



Aiken Masonic Lodge 156 A.F.M. Trestleboard

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Brethren and Ladies,

I will be on a mission the next few months to increase attendance at Blue Lodge activities. What is alarming to me is New Ellenton lodge had about 50 members, and the proverbial ten per cent attended the lodge; on a good night they had five brothers. They sadly had to close their lodge and consolidate with our lodge (which we are thankful for). Aiken lodge now has about 350 members and less than ten per cent attend the activities. At the April stated communication I pushed to get eleven per cent but I would love to see the day when ten per cent attends on a regular basis. Brothers and ladies, we all know how special masonry is. Please come and support your lodge. Every month we have the Widow's and Fellowship Breakfast and our Regular Stated Communication. In the next few weeks, one of the officers of your lodge will be calling you to see how you are and if there is any way we can help. Please take the time to help us help you. Also, if you can please touch base with a brother or lady of your lodge and ask them if you can be of assistance. Please ask if they are receiving a trestleboard via mail or email. I need to be sure that every lodge member is getting their trestleboard. Please, help me make this happen. I hope to see you in the lodge. If you or anyone you know needs help getting to or from the lodge please let one of the officers know.

I have been informed and also have witnessed our temple is not getting the respect it deserves. Brothers and all appending bodies of the Blue Lodge are responsible to clean up after themselves. Aiken Blue Lodge 156 has hired someone to clean the lodge. If any other brother or appending body cannot clean up after themselves we will have the lodge cleaned at your expense. **If you use it, clean it!**

The lodge is slowly coming together. We have finally removed all of the furnishings from the New Ellenton Lodge that we are going to keep. We are giving the rest to Shepard Lodge, Trenton, SC. I would like to thank all the brothers that came out to help in getting this accomplished: W.B. Rick Endler, Jim Sleasman, W.B. Rex Lutz, Todd Smith, Danny Martin, W.B. Greg Sides, Kevin Stogner, John Heaton, Bob Kennedy, R.W. Lee Roy Bruce Sr, Brian Armstrong, Johnny Stephens, Dennis Lundblade. The New Ellenton Lodge is officially on the real estate market with Palmetto Realty. Brother Don Sprawls and Woody Malone are the realtors. The asking price is \$125,000.00. The new crape myrtles have been planted at the lodge. The big screen tv is in place and we now have two sofas and a small coffee table. I am still looking for a deal on magnetic dry-erase boards. I would like to thank Brother Danny Martin and his lady Charlotte for painting the upstairs lodge foyer.

On Saturday, April 21, after getting stuck in the elevator with R.W. Lee Roy Bruce Sr I would like to thank Brothers Johnny Stephens and Danny Martin for getting us out. Thanks also go to Brothers Kevin Stogner, Danny Martin, and R.W. Lee Roy Bruce Sr for taking the time on Sunday April 22 to fix the elevator.

April 26th and 27th I had the pleasure of attending the 275th year of Grand Lodge in Charleston, South Carolina. You, the brothers of Aiken lodge 156, have reason to be proud of your lodge and its inner workings. Aiken has a history of doing their business the masonic way and at Grand Lodge this is evident. It makes me proud that I chose to join Aiken Lodge 156. The 275th Grand Lodge ceremonies were very elaborate and enjoyable. I wish all of my brothers could have attended. I hope to see you at the 300th Grand Lodge.

Your Friend and Brother,
Worshipful Master, Russell Hale
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Degree Work: April 11th Brother Scott Warren Kirkpatrick was initiated as a Entered Apprentice. We also had R.W. Brother Stampley visiting from our neighboring state of Georgia. He was presented an Aiken Lodge 156 commemorative coin.

Deaths: April 16 Brother Olin Tillman Wood laid his working tools down. We also received notification that Brother Timothy Holtzendorf laid his working tools down on July 16, 2010. Please keep these families in your daily devotions.

Daily Devotion List: Anne-Marie Beason, Robbie Boswell, Dee Dee Brooks, Worshipful Don Chappell, Worshipful W.C. "Bill" Church, Worshipful Bernard Curry, Mrs. Jane Flemming; Larry Fowler, Sr., Herbert Freitag, Sr., Raymond Fulmer, Rita George, Worshipful Razmic S. Gregorian, Worshipful Ray Hydrick, Worshipful David Jhant, Bill Johnson; Bonnie Kennedy, Worshipful Robert Kennedy, John W. Key, Beverly Lard, Greg Lawson, Rebecca Leach, Harry Ledbetter, Worshipful John Ledbetter, Helen Murphy, Henry Platt Moseley, Jr., Harriet Murray, William Murray, David Nix Jr., R.W. Ron Parker, Jake Robinson, Jack Rogers, Carla Royer, Ted Scott Jr., Dr. James Shuler, Francis Shull, Mackie Snipes, Donna Stephens, Ronnie Stone, Betty Thornton, John E. Ward, Linzee Whittaker, LuAnne White, and all U.S. Service Men and Women.

