

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

The Installation of Officers for Manasseh Lodge will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday December 12th, with refreshments to follow. This is an open installation and a good opportunity to bring your families, and friends who might be interested in freemasonry. The Lodge Christmas Party will be on the following Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 PM. The January Stated will be on Friday the 8th at 7:30 PM instead of our regular stated night, which falls on New Years Day in 2010.

In 2010 we will be holding a monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. This date should not conflict with other lodge breakfasts in the district. We are looking for volunteer cooks to help prepare the meal. Breakfasts will begin at 8:00 AM and are open to our whole Masonic family; donations to defer the costs of the food are welcome.

## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

Brethren, Can you believe this? It seems like only yesterday I wrote my first Trestleboard and here you are reading my last. Time just seems to fly, when you'r having fun. Now that's an old saying isn't it?

At our Past Master's night in October we were honored with the presence of Most Worshipful George Chapin (1999). Most Worshipful Chapin presented 25-yr pins to Brothers Melvin Timmons, Charles Tabor, Gregory Duvall and Wor. Michael Coleman. 50-yr pins were given to brothers Charles Wood and Charles "ED" Johnson. Brother Dr. Marvin Gillium was presented his 60-yr service emblem. Good for you brother Dr. Gillium and congratulations to all. Most Worshipful Chapin also reminded the brethren that being a "Past Master" does not mean your journey as a Mason is over; it's just the beginning of another chapter in your travels, as a Mason. Congratulations to all.

November started with our Grand Lodge Communications being held in Richmond, Virginia. Your newly elected Grand Master of Virginia is Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr. Most Worshipful's theme for his term is "Forget Not The Duties". More information on Most Worshipful Rorer can be found on the Grand Lodge website @ [www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org](http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org). Also installed was Rt. Wor. Barry Eugene Constant as our new District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District. Rt. Worshipful Constant is a Member of the Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 in Warrenton, Virginia.

At our Daylight Communication on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed with good food and fellowship. Rt. Wor. Bill Roberson presented two poems appropriate for the day of honoring our veterans.

November Stated, being moved to the 13<sup>th</sup> due to our Grand Lodge being in session, was a busy night. Starting with dinner prepared by Wor. John Stallings – man that was good stuff, Wor. John. I never saw so many brothers return for seconds and I agree it was goood gumbo. A 25-yr service pin was presented to Worshipful Jeffrey Holbrook. Wor. Holbrook was saluted in the east and he made couple comments to the brethren. By-the-Way, Wor. Holbrook, Coleman and Bro. Edwin Griffith, Jr. reached their 25-yr service this year.

We honored all veterans in attendance and held a Memorial Service for our Brethren that have passed to the Celestial Lodge. Two highest awards that a lodge or an individual can receive from MAHOVA were recognized. The “John Stroke’s award to the lodge back in 2006. This was Worshipful Bill Edwards year as Worshipful Master of your lodge. Rt. Wor. Bill Costis receiving the “Builder’s Award”. We were honored with the presence of our new District Deputy, Berry Eugene Constant. Boy – did he ever get a fast start.

Don’t Forget our December Stated Communication on December the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will hold election of lodge officers for year 2010. Dinner @ 6:30pm. Also, Daylight Communication Lodge on the 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am.

Fruitcakes are now on sale to benefit the Manasseh Lodge Scholarship Fund, \$5.00 each.

Flags flown this month are donated by Gene & Bettie Keyton in honor and memory of Matthew Costis. Matthew is the grandson of Cherry and Bill Costis.

Well now, for me, here comes the hard part of being your Worshipful Master this past year. That’s signing off for the last time. I’m not going to say Thank You here, I have to many Brothers and Sisters to thank and I’ll do that personally. EXCEPT a big thank you to Louise Walker for helping me each month in getting this Trestleboard to the printer. I’m not going to say Good-bye, cause I’m not going anywhere. Like Mt. Wor. Chapin said above “ it’s just a new chapter for me traveling the greatest Fraternity in the world. So I’ll close by saying...

God Bless you real good – a mason (can you name him?)

Good Night John Boy.

Good night Chet – Good Night David (or was it the other way)

Say Good Night Gracie - Good Night Gracie

Say Good Night Wayne – Good Night Wayne

And Good Night to all of you.

Trust your holiday season is joyous and the New Year a prosperous one.

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In Harmony, Wayne Bentz, Worshipful Master