



The Whitesburg Trestleboard

WHITESBURG LODGE #754 F. & A.M.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Next Meeting Dates:**
Feb. 2, 7 PM
Feb. 16, 7 PM
- **Next Degree Work:**
Feb. 16 meeting

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The Master's Message



Greetings from the East!

Brothers, January is already came and gone. It is hard to believe my first month as Master of the Lodge is already behind me. I am sure the year will go by fast as every Past Master has reminded me. Keeping this very thought in the back of my mind, I do not want to waste any time.

As my great-grandfather Hawk Hall always said, "Make hay why the sun shines". Brothers I feel that the sun is shining upon our Lodge and we need to labor hard to take advantage of the opportunities that lay before us. We should strive to prosper with much activity that will strengthen our Lodge , spread the cement of Brotherly love, and allow our Masonic light to shine bright to the world.

Excitement and anticipation is growing about our new building.

As we prepare to plan for the building, I hope this project inspires Brothers who have been laying out of Lodge for some time to come back and get active again. For those Brothers who want to help, we need you to make sure to pay your dues, volunteer time, and consider donating any additional financial support that you may be able to offer.

As each of you know, Masonry demands nothing of a man as it is of his own free will and accord. Our old lodge building has been in distress for some time and we will need all the financial assistance as possible from our Brothers to make this new building the Masonic temple that we can all be proud of for years to come. Any Brother who is interested in making a financial contribution to the Lodge may contact me for further discussion.

I am proud to inform you of the newest addition to our Lodge website at www.whitesburg754.org. I have finished the project I began over a year ago to make digital copies of our Past Masters photos on the wall and upload them to our lodge website. You may view these photos by clicking on the "Past Masters" tab on the left menu list on the website.

February is the month of love with Valentine's Day on February 14. Being a historian and educator, I feel compelled to share a little history with you whenever possible. The story of Valentine's Day comes from a Christian priest

named Valentine in Rome. Valentine was tortured and executed by Roman Emperor Claudius after performing illegal marriage ceremonies for Roman soldiers and refusing to denounce his Christian faith. Valentine was buried in Rome on February 14.

I would ask each of you in this month of love, remember to renew your commitment to extending Brotherly Love to each other and remind yourself of the moral and Masonic obligation we have taken upon ourselves to the widows of our deceased Brothers.

So I ask each of you in an act of your own free will and accord to fulfill your Masonic obligation to our Widows by assisting me in our Valentines Day Widow Project. It is a great opportunity for us to check on our Widows and extend a brief token of our Brotherly Love with a rose and widow's pin to show our Widows that we care about them and will never forget our obligation to them or our deceased brethren.

I want to wish a Happy Valentines Day to all the Wives and Widows of Brothers of Whitesburg Lodge. Without these special women and their patient support of our Masonic work, we would find it difficult to sustain a life of peace and harmony or Masonic philanthropies so vital to our community.

May Brotherly Love Prevail,

Charles E. Hall
Worshipful Master
Whitesburg Lodge #754



From the Secretary's Desk



Its that time of the year again to pay lodge dues. I would like to encourage all you Brothers who have not yet paid your dues to do so.

And to all you Brothers who have already paid your dues, we thank you. Remember, you do not have to pay all your dues at once.

We do have a system in

place that allows you to make payments until your dues are paid in full.

The lodge cannot function as it needs to without dues being paid and its an important obligation we each owe to our Lodge as Masons.

I also want to remind you to provide me with any updates or changes on your contact information such as

current mailing address, phone number, and email address.

If you have questions or need assistance, just ask this old Secretary and he will be glad to help.

Thanks Brothers,
Eddie Bentley
Secretary
Whitesburg Lodge #754

We're on the Web!

www.whitesburg754.org



Old Business

Lodge opened in due form at 7:00 pm on the Master Mason Degree. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Read communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky about a correction in section 18 in the Book

of Constitution and a copy of the certificate liability insurance. As far as our new building, there has been no change as of now, but the State is stepping up there efforts. Brother Don Ison made a motion to not sell our pre-

sent building until we have keys in hand seconded by David Lee Day and the motion passed. The first issue of the newsletter is out and if there is any brother that wants to receive just add your Email address to our mailing list.

New Business

The charter was draped in memory of Brother Monroe Pack.

Brother Allen Ross gave a report on the moving Committee. The lodge discussed the moving committee report. The moving committee will finalize its inventory list of the lodge and will follow up with a final report of what will be packed and moved to the new building.

The valentine rose project for widows will be finalized at the next meeting.

