



Glenville Lodge #551

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

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Merritt R. Newman, III, Worshipful Master

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February Meeting

Brethren, don't forget our meeting in March. We have a "Pot-Luck" dinner beforehand at 6:30 P. M.. If you are able to stay to attend the meeting afterwards, we invite you to do so. We are a small Lodge and depend on each of our members to attend and to help out when they can. Also, if you are able to bring a brother, please do so. We miss those who are absent from our meetings.

Membership

Brethren, should an opportunity present itself to pass out a petition for the Lodge, please email the secretary at phoenix_fb@yahoo.com or see him to get a petition to present to the interested man. Remember we try to take good men and make them better men.

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

Well we had a bit of snowfall. Fortunately it wasn't on a meeting night. We hope that each of you stayed warm on a day such as that. But that "ole groundhog predicted we just might have a early spring. When it does, we will hopefully be seeing some familiar faces again of our summer residents.

Fellowship

The Lodge has a "Pot-Luck" dinner before each meeting. Everyone tries to bring a little something different and so far it has worked. So if you can't make the meeting, try to make it for supper. We would love to have you visit and enjoy a little fellowship with us.

Every Brother Bring A Brother to Lodge

Dues

We are beginning a new year. If you need to pay your dues, please see the Secretary and he will be more than happy to bring you up to date.

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.

MASONIC POEM

*Those men who help my dad each day,
They wear those Mason rings.
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.*

*My dad, he hurt his back you know,
One cold and wintry day.*

*He slipped and fell upon the ice,
The insurance would not pay.*

*And since that time those rings I see,
On hands that help us much.*

*With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.*

*They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree.*

*Where all the neighbor kids,
Would play with laughter full of glee.*

*My Mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came.*

*To aid our family in distress,
Without a thought of gain.*

*And when I'm big, just like my dad,
Of this it must be told.*

*I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.*

*Long years have passed since when
My dad was in that plaster cast.*

*And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
Which unites us to the last.*

*But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Mason ring.*

The one dad wore for many years,

*Until his death this spring,
 And one last time his comrades came,
 To aid my weeping mother.
 They praised and bid a fond farewell,
 To our fallen Brother.
 And after which MY son did ask,
 About their Aprons white.
 And of the rings upon their hands.
 Of gold so shiny bright.
 With tearful eyes I said with pride,
 They're men of spirit pure.
 Those men who wear those Mason rings,
 Of that you can be sure.
 And before he went to bed that night,
 The family he foretold.
 Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
 A Square and Compass gold.*

Bro. Michael R. Strampe "

- (Our thanks to Bro. Michael R. Strampe, Past Master: Lake Lodge #189 F&AM Milwaukee, Wisconsin



**I Pledge Allegiance
 to the Flag of
 the United States
 of America and to
 the Republic for
 which it stands,
 one nation under
 God, indivisible,
 with liberty and
 justice for all.**

“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

Secretary's Desk

Brethren, we had several brothers from Blue Ridge Lodge #92 in Walhalla, South Carolina come up and visit us at the last stated meeting. They enjoyed food and fellowship before the meeting. During the meeting, they proposed a “joint” venture. Blue Ridge Lodge proposed to bring their candidates up on March 30th and exemplify the South Carolina 3rd degree, then when Glenville Lodge has a candidate, we go to Walhalla and exemplify the North Carolina 3rd degree. Well, the idea was well received and plans are in progress. More information will follow as it becomes available. If you would like information on this, please contact Merritt 3 or Merritt 4.

Officers 2006

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