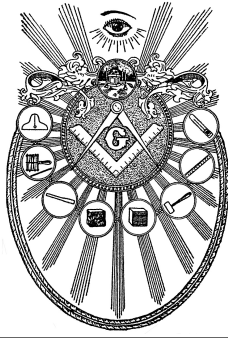


2009 Lodge Officers

Master	Brandon K. Moore	633-7076
Senior Warden	Dale Everidge	633-8595
Junior Warden	Sammy Frazier	633-3847
Treasurer	Arius Holbrook	633-7076
Secretary	Eddie W. Bentley Sr.	633-8866
Senior Deacon	Charles Hall	634-1371
Junior Deacon	Adams Collier	633-0078
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Senior Steward	Roland Brown	633-3369
Junior Steward	Ryan Adams	632-3370
Tiler	Bill Collins	633-9523

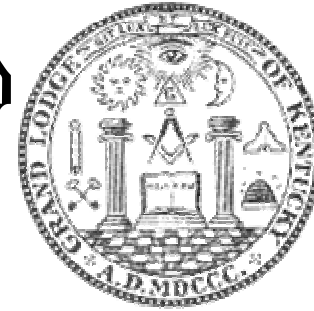


The Whitesburg Trestle Board

Whitesburg Masonic Lodge #754

"Meet on the level, part on the square"

February 2009 Newsletter



Blue Lodge

1st and 3rd Thursday 7:00PM Nov-Mar

1st and 3rd Thursday 7:30PM Apr-Oct

Council #113

2nd Wednesday 7:30PM

Commandery #51

2nd Wednesday 7:30PM

Johnnie Ramsey Chapter #149

2nd Wednesday 7:30PM

Hester Chapter #54 OES

1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30PM

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers, Sisters, and all our Masonic Family, Our first month is gone and we started out well. We had four to go through there EA and I would like to congratulate them on their first step in Masonry. We will be having a FC degree at our first meeting in February. To all the Brothers and Widows out there I would like to announce that we will be having a Valentine's Day dinner in honor of our widows we invite all to come out and enjoy the fellowship we will be having and honoring the widows of our passed brethren.

Lodge T-shirts and sweat shirts for sale soon, so be watching our news letter and our website for more information. I just would like to say I hope everyone had a Happy New Year and hope we continue what we have started this month. I would like to take this opportunity to invite any brother who has not attended a meeting to please come out and be with us. Thank you all.

Fraternally Thine,

-Brandon Moore Master of Whitesburg #754

From the Secretary's Desk

The Grand Lodge has update to the new computer filing. It will be easier to update information. If you are not receiving the Masonic Home Journal the

Grand Lodge may not have your correct address. Also the Grand Lodge would like to update the following information: Spouse's name and Date of Birth. You can call Eddie Bentley 606-633-8866 home 606-634-8867 cell or write to P.O. Box 567 Whitesburg, KY 41858 or e-mail me at ebentey754@bellsouth.net. Also Bob Danner, DDGM, will be visiting on Feb. 19th. If all officers can come it would be appreciated.

SHRINE NEWS

The Mountain Shrine Club will have a fish fry the first Friday of February from 5-8 so come on out and all is welcomed – Doug Holbrook President 2009

YORK RITE BODIES

The Yorkrite Bodies will be having a Yorkrite Festival on the second Monday in February anyone interested you can contact any Yorkrite Member for a petition. Yorkrite Bodies meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Brothers come out if you can.

HESTER CHAPTER

Hester Chapter No. 54 only held one meeting this past month, due to bad weather with snow and ice. We didn't have a quorum to hold our second meeting. Our first meeting was very productive. We appointed a committee on a petition for membership and gave the recipient the balance of our Scholarship Award for

this year. We had good attendance and our meeting was enjoyed by all. Sisters and Brothers we will be balloting on candidates for initiation at our next meeting, and plan our fund raising projects for this year. We would love for you to come join us and help us in our planning. Our next meeting will be February 3rd. Hope to see you there.

-Carol Cook, Worthy Matron.

THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

By Jon P. Back

The Story of the Blue Forget-Me-Not

In 1934, as Hitler and the Nazi's came to power in Germany, Hitler began to be suspicious of Freemasonry in Germany. Hitler reasoned that Freemasonry was an International organization and that German Masons would owe their allegiance to the International Masonic Community and not to him.

Hitler immediately set the Gestapo to work, putting the notorious Adolph Eichmann in charge of making a list of all German Masons. Many Masons were arrested and placed in concentration camps while lodge property was seized and became the property of the Nazi's.

Realizing that being a Freemason but them in great danger the German Masons decided to go under ground rather than betray the Craft. They laid aside the Square and Compass and in its place chose the Blue

Forget-Me-Not. This tiny blue flower, worn on the lapel, allowed German Masons to recognize each other in public as well as in concentration camps.

In 1948, when German Lodges reopened following WWII, the Blue Forget-Me-Not was adopted as the official Masonic emblem and given to each new Brother to honor the Valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under the most adverse conditions.



Editors Note: Due to a database error, the January edition of the trestle board could not be published. However we are glad to report that the issues have been resolved and that all future issues should arrive in your mailbox. You may view January's issue as well as all issues from this point on at our website in PDF form at www.whitesburg754.org. Our sincerest apologies.