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From the Worshipful Master

Brethren, we are already at the end of the first quarter of the year. I would like to let you know what we are going to try to accomplish in the next few months. First as you can see in the handout we are going to have a Brother treat us to a special show on the 18th of October. Jay has offered his services to us for free of charge. WHAT A FINE GESTURE from a brother. If you can't make the show, please try to send in a donation to the Lodge. We are trying to do a few necessary and well-needed repairs. We are also going to smoke turkeys for Thanksgiving. The price will be around \$35 to \$40 dollars depending on the price of the turkeys. We have limited space to cook. So get your order in early. If you would like to purchase one and donate it to a needy family, we will make sure this is taken care of. My Brothers, if you can find the time, come on out and join the fun at the lodge. A few brothers are playing dominoes after study sessions and stated meetings. I am sure they would love to have a few more join in the fun.

P.S. Remember dues are coming due real quick. We collected \$25.00 for the endowments this year and \$13.00 of that goes back to Grand Lodge. Please dig deep brothers, you will be proud of your Lodge

Deaths

Brethren, since our last news letter, we have lost one more brother to death. Brother Donald James Lem passed away August 4th. 2008. Brother Jerry Jones has had two deaths in his family recently. His sister and his wife's aunt passed away recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Sickness

Brother Ronald Eugene Parker is in the hospital undergoing treatment for cancer.

Lodge Maintenance

Brethren you need to come and see your Lodge Hall. It is once again starting to sparkle due to the hard work and effort by a few brethren and with the help of our sisters in the Eastern Star. The floors have been stripped and polished. The lodge room has been thoroughly cleaned. Every Saturday prior to a stated meeting has been designated by the Worshipful Master as cleanup day. If you have time, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are very proud of our Lodge building and enjoy showing it off to everyone.

Membership

Our membership now stands at 245 and is holding steady. For a good while we were losing members rapidly due to deaths, suspensions, and older members retiring and moving their memberships to out of town lodges. This year we only lost 5 due to suspension. We have had approximately 5 or 6 brethren who had been out of the lodge for several years that have gotten reinstated. In addition we have three of four new E.A.s and have two petitions in the works. Our attendance on our Monday study nights has risen greatly from the old 4 or 5 people to 10 or more. There is always a good attendance at our stated meetings.

New Web Site

Many of our brethren are using our new web site, but in case some of you are not aware of it, it is: <http://www.melrose1294.org>. Brother Jerry Jones, our web master has done an excellent job on it. If you have not sent us your E-mail address, please send it to Brother James Carpenter at: Carpenter638@aol.com. Please indicate you are a lodge member.

Hurricane

Brethren, we did not have any real damage at the lodge other than out sign out by the road was blown down. If you know of anyone that occurred damage, you are encourage to pitch in and lend them a hand.