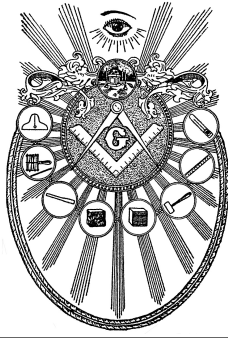


2009 Lodge Officers

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
Chaplin	Scottie Billiter	832-0369
Senior Steward	Roland Brown	633-3369
Junior Steward	Ryan Adams	632-3370
Tiler	Bill Collins	633-9523

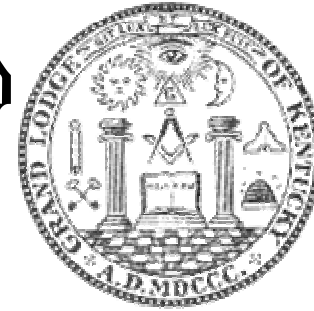


The Whitesburg Trestle Board

Whitesburg Masonic Lodge #754

"Meet on the level, part on the square"

January 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, Happy New Year! Once more we enter a new year and this year it is my Honor to have been chosen as your master for this year. Well we have a lot ahead of us this year. The Excellency Award is definitely within our grasp if it is the will of the lodge to go after it. My brothers I invite you each and everyone to come out and support your lodge. We have an exciting year coming up and we can only make it as fun and exciting as you want to make it. Already we have several going through the E.A. at our second meeting. Like I said Brothers, a busy year is upon us already. So please come out and share in the Brotherly Love and Fellowship this year. Fraternaly Thine,
-Brandon Moore Master of Whitesburg #754

From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers another year of Masonry is here and it's time for dues. If you cannot for any reason meet your dues for this year, please contact us at the lodge to see how we can help. The lodge would like to see everyone at the meetings.

SHRINE NEWS The Mountain Shrine Club will have a fish fry the first Friday of January 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 first 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 54 held their regular meeting in December where great fellow was enjoyed by all. Our biggest event was our Christmas Party. Many came out to attend the party. Everyone enjoyed themselves with the Christmas play and Santa at the party. Our Masonic Brothers, Eastern Star members and their families had a great time. Sisters and brothers as we enter a new year let us make a commitment to attend meetings. as it looks good to see those seats

filled.. We also encourage our officers to attend too, as we practice our work every meeting; as we look forward to our inspection this year. Again, we invite you to come join us. – Carol Cook, Worthy Matron

Editors Note: We're trying something new this year, by adding history and other interesting points if room allows. Here is a short piece by Lodge History committee member Jon P. Back.

Freemasonry In The War Between The States

On June 11, 1863 the USS Albatross, a Federal gunboat, lay at anchor in the Mississippi River where it had been shelling the town of St. Francisville, Louisiana. The Executive Officer of the boat, Theo. B. Dubois, went to see the Capt. of the boat, John E. Hart, only to discover that he had died. Knowing that his Capt. was a Mason as well as himself Mr. Dubois went ashore under a flag of truce to attempt to contact the local lodge for help with burial rites.

Upon landing in St. Francisville he was met by two brothers, Samuel and Benjamin White, both Masons, who took him to the St. Francisville Lodge. The Master of the Lodge S. J. Powell, was absent, serving in the Confederate Army, but the Senior Warden, William W.

Leake, also a Confederate soldier was still in St. Francisville. Upon hearing of the request Leake immediately began organizing the funeral service.

On June 13, 1863 a procession of Federal sailors from the USS Albatross escorted the body of their Capt to the St. Francisville church where they met a procession of Brother Masons who took charge of the coffin. Exchanging their side arms for snowy white aprons the Federal and Confederate soldiers joined together to bury their brother with full Masonic honors. After the service Dubois wrote "....I feel sure that every Mason on the spot felt better for having done his duty toward the remains of a deceased Brother - Though an enemy in war, still a Brother."

In January of 1956 the Grand Lodge of Louisiana erected a permanent marker which covered Hart's entire grave. On the marker are inscribed the following words: "This monument is dedicated in loving tribute to the universality of Freemasonry."