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**THE TRESTLE BOARD • Fort Jackson Lodge No. 374, A.F.M.  
DECEMBER 2018**

Greetings from the East!

Brothers another year is closing and a new one has begun. I am honored to have been elected to serve as your Worshipful Master for another year. I am excited to start the New Year off with our new set of Officers and I know that they will help us get the lodge back on track. My goal for this year is membership and I have communicated this to all incoming officers and committee members. It is my fervent desire to reconnect with our members and continue to build our lodge by raising new brothers. In order to do this I am bringing back Friends and Family Night which will be held on the last Wednesday of each month starting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. In addition I am starting a Past Masters Breakfast to be held on the last Saturday of the month starting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be conducting degree work starting in January hopefully and would love to see a good turnout as we initiate a new brother into the fraternity. As always I am available to anyone so do not hesitate to contact me if you need to. As we enter the end of the year I hope everyone has a great holiday season and a fun and happy New Year!

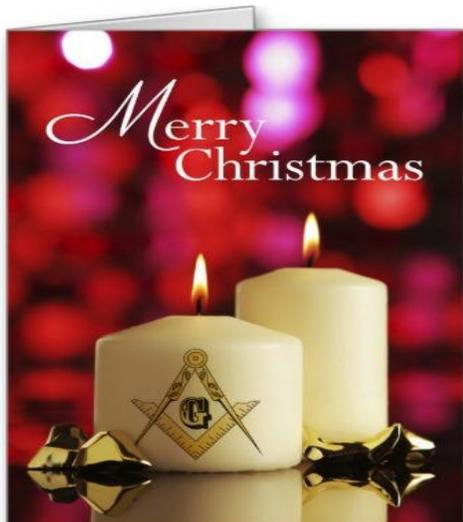
Fraternally,

Joe Terry

Worshipful Master

## Masonic History

This year our December communication occurred on December 7<sup>th</sup> so it is only fitting that this month's Masonic History is about the Masonic connection to the Pearl Harbor Investigation which occurred in 1944. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 the Japanese undertook an ambitious attack on the naval base at Pearl Harbor. This horrible attack dealt a major blow to Pacific Fleet Operations and claimed many lives but ultimately served to push the United States into full military action against the Japanese and other Axis powers. Following the attack there were many conspiracy theories about the attack and whether President Roosevelt or anyone else was aware of it before it occurred. Due to this Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson ordered an investigation into the attack in 1944. He asked Major Henry C. Clausen to conduct the investigation which would last until 1945. Henry C. Clausen was a prominent Freemason and would go on to be the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.



## MASONIC EDUCATION

### The Beehive



In his *Lexicon of Freemasonry* Albert Mackey tells us that the beehive is “an emblem of industry appropriated to the third degree. This is a virtue ever held in high esteem among the craft, for our old charges tell us that all Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holidays.” And our own *Ahiman Rezon* explains it as “an emblem of industry, and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest seraph in heaven to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves.”

I would also challenge you to look at it as an emblem of not only industry, but one of structure and importance. While every beehive has a queen, workers, and soldiers; they all work equally as hard but in their own stations. It is important to remember that when one tries to do all, nothing gets done. But, with the equal effort from all, great success and industry can happen.

## Greetings from the West

My Brothers, I wish to thank all for electing me to the West. I took this position in hope that we together could build our Lodge back to what it once was. One of the proudest Lodges in the State Of South Carolina. I also wish to congratulate the Master and the other Officer Elects, and hope that together that we can build up our Lodge to what it once was. To accomplish this it will take a concerted effort by the Officers and the Brothers, This is our Lodge, Not yours or someone else's but yours and mine to make it into what we want it to be. Finding fault, trying to blame others, has never accomplished anything. It is OUR Lodge and for it to work it takes all the Brothers giving their best effort. Getting the Members coming back for the meetings, conferring the best Degree work, serving good meals, all adds up to a good and proud Lodge. If we are to call ourselves Masons then let us act as Masons, just remember that a Lodge is only as good as its members and I am proud to say that I am a Mason. I think of the Old saying "To Be One Ask One"

