



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

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Happenings at the November stated

26 of us fellowshipped at this stated.

The new lighting for the rear parking area has been installed, and it is a really big improvement. Cabarrus Lodge, the Midland O.E.S. and our Lodge are splitting the cost three ways.

Mr. Jeffrey Lloyd Absher was elected to receive the degrees (scheduled for 11/14).

We approved an Application for Advancement After Six Months.

We have a new supplier for our Masonic shirts, and are placing our first order with this supplier.

We received one Proposal for Honorary Membership that will be acted upon at our December stated.

We were treated by Brother Tommy Nash to a very interesting Masonic education item addressing “an ear of corn suspended near a water ford”, and the surrounding ritual.

Upcoming events of interest

November 14th—EA Degree. 6:30 supper, 7:30 work.

December 2nd—MM Degree. 6:30 supper, 7:30 degree work. Officer practices: 5:00pm on 11/24, 7:00pm on 11/21 and 11/26.

December 9th—Stated Communication. Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Presentation of Grand Lodge-provided certificates to our military veterans. We have certificates for Brothers J. Barbee, D. Cline, C. Dixon, T. Evans, V. Giangrant, D. Grooms, O. Harvard, D. Hill, J. Jeffers, R. Little, T. Little, R. Long, D. Martin, R. McEachern, D. Montague, A. Morgan, H. Mullis, A. Price, J. Roberts, F. Waltmyer, and D. Warwick. **If**

you are an honorably discharged veteran and your name is *not* listed, please contact the Secretary (704-455-1632, rdarrell@earthlink.net), and provide your branch of service, the years of your service, and any military conflict for which you are credited service. I will attempt to get you a certificate, but I was required to have the information in the system by August 31st.

December 14th—Installation of officers for 2014. 11:00am. Open installation.

Second and Fourth Sundays at 5:00pm each month will be Lodge Schools of Instruction.

November Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age on birth date)

83 11/09/1930 DAVID L. WAR-
WICK

75 11/18/1938 RONALD A.
HARKEY

65 11/27/1944 WALKER A.
HARKEY

63 11/21/1950 VINCENT J. D'AN-
DREA

61 11/06/1952 RONNIE J. MOR-
GAN

59 11/05/1954 DENNIS R. KIKER

57 11/27/1956 DAVID E. FLOYD

56 11/02/1957 PERRY L. SAMS

20 11/16/1993 JOHN R. NASH

December Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT

(sorted by age on birth date)

86 12/05/1927 ELLIS P. AUSTIN

80 12/15/1933 CLADWELL P.
HATLEY

80 12/31/1933 ATLAS J. RUSHING

77 12/03/1936 BILLY M. SLOOP

76 12/04/1937 BROOKS R. MULLIS

72 12/21/1941 THOMAS R. ACKLAM

71 12/06/1942 WILLIAM B. RITCHIE

68 12/17/1945 HERIOT L. MULLIS

67 12/01/1946 CHARLES C. LUDWIG

65 12/03/1948 RICHARD D. SIMPSON

63 12/03/1950 DARRELL E. CLINE

60 12/01/1953 WILLIAM A.
BROOKS JR

56 12/27/1957 MARK B. DOUGLAS

54 12/06/1959 BILLY M. MORGAN

39 12/14/1974 DAVID A. BULLOCK

21 12/28/1992 JOSHUA A. PEA-
COCK

Masonic Education. THEY LIED ON THEIR KNEES (Part 1 of 2)

THEY LIED ON THEIR KNEES By William A. Carpenter, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania

This Short Talk Bulletin has been adapted from an article appearing in the August, 1984 issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason. It has been republished as a Short Talk Bulletin because of the many readers who recommended its use.

Taking an oath and an obligation is a binding and serious thing.

Accepting and fulfilling an oath and an obligation is an honorable thing.

Not adhering to an oath and an obligation is disgraceful and dishonorable.

During my first months as Grand Master, it has been shocking and disturbing to learn of the number of Masons who have lied on their knees.

Apparently there are Masons who having taken the oaths and obligations of the three symbolic degrees, have not only lied on their knees but have evidenced a total disregard for the Masonic advice spelled out in the Charges shared following the degrees. Following the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree, the Charge says: "In the State, a Freemason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful citizen, con-forming cheerfully to

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the government under which he lives. “ That same Charge says:

“Nothing can be more shocking to all faithful Freemasons than to see any of their Brethren profane the sacred rules of Freemasons and such as do, they wish had never been accepted into the Fraternity.”

In the Ancient Charge delivered following the conferring of the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we are admonished “You are bound by duty, honor and gratitude to be faithful to your trust, to support the dignity of your character upon every occasion and to enforce by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry.”

Every Mason should at all times conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the Fraternity. These include the legislation and by-laws of our “Blue Lodge,” the Constitution of our “Blue Lodge,” the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, and also those Ancient Customs, Usages and Landmarks of the Craft that have been passed down to us through the ages. Thus we have a set of rules and regulations that govern our conduct in our own Lodge, those that govern our conduct in the outside world. All of these, taken together, set the boundaries and should govern our conduct at all times.

Our “Blue Lodge,” the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master have ample authority to enforce the rules, regulations and Edicts, even as they relate to violations of civil law, over Pennsylvania Masons wherever they may be and also over all Masons who live within our jurisdiction.

By far, the most important rules concerning our conduct are those governing our actions toward the world outside Freemasonry. The offenses within our Lodges and toward other Brethren and even the Grand Lodge can be handled without adverse publicity, but when we forget the rules laid down for our behavior toward non-Masons, we blacken the good name of every member of the Craft.

There is a tendency among many Masons to regard the Grand Lodge as some obscure clique or mysterious group working behind the scenes to decide and dictate the affairs of Freemasonry. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is comprised of approximately 25,000 Living Past Masters and Wardens of the more than 570 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Masonic trials are unpleasant affairs that consume both time and effort and often impose a financial burden on a Lodge. Even the outright suspensions and expulsions handed down by the Grand Master are distressing. Most if not all such actions could be avoided by these steps:

- (1) We should make certain that every Mason is educated Masonically so that he knows what is expected of him as a Mason.
- (2) When we find a Brother forgetting his Masonic teachings, we should whisper good counsel in his ear, gently admonishing him of his errors, and endeavor, in a friendly way, to bring about a true and lasting reformation.
- (3) And, finally, we should guard our portals so that we accept only those men who will be receptive to our teachings and will not find it difficult to conduct themselves as Masons.

[“They Lied on Their Knees” will continue and conclude in the December newsletter.]



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.)

Elected/Appointed for 2014: Robert A. Love, Jr., Master; Mitchell A. Elliott, SW; Vincent J. D’Andrea, JW; Robert L. Little, Treasurer; R. Darrell Long, PM, Secretary; Thomas L. Nash, SD; David G. Nash, JD; John R. Nash, SS; Perry L. Sams, JS; Douglas E. Martin, PM, Chaplain; David L. Warwick, Tyler.

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