeing that our hospitalized Veterans are not forgotten, and, as Masons, we can do our share. Please do your share with a donation by check, or online at www.msana.com. Please write "Green Envelope" on the memo portion of your check and your donation will be directed exclusively to MSA's Hospital Visitation Program. Our Veterans have done their share, now it's time to do ours.



PHONE TREE/EMAIL

If you are not receiving a phone call or email reminding you of meetings or other important matters concerning our Lodge, it is because we do not have your contact information in our records. Most now have email but out of 205 members, we only have email addresses for 49. Please, brothers, send an email message to ds1207@sccoast.net and I will add you to our contacts. Include your correct address and cell phone number for receiving phone tree messages. Call me at 843-503-507 and I will give you your Grand Lodge Member number and you can update your contact information directly in the GL Members Portal.



ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for 2018 are \$75.00 and are due now. Statements were mailed December 15th. If you did not receive a statement and would like to check your membership status, give me a call at 843-503-5092. If you received a statement, please remit your dues as soon as possible to:

Conway Lodge No. 65, A. F. M.

J. Dwayne Singleton

Secretary

1010 Mimosa Court

Conway, SC 29527-5919

ANNUAL REPORT TO GRAND LODGE - 2017

Members December 31, 2016:

206

Degrees and Additions:

Initiations: 2
Passings: 3
Raisings: 3
Reinstatements: 1
Affiliations: 5
Total Increase: 9

Decreases

Demits: 1
Deaths: 5
NPDs: 4
Suspensions: 0
Expulsions: 0
Total Decrease: 10
Members, December 31, 2017:

205

Item Type	Quantity	Amount Each	Item Total
Per-Capita Assessment	187	\$14.50	\$2,711.50
Masonic Relief Assessment	187	\$6.00	\$1,122.00
Degree Fee	8	2.00	\$16.00
GW Memorial Initiation Fee	3	5.00	\$15.00
Reinstatement Fee	1	20.50	\$20.50
Bonds			\$6.00
Ritual Books			\$20.00
Total due Grand Lodge			\$3,911.00

W. Brother David Beckworth thanked our outgoing Master, W. Brother Ross Word for his excellent leadership last year and presented him with his Past Masters Apron at our last regular meeting.



<http://www.conwaylodge65.com>
Check it out!