



# Long Creek News

## New Year Off to Good Start



*Photograph by Mike Harding*

This year is off to a fast start. January saw two new Entered Apprentice initiated and February saw no slow down with three more initiated. February was such a busy month the lodge held two degrees and passed four brothers to their Fellowcraft degree.

Worshipful Brother Rodney Hinson's goal for the year is twelve new Master Masons by year end and at the current

rate, meeting such an ambitious goal doesn't look unreachable.

Our first Master Mason degree will be held on Saturday morning March 28. Breakfast will be served at 7:00am and the degree starts at 8:00am. Please join us for a great degree and welcome our new brothers.

Visit the lodge website at [www.longcreeklodge.com](http://www.longcreeklodge.com) to view other pictures from these events.

### From the East

Brethren, Feb. has come and gone, and with it, another 1st and 2nd degree. Both were very successful, with more Light to come. As our Lodge calendar shows, we will have a 3rd degree in March.. We should have at least four candidates for this degree. Brethren, these degrees are not only for our candidates, but also for you. Your officers enjoy practicing their work and putting the degrees on, and extend a request to you for your attendance. Please come join us and see what your lodge is doing, and how your committees are working.

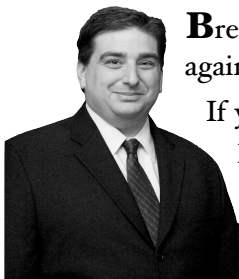


Coming on April 4th is our annual Fish Fry. Much work is already going on to prepare for this big day. As always, this will require a lot of work from a lot of people. But Brethren, we can AND DO have fun while we do it. So PLEASE put this date on your calendar and plan to spend some time to help us make this another successful fund raising event for our charities.

Again, I encourage you to come to our stated meetings and degrees, and bring a brother with you. Especially the ones that have not attended lately. It is always good to see you Brethren! Remember what this fraternity is all about...Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love!

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### SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren, as you know it is dues time again.

If you plan to pay your dues when you pay for your fish fry tickets, please write out two checks: one for the dues and one for the fish fry.

The lodge maintains two accounts: 1) one for charity and 2) one for general business.

By writing out two checks, you will be doing the lodge, the secretary, and treasurer a great service, as this will keep the funds separate and accurate.

I greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

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# Lose One, Gain One...



Our masonic family loses a good friend this month and at the same time celebrates the birth of a new baby to another.

Brother Jim Dougherty is leaving us. Currently in charge of safety for the Charlotte CATS transportation system, Jim was recently recruited by the city of San Francisco and made an offer he couldn't refuse.

His wife Shirley and daughter Janelle will stay around for a few more months to wrap up the sale of their home. We will miss them all.

Meanwhile, brother Todd Pearce and wife Amber recently had a new baby girl. Aubry Grace was born January 26 weighing 7lbs 2ozs. Our best wishes go out the happy couple.

In case you could tell, the picture of the youth boy in last months issue was...Steve Blythe.

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## Birthdays This Month

- MATTHEW E. GREENE
- ROBERT F. BLYTHE
- TALMADGE M. SIGMON
- WARREN C. MCCALL
- GLENN O. CASE
- WILSON B. SHARAR
- ROBERT K. BRASWELL
- JOHN R. GOODNIGHT
- JAMES E. CANNON
- JOHN D. PARKER
- MATTHEW T. LAMM III
- GLENN R. GANT
- MATTHEW L. THOMPSON
- BRUCE P. WATSON

## Lodge Calendar

### 3/9

6:30pm - Dinner (Beef Tips over Rice)  
 7:30pm - Stated Communication

### 3/28 (Saturday Morning)

7:00am - Breakfast  
 8:00am - 3rd Degree (Tentative)

### 3/28 (Saturday Evening)

7:00pm - OES Open Installation  
 (Everyone Welcome)

### 4/4

4-8pm - Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser

### 4/13

6:30pm - Dinner  
 7:30pm - Stated Communication

### 4/27

7:30pm - 1st Degree (Tentative)

### 5/11

6:30pm - Dinner  
 7:30pm - Stated Communication

### 5/25

7:30pm - 2nd Degree (Tentative)

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