

# Thomas M. Holt Lodge # 492 A.F. & A.M.

Regular Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm

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## Upcoming Events

### July 6

Short Meeting & Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
**Family Night At The Lodge**

### July 20

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### August 3

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM -  
**Guest Speaker** - Don Kehler  
Topic: Charitable Giving, Wills, & Estate Planning

### August 17

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### September 7

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### September 9

**Fundraiser**-Golf Tournament @ 8:00 AM  
Quaker Creek Golf Course, Mebane, NC

### September 21

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### September 22

**Grand Lodge - Annual Communication**  
Winston-Salem - at the Twin City Quarter

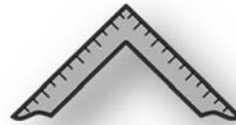
## The Holler Log – Summer 2017 Edition

### Messages from the East:

Brothers,

Greetings from the East!

Summer is here, and I have some great news to share with you regarding activities at the Lodge. We have made some significant accomplishments, and there is more work to do as we progress through summer and into fall.



We have completed two successful fundraisers. The shotgun raffle drawing was on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and Brother Doug Foley was the lucky winner. The Masonic Home for Children and Whitestone each received \$825.00. On May 13<sup>th</sup> we had our first annual pancake breakfast to raise money for the Lodge. After expenses, the net amount raised was \$585.01, and this money will go toward for repairs for the roof.

We have three additional charitable events in the works for fall. These events include the golf tournament on September 9<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds from which will be split evenly between Masonic Home for Children, Whitestone and the Masonic Foundation; The Pink Pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Pink Ribbon AMRC foundation; and a Toys for Tots toy drive.

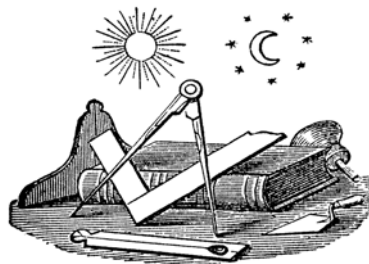
Our lodge went to work and submitted an application for the “**Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence**” award, and I am excited to inform you that our application was accepted. Ensuring that we are contributing to the Masonic Foundation in addition to the Masonic Home for Children and Whitestone is one important outcome of this work.

Finally, brothers, join me in welcoming two new brothers to the lodge, Brother Dennis Bullis and Brother Seth Norris. Brothers Bullis and Norris were raised to the Sublime Degree on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Summer and fall will continue to be busy with degree work as we have several more brothers who are nearly ready for their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

If it is within your means to assist, I solicit and certainly appreciate any help that you can provide. We still have a lot of great work ahead. I hope to see you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,

**Chip McFalls,**  
Worshipful Master  
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## **Lodge News:**

- ❖ Happy Belated 120th Birthday to formation of Thomas M. Holt Lodge # 492. The Lodge was granted a dispensation from the Grand Lodge to commence working on April 30, 1897, and from that day forward Masonry had a home in Graham, NC.
- ❖ Estimates for the Roof Replacement are still being collected, and the Lodge's Insurance Company has agreed to cover a portion of the costs of the replacement due to hail damage.

## **Masonic Trivia:**

- ❖ A Lodge may not be adjourned for any purpose. No member has the authority to present a motion for adjournment since that would usurp the Master's power. A Lodge must be in one of three conditions: Closed, open and at work, or at refreshment.

## **A Masonic Chuckle:**

A man was checking into a small hotel on the outskirts of town when he saw a sign on the wall which read, "HIRAM LODGE, Meetings every Wednesday at 7PM."

The man said to the lady at the front desk, "I wonder what they do in there. Do you think they'd ever let me join?"

"I don't think so." said the lady

"Well why not?", asked the man

"I don't know. That guy over there," she said pointing at the man sitting outside the door, "has been knocking on the door for weeks and they won't let him in."

## **Masonic Education: Around This Sacred Altar**

A Mason can, and should learn something new each time he sits in Lodge, and hear things that excite his curiosity, and cause him to search for a clearer understanding of what our ritual is trying to convey to us from the distant past. This is precisely what Masonic Education is.

If you look in your North Carolina Bahnsen Lodge Manual, at the bottom of page 9, you will see the closing charge. As we hear this charge given, we are all wrapped in a symbolic blanket, intended to foster closeness, fraternity, and retrospection. We hear a mere 9 sentences, consisting of 142 words that move us from the sanctuary of the Lodge to mix again with the world. What is the big deal? The big deal is the great lessons that those words are trying to convey.

