

**Mount Hermon Lodge 118  
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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**KNOWLEDGE IS LIGHT  
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**Masonic education : COLLEGE NOT MADE WITH HANDS**



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**STATED MEETING:**  
**1st THURSDAY OF EVERY**  
**MONTH**

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It is good to know that philosophical literature of masonry is today being enriched by republication of old texts and many various other sources, the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the Masonic rituals and symbols, the magnificent traditions of the craft, and the wonderful heritage of moral, ethical, and spiritual values which it brings to these troubled times deserve the admiration and respect of all practical idealists.

For nearly three centuries free and accepted masons, as individuals and as members of a world wide fraternity, have labored together faithfully and unceasingly as architects and builders of human society. Thru our great teachers of the past , the inspired seers and illuminated mystics , it is thanks to their collective genius that masonry should grow and unfold , deepen and enrich

those around it , the true strength of the craft is measured , not in terms of material accomplishments alone , but to the service of those eternal truths veiled by the luminous symbols of the craft . To deny the spirit of masonry, to ignore its philosophical footings, or to reject its esoteric doctrines would be to deprive the craft of its greater glory.

Masons today should support and sustain in every way those brothers who are inspired to seek the light and the word .thru their respectful and unfaltering efforts and research in philosophical and historical masonry , each new work is brought , like the first fruits of the harvest , to the altar of the great architect of the universe.

Masons awake! Encourage your brothers in their search for the deeper truths, masonry

is a quest -it is an eternal search for the answer to the riddle of life. Masonry is a university - a college built without the sound of hammers or the voices of workmen, masonry stands for universal education, and that all knowledge leads to the divine presence.

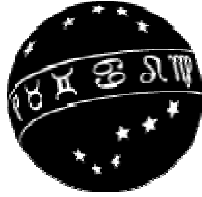
Fellow masons it is with a sincere belief in the craft that we ask for your support in this coming year so that we may educate fellow masons and ourselves to the benefits of our past, present and future." Scientia esse illuminare"

" knowledge is light " .

Inspired by the past

Anonymous





**Freemasonry is a way of life : As an Organization  
It's purpose is to make good men better**



## FROM THE EAST

Brothers, greetings from the East . Hope all is well with you , the best advice I can pass on to you is stay healthy and warm I have one question for you , do you ever get to old to learn? Recently I was conducting a examination on the 3rd degree as I have been taught to do , I stop the examination at a certain point . It so happened that the DDGM and DDGL were both present , I was told , to stop at this certain point was wrong . Later a call was made to the grand lodge and I was wrong . I called a brother in my former lodge , this brother is a good friend of mine , an excellent mason and my mentor , he stated I was wrong . As to how this custom was first begun he did not know but it had been practiced in that way in that area for many years. When my friend Joe had been tapped to serve as DDGM of his district , he had to learn that the practice was wrong. So he spent his term correcting that practice . Now back to the original question , do you ever get to old to learn ? I have been a senior citizen for many years and I had another lesson to learn and that is Masonry ! Can we count on your attendance in a stated at Mount Hermon lodge . It will be a pleasure to see you , and remember a stated we always have a meal , until next time I remain fraternally yours .

Fred K Morris Master

## FROM THE WEST

As you can see we have changed our newsletter , making it more informative and exploring different interests . Mount Hermon lodge has been improving many things . We do so to insure that all who attend are glad they did and feel fulfilled . We start with good friends and good company and home cooked meal at 6:30 pm . Our committees have been doing a wonderful job . Educational presentations are a standard part of each meeting , this month we will be hearing from most Worshipful Past Grand Master Norburn Hyatt . He will be giving a multimedia program presentation about the George Washington memorial monument . We look forward to seeing you and invite members we haven't seen in awhile to come and see how we have grown . I would like to remind everyone that if are a bit "rusty" we would honored to assist in any way we can , and if transportation is a problem feel free to call and we will see that you get to and from the lodge .sincerely

Mark Bloomfield SW

## FROM THE SOUTH

The right of passage is only given to those, whose calling brings them here. The journey is the goal. The goal the achievement of understanding the steps and experiences endured during the journey. Balance and flexibility in a rigid mind frame allows the traveling man to appreciate and perhaps enjoy what he internally knew to be, but as of yet had not explored. The initiation is a gift given freely. Like a child, the man recognizes that he has been given something of importance but as of yet does not know what or how to use it.

The passing is the gift again given. At this stage the man is like a teenager whose confidence and the self driven ego collide leading to the struggle of true knowledge. The raising of the man is a gift not given but pursued by the man who knows what was given and understands the importance of the knowledge received, passed and experienced.

Emmanuel Dumigrion JW

**It is by error and the  
consequences of  
error that we learn  
the Truth, and  
achieve the  
liberation of Truth  
in action.**

**ALBERT MACKEY**

The U.S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself.

