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Secretary: Recently an effort was made by one of our members to assemble a respectable group of brothers to visit another lodge in our district to partici-

pate in the “periodic relocation” of the District 28 Traveling Gavel. The effort failed, because the minimum seven brothers could not be assembled for

the visit. Please try to participate the next time we attempt the endeavor, and *hopefully* there will be a next time.

Upcoming events of interest

September 10—Stated Communication

School of Instruction—August 29th and 30th. Salisbury Masonic Temple.

Charities Golf Tournament—

Friday, **September 28**, Green Oaks Golf Course, Concord.

Ladies Night Banquet—**October 6th**. Only 120 tickets will be sold. \$10 each. Dinner and entertainment. All sales in advance.

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Happenings at the August stated

We enjoyed the fellowship of a gathering of 28 brothers, and a delicious ham supper.

The brethren approved the plans presented by WB Bill Moss for installation of hand rails at the north and south ends of the steps in the East.

The charities Golf Tournament committee established a date of September 28th at Green Oaks Golf Course. Please support.

Brother David Nash contin-

ued(from the last stated) a Masonic education talk on the sprig of acacia and its significance in Freemasonry.

Brother Robert Little announced completion of his history of our Lodge(will include it in the next newsletter). Brother Thomas Hill has added it to our web site: unionlodge618.com

Brother David Barbee completed his participation in the Contingencies Fund Program at the Bronze Level.

August Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by current age) Age Birth Date Name		
86 08/24/1925 PHILAS J. HARTSELL	ON	54 08/30/1957 ALEXANDER W. BORGEMEISTER
82 08/15/1930 ANDERSON B. JONES	68 08/27/1943 BARNIE F. WHITLEY JR	54 08/01/1958 TERRY G. RIDDLE
76 08/26/1935 J. B. SMITH	64 08/06/1948 TOMMY D. MULLIS	52 08/18/1959 STEVEN L. BROOKS
75 08/21/1936 LEWIS M. FLOYD	62 08/05/1950 WILLIAM H. MOSS JR	45 08/18/1966 JEFFREY D. JONES
75 08/12/1937 HAROLD D. TUCKER SR	61 08/05/1951 THOMAS O. EVANS	43 08/17/1968 TERRY W. HARVELL
72 08/29/1939 CHARLES K. DIX-	60 08/03/1952 RUSSELL W. HELMS	42 08/07/1970 DUANE D. BURRY
	57 08/19/1954 RODNEY D. PHIL-LIPS	

September Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age) Age Birth Date Name		
89 09/22/1922 ARTHUR R. MORGAN	80 09/25/1931 MCCAMIE D. HILL	45 09/21/1966 DARREN R. HARTSELL
86 09/04/1925 COY L. MCMANUS	72 09/01/1939 DAVID O. MONTAGUE SR	42 09/01/1969 RYAN B. KNIGHT
85 09/04/1926 JAMES H. WEATHERS SR	69 09/14/1942 JULIAN W. PAGE	39 09/05/1972 RODNEY B. SEHEN
	56 09/03/1955 DANNY R. MULLIS	21 09/28/1990 JEFFREY B. JONES
	55 09/21/1956 JOHN B. BROOKS JR	
	51 09/11/1960 RONALD G. THOMAS	

Of Masonic Interest (George Washington, Freemason)

On Saturday evening, August 4, 1753, in the village of Fredericksburg, Virginia, George Washington, as a major in the Continental Army, was raised to the Third Degree, a Master Mason. He had joined the ranks of such illustrious men as Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and Paul Revere.

36 years later, on April 30, 1789, George was inaugurated as the first President of the United States with John Adams as Vice-President. The oath that George took was administered by the Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York. (See below) Both the Marshal of the day and his escort were generals in the United States Army and Masons. The Bible on which he swore his oath was that of St John's Lodge of New York. George, himself, was Master of the Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia.

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On September 18, 1793, the cornerstone of the Capitol was officially laid. The Grand Lodge of Maryland presided over the ceremony and George was asked to serve as Master. The affiliated Lodges under Maryland's jurisdiction were in attendance, as was his own Lodge from Alexandria. There was a great procession, which included a company of artillery. Then came a band, followed by himself, attended by all officers and members of the Lodges in full Masonic regalia. When George reached the trench in which the northeast cornerstone was laid, he was presented with a silver plate commemorating the event and inscribed with the designations of the Lodges in attendance. The artillery fired a volley. He then descended into the trench and placed the plate on the stone. Around it was placed containers of corn, wine and oil. All present joined in prayer, and the artillery fired another volley.

Six years and three months later, in December, 1799, George Washington died. He was buried at his home at Mount Vernon, with full Masonic honors, by the Alexandria Lodge, whose members were his pallbearers.

There is no question that Masonry contributed something to the structures and machinery of the American government. The Constitution of the United States, in a very real sense, is a Masonic document. In its final form, the Constitution represented the collective thoughts of Ben Franklin, Edmund Randolph, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and George Washington. Of these, all but Jefferson were not only active Masons, but men who took their Freemasonry extremely seriously.

The New Republic, when it emerged with the Constitution, conformed to that ideal image, and that image reflected the ideals of Freemasonry: That the United States of America was, and is, the "Great Masonic Experiment!"

Keith F. Walker, PM, et al

(Source: South Dakota Lodge of Research Bulletin, March, 2003)

The Inauguration Prayer of George Washington

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience, and to entertain a Brotherly affection and love for one another, as fellow citizens. May we be pleased to do justice, to love mercy, and to conduct ourselves in charity, humility, and gentle temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without whose humble example we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant us our supplication through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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