Calendar

Blue Lodge in Bold

May 1.....7:00pm York Rite Council Dinner...Meeting 8pm
May 5.....8:30am Widows and Fellowship Breakfast.....Prepare 6:30am/Meal 8:30am
May 7..... 4:00 pm Investment Club Meeting
May 11.....8:00pm Eastern Star meeting
May 12.....Super Excellent Master's Degree
May 17....7:15pm Dinner...8:00pm Stated Communication Meeting
May 21.....8:00pm Order of the Amaranth
May 26.....1:00pm Memorial Day Parade contact W.B. Rex Lutz 642-6380
May 28.....6:30pm Valley of Aiken Scottish Rite
May 31.....6:30pm Past Master's Club

Possible Degree Work: Fellowcraft degree June 14

Flag Raiders.....meet at Aiken Lodge 156....6:15pm
May 4....Acacia Lodge 315 at North Augusta

Brothers please come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship; we need all the brothers possible to come on these Flag Raids.

Schedule of Meetings

1 st Mon.	156 Investment Club – Reg. Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue.	York Rite Bodies – Reg. Meeting	**7:30 PM
Thur.	Aiken Lodge No. 156 – Degree Night	7:00 PM
2 nd Mon.	Lodge of Perfection AASR – Work Night	7:30 PM
Tue.	York Rite Bodies – Work Night	7:30 PM
Thur.	Aiken Lodge No. 156 - Degree Night	6:45 PM
Fri.	Eastern Star – Queen City #141	8:00 PM
3 rd Mon.	Order of the Amaranth – Kalmia Court #8	8:00 PM
Thur.	Aiken Lodge No. 156 – Reg. Meeting	*8:00 PM
Fri.	Lodge of Perfection AASR – Work Night	7:30 PM
4 th Mon.	Lodge of Perfection AASR – Reg. Meeting	**8:00 PM
Tue.	York Rite Bodies – Work Night	7:00 PM
Thur.	Aiken Lodge No. 156 - Degree Night	6:45 PM
Fri.	York Rite Bodies – Work Night	7:30 PM

Supper at: **7:00 PM,*7:15

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Aiken Lodge No. 156 Ancient Free Masons

Chartered - November 16, 1870

Aiken, South Carolina

2012 Lodge Officers

WM.....	Russell L.Hale.....	514-2039.....	15 Hills Woodland Lane SW Aiken
SW.....	Brian A. Armstrong.....	349-6025.....	216 Hartwell Drive Aiken
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Past Masters

** Honorary Past Master * Deceased

Name	Years	Name	Years	Name	Years
*B.E. Brown	1870-73, 1880	*E.C. Cushman, Jr.	1952	*S.E. Talbert	1985
*H.B. Burckhafer	1874-78, 1884-86	R.P. Hydrick	1953	J.L. Brooks	1986
*J. Aldrich	1879	*P.G. Barnett	1954	M.R. Bonner	1987
*R.S. Agnew	1881	*J.D. Bryan	1955	L.R. Bruce	1988
*O.C. Jordan	1882-83	T.W. Bennett	1956	R.R. Johnson	1989
*C.E. Sawyer	1887-91	*N.J. Donahue	1957	*S. Roberson	1990
*D.H. Wise	1892	G.L. Allen, Jr.	1958	T.W. Johnson	1991
*R.C. Rogers	1893	*A. Martin	1959	F.E. Rodgers, Jr.	1992
*L.J. Parker	1894-95	R.E. Geddings	1960	* **A. “Joe” Flowers	1992
*J. Glass	1896-97	*O. Coplon	1961	*F.E. Rodgers, Sr.	1993
*W.W. Muckenfuss	1898-1902	G.V. Gayhart	1962	W.M. Edgar	1994
*C.A. Humphery	1903	*W.J. Knopp	1963	M.E. Carter	1995-96
*M.S. Poiler	1904-06	*J.H. Mathis	1964	*R. “Smokey” Brooks	1997
*J.L. McCarter	1907-08	*J.C. Rodgers	1965, 1970	W.H. Garvin	1998
*R.G. Tarrant	1909-10, 1915-16, 1943-44	*C.E. Murphy	1966	R.G. Gregorian	1999
*W.W. Edgerton	1911-12, 1919	*E.B. Hilton	1967	*L.D. Steadman	2000
*H.E. Gyles	1913-14, 1920-21, 1929, 1937	C.B. Anderson, Jr.	1968	*D.L. Durst	2001
*D.M. George	1917-18	*W.W. Driggers	1969	**D. Nix	2001
*J.E. Henderson	1922	*E.T. Deltz	1971	W.R. Parker	2002
*E.A. McCreary	1923-24	*M.G. Harrington	1972	B. Stephens	2003
*R.D. Clowe	1925-26	*W.F. Bond, Jr.	1973	A.F. “Rick” Endler	2004
*M. Surasky	1927-28	D.L. Jhant	1974	J.E. Ledbetter	2005
*D. Inglis	1930-31	*S.B. Knight	1975	J. Douglas	2006
*J.M. George	1932-33	*F.M. Thornton, Jr.	1976	G. Sides	2007
*H.H. Quattlebaum	1934-35, 1951	*J.G. Harkins	1977	*W.A. Jones	2008
*J.H. Keel	1936	W.C. Church	1978	R.N. Lutz	2009
*E.B. McCoy	1938	*S.M. Sanders, Jr.	1979	B.A. Curry	2010
*H.T. Hall	1939-42	*O.N. Hall	1980	M.A. Butts	2011
* E.E. Ardery	1945	*G.E. Davis	1981		
*W.K. Murray	1946-47	H.J. Vuick	1982		
*N. Persky	1948-49	E. England	1983		
*R.J. Lyons	1950	L.J. Delionbach	1984		