



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

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Comments

SECRETARY: The presentation of the Twenty-Five Landmarks of Freemasonry concludes in this edition of our newsletter. I need to restate that I came across this list with explanations on the MasonicWorld.com web site. I emailed for permission to include

their compilation in our newsletter, and got no response, so I took that as an okay to proceed. I ask that you do not further disseminate this compilation, but rather just make referral to that web site.

Happenings at the April stated

We enjoyed the fellowship of a gathering of 36 brothers, including a visit from the Junior Past Grand Masters of North Carolina and Alaska, MW Robert Gresham and MW Jerry Pinion, respectively.

We reported net proceeds of \$464.50 from our Pancake Breakfast on 3/23, to be divided 50/50 between Whitestone and the NC Masonic Foundation.

We elected one candidate for the Degrees in Masonry.

Presented in person three 25-years Masonic Service Awards, and one Diamond Jubilee 60-years award (James Homer Jeffers).

Eight brothers are expecting to attend the School of Instruction on Saturday, 4/20; and four the GM's District Meeting in Salisbury on 5/15.

Upcoming events of interest

April 13th—Grounds Work Day at our property. 8am. Breakfast sandwiches provided by our Master. The more bodies, the less work for each brother. Please help! Enjoy the comradery!

April 14th—Officers Practice. EA Degree. 5:00pm. (Other practices will be scheduled as necessary after this practice.)

April 20th—School of Instruction is being co-hosted by Union and Cabarrus Lodges. 8am to 3pm with light breakfast and full lunch. Headcount required in advance for lunch.

April 29th—EA Degree. 6:30 supper, 7:30 degree work.

May 13th—Stated Communication. 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

May 15th—Grand Master's District Meeting for our District 28. Headcount required in advance for supper.

September 28th—Ladies Night Banquet with entertainment by the Rowan Big Band All-Stars. More details to follow. Mark your calendars.

April Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

98 04/02/1915 LEVI J. GANN

84 04/24/1928 THOMAS A. JOYNER

79 04/21/1933 ROBERT L. LITTLE

73 04/21/1939 HOWARD L. JONES

73 04/03/1940 ARNOLD J. PRICE

73 04/09/1940 LEON E. SNIDER

71 04/26/1941 ROGER D. LONG

65 04/29/1947 GARY D. HARTSELL

59 04/09/1954 RICKY L. RUSHING

56 04/04/1957 JOHNNY SMITH

56 04/08/1957 JERRY L. BENNETT

54 04/24/1958 CHARLES T. SMITH

54 04/30/1958 BRADFORD S. REITZEL

53 04/04/1960 EDWARD W. GREENE

52 04/26/1960 TAB G. MORRISON

52 04/03/1961 RUSSELL N. DRAKE

45 04/14/1967 SCOTT M. WHITLEY

43 04/28/1969 MARTY Y. BENTON

41 04/26/1971 THOMAS L. NASH JR

May Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age)

Age Birth Date Name

82 05/16/1930 JASON M. SALYER

68 05/09/1944 OSCAR Y. HARWARD

65 05/24/1947 VICTOR J. GIANGRANT

64 05/04/1948 RICHARD D. TUCKER

64 05/06/1948 DAVID F. BARBEE

62 05/05/1950 MITCHELL A. ELIOTT

62 05/14/1950 RONNIE L. SNEED

60 05/31/1952 JON R. STEWART

58 05/31/1954 AMBROSE A. PURSER

57 05/14/1955 CURTIS A. BELK

37 05/10/1975 CHRISTOPHER R. WILEY

29 05/07/1983 DUSTIN S. GROOMS

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

25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY(24—25)

LANDMARK TWENTY-FOURTH

THE FOUNDATION OF A SPECULATIVE SCIENCE UPON AN OPERATIVE ART, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for purposes of religious or moral teaching, constitute another Landmark of the Order. The Temple of Solomon was the cradle of the Institution, and, therefore, the reference to the operative Masonry, which constructed that magnificent edifice to the materials and implements which were employed in its construction, and to the artists who were engaged in the building, are all component and essential parts of the body of Freemasonry, which could not be subtracted from it without an

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entire destruction of the whole identity of the Order. Hence, all the comparatively modern rites of Freemasonry, however they may differ in other respects, religiously preserve this temple history and these operative elements, as the substratum of all their modifications of the Masonic system.

LANDMARK TWENTY-FIFTH

The last and crowning Landmark of all is, that **THESE LANDMARKS CAN NEVER BE CHANGED**. Nothing can be subtracted from them-nothing can be added to them-not the slightest modification can be made in them. As they were received from our predecessors, we are bound by the most solemn obligations of duty to transmit them to our successors. Not one jot or one tittle of these unwritten laws can be repealed; for in respect to them, we are not only willing, but compelled to adopt the language of the sturdy old barons of England, *Nolumus leges mutari*, let the laws abide.

In Conclusion Recall:

25 LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

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.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensation for opening and holding lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons on sight.
9. The necessity of Masons to congregate in lodges.
10. The government of every lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every lodge, when duly congregated, should be tyled.
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft and to instruct his representatives.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge.
15. That no visitor, not known to some brother present as a Mason, can enter a lodge without undergoing an examination.
16. That no lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another lodge.
17. That every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free born and of lawful age.
19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.
21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.
22. That all men, in the sight of God, are equal and meet in the lodge on one common level.
23. That Freemasonry is a secret society in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.
24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science founded on an operative art.
25. That the landmarks of Masonry can never be changed. These constitute the landmarks, or as they have sometimes been called, "the body of Masonry," in which it is not in the power of man or a body of men to make the least innovation.



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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.
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