-Benjamin Franklin

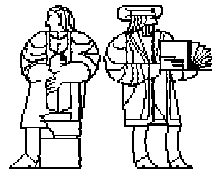
## HISTORIAN CORNER

## Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

This year we will begin several new endeavors focusing on Lodge and membership history. All organizations are hollow shells without the dynamic energy of the people who build and maintain the organizational structure. Thus, we have begun to talk to our various members and record their story- a truly epic life story that eventually brought them to Mount Hermon. Admittedly, not the type of stories that Hollywood would produce for audiences around the world to view on the big screen, but then again, these stories are far more important than those. It is my story, your story and his story [history]. Listening to the relaxed conversations during the refreshment hour before the meeting, I've become very aware of the unique and special people we all call brothers and what they have accomplished on their life journey. We hope that by telling our stories and publishing a summary on our web site, others will be attracted who are searching for kindred spirits. I will be able to personally interview only those brothers in the local area; yet, there is a worksheet that I will mail or email to any brother not living in the Asheville area. These transcribed biographies will be held in strictest confidence and will not be presented in the lodge or published on our web site without your review and permission.

This year will also be spent gathering up pieces and parts of Lodge history and the biographies of past masters and members. These tidbits of history will be presented at the lodge and published in the newsletters and on the web site. Enjoy!

## Scholarships

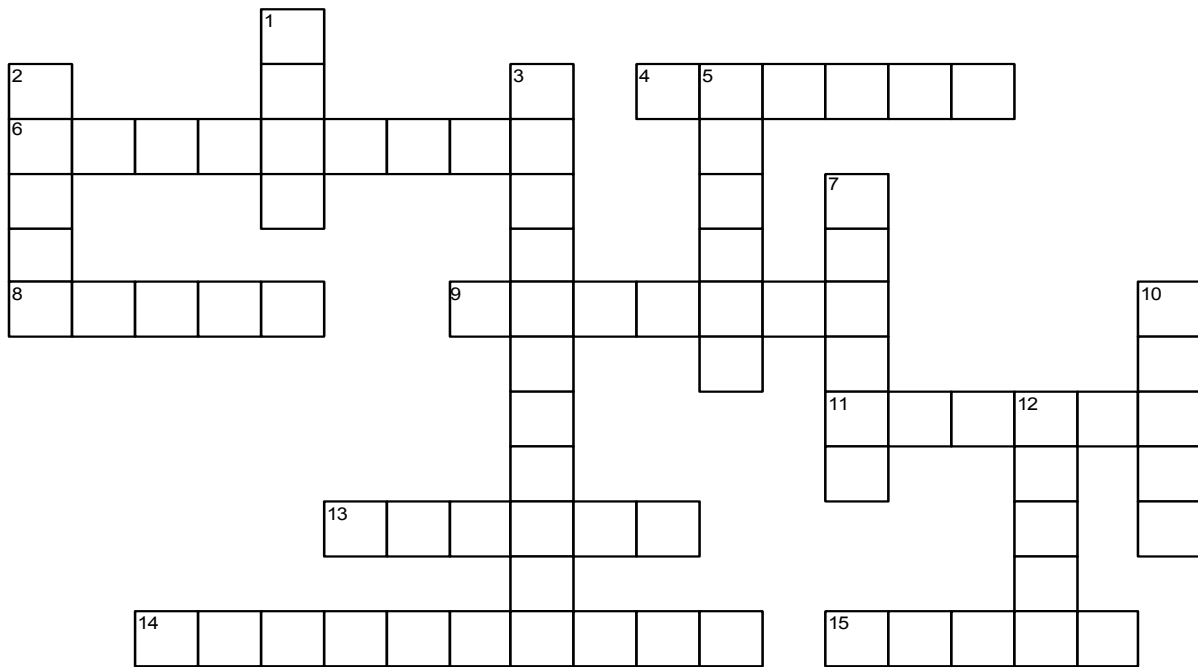


The Mount Hermon Lodge/Esther Chapter Scholarship committee would like to remind everyone to submit applications for scholarship consideration by June 15, 2007. All members and their families of Mount Hermon Lodge and the members and families of the former Esther Chapter are eligible. The five candidates who were awarded scholarships last year are also eligible and we look forward to hearing about their scholastic endeavors. Please check out our web site for applications. All questions may be directed by contacting the treasurer at [treasurer@masonic118.com](mailto:treasurer@masonic118.com) or writing to: Mount Hermon Lodge #118, attn: Scholarship, 80 Broadway, Asheville, NC 28801.

## Our up and coming Masonic brothers : A fresh

Masonry has been a lifelong mystery to me. Since I was a child I've wondered what secrets it held and why it meant so much to my family. But I never felt it was my place to ask or read about it until I petitioned last November. I've just started to learn the secrets but the biggest one so far is this: Masons are good men who stand together and I will be proud to be one.

E.A JR YARNELL



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**ACROSS**

- 4 right pillar
- 6 non speculative
- 8 badge of a mason
- 9 circumscribes
- 11 47th problem
- 13 to part on □
- 14 1st degree
- 15 great light

**DOWN**

- 1 left pillar
- 2 ancient sea port
- 3 2nd degree
- 5 rough or perfect
- 7 sublime degree
- 10 a meeting place
- 12 to meet on

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