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Robert E. Simpson

Brethren of the Mystic Tie...

Friendship is a precious comode. What a joy it was to share the east with Rt. Wor. Ray W. Sites who served our lodge as worshipful master in 1972. I was privileged to serve as his senior warden in 1972. We have both gotten older, and hopefully wiser, but our friendship has endured these many years. Thank

you Brother Ray for your friendship.

Congratulations Rt. Wor. Jim Dickerson, who was presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. Others who have received this award are Bro. T. C. Dickerson and Bro. Kent Schlusel.

Congratulations to Wor. Seth Spivey on becoming a Life Member of the lodge. We will be presenting another Life Membership Certificate at the June stated. The lodge currently has 44 life members. Brethren this is a great time to consider purchasing life membership. The lodge dues are sure to increase. I have appointed a committee that is currently studying the financial condition of the lodge and I hope to have their recommendations in July.

June will be an important Masonic month. Our June 15th stated communication will be one in keeping with our desire of sharing humor, thought and emotion. Then on June 24th, the brethren will assemble to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Please see the details on Page 2. If you don't have a reservation, you need to make one before June 15th. The response has been great and we are filling up fast. Brethren, we are going to have a great feast and you don't want to miss it.

On Page 3, you will find details on a Father and Son Night. Brethren, bring your son, or your father, your

son-in-law, your father-in-law, your step-father, or your step-son. You are not going to want to miss this event.

The Grand Lodge will be dedicating a special plaque on October 10, 2009, as part of the Masonic Home Family Day Celebration. This is done to honor all military veterans, specifically the many Masons, who suffered, were maimed, or died before and during WW II. Due to the expense of the plaque, the Grand Lodge is hoping that you will become a benefactor to help underwrite the cost. Donations of any size will be appreciated. Make your check payable to the "Masonic Home of Virginia", and mail to 4101 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223-4916. In the memo line designate "Armed Services Memorial."

I recently took a walk through the beautiful community in which I live. It was an ordinary day, and then I put on my sun glasses. What was ordinary suddenly became extraordinary. I guess it is like looking through rose colored glasses. Serving as your worshipful master this year has been a joy for me. You could say an extraordinary experience. Mixed with all the good has been a shameful act that has affected me and most all of you who have been attending lodge. Brethren, it is not easy to love those who hate you, but we must. It is not easy to forgive those who trespass against you, but we must. It is not easy to forgive those who speak evil of your good name, but we must. You and I are call upon to love one another, and we must. I am convinced that the only way to overcome evil is with good. Don't allow a shameful act to turn the extraordinary experience of being a Freemason into something ordinary or worse. We are charged to do good unto all, more especially to the household of the faithful, and we must. Brethren, put on your rose colored glasses and join me in beholding the beauties of Freemasonry. "May the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you?"

