

Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261

Chartered 1867

3900 Litchfield Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

www.excelsiorlodge261.org



April 2014 Trestle Board

Brethren,

Greetings from the East! I am pleased to report that, finally, we have approached spring. Spring is a season of rebirth and renewal, and I urge each of you to take this time to explore your love for our lodge once again with a new sense of zeal and vigor. Think of the brethren you have not seen in some time, and, especially, those whom you have not even met. In the past few months I have seen brethren come back after years of absence, and I have had the privilege of meeting and befriending some whom I have never even known. I definitely want you all to share in that experience.

During March we lost one of our own: Brother Wayne Harper, a long-time member of Excelsior Lodge. Please keep his family in your prayers. Also, I would like to thank those who came out with me to assist in a special request on behalf of the Grand Lodges of New York and North Carolina in a courtesy Masonic Memorial Service for departed Brother Garrison Davis of Philo-Mt. Sinai Lodge #968. It was an honor that Excelsior Lodge was requested to perform that duty, and I am thankful for everyone who attended and/or expressed their deepest sentiments toward the loss of a brother. We may not have known him personally, but we knew him as "brother."

Always remember that we are bound to each other in friendship, morality, and brotherly love. That bond is one we live in life, and also one that is never truly severed in death. I look forward to seeing all of you and strengthening that bond.

Fraternally,
Michael Gregory, Master

The Master's Corner

April Stated Communication:


- Minutes from March
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's Report
- New Business
 - Voting on Petitions for Affiliation
 - Other Reports
- Informal Business
- Masonic Education
 - "Responsibility" by Bro. Greg Williamson
- Wellness Report
- Closing Remarks
- Reading of Minutes
- Close

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

Brother Winston Churchill



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PRESENTS
W. Bro. Robert L.D. Cooper



W. Bro. Robert L.D. Cooper is the Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library in Edinburgh and is custodian of the oldest and most precious Masonic documents anywhere in the world.

He is the author of numerous articles on Freemasonry and has appeared on television and radio about Freemasonry. He has delivered lectures in Masonic Lodges and other venues (both private and public), in many parts of the world, one of his favorite subjects being "The Unique Origin and Nature of Scottish Freemasonry."

Meeting to be held at Excelsior Lodge # 261
3900 Litchfield Road, Charlotte, NC
April 12th at 4 pm
For more information, please contact the lodge secretary
W. Bro. Doug Calhoun at medic208@gmail.com

Receive official Excelsior communications by sending an email to scott_wilson1@hotmail.com so you can receive info about our meetings & the Trestle Board. Also, check out the District 32 listserv where you can get more info about other lodges in the district. Check out https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/District_32/info for more info.

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April Calendar

Monday, April 7th

Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 12th

Hosting Wilkerson College

Meeting at 4:00 PM

Monday, March 14th

Degree Practice TBD

Meeting at 7:00 PM

Monday, April 21st

Dark

Thursday, April 24th

Grand Master visit to Temple Lodge

Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

Monday, April 28th

Masonic Education

Meeting at 7:00 PM



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District 32 DDGM John Trail thanks PM Kirk Wessner for his service to Excelsior in 2013



Visiting Brother Stephen Campbell lectures on George Washington



District 32 DDGL poses with Junior Deacon Phillip Brent



Temple Lodge Master Jason Dorn addresses Excelsior members



"Well Wishes" cards are signed by the lodge for 10 adopted residents of Whitestone.

Pictures by David Carriker, PM, CL

*****PAST DUE NOTICES MAILED*****

Please send the lodge your 2014 dues as this is our main revenue stream to keep the lodge running. If you received one by accident, just email or call the secretary.



The Grand Lodge of California
San Francisco, California



Masonic Mural at The Grand Lodge of California

The history of Masonry in California is inseparable from the history of the state. The endomosaic mural celebrates Freemasonry's role in the development of California. The history falls into two categories: the wayfarers to the left and the seafarers to the right. The central figure represents the modern Mason and the symbols seen throughout represent Masonic principles, the three primary degrees of Masonry, and the fraternity's link to ancient stonemasons and architecture.

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