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Schedule of Events

June 2005

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
29	Shi-Oma Shindig Cooper Farm Pavilion	6:00pm

July 2005

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
6	Builder's Club Business Meeting	8:30am 7:30pm
13	MM Degree Candidates – Scott Messing Dan Decker	7:00pm
20	Builder's Club EA Degree	8:30am 7:00pm
27	FC Degree	7:00pm

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Looking Ahead

August 18th – Shiloh Family Picnic at
Cooper Farm

We would like to provide support to our brethren in times of distress and celebrate with them in times of gladness. Please immediately inform any of your lodge officers of such information regarding yourself or a brother.

Shi-Oma Shindig Picnic

Good Friends ...

Good Fellowship ...

Good Fun!

June 29, 2005

6:00 pm

Cooper Farm Picnic Pavilion

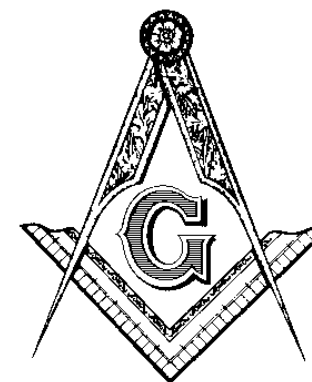
Meat for Grilling & Drinks Provided
Bring a Covered Dish to share and place settings

One Day Blue Lodge

July 16, 2005

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

If you have a prospect who would be interested in a One Day Degree, get started now and please let the Secretary know.



July 2005

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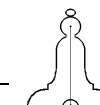
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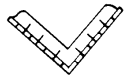
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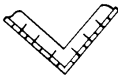
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From the East



Greetings Brothers! Whew! The summer has been busy!

Shiloh is undertaking several special projects this summer to better our Lodge. These include updating our website, pursuing new signage for the building and updating our Line Officer Job Descriptions.

None of these important tasks could be done without the dedicated work of our members. On behalf of the Lodge, I want to thank those members who do so much for Shiloh.

IMPORTANT! The last Trestleboard reported that June 29 would be a Master's degree at the Lodge. That was incorrect. June 29 is the Shi-Oma Shindig Picnic at Cooper Farm. The Shindig is a chance for all the members of the different bodies using the Shi-Oma building to come together for fun and fellowship. Bring a place setting (utensils, plates, etc.) and a covered dish to share. Meat for grilling and drinks will be provided. The Picnic starts at 6:00 pm.

The Master's degree scheduled for the 29th will be moved to July 13. Speaking of which, Shiloh will be raising two new brothers on July 13. Great job everyone on helping good men see the light of Masonry.

The summer has been a busy one. And all the Line Officers are looking for the fall to be even busier! Thank you all for all you do for Shiloh Lodge.

R. Todd Simpson
2005 Worshipful Master

A CIVIL WAR STORY

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag.

It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion,

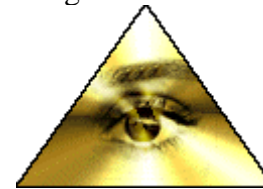
safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

Anyway, I have loved this story since the first time I heard it. It clearly demonstrates that, at the darkest period in our Nation's history, when brothers were killing brothers, Brothers could still be Brothers.

John Hohenstein,
Zerubbabel Lodge #15,
Savannah, Georgia



WHISPER GOOD COUNSEL

One of the most important obligations of Freemasonry is to whisper good counsel in a Brother Mason's ear.

The point of this is to help a Brother, with fraternal affection, steer clear of mistakes or potential harm. I am lucky to

have had incredible Masonic mentors whisper good counsel in my ear over the years and I thank them all.

The form of the counsel, as outlined in our work, speaks to the true brotherhood of Masonry. An admonition must be given with the language of brotherly affection, the magic tongue of love, and with the persuasive attitude of "mercy unrestrained."

We must ever guard from becoming overly critical or making public rebukes. Our positions as Brothers, or Lodge Masters or even higher Masonic authorities, seat us in a uniquely precarious location.

A public rebuke, even one that is warranted, can do so much more harm than good ... it erodes affection, causes hurt feelings and topples one's faith in the institution of Freemasonry. There is no place in Masonry for the public reproach. The leader who reprimands his Brothers openly may be consumed by his station, and can soon lose both effect and affection.

On the other hand, the gentle hand that guides, the whisper that directs, the affection that produces common trust and bonds, can make for better men individually, and a better Fraternity overall.

Let us all strive to give the gentle, fraternal guidance which we all need from time to time. And let us give it as Masons ... by whispering good counsel, privately, in a Brother Mason's ear.

R. Todd Simpson
2005 Worshipful Master