



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

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Happenings at the January stated

34 of us fellowshipped at this stated.

The WM reported that the Lodge books had been audited with no discrepancies, and he provided the brethren a summary of that audit.

We still have about 60 members for whom we have no email address, and about a dozen of the other members generously manage to distribute the newsletter to those members. If by chance you have an email address, and

haven't provided it to the Secretary, please do so.

The Secretary reported 138 MMs on the roster, having started 2013 with 140.

The WM announced plans for a Pancake Breakfast February 22, Charities Golf Tournament October 3, and our Ladies Night Banquet October 18th.

Brother Robert Little presented very interesting Masonic education about UNC Chapel Hills campus' Masonic history.

Upcoming events of interest

February 10th—Stated Communication.

Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Schools on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Next

scheduled on January 25th.

February 22nd—Pancake Breakfast

Masonic Education. Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. Part I of 2(?).

(Copied from a web site, and the "odd English grammar/spelling" is as it was in the original from which copied. I performed only rudimentary edits.)

Anderson's Constitution 1723

Anderson's Constitution is the basis of Modern Freemasonry and its foundation of operation. A variety of stories and irregularities exist about its legitimacy and its foundation, yet, it remains an early canon of Masonic History.

For some background this excerpt from [wikipedia](#) offers some insight to its history:

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January Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age on birth date)

94 01/02/1920 JAMES B. ROBERTS
JR

78 01/03/1936 CHARLES E. MORRIS
JR

76 01/09/1938 JAMES F. MORGAN

72 01/01/1942 GERALD L. GRESHAM

70 01/15/1944 ROGER D. RICE

68 01/19/1946 JACKIE H. HARTSELL

67 01/01/1947 COY D. BLACKMAN

64 01/03/1950 KENNETH W. FLOYD

61 01/19/1953 SAMUEL B. KEENEY

56 01/16/1958 JIMMY W. BROOKS

53 01/18/1961 JOSEPH A. ABBA-
TIELLO

47 01/22/1967 MICHAEL W. HATLEY

40 01/18/1974 BILLY D. MCKENZIE
JR

February Birthdays (by age)

AGE / BIRTH DATE REPORT (sorted by age on birth date)

82 02/12/1932 ROBERT J.
MCEACHERN JR

72 02/14/1942 LARRY W. ROB-
BINS

72 02/28/1943 JIMMY L. HATH-

COCK

64 02/27/1950 WILLIAM O. DENNIS

61 02/17/1953 WILLIAM M. WIDEN-
HOUSE III

60 02/27/1954 DOUGLAS E. MARTIN

53 02/27/1961 CLYDE D. LOVE

52 02/24/1962 ROBERT A. LOVE
JR

27 02/20/1987 ROBERT L. STE-
GALL

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The Constitutions of the Free-Masons was a constitution written for the Premier Grand Lodge of England, to standardize the rituals and practices of Freemasonry among lodges of London and Westminster operating under that Grand Lodge. Obviously, it was not meant to apply to other lodges in other parts of England, Scotland and Ireland. The constitution laid the foundation of the legend of Hiram Abif King Solomon's Master Builder, along with the pyramid style organizational model of Freemasonry. The first and second editions were written by Rev. James Anderson in 1723 and 1738.

Anderson's Constitutions were based on the Old Masonic Manuscripts (also called "Gothic Constitutions") and on the General Regulations which had been compiled first by George Payne in 1720. The full title of the 1723 edition was The Constitutions of the Free-Masons, Containing the History, Charges, Regulations, etc. of that most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity, For the Use of the Lodges.

When in 1738, the Grand Lodge changed its name from Grand Lodge of London and Westminster into the Grand Lodge of England, the Constitution was rewritten by Anderson. The title of the second, rewritten, edition of 1738 was The New Book of Constitutions of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Containing Their History, Charges, Regulations, etc. Collected and Digested By Order of the Grand Lodge from their old Records, faithful Traditions and Lodge-Books, For the Use of the Lodges.

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The 1723 edition of the Constitutions was edited and reprinted by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in 1734, becoming the first Masonic book printed in America.

A new edition of the Constitutions was published in 1754, by John Entick. He reverted to the Charges as drawn up in 1723 into which, especially in the first Charge, Anderson had introduced various modifications in the 1738 edition. It is this edition of the Charges which forms the basis of the Ancient Charges to be found today in the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, with only small verbal modifications, except with regards to the first Charge on God and religion.

Anderson's Constitutions of 1723

Ancient Charges of a FREE MASON The Ancient Records of Lodges beyond the Sea

To Be Read At The Making of New Brethren, or When The Master Shall Order It. THE GENERAL HEADS, viz.:

I. Concerning GOD and RELIGION.

A Mason is oblig'd by his Tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient Times Masons were charg'd in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance.

II. Of the CIVIL MAGISTRATES SUPREME and SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concern'd in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much dispos'd to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answer'd the Cavils of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity, who ever flourish'd in Time of Peace. So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State he is not to be countenanced in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as any unhappy Man; and, if convicted of no other Crime though the Loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible.

(To be continued in the February newsletter.)



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