



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

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Comments

SECRETARY: (1) The first issue of a brand new year! A very special thanks to all of the members with email who have volunteered time and money for the distribution of the newsletters to those members without email. Just who are these brothers? These are the brothers who faithfully have participated throughout the past year: Coy Blackman, Gene Sneed, Ronnie Sneed, Doug Martin, Mitch Elliott, Bobby Burgess, Tom Evans,

Ronald Thomas, Robert Little, Mike Blythe, Bill Moss, Tommy Nash, Ronnie Morgan, Rob Love, Vinnie D'Andrea, Tom Little (others have occasionally helped out).

(2) If you have not yet paid your dues for 2013, please try to do so soon.

(3) Scholarships Info: <http://www.grandlodge-nc.org/uploads/catheyscholarship2013.pdf>

Happenings at the January stated

We enjoyed the fellowship of a gathering of 33 brothers.

The DDGM of the 28th Masonic District, WB William B. Safrit, made his official visit to our Lodge.

We lost another brother in December—Brother Earl Cooper Phifer died on the 25th.

Received another \$300 from WB Larry Robbins in December toward his participation in the

Contingencies Fund Program at the Prime Benefactor Level. [Interested? Please contact the Secretary.]

Bro. Mitch Elliott reported that Brother Perry Sams is still making progress recovering from his numerous motorcycle accident injuries.

The roof leak appears to be repaired.

Installed the Treasurer and Secretary.

Upcoming events of interest

January 28th—EA Degree work. 6:30 supper, 7:30 work.

January 15, 22 & 24—Degree work practices at 7:00pm.

February 11th—Stated communication for February.

March 23rd—Pancake Breakfast scheduled.

January Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

93 01/02/1920 JAMES B. ROBERTS JR

77 01/03/1936 CHARLES E. MORRIS JR

75 01/09/1938 JAMES F. MORGAN

71 01/01/1942 GERALD L. GRESHAM

69 01/15/1944 ROGER D. RICE

66 01/19/1946 JACKIE H. HARTSELL

66 01/01/1947 COY D. BLACKMAN

63 01/03/1950 KENNETH W. FLOYD

61 01/26/1951 MITCHELL L. REEDER

59 01/19/1953 SAMUEL B. KEENEY

54 01/16/1958 JIMMY W. BROOKS

51 01/18/1961 JOSEPH A. ABBIATIELLO

45 01/22/1967 MICHAEL W. HATLEY

38 01/18/1974 BILLY D. MCKENZIE JR

February Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

80 02/12/1932 ROBERT J. MCEACHERN JR

70 02/14/1942 LARRY W. ROBBINS

69 02/28/1943 JIMMY L. HATHCOCK

62 02/27/1950 WILLIAM O. DENNIS

59 02/17/1953 WILLIAM M. WIDENHOUSE III

58 02/27/1954 DOUGLAS E.

MARTIN

54 02/22/1958 EDWARD C. DAVIS III

50 02/24/1962 ROBERT A. LOVE JR

25 02/20/1987 ROBERT L. STEGALL

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

25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY(9 - 13)

LANDMARK NINTH

THE NECESSITY FOR FREEMASONS TO CONGREGATE IN LODGES is another Landmark. It is not to be understood by this that any ancient Landmark has directed that permanent organization of subordinate Lodges, which constitutes one of the features of the Masonic system as it now prevails. But the Landmarks of the Order always prescribed that Freemasons should from time to time congregate together, for the purpose of either operative or speculative labor, and that these congregations should be called Lodges. Formerly these were extemporary meetings called together for special purposes, and then dissolved, the brethren departing to meet again at other times and other places, according to the necessity of circumstances.

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But Warrants of Constitution, By-laws, permanent officers and annual arrears, are modern innovations wholly outside of the Landmarks, and dependent entirely on the special enactments of a comparatively recent period.

LANDMARK TENTH

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT, when so congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens, is also a Landmark. To show the influence of this ancient law, it may be observed by the way, that a congregation of Freemasons meeting together under any other government, as that for instance of a president and vice-president, or a chairman and sub-chairman, would not be recognized as a Lodge. The presence of a Master and two Wardens is as essential to the valid organization of a Lodge as a Warrant of Constitution is at the present day. The names, of course, vary in different languages, the Master, for instance, being called Venerable in French Freemasonry, and the Wardens Surveillance, but the officers, their number, prerogatives and duties, are everywhere identical.

LANDMARK ELEVENTH

THE NECESSITY THAT EVERY LODGE, WHEN CONGREGATED, SHOULD BE DULY TILED, is an important Landmark of the Institution, which is never neglected. The necessity of this law arises from the esoteric character of Freemasonry. As a secret Institution, its portals must of course be guarded from the intrusion of the profane, and such a law must therefore always have been in force from the very beginning of the Order. It is therefore properly classed among the most Ancient Landmarks. The office of Tiler is wholly independent of any special enactment of Grand or Subordinate Lodges, although these may and do prescribe for him additional duties, which vary in different jurisdictions. But the duty of guarding the door, and keeping out cowans and eavesdroppers, is an ancient one, which constitutes a Landmark for his government.

LANDMARK TWELFTH

THE RIGHT OF EVERY FREEMASON TO BE REPRESENTED in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives, is a twelfth Landmark. Formerly, these general meetings, which were usually held once a year, were called General Assemblies, and all the fraternity, even to the youngest Entered Apprentice, were permitted to be present. Now they are called Grand Lodges, and only the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges are summoned. But this is simply as the representatives of their members. Originally, each Freemason represented himself; now he is represented by his officers. This was a concession granted by the fraternity about 1717, and of course does not affect the integrity of the Landmark, for the principle of representation is still preserved. The concession was only made for purposes of convenience.

LANDMARK THIRTEENTH

THE RIGHT OF EVERY FREEMASON TO APPEAL from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Freemasons, is a Landmark highly essential to the preservation of justice, and the prevention of oppression. A few modern Grand Lodges, in adopting a regulation that the decision of Subordinate Lodges, in cases of expulsion, cannot be wholly set aside upon an appeal, have violated this unquestioned Landmark, as well as the principles of just government.



OFFICERS—2013

First row left to right: Junior Steward, John Robert Nash; Tyler, David Lee Warwick; Master, Robert Allen Love, Jr.; Senior Warden, Thomas Michael Little; Senior Steward, David Gordon Nash. **Second row:** Chaplain, Thomas Orlando Evans; Senior Deacon, Vincent Joseph D’Andrea; Junior Warden, Mitchell Allen Elliott; Junior Deacon, Thomas Lathan Nash, Jr.
 (Not pictured: Treasurer, Thomas Michael Blythe, PM; Secretary, Roger Darrell Long, PM ; both installed at a later date.)

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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

