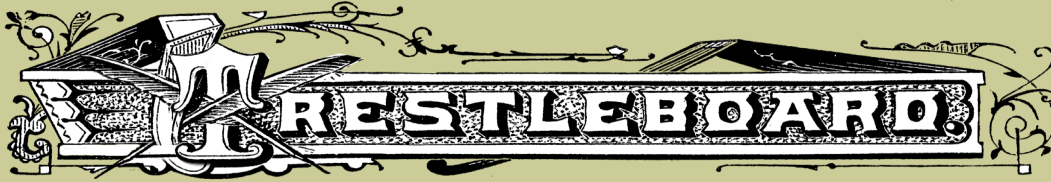


A. J. Miller Masonic Lodge #204 F.&A.M.



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Stated Meetings

1 & 3 Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

316 Main Street
Thomson, GA 30824

FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East,

My year is winding down, and I have to say it has been a learning experience. I have often heard that once you get comfortable in the position your time is about over. That has proven to be true. We have conferred three(3) Entered Apprentices, and our attendance is up somewhat. Hopefully the lodge will continue to grow, although it is at a slow pace. I thank all of the Brothers for their support and will continue to assist as needed in the lodge. Good luck to the next group and I hope the next Master feels as good as I do about having served in this office.

Thanks,

Terry Evans, Master



Worshipful Terry A. Evans

FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren from the West,

I hope this finds everyone doing good. This year is almost over. I'll start by thanking everyone for the attendance at meetings. It has been a good year. We have had a couple new Brothers come into the Lodge from other Lodges. We also have a couple new Brothers that were initiated. We had some good degrees done by the Officers in the Lodge. Let's try to keep the attendance up into the new year. Let's also think about inviting a Brother to get back into the Lodge. Don't forget that School of Instructions start in January. Everyone could use a little brushing up on the works of the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Calvin Leggett, S.W.



William Calvin Leggett IV

"It has not been my fortune to know very much of Freemasonry, but I have had the great fortune to know many Freemasons and have been able in that way to judge the tree by its fruit. I know of your high ideals. I have seen that you hold your meetings in the presence of the open Bible, and I know that men who observe that formality have high sentiments of citizenship, of worth, and character. That is the strength of our Commonwealth and nation." — Calvin Coolidge



FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers,

Wow, what a ride this year has been! We have seen growth within the Lodge. We've added new members and welcomed some familiar faces as they have returned to the Lodge. Speaking of returning, this year we brought back the meal / fellowship hour, held before the meeting on the 1st Monday. This has been a huge hit with the brethren, and its success would not have been possible without those preparing it. Thank you Brothers and your Wives for your culinary expertise!

We currently have an active website and Facebook page, but this year we added the first emailed Trestleboard which seems to have been well received by the brethren.

Another first for this Lodge, was our Memorial Day Service. It was great to fellowship with Brothers and their family members. It was also beneficial to educate those present on how Freemasonry influenced Memorial Day. I

know of two individuals that were in attendance that were not Masons but afterwards became interested and have petitioned Lodges. As of the time of writing this article, they both have received their EA degree.

Yet another first for our Lodge, the Lodge voted to send the SW & JW to the Masonic Education Leadership Development (MELD) conference in Milledgeville. This is a tremendous opportunity for Masonic growth and vital for their performance of duties in their elected office.

To the left of this page is a quote from Calvin Coolidge the 30th President of the United States. Although he was not a Freemason, his writing about us is quite profound. In his writing he mentions"judge the tree by its fruit." Brethren, no amount of websites, Facebook posts, Trestleboard articles, public programs, or conferences will be the cure-all for acquiring new members nor will it solely retain current members. We must exemplify the



Michael Warren Schaefer

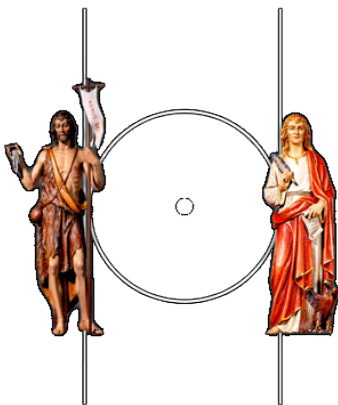
tenants of Freemasonry not only in the Lodge but outside of its doors as well. Brothers, YOU are Freemasonry. We are the cornerstone upon which we will build our membership.

I am encouraged by the growth and forward momentum of our Lodge. I look forward to continued growth, and I am excited to see where we will be next year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in the South this past year.

