



The Trestle Board

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Words from the East

Past Master of Hiram Lodge #7. What a great title, and what a great honor now to be eligible to wear that title. Looking back at all the men who hold that title, it is hard for me to imagine my name being listed with those dedicated brothers.

I will not try to list all the people to whom I owe a great deal of credit for a very outstanding year, but I do think a few deserve to be recognized: the Trustees, Russ, Ed, Bob, and Pat, for getting our downstairs completed and all the extra work that went into that project; Dale, for always being there to open and have the Lodge building ready for meetings, the outstanding job he did on the BBQ, and also congratulations for Mason of the Year award; Jessie, James, Dave, and Dan for keeping me on track; John, for his good advice; Charlie, for being ready to step into any vacancy; Jack, for his work on the outside of the building; all the members of the Civil War team, who continue to be ambassadors for our lodge; Chad, Richard, and Art for the tours; and especially all the members who attended our Stated Meetings and filled almost every seat. It is a real pleasure to look out and see a full crowd of Brothers supporting the Lodge.

Welcome to all the new EAs, FCs and MMs. I know that the Lodge is in good hands for many years to come with some young men mixed in with our experienced members.

Congratulations to our new officers. I see great things happening in the next year with the energetic team you voted into office. Russ brings many new ideas and improvements to his office.

Thank you, once again, for allowing me to serve Hiram Lodge #7 this past year. Please know that I will always be ready to help with anything we might need. Past Master, not only a title, but a feeling.

Larry Davis, PM, Hiram Lodge #7



Lodge Dates

- Jan 6 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM EA Degree
- Jan 13 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM MM Degree
- Jan 17 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

- Jan 3 7:00 PM Franklin Chapter #2 and Council #134
- Jan 10 7:00 PM De Paynes Commandry #11

Williamson County Shrine Club

- Jan 20 6:00 PM Stated Meeting & Installation of 2011 Officers
- Logan's in Cool Springs

OES Dates

- Jan. 11 6:30 PM Potluck Dinner
- 7:30 PM Meeting & Initiation of Jolene and Larry Davis



Report from the WCSC

Submitted by Butch Mays



Noble Dale Pewitt with his lovely Lady Amy

What a great party we had at the Elk's Lodge on Thursday, December 16! We had 76 in attendance, a record for the WCSC. We brought in 6 new members: Smitty Appleton, Ed Atkisson, Mal Clissold, James Newberry, Kerney McNeil, and Byron Pewitt. Ed, Mal and Byron just went through the Fall Ceremonial and have now joined us at WCSC. Welcome to all of you, and we hope you enjoyed the party. I know you will have fun in the club!

We finished the year of 2010 with 66 members. We have 43 who have paid their 2011 dues or are Lifetime members. Anyone who would like to go ahead and pay your dues for 2011 can mail \$20.00 to the secretary's address below, and we will mail your dues card to you:

Butch Mays, Secretary, WCSC
2415 Douglass Glen Lane
Franklin, TN 37064

The following officers were elected at the meeting and will be sworn in at the January 20 Stated Meeting at Logan's Steakhouse:

Dale Pewitt—President

Billy Pewitt—1st Vice-President

Dick Casada—2nd Vice-President

Jerry Rosson—Sergeant at Arms

Willie Swafford—Camel Herder

Robert "Butch" Mays—Secretary-Treasurer

Some pictures from the dinner can be viewed at the following link:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/share/received/welcome.sfly?fid=c2a8d744202be9f9&sid=0AcOXLfQ1bM2b6g>

Our Potentate said that Dylan Snider is in Cincinnati right now for some operations, and Fox 17 news has done a story on him. Look for that story to air by next Thursday, December 23, which is the one-year anniversary of the accident where Dylan was burned over 80% of his body. Please note that the story could air before then, so be watching.

Also, if you are in Williamson County and have Comcast cable, you can see the Franklin Christmas Parade on Channel 10. They will probably run the parade periodically through the Holidays.



Widows' Christmas Tea

The Christmas Widows' Tea, held on Saturday, December 4, was a great success. The food was ample, delicious, and well prepared, and everyone enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Reverend Tom Pierce of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in College Grove. His speech was based upon the three simple rules of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. The reverend's message was well received by everyone. The evening included a presentation of a specially commissioned portrait of a past master in Hiram's history. The portrait is on display in the lodge, and there is an informative booklet available with more information about Bro. Mark Lyell Locke Andrews for those who are interested in learning more about one of Hiram Lodge's past masters.

Also, WM Larry Davis recognized David Whaley for being a fifty-year member of the Masonic Lodge with both a certificate and a pin.

The honorees of the dinner received fruit bags and Christmas gifts before they left.



Ladies enjoying food and fellowship at the Widows Tea.



Portrait of Mark Lyell Locke Andrews, Past Master and 1st Commander at Hiram Lodge #7, presented to the lodge (from left to right) by Gary Waddey and Dan Andrews (both great, great, great grandsons of Bro. Andrews), and Marian Ward (the artist who reproduced the portrait)

Past Masters' Dinner

The Past Masters' Dinner was held at the Elks Lodge on December 9 with several officers and past masters in attendance.

The Mason of the Year award was presented to Brother Dale Pewitt because "he stands out as someone who always puts others before himself, who silently works to promote the good of our order, and who steadfastly supports his brothers in the lodge to be the best men and masons that they can be." Congratulations Bro. Pewitt!

Other Announcements

The 1861 TN Civil War Lodge of Research will meet at Hiram Lodge on Saturday, January 15.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 with a 1:00 presentation. Afterwards, the Lodge will open for a short meeting. You do not have to be a member of the 1861 TNCWLR to attend. All Master Masons are invited.



WM Larry Davis recognizes David Whaley's 50 years within the Lodge.



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<http://www.hiram7.net>

2011 Hiram Lodge Officers



Front Row (Left to Right): Jesse Riggs, PM, Treasurer; James Amundsen, Junior Warden; Russ Wharton, Worshipful Master; Dale Pewitt, Senior Warden; Dan Welch, PM, Secretary

Back Row (Left to Right): Jason Rein, Senior Steward; Larry Davis, PM, Tiler; Craig Feldner, Chaplain; Art Milbert, Senior Deacon; Mal Clissold, Junior Steward

Not Shown: Philip Phillips, Junior Deacon