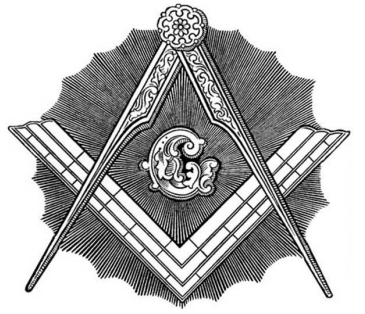


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INMAN LODGE #201 AFM NEWSLETTER

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Grand Lodge 2017

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina hosted their 280th annual communication on April 27th and 28th, at the Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Conference Center in Greenville, SC. On Wednesday, the 26th, the annual golf tournament was held, and the team of RWB Bruce Chennery placed first in their flight. Congratulations to the brethren of this team for their tournament win! This year's Grand Lodge saw MWB Michael D. Smith elected to the seat of Grand Master, RWB Cal Disher elected to the seat of Deputy Grand Master, RWB O.B. Smith elected to Senior Grand Warden, and RWB Steve Hames elected to Junior Grand Warden. Our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer remain MWB Jerry Carver and MWB Jack Marler respectively, as well as RW Robert Nix as Grand Chaplain.

Other appointments to our Spartanburg Brothers are as follows: RWB Jerry Hill, District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th District, RWB Paul McWilliams, District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th District, & RWB Jimmy Hayes III, District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st District. WB Fred Phillips has been appointed to Junior Grand Deacon, RWB Tommy Watson has been appointed Grand Marshal. WB Judd Seay has been appointed Grand Standard Bearer. WB David Blanton has been appointed Grand Tiler. RWB Bruce Chennery has been appointed to the Masonic Education Committee, & RWB Michael Collins has been appointed to the Masonic Service Association.

Congratulations to all these Brethren to their elections and appointments for the ensuing Masonic year!

Our New District Deputy Grand Master



RWB J. Paul McWilliams was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 20th Masonic District at Grand Lodge 2017. A member of Inman Masonic Lodge #201 AFM, he was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 7, 2008. He served as both the Worshipful Master of Inman Lodge and the Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrews of the Scottish Rite in 2014. 2015 saw RWB Paul elected as the President of the Ancient Free Masons Club of Spartanburg, a seat he held for two years, as well as Secretary of Inman Lodge. In 2016, Paul served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, as well as being appointed to the office of Senior Grand Deacon in the Grand Line of the Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. In 2017, Paul serves as President of the Masonic Research Society and the Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #169 in Inman, SC.

Congratulations to RWB Paul McWilliams on his appointment. We at Inman Masonic Lodge are proud that RWB Paul McWilliams has been appointed to serve as our District Deputy Grand Master in 2017.

For the latest Lodge news and events around the county, please visit:

www.inmanmasoniclodge.com

Brother Jay Strange's Certificate of Recognition



Brother Jay Strange is a life member of Inman Masonic Lodge with over 45 years of service. Few members of our fraternity reach this milestone, but Brother Strange's story of service goes even deeper. Brother Strange, a soldier in the Army, was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii. He and a few friends decided to go into town on Sunday morning for breakfast. At around 7:48 that morning of December 7th, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked Pearl Harbor. As they were enjoying their meal, Brother Strange and his friends realized what was happening and raced back toward the barracks. Schofield Barracks sat next to Wheeler Field, at the time the largest air base on Oahu, making it also a target for the Japanese on that fateful day. Once they returned to base, Brother Strange and his comrades assisted in its defense, where they came under fire from Japanese aircraft. Brother Strange went on after the attack to serve our country in World War II. For Brother Strange's service to our country and to Masonry, Most Worshipful Brother Michael D. Smith, Grandmaster of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, presented Brother Strange with a Grand Lodge Certificate of Recognition on May 19, 2017 at Inman Masonic Lodge. Other members of the Grand Line present during the presentation were Most Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson, Past Grand Master of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, Right Worshipful Brother Paul McWilliams, the 20th District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Tommy Watson, Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother Fred Phillips, Junior Grand Deacon, and others. Brother Strange proudly received his Certificate for becoming "a member of that Greatest Generation of Americans to whom the people and future generations of the World will forever be indebted and grateful" with his wife, two children, and members of their respective families in attendance.



There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet.

-Dave Thomas

The 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry Master Mason Degree

On June 24th, 1717, in London, England, four Lodges came together to form the Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Lodge to be created, bringing together Masons under one unified body. To celebrate the 300th Anniversary of this moment, A Master Mason Degree was held on June 24th, 2017 at the Spartanburg Masonic Temple. Brethren from the 19th, 20th & 21st Districts, participated in raising Brother Michael Johnson, of Inman #201, to the Sublime Degree. After a meal served by the AFM Club Five & Under Team, the Temple was filled to capacity to attend the Degree. The ambiance of the candlelight and music during the conferral of the Degree was a perfect reminder of the past three centuries of tradition and ritual we celebrate this St. John the Baptist's Day. Congratulations on a wonderful job by the Degree Team, and congratulations to the candidate on receiving his Master Mason Degree.