Fraternally,

Michael W. Schaefer, JW

The Holy Saints John



As we head into the holiday season, if asked, we could easily explain the origin of Thanksgiving or Christmas, but what about either of the St. Johns Days? St. John the Baptist, whose "day" is set aside as June 24th and St. John the Evangelist, whose "day" is December 27th, are our Patron Saints of Masonry. While most Master Masons are aware of the celebration of these two days, few may realize why it is cause for celebration within their lodge. Little is known about either of the Saints John in the Masonic sense. What we do know is that: St. John the Baptist was a direct descendant from Ishmael's bloodline (Ishmael was Abraham's eldest son, born of his servant, Hagar.) John's mother, Elizabeth was a relative of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and both John and Jesus were contemporaries in history. John the Baptist baptized Jesus and proclaimed Him as the "Lamb of God". John the Baptist is probably best known for his zealous virtue in keeping God's laws. St. John the Evangelist, also known as John the Apostle, is said to be the disciple whom Jesus dearly loved. He is probably best known as a teacher of knowledge, the author of the Gospel book of John, the book of Revelation in the New Testament, and later wrote the 3 Epistles in the Bible. He was the only one of the 12 disciples who did not forsake Jesus at the hour of his death. He is remembered as a gentle teacher of brotherly love and was the last surviving apostle. There is no historical evidence that either of the Saints John were ever members of the Craft of Stonemasons, but because of their righteous lives and their strength of character, both of these Godly men have been adopted as the Patron Saints of our gentle Craft.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Greeting Brothers,

Received a letter from the 10th District Custodian, W/Bro. Thomas Scott, with the dates of our yearly School of Instructions.

A. J. Miller Lodge #204 will host W/Bro. Scott on the following Tuesday nights for the school:

Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Feb. 4th and 11th.

Start time will be at 7pm and will finish at 9pm. Please make your plans to attend. You will learn and refresh your memory with each date as W/Bro. Scott instructs us on a different subject each week. Opening and closing, the 3 degrees work. and any other subject that is brought up to sharpen our knowledge. You won't be sorry you attended.

As always, these dates are subject to the weather conditions. Please bring your White, Blue or Orange cards. Also each Lodge's Director of Works need to attend as much as possible. Thank you for your time.

Fraternally,
Perry

TRAIN HIM WELL



ONE DAY, HE MIGHT BE
GRAND MASTER

SAMUEL MARSHALL LESTER III



DANIEL BAZEMORE & DAVID LOPEZ (FRANKLIN #11)





See something?

Know something?

Say something.

If you know of a Brother or Widow in need, contact the Sunshine Committee

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3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Brother	Date Raised	Years
LUCKEY SAMUEL IRVING JR	8/22/1970	49
SIVAS CONSTANTINE	8/22/1958	61
WAGNER WILLIAM GRANT	9/1/1981	38
DAVIS JOHN TERRY SR	9/28/1991	28
WILLIS ROBERT AELAM	10/1/2004	15
ERKINS WAYNE CHARLES	10/1/2004	15
SMITH MICHAEL ANTHONY	10/1/2007	12
LEGGETT WILLIAM CALVIN IV	10/5/2010	9
PRINCE JAMES EDWARD II	10/1/2004	15
HOBBS PERRY WAYNE	10/17/1994	25
HAMPTON BOBBY GENE	11/7/1964	55
CONNER WILDER JENNINGS	11/12/1981	38
LAGRONE WILLIAM PETERS JR	11/14/2001	18
ANTHONY ROBERT HUGH JR	11/9/1978	41
BELL HUDSON LEWIS JR	11/22/2003	16
MOBLEY THOMAS LOVETT	11/7/1964	55
MABREY WILLIAM CECIL	11/3/1964	55
PERRY DAVID RAY	11/27/2012	7
EVANS TERRY ANTHONY	11/27/2012	7



TO OUR READERS



It is our intent to provide valuable information to our readers about the happenings of our lodge. This is our third issue, just like the others, we are sure there is room for improvement. If there is something you would like to see added or deleted let us know. If you would like to contribute an article to the Trestleboard, hand written, typed, or emailed submissions are all accepted. We strive to provide accurate information. If you have noticed a glaring error or omission, please let us know so we can correct it. It is our intent

to distribute the Trestleboard quarterly via email and printed copies will be kept on the Secretary's desk. It looks like we only published 3 this year... we'll try to do better next year. Feel free to print as many copies as you might need and distribute to brothers who might not have email or regularly attend lodge. Submissions, corrections, and or comments can be emailed to: mikromedic@gmail.com or by contacting any of the lodge officers. Thank you for taking the time to read our Trestleboard.

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