



# Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261

*Chartered 1867*

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## December 2017 Trestle Board

Dear Brother,

This month is a very important meeting for you to attend as we will be deciding on the future of our lodge. You should have received a note with your dues notice of an upcoming vote to determine whether we are going to sell our property and thus decide our next steps after that. So be sure to attend Decembers stated communication so you can be a part of the discussions.

November Recap

New Master Mason

We held a Saturday morning degree to raise our new brother Shawn Arthur to the sublime degree of Master Mason. While the attendance was poor we still held a wonderful degree and made it work with those who came. If you see Shawn around be sure to extend a welcome and congratulations on his dedication and hard work.

Thanksgiving

I hope you had a great holiday with family and friends, it's truly a special day to take a moment and reflect on all that we have to be grateful for.

Officer Elections

We voted on 2018 officers and I truly believe that we have gained momentum this year and look forward to that continuing next year. We have many new Masons and they'll be looking to get involved and fester the brotherly love that has been restored.

House Not Made With Hands

It's always a sad moment when you receive news of a brother who has passed on, in November we had two brothers pass Michael Denny and Mason Dorsey. Michael was just initiated in October and was beginning his journey into Masonry. Mason Dorsey was a long standing member and World War II Veteran.

Closing Remarks

I can truly say that it has been an honor and a pleasure serving as the Master this year. While I haven't been able to get everything done that was on my agenda, I do feel as if the lodge has been moved forward and has a new energy. I have certainly "left it all on the field" and am looking forward to seeing the continued growth.

I am grateful for the opportunity and thank you for believing in me, I will continue to be present and serve the lodge in any capacity that is needed. Let's get ready for another amazing year and let's continue to grow the friendship, morality, and brotherly love in the ensuing year!

Fraternally,  
Phillip Brent

### 2018 Officers

**Master**

Phillip Brown

**Senior Warden**

John Maybury

**Junior Warden**

Clay Pettit

**Treasurer**

Bob Foy

**Secretary**

Scott Wilson

**Senior Deacon**

Josh Barnett

**Junior Deacon**

Patrick Tobin

**Senior Steward**

Mark Kotula

**Junior Steward**

Adam Huffstetler

**Tyler**

Michael Wilson

**Chaplain**

Dave Allison

*Officer Installation will be held on December 18th. Families and friends are welcome to join us.*

Want to receive official notices and timely information from the lodge? Send an email to the Secretary at [scott\\_wilson1@hotmail.com](mailto:scott_wilson1@hotmail.com).

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**December Trestle Board**

**2017 Officers**

|           |                   |              |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Master    | Phillip Brent     | 704-995-4550 |
| SW        | Phillip Brown*    | 704-562-0283 |
| JW        | Dan Andrews       | 704-535-1511 |
| Treasurer | Bob Foy*          | 980-722-4777 |
| Secretary | Scott Wilson      | 704-200-7430 |
| SD        | Clay Pettit       | 828-223-6429 |
| JD        | Josh Barnette     | 704-884-6913 |
| SS        | John Robinson     | 980-263-8114 |
| JS        | Lawrence Campbell | 917-902-8126 |
| Chaplain  | Terry Revel       | 828-322-8472 |
|           | * Past Master     |              |

**December Calendar**

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Stated Communication**

Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**EA Degree Conferral**

Meet at 7:00pm

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**2018 Officer Installation**

Dinner at 6:00pm, Installation at 7:00pm

Open to family and friends

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

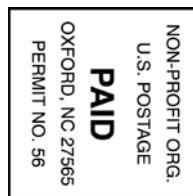
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Brethren,

The 2018 Lodge Officer line would like to "THANK YOU" for the opportunity to serve Excelsior for the coming year! We look forward to the challenges ahead, we are going to do a little trail blazing and try some new things. We are going to work on our Masonic Education and our Ritual work this year. We want to have fun and improve ourselves.

Thank you  
The 2018 Officer Line



Greeting from the West,

2017 has been a great year, many thanks to WM Phillip Brent and the 2017 Officer line. We have had a lot of fun, welcomed some great new and enthusiastic Brothers to our fraternity, and had some very good special events. Even with a few gaps that occurred in the line this year we have had some great guys step up and cover those places and stations. Thanks to everyone that stepped in where ever they were needed. Again thank you WM Phillip Brent for all you did!

Thank you  
Phillip Brown SW



Interested in being more involved? There are multiple committees that have work to be done. Here are just a few of them:

- Committee on Charity
- Committee on Finance and Budget
- Reference Committee
- Committee on The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
- Committee on WhiteStone
- Committee on Masonic Education
- Committee on DeMolay

Contact Phillip Brown if you're interested in helping out!

Excelsior Lodge,

I would like to take a few moments to congratulate all the newly elected Officers for 2018, and to those Brother that have been appointed to roles within the 2018 line. We want to have fun and learn this year. If you have any ideas for education, please contact one of the line Officers for 2018, we are looking for education for the entire year. If you have an idea or if you have something you would like to present we can get it plugged in for the year.

If you have interest in coaching new Brothers, please step up and let us know. We need some extra coaches and are coming up with a standard of how we want to coach.

If you are interested in ritual work, no matter how big or small, let one of the line officers know. We will get you plugged in. There are always times when people cannot be at Lodge and need someone to cover for them. If you are interested in doing any job in the Lodge we are open to anyone learning any part and helping out. You don't have to be in the officer line to play a major part in helping this Lodge. Each and every member is important, no matter how young or how old you are, how new or experienced! The diversity of our membership is what makes this Lodge so great.

Past Masters, if you haven't been around much lately, we are interested in finding out why and how we can get you back involved. We will need the Past Masters to lean on and help us through this coming year. We know there is a wealth of knowledge out there, and we need it in the lodge for Stated meetings to guide us, in practice to help train us, and in the ritual work to help improve us.

Older Members, we need you to know, we value your input, come help us and let us know you are interested in being involved, even if you cannot drive to Lodge ask one of us to get you there. We will come and get you if you need us too.

Thank you  
Phillip Brown, Master Elect