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David T. Simpson

Brethren, first and foremost I would like to thank everyone for your support. I would like to start this message with some important dates.

1st Thursday of each month, Degree/Practice 6:30pm.

3rd Thursday of each month, Practice 6:30pm.

4th Monday of each month, Officers Meeting/Practice Degree 6:30pm.

Thursday April 1st 6:30pm our first planned bring a Friend Night/Fund Raising Dinner. Please put this date in your Calendar. I encourage every brother to attend and bring a friend that may have interest in our great fraternity. This will also be a great opportunity to help raise money for our lodge charities and socialize with your brethren. The menu will consist of Spaghetti with Meatballs or Meat sauce, Garlic bread, Salad and for dessert we will have ice cream with assorted pies. The cost per person is \$20.00. To make reservations please contact the Junior Warden Mike Griffin at 434-981-5428 Email mgriffin@tgblaw.com or Worshipful Master David Simpson at 434-981-5431 Email clearpath02@embarqmail.com.

Last Year Rt. Wor. Robert Simpson started our lodge year off with food collection to support the Blue Ridge Food Bank. As a lodge we delivered well over 1000 pounds of canned and other non perishable food items. I would like to see every brother that enters our temple bring one item to help support our continuing effort of supporting families in need thru the Blue Ridge Food Bank.

February is a special month for the lodge; it is the official visit or our DDGM, Rt. Wor. Bill Baskerville. I encourage our members and visitors to come out and support Brother Baskerville in his official visit. Brother Baskerville will also be making his official

visit to King Solomon Lodge 194 on the 2nd Tuesday the 9th of February and Piedmont Stella Lodge 50 on the 3rd Wednesday 17th of February. Please help support Rt. Wor. Baskerville in his visits throughout the district.

In closing, I challenge every brother in supporting our Bring a Friend Nights and Fund Raising Dinners. I hope all is well with you and your families and look forward to seeing you at our Stated and Called Communications.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

David Simpson
Worshipful Master

*Hear Ye,
Hear Ye!*



2010 Area Masonic Schools

February 3, 10, 18, C. A. Whitted School, Scottsville Lodge No. 45, 7:30 p.m.

March 27, Richard E. Loving School, Fairfax Lodge No. 43, 9:00 a.m., Culpepper

April 2, 3, Robert R. Kennedy School, Lee Lodge No. 209, 7:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Waynesboro

August 2-4, Reid J. Simmons Academy, Fork Union Military Academy

October 23, O. B. Omohundro School, Waddell Lodge No. 228, 9:00 a.m., Gordonsville

Division Leadership Conference

March 19, 6:30 p.m., Waynesboro High School

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

Samuel D. Caughron, 2/24/1992

William H. Dorsey, 2/10/1961

Wendell W. Drumheller, 2/24/1999

Michael A. Haas, 2/12/1979

George G. Hocker, 2/3/1999

Nathan M. Hoffman, 2/26/1964

Robert H. Kulman, 2/25/1980

Lewis A. Martin, III, 2/21/1979

Donald H. Misner, 2/26/1957

Hollis T. Proffitt, 2/23/1954

William F. Reinhold, 2/23/1973

Edgar S. Robb, 2/8/1966

Oakley C. Straley, 2/4/1966

Charlie W. Wade, 2/18/1981



Brother Mark Chapman (right) won the Master's Hat drawing, dinner with the Worshipful Master and a ticket to the UVA basketball game against N. C. State on February 3rd. The Senior Deacon, Bro. Tom Hill (left) assisted the worshipful master.

THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the Master calls to order
And you look about the room
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadow loom;
They are always at the meetings
And stay 'till they are through;
The ones that I would mention
Are the always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices
As they're always on the spot,
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot.
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true;
The ones that you rely on
Are the always Faithful Few.

There are many worthy members
Who will come when in the mood,
When everything's convenient
They can do the Craft much good;
They have knelt around our altar
And are necessary, too;
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these brothers
Who put their shoulders to the wheel,
Keep our Lodges moving forward
So their light they may reveal,
The Craft could never flourish,
Its work it could not do,
It would shrink and slowly perish,
But for these Faithful Few.

Henry Negus
Maywood, Calif.



Refreshments

What Induced You To Become A Mason?

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT Freemasonry do die hard and I am not convinced that we in the Craft are always as active in dispelling them as we might be. For this reason it seemed to me that it might now be worth exploring why people become Freemasons and what it is that the Craft offers to them...

I hope that we can ignore "mercenary or other unworthy motives" as reasons for seeking initiation, and concentrate on more optimistic possibilities: a favorable opinion preconceived of the Institution, a general desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish to make ourselves more extensively serviceable to our fellow creatures.

Many of us become Freemasons because we know that someone whom we admire is both in the Craft and proud of it. Others become Freemasons primarily to satisfy their curiosity. They have perhaps discovered, as people quite properly can, enough about Freemasonry to intrigue them, and have then found that they can only discover more by joining.

Most of us, I suspect, would find it difficult to identify what we thought we could contribute when we joined the Craft, beyond a general readiness to take a full part in whatever was involved. A candidate embarks on his initiation physically blindfold, but mentally open to learn and observe.

If we accept that men become Freemasons because, among other things, they have an idea that they may have something to contribute, we should also be able to say what the Craft can do for them. Here, of course, I do not speak in a material sense, because we start from the basis that Freemasonry is not for personal gain or advancement. One answer—and I do not suggest it is the only one—is that it enable a man to add something to life as an individual which he might not have done if he had not been a member

of the Craft. The ritual, for example, teaches him humility among others who know more about our system than he does. Later he learns to act as part of a team and eventually perhaps to lead it.

Taking part in ritual is itself a challenge and a discipline—and I should be surprised if there were many Masons who did not derive satisfaction and considerable pleasure from our beautiful and ancient ritual, properly performed. It goes without saying that in belonging to a Lodge he gains friends—his Brethren—and a wider circle of potential friends. But above all, by precept and example he will, learn and be impressed by a code of life that puts true care for others, generosity of heart, and humility of spirit before other qualities—we are back, of course, to our three great principles—that in short a Mason is expected to do his duty to God, through his faith and practice; to his neighbor, through charity and service; and finally to himself, which includes his family and those dependent on him.

None of these ideas is exclusively Masonic, but the Craft does expect that they be followed, and I believe it is this influence for good, and its ability to develop the better aspects of human nature, which continues to attract men to Freemasonry and makes it valuable in the world today.

The true essence of Freemasonry, as governed by the three great principles I have mentioned, lies in our conduct among ourselves and towards our fellow men, and I believe that by far the most telling counter to attacks on the Craft from outside is to try to ensure as far as possible that such conduct is above reproach. In that way we can be confident of having nothing to hide and can proclaim the value and the strengths of Freemasonry to the world without either shame or self-consciousness.

**H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, Grand Master,
United Grand Lodge of England**

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The DDGM, Bro. Bill Baskerville presents the worshipful master with the district traveling gavel. Brother Baskerville will be making his official visit to the Lodge on February 15th. Please join in receiving Brother Baskerville.



The worshipful master receives two visiting worshipful masters. Pictured L-R: David Simpson; Brant Baber, Worshipful Master of Acacia No. 16 in Clifton who also brought his two sons John and Joe; and Pete Thorsen, Worshipful Master of King Solomon's No. 194 in Crozet.