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HIRAM'S JOURNAL



Robert E. Simpson

Brethren of the Mystic Tie...

Those who attended the August stated communication voted to accept the recommendation of the committee appointed to review the lodge finances. The decision of those present placed the lodge in a stable financial condition.

No one likes to raise dues, but increases are necessary to meet the day to day expenses. The lodge does all it can to keep the expenses to a minimum. I am indebted to all those who have spent their own money so that the lodge members might enjoy food and fellowship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have been up lifted by the positive response I received from the recent Father and Son Night. A number of petitions have been requested as the result of this effort. Brethren, our Fraternity sells itself, all we have to do is tell people about it. It is my hope that the lodge open house will also produce good fruit.

With each issue of Hiram's Journal we endeavor to capture the sight and sounds of Widow's Sons' Lodge. A new history is being written each month as we come together as Free and Accepted Masons. Please take the time to read the newsletter. Share it with your family and friends. Extra copies are always available.

Much is yet to be done this year. The lodge officers hope that you will join us for a lodge picnic that will be held on Sunday, September 20th, starting at 4 p.m. Please see the details on page 3.

The lodge will be holding an "Open House" and "Bring a Friend Night" on October 13th from 6:30

p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for you to bring your family and friends to the Masonic Temple. All of us know men that would benefit from exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. Brethren this is our opportunity to share the light of Freemasonry with family and friends. The lodge archives will be on display; we have a short program; you can enjoy refreshments and fellowship; and you will have an opportunity to learn about Freemasonry through the eyes of some notable Masons; Benjamin Ficklin, a.k.a. Russ Snodgrass; Meriwether Lewis, a.k.a. Bob Simpson; Frederick Hatch, a.k.a. Philip Nelson; Grand Master, a.k.a. Jim Dickerson; Capt. Thomas L. Farish, a.k.a. Greg Hosaflook; and Robert Burns., a.k.a. Mark Chapman Join them and share in a moment in history.

Brother Bill Clark and his wife Barbara are moving to Hendersonville, North Carolina. Brother Bill was a faithful member of the lodge and will be dearly missed. God Bless You Brother Bill!

I am saddened to report the death of three of our Brothers: Brother Donald Stoneburner who died August 13th; Worshipful Horace Gilmore Miller who died August 13th; and, Brother William Lindsay Reynolds who died August 21st. Their spirit to God, their memories in our hearts, their bodies to the earth.

Please make your reservations now and plan to attend the Grand Master's Official Visit to the Lodges of the 18th Masonic District. The event will take place on October 24th. Reservations are a must. Please see page 2 for details.

At the September 21st stated communication, the lodge will present two Community Builder's Awards. I do hope that you will be present as a lodge of Freemasons, we recognize those who are making a difference in our community.

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

**September Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and wish him Happy
Masonic Birthday**

- Stephen G. Brown, September 25, 1995
- Bobby L. Casteen, September 28, 1953
- P. Douglas Cheape, Jr., September 6, 1955
- Ancel B. Davis, Jr., September 20, 1986
- James F. Dickerson, September 1, 1995
- Craig M. Downing, September 1, 1995
- William K. Fields, September 20, 1986
- Greg E. Harris, September 28, 1978
- Lowell T. Hill, Jr., September 2, 2008
- John E. Hopkinson, September 2, 1982
- Carlos E. B. McReddie, September 5, 1984
- Philip H. Nelson, Jr., September 27, 1999
- William L. Rennolds, September 5, 1941
- Michael Sheffield, September 12, 1975
- David T. Simpson, September 16, 2004
- Seward F. Stoneburner, September 2, 1957
- Charles M. Ward, September 20, 1986



Brother Charlie Via wins the Master's Hat Drawing, a "Friend to Friend Tie."



18th Masonic District Official Visit for MW Hodges:

The 18th Masonic District cordially invites you and your guest to attend the final Official Visit of Most Worshipful Hodges and Lady Susan on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The program for this final visit will be a bit different – We're going to **"Roast"** the Grand Master. Never seen a Grand Master "roasted", then don't miss this Official Visit of our Grand Master.

The meeting will be held at the East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company, 3501 Steamer Drive, Keswick, VA 22947 (Located just inside the Glenmore Subdivision – Take exit 124 off I-64, drive approximately 3 miles east on US250/ Richmond Road). Keswick is on the outskirts of Charlottesville. Social hour begins at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, and the program at 7:00 PM.

The cost is \$25 per person. For Reservations, please make your check payable to "Mike Griffin", and mail to the below address by September 21, 2009.

We hope this event will be a great opportunity to laugh and enjoy ourselves before the Grand Master's year ends. Please join us if you can. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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Brother Bob Harrison receives a Certificate of Merit for his continued support of Freemasonry and his steadfast love and support of the Masonic Home of Virginia. Pictured L-R: Bob Simpson, who made the presentation; Bob Harrison; and Rob Harrison the son and brother.

Widow's Sons' Lodge Picnic

You and your family are invited to a Lodge Picnic on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. The location will be the shelter at the Elks Lodge (across from Towe Park). The menu will include hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, beer and soda pop. You are requested to bring a dessert to share.

There will be a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person, and reservations can be made by contacting Brother Andy Keller at 434-293-9973. Checks should be made payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. Brother Keller's address is: 1412 Oxford Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903-1406. The dead line for reservations is September 14th.

You are requested to bring chairs.



August Masonic Birthdays Recognized: First Row, L-R: Bill Clark, 58 years; Carroll Good, 4 years; Jim Craig, 1 year; Eddie Ryan, 2 years; Mike Arnold, 5 years, Bob Harrison, 56 years; Rob Harrison, 4 years; Second Row, L-R: Kent Schlusel, 19 years; Bob Simpson; Jeff Hodges, 24 years.



18th Masonic District Officers recognized: First Row, L-R: Bob Ventura, Membership Coordinator; Pete Thorsen, DIW; Joseph Garland, Blood Coordinator; Russ Snodgrass, Masonic Home Ambassador; and Mike Griffin, DDGM. Second Row, L-R: Jim Dickerson, DEO; Bob Simpson; and Jeff Hodges, Grand Master.

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Rt. Ex. Carlos E. B. McReddie joined
the worshipful master in the East for
the meeting.

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Father and Son Night
July 30, 2009