



Glenville Lodge #551

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

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January Meeting

Brethren if you missed the December meeting, you missed a good meal and fellowship with the brethren. The Lodge elected officers for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master welcomed all the members and guests. We had just enough to elect officers. If you were not there, your vote was not counted. We are a small Lodge and need all the members at each meeting for their input. Make it a point Brothers to attend the January meeting.

Membership

Brethren the last year has been devastating to our membership. The brothers that passed on will be sorely missed. Let's look forward to the new year and bring some new good men into Masonry and make them better men.

May they hear from He that sits upon the throne "Well done thy good and faithful servant".

Other Lodges in our 40th District

Clyde	#453 2 ⁿ Tuesday	@7:30
Dillsboro	#459 1 st & 3 rd Thursday	@7:30
East Laporte	#358 2 nd & 4 th Thursday	@7:30
Oconee	#427 1 st & 3 rd Monday	@8:00
Pigeon River	#386 2 nd Thursday	@7:00
Sonoma	#472 1 st Thursday	@7:30
Waynesville	#259 1 st Friday	@7:30

Brothers, members of these Lodges visit our Lodge on a regular basis, please make an effort to greet them with a handshake and a smile.

Winter

Our summer members contribute a lot to this Lodge, and are missed in the winter months. These members not only add their dues to this Lodge, but also their time. If you can, help take up the slack during the winter and help where you can.

Fellowship

The Lodge picnic was finally held, and a good time was had by all. The ladies brought all kinds of good dishes and it was well received by the members. Brothers, if you have any fresh ideas for this or other fellowship, please bring it up at the next meeting.

Every Brother Bring A Brother to Lodge

Dues

Special thanks to our secretary, Bro. John Joachim. Bro. John has collected almost all outstanding dues for this year. This is a hard job, so if you are one of the ones that have not paid your dues, please see Bro. John or mail them in.

Oxford Children's Home

Brethren, don't forget our lodge charities, The Oxford Children's Home and The Masonic & Eastern Star Home. This is the primary charity for the Masons of North Carolina, and we should be ever mindful of its needs.

What Makes You a Mason?

*What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine?
It isn't the dueguard, not is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast,
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed,
It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip
Nor lectures that fluently flow, from the lip,
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word,
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.
Though these are essential, desirable, fine,
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.*

*That your sworn obligation are true--
'Tis that, brother of mine, makes a Mason of you.
Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,
With Lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in thought, in your word and deed,
Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.*

*Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel to vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,
The book of your faith be the rule and guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your cares
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,
And then you will meet with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine.*

_George H. Free (MM)

Judge Kindly

Don't expect perfection in a man because he is a Freemason. If you do, you will be disappointed. Masonry makes a man better, but no human agency can make him perfect. If he is a Mason, you have a right to presume he is a good man, but do not condemn Masonry even if a few Masons turn out bad. Even the Great Teacher Himself had a Judas. The aim and purpose of Masonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the institution not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes. That average is high and it consequently gives standing to its members, but it cannot be an infallible guide.

“Masons meet on the level, and part upon the square”

Mailing list

Brethren, if you know of a brother who would like to be placed on our e-mail list to receive this newsletter when written, send an e-mail with the word add to: merritt3@dnet.net