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STATED MEETING:

1st THURSDAY OF EVERY
MONTH

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GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL DINNER AT LODGE 118

Dear friends ,

My first desire to become a mason was due to the facts that many of Virginia's noblest sons were members of the fraternity. Therefore, it was not without forethought, that on Saturday evening, November 4, 1752, in the village of Fredericksburg, I was made an Entered Apprentice Mason. The Masonic lesson I learned on my admission to Masonry and my contact and conversations with prominent Masons thereafter were of greatest encouragement in after years when I encountered and underwent severe trials, especially those at the commencement of the revolution. It was at this time that friendly council reached my ears to the effects that some of the men regarded me as a slave owner and as a aristocrat and that they abhorred my Episcopacy. I declared at once

to dispel such thoughts from my comrades' mind, and, on one occasion, sat in a Masonic lodge at Cambridge of which an Orderly Sergeant was Master. I made it a point to meet on upon the level and part upon the square, with all my comrades, regardless of rank or position, and my reward was the loyalty and friendship of all, far beyond my expectations. There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry and its lessons were helpful throughout the Revolution.

G . Washington

A beautiful evening among friends , family, and brothers was had by all , a wonderful reminder of our Past President and his continuing influence over our lives .

Thank you to Brother Moncado for putting this evening together and to brother Boehelm for the fantastic food , we are indebted .



A MASONIC POEM BY VICTOR ROY 1882

"Brother, we have met before, Where the Tyler guards the door, We have given the well-known sign, That has blent our souls with thine, Now this eve, thou giv'st no word, Back to our souls deep stired, For the Angel Ty-lers wait, At thy Lodge Room's mystic gate . "Brother, thou art taking rest, We must still the wild storm breast, We must build through mist and night, Thou hast seen the quenchless Light, While we hew the shapeless stone, Thou hast bowed before the Throne, While we tread the chequered floor, Thou hast pass'd the golden door. "Oh Companion, were we there, Ended every pleading prayer, Ended all the work and toil, Gathered all the fruit and spoil, Finished all the war of sin, By the Warden's hand shut in, Brother; once again with thee, What would our first greeting be? "Loved Companions, we have given, To the guardianship of Heaven, Our Brother's precious dust, And in memory of the just, Be it ours still to guard, All he loved, with watch and ward, Till like him we reach a shore, Where these sorrows come no more."

FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

Greetings from the EAST. Trust all is well with you. Your Lodge is fine and holding its own. Wish that all of you could be with us at each meeting. It happened again and I want to tell you about it. The phone rudely woke me up at 12:30 Monday morning from a deep sleep. Some man on Interstate 40 needed help. Out of gas, had lost his wallet, and had been told to call the Masons for help. In fact he was getting a petition from a

lodge in Alexandria Virginia. We arranged to meet at the Waffle House on Tunnel road. My wife insisted on going with me, there was no need to argue, but I knew she would be packing heat. So here we go, The Master of the Lodge and his Pistol Packing Mama. I pulled up to the curb at the restaurant and he was walking out the door. Both looking at each other carefully. We exchanged a few words and I gave him \$40.00 and said that's the best I can do. and I

was not about to call the other officers at that time of the morning. I looked at the clock it was 3:45. Did we get ripped off? Did we play the fool? We will never know, But this we do know....MASON'S WILL HELP. So James Hoover, where ever you are I wish you well and hope your desire to be a Mason will soon be realized. From one brother to another....THAT'S MASONARY.

Fred K. Morris, Master

FROM THE WEST

, This month I would like to take a moment to thank all masons for all that they do for the brotherhood. Without all of your input of time and energy we would cease to exist. I had the privilege to hear the Grand Master address a group of masons recently and something he said struck me. It is much

better to give (of yourself) than to receive. A very simple statement, but of great importance and truth. A mason's wages is the warm feeling that you get when you help a brother out, when another brother tells you that you did a good job, when a project goes well, or when a degree is done well.

