



# Lafayette Lodge # 83 AF&AM

3rd QUARTER 2011

## Masters Corner

Brethren,

The accomplishments of the third quarter of 2011 are behind us. Thank You to all who helped us accomplish the ritual work and coaching which has resulted in eight new master masons thus far in 2011. There are many EA and FC brethren on their journey, please keep up the hard work. During this quarter eight master masons from our worshipful Lodge attended the grand lodge business meetings in Winston-Salem, NC. A huge thank-you to National Dodge for allowing us to borrow two mini-vans. A huge thank-you to Brother Brandon Blackmore for assisting us to reserve rooms at family rate. Brethren because of these efforts, Lafayette Lodge 83 was able to send 8 master masons to grand lodge on a budget that is 75% of other lodges that send three or four participants, and for this we should feel accomplishment. Continued thank-you to the brethren and affiliated Eastern Stars and Rainbow Girls for the enjoyable peace and harmony of our Lodge. As we look forward to the successful events during the fourth quarter of 2011, may we be of one mind; and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell within and bless all.

Paternally  
WBro Jake Calhoun

### Welcome

2011

### Brothers

#### *Entered Apprentice*

Bro Robert  
Childree  
Bro Larry  
Erdman  
Bro Edwin  
Brannon  
Bro Joseph  
McKaskill

#### *Fellow Craft*

Bro Charles  
Tyson

#### *Master Masons*

Bro Chad  
Shannon  
Bro. Andrew  
Oquendo  
Bro. Daniel  
Jackson  
Bro Thor  
Lucas  
Bro Wayne  
Yates  
Bro Hector  
Saavedra



*Master Masons  
Continued*

Bro Joshua  
Parker

## Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The third quarter of 2011 has come and gone. If your dues card still reads 2010 please remit your dues as soon as possible. Please try to make it to our Past Masters and Widows night where we will also honor our 50 and 25 year members. 25 year members Larabee Padrick, 50 year members Raeford Love, Thurman Shepard, and Joel Petteway.

Fraternally

Bro. Robert Savacool

## Necrology Report

Br, Leslie King was born on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1933, He was initiated on March 14<sup>th</sup> 1961, passed on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1961, and raised on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1961 in Lafayette Lodge # 83 . He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on February 2011.

Br, Thomas Reid Jr. was born on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1931, He was initiated on October 9<sup>th</sup> 1984, passed on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1985 and raised on February 12<sup>th</sup> 1985. He entered the Celestial Lodge Above on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.

## Brother Overseas Update

Please keep our brothers who are overseas in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless them all.

## Items of Interest

Bar B-Q fund raiser Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. We need your help. Sell your tickets.  
Past Masters and Widows Night Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

## Facebook

Our Facebook page keeps gaining new members what a GREAT way to keep up with our Brothers who are overseas or just live in a different state.

## VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

[www.lafayettelodge83.com](http://www.lafayettelodge83.com) is the address of the Lodge website. Please visit it often and keep up with what is going on in YOUR Lodge. If you have some info you would like to see on the web site contact Bro Mike Wagoner. E-mail [mike@lafayettelodge83.com](mailto:mike@lafayettelodge83.com)-  
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## Masonic Words

### Darkness to Light

Physical darkness is symbolic of ignorance and of spiritual blindness. Applicants for the enlightenment of Freemasonry are, of course in total ignorance of the rituals, teachings and symbols of the Order. They are, hence, required to enter the Lodge in complete darkness, symbolic of that ignorance. They are in search of Light, and this is given to them as they advance through the several Degrees of Masonry.

### Dark

A lodge which closes for a time or permanently is said to be or have gone dark.

### Degree

The Latin *gradus* from which are derived grade, gradual, graduation, etc. , meant a step, or a set of steps, particularly of a stair; when united with the prefix *da*, meaning “down,” it becomes *degrades*, and referred to steps , degrees progress by marked stages, From this came our “degree,” which is a step, or grade, in the progress of a candidate toward the consummation of his membership. Our habit of picturing the degrees as proceeding from lower to higher, like climbing a stair, is thus very close to the ancient and original meaning of the word.

### Demit

As a verb this hails fro Latin *dimettere* ., to send away, to release, to let go; we have it in our “dismiss,” To demit from an organization is using the official form, to resign, to relinquish one’s membership. It has this meaning in Masonry.

### Divested

To deprive or take away from; to undress or remove clothing, ornaments or equipment



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