Brethren,

Welcome to the new year. We’ve had our first communication, and I am very happy with how well it went. The officers are learning their stations exceptionally well, and I believe that we have elected and appointed the best people for the jobs. Our new secretary is doing fantastic, and is daily learning how to do the job more efficiently. Your officers are currently attending the School of Instruction and picking up the uniform work very quickly. As Worshipful Master, I couldn’t be more proud.

Last year the Lodge voted to give money for the purpose of fixing Shirley DeRamus’ deck. There was no movement made to this end, and I took it upon myself to go and help our widow. I told the officers that we needed to do this important task, and they ran with it. WB Kirkland and Bro. Harris took it upon themselves to go and take the measurements and to get the supplies. Ten of us got together on the 16th, and completely rebuilt her deck. We came back on the 17th and finished a few things and completed the cleanup. A total of 11 brethren came to work on the project, and Mrs. DeRamus was ecstatic and very touched by the love we showed for her and her late husband, WB DeRamus. I want to personally thank the men who came out and worked. You are a shining example of what it means to be a Mason. You lived your obligation, and if I accomplish nothing else this year, this is most certainly a shining achievement.

I am looking forward to an extremely good year, and brethren, we have started off at a good running pace. I refuse to go with the “crawl, walk, run” method. Hit it hard and hit it fast.

If you need anything at all from me, even just an ear, call me – 762-215-0151 or email me at wmaster710@gmail.com. I am always here for you. I am not simply called to lead, but to work for you.

Fraternally,

Jarrod – Worshipful Master, Martinez Lodge #710

Education

Pillars on the Porch

It is thought that King Solomon erected these pillars as a reference to the Pillar of Clouds and the Pillar of Fire. He did not simply erect them as ornaments, but as memorials of Gods repeated promise of support to his people. The name of the pillar on the left came from two words, IN and STRENGTH meaning of which is "in strength it be established" the name of the pillar on the right came from one word, JEHOVAH meaning "God". When you place them together you have "God will establish his house of Israel". These pillars stood as a daily reminder to those who entered the Temple. I mentioned Pillars of Cloud and Fire, at the beginning. The Pillar of Cloud, emblematic of water, went before the Israelites by day and the Pillar of Fire emblematic of light, lead them by night in their journey through the wilderness. The one on the right represents the Pillar of Cloud, and the one on the left the Pillar of Fire. The names of the pillars are symbolic of the strength and stability of the Institution. They have many meanings but what they represent is the superintending and protecting power of the Deity.

Masonic Birthdays

Bro Alford Boswell       01/20/1987

Bro Irving Briggs 01/20/1987

Bro John Dansby         01/21/1972

Bro Daniel Drake 01/14/1977

Bro William Huff         01/10/1978

W.B. Jimmie Kirkland   01/27/1967

Bro David Rhoden 01/26/1989

Bro Joseph Taylor 01/31/1967

Bro John Tice               01/14/1977