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May 2014

## From the East:

Brethren of Etiwan Lodge No. 95,

All is well within Etiwan Lodge as we proceed through Spring and into Summer.

We have recently raised two brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason and while we do not have any candidates at present, we are optimistic that we will have the opportunity to conduct additional degree work as the year progresses.

We have had a productive spring cleaning event at the lodge as well as a successful barbecue fundraising event during the last few months thanks to the committed efforts of our officers and several brethren. We look forward to additional events as we progress through 2014 and we look forward to an increase in participation with those events – we are a lodge of many and as such it takes the commitment and efforts of many to ensure our success and sustainability.

The 277<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina was held on April 24-25 in Florence, SC. It was a very successful gathering of SC Free Masons led by our Grand Master, MWB David DeChant, Sr. Visit the Grand Lodge website at <a href="http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org">http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org</a> for the latest news and updates with respect to Freemasonry in South Carolina. Etiwan Lodge has petitioned our Grand Lodge for approval to launch our website and we are still patiently awaiting that approval.

It should be noted that after our next regular communication on June 5<sup>th</sup>, <u>Etiwan Lodge will go dark for the months of July and August</u>, returning to our regular communications on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Also note that we will be voting at next our regular communication (June 5<sup>th</sup>) on a Bylaw Change to increase our annual dues. After reviewing our current monetary obligations and the amount of funding amassed through our current annual dues, it was determined that we are in fact running at a deficit. With consideration given to the impact that a dues increase can have on the brethren and also consideration what is reasonable and prudent to effectively manage the current costs of meeting our obligations, it is necessary for us to come to an agreement on the recommendation to raise our annual dues to \$65. per year. This recommendation has been read at our April and May regular communications and will again be read at our June communication and then voted upon. I ask that you make all reasonable attempts to attend our June meeting so that you can participate in this vote.

I continue to look forward to a very rewarding 2014 at Etiwan Lodge, both as your Master and your Brother - and the value of that reward is magnified by the support and involvement provided by each member of this historic Lodge. Check your calendars and make an effort to increase your participation this year. If I can be of any assistance to you in any way, do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Bob Heck, WM

## **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

- Regular Communication First
   Thursday of each month (except if / when lodge is Dark). Collation at 6:45pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
- Degree Work and Proficiency Second Thursday of each month (as required based on candidates). Collation at 6:45pm, meeting at 7:30pm
- Masters and Warden Club for the First and Second Masonic Districts – Second Wednesday of each month (except if / when Dark). Open to all Master Masons. Collation at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm.
  - June Location CCMC, 1285
     Orange Grove Road, Charleston (Solomon's #1)
  - o July Dark
  - August Dark
  - September Location 1613 Fort Johnson Rd, James Island (James Island #396)
  - October Location 3668
     Dorchester Rd, N. Charleston
     (Dorchester #369)
  - November Location St. James Ave, Goose Creek (Orange – Charlestowne #14)
  - o December No Meeting
- Annual SC/GA Masonic Meeting June 6, 2014 at the CCMA Center (Orange Grove Rd). Meal at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. All Master masons are invited. Aprons will be worn.
- Annual Inspirational Meeting October 23, 2014 at the Scottish Rite Center. Collation at 6:30pm, meeting to follow.
- Annual Instructional Meeting January 22, 2015 at the CCMA Center (Orange Grove Rd)