

Excelsior Masonic Lodge No. 261

Chartered 1867

3900 Litchfield Road

Charlotte, NC 28211

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"The Friendly Lodge"



September 2017 Trestle Board

Dear Brother,

We are officially less than 60 days out from celebrating our 150th Anniversary on October 21, 2017 with doors opening at 6pm. It will be a black tie event so if you need to rent a tux now is the time to do so. Tickets are also available to purchase on our website. They are only \$60 and will include the following: admission to the banquet event, valet parking, lantern tour of the Hezekiah House (optional), alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, 3 course dinner, speakers from the Grand Lodge, awards and presentations, silent auction to benefit our Masonic Charities, live music, and so much more. I hope you will join us on this special occasion and please invite family and friends!

August Recap

New Fellow Crafts

We passed one brother on to the degree of Fellow Craft on a Saturday morning. Although Brother Arthur was nervous about performing his catechism, he did an amazing job and I attribute this to Brother Josh Barnett and Brother Robert Klein. They have stepped up to the plate to coach our new brethren and are doing an amazing job.

New Master Masons

Brothers Adam and Mark were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, we had much help from visiting brethren and I can't thank everyone enough who participated. It was a beautiful degree and I am looking forward to their continued growth within the lodge.

Lodge Property

If you haven't heard, we have officially received a written offer to purchase our property. We had thorough discussion during the August stated on how this should be pursued, after much discussion a committee was formed to entertain the offer and explore all the options moving forward.

I have stood on a principle of being completely transparent this year and this instance isn't any different. I welcome your opinion on this matter, as it's something that will take to time to come to fruition if it does at all. Be sure to attend September's Stated Communication to receive an update from the committee formed.

Ask 1 Bring 1

Also during the August stated I handed out somewhat of a lodge roster for the purpose of increasing attendance during our events. I implore you to reach out to a brother in your zip code or one on your route to the lodge, and simply ask them if they would like to accompany you.

If each of the brethren (some currently are) reached out and brought one brother with them, our attendance would double instantly. It doesn't take much of an effort and I'm sure the brother would appreciate you reaching out to them even if they can't come.

I would like you to join me in this initiative and bring someone with you to September's Stated. If you don't have transportation and would like to attend, please reach out to our Secretary and we'll coordinate someone to pick you up accordingly.

Fraternally,
Phillip Brent



Lodges are required to hold 5 hours of Lecture Service every other year and 2017 is our designated year. Our DDGL, Ed Steele, will be conferring our Lecture Service on two nights, September 18th and 25th at 6:30pm. Please join us as we learn more about our degrees and Freemasonry



Excelsior has received an offer to purchase our property. The lodge voted in August to form a committee, consisting of the Trustees and elected officers, that is authorized to investigate the matter further and negotiate with interested parties if needed. This does not mean we are selling the lodge, only that we are looking into it. Both the lodge membership and the Grand Lodge Service Commission must approve any action. Come to the September Stated Communication for more information.

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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
Tyler	TBD	
	* Past Master	

September Calendar

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day- Lodge is Dark

Monday, September 11th

Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:00pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

Monday, September 18th

Lecture Service

Meet at 6:30pm

Monday, September 25th

Lecture Service

Meet at 6:30pm



Have you paid your 2017 dues?

Delinquency notices will be mailed out soon. If you feel it is a mistake, please reach out to the Secretary.



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Certified Lecturer?

Each lodge needs a Certified Lecturer to confer degrees. Are you interested in becoming one? David Carriker is planning on holding a preparatory class. Dates and times are not set yet so contact David at 704-364-0309 if you'd like to participate.



Congratulations to Mark Kotula and Adam Huffstetler on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



APPEAL FOR RELIEF – TEXAS

The entire Gulf Coast of Texas was deluged with high winds and rain from Hurricane Harvey, setting records for rainfall from any single storm anywhere in the continental United States. Extensive building and property damage, electrical outages, unhealthy conditions caused by flooding, and widespread disruption of normal living conditions has occurred.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has requested this Disaster Appeal, to assist their many brethren who have been injured or who have received extensive damage to their homes from Hurricane Harvey.

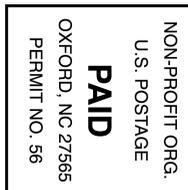
Donations can be made online at www.msana.com. When remitting by check, please mark clearly that you wish the funds to go to the Texas Disaster Appeal.

Please forward any donations you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brothers and their families in this stricken jurisdiction to MSA. Please make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 3905 National Drive, STE 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

MSA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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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. All for just \$60/person.