



Tidings from the East

Dear Brethren:

I attended the annual “Rock Quarry” meeting hosted by Cooper Lodge on Friday, September 18, 2009. It is no longer held at the rock quarry, as it was for many years, but rather at Sycamore Point, property owned and offered for use by a member of the fraternity. This year, the great and grand architect of the universe decided rain was more essential to our area than allowing a group of masons to gather and work in the woods. The rain, however, did not dampen the spirits or mood of the almost one hundred members in attendance at Cooper Lodge in Travelers Rest. The group of masons did meet, did prevail, and had a great master mason degree.

There were brothers from other districts, other states, and many lodges. We, as brothers, were as one. We raised two new brothers, one of whom, when asked what he thought of the evening simply remarked “holy crap!”

Both parts of the degree were well performed. Participants knew their parts and everyone did well. The new brothers received a good degree. I congratulate Cooper Lodge for a fine degree and meeting.

Our lodge needs to follow suit. Our candidate could not attend the degree and will be raised Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. I want volunteers for the second part. Step up. Step out. Be a part of the degree team. See me at lodge on Thursday, October 1, 2009 or call me and let me know you will participate. Our candidate will have an open lodge examination on October 1st. Please be present.

Fraternally,

Larry Crane
Worshipful Master

The Plumb is a working tool of the operative and speculative Mason and as such “admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and men”. Walden Lodge selected the “Plumbline” as the name of this bulletin so that each brother can be informed of the activities of our lodge. You can help in this endeavor (1) by making any news-worthy item known and (2) by

notifying the Secretary immediately if your mailing address changes.

Perhaps the greatest tenet of a Mason’s profession is that of Relief. Your contribution to our benevolent fund makes it possible for Walden Lodge to provide Relief to our fellowman and actively practice Masonic Charity. A swift response to this appeal will make it possible for our lodge to meet and expand our charitable programs. Also, if you know of a sick brother whom we can visit, or be assistance to, please contact a member of the Charity Committee.

IN MEMORIAM:

Frank D. Clary	07/31/2009
J. Walter Eppes	08/20/2009
William G. Halstead*	08/14/2009
Joseph G. Murphree	08/29/2009

*Masonic Service held August 20, 2009 in Norfolk, VA by Norview Lodge No. 113.

Secretary’s Dream

I fell asleep the other night
And while I had my snooze,
I dreamed each member stepped right up
And promptly paid his dues.
And when I found t’was but a dream
I nearly threw a fit
It’s up to you to make it true...

SUGGESTION: Please remit (Trestleboard Tidbits)