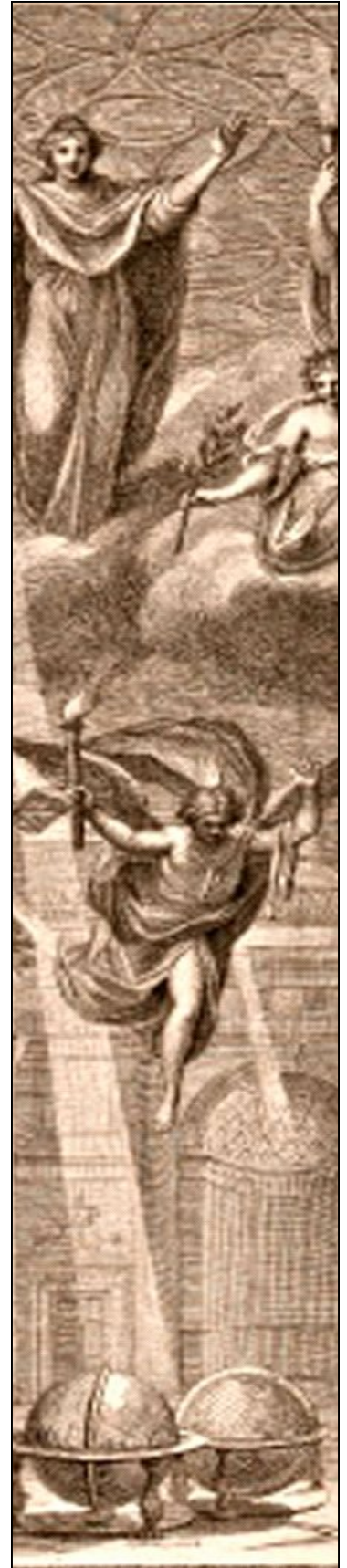
There are countless ways to receive your wages, but all must be preceded by a little effort, which I assure you will be well worth it. Thank you all for everything that you do to make this fraternity the great institution that it is today.

Mark Bloomfield, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Given harborage in our minds, bitterness and hate become diseases which destroy happiness and stain our souls. We are each day, in large measure, the sum of our prior experiences; and the better way to make certain the coming of good days is to encourage agreeable thoughts, do helpful things for others, and speak pleasing words—thus, building up a background which will bring recollections of gracious associations. We may not have been the responsible party in starting a disturbance in personal relations, and there may be full evidence of another's guilt and injustice to us; yet, if we dwell too much on misfortunes and permit hate to embitter our disposition, we will compound the injuries done by the attitude and slights of thoughtless associates and unworthy friends. Let not the neglect nor indifference of others destroy our right to contentment and happiness. The world's beauty and goodness may be shared without limit by all persons of understanding and compassion for fellow man.

E. Dumigron JW





HISTORIAN CORNER AND THE TREASURERS COVE

A committee was appointed to review and make recommendations concerning brothers who have petitioned for assistance in paying their dues. Any brother who needs partial or full assistance **MUST** contact, by any means available, the master, an officer or any brother concerning their needs. Financial assistance are available, but limited. A reminder- we will provide a letter to acknowledge donations to Mount Hermon Lodge for your charitable contributions deduction. Brother Bloomfield is building a Masonic lending library- contributions of Masonic books will be

greatly appreciated.

HISTORIAN NOTES:

From the UGLE's [United Grand Lodge of England] historical section:

"In the 1740s there was a growing number of Irishmen in London, many of whom had become Freemasons before leaving Ireland. For reasons now unknown they appear to have had difficulty gaining entrance into Lodges in London, so in 1751 a group of them formed a rival Grand Lodge. They claimed that the premier Grand Lodge had made innovations and had

departed from 'the ancient landmarks' whereas they claimed to be working 'according to the old institutions granted by Prince Edwin at York in AD926'. For this reason they became known as the Antients Grand Lodge and referred to their older rival as 'Moderns'. In 1809 the rival Grand Lodges appointed Commissioners to negotiate an equable Union. The negotiations took four years to complete but on 27 December 1813 a great ceremonial was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, at which the two combined to form the United Grand Lodge of England."

The oldest, active North Carolina lodge listed by the Grand Lodge's historical section is St. John's of Wilmington. According to the Historical Table on the Grand Lodge's web site, the Grand Lodge of England chartered St. John's in 1755 as an English Lodge #213. It then accepted a charter from North Carolina in 1794.

SECRETARY'S DESK : A NOTE OF IMPORTANCE

Brothers,

I sent out forty one delinquent dues notices on March 1st. Please, if you have not paid your 2007 dues, send them to me in the envelope provided. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will in the third quarter send out Official Notices of Delinquency. Please

let us have no one owing any dues as of that time.

Special vote on the Direction of the Lodge At our March stated communication, it was voted on and passed to have a discussion and vote on the direction the lodge the building . However, we must decide if we are going to stay with the

Scottish Rite and York Rite. It has been discussed that the Masonic Temple Company will build a new building if this one is sold. The location and type of building has not been decided. Come to our April 5 stated and voice your opinion on this matter.

Mark K. Rodgers, PM

THE MONTHLY LODGE

We have lost a few of our brothers in death in the last few months. We cherish their memory as we commend and commit them.

Brother George Allen Nelson Jr. died on February 6, 2007. He was 78 years old. Brother Siegfried Milton Patton died on February 21, 2007. He was 82 years old. The Master ordered a draping of the charter

and a moment of silent prayer for our departed Brothers.

