

DORIC LODGE # 30 F. & A.M.

August 3, 1984

Dear Brothers:

This letter is to inform you that the Grand Lodge has raised its tax.

Every Lodge shall pay into the general fund of the Grand Lodge ten dollars (\$10) for each and every member on its roll. This amount shall be due June 1st and December 1st each year. One dollar (\$1.00) shall be paid into the Grand Relief fund for each and every member on the roll, due the first day of July, October, January, and April respectively. The Grand Lodge has approximately \$2.80 per member on it's roll that will go to the Grand Ways and Means Committee. The above comes to \$26.80 per man yearly. Our current dues of \$24.00 a year are insufficient to cover the new taxes, therefore, dues must be raised.

As Worshipful Master, I am asking for a \$21.00 per year per member raise in dues. This will make the dues \$45.00 per year. We will take a vote on this important matter at our August meeting. Every Brother will have a chance to voice his opinion; however, dues will be raised to meet Grand Lodge taxes and to meet Doric Lodge needs.

Election of all officers will be held at our September meeting. This change came from the Grand Lodge. This will enable the Grand Worshipful Master ten (10) months to work with the Master of the Lodge.

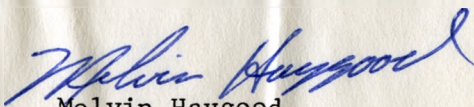
We have four new candidates who have petitioned Doric Lodge.

Not one of the candidates in the last two years were raised to the degree of Master Mason. There has got to be a reason. Even if they had, the process itself would have been sloppy and would not have impressed the candidates.

With the help of my Wardens and Past Masters, we have embarked upon a very innovative program. That is to reactivate our inactive members, get back into the book and to seek a strong and closer brotherhood. You see, my feelings are, why bring in new members and lose them simply because they can see nothing going on.

With the extra training sessions in the Lodge Hall, meeting at brothers homes, calling and talking with the inactive and active members we can re-build our lodge. I feel if we had not taken these steps we would continue to spin our wheels.

Doric Lodge will be open on the second and fourth Saturday of every month for the purpose of Degree work. We will meet at 7:00 P.M. Brother Lawrence James will be overseeing the Degree Team. I would like to see every brother there.



Melvin Haygood  
Worshipful Master  
Doric Lodge # 30 F. & A.M.