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From the East. Master Doug Earnhardt

Greetings from the East:

Brethren about the time you're reading this note we will be real close to completing half the year 2006 in Eureka Lodge #283.

What a busy 5 ½ - 6 months this has been. I must also say very rewarding from the East. All the New officer jitters are about thru and everyone is doing a Great job. I just hope that I have performed as well as my officers have this year. Our officers have completed 2 nights of Spring School of Instruction . We had 9 members including officers at both nights of Instruction. I thank them for their help in making our lodge one of the best and strongest lodges in NC.

I would like to thank all the Brethren for the support and attendance they have given me and their lodge this year. We have had very good attendance this year and are striving for even more. I invite all members to please come to our meetings and join us for dinner before every meeting. If there are Brethren who want to come but need rides please contact the Lodge.

We have 3 new Master Masons which were raised to the sublime degree of M/M on 3/27/06. This was an emergent degree put on by our past Masters. There were 15 past Masters at this degree which made this event very special and enjoyable. We also have a brother who will get his 2nd Degree June 5 and hope everyone comes out to support and welcome him into his second step

in Masonry.

Our Charity activity and events are in full swing. Golf outing will be complete May 20th and then we will be working to get ready for Farmers day and our annual Charity Ride to the Children's Home. Eureka has also been asked for support from our local ball teams and new school activity and we have been able to support them thru some of our charity activity. I don't want to forget our monthly Eastern Star breakfast. Please come out and have breakfast at the lodge. This supports not only Eastern Star but Eureka also. I want to thank every Brother that has given their time to work and support all these activities.

Lastly Brethren, I want every member to know that we still have both Steward chairs open this year. These chairs are the beginning of an enjoyable learning process and experience for a Brother who wants to learn and serve this lodge. All of our officer positions are important to the operations and proceedings of the lodge and having someone consider these positions is very important for future growth within Eureka Lodge. Please take time and give this matter your consideration.

Thanks to all the members in support of Eureka Lodge and also for your support in giving me the honor and opportunity in leading your lodge and members 2006.

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Eureka Lodge Annual Masonic Golf Outing May 20th

This year's Annual Masonic Golf Outing is was held May 20, 2006 at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. This was a Captain's Choice, Best Ball game with 4 member teams. Entry was \$45.00 per person and we also gathered Sponsors for the holes. We had a total of 17 Hole Sponsors and 30 players for the event. Food was provided (Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixins) by Johnson's Restaurant and Brian's Grill, both of China Grove. Please visit these establishments and let them know how much we appreciate their support. There will be further information coming about the winners of the Golf Outing and the total funds that were raised for the Youth Activities in the China Grove and Landis Areas. Next year's event is already in the planning stages of some Brother's minds and we look forward to an exciting event again.



Schedule of Events

Visit us on the web at: www.eureka283.org

- Jun 3rd—Outdoor Degree. Vulcan Quarry off of Poplar Tent Rd. Concord, NC. Map and directions on Grand Lodge website, link available at our website. Contact any of the officers if you are interested in attending and need directions.
- Jun 5th—Stated Communication
- Jun 10th—Breakfast
- Jun 19th—Stated Communication

June 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Eastern Star Breakfast

The Eastern Star puts on a breakfast every 2nd Saturday of the month.

For anyone that has not eaten there, WOW! This is a great meal for \$5.00.

Assisted by volunteer members of Eureka Lodge, the breakfast is a buffet-style, serve yourself helping of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, grits, rice, home-made biscuits, sausage-gravy, red-eye gravy, orange juice, water and coffee.

They usually feed between 130—150 but we have had some months where it is not unheard of to feed 200 people. Our local Police Officers Association also uses this opportunity to hold their monthly meeting so we accommodate them by setting up tables in the lodge section for their meeting. We usually feed between 30 and 50 members from that meeting so this is a great partnership for all organizations involved.

Of course we will never turn down volunteer help so if you would like to spend some time visiting, cooking or cleaning up, just stop by. Some of the hard working ladies of the Eastern Star are in and preparing food before 5AM. Meals are served from 6:30AM to 10:00AM and clean up usually takes until about 11:00AM.

What does this mean to us as a group? The money raised is used to pay for the food and is then further split with some of the funds being presented to Eureka Masonic Lodge for use to pay our bills. This year's budget anticipates a \$1,500.00 contribution from the Eastern Star.

Thank The Members of the Star when you see them.



New Members, Affiliations, Dual Membership 2006

Name	Initiated	Passed	Raised
Donald Elwood Bringle	03/21/2005	02/20/2006	03/27/2006
Charles Ray Scarborough	11/28/2005	02/20/2006	03/27/2006
Paul Lewis Blackwelder	02/06/2006	02/20/2006	03/27/2006



Sick and Distressed

Sick:

Jerry Tucker - 5/15/2006 - Bro. Tucker is from Cannon Memorial Lodge and has diagnosed with Lung Cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert Ellis - 5/15/2006 - Bro. Ellis has discovered that he has prostate cancer. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill Comer is doing better and continuing to improve after his surgery.

