



Union Masonic Lodge #618, A.F. & A.M.

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Secretary—
First of all, a lot of thanks is due to the brothers receiving email who volunteered to distribute the news-

letter to those brothers without email. I'll try to keep producing the monthly newsletter so long as it is found useful to the Lodge brethren.

Since distribution of the first newsletter, we have received fourteen new email addresses. That is going to help a lot!

Dues for 2012

Payment of annual dues is to be made by each member NLT January 1st of the dues year. As of the writing of this newsletter, **35** members have not paid their 2012 dues. The Secretary is required by The Code to notify individually by March 1st all dues-delinquent members of their delinquency. Postage

expense alone to the Lodge to make these notifications will be \$15.75 (approximately 19% of the \$83 the Lodge has available from one member's dues). If you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, please do so immediately, because the notices will be sent out by February 27th.

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Facilities and Maintenance Activity

(1) WBs Darrell Cline, Bobby Burgess, Bill Moss, and Larry Robbins (who furnished some sealant) spent several hours re-securing the exhaust vent hood to the roof, and inspecting the roof for what will be needed to properly secure the current metal covering on the roof. They secured and sealed the exhaust vent, and are now waiting, not only to see what effect—if any—their work has had on the leak, but also to see how the sealant they used holds up to rooftop winter cold

and summer heat. (2) With some assistance from WB Darrell Cline, WB Bobby Burgess completed the installation of the audio/visual upgrade equipment. Great job! (3) WBs Darrell Cline, Bobby Burgess and Bill Moss have the new back door ramp construction ready for concrete—hoping to get some leftover from other local area construction. (4) Please express your appreciation to all of these brothers for their work.

Upcoming events of interest

March 5th—EA Degree
March 12th—Stated Communication
March 17th—Pancake Breakfast. 7:00 - 11:00
March 20th—MM Degree

March 22nd—Grand Master's Area Meeting hosted by Matthews Lodge #461

Practices: EA—Feb 23rd at 7:30, Mar 4th at 5:00. MM—Mar 8th, 13th & 15th, all at 7:30.

February Birthdays(by age)

Age Birth Date Name

80	02/12/1932	ROBERT J. MCEACHERN JR	58	02/17/1973	WILLIAM M. WIDENHOUSE III
75	02/01/1937	BOYD N. MCGEE	57	02/27/1954	DOUGLAS E. MARTIN
70	02/14/1942	LARRY W. ROBBINS	53	02/22/1958	EDWARD C. DAVIS III
68	02/28/1943	JIMMY L. HATHCOCK	50	02/26/1961	CHRIS S. HARRISON
61	02/27/1950	WILLIAM O. DENNIS	49	02/24/1962	ROBERT A. LOVE JR
60	02/21/1951	CHARLES L. EUDY	24	02/20/1987	ROBERT L. STEGALL

Happenings at the February stated

Neil Dunn was installed as Steward for 2012. With that event, all of the line officer chairs are filled, and with non-PMs.

We had 25 members present, including nine PMs and eleven veterans.

Mr. Dennis Ray Kiker was elected to receive the degrees in Masonry, and we received two new petitions.

WB Bobby Burgess reported that he and the other brothers working on the roof leak problem(see p.1) had determined

that about 12,000 to 15,000 new screws were going to have to be procured to re-secure the roofing membrane. Brother Vinnie D'Andrea estimates we will have to spend about \$100/1000 screws for the required screws.

Firmed up plans for a Pancake Breakfast charities fund raiser for March 17th. Serving will be 7:00 to 11:00. Menu will include pancakes, sausage, gravy biscuits, grits. If you can help with prep, serving, or cleanup, please contact WB Darrell Cline at 704-791-9470.

Spread the word to your friends, neighbors, work associates, etc.

Food for Thought

THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order,
 And you look about the room;
 You're sure to see some faces,
 That from out the shadows loom,
 That are always at the meeting,
 And stay till it is through.
 The ones that I would mention,
 Are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices,
 As they are always on the spot.
 No matter what's the weather,
 Though it may be awful hot;
 It may be dark and rainy,
 But, they are tried and true;
 The ones that you rely on,
 Are the Always Faithful Few.

There's lots of worthy members,
 Who will come when in the mood;
 When everything's convenient,
 They can do a little good;
 They're a factor in the Order
 And are necessary, too,
 But the ones who never fail us
 Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these faithful
 Whose shoulders at the wheel
 Keep the Order moving onward,
 Without a halt or reel;
 What would be the fate of Orders,
 Who have so much to do?
 They surely would go under
 But for the Faithful Few.

(Anonymous)

March Birthdays

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by birth-day)

Age Birth Date	Name	78	03/17/1933	CHARLES W. FURR	
87	03/01/1924	EVANS L. CAUDLE	80	03/20/1931	JAMES H. JEFFERS
82	03/01/1929	BAYNE W. LEFLER JR	60	03/20/1951	BUFORD E. FANNON
51	03/09/1960	EARL E. SNEED	85	03/29/1926	FRANKLIN R. WALTIMYER
71	03/10/1940	DONALD R. RIPPY SR	59	03/30/1952	THOMAS M. BLYTHE
61	03/14/1950	ROBERT L. HUNTER JR	67	03/31/1944	JOSEPH G. CUTHBERTSON

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Don't forget to pass the word around that our Fellowship Hall is available to rent. Provide any interested party the mobile phone number for WB Darrell Cline, who manages all of the reservations. (704) 791-9470