So, read further, and discover more light in Masonry together, as we look at the closing charge.

### **Brethren:**

- By definition: Individuals who share a common ancestry, allegiance, character, or purpose with another or others, especially: a kinsman; a fellow man; a fellow member; as of a fraternity, trade union, or panel of judges on a court; a close male friend, a comrade.
- Do we not share a common allegiance, character, and purpose? Are we not members of a fraternity? Are we not close male friends, comrades?
- A single word, but with so much meaning, and demanding so much from each of us, who claim this distinction, that it alone must give us pause for thought.

## **Upcoming Birthdays**

### **July 2017**

12 – Isaac Holt III  
14 – Jerry Lane  
18 – Steven Craven  
19 – Dennis Brown  
19 – Charles Bradley  
19 – Dennis Brown  
20 – Vic Euliss  
20 – Jerry Perdue  
21 – Jason Simons  
23 – Robert Campbell  
25 – William Dickten  
26 – Dennis Bullis  
26 – Bradley Mills  
27 – Mike Buckner  
30 – Raymond Perdue  
31 – Barry Adams

### **August 2017**

02 – Glenn Hogan  
02 – Mike Hunter  
10 – Robert Barnes Sr.  
14 – Alton Myrick  
14 – Robert Preddy Jr.  
15 – Brice Turner II  
15 – Norman Ross  
16 – Kevin Dean  
17 – William Tyler  
30 – Dewey Brown Jr.

### **September 2017**

01 – Mike Benesch  
12 – Bruce Taylor  
13 – Herbert Holmes  
13 – Michael Shepanski  
13 – Boyd Wright  
16 – Harold Eller  
20 – Gene Hunter  
22 – Lance Barry Walker  
23 – Gary Holmes  
23 – Richard Honeycutt  
25 – Kelly Cummings  
25 – Al Layton  
26 – Otis Perkins  
27 – Ralph Pike  
28 – Brad Johnson  
30 – Jerry Cummings

The Brothers of Thomas M. Holt Lodge would like to wish you all a Very Happy Birthday !!!

**We are now about to quit:**

- At this time, as we prepare to leave the company of, and depart from.

**This sacred retreat**

- This venerable period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, and study.

**Of friendship and virtue:**

- Good will, and manly courage and valor.

**To mix again with the world:**

- To bring us once more into social contact with the public.
- As with being born again, we are renewed and strengthened by our social intercourse and prepare to set forth to face and surmount the trials and tribulations of life.

**Amidst its concerns and employments:**

- Surrounded by those situations of interest or importance that engages one's attention and those activities to which one devotes time.

**Forget not the duties:**

- Remember the acts or courses of action that are required of one by position, social custom, law, or religion. And one's own oaths and obligations.

**Which you have heard so frequently inculcated:**

- Impressed upon the mind of another by frequent instruction or repetition.

**And so forcibly:**

- Effected against resistance through the use of force.

**Recommended**

- Made attractive or acceptable or committed to the charge of another; entrusted.

**In this Lodge:**

- Masonry offers us the tools and guidance to live good and virtuous lives, but we are the vessel and projection of those tools and that guidance, both toward each other and the profane.

**Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet:**

- Virtues of a good man which bring honor to oneself and the fraternity.

**Remember that around this SACRED altar**

- As you stand before this structure, before which the divine offices are recited.
- What compelling image that should call to the heart and soul of each of us, to recognize the demands of sacrifice, devotion, dedication, and obligation.

**You have promised:**

- You have, individually and independently, taken oaths of honor with full ceremony and invoking the force of religion to establish unbreakable ties and limits. Let me repeat, and invoking the force of religion to establish unbreakable ties.

**To befriend**

- To behave as a friend to.

**And relieve**

- Help and aid.

**Every Brother who shall need your assistance:**

- Your fellow Brethren, who may require your aid and help. Remember, that around this sacred altar, and in close proximity to the emblem of that demands, we set aside our petty squabbles, our bigotries, and our self-involvement; because our God is here with us, watching us, and watching over us.

**You have promised:**

- Give an oath backed by one's personal honor.

**In the most friendly manner:**

- You must provide in a kindly way without rancor.