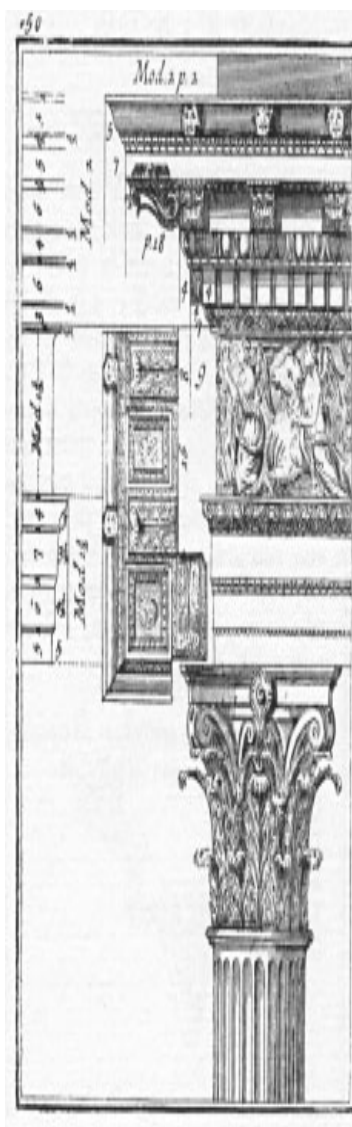
New Business:We attended Hominy #491 on February 27 2007 and helped to raise Bro. William Boehem. He was welcomed to the lodge by the Master Fred Morris.

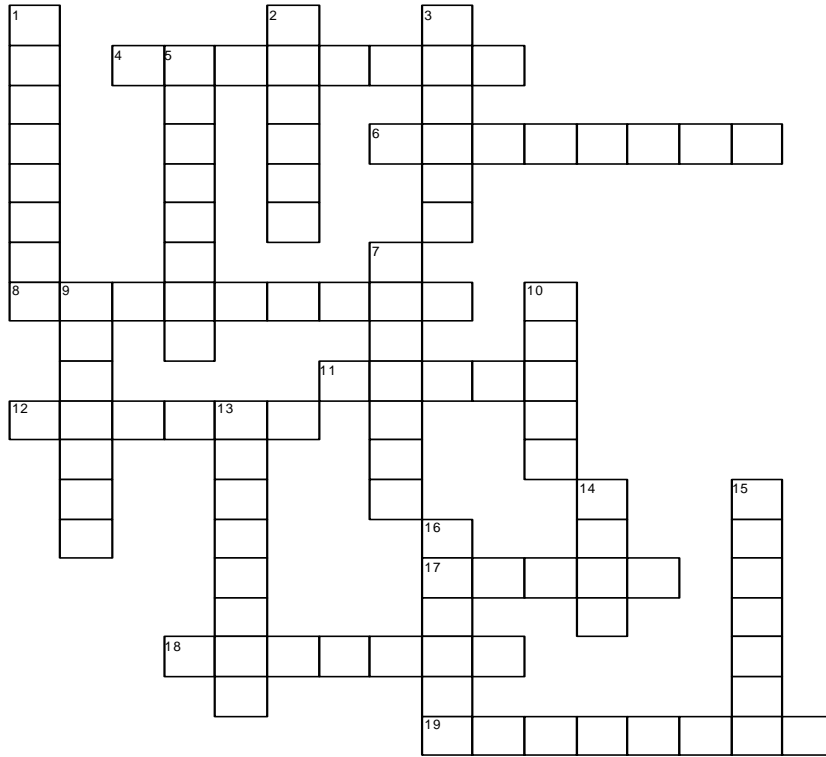
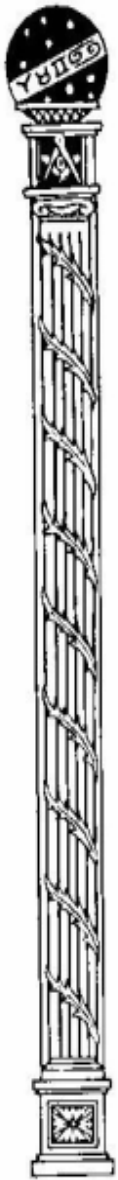
Masonic Education: MW Norburn Hyatt PGM gave an education program to the lodge on the George Washington National Memorial in Arlington. The program was very

interesting and the slide show was impressive.

Future Business: MW Berry Rigdon will be Black Mountain Lodge #663 on April 19, 2007. The dinner will be held at 6:30PM and the meeting at 7:15PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you: our slides were preserved in digital archive format by **Marty Perez** in Chicago , a true friend amongst us





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ACROSS

- 4 wisdom . I Chronicles
- 6 he who sets free . Judges
- 8 i ask God . Nehemiah
- 11 moral courage . Matthew
- 12 firmness . Exodus
- 17 constancy . Genesis
- 18 God is of old . Ezra
- 19 abstruseness . Joshua

DOWN

- 1 son of Abba . Mark . Luke
- 2 instability . Joshua
- 3 God is good . Ezra
- 5 God has protected . Leviticus
- 7 obscureness . Jeremiah
- 9 favor of Hadad . Nehemiah
- 10 beloved . Ezra
- 13 indolence Genesis
- 14 Lord of strength . Ruth
- 15 reverential awe . II Kings
- 16 ferocity . Genesis

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