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HIRAM'S JOURNAL



Robert E. Simpson

Brethren of the Mystic Tie... We had a great picnic. My thanks to Brother Andy Keller who coordinated the event. The feedback I received was all good. I personally hope that this becomes an annual event.

Congratulations to Brother Hans-Ulrich Steiner who affiliated with our Lodge. Welcome

Brother Steiner to the Lodge of the Widow's Son!

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; 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. The Community Builder's Award will be presented during the Open House. Please plan to attend and bring your family and a friend.

At the October 19th stated communication, the lodge will celebrate Founder's Month. The Past Master's of the Lodge will be recognized, and Brother Donald Stoneburner will be presented with a 60 year em-

blem. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy an evening of Masonic fellowship.

Please let me thank each of you that have contributed to the Masonic Home of Virginia this year. As of August 31, 2009 the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge have contributed \$19,856.00 to the Masonic Home. We are "Discovering Our Potential."

Do you have your reservation for the Grand Master's Official Visit? Please take care of this immediately. Our own, Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges will be making his last official visit during his year of service. Details for reservations can be found on page 2.

The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia will be held November 6th and 7th. The Committee on Work Sessions will be held November 4th at 7:30 p.m., and November 5th at 9:00 a.m. A delegate banquet is planned for Friday evening, November 6th. The format will be an Hawaiian Luau, so dress accordingly. Tickets must be ordered and prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge Office, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223. The cost is \$30.00 per ticket.

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown the author of The DaVince Code is number one on the best sellers list. I just finished reading it. It is thrilling and hard to put down. As Freemasons, we need to be prepared to answer questions that are bound to arise from your non-Masonic friends. Remember it is just fiction.

The Lodge is searching for a Web Master. Bro. James Ruhland has served so faithfully, but has found himself overloaded. Bro. Ruhland is Junior Warden of a Roanoke Lodge and his work schedule is demanding. If you have an interest in this important duty, please contact me.

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

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

Everett S. Boggs, October 24, 1946

Mark S. Chapman, October 1, 2007

Richard D. Cook, October 28, 1974

Harry D. Cooke, October 24, 1961

Jay L. Cotner, October 4, 1989

Gilbert W. Durrer, October 23, 1967

James F. Ewing, October 12, 1996

Mike D. Griffin, October 30, 1996

D. Mitchell Hofecker, October 16, 1993

J. Phillip Holley, October 28, 1991

Edward E. Lewis, October 6, 1982

Charles M. Long, October 25, 1976

Charles E. Nunnally, Sr, October 20, 1967

Rajendra Paul, October 21, 1968

Charles E. Reinhold, October 28, 1998

George P. Scouras, October 9, 1953

Thomas L. Shelton, October 30, 1962

Robert E. Simpson, October 15, 1965

Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr., October 19, 1996

Russel G. Snodgrass, October 25, 1976

J. Seth Spivey, III, October 28, 1985

Lindsay L. Spradlin, October 25, 1982

Robert E. Stark, October 8, 1975

Hans-Ulrich Steiner, October 1, 2007

Donald Stoneburner, October 15, 1949

Howard K. Trail, October 19, 1996

J. H. VanderHorn, October 28, 1964

Harry L. Walker, Jr., October 3, 2002

James C. Wood, October 15, 1996

John D. Zero, October 28, 1991

**“Roasting”
The Grand Master
And You’re Invited...**

Please join us for the Grand Master’s
final Official Visit (District 18)

Agenda includes fellowship, dinner and a good
natured “roasting” of the Grand Master

When: Saturday, October 24, 2009

Where: East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company
3501 Steamer Dr., Keswick, VA 22947
(Just inside Glenmore Subdivision. Take
exit 124 off I-64, ~ 3 miles east on US
250/Richmond Road

Cost: \$25 per person (Please make check pay-
able to “Mike Griffin”)

Agenda: Reception at 5 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m.;
Roast at 7 p.m.

