

TEMPLE TALES

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April 5th	Charlotte Scottish Rite - 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated
April 6th	Stated Communication - 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Stated
April 20th	Practice 3rd Degree
April 25th	Grand Master's Area Meeting-- Mint Hill Lodge 742 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting



**"Remember thy
Creator..."**
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The Grand Master will be visiting the Charlotte Area for his annual meeting on Tuesday, April 25th. If you would like to attend please contact me so I can make reservations as the number of spaces are limited. I will also need to know if you will be having dinner.

Charles L. (Bud) Davidson - Secretary

SECRETARY**FROM THE EAST**

As I indicated in last month, the Scottish Rite Bodies are considering our property on Weddington Road as a possible location for their new facility. At their stated meeting in March, Joppa and Temple Lodges made presentations. Joppa offered to sell any needed property to the Scottish Rite for \$100,000 per acre for their new building which would be totally separate from the existing blue lodge building where Joppa and East Gate now meet. Our lodge offered them our property at no cost with the stipulation that we would retain a vested interest of \$800,000 (plus or minus appreciation or depreciation) if and when the property is sold. The Scottish Rite would finish the buildings and any additions needed for their use. We would remain as tenants at the new facility, but the Scottish Rite would have ownership and control of the property. They are also considering finding a location where they will not be co-located with any blue lodge.

My understanding is that the Scottish Rite membership will vote on one of the above at the April 5th Stated. Our lodge voted at our March Stated to withdraw our offer and sell the property if not selected or if there is no vote at the April meeting. We have a firm offer from a group that will use it for a private school.

If you are a member of the Scottish Rite and have a preference as to where they move, I hope you will attend their meeting and vote.

I will keep you updated as decisions are made regarding the future of Temple Lodge.

E. L. (Bud) Pinger Jr. PM—Master

WEST

Brethren, I know you constantly read pleas from the officers asking you to attend lodge. As you are aware many decisions are being made regarding the future of this lodge and our affairs. What concerns me is that so few brothers are making these decisions. This is out of necessity, since a majority vote of those members at a stated communication decide the outcome of all decisions.

We rarely have more than fifteen members of our lodge, including officers, at these meetings. There have been times when we could barely open the lodge (seven Master Masons are required). The decisions as to where we will meet, should we merge with another lodge etc. are near term. Do you want a say in what happens? Don Cumming PM—Sr. Warden

SOUTH

From the South:

In April we will serve dinner at 6:30pm. The plan is to have Sloppy Joe's, French fries and a salad.

Please plan on attending and bring your spouse or a friend.

Jeff Buchanan, Jr. Warden