



Hiram was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and of a Tyrian father. He was sent by Hiram King of Tyre to execute the principal works of the interior of King Solomon's Temple. Hence, a Widow's Son!



Dr. White McKenzie (Ken) Wallenborn, M.D. will receive the Lodge Community Builder's Award for 2006 at the July 17th stated communication.



Rt. Wor. Edmund Cohen, Grand Junior Warden will be the July speaker. His subject will be the four cardinal virtues

Message from the East.. OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, AN EXAMPLE TO BEHOLD

When I wrote about Light and Enlightenment last month, I planned to write about the Great Light in Masonry – The Holy Bible, this month. After attending Table Lodge and listening to our speaker, R:W: James Stanley Johnson, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, I knew I had to change the subject somewhat because of his inspiring presentation that evening.

Brother Johnson detailed his continuing journey from the diagnosis of his cancer through surgery, radiation therapy, and at least two rounds of intense chemotherapy (which is still ongoing) over the past ten months. He described the many sometimes agonizingly slow advances in his progress, as well as the stumbling blocks he has encountered along the way. It has not been easy, and he knows the future is apt to be just as perilous.

But he has an inner strength which I have rarely seen. It glows from deep inside. Sure, he admits to down moments, but he has a faith which he can tap, and which keeps him going even in the worst of times. It is obvious that God is real and sustaining and ever present to him. He describes his journey as that of climbing a mountain with the path getting steeper and steeper and more difficult, with obstacles everywhere as the summit draws near. And just when he feels he can not go another step, God throws him a rope, and on he goes.

His central focus is on God, with the sustaining support of prayer, the Holy Scriptures, his wife and family, his church, and his Masonic family. He wishes no personal credit in any of this. It all starts and ends with God. I tell you, my Brothers, it is rare to see such inner peace, such strength and determination, even humor, in one facing such a daunting disease.

Brother Stan wants us all to take his story as an example if we see anything good in it. He says, "I'm no different than anyone else," inferring that we would all be as strong, if we were in his situation. I only hope that my faith will be half as strong as his when I am put to the test.

On that St. John the Baptist Feast Night it seemed as if our God, the great giver of Light, was speaking to us all through R:W: James Stanley Johnson. The message was loud and clear, "Your trust being in God, your faith is well founded." I will always remember that evening.

Fraternally,

Wayne W. Ferguson
Worshipful Master



Wayne W. Ferguson.

July Masonic Birthdays

L. Mark Ascoli, 7/27/1988
 Peter J. Baber, 7/10/2002
 Leonard Burnley, 7/16/1976
 Walter R. Carpenter, Jr., 7/23/1984
 Larry W. Claytor, 7/15/1986
 Robert A. Clore, 7/24/1971
 Ivan S. Ferguson, 7/24/1950
 Garrett W. Kirksey, 7/16/1968
 Montie S. Meeks, 7/28/1947
 David C. Merchant, 7/28/2004
 Robert L. Muller, 7/30/1997
 Richard G. Newsome, Jr., 7/31/1995
 Richard K. Powley, 7/24/1967
 Carl D. Proffitt, Jr., 7/16/1957
 James L. Reinhold, 7/28/1999
 R. Lee Richards, 7/19/1991
 William Roberson, Jr., 7/24/1961
 James R. Ruhland, III, 7/9/2003
 David S. Scott, 7/6/1962
 James D. Stoneburner, 7/13/2005
 Peter R. Thorsen, 7/21/1978
 James P. Towe, 7/6/1983
 Ronald L. Webster, 7/23/1984

Events

- July 17th, Lodge Stated, Speaker, RW E. Cohen, GJW
- Aug. 21st, Lodge Stated, presentation on Meriwether Lewis.
- Sept. 18th, Lodge Stated, Scottish Masonry
- Oct. 16th, Lodge Stated, Founder's Day, Speaker, MW D. M. Robey on Founders
- Nov. 20th, Lodge Stated, MM Obligation
- Dec. 18th, Lodge Stated, Election & Installation



Dinner Reservations for July 17, 2006



As always, reservations are required to ensure enough food will be available. The Eastern Star has been preparing the meals. This is a tremendous

help to the Lodge, and we thank them very much, but we need to provide them with accurate counts so that the expenses to them and the Lodge can be controlled. Please contact the **JW, David Merchant** by phone (434) 985-6374 or email dmerch2622@aol.com to make reservations prior to noon on Wednesday July 12th. If you wish, you can request the JW to put your name on the Standing List, and then call "by exception" when you cannot attend.

Masonic Community Blood Program

The following have contributed blood this year: **Bill Reinhold** (1 whole blood); **Barbara Keller** (2 whole blood); **Jeff Hodges** (1 whole blood, 4 platelets); **Larry Saunders** (1 whole blood); **Ed Wellman** (1 whole blood); **Mike Hollar** (1 whole blood); **Wayne Ferguson** (2 whole blood); **Pat Kelly** (1 whole blood); **Harry Walker** (1 whole blood).

