



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

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Happenings at the March stated

31 of us fellowshipped at this stated.

The DeMolay State Master Councilor, Andrew Williard, provided our Masonic education for this meeting. A very impressive young man.

\$100 was donated to Miss Ashley Nelson to assist with her expenses attending an ASU Forensic Science Camp.

Our DDGM, WB William B. Safrit, was welcomed on his official visit, and was later presented a Certificate of Honorary Membership

in our Lodge.

The weight of snow on the roof of our temple caused damage that will be contracted for repair within the next couple of weeks.

WB Robert A. Burgess, Jr., was elected to LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Congratulations, WB Bobby!

Please contact Bro. Tommy Nash(704-467-6830, TDJNash@gmail.com) with any youth nominations for sponsorship to Camp Rainbow this summer. Please respond soon.

Upcoming events of interest

March 22—Pancake Breakfast. 7:00-10:30, \$6 per person(over 6 years old)

March 29—Five-Hour Lecture Service, 8:00am, w/light breakfast available at 7:00.

April 14th—Stated Communication. Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

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

Masonic Education. Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. Part 3 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 February newsletter.)

V. Of BEHAVIOR.

1. In the LODGE while CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private Committees, or separate Conversation without Leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking
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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

April Birthdays (by age)

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

86 04/24/1928 THOMAS A. JOYNER

81 04/21/1933 ROBERT L. LITTLE

75 04/21/1939 HOWARD L. JONES

74 04/03/1940 ARNOLD J. PRICE

74 04/09/1940 LEON E. SNIDER

73 04/26/1941 ROGER D. LONG

76 04/29/1947 GARY D. HARTSELL

60 04/09/1954 RICKY L. RUSHING

57 04/04/1957 JOHNNY SMITH

57 04/08/1957 JERRY L. BENNETT

56 04/24/1958 CHARLES T. SMITH

56 04/30/1958 BRADFORD S. REITZEL

54 04/04/1960 EDWARD W. GREENE

54 04/26/1960 TAB G. MORRISON

53 04/03/1961 RUSSELL N. DRAKE

43 04/26/1971 THOMAS L. NASH JR

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to the Master: Nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming Language upon any Pretense whatsoever; but to pay due Reverence to your Master, Wardens, and Fellows, and put them to Worship.

If any Complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the Award and Determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent Judges of all such Controversies (unless you carry it by Appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be refer'd, unless a Lord's Work be hinder'd the meanwhile, in which Case a particular Reference may be made; but you must never go to Law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2. BEHAVIOR after the LODGE is over and the BRETHREN not GONE.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent Mirth, treating one another according to Ability, but avoiding all Excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his Inclination, or hindering him from going when his Occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free Conversation, for that would blast our Harmony, and defeat our laudable Purposes. Therefore no private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, or Nations, or State Policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Universal Religion above mention'd, we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages, and are resolv'd against all Politics, as what never yet conduct'd to the Welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

3. BEHAVIOR when BRETHREN meet WITHOUT STRANGERS, but not in a LODGE Formed.

You are to salute one another in a courteous Manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being ever seen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that Respect which is due to any Brother,

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were he not Mason: For though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same Level, yet Masonry takes no Honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his Honour, especially if he has deserve well of the Brotherhood, who must give Honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill Manners.

4. BEHAVIOR in presence of Strangers NOT MASONS.

You shall be cautious in your Words and Carriage, that the most penetrating Stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated, and sometimes you shall divert a Discourse, and manage it prudently for the Honour of the worshipful Fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOR at HOME, and in Your NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise Man; particularly not to let your Family, Friends and Neighbors know the Concern of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own Honour, and that of the ancient Brotherhood, for reasons not to be mention'd here You must also consult your Health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from Home, after Lodge Hours are past; and by avoiding of Gluttony or Drunkenness, that your Families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6. BEHAVIOR toward a Strange BROTHER

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a Method as Prudence shall direct you, that you may not be impos'd upon by an ignorant, false Pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and Derision, and beware of giving him any Hints of Knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in Want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved; you must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employ'd. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good Man and true before any other poor People in the same Circumstance.

Finally, All these Charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be recommended to you in another Way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the Foundation and Cap-stone, the Cement and Glory of this Ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all Slander and Backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his Character, and doing him all good Offices, as far as is consistent with your Honour and Safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you Injury you must apply to your own or his Lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable Conduct but when the Case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly Advice of Master and Fellows when they would prevent your going to Law with Strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy Period to all Lawsuits, so that you may mind the Affair of Masonry with the more Alacrity and Success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at Law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their Mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their Process, or Lawsuit, without Wrath and Rancor (not In the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good Offices to be renew'd and continu'd; that all may see the benign Influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the World, and will do to the End of Time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE



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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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

