



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

Comments

SECRETARY: We have several members who have not yet paid their dues for 2013, which were due by January 1st. Notices of dues delinquency will be mailed to these members, as required, before March 1st.
(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>

(4) If your schedule will not permit your attendance at communications, perhaps you might be inclined to learn the funeral service?

Happenings at the February stated

We enjoyed the fellowship of a gathering of 30 brothers.

We lost another brother in January—WB Donald Ray Rippey, Sr., died on the 27th. He was Master of our Lodge in 1991.

WB Doug Martin contributed the second installment of his participation in the Contingencies Fund Program at the Gold Level.

Read one Petition for the Degrees, and one

Application for Affiliation.

Approved the replacement of our troublesome water fountain.

Approved replacement of our Phone Tree equipment.

Preliminary planning was made for a Charities Golf Tournament Project, and for a Ladies Night Banquet.

Upcoming events of interest

February 21st—Cabarrus Lodge Past Masters Night. 6:00 supper, 7:00 MM Degree work.

February 23rd—**Chicken & Dumplings Dinner** prepared by Midland Chapter #260 O.E.S. 4:00pm-7:30pm. Dine in(all you care to eat) or carry out. \$8 donation per meal.

February 25th—**FC Degree Practice.** 7:00pm

March 11th—Stated communication for March.

March 23rd—Pancake Breakfast. Exact times in next newsletter.

April 20th—School of Instruction is being co-hosted by Union and Cabarrus Lodges

February Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

81 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. DA-
VIS III

50 02/24/1962 ROBERT A.
LOVE JR

25 02/20/1987 ROBERT L. STE-
GALL

March Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

86 03/29/1926 FRANKLIN R.
WALTMYER

83 03/01/1929 BAYNE W.
LEFLER JR

81 03/20/1931 JAMES H. JEF-
FERS

79 03/17/1933 CHARLES W.
FURR

68 03/31/1944 JOSEPH G.
CUTHBERTSON

61 03/20/1951 BUFORD E.
FANNON

60 03/30/1952 THOMAS M.
BLYTHE

52 03/09/1960 EARL E. SNEED

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

25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY(14 - 20)

LANDMARK FOURTEENTH

THE RIGHT OF EVERY FREEMASON TO VISIT and sit in every regular Lodge is an unquestionable Landmark of the Order. This is called the right of visitation. This right of visitation has always been recognized as an inherent right, which inures to every Freemason as he travels through the world. And this is because Lodges are justly considered as only divisions for convenience of the universal Masonic family. This right may, of course, be impaired or forfeited on special occasions by various circumstances; but when admission is refused to a Freemason in good standing, who knocks at the door of a Lodge as a visitor, it is to be expected that some good and sufficient reason shall be furnished for this violation, of what is in general a Masonic right, founded on the Landmarks of the Order.

LANDMARK FIFTEENTH

It is a Landmark of the Order, THAT NO VISITOR, UNKNOWN TO THE BRETHREN PRESENT, or to some one of them as a Freemason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage. Of course, if the visitor is known to any brother present to be a Mason in good standing,

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and if that brother will vouch for his qualifications, the examination may be dispensed with, as the Landmark refers only to the cases of strangers, who are not to be recognized unless after strict trial, due examination, or lawful information.

LANDMARK SIXTEENTH

NO LODGE CAN INTERFERE IN THE BUSINESS OF ANOTHER LODGE, nor give degrees to brethren who are members of other Lodges. This is undoubtedly an ancient Landmark, founded on the great principles of courtesy and fraternal kindness, which are at the very foundation of our Institution. It has been repeatedly recognized by subsequent statutory enactments of all Grand Lodges.

LANDMARK SEVENTEENTH

It is a Landmark that EVERY FREEMASON is AMENABLE TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE MASONIC JURISDICTION in which he resides, and this although he may not be a member of any Lodge. Non-affiliation, which is, in fact, in itself a Masonic offence, does not exempt a Freemason from Masonic jurisdiction.

LANDMARK EIGHTEENTH

CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION are derived from a Landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man-shall be un mutilated, free born, and of mature age. That is to say, a woman, a cripple, or a slave, or one born in slavery, is disqualified for initiation into the rites of Freemasonry. Statutes, it is true, have from time to time been enacted, enforcing or explaining these principles; but the qualifications really arise from the very nature of the Masonic Institution, and from its symbolic teachings, and have always existed as Landmarks.

LANDMARK NINETEENTH

A BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD AS THE GRAND ARCHITECT of the Universe, is one of the most important Landmarks of the Order. It has been always deemed essential that a denial of the existence of a Supreme and Superintending Power, is an absolute disqualification for initiation. The annals of the Order never yet have furnished or could furnish an instance in which an avowed atheist was ever made a Freemason. The very initiatory ceremonies of the First Degree forbid and prevent the possibility of so monstrous an occurrence.

LANDMARK TWENTIETH

Subsidiary to this belief in God, as a Landmark of the Order, is THE BELIEF IN A RESURRECTION TO A FUTURE LIFE. This Landmark is not so positively impressed on the candidate by exact words as the preceding; but the doctrine is taught by very plain implication, and runs through the whole symbolism of the Order. To believe in Freemasonry, and not to believe in a resurrection, would be an absurd anomaly, which could only be excused by the reflection, that he who thus confounded his belief and his skepticism, was so ignorant of the meaning of both theories as to have no rational foundation for his knowledge of either.



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