The following have volunteered at the blood drives: **Bill Clark, Maury Kingman, Steve Fetcho, Ed Hildebrand, Pat Kelly, Ed and Adrianna Wellman.**

Remember, blood is a renewable resource. One pint of blood can save three lives. You can donate blood every 56 days.

Steve Fetcho
 Lodge Blood Coordinator



The Worshipful Master recognized the brethren with Masonic Birthdays in June. The following were present: L-R: **Wayne Ferguson, Bill Bixler, Gene Carpenter, David Goodwin, Ed Hildebrand, Jerry Reimers, and John Williamson.**

Personal Differences...In view of the obligations which Freemasons are under, one to another, we would suppose it almost impossible for Brethren to entertain ill-felling toward one another; and truly they did not when our membership was fired with the holy determination to observe and faithfully execute our laws, and live together in the enjoyment of the pure and heavenly spirit of fraternity.

But things have changed, and we have changed with them. Freemasonry is not now the pure creature that it was when its members had the interest of the institution at heart, and felt assured that upon their good conduct and brotherly kindness depended the ultimate success of the glorious enterprise.

It is established upon a firm basis, that they do not think it necessary to exercise brotherly kindness towards a Brother; or that their good conduct has anything to do with the great final triumph which awaits Freemasonry or that a moral course of conduct is necessary to maintain the respectability and purity of the institution.

We are not in the habit of crying out that there is no longer any good in the order but we believe that there is not a proportionate amount of good in the institution, when we compare the present with the past. The plain halls, and plain men, few in numbers, have all passed away, and now quite a different state of things exist. Look around at the stately edifices, reared to our excellent tenants. Examine our statistics, and see the immense number of names inscribed upon our roll books.

We do not find any fault with these; but ask the Brethren to look around them carefully and see how often they are at variance with each other, and then permit us to inquire whether we are all moved by the same spirit that actuated Freemasons years ago?

We must love one another if we would have others to love and respect us; and we speak pointedly in regard to brothers cherishing ill-felling towards each other, or forming factions or parties in subordinate or Grand Lodges.

Men should never disagree, let alone Freemasons, yet we all know that perfection cannot be looked for in an institu-

tion purely human, we cannot hope to escape having differences among us now and then; for we cannot disrobe ourselves of our depraved natures altogether, and exercise love towards one another at all times.

We can all labor, after differences have occurred, to reconcile the parties, and try to restore them to a proper state of feeling toward each other as men and Masons. A soft word turneth away anger, and he who affects a reunion of severed hearts, will certainly receive his reward here and hereafter.

We are prone to err; all do err; all must some time or other be forgiven, and why not forgive? There is nothing weak in admitting that we have been wrong; it does not lessen us in the estimation of God or man.

Then why will you not be reconciled at once, forget all animosities, and live together as the great Creator hath designed. But one says, I will forgive just as soon as I am asked to, but not before, and just as soon as the hand is extended to me I will not refuse it.

We would ask the Brother reasoning thus if he ever did wrong, and he must certainly answer Yes. He who knows that he has done wrong, is conscious that he may do wrong again; and we entreat you, knowing these things to be so, that you may teach your erring Brother by your kindness in extending to him a Brother's hand, and there is nothing weak or unmanly in forgiving.

He is certainly the best man who makes the first advance toward a reconciliation, no matter under what circumstances it takes place.

There is something so beautiful in a man's acknowledging an error, and it gives such a glorious earnest of better in the future, that we never look upon a man performing this action without wishing his happiness was our own; and he surely reaps a blessing that the unforgiving can never enjoy.

Frank R. Newell
The Ohio Freemason



Bro. Tim Parent (L) presents the **"Silver Spatula Award"** to Bro. Bill Clark for his cooking for the Habitat for Humanity workers.



Bro. Wayne Ferguson is presented the **"No Fear Life Line Award"** for his skills on the roof of the Habitat House.



Bro. Bill Clark receives a certificate from the Grand Lodge for his devotion to the Blood Program.

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The Lodge awards five \$2,000.00 scholarship. Those awarded are: **Lucy Ann S. Dowell-Wiltshire**, a graduate of Charlottesville High School, plans to attend McGill University; **Carolyn R. Schroll**, a graduate of Charlottesville High School, plans to attend William & Mary; **Adam M. Supraner**, a graduate of Charlottesville High School, plans to attend William & Mary; **Xingian (Aileen Wang)**, a graduate of Western Albemarle High School, plans to the University of Virginia; and **Michelle Wang**, a graduate of Western Albemarle High School, plans to attend the University of Virginia.

Pictured L-R: Mike Hollar, chairman of the scholarship committee; Adam Supraner; Becky Wright, the widow of Donald R. Wright; Wayne Ferguson, Worshipful Master; and Lucy Ann S. Dowell-Wilshire.