

~ A Brief Lodge History ~

NOVEMBER 16, 1966 - Dispensation to establish a new Lodge at Pawleys Island, SC was granted by MW R. Lewis Smith, GM. The first meeting place was in the Parish House of All Saints Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island.

~ FOUNDING OFFICERS ~

WM - Henry G. Deer, PM / SW - Boyd L. Marlow, Sr., PM / JW - W. Reese Hart / Treas. - George Edwin Prince Sec. - Earnest LeRoy Barnes / SD - Andrew Lealand Gantt / JD - Charles William Cusick / Stew. - William Dewey McCall Stew. - William Harold Sapp, Jr. / Tiler - Gordon Leath Miller, Jr. DECEMBER 7, 1966 - Our first Regular Communication. Grand Master Smith, accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers, delivered the Dispensation Document to the Lodge. Forty-five (45) members and visitors were present. JULY 14, 1967 - Grand Master Smith constituted Pawleys Island Lodge #409 and installed the Lodge officers. Eighteen Grand Lodge officers were present. MARCH 6, 1969 - A Building Committee was authorized to begin construction of a Lodge building on land donated by WM and Mrs. W. Reese Hart. JULY 3, 1969 - The Lodge received the official Charter Document. DECEMBER 4, 1969 - The first meeting was held in the new Lodge building - our current building. FEBRUARY 2, 1978 - The last of the bonds issued to finance the Lodge building were called and paid. Lodge now free of debt through fund raising efforts. SEPTEMBER 12, 1985 - MW Jesse Branhan, GM, visited, monitoring work done on the F.C. Degree. SEPTEMBER 22, 1989 - Hurricane Hugo: Fortunately no Lodge casualties. Our Lodge contributed substantial effort & material assistance to storm victims including food & clothing delivered in the hard hit community of nearby McClellanville. FEBRUARY 7, 1991 - An informal visit by MW Bro. Jarman, PGM of North Dakota, MW Bro. Ross, PGM of Illinois during a Regular Communication. AUGUST 7, 1991 - Received a large cash donation by Bro. Salem Van Every, III for Lodge renovation & landscaping. WBro. & Mrs. W. Reese Hart donated the Lodge's cornerstone. MAY 16, 1992 - Grand Lodge of South Carolina opened at Pawleys Island Lodge #409, MW William D. Longshore, GM, presided for the setting of cornerstone & dedication of Lodge Building. SEPTEMBER 19, 2002 - WM Hugh Peteet, Master of P.I. 409 welcomed MW G. Kent Elkins, GM, along with other Grand Lodge Officer's attendance at a special "Table Lodge" conducted by Pawleys Island Lodge #409.

Most Historical Highlights adopted from archived notes of WBro. Charles Cusick, PM, deceased.