



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

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## Happenings at the September stated

27 of us fellowshipped at this stated. We had one visitor. 18% of our MM *regular* membership was present.

Brother Tommy Nash's presentation for Masonic Education addressed the protection of legitimate Masonic secrets; and keeping educated in the Craft, the better to be enabled to enlighten non-Masons about our historic fraternity, and to counter the uneducated, baseless suspicions held by many non-Masons.

Tickets are available for our Ladies Night Banquet on 10/18, \$12 per person. Entertainment, great food, and door prizes. Open **not** only to our members, but also family, friends, other lodge members, etc. Don't miss it. Get your tickets. Seating is limited.

The GM has scheduled to attend our 100th anniversary observance on March 28th.

## Upcoming events of interest

**September 29th—MM Degree.** Supper at 6:30, Degree work at 7:30. **Officer Practice** at 5:00pm on 9/28.

**October 13th—Stated Communication.** Supper at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

**4th Annual Masonic Homecoming Festi-**

**val, October 10th - 12th at Oxford.**

**Schools on 2nd and 4th Sundays.**

**Charities Golf Tournament October 3rd. Please participate!**

**Ladies Night Banquet October 18th.**

## Masonic Education. THE DEMOLAY RELATIONSHIP TO Freemasonry

This article was developed from an address presented to the executive Councils of DeMolay of North America on March 1, 1991. It was prepared by Thomas W Jackson, Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

It was my privilege to recently address the executive officers of the Order of DeMolay on the subject "What Does Freemasonry Expect from DeMolay?" When preparing to address this subject, I found it to be an interesting and intriguing question but one without a recognized and clear-cut answer. Many times we hear expressed what DeMolay expects from Freemasonry, but I had never before considered what Freemasonry expected from DeMolay.

As a boy I did not have the opportunity to be a member of the Order of DeMolay. In fact, I never  
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## September Birthdays (by age)

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

92 09/22/1922 ARTHUR R. MORGAN

88 09/04/1926 JAMES H. WEATHERS SR

86 09/29/1928 JACOB V. NANCE

83 09/25/1931 MCCAMIE D. HILL

75 09/01/1939 DAVID O. MONTAGUE SR

72 09/14/1942 JULIAN W. PAGE

58 09/21/1956 JOHN B. BROOKS JR

54 09/11/1960 RONALD G. THOMAS

48 09/21/1966 DARREN R. HARTSELL

45 09/01/1969 RYAN B. KNIGHT

42 09/05/1972 RODNEY B. SEHEN

36 09/26/1978 JASON R. RUSHING

24 09/28/1990 JEFFREY B. JONES

## October Birthdays (by age)

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

89 10/24/1925 BYRON H. BEATTY

76 10/09/1938 JIMMIE BARBEE

71 10/20/1943 KENNETH W. HARTSELL SR

69 10/02/1945 THOMAS M. LITTLE

68 10/16/1946 JOHN G. HATHCOCK

66 10/24/1948 WILLIAM O. BLACK JR

57 10/11/1957 DON A. LAMBERT

54 10/26/1960 ROBERT C. MCEACHERN

52 10/14/1962 JEFFREY L. ABSHER

23 10/30/1991 DAVID G. NASH

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heard of DeMolay until I became a Freemason. I was, however, active in the Boy Scouts of America for a period of 27 years and found the basic principles of both organizations to be the same although the modes of operation are quite different. I would have loved, however, to have had the opportunity to work with the ritualism of DeMolay.

Freemasonry does, indeed, have a right to expect something, from not only the Order of DeMolay as a Body, but also from each individual member of that Body. Simply defined, we have the right to expect a performance from the members of DeMolay that reflects the purpose of the organization. Many of our Members, however, fail to recognize that purpose.

Brother Frank Land, when asked to define the Order of DeMolay, stated:

“Literally speaking, I would say the Order Or DeMolay is a youth organization for young men whose purpose is the building of better citizens.”

In trying to define what Freemasonry expects from DeMolay, we should look to the seven cardinal virtues and the vows of a DeMolay. They are, after all, reflective of what it takes to become a better citizen. They also represent what is required as a commitment to DeMolay.

The systematics within the Order to build that better citizen lies within the keeping of the vows and the practice of the seven cardinal virtues. Freemasonry has every right to expect that purpose to be carried out by each individual member of the Chapter, as well as the Order in general!

One of the unique facets of DeMolay which has made it so different from other youth organizations has been the emphasis on the first cardinal virtue, Filial Love. This is a quality never specifically stressed in any other organization with which I am familiar. We have the right, as a Masonic Fraternity, therefore, to expect the members of the Order of DeMolay to display a respect for their parents and to acknowledge their parents contributions in their lives.

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We have every reason to expect a member of the Order to display reverence for sacred things. A genuine belief in a Supreme Being is a fundamental philosophical principle of Freemasonry, and we can accept no less from the Order of DeMolay.

Courtesy as a virtue seems to be a lost ingredient in present day society and is an attribute which contributes to the exemplary quality of the Order. Freemasonry has every reason to expect courtesy in every way from our young men.

The ability of man to relate to man may well determine the future of the world. Indeed, I would suspect the virtue of comradeship would be one that will become more valuable in the life of a young man with each passing year. We have every right to expect the development and practice of this virtue by members of the Order.

We have every reason to expect a display of fidelity on the part of each young man who belongs to the Order. Perhaps this is one of the least emphasized virtues in society today, yet one of the most valuable.

Cleanliness in thought, word and deed becomes more unique to general society yearly! The last two decades have evidenced a remarkable change in sociological attitude toward this virtue. Indeed it seems almost nonexistent in our permissive society. What was once an accepted standard is now almost the exception. We have however every right to expect cleanliness as a virtue within the members of DeMolay.

It is the responsibility of members of the Order to become better citizens. This improved citizenship should be revealed by the practice of the seven cardinal virtues and vows of the Order. Freemasonry has every right to expect to see this end achieved.

The understanding by both members of the Craft and the Order DeMolay of what is expected from DeMolay cannot help but improve the relationship between the two organizations!

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[I realize the following has been around a long time; but I hope you, as I, enjoy reading it again *occasionally*.]

#### THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order,  
And you look about the room;  
You're sure to see some faces,  
That from out the shadows loom,  
That are always at the meeting,  
And stay till it is through.  
The ones that I would mention,  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices,  
As they are always on the spot.  
No matter what's the weather,  
Though it may be awful hot;  
It may be dark and rainy,  
But, they are tried and true;  
The ones that you rely on,  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

There's lots of worthy members,  
Who will come when in the mood;  
When everything's convenient,  
They can do a little good;  
They're a factor in the Order  
And are necessary, too,  
But the ones who never fail us  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these faithful  
Whose shoulders at the wheel  
Keep the Order moving onward,  
Without a halt or reel;  
What would be the fate of Orders,  
Who have so much to do?  
They surely would go under  
But for the Faithful Few.



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