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

June Masonic Birthdays! Happy Masonic Birthday

Robert W. Bertrand, June 15, 1996

William B. Bixler, June 10, 1947

James S. Boggs, June 25, 1990

William R. Bond, III, June 24, 1975

Harry J. (Toby) Brown, Jr., June 27, 1966

Pascal Bussiere, June 25, 1998

N. E. (Gene) Carpenter, June 8, 1951

James A. Christenson, June 12, 2002

David F. Cooke, June 1, 1987

Randall R. Dorsey, June 6, 1972

William B. Downer, June 6, 1961

David N. Goodwin, June 15, 1996

John E. Grinnalds, June 8, 1999

Harvey J. Hague, June 30, 2008

Norman A. Heck, June 7, 1951

Edward H. Hildebrand, June 19, 1950

Gerald W. Hogan, June 29, 1970

J. Floyd Holland, June 12, 1962

Ivan E. Letner, Jr., June 15, 1996

Joseph L. Marchi, June 15, 1996

Forrest R. Marshall, Jr., June 15, 1996

James H. Miller, II, June 15, 1996

Irving L. Morris, June 12, 1978

Oran O. Oakey, June 23, 1959

James D. Parrish, Jr., June 9, 1960

Howard T. Parsons, June 1, 1981

Gerald F. Reimers, II, June 25, 2003

Robert N. Romanac, June 8, 1994

W. Edgar Spigle, June 15, 1996

Julian H. Taliaferro, Jr., June 8, 1994

Earl V. Thacker, Jr., June 3, 1947

Bobby W. Thompson, June 4, 1997

Thomas L. Varner, June 7, 1983

Randy J. Whitlow, June 15, 1996

John F. Williamson, Jr., June 22, 1996

Table Lodge 2009

Widow's Sons' Lodge will celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, June 24th with an annual Table Lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Table Lodge of Instruction will open at 7:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the fellowship hall at The Church of Our Saviour located at 1165 East Rio Road in Charlottesville. There is plenty of parking.

The speaker will be Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. A special complementary toasting glass has been prepared for this occasion.

Reservations are necessary. Please contact the Worshipful Master, Brother Bob Simpson by phone (434) 973-6494 or E-mail robertsimpson@earthlink.net no later than June 15th. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person. Please make your checks payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and mail them to Robert E. Simpson, 1223 Courtyard Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903-7881. The receipt of your check will confirm your reservation.



The Worshipful Master recognized the brethren with Masonic birthdays in May. Pictured L-R: Yale Landsberg the lodge educational officer, 32 years; Mike Hollar worshipful master in 2005, 35 years; Bob Simpson; Ray Sites worshipful master in 1972 and who joined the Master in the East for the meeting 43 years; Tom Burruss worshipful master in 1967, 49 years; Maury Kingman celebrating 58 years; and Andy Keller worshipful master in 2003, 12 years.

Father/Son Night

If you are a father or a son! If you are a father-in-law or a son-in-law! If you are a step-father or a step-son! July 30th has been designated as a night when we as fathers or sons can assemble and enjoy an evening together. The impact a father has on his son is profound. Most of us far under estimate our roles as fathers.



We think that this event is such a great opportunity that invitations will be sent to the lodges in the area. This evening is for everyone of us. My son David, the lodge senior warden, and I extend to each of you a

most cordial invitation to join us on Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 p.m.

We plan to assemble in the dining room of the Charlottesville Masonic Temple at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. A program will follow in the lodge room.

There will be no cost, but reservations are required before July 20th. Please make your reservation by contacting the Worshipful Master, Robert E. Simpson, 1223 Courtyard Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903-7881, 434-973-6494, or E-mail at: robertesimpson@earthlink.net

Don't Delay!



Widow's Sons' Lodge was honored to recognize **Rt. Wor. James Friend Dickerson** with the presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. Pictured making the presentation was from L-R: Bob Simpson, Dickerson, and Mike Griffin. Brother Dickerson is currently serving the Grand Lodge as the Grand Senior Steward and District Educational Officer. Congratulations Brother Jim.



Each month, the lodge conducts a Master's Hat drawing. The winner in May was **Brother Maury Kingman** who proudly displays the "Friend to Friend Tie." Pictured L-R: Bob Simpson, Kingman, and Harvey Hague who makes this program work so well. Congratulations Brother Kingman.



Brother Seth Spivey is congratulated by the Worshipful Master on becoming the 43rd Life Member of Widow's Sons' Lodge. Congratulations Worshipful Brother Seth.

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Widow's Sons' Lodge recognizes three Eagle Scouts at the May stated communication. Pictured L-R: Brandon James Miller of Troop 37; Bro. Kent Schlüssel who told of the relationships between the Freemasons and the Boy Scouts; David Sherod James of Troop 119; Bro. Jim Dickerson who made the presentations; and Robert Scott Schuett of Troop 111. Each scout introduced their family and shared with the brethren information on their special projects.

The brethren responded with a hearty round of applause and congratulation for jobs well done.