



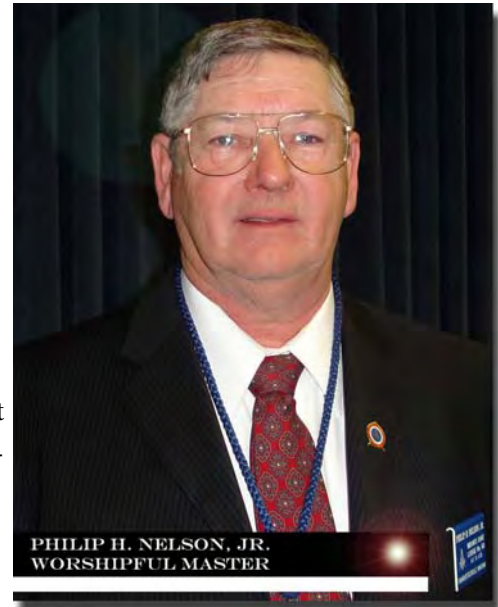
# HIRAM'S JOURNAL

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## Message from the East

Brethren,

Several Brethren and Officers have recently made several visits to other Lodges. This has been a good experience to help us realize, due to our size, the extent of the resources that we have here in Widow's Sons' Lodge. In a similar vein of thought, when I was selecting the committees to present the distinguished visitors at our Reception for the District Deputy Grand Master, I truly realized the number of Past Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Heads of Appendant Bodies, Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Representatives that are currently active in our Lodge. Brethren, there is truly a vast array of talent and experience available in our Lodge.



With talent and resources available, the focus must turn to the mission of Masonry. The following thoughts are taken from a book of collected articles and quotations of Right Worshipful Blair Via. "Make of Masonry what we will today, it is not a matter to be taken lightly, for it is the wisdom of centuries, discovered, tried, and perpetuated by the Masters of Wisdom of all times.

Embodying, as it does, the condensed wisdom of many ages, the noblest achievement of the intellectual and **moral leaders of all times**, it has a mission that is the **noblest** and most beneficent that can be thought of by man. That mission, education and enlightenment, is the only remedy for the critical conditions now existing on all sides. Education is not only the great opportunity for every Mason, it should constitute the real work of every lodge, and the education of its own members comes first.

No Master of a Lodge has discharged his duty until he has at least endeavored to make every member a "worthy and well qualified" one, and has taught him to study the signs of the times and the real issues of the day. The mission of Masonry is the building of the ideal Temple, and he is the true Mason who works true to the plan of the Temple. He has to build himself and thereby contribute to the building of humanity."

Fraternally

Philip H. Nelson, Jr. Worshipful Master



## March Masonic Birthdays

William F. Baskerville	03/04/1985
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/1986
Anthony Z. Cole	03/31/1980
Gregory J. Cooley	03/04/1975
William J. Douglas	03/24/1976
Joseph W. Gibson, Jr.	03/03/1980
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/1966
Mark J. Hall	03/22/1999
Kerry L. Harlow	03/23/1987
John R. Healey	03/30/2005
Walter A. Hedzik	03/07/1977
Dale W. Horton	03/26/2003
John L. James	03/09/1965
Carl T. Lasley, Jr.	03/19/1956
Monty Ray Marshall	03/15/1966
Clifford N. Miller	03/24/1969
Bernard A. Newcombe	03/18/1950
Louis B. Proffitt, II	03/07/1963
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Jack W. Sanford, Sr.	03/28/1977
Donald L. Shelton	03/26/1951
Douglas Stoneburner	03/31/1951
Bruce Thompson, Jr.	03/06/1954
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960
James W. Waller	03/04/1968
F. E. Wellman	03/10/2004
W. L. Williams	03/03/1941

On **June 9, 2007**, there will be a walk in Washington, DC on the National Masonic Trail. It is hosted by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the U. S. Freedom Walk Festival Club.



It starts at Almas Shrine Temple, 13<sup>th</sup> and K Streets in Washington. The walkers will follow the sacred design that was intentionally placed into the DC streets by the Founding Fathers that were Masons.

