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1915 Newsletter 2015

Join Us in Celebrating 100 YEARS

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

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Happenings at the February stated

My Brothers,

I have made some minor changes to the newsletter of which I trust you will approve.

This year marks our centennial celebration of our Lodge, which is January 20th, 1915. We will be celebrating it at the Lodge on March 28th (**you will have to read Marches Newsletter for a time**). The Grand Master of North Carolina has confirmed his attendance and the author WB Richard E. Shields will speak on his books, which depicts life in two wars from a Masons perspective. Our Centennial lapel pins will be available at the celebration which is due to the diligent efforts of Brother Robert Little, who has promised a surprise for every Mason in the

Lodge. Please make plans to take time on that day to join us in the celebration.

27 of us fellowshipped at this stated four of which were visitors. (We have 137 MM of which 114 stayed home)

WB Mitch Elliott presented Brother David "Skeeter" Warwick with a plaque for "Tyler of Distinction" from the Grand Lodge (see page 3)

WB Bill Moss is STILL researching the upgrading of the sign at the front of our property.

PLEASE SEE OUR NEW PAGE TWO

Enough about the Meeting...you should have been there...WE WANT YOUR ATTENDANCE :)

Upcoming events of interest

1st Degree on February 23th Supper at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm...Please come out to show YOUR support our new Brother

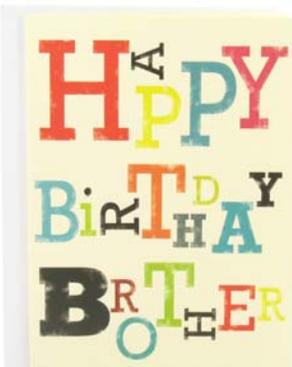
Practice for the degree is on 02-15-15 @ 5pm and 02-22-15 @ 5pm Please plan to attend

Yard Clean Up will be held March 7th @ 8am in preparation of our Centennial

March 9th —Stated Communication. Supper @ 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30pm

Lets not forget our infamous Pancake breakfast on March 14th ... on March 14th @ 8:00am

Februarys Birthdays (by 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

March Birthdays (by date)

85 03/01/1929 BAYNE W. LEFLER JR
 36 03/04/1978 STEPHEN B. NEAL
 54 03/09/1960 EARL E. SNEED
 64 03/14/1950 ROBERT L. HUNTER JR
 81 03/17/1933 CHARLES W. FURR
 83 03/20/1931 JAMES H. JEFFERS

63 03/20/1951 BUFORD E. FANNON
 25 03/28/1989 JUSTIN A. LOVINGOOD
 62 03/30/1952 THOMAS M. BLYTHE
 70 03/31/1944 JOSEPH G. CUTHBERTSON

We wish all our Brothers having a Birthday our well wishes on that Special DAY...

THE MASTER'S STATION

Hello Brethren,

I'm am well into my second month as Master of your Lodge. I thank you for your confidence in me and I will strive to serve you well. I have very good officers in the line up and we have exciting things coming up. One of our goals is to increase our donations to our Masonic charities. This will be done by increasing our fund raising efforts. I ask each of you to participate in our efforts. This is your Lodge and we want to make you proud of it! But it will take all of us.

My main goal for this year is to increase our attendance at our stated meetings. I ask each of you to contact one of your Brothers that has not been attending and see if we can help them. If they need a ride to the Lodge, we will find someone to pick them up. If anyone has any ideas on increasing attendance please let me know.

Next, I will be doing something strange at each Stated meeting. As a fund raiser for our Local Charities, I will be wearing a different hat to each meeting. If you don't like my hat, you must deposit \$1 in the "Hat Bucket". This is a fun way to contribute and has worked well in other Lodges.

Sincerely,
 Worshipful Master Mitch Elliott



We made a decision to allow our local Shrine Clubs some space in our newsletter...Please support them in anyway you can...

I have a flyer for the Mecklenburg Shrine Club ...But it did not fit? So we will try next month

At the Lodge...

Look who's back in the news.. .It's our VERY OWN SKEETER again...as described on page 1 and seen below...the one seated on the left

And then our SW. Brother Tommy Nash presented the Lodge with an interesting way to contribute to our local charities and putting a smile on someone's face at the same time...Mason the Bear...the one the right...The bear instills faith, hope, & charity just like we do as Freemasons. Mason Bears will be distributed to each station of the Concord City FD & also to the Cabarrus VFD's for them to hand out to children who have been in traumatic situations. Our contact info will be given to the families & if they need any-

thing, hopefully we will be able to assist them through the local charities at the lodge. If anyone would like to help provide bears to hand out, we are asking for a donation of \$10.



A Bit of Humor .

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."



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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