**To remind him of his errors**

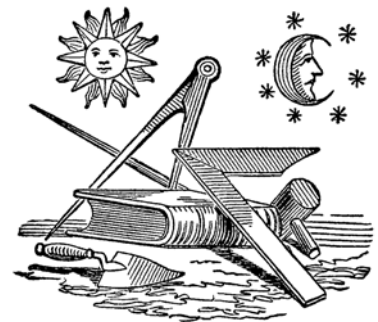
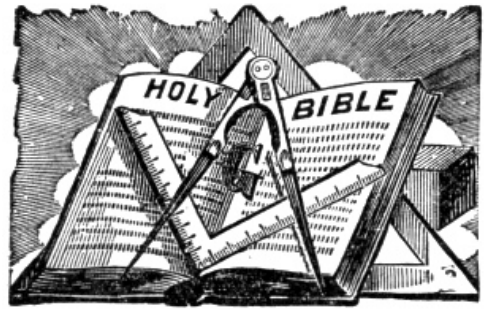
- Put in mind or call attention to a mistake of omission or commission.

**And aid a reformation**

- You must assist to cause your Brother to give up a harmful or immoral practice, and persuade him to adopt a better way of life. We have obligated ourselves not to judge; but to assist, not to disparage, but to nourish and cherish, not to condemn, but also to sustain.

**These generous principles:**

- These are rules or standards, especially of good behavior, and characterized by magnanimous nobility and forbearance in thought and behavior.



**Are to extend further**

- Must expand beyond supposed bounds.

**Every human being:**

- All the people of the entire world.

**Has a claim**

- A rightful demand.

**Upon your kind offices:**

- The humane and considerate, beneficial acts YOU perform for another. We are bound, by our FREELY taken Oaths of Honor to our Fraternity, and, as the greatest teacher once said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

**Do good unto all:**

- Do, the right, kind, generous thing to all the people of the world.

**Recommend it more especially:**

- Applied with particular zeal.

**To the household of the faithful!**

- Our Fraternal Family, who, like us, are true and steadfast in support of the set of Masonic Ideals. We never lose sight that our Oaths of Honor have formed a very special and closer bond to our fraternal Brothers. If we are to extend our kind offices to all, it becomes obvious that WE must be ever more diligent in applying those offices to one of our own.

**Finally, Brethren:**

- As a last point, my Brothers.

**Be ye all of one mind:**

- Let us all join in this single set of ideals.

**Live in peace:**

- Be in harmony with yourself and others.

**And may the God of love and peace:**

- That divine Being in whom you put you TRUST, and who provides tranquility and expressed affection to your soul.

**Delight to dwell with:**

- Find joy in honoring us with HIS presence.

**And bless you:**

- Apply His kind office to each of us. A benediction, a prayer, a supplication, a charge, a call to action, an obligation? This statement is all of these, and a fitting end to this ritual fragment. It exemplifies the labors we have performed while in the Lodge, and the goals of Brotherhood we must always strive to achieve.

After all, we attend Lodge to reinvigorate ourselves, to encourage ourselves, to motivate one another, to excite our minds and our souls, to go out into the world, and perform our obligations throughout our daily life.

A mere 9 sentences consisting of 142 words.... But, oh so much assistance to help good men become better. So Mote It Be! - *Author Unknown - Available on Internet.*

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Lastly, Brothers, we hope you are continuing to enjoy this new format of the Holler Log and once again found it informative. If you have any comments, or have any items that you would like to see, or share in future Editions of the Holler Log please send an email to: [hollerlog@thomasmholt492.org](mailto:hollerlog@thomasmholt492.org)



**Masonic Anniversaries**

(The number indicates years of service)

**July**

- 06 - Byron Neal
- 06 - Jason Simons
- 12 - Gary Holmes
- 29 - Gene Hunter
- 31 - Don Kehler
- 29 - Ken Qualls
- 30 - Carl Kopley

**August**

- 01 - Zachary Stead
- 11 - John Isley
- 20 - Franklin Stone
- 24 - Walter Creech
- 24 - Ronald Long Jr.
- 28 - James Sprague
- 31 - Stephen Lineberry
- 48 - Robert Preddy Jr.

**September**

- 07 - Mike Hunter
- 17 - Gregory Holt
- 21 - Royce Williams
- 27 - Rick Mann
- 27 - Lance Barry Walker
- 29 - Roy Duffer
- 34 - Derrick Campbell
- 34 - Tim Taylor
- 38 - James Johnson
- 41 - Robert Stewart
- 49 - Sidney Robertson Jr.
- 57 - Stan Mullis
- 64 - Charles Sully

The Brothers of Thomas M. Holt Lodge would like to Thank You for your years of service and support of our Lodge !!!