We had 25 members and 19 visiting Brothers in attendance. All visiting brothers and members gave a short talk. James W. Alley Lodge is having an outdoor on September 8, 2012. EA Degree at Wheelwright Lodge on January 26, 2012. Floyd County

lodges have facebook page that tells about their degree work and upcoming events

Lodge closed in harmony at 8:40 pm.

Committee Reports



The Moving Committee reported in January that it had began taking inventory of lodge property and belongings and will be making a final report of what will be packed and moved to the new building. The Finance Committee and Fundraising committee reports will be due to the Lodge on the February 2 meeting date.

The Finance Committee will give a report as to our financial status including our general funds, dues collected, disbursements, and other financial matters of the Lodge. The Finance Committee consists of Arius Holbrook, Eddie Bentley, Rondall Meade, Rick Adams, David Combs.

The Fundraising Committee is to give a report on fundraising ideas and potential projects to raise money for

the Lodge and its philanthropies. The Fundraising Committee includes Sammy Frazier, Rondall Meade, Rick Adams, David Combs, Allen Ross, Roland Brown.

All committees are to set their own meeting times, correspond among fellow committee members throughout the year, and report to the Lodge.

The March Newsletter will provide information from the Finance and Fundraising Committee's report.

Sick & Distressed

- ◆ Brother Monroe Pack passed away
- ◆ Brother Edward Combs' mother passed away
- ◆ Brother Johnny Pearl Back's Aunt
- ◆ Brother Paul Fields
- ◆ Brother Steven Richardson
- ◆ Brother Charles Hall family



Editor's Corner



This is the second electronic edition of our newsletter The Whitesburg Trestleboard . Our newsletter became too costly to print and mail so we had suspended the newsletter last year. As Master this year, it was one of my

first priorities of getting our Lodge a newsletter back in circulation. I would encourage all our Brothers to catch up to the technology age and get yourself an email if you already do not have an email address.

If you know of a Brother who is not receiving our newsletter and would like a copy, please inform him to contact us and provide an email address.

The newsletter will also be posted on our website.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb. 3 Fish Fry, 5:00-8:00 PM
- Next Meeting Date: Feb. 9, 7 PM



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Next Meeting Date: Feb. 8, 7:30 PM
All York Rite Bodies
- York Rite Festival: Chapter Work
Saturday, Feb. 11
8:00 AM

Mountain Shrine Club

There is a Shriners Fish Fry on the 1st Friday of each Month starting at 5:00 pm to 8:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 per plate. Come out and support your local Shrine Club and the Shriners Children.

The 2012 Mountain Shrine Club President is Paul Fields.

The Shrine Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 PM.

Whitesburg York Rite Bodies News

Johnnie Ramesy Chapter No. 149 held their regular meeting Wednesday, January 11th with a very good turn out. We had Grand Chapter Officers visit us. They were M.E.G.H.P. Jim King, E.G.C.H. Charles Mason, E.P.S. Bobby Dan Day, D.G.H.P. our own Richard W. Adams, and Grand Arch Deputy our own Ricky Adams. We had a great meeting, receiving very good talks from our Grand Officers. In Education Companion Arius Holbrook

gave the meaning of the several Passes of the Chapter. Pizza was served and great fellowship was had with all the Grand Officers. Companions we meet the second Wednesday of each month. If you want to make a good York Rite Body great, come out and join us. I know you will enjoy it as much as we do. We plan to do degree work in February, if you know of anyone wanting to join us in receiving Chapter, Council, and Commandery, come to

our meeting and pick up a petition for them. Hope to see you there, I know you will like it.

Tom Adams H.P.

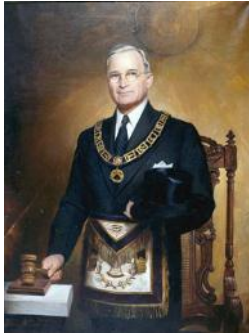


OES Hester Chapter 54 News

**IMPORTANT
OES DATES:**

- Next Meeting
Date: Feb. 7,
7:30 PM

The Order of Eastern Star Hester Chapter 54 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 PM.



Masonic History 101

EACH MONTH WE WILL FEATURE A TEACHING OR STORY FROM OUR MASONIC HISTORY IN AN EFFORT TO ENLIGHTEN OUR BRETHREN.

WWII Masonic History

Written by: John P. Back

During WWII Masonic lodges located adjacent to large Military installations formed what were know as Masonic Service Associations. These organizations provided field agents who went to the Military bases and visited with the men and women who had been assembled from so many areas of the United States, doing what they could to alleviate the boredom and loneliness that the soldiers faced by bringing small gifts and a cheery word.

