

Jefferson Lodge No. 90  
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 Middletown Masonic Temple  
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JEFFERSON LODGE #90 MARCH 2011



## MASTERS MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren,

Jefferson Lodge was very active for the month of February. We were able to welcome into our lodge Brother Josh Tolliver on February 21st. The officers are working very hard preparing themselves for their new stations and Brother Tolliver received an impressive degree. I would like to congratulate Brothers Clay Lehmann, who gave the EA Charge for Bro. Tolliver, learning the charge in just two weeks and Brother Robert Gill who has now learned all three Lectures in just under two years. Jefferson Lodge is very proud of the hard work and dedication that these brothers have shown and I would recommend that if you get the chance come out and see the hard work that the officers are doing for Jefferson Lodge

On February 28th Jefferson Lodge hosted the second of its three community events in conjunction with the Middletown Police Department on the topic of identity theft. I believe all in attendance found it very informative. The Middletown Police Department will return on March 28th to talk about Neighborhood Watch @7pm. On March 14th we will have an EA Degree for Mr. Leo VanWinkle with a dinner at 6 pm. With the degree @7 pm. The Rainbow girls will have their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and silent auction on April 9th. Breakfast will be at 9 am with the auction afterwards. Please come out and help support our youth as this is one of their fundraisers which allows them to continue with many of their activities. Ladies Night which was scheduled for February 20th was rescheduled for a later date due to weather conditions; please stay tuned for a date and venue announcement.

There are a couple of brothers that I would ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers. Brother Joe Atkinson who slipped and fell during one of many ice storms and broke his right ankle, and Brother James Lawrence, Don's Brother, who is now in a rehab nursing home with bone cancer. Cards can be sent to both of their home addresses.

Fraternally yours,

WM Richard Duckson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 14 .....EA DEGREE - DINNER 6:00 PM - MEETING 7:00 PM
- MARCH 19 .....GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET
- MARCH 25 .....MIDDLETOWN SHRINE CLUB MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM - 10 PM
- MARCH 28 .....MEETING - COMM INFO SESSION - NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 7:00 PM -  
 .....DINNER 6:00 PM
- APRIL 4 .....STATED MEETING - DINNER 6:30 PM - MEETING 7:30 PM
- APRIL 9 .....MIDDLETOWN RAINBOW'S BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY - 9 AM  
 - 11 AM, DONATION 7.00/ADULT - 3.00/CHILDREN UNDER 12
- APRIL 9 & 16 .....SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION
- APRIL 30 .....JEFFERSON LODGE NIGHT IN ITALY FUNDRAISER 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

### Neighborhood Watch Program

Monday, March 28th, 7:00 pm

Middletown Masonic Temple

Presented by the Middletown Police Department

## MASONIC HUMOR

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

**"Is that you, Bill?"**

*"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."*

**"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.**

*"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth."*

*The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."*

**Bob's eyes teared up.**

**"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"**

*"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."*

**"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"**

*"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."*

## MASONIC BURIAL BY THE ENEMY

On June 11, 1863, the Federal gunboat Albatross, with Lieut. Commander J. E. Hart of St. George's Lodge #6 in New York in command, was anchored on the Mississippi River opposite the town of Bayou Sara (some accounts say St. Francisville) which is 15 miles above the Rebel fortification Port Hudson. The gunboat was part of the ships laying siege to Port Hudson, Louisiana. Commander Hart had been in a delirium for many days and was confined to quarters. A shot rang out and the Ship's executive officer Theodore E. Dubois and the doctor found the commander dead.

The officers of the ship not wanting to bury their commander in the river sent a flag of truce ashore to discover if there was a local Masonic Lodge. William W. Leake, the acting Master of Bayou Sara lodge was approached by Captain Samuel White, who lived near the river, to hold a Masonic Funeral for Commander Hart.

Brother Leake replied, **"As a soldier of the Confederate Army, I think it is my duty. As a Mason, I know it is my duty."** On June 13th, a few members of the local lodge in Masonic regalia gathered and met the procession of 50 men from the Albatross under a flag of truce at the top of a hill. Brothers Benjamin F. and Samuel F. White of Bayou Sara, the surgeon and the two officers of the gunboat who were Masons were in the procession along with a squad of marines at "trail arms."

Leake and the local Brothers marched in front of the corpse to Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery and buried Brother Hart in the Masonic Section with military and Masonic honors with the service of the Episcopal Church read over him. Brother Leake led the Masonic part of the services. The US Surgeon and officers asked the Brothers to join them on the Albatross for dinner but they declined. The surgeon then offered Brother Leake to supply him with medicines for his family. Brother Leake declined but later the surgeon sent a few medicines to Leake through Brother Samuel White.

Hart's grave was marked with a wooden head plate for many years, and eventually a permanent marker covering the whole grave was dedicated. This marker states: *"This monument is dedicated in loving tribute to the universality of Freemasonry."*