



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

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## Comments

**SECRETARY:** It is not uncommon to hear or read the phrase “Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry” in our workings and study, and with the installation of officers for 2013 coming up in a couple of months, the phrase certainly will be heard again. I am a little embarrassed to admit that even though I have been a MM for over 40 years, I probably would not be able to paraphrase more than a couple of the 25. So beginning with this

newsletter issue, I am going to include a few in each issue, as space permits, under the title of “Of Masonic Interest.” I came across a list with explanations on the MasonicWorld.com web site. I emailed for permission to include them in our newsletter, and got no response, so I am taking that as an okay to proceed. I ask that you do not further disseminate these, but rather just make referral to that web site.

## Happenings at the November stated

We enjoyed the fellowship of a gathering of 46 brothers.

We lost another brother in October—Brother Leroy McManus died on the 20th.

Received one Petition for the Degrees..

Elected Brother Thomas R. Acklam to membership.

We have had no rain to enable us to determine if we still have a roof leak.

New officers elected/appointed for 2013 are: Rob Love, Master; Tom Little, SW; Mitch Elliott, JW; Mike Blythe, Treasurer; Darrell Long, Secretary; Ronnie Sneed, Trustee; Vinnie D’Andrea, SD; Tommy Nash, JD; David Nash, SS; John Nash, JS; Tom Evans, Chaplain; David Warwick, Tyler.

Bro. Mitch Elliott provided an update on the condition of Bro. Perry Sams who was very badly injured recently when another vehicle collided with him on his motorcycle.

## Upcoming events of interest

**December 1st**—Installation of newly elected Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr., of Andrew Jackson 576, and the other Grand Lodge officers. 11:00 a.m. in the Norvell Theater in Salisbury. You are all invited.

**December 10th**—Stated Communication.

**December 29th**—Installation of Officers for 2013

## November Birthdays (by age)

### AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

82 11/09/1930 DAVID L. WAR-  
WICK

73 11/18/1938 RONALD A.  
HARKEY

67 11/27/1944 WALKER A.  
HARKEY

61 11/21/1950 VINCENT J.  
D'ANDREA

60 11/06/1952 RONNIE J. MOR-  
GAN

58 11/05/1954 DENNIS R.  
KIKER

56 11/01/1956 CARL B. MOORE,  
III

55 11/27/1956 DAVID E.  
FLOYD

55 11/02/1957 PERRY L. SAMS

24 11/06/1988 JAMES C.  
GREENE

18 11/16/1993 JOHN R. NASH

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Age Birth Date Name

84 12/05/1927 ELLIS P. AUS-  
TIN

78 12/15/1933 CLADWELL P.  
HATLEY

78 12/31/1933 ATLAS J. RUSH-  
ING

75 12/03/1936 BILLY M.  
SLOOP

74 12/04/1937 BROOKS R.  
MULLIS

69 12/06/1942 WILLIAM B.  
RITCHIE

66 12/17/1945 HERIOT L. MUL-  
LIS

65 12/01/1946 CHARLES C.  
LUDWIG

63 12/03/1948 RICHARD D.  
SIMPSON

61 12/03/1950 DARRELL E.  
CLINE

58 12/01/1953 WILLIAM A.  
BROOKS JR

54 12/27/1957 MARK B.  
DOUGLAS

52 12/06/1959 BILLY M. MOR-  
GAN

43 12/07/1968 SEAN T.  
MCCARTHY

39 12/26/1972 BRIAN A. BECK

37 12/14/1974 DAVID A.  
BULLOCK

## Of Masonic Interest (Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. Source: MasonicWorld.com)

### 25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY(1 - 4)

1. The Modes of recognition.
2. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the third degree.
4. The government of the fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of tile craft.

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## **LANDMARKS 1 TO 4**

### **LANDMARK FIRST**

THE MODES OF RECOGNITION are, of all the Landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit of no variation; and if ever they have suffered alteration or addition, the evil of such a violation of the ancient law has always made itself subsequently manifest. An admission of this is to be found in the proceedings of the Masonic Congress at Paris, where a proposition was presented to render these modes of recognition once more universal- [a] proposition which never would have been necessary, if the integrity of this important Landmark had been rigorously preserved.

### **LANDMARK SECOND**

THE DIVISION OF SYMBOLIC FREEMASONRY INTO THREE DEGREES is a Landmark that has been better preserved than almost any other, although even here the mischievous spirit of innovation has left its traces, and by the disruption of its concluding portion from the Third Degree, a want of uniformity has been created in respect to the final teaching of the Master's order; and the Royal Arch of England, Scotland, Ireland, and America, and the "high degrees" of France and Germany, are all made to differ in the mode in which they lead the neophyte to the great consummation of all symbolic Freemasonry. In 1813, the Grand Lodge of England vindicated the ancient Landmark, by solemnly enacting that Ancient Craft Masonry consisted of the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch. But the disruption has never been healed, and the Landmark, although acknowledged in its integrity by all, still continues to be violated.

### **LANDMARK THIRD**

THE LEGEND OF THE THIRD DEGREE is an important Landmark, the integrity of which has been well preserved. There is no rite of Freemasonry, practiced in any country or language, in which the essential elements of this legend are not taught. The lectures may vary, and indeed are constantly changing, but the legend has ever remained substantially the same. And it is necessary that it should be so, for the legend of the Temple Builder constitutes the very essence and identity of Freemasonry. Any rite which should exclude it, or materially alter it, would at once, by that exclusion or alteration, cease to be a Masonic rite.

### **LANDMARK FOURTH**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRATERNITY, by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft, is a fourth Landmark of the Order. Many persons ignorantly suppose that the election of the Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a Landmark of the Order. Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the Institution long before Grand Lodges were established; and if the present system of legislative government by Grand Lodges were to be abolished, a Grand Master would still be necessary. In fact, although there has been a period within the records of history, and indeed of very recent date, when a Grand Lodge was unknown, there never has been a time when the Craft did not have their Grand Master."



**OFFICERS—2012**

First row left to right: Installing Officer, Boyd Neal McGee; Junior Deacon, Vincent Joseph D’Andrea; Senior Deacon, Mitchell Allen Elliott; Master, Ronnie Lee Sneed; Junior Warden, Thomas Michael Little; Senior Steward, David Franklin Barbee. Second row: Installing Marshall, James Ralph Pinion; Treasurer, Thomas Michael Blythe; Secretary, Roger Darrell Long; Chaplain, Thomas Orlando Evans; Tyler, David Lee Warwick.  
 (Not pictured: Senior Warden, Robert Allen Love, Jr.; and Junior Steward, Neil Clinton Dunn; both installed at a

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