The M S A also maintained Social Centers near all the major Military bases in the U.S. and also listed Social Centers in London, England and Paris, France. All soldiers both Masons and non Masons were welcomed at the Social Centers where as the letter states, "a homelike atmosphere prevails and enter-

tainment is furnished."

On November 30, 1945 the following letter was sent to Whitesburg 754 from the Utah Branch, Masonic Service Association, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Letter begins,

Dear Brother Secretary: On November 26, while making my weekly "rounds" of Camp Kearns, I had the pleasure of meeting Sgt. Wm.H.Blair, a member of your lodge. We had a very enjoyable and interesting talk together, and I thought you would be interested in this brief message. Sgt. Blair impressed me as a very fine young man and an outstanding member. He seemed very pleasant and friendly, and I thoroughly enjoyed talking to him. Though we of the M S A visit all the boys and girls in our contact work, it is always a special pleasure to find a Mason among them, and we hope to see Sgt. Blair again. May I extend to you a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"
Sincerely
yours, W.R. Schneider

Photos of our future Lodge building



Our Lodge volunteered to work Marlow's Christmas Giveaway for the needy in Whitesburg.



Leroy Wilson Fields was the first Master of Whitesburg Lodge #754 in 1904. All Past Masters can now be viewed on our lodge website, www.whitesburg754.org



Secretary Eddie Bentley (left) presented a gift to our newest Past Master Sammy Frazier (right).

Blue Lodge Calendar

WE ENCOURAGE EVERY BROTHER TO BE AS ACTIVE AS YOUR OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD ALLOWS YOU. KEEP A CHECK ON OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS SO THAT YOU MAY ALLOW TIME IN YOUR OWN SCHEDULE FOR OUR MASONIC EVENTS.

February

- 2- Lodge Meeting, 7 PM
Finance & Fundraising Committees reports due
- 14- Widows Valentines Day Project,
TBA
- 16- Lodge Meeting, 7 PM
Design Committee report due
Conferring degrees

March

- 1- Lodge Meeting, 7 PM
Bid/Sale Committee report due
- 15- Lodge Meeting, 7 PM

April

- 5- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Welcome Committee report due
- 19- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM

May

- 3- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Scholarship Committee report due
- 17- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Historians/Archives Committee report due

June

- 7- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Grounds Committee report due
- 21- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Coach Committee report due

July

- 5- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 19- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM

August

- 2- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Cleaning Committee report due
- 16- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM

September

- 6- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Constitution/By-laws Committee report due
- 20- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM

October

- 4- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM
Visitation(sick/distressed) Committee report due
- 18- Lodge Meeting, 7:30 PM



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Meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursdays

7:00 PM (Nov.-Mar.)

7:30 PM (Apr.-Oct.)



2012 Lodge Officers



- Worshipful Master: Charles Hall.....606-633-5334, 606-634-1371
- Senior Warden: John Back.....606-633-9463
- Junior Warden: Dale Wright.....606-632-2339
- Secretary: Eddie Bentley.....606-633-8866
- Treasurer: Arius Holbrook.....606-633-7076
- Senior Deacon: Tom Adams.....606-633-4997
- Junior Deacon: Jonathan Joseph.....606-633-0189
- Senior Steward: Stephen Richardson.....
- Junior Steward: Chip Myre.....
- Chaplin: Anthony Paul Cornett.....
- Tyler: Sean Sturdivant.....

Meet on the level, part on the Square

2012 Whitesburg Lodge #754 Committees

All committees are to set their own meeting times and correspond regularly throughout the year. All committees will be assigned a meeting date to provide a report to the Lodge on committee activities. The Master is the head of all committees.

Building Committee: All PM, Clarence Caudill, Rick Adams, JP Back, Dale Wright

May 3

Grounds Committee: Sammy Frazier, Allen Ross, Clarence Caudill, Chip Myre, Stephen Richardson, Edward Combs, Dunavon

June 7 Cornett, Paul Anthony Cornett, JP Back, Robbie Kincer

Cleaning Committee: Dale Wright, Chip Myre, Stephen Richardson, Jonathan Joseph, Tom Adams, Sean Sturdivant, Paul Anthony

Aug. 2 Cornett, JP Back

Finance Committee: Arius Holbrook, Eddie Bentley, Rondall Meade, Rick Adams, David Combs

Feb. 2

Audit Committee: Rondall Meade, Gerald Hacker, Ronnie Morgan, David Day

Dec. 27

Constitution/By-laws Committee: Doug Holbrook, Gerald Hacker, David Day, Jonathan Joseph

Sept. 6

Fundraising Committee: Sammy Frazier, Rondall Meade, Rick Adams, David Combs, Allen Ross, Roland Brown

