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Lodge Officers for 2007 Elected and Installed

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At the December meeting, the members of Bethpage Lodge elected the following officers:

- 1** W. Master—Timothy Roberson
- 2** S. Warden—William Bowen
- 2** J. Warden—Billy Burroughs
- 2** Tres.—Lee Roy Grizzle, PM
- 3** Sec'y—David E. Stafford, PM
- 3** Chaplain—Kenneth Woodall
- S. Deacon—Ferrell Fuqua
- J. Deacon—Harlan Savely
- S. Steward—Douglas Stinson, PM
- J. Steward—David Satterfield, PM
- Tyler—James Templeton

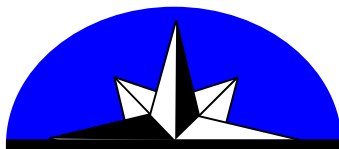
The lodge encourages you to come to the next stated meeting and greet your new officers. We look forward to having a successful year full of fellowship and seeing many men raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. We thank last year's of-

ficers for their hard work and dedication to the Craft.

If the officers of the lodge can be of any assistance to you, please contact the lodge secretary by any of the means provided above. ∞

Card Program

The lodge sends cards to members and widows when they are sick or have lost loved ones. In order to accomplish this task, the secretary needs your help. He can only send cards when he knows that the member or widow is ill or has had a loss. Please assist the secretary in the task by contacting him when you know a card should be sent within the lodge. Brother Stafford's contact information may be found in the heading of this newsletter. ∞



"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

- Bro Teddy Roosevelt

The Grand College of Rites



"The Grand College of Rites is a 'regular' Masonic body, dedicated to preserving the history and rituals of defunct and inactive Masonic orders." They publish a journal, the Collectanea, each year. The journal contains various histories and rituals for spurious and defunct degrees. It is a great resource for Masonic students and those interested in learning about degrees and rituals that lie outside of the auspices of the York and Scottish Rites. Any Master Mason belonging to a lodge chartered by a regular Grand Lodge may join. There is a \$10.00 joining fee and dues are \$15.00 a year. A petition may be found at their website www.grandcollegeofrites.org/, or you may contact Brother Stafford, who is a member. ∞

Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason?



Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason? The answer to this question is known by anyone who has advanced past the Entered Apprentice Degree. It is in the heart that a man is first prepared to be made a Mason.

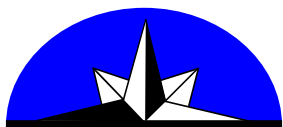
The following is an excerpt from a 1987 report given by the Grand Lodge of Missouri's Committee on Masonic Education concerning the condition of a candidate's heart. "The heart is the seat of the affections, passions,

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and desires. All the actions of a man's life issue and proceed from the heart. As a man's heart is, so will his life be. If his heart is clean and pure, his life cannot be wicked and vicious. Fundamentally, Masonry's first concern is with the strengthening of character in the individual - the building of a Spiritual Temple. Unless the heart is receptive the mind will not respond to this basic objective."

The lesson imparted here is clear. A lodge can accept the pe-

titions of a hundred seekers and pass them from degree to degree, but if they were not first prepared in their heart to be made a Mason, it is all vain works. As the old adage goes, 'it is not the quantity of men you make a Mason but the quality of them'. If a man is not prepared in his heart to be a good man, full of charity, before he enters the lodge, he will never become a Mason. His life will forever be "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." ∞



2007 Dues are Due!

Dues for 2007 are due! If you have not paid your dues, please mail them to the secretary as soon as possible. Dues for 2007 are \$50.00. ∞

Luke 12:34: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Appendent bodies are a great way to obtain greater light in Masonry. The secretary has petitions for most appendent bodies including the Scottish and York Rites, the Shrine, The Tennessee Lodge of Research, and The Philalethes Society. Contact Brother Stafford if you are interested in any of these Masonic bodies. ∞



Gerald R. Ford, 33°

Born: July 14, 1913

Raised: May 18, 1951

President of USA: 1974-1977

Died: December 26, 2007

60 Years a Mason!

Brother Clyde Odell Tuttle was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 25, 1946! The lodge unanimously voted to prepare and present Brother Tuttle with a certificate certifying this great accomplishment. Brother Tuttle was born in 1915. Congratulations Brother. ∞

Brother Harlan Savely, the lodge's Junior Deacon, has been ill. He had surgery on both December 21 and 22 at Skyline Hospital. It is asked that you all pray for his speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to his home at 595 Bushes Lane, Bethpage, TN 37022. ∞

Mr. Joseph Dewayne Perry presented a petition to the lodge. The petition will be balloted on January 18th. If you have information on this gentleman, please contact a brother on his investigation committee (Kenneth Woodall, Douglas Stinson, and David Stafford). ∞

Membership Transactions for 2006

Action	Number
Restorations	1
Petitions	3
EAs	1
FCs	0
MMs	0
Transfers (out)	-2
NPD	-2
Demits	-4
Deaths	-2
Total Gain	1
Total Loss	-10
Net	-9

(Total current membership as of 1/1/07 - 91)

From Whose Grasp Have Dropped the Working Tools of Life

In Memory of
Joe Miller Womack, Senior Deacon
Morgan Hamilton "Popeye" Marks

During 2006, Bethpage Lodge mourned the loss of two brethren. These brothers will be greatly missed, and the prayers of the lodge are with their survivors. Brother Womack left a widow, Mrs. Kathleen

Robinson Womack and a host of extended family and friends. Brother Marks was survived by three sons (Gerald Marks, Ewell Marks, and Morgan Marks, Jr.), two daughters (Kim Marks Oldham and Teresa

Marks), and five grandchildren. At the request of their families, Bethpage Lodge conducted Masonic Funerals for both Brothers. Please remember their families in your prayers. ∞

This E-trestleboard is prepared and distributed bi-monthly by authority of Bethpage Lodge #521 by the lodge secretary. Any Master Mason or widow may subscribe to it by e-mailing the secretary at bethpagelodge521@bellsouth.net. If you would like to submit information to this newsletter, you may also e-mail it to the lodge secretary for consideration.

IN THE GLORIOUS HOUR OF DAWNING

M.: W.: Bro.: J. F. Clendening, Past Grand Master of Tennessee

In the glorious hour of dawning
When the sun begins to peep
From above the farthest hilltops,
To arouse us from our sleep;
Then we pray to God our Master
To direct us through the day,
To avoid the trials and pitfalls
That assail us on our way.

When the sun at high meridian,
The glory of the day,
Informs each weary pilgrim
That he's half along the way;
Then we turn to God all glorious
For strength to stand the test
That will give us welcome entry
In that dwelling of the Blest.

The sun in the west at evening
Marks the closing of our day;
Then we cry to God our Father
And to Him humbly pray
For grace that's all sufficient,
For love that's all sublime,
That will guard us through the Valley
And bring us Home in time.

(Taken from *The Builder*, March 1922)



EVENTS

Stated Meeting – January 18 @ 7:00 pm

School of Instruction – January 20 Eat @ 6:00 pm, work at 7:00 pm

Stated Meeting – February 15 @ 7:00 pm

Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee

March 28 & 29 at the Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, TN