For Reservations please mail your check to:

RW Mike Griffin, DDGM 18th District
2765 Peppervine Court, Charlottesville, VA 22911
Email: mgriffin@tgblaw.com
Phone: 434-951-0874 (W)



September Masonic Birthdays recognized. Pictured L-R: Jim Dickerson 14 years; David Simpson 5 years; Philip Nelson 10 years; Carlos McReddie 25 years; and Bob Simpson.

Living Past Masters

1954-55 Bernard A. Newcombe, VA 277
 1959 Hollis T. Proffitt, VA 60
 1966 Thomas M. Burruss, VA 60
 1966 William S. Roudabush, VA 55
 1967 Charles B. Goddin, VA 60
 1967 William Roberson, Jr., VA 55
 1969 Harry D. Cooke, Jr., VA 60
 1969 William C. Gentry, VA 55
 1969-70 J. H. Vanderhorn, NL 113
 1971 Monty Ray Marshall, VA 60
 1972 Ray W. Sites, VA 60
 1973 Robert E. Simpson, VA 60
 1976 Oakley C. Straley, VA 60
 1976 Gerald W. Hogan, VA 55
 1977 Randall R. Dorsey, VA 60
 1977 Robert A. Clore, VA 112
 1978 Rolling E. Fields, VA 60
 1979 Bruce Thompson, Jr., VA 55
 1980 William R. Bond, III, VA 55
 1981 Jimmy G. Houser, VA 60
 1981 Gregory J. Cooley, VA 228
 1982 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., VA 60
 1983 William R. Bond, III, VA 55
 1984 Earl V. Thacker, Jr., VA 60
 1984-85 Irving L. Morris, VA 55
 1984 Richard D. Cook, PA 228
 1985 William L. Bickley, VA 60
 1985 Eugene G. Flamm, NY 1112
 1986 Russel G. Snodgrass, VA 60
 1987 P. Douglas Cheape, Jr., HI 443
 1988-89 Edward E. Lewis, VA 55
 1989 William F. Baskerville, VA 60
 1989 Robert E. Simpson, VA 1777
 1990 William J. Douglas, VA 60
 1992 Charles A. Via, VA 60



1992 Thomas L. Varner, Jr., VA 6
 1993 Kerry L. Harlow, VA 60
 1993 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., VA 1777
 1994 Gerald W. Hogan, VA 60
 1994 Jay L. Cotner, VA 328
 1995 Jay L. Cotner, VA 60
 1996 Jeffery E. Hodges, VA 60
 1997 Peter R. Thorsen, VA 60
 1999 William F. Reinhold, VA 60
 1999 Mark A. Chamberlain, MD 70
 1999 Jay L. Cotner, VA 1777
 1999 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., VA 50
 2000 Charles M. Johnson, III, VA 60
 2000 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., VA 277
 2000 Peter R. Thorsen, VA 50
 2000 Wayne M. Biby, VA 194
 2001 James F. Dickerson, VA 60
 2001 Mark A. Chamberlain, MD 70
 2001 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., VA 194
 2001 Peter R. Thorsen, VA 277
 2001 J. Seth Spivey, III, VA 302
 2002 Mike D. Griffin, VA 60
 2002 Peter R. Thorsen, VA 194
 2003 Andrew D. Keller, VA 60
 2003-04 Frank W. Bauer, CT 13
 2003 John B. Black, VA 194
 2004 Timothy J. Edwards, VA 60
 2004 William R. Bond, III, VA 194
 2005 Carl E. Hollar, Jr., VA 60
 2006 Wayne W. Ferguson, VA 60
 2006 William R. Bond, III, VA 50
 2007 Philip H. Nelson, Jr., VA 60
 2008 David C. Merchant, VA 60
 2008 Henry Booth, VA 110



Lodge
Picnic
2009

Wor. Bill Baskerville was installed as Lodge Treasurer. Pictured L-R: Mike Griffin, Installing Officer; Baskerville; Bob Simpson; and Russ Snodgrass, Installing Marshal.



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David Simpson, Senior Warden, receives a Certification of Qualification

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The Worshipful Master presented 25 year veterans emblems to Brothers Carlos E. B. McReddie and Walter R. Carpenter, Jr. Pictured L-R: Russ Snodgrass, Carlos McReddie, Walter Carpenter, and Charlie Via