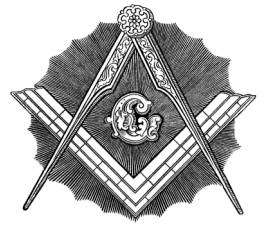


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INMAN LODGE #201 AFM NEWSLETTER

## Ladies & Awards Night

Inman Masonic Lodge held the annual Ladies & Awards Night on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were treated to a down-home country dinner of cubed steak and gravy with rice, pinto beans, fried cabbage and sweet potato soufflé, as well as banana pudding and coconut cake. After the wonderful meal, all of the officers of the Lodge were presented with their certificates of appreciation and plaques. Two special awards were then presented to two very deserving brothers. The Master and Wardens of 2015 presented Brother Ken Kuszmaul with the 150% Award, and the brethren of Inman Masonic Lodge voted to present Brother Steven Setzer with the Mason of the Year award, both for their outstanding service to the lodge for the past year. After the awards, Worshipful Brother Steve Pinker and his wife Patsy presented all the ladies with a gift of a necklace or bracelet, and then let the ladies choose from a large selection of accessories for their jewelry. Thanks to Worshipful Brother Steve and Patsy for a wonderful evening!

## Portrait Presentations

Inman Masonic Lodge presented two George Washington portraits to Inman Elementary and Inman Intermediate Schools on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Right Worshipful Brother Eddy Mitchell, Worshipful Brothers Steve Pinker, Wayne Morris, Jeff Honeycutt and Brothers Steven Setzer & Lynn Lowe represented Inman Lodge at each schools' holiday assembly to present the portraits. The Principals for the respective schools were elated to receive this portrait of the Father of our Nation, which make the second and third portraits presented to the area schools as part of the "Put George Back In Our Schools" project. For more information, contact RWB Sam Turner III at 864-590-7405 or RWB Jason Traxler at 864-909-6003.

## Brother Steve Adams' Certificate of Appreciation

Brother Steve Adams was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the December business meeting for the Spartanburg Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for his hard work in Masonic Education during 2015. Brother Adams has given many talks on various Masonic topics throughout the year at both the Spartanburg and Greenville Valleys, and invited many guest speakers such as Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brothers Gerald Carver and G. Kent Elkins. For the December meeting, Brother Adams invited Illustrious Brother Arturo de Hoyos, Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction down from Washington, DC to give a special presentation before and a Q&A session during the business meeting. It was an exciting end to a great year of Masonic education spearheaded by Brother Adams.

## A Message From Our Outgoing Master

Brethren:

I want to thank everyone for the support they gave me on the wonderful year we had in 2015, especially the officers I had the honor of serving with. Inman Masonic Lodge was able to accomplish many things this past year. I look forward to the New Year and watching our officers lead this Lodge toward new and exciting things. I am confident that we are in good hands.

Faternally,

Stephen A. Pinker, Past Master 2015

## The True Christmas Spirit



For Christmas this year, Inman Masonic Lodge decided to donate money for gifts for a resident of Golden Age Retirement Home. Brother Stephen Parris and his wife Carolyn volunteered to present the gifts to the resident on December 16<sup>th</sup>, which consisted of essentials like sweat pants and shirts, socks and skin lotion. At the Parris' arrived at the home to present their gifts, they were approached by another resident at the entrance to the home who thought that they were there to visit him. Looking around the retirement home, they felt that just presenting presents to one individual in a place where they saw so many in need just simply wasn't enough. Enlisting the help of our very own Worshipful Brother Santa Claus, they passed out puzzle books, coloring books and socks to all the residents in addition to the gifts for our original recipient. Brother and Ms. Parris also gave flannel shirts to the resident they met when they first arrived. They visited with the residents while Santa played songs on the piano for their entertainment. Thanks to Santa Claus for help making this true showing of Christmas spirit special. A special thanks goes out to the Parris' who took the time to give these residents gifts from their own pockets, as well as to a Brother who matched the Lodge's contribution for this endeavor. Without this special group of people, some of these folk may not have had any cheer brought their way, and Christmas would have been just another day.

## Degree Work

Congratulations to Brother Jeffrey Elmore Reid being initiated to the Entered Apprentice Degree on October 20<sup>th</sup>, and to Brother Larry David Pearson on being passed to the Fellow Craft Degree on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and then raised to the Master Mason's Degree on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Brother Pearson was raised during a Past Master's Degree at Roebuck Lodge #357 performed by the AFM Club, with Most Worshipful Brother William B. Rogers and his party in attendance.



*"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE, DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD, REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL"*

*ALBERT PIKE*

## 2016 Elections

On November 5, 2015, the brethren of Inman Masonic Lodge elected their officers during the regular communication for the year of 2016. Brother Lynn Lowe was elected to serve as Worshipful Master, Brother Steve Adams for Senior Warden, and Brother Stephen Pinker for Junior Warden. Worshipful Brother Paul McWilliams was elected to the office of Secretary, and Right Worshipful Brother Doug O'Shields will serve again as Treasurer. Worshipful Brother Lew Crissone was again appointed to serve as Tiler, and Brother Ken Kuszmaul will serve as Chaplain. Brothers Steven Setzer and Steve Parris have been appointed as the Senior and Junior Deacons, respectively, and Brothers Eric Bradey and Josh Clayton will serve as Stewards.