

Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261

Chartered 1867

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"The Friendly Lodge"



November 2017 Trestle Board

Dear Brother,

This is the month we look to vote for the officers of 2018, this has truly been a full and amazing year and we must look well to our ballot to continue the momentum of this year. I think we need to continue to be efficient with our voting as it truly does impact the success of the lodge and the legacy in future years.

October Recap

150th Anniversary Celebration-

What an amazing night and turn out we had to celebrate a great milestone. Everyone was dressed to impress and we truly had a good time and fellowship. We toured the Hezekiah House by lantern and it was truly an experience to see.

MW Elect Speed Hallman delivered a very supportive and exemplary message as he spoke about Excelsior, he also presented Brother Walter Klein with his 60 Year pin.

Brother Shankar from India gave a brief message about his experience with Excelsior and support for our lodge. Past GM Dan Rice, delivered a touching speech as he shared his personal story and experience from the orphanage. He also shared a few stories about some of the members of White Stone.

It was my pleasure to present Most Worshipful Rice with a check to benefit our charities for \$3,938.00 which is the most that we've donated to our charities in a good while. That amount is the result of our coin fundraiser and silent auction during the celebration. We do have a few coins left so there is still room to grow our donation amount.

We closed the night out with the presentation of our awards and the live band serenaded us as we departed for home.

New Entered Apprentices

Brother Dan Andrews led the degree as we initiated three new brothers into the fraternity. Our lodge is continuing to grow even as we close out the year and we will continue our degree work up until the installation.

Lodge Property

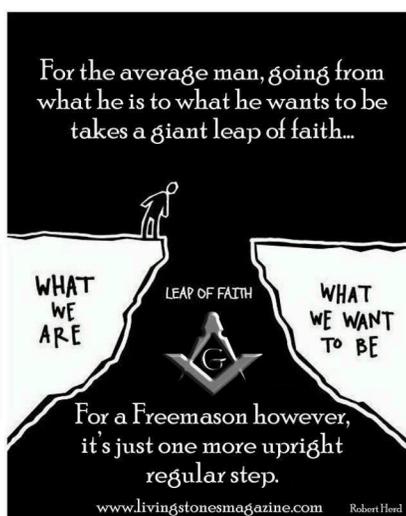
If you haven't heard, we have officially received a total of THREE written offers to purchase our property. Thus far we've had thorough discussion on how this should be pursued, back in August a committee was formed to entertain the offer(s) and explore any options moving forward.

We will be providing an update on the progress thus far as well as discussing the new offer that was received. Please come out to hear all the details and share your opinion of how we should proceed as a Lodge.

Guest Speaker

Right Worshipful Elect Shaun Bradshaw will be presenting our Masonic Education for the evening on "Can/Shall/Will: An Esoteric Interpretation of Grand Master Hiram Abiff's Words at the South, West, and East Gates." Make sure you come out to hear his presentation and cast your ballot for 2018 officers.

Fraternally,
Phillip Brent



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2017 Officers

Master	Phillip Brent	704-995-4550
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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	

November Calendar

Monday, November 6th

Stated Communication (ELECTIONS)

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

Monday, November 13th

MM Degree Practice, Lodge System of Education #3

Meet at 7:00pm

SATURDAY, November 18th

MM Degree Conferral

Breakfast at 9:00am, Degree at 10:00am

Monday, November 20th

Lodge System of Education #1

Meet at 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 27th

EA Degree Conferral

Dinner at 6:15pm, Meeting at 7:00pm



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150th Anniversary Pictures



My brothers,

Greetings from the West. Can we get a collective WOW! The last 30 days at Excelsior have been jam packed with Grand Lodge, our Stated Communication, School of Instruction, 150th anniversary, education for our 3 newest candidates, 1st Degree practice, our Senior Wardens meeting, and 1st Degree conferral. The most impressive part is the number of Brothers coming out and showing their support. Our newest Brothers are stepping up and holding our feet to the fire! I have also seen some faces that I have not seen in a long time popping in for some of the events and all of this is very encouraging.

On the 25th I hosted the Senior Wardens dinner at the Lodge. We had pizza and soft drinks, chatted, and held a very positive meeting. It was somewhat informal just to lay some groundwork for our road map to the future. Some of the topics were Education, Ritual work, Scheduling, Events, our Charities and Fundraising! Many thanks to all that attended and engaging in the conversation. We had a great crowd come out and it will be great to keep the enthusiasm and momentum next year!

One last thing- THANK YOU to all the Brothers and their families that worked so hard on the 150th Anniversary event of Excelsior 261! It was a spectacular evening filled with Brotherly Love and Friendship! We had time to walk around the museum, talk to Brothers and their families. Some people got their first taste of Masonry at that evening. Awards were handed out and we learned a lot about our Charities. we also witnessed Walter Klein receive his 60 year pin, what a mile stone. What a night. Let's keep it up!

Fraternally
Phillip Brown, PM
Senior Warden