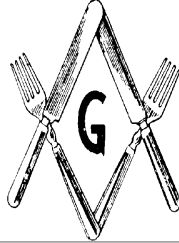
The event website is:

[www.masonictrail.org](http://www.masonictrail.org)

## Monthly Stated Meeting

*Third Monday every month*

March 19, 2007

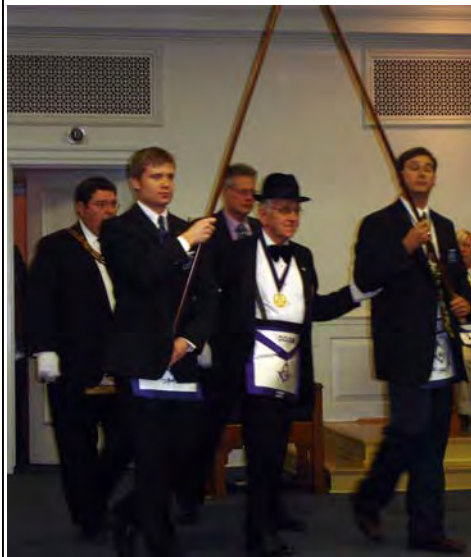


### Dinner Reservations for February 19, 2007

As always, reservations are required to ensure enough food will be available. The Eastern Star will be preparing this meal. We need to provide an accurate counts so that the expenses can be controlled.

Please contact -

Senior Steward Daniel LaPlume by phone (434) 243-7871 or email [daniellaplume@aol.com](mailto:daniellaplume@aol.com) to make reservations prior to noon on Wednesday February 14th. If you wish, you can request the Senior Steward to put your name on the Standing List, and then call "by exception" when you cannot attend.



Our Deputy Grand Master Marches his way forward to the East for his first formal visit.

The Lodge has scheduled a "**Bring A Friend Night**" on **April 19, 2007 at 7:00**. The evening will consist of a program aimed at the prospective candidates, followed by refreshments.

# The Scottish Rite Valley of Richmond

The Scottish Rite Valley of Richmond will exemplify the 32 degree in the Temple Room at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. on October 27, 2007, as part of a history making event.



This will be the **only** Reunion in 2007, and the 4<sup>th</sup> degree through the 31<sup>st</sup> degree will be conferred in the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The following Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the candidates and brethren will board busses and travel to the **House of the Temple** in Washington where the Master of the Royal Secret will be conferred on the candidates. This is a great opportunity to become a part of this dynamic Masonic organization. The candidate degree fee for this Reunion is \$135.00 plus the 2008 dues of \$65.00.

The candidate fee also includes the bus trip to Washington and lunch. A \$20.00 non-refundable deposit must accompany your petition.

For further information or to obtain a petition, please contact:

Brother Robert E. Simpson at 434-973-6494.



## Events

**Mar. 19th**, Lodge Stated

**Mar. 23rd**, Area Leadership Conference in Waynesboro

**Mar. 24th**, G.M. Visit to 19 district

**April 12th**, Visit to Jefferson Lodge No. 20

**April 16th**, Lodge Stated

**May 21st**, Lodge Stated,

**June 18th**, Lodge Stated

**June 25th**, Table Lodge.

**July 16th**, Lodge Stated, Grand Master's Visit to the Lodge



The Worshipful Master recognized the brethren with Masonic Birthdays in February. I am still learning names as fast as I can ...

Happy Birthday Brothers !



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### Hiram's Journal

My Brother Masonry means much more than the wearing of a pin. Or carrying a paid up dues receipt so the lodge will let you in. You may wear an emblem on your coat, from your finger flash a ring but if you're not sincere in Heart that doesn't mean a thing: It is merely an outward sign to show the world that you belong to the fraternal brotherhood that teaches **right from wrong**.

What really counts lies deep within the human breast. Till Masonic teaching brings it out and puts it to the test. If you can practice the things you learn outwith the Lodge the things you learn within. Be just and upright to yourself and your fellow man. Console a Brother when he is sick or assist him when in need. Without a thought of personal reward for any act or deed. Walk in such a way that the world without can see that none but the best can meet the test laid down in Masonry. Always live up to your trust and **do the best you can**. Then you can proudly tell the world.