Fraternally

Joe G Rush, PM  
Senior Warden

Tidings from the South,

**Cheers to a New Years and the opportunity for a fresh start. Indeed time goes fast our New Year is quickly coming upon us.**

**As the Junior Warden of our lodge, first and foremost. I would like to express my sincerest Gratitude to all, for giving me this privilege and honor to serve you for a second year.**

**Brothers,**

**One of the greatest strengths of our fraternity is its stability throughout the years. There have been many challenges endured by many brother masons. The fraternity has survived political and economic**

**Issues including scandals and downright persecution. I believe part of our fraternity's ability to withstand these forces come from two things, the ritual (which never changes) and lastly our time proven method of leadership of the lodge. You cannot know where you are going until you know where you have been. Now that we know where Freemasonry has been, then the question becomes. "Where are we going"? There are many Masonic Revitalization organizations in the U.S. and all of them sate that to know what the next great cause of Freemasonry will be we stop and ask our current membership what they want. We must ascertain what the needs of the younger generations are, while maintaining the interest of the current membership. Discovering our destination is not rocket science, but it is a large task that will take many brothers to complete. Once our destination is established we will simply be able to board the train, take our seats and work together to get there.**

**Matt Aul**

**Junior Warden**

**FORT JACKSON LODGE No. 374**

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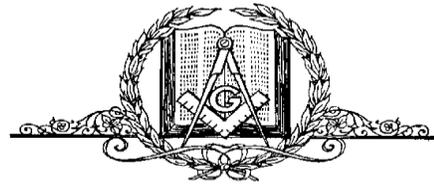
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TILER  
WB LARRY SIMSONSON



**LODGE CALENDAR**

**JANURARY 4, 2018**

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION**

**EAT AT 6:15PM**

**GAVEL DROPS @ 7:00 PM**

**ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**

**PENDING BALLOT**

**JANUARY 11, 2018**

**EAT AT 6:15 PM**

**DEGREE**

**7:00 PM**

**PAST MASTERS BREAKFAST**

**LIZZARDS THICKET BELTLINE BLVD**

**0800 HOURS**

**JANUARY 27, 2018**

**FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

**6:30 PM**

Worshipful Master with the assistance of RWB Bill Lamb and RWB Alex Roberts presenting Brother Jessie Henage with his 50 year certificate of service



Worshipful Master presenting Brother Marco Walther with his certificate of proficiency for his Master Mason Proficiency



**Committee on funds**

WB Joe Terry- Chairman  
RWB Alex Roberts  
RWB Bill Lamb  
WB Joe Rush  
Bro Matt Aul

**Charity**

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**Budget Committee**

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**Building and Grounds Committee**

WB Joe Rush- Chairman  
Bro Matt Aul  
Bro Gary Adams

**Membership Committee**

RWB Alex Roberts- Chairman  
WB Joe Rush  
Bro. Marco Walther



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BRO ALBERT BENNETT	12/21
BRO BRANDON CRATER	12/6
BRO JAMES FLOYD	12/26
BRO HAROLD FOLEY	12/12
BRO WAYNE MARGE	12/1
BRO. HENRY TAYLOR	12/21
BRO ROBERT WHITFIELD	12/



From the desk of the secretary,

Brethren, Greetings once again. I am truly thrilled and honored to be back as your secretary. I am looking forward to publishing the Trestleboard once again. The worshipful master and I have talked about this and are in agreement that communication with our members is vital to our success, therefore, I pledge to do my very best to keep you informed of lodge business and any and all events.

I would like to ask each member to please respond to me by phone, email or regular mail with your email address (if you have one) your phone number and any wishes or concerns you might have so that I might update our roster and mailing list. We hope in the future to be able to have our newsletter in mail format so we can do mailings each month along with electronic.

The Worshipful Master has directed that we re- institute our friends and family night. An event that has been missed by many and we are looking forward to our first dinner together which will be Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM.

I for one am looking forward to seeing everyone again and sharing in friendship, brotherly love and oh yes.... Great food..

May you all be blessed with a very prosperous New Year?

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