

# THE TRESTLEBOARD



INMAN LODGE #201 AFM NEWSLETTER

#### **Our Scottish Rite Fellows**

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Fellows have appointed two of our own to their ranks. Worshipful Brother Paul McWilliams and Brother Steve Adams were appointed as Fellows for the Spartanburg Valley for 2016. Fellows for the Scottish Rite are appointed biannually, and for 2016 the Past Fellows of the South Carolina Orient have appointed eleven Fellows. These Brothers are tasked with bringing new ideas for growth to the AASR and more es-



pecially their Orient. These Fellows will attend a leadership conference on April 15th & 16th in Charlotte, NC where they will have the opportunity to have a private meeting with the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Illustrious Brother Ronald A. Seale. Inman Lodge has only had two other Fellows appointments, RWB Bruce Chennery and RWB Jerry Kimmons, who have both served as District Deputy Grand Masters for the 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

Brothers Clay Chester and Eric Bradey both received Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work at the Spring Reunion of the Spartanburg Valley of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. These Brothers are members of Inman Lodge's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Team which performed the degree the Friday evening of the reunion, the first of the night. Brothers Chester and Bradey, however, continued to assist in every way possible during the two-day event, and were a part of each of the twelve degrees performed that weekend. Congratulations to these two Brothers for all of their hard work!

#### **The Spartanburg AFM Club**

Worshipful Brother Paul McWilliams has been elected to serve as President of the Spartanburg AFM Club for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term, a first in the club's history. The AFM Club is a club open to all Master Masons of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Districts, free of charge. The club's goals are to assist the lodges of these districts as well as raise funds to assist these district in paying for their annual Inspirational Meetings. They also host activity nights for the brethren and their families throughout the year, the next one being Family Feud Game Night on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The evening is free, with a donation box for the taco dinner which starts at 5 PM. The AFM Club will also be conferring an EA degree at the annual Cave Degree hosted by Union Lodge #38 in Kingston, TN. If you wish to attend this degree, please contact the AFM Club of Spartanburg. You can also visit their website at <a href="https://www.spartanburgafm.com">www.spartanburgafm.com</a>.

### **Grand Lodge 2016**

The 279<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina will convene April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center at 670 Verdae Boulevard in Greenville, SC. The Religious Service will commence on Thursday at 9 AM and will be conducted by WB A. Robert Nix, Grand Chaplain. Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 AM by MWB William B. Rogers with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren. At 7 PM that evening, the Annual Banquet will be held in the Ball Room of the Embassy Suites. Grand Lodge will re-convene the next morning. Also, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Golf Tourney will be held Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bonnie Brae Golf Course at 1116 Ashmore Bridge Road in Greenville, SC. The tournament will be a 4 person Captain's Choice Handicapped Format and is \$60 per person which includes greens fees, carts, range balls and a lunch ticket. Single players will be paired with a 12 Noon shotgun start. The deadline for team registration is April 8<sup>th</sup>. For questions you may call Mike Smith at 864-680-0966, Don Smith at 864-457-2704 or Ansel Parris at 864-590-0627.

#### A Message from the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

As we close out the first quarter of 2016, I must say that I am thrilled to serve this Lodge. Our membership is strong, and the things we have been able to accomplish so far have been because of that strength. As I have had to work away from home these past few weeks, I have been in close contact with my fellow officers and Brethren, and it pleases me that you have been placed in such capable hands. I want to thank each and every one of you that have stepped up to assist me while I have been away in protecting the harmony of our Lodge.

I would also like to thank all of you for the overwhelming response we received to the Master's Letter that was sent out at the beginning of the year, and for assisting us in updating all of your contact information. As we move forward with our Grand Lodge's vision of the Lodge of the Future, this updated information will be important in assuring that you will be able to benefit from the advantages that the Lodge of the Future will be able to offer.

Thank you all for your support, and I will see you very

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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