



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

Happenings at the January stated

My Brothers,

As your new Secretary, I hope to walk in the footsteps of the former, WB R. Darrel Long, because I know I could not fill his shoes. I will do my best to keep this Newsletter alive...it may not come as early as before...but it will come....Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

30 of us fellowshipped at this stated. We had two visitors. .

WB Tom Little presented Brother David "Skeeter" Warwick with a plaque for our appreciation of service as Tyler. We then held a vote and unanimously voted Skeeter for the Tyler of Distinction certificate from the Grand Lodge.

WB Bobby Burgess informed us that he is going well in the preparation of our Centennial Anniversary.

The lodge presented WB Tom Little a Past Master Apron which was received with much appreciation.

WB Bill Moss is STILL researching the upgrading of the sign at the front of our property due to the high cost of digital we need more options.

Our newly elected officers did an outstanding job with their first Meeting!!

Well it seems I need more room and I will have to arrange that next month!!!

Upcoming events of interest

Meeting of the Knights of Salomon January 17th @ High Noon...All are welcomed

Yard Clean Up this Saturday the 17th @ 8am...and another Major Clean up will be held February 7th @

8am in preparation of our Centennial

February 9th —**Stated Communication.** Supper at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm

Schools on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

January Birthdays (by age)

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

73 01/01/1942 GERALD L. GRESHAM

68 01/01/1947 COY D. BLACKMAN

95 01/02/1920 JAMES B. ROBERTS JR

79 01/03/1936 CHARLES E. MORRIS JR

65 01/03/1950 KENNETH W. FLOYD

77 01/09/1938 JAMES F. MORGAN

70 01/15/1944 ROGER D. RICE

56 01/16/1958 JIMMY W. BROOKS

53 01/18/1961 JOSEPH A. ABBATIELLO

40 01/18/1974 BILLY D. MCKENZIE JR

68 01/19/1946 JACKIE H. HARTSELL

61 01/19/1953 SAMUEL B. KEENEY

47 01/22/1967 MICHAEL W. HATLEY

Febuary Birthdays (by age)

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

77 02/01/1937 BOYD N. MCGEE

82 02/12/1932 ROBERT J. MCEACHERN JR

72 02/14/1942 LARRY W. ROBBINS

61 02/17/1953 WILLIAM M. WIDENHOUSE III

63 02/21/1951 CHARLES L. EUDY

56 02/22/1958 EDWARD C. DAVIS III

52 02/24/1962 ROBERT A. LOVE JR

64 02/27/1950 WILLIAM O. DENNIS

60 02/27/1954 DOUGLAS E. MARTIN

53 02/27/1961 CLYDE D. LOVE

71 02/28/1943 JIMMY L. HATHCOCK

Masonic Education.

BEGINNINGS OF FREEMASONRY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Among all the many thousands of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons whose Lodges are now scattered throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina, very few there are who possess a knowledge of the history of their Order in this State. Little knows the average Mason of his Craft's transmission from England to America, of its growth in Colonial days, how great soldiers and statesmen of Revolutionary times united with worthy brethren in humbler spheres of life and "transmitted unimpaired the most excellent tenets of our institution," how a sturdy race of pioneers carried the Great Lights of Masonry across mountain ranges into Tennes-

see and there formed another Grand Lodge which in time was to send its chartered off-shoots throughout newer States where the organization still flourishes, and what were the earlier causes in general of the high esteem in which Masonry has ever been held in all enlightened communities - all this, I say, is a closed book to the average Craftsman in North Carolina. As unfortunate, almost, as this ignorance itself is the fact that there are few accessible sources from which

information may be obtained as to our State's earlier Masonic history. The Order has printed little. It has pursued the noiseless tenor of its way, never swelling its ranks by seeking new members, but welcoming good men of all religious creeds who come of their own accord and are willing to conform to its ancient usages. Like charity, it suffereth long and is kind, envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

In these pages I purpose to record in a brief way, as best I can, some facts which seem to me worthy of remembrance in connection with the history of Masonry in North Carolina and Tennessee, also having a few words to say of some of our eminent Brethren from whose hands have long since dropped the working-tools of life.

Photos from our Stated.





OFFICERS—2015

First Row left to right: Secretary, Vincent J. D’Andrea; Junior Warden, David G. Nash; Master, Mitchell A. Elliott; Senior Warden, Thomas L. Nash, Jr.; Junior Steward, Perry L. Sams. Second Row left to right: Junior Deacon, Daniel B. Johnson; Treasurer, Robert L. Little; Senior Deacon, John R. Nash; Senior Steward, Dustin S. Grooms; Tyler, Stephen A. White, PM; Chaplain, Douglas E. 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

