

GARNER LODGE NO. 701

A. F. & A. M.

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October 16, 2010

Dear Brethren of Garner Lodge 701:

I am eternally grateful for the enthusiastic turnout and support we have experienced at our Stated Communications during 2010. Serving as Master of Garner Lodge 701 has been a genuine honor and pleasure. We have accomplished outstanding degree work of which all of our Brothers can be proud and we have contributed generously, through our funds and our labor, to our Masonic Charities this year. Now, the last year of the first decade of the 21st century is fast drawing to a close as we begin the final quarter of 2010. This letter is being sent to all our Lodge Brothers with my special invitation that you please come and sit in your Lodge at one or more of our Stated Communications during October, November and December. While we have many Brothers who attend regularly, there are many more of our Lodge Brothers who do not attend. Please look at the activities we have planned between now and the end of the year and make a commitment, to yourself and to your Lodge, to attend a Stated Communication before the year is out. *When you come, please notice the brand new Garner Lodge 701 sign displayed prominently on the front of our Lodge Building.*

Monday, October 25, 2010:

We will have degree work, an Entered Apprentice Initiation. Degree Team Master Wilson Ferrell and his degree team have worked hard to prepare for this event and I hope you will attend to participate with your Lodge at work and support our newest Entered Apprentice.

While this is the second Stated Communication in October, a night that we would normally not have dinner, we are going to have a **Special Hot Dog Night**. Hot dogs with all the fixings, home baked beans, chips and dessert will be served. The cost of this meal is only \$5.00 with the net proceeds going to the Masonic Charities. We eat at 6 p.m.

Monday, November 8, 2010:

This will be a busy night for Garner Lodge 701 and begins promptly at 6 p.m. with dinner. Our special catered dinner will honor our Past Masters and the cost of this dinner is expected to be approximately \$10.00 each. *For those of you who have not attended the Lodge recently, the Lodge voted to cease funding the Past Masters Dinner in an effort to save money during tight economic times.* If you are going to attend and eat, we would like to have a count for the caterer. Please call my office at 919-856-6937 or send me an e-mail at jmaxfield@wakegov.com to confirm your place for dinner. You should call or e-mail your dinner confirmation to me on or before Monday, November 1, 2010.

In addition to honoring our Past Masters at the dinner, we will present service awards and some special presentations to 50 and 25 Year Masons. And, as a special treat, we will honor **Worshipful Brother Earle R. Purser on the occasion of his 90th birthday**. We are expecting special guests from the Grand Lodge at dinner. **During the Stated Communication, which begins promptly at 7:30 p.m., we will have our Annual Lodge Elections.** Your presence and participation is earnestly solicited for the Annual Lodge Elections.

Monday, November 22, 2010:

A Regular Stated Communication will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 2010:

It's the **Annual Garner Christmas Parade** and Garner Lodge 701 is opening our doors early Saturday morning to serve sausage biscuits, coffee and hot chocolate to hungry parade goers. All net proceeds raised from this event will go towards our Masonic Charities. Brother Gray Anthony is the Chairman of the Committee for the **Christmas Parade Fundraiser** and he earnestly asks for your help in the Lodge that morning. You can contact Brother Anthony by phone at 919-889-1393 to volunteer your help.

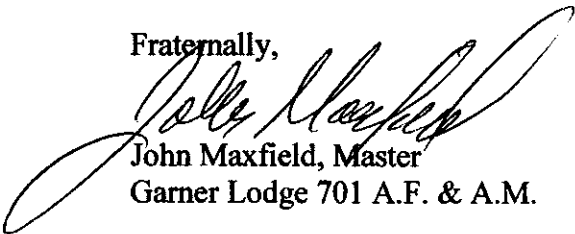
Monday, December 13, 2010:

This will be the final Stated Communication for Garner Lodge 701 in 2010. This is the occasion of our **Annual Lodge Christmas Dinner** which begins promptly at 6 p.m. This is a special, catered Christmas Dinner and the cost is expected to be approximately \$15.00 per person. *For those of you who have not attended the Lodge recently, the Lodge voted to cease funding the Christmas Dinner (except for the Lodge Widows) in an effort to save money during tight economic times.* If you are going to attend and eat, we would like to have a count for the caterer. Please call my office at 919-856-6937 or send me an e-mail at jmaxfield@wakegov.com to confirm your place for dinner. You should call or e-mail your dinner confirmation to me on or before Monday, December 6, 2010. Our Lodge widows will be our Special Guests at this event and will, of course, eat without charge. Our Lodge Widows will also be presented with their traditional Christmas Gift Cards from the Lodge.

Lastly, our Lodge Secretary, Worshipful Brother John Tawney, asks that I inform you that the Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax will increase to \$17.00 for the year 2011.

Please join us in the Lodge for these upcoming events. I look forward to joining each and every one of you in support of our Lodge as we end the year with brotherly love and charity.

Fraternally,


John Maxfield, Master
Garner Lodge 701 A.F. & A.M.