



Thomas M. Holt A.F. A.M. Lodge No. 492
1st and 3rd Thursday 7:30 pm

Hello Brothers and Members of Thomas M. Holt Lodge.

Once more Brethren time is flying by for the lodge, so come on out to a meeting, remember dinner is at 6:30. Dinner is always a great time to catch up with the brothers you haven't seen in awhile.

After reviewing the lodge finances over the past several months it was recommended by the finance committee to raise our dues.

At our current dues of \$60.00 Thomas M. Holt Lodge was only retaining \$40.00 for Lodge expenses which was causing us to operate with a negative cash flow for regular expenses.

The Lodge members voted unanimously on April 16th to increase the dues to take effect for the 2016 year to **(\$80 PLUS the Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax for each year)**. The current Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax is \$20 per member.

This means your dues for 2016 will be \$100.00.

Distribution of the \$100 will be as \$80.00 for Lodge expenses and \$20.00 will be sent to: North Carolina Grand Lodge. When the Grand Lodge increases the Per Capita Tax your dues will increase by the amount the Per Capita Tax. Example: If Per Capita Tax is increased in 2017 to \$25 your dues will \$105.00

The 2015 Thomas M Holt Golf Tournament at Quaker Creek was a great success. We raised \$5500 for Charity, Thanks to everyone that helped with our first fundraiser.

On **July 2nd the lodge will open at 6 pm** for presenting Years of Service Awards as well as Family Night with an old fashion cook out. Hamburgers and Hotdogs for \$5, call me at 336-675-4947 to let me know how many are coming to eat if you can so we have enough food. Dinner will begin at **6:15 pm**. The Service Awards will begin after dinner that night at **7:30 pm** and everyone is invited to stay for the awards.

We have 2 guest speakers coming you don't want to miss.

On **Aug. 6th** Bro. Chris Richardson President of Oxford Orphanage.

On **Sept. 3rd** Bro. Mark Kolada President of Eastern Star Home.

Guy's our front window on the old lodge main building is in bad condition, also is costing us a lot of money in heating and cooling. I know times are tough but I ask that each member please donate just \$10 each to help us replace the window. Without your help we can't keep the lodge alive.

Our next fundraiser is coming **Oct. 3rd** and will be **"The Pink Pancake Breakfast & Dinner"** all the proceeds will go to help Breast Cancer Awareness. Tickets for this fundraiser will be available soon for everyone to start selling them. We will also be selling T-Shirts with "Real Mason's Wear Pink" printed on them.

I hope to see everyone at a meeting soon. Let's fill our lodge with members.

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| July 2nd | 6:00 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (Open Lodge Service Awards "Bring family") |
| July 16th | 7:30 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (2nd Degree) |
| Aug. 6th | 7:30 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (Guest Speaker "Bro. Chris Richardson") |
| Aug. 20th | 7:30 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (Movie Night "History of Our Founding Fathers") |
| Sept. 3rd | 7:30 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (Guest Speaker "Bro. Mark Kolada") |
| Sept. 17th | 7:30 pm | Regular Meeting w/ (3rd Degree) |

Sincerely, Bro. Todd Smith
 Master