Feb. 2

Visitation Committee (Sick/Distressed): Gerald Hacker, Paul Fields, Arius Holbrook, Clarence Caudill, JP Back, Paul Anthony Cornett,

Oct. 4 Roland Brown, Danny Wright, Dale Everidge

Contact Committee (Members, Widows, & Funerals):

Nov. 1 **Members:** Dale Wright, Tom Adams, Stephen Richardson, Paul Anthony Cornett

Widows: Sammy Frazier, Gerald Hacker, Paul Fields, Jonathan Joseph

Funerals: Arius Holbrook, Dale Everidge, Don Ison, Eddie Bentley, Doug Holbrook, JP Back

Welcome Committee: Herman Crase, Clarence Caudill, Sean Sturdivant, Dale Wright

Apr. 5

Historians/Archives: John Sayers, Paul Fields, JP Back, Rick Adams

May 17

Coach Committee: Dale Everidge, Arius Holbrook, Jonathan Joseph, Tom Adams, Allen Ross, Chip Myre, James Absher, Robbie

June 21 Kincer

Degree Team Committee: Arius Holbrook, Dale Everidge, David Lee Day, Don Ison, Sammy Frazier, Sean Sturdivant

Aug. 16

Investigative Committee: Dale Everidge, Herman Crase, Paul Fields, Doug Holbrook, Allen Ross, David Day

Nov. 15

Scholarship Committee: Rick Adams, Arius Holbrook, Jonathan Joseph, Danny Wright, Gerald Hacker

May 3

Design Committee (New Building): Sammy Frazier, Rick Adams, Rondall Meade, David Combs, Doug Holbrook, Angie Holbrook (OES)

Feb. 16 Allen Ross

Bid/Sale Committee (Old Building): Jamie Hatton, Eddie Bentley, Arius Holbrook, Don Ison, David Day, Rondall Meade

March 1

Moving Committee: Sammy Frazier, Doug Holbrook, Allen Ross, David Combs, Paul Anthony Cornett, Clarence Caudill

Jan. 19

Lodge Master Charles Hall has established several awards for 2012 to recognize excellence in Masonry among our fellow members:

- **Master Mason of the Year Award**: This award is for the one Master Mason who has worked the hardest and been the most dedicated to Masonry for Whitesburg Lodge and has exemplified what a Mason should be to his brethren and the world. The Brother who earns this award will receive the award at our annual Christmas Dinner Party.
- **Lodge Attendance Award**: I want to recognize and award all those dedicated Brothers who come to Lodge on a regular basis. You are the backbone of our organization and it is you who makes our lodge function on a regular basis. I will award a Lodge Attendance Award certificate to all Brothers who attend at least 80% of all our regular Lodge meetings for 2012. These Brothers will receive their awards at the Christmas Dinner Party.
- **Blue Lodge Coach of the Year Award**: The Lodge greatly appreciates all the coaches who work tirelessly throughout the year to assist new Brothers in advancing through his degrees to become fellow Master Masons. In recognition of this very important work, I will be awarding a Coach of the Year Award to the Brother who successfully coaches the most Brothers through to become Master Masons. This award will also be given out at the Christmas Dinner Party.
- **Traveling Man Award**: It is a great pleasure of Masonry to be able to travel and attend other Lodges. It is also one of the things our Lodge needs to do to earn the Excellency Award. This year I would like to award the Brother who visits the most lodges with the Traveling Man Award. This award will be on the honor system and will entrust each Mason at his word that he actually attended the number of lodges he reports. By December, I will call for any Brother wishing to compete for this award to provide a list of lodges and dates he visited them to use for determining who the award will be given to at the Christmas Dinner Party.
- **Hiram Abiff Award**: Hiram Abiff was the chief architect and Master builder of King Solomon's temple. All Masons including Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons followed the orders of Hiram Abiff. In honor of that great temple constructed for King Solomon, I want to recognize the Brother who will endeavor to "build" our Masonic temple to last well into the future. I will award the Hiram Abiff Award to the Brother who makes the largest monetary contribution to our new Masonic Lodge building and will support the permanent display the award recipient in our Lodge lobby.
- **Master Builder Award**: King Solomon's temple could not have been built by Hiram Abiff alone and the construction counted on Master Masons who were master builders of the temple. Our Lodge must also depend on Master Builders for our new lodge building and the future of our lodge. Any Brother who will donate \$1,000.00 or more to the new Lodge Building will receive a Master Builder Award. The contribution can be given in one payment or the Brother can pledge the \$1,000.00 and make payment of any period of time. Upon full payment of the \$1,000.00, the Brother will receive his Master Builder Award and I support the permanent display of all Master Builder Award recipients to be displayed in our Lodge lobby.