Distressed:

Tommy Pierce, PM - 5/15/2006 - Worshipful Bro. Pierce's son died recently in a car accident. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Deceased:

Jerry Mack Cline, P.M. - 1/24/2006

Alfred Dean Ennis - 10/7/2005

Grady Alexander Morris - 10/3/2005

Herbert Eugene Hall - 9/19/2005



Charity Events

May 20th Golf Outing—Rolling Hills Golf Course. This event went well and we should have raised over \$2200.00 towards our charity after the bills are paid.

July 15th Farmer's Day—Downtown China Grove Volunteers needed for preparation, cooking, working the event and tear-down/clean-up. Contact Rob Thornton to volunteer.

September 09, 2006

Masonic Charity Motorcycle Ride for the Children at the Oxford Children's Home. This ride has increased in size and activity over the years and has become a source of great pride for the Lodge. Now is the time to start getting door prizes together. If you can get any prize donated, contact any of the Lodge Officers to get their assistance in getting the item stored until the event. By starting early, we can ensure that we are better equipped to advertise and draw in a larger number of riders and donations to the Children's Home.



Masonic Education

January 2, 1779—The Pennsylvania Packet, PHILADELPHIA.

MONDAY last, agreeable to the Constitution of the Most Ancient and Worshipful SOCIETY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, was celebrated as the Anniversary of ST. JOHN the Evangelist. At nine the morning near THREE HUNDRED of the Brethren assembled at the College, and at eleven went in regular Procession from thence to Christ Church to attend divine service. The Procession entered the Church in the order of their march, and the Brethren took their seats in the pews of the middle isle, which were kept empty for their reception. Prayers were read by the Reverend Mr. WHITE, and the following Anthem was sung in its proper place by sundry of the Brethren, accompanied by the Organ and other instrumental music, viz.

A GRAND SYMPHONY.

BEHOLD how good and joyful a Thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in UNITY.

SOLO.

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O LORD! with my whole heart secretly among my Brethren, and in the Congregation will I praise Thee: I will speak the marvelous Works of Thy Hands the SUN, the MOON and the STARS, which thou hast ordained.

SOLO.

THE People that walked in Darkness hath seen a great Light, and on them that dwelt in the Land of the Shadow of Death doth the glorious Light of JEHOVAH shine.

SOLO.

THOU has gathered us from the EAST, and from the WEST, from the NORTH, and from the SOUTH; Thou hast made us Companions for the Mighty upon Earth, even for Princes of great Nations.

TRIO.

O! I AM! Inspire us with WISDOM and STRENGTH to support us in all our Troubles, that we may worship Thee in the BEAUTY of HOLINESS.

After which a most excellent and well adapted Sermon was preached by our Reverend and Worthy Brother WILLIAM SMITH, D.D. the text was taken from the 1st Peter, 2d Chapter and 16th Verse. The Brethren have since requested the Sermon to be published, and the profits to be applied to the use of the Poor.

After divine service the Procession returned in the same order to the College; the musical bells belonging to the Church and the band of music playing proper Masonic tunes. The Brethren being all new clothed, and the Officers in the proper Jewels of their respective Lodges, and their other badges of dignity, made a genteel appearance.

The Brethren afterwards departed to their respective Lodges, where they dined together with their usual harmony and sociability: the sum of Fur Hundred Pounds having been collected in Church among the Brethren and others their charitable Fellow citizens who honored them with their company, for the relief of the Poor.

N.B. Such charitable Brethren and Others who have not yet had an opportunity of contributing their mite are requested to send the same to any of the following gentlemen, viz. Mess. William Ball, John Wood, John Howard, and William Shute; to whom Objects of charity, bringing proper recommendations to the house of Mr. Ball in Market street, after New Year's Day between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, are to apply.

2006 Rowan County Masonic Scholarship

On, May 15, 2006, at Eureka 283 Masonic, Jacob Morton, a S. Rowan High Senior, was awarded the Rowan County Masonic Scholarship.

Jacob is proven leader in the community; Number 2 in his class, a member of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club President, a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club, and an Eagle Scout. Other memberships include Marching Band, Swim and Track Teams, and a summer job as a Lifeguard.

Please join us in congratulation Jacob on this achievement and wishing him well as he begins his Freshman year at NC STATE in the fall.

The Secretary would like to remind everyone that Annual Dues for 2006 are past due. Letters will start being sent out. Please make arrangements to keep your membership current.

EMAIL—The Information Super-Highway

Brethren,

With the increase in technology and the increased numbers of people using the Internet for an information highway, we are going to continue a course of communication pioneered by Past Master Joe Summerlin. Joe has shown that we can communicate more effectively by using email. He was able to inform those of us whom he had email addresses of upcoming activities and get information to us and from us so we could be more effective.

This means that we can better communicate about upcoming events including degree work,

committee recommendations and actions, needs for our several charities, updates on the sick and distressed, etc.. Just to name a few things.

If you have an email address and would like to be included in this form of communication, please send your address to Brother Rob Thornton, Chairman of the Newsletter and Publicity Committee at the following address: robthornton@carolina.rr.com

He will see to it that you are included in the Master's Messages