



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

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Happenings at the February stated

30 of us fellowshipped at this stated.

The Albemarle Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, provided our Masonic education for this meeting.

Announced that any eligible applicant for a \$1000 Charles Cathey Scholarship must have his/her application into the Grand Lodge Office by March 9, 2014.

Approved offering our facilities to Knights of

Solomon #764 for their 11/15 meeting.

WB Darrell Cline announced that the Lodge is donating the use of our fellowship hall to Lifeline Screening on April 16th.

The only opportunity this year to become a York Rite Mason will be March 28-29. You may contact the Secretary for information that he has received.

Upcoming events of interest

February 22—Cannon Memorial Charities Breakfast, 6:00—11:00, Kannapolis Masonic Center, \$7 per person, “all-you-can-eat”

March 10th—Stated Communication.
Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Schools on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Next scheduled on February 23rd.

March 22—Pancake Breakfast

March 29—Five-Hour Lecture Service,
8:00am

Masonic Education. Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. Part 2 of 3.

(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 Constitutions of 1723 (Continued from the January newsletter.)

III. Of LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; Hence that Assembly, or duly organized Society of Masons, is call'd a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its By-Laws and the General Regulations.

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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. HATHCOCK

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

March Birthdays (by age)

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

88 03/29/1926 FRANKLIN R.
WALTIMYER

85 03/01/1929 BAYNE W. LEFLER
JR

83 03/20/1931 JAMES H. JEFFERS

81 03/17/1933 CHARLES W. FURR

70 03/31/1944 JOSEPH G. CUTHBERT-
SON

63 03/20/1951 BUFORD E. FANNON

62 03/30/1952 THOMAS M. BLYTHE

54 03/09/1960 EARL E. SNEED

36 03/04/1978 STEPHEN B. NEAL

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It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annex'd. In ancient Times, no Master or Fellow could be absent from it especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a sever Censure, until it appear'd to the Master and Wardens that pure Necessity hinder'd him.

The persons admitted Members of a Lodge must be good an true Men, free-born, and of mature and discreet Age, no Bondmen no Women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good Report.

IV. Of MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS and APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only, that so the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to Shame, nor the Royal Craft despis'd: Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. It is impossible to describe these things in Writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place, and learn them in a Way peculiar to this Fraternity: Only Candidates may know that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he has Sufficient Employment for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth having no Maim or Defects in his Body that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow-Craft in due Time, even after he has served such a Term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualifi'd he may arrive to the Honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his Merit.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has pass'd the part of a Fellow-Craft; nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless
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he has been a Fellow Craft before his Election, who is also to be nobly born, or a Gentleman of the best Fashion, or some eminent Scholar, or some curious Architect, or other Artist, descended of honest Parents, and who is of similar great Merit in the Opinion of the Lodges.

These Rulers and Governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient Lodge, are to be obey'd in their respective Stations by all the Brethren, according to the old Charges and Regulations, with all Humility, Reverence, Love and Alacrity.

Of the MANAGEMENT of the CRAFT in WORKING.

All Masons shall work honestly on Working Days, that they may live creditably on Holy Days; and the time appointed by the Law of the Land or confirm'd by Custom shall be observ'd. The most expert of the Fellow-Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master or Overseer of the Lord's Work; who is to be call'd Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill Language, and to call each other by no disobliging Name, but Brother or Fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of Cunning, shall undertake the Lord's Work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his Goods as if they were his own; nor to give more Wages to any Brother or Apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their Wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord and honestly finish their Work, whether Task or journey; nor put the work to Task that hath been accustomed to Journey.

None shall discover Envy at the Prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his Work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's Work so much to the Lord's Profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the Designs and Draughts of him that began it.

When a Fellow-Craftsman is chosen Warden of the Work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the Work in the Master's Absence to the Lord's profit; and his Brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their Wages without Murmuring or Mutiny, and not desert the Master till the Work is finish'd.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the Materials for want of Judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the Tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No Laborer shall be employ'd in the proper Work of Masonry; nor shall Free Masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent Necessity; nor shall they teach Laborers and unaccepted Masons as they should teach a Brother or Fellow.

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OFFICERS—2014

First Row left to right: Senior Steward, John Robert Nash; Senior Deacon, Thomas Lathan Nash, Jr.; Junior Warden, Vincent Joseph D’Andrea; Master, Thomas Michael Little; Tyler, David Lee Warwick; Junior Deacon, David Gordon Nash. Second Row left to right: Junior Steward, Perry Lee Sams; Treasurer, Robert Lee Little; Secretary, Roger Darrell Long, PM; Senior Warden, Mitchell Allen Elliott; Chaplain, Douglas Eugene Martin, PM.

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