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Robert E. Simpson

Brethren of the Mystic Tie... The lodge had a great Open House/Bring a Friend Night. The 2009 Community Builder's Award was presented to Mr. Jay Jessup and his sister Mrs. Suzanne J. Brooks (picture on page 4). The Masonic characters from the past did a great job to the delight of all those in attendance. A sug-

gestion was made that the characters should carry their message to other lodges. See their picture on page 3. We were honored to have the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, and his wife Susan joined us. I would recommend that Open House/Bring a Friend Night be an annual event for Widow's Sons' Lodge.



Wow! The Masonic Home Day and Dedication of the WWII monument was better than I ever dreamed. There was a huge crowd present and the dedication of the monument was spectacular. The Grand Master used sand from Normandy beach for the dedica-

tion. He was assisted by the CEO of the Masonic Home, Most Worshipful Jim Cole, and the President of the Board of Governors, Most Worshipful Alan Adkins.



I hope that you have made your plans for the Grand Annual Communication. It is always a great time to see Masons from all over the state. As Most Worshipful Brother Hodges' term as Grand Master comes to a conclusion, I hope that you will join me on November 6th and 7th.

I do hope that you will join other citizens of Charlottesville and Albemarle County as we celebrate Veterans Day and to give thanks to Almighty God for the contributions of America's Veterans. Details can be found on page 2.

Congratulations to Brother Donald Stoneburer on receiving his 60 year veterans emblem. At the November 16th stated communication, Brother Jim Nottingham will be presented a 60 year veterans emblem. Also, Brother Hank Booth will be presented a 50 year emblem. I hope that their many friends and brothers will join them on this special occasion.

We will be doing something different at the November stated. The progressive officers will be advancing. I will be stepping aside and the conducting of the lodge business will be in the capable hands of the Senior Warden. It hardly seems possible, but my service as Worshipful Master is quickly coming to an end.

As you enter the Masonic Temple you will notice a series of posters that depict "What Masons Do." My gratitude to Brother Mark Chapman for his interest and labor in completing this task. When the lodge is in a better financial condition, more permanent posters will be installed and expanded. Thanks also to Brother Andy Keller who provided the installation. Please take the time to view them.

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

November Masonic Birthdays! Call a Brother and wish him Happy Masonic Birthday

Thomas V. Anderson, November 4, 1974

C. Victor Armstrong, November 10, 1971

Henry Booth, November 23, 1959

Mark H. Bryant, November 19, 1996

Mark A. Chamberlain, November 21, 1995

Gregory H. Faust, November 12, 1973

Wayne W. Ferguson, November 17, 1978

Eugene G. Flamm, November 26, 1975

Joseph E. Garland, II, November 29, 1995

James O. Green, November 27, 1951

Jonathan Greenspon, November 28, 2001

George D. Hale, Jr., November 28, 1966

Donald J. Lamb, November 29, 2000

John M. Lane, November 29, 1976

Harry A. McCauley, November 27, 1967

Stanley R. Mooney, Sr., November 3, 1969

Travis A. Moran, November 20, 2000

James A. Nottingham, November 15, 1949

M. Shane Parsons, November 21, 1994

William T. Randolph, November 28, 2001

Michael E. Roberts, November 7, 1977

John P. Sylva, November 20, 2003

Masonic Initiations

“Masonic initiations were startling because they were meant to be transformative. Masonic vows were unforgiving because they are meant to be reminders that man’s honor and his ‘word’ were all he could take from this world. Masonic teachings were arcane because they were meant to be *universal*...taught through a common language of symbols and metaphors that transcended religions, cultures, and races...creating a unified ‘worldwide consciousness’ of brother love.”

Dan Brown
Author of The Lost Symbol

Veterans Day: A Brief History

In November 1919, after the end of World War I, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. An Act approved May 13, 1938, made November 11th in each year a legal holiday.

The 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

From 1968 to 1975, Veterans Day was observed on Mondays in order to insure three-day weekends for Federal employees.

In 1975, President Ford signed Public Law 94-97, restoring Veterans Day to November 11th. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11th, regardless of what day of the week it falls on.

Help honor our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th. Attend the ceremony at the Albemarle County Office Building at 11:00 a.m., or express your thanks to a veterans with a personal visit, note or phone call.



October Masonic Birthdays recognized. Pictured L-R: Bob Simpson 44 years; Donald Stoneburner 60 years, Russ Snodgrass 33 years; Richard Cook 35 years; Jack Durrer 42 years; Harry Walker 7 years; Mike Griffin 13 years; Mark Chapman 2 years; and Seth Spivey 24 years.



The Lodge Open House/Bring a Friend Night was a great success, in large part to the following participants. Pictured L-R: Jeff Hodges, the Grand Master who assisted in presenting the community builder's awards; Rev. Frederick Hatch, a.k.a. Philip Nelson; Captain Thomas Farish, a.k.a. Greg Hosaflook; Benjamin Franklin Ficklin, a.k.a. Russ Snodgrass; Robert Burns, a.k.a. Mark Chapman; and Meriwether Lewis, a.k.a. Bob Simpson.



Brother Donald Stoneburner receives his 60 year veterans emblem. Pictured L-R: James Stoneburner; Bob Simpson; Donald Stoneburner; Ray Marshall who made the presentation; and Charlie Via. Congratulations Brother Stoneburner!



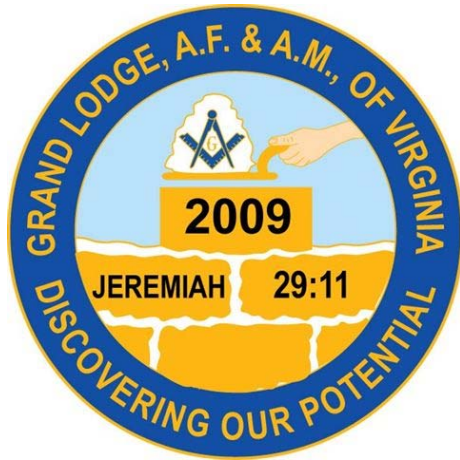
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The Grand Master's
Theme for 2009

Hiram's Journal



Widow's Sons' Lodge presents the 2009 Community Builder's Award. At the Lodge Open House on October 13th, Community Builder's Awards were presented to a brother and sister. Mr. Jay Jessup and Mrs. Suzanne Brooks.

The Jessup family has done so much to improve the quality of life in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. When you mention Pepsi, you are talking about the family that brought it to our town 101 years ago.

Pictured L-R: Jim Dickerson, Grand Senior Steward; Suzanne Brooks; Bob Simpson; Jay Jessup; and Jeff Hodges, Grand Master.