

Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261

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"The Friendly Lodge"



August 2017 Trestle Board

Dear Brother,

I hope you enjoyed your Independence Day and month off as we were dark. It's time to kick things into high gear as we prepare to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Going back to June it was an amazing month, we accomplished a lot in terms of degree work and brothers elevating themselves in Masonry.

June Recap

New Fellow Crafts

We passed two brothers on to the degree of Fellow Craft on a Saturday morning. Brothers Joshua Barnett, Patrick Tobin, and myself made a French Toast breakfast for those who were in attendance.

Their catechism was amazing as many brothers commented "The best I've seen in a while." I give the credit to a long-standing member Brother Robert Klein who did an exceptional job with their coaching.

New Entered Apprentice

To round out the month we initiated one new Brother, I want to give a special thanks to the Past Masters who served during the degree and who continue to serve throughout the year.

I am personally grateful for your continued service as some degrees and even Stateds may not have been possible without your assistance. Speaking of such service our newly appointed SW Phillip Brown would like to share a few words with you:

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to WM Phillip Brent for giving me the opportunity to serve this Great Lodge again as SW. I am sure that I will be able to add to the line and assist the WM in Opening and governing the Lodge.

We have a really big event rolling around in October, Our 150th year Anniversary Celebration. I am extremely excited about this event and what it can do for us. I believe this can be a fantastic event, one that we will want to replicate later. We will be able to accomplish a few objectives, Have a little fun, learn something, fellowship with our membership, fellowship with people outside our lodge, be entertained and raise a few dollars for our Charities.

If this is a successful event and we enjoy it, who is to say we start a yearly black tie affair/fundraiser? We have a small group of members that attend a lot of events and a few more that attend a good number of our events but we are all going to have to pitch in to sell this event! We have all got to get fired up and put the word out to get more people interested in being there and being a part of our Anniversary!

There is going to be more degree work rolling around and if anyone is interested in any part, let one of the Wardens know and we will assist you in practicing, learning and taking an active role in our degree work. You don't have to be elected to a Chair to sit in a chair for a degree or to play a part in our Third Degree, don't hesitate to ask.

There are other events that we need people to step up and learn some parts too. I would really like to encourage anyone that would be interested in looking into becoming a certified lecturer, to please do so, this is a very important person or persons in any Lodge. We are always dependent on these folks to help in every aspect of the Lodge work.

If I may take a brief moment to thank all the Past Masters, the certified lectures, the men that have been coming to events for 20-30-40-50 plus years, you are the inspiration to us all for coming out and doing this. I ask the older guys and the Past Masters to encourage each other to come and be a part help us learn and become better we need you guy as much if not more than the new guys. THANK YOU!!!!

Phillip Brown, PM, Senior Warden

Fraternally,
Phillip Brent, Master

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August Calendar

Monday, August 7th

Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:00pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

Monday, August 14th

Lodge System of Education #2 (pre-FC)

FC Degree Practice

Meet at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 19th

FC Degree Conferral

Breakfast at 9:00am

Degree at 10:00am

Monday, August 21st

Lodge Sys. of Masonic Education #3 (pre-MM)

3rd Degree Practice

Meet at 7:00pm

Monday, August 28th

MM Degree Conferral

Meet at 7:00pm



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Are you ready for our 150th Anniversary?
We're selling commemorative coins for \$20 (2 for \$35) as part of a fundraiser for our charities. You can buy them in person at any meeting or on our website.



Mark your calendars for October 21st!
Our 150th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Charlotte Museum of History.

The
CHARLOTTE MUSEUM
of HISTORY



We will have a catered dinner, live music, speakers, and tours of the Hezekiah Alexander House

UGLE 300 Year Anniversary Stamps

2017 marks the tercentenary of English Freemasonry's first Grand Lodge and Isle of Man Post Office is celebrating the occasion with a set of six beautiful postage stamps. The stamps are filled with symbols and references, including a hidden logo only visible under UV light, GPS references to places important to Freemasonry, and a subtle ribbon honoring the 50th year of office of the current Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, HRH The Duke of Kent.

The sheetlet features six intricately detailed stamps from the 300 Years of Freemasonry collection, which have been printed with gold foil highlighting HM Queen's head and the words 'Isle' and 'Man'. Each stamp features a badge of office for senior officers within the lodge. There are additional discreet references to six important locations at the top of the stamps and other hidden mysteries, including some visible only under UV light.

A more detailed article can be found at:
<https://www.gov.im/news/2017/apr/18/isle-of-man-post-office-celebrates-300-years-of-english-freemasonry-with-hidden-secret-stamps/>

The stamps can be purchased at:
<https://www.iompost.com/stamps-coins/product/300-years-of-freemasonry-sheetlet/>

