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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
8/2

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

James Rauch, Jr
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Greetings from the East once again Brethren. We had an outstanding turnout for our Master Masons Degree on July 26th. This was held in conjunction with Sinclair Lodge #154 in West Columbia with the work being done by Officers and Brothers of both Acacia and Sinclair Lodges. Everyone did a great job on the work and we had a good meal of hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings. There were over 80 people present including our Grand Master as well as over half of the Grand Lodge Officers and several Past Grand Masters. The SGIG of the Scottish Rite, Mike Smith, also made the trip down from Spartanburg to be with us. The Master of Sinclair #154, WB Dean Strickland and I have been planning this for a

few months and at times it looked like we were not going to be able to pull it off. Everything fell into place about 3-4 weeks ago and it came together nicely. We were able to raise a little money for each of our Lodges and had a wonderful night of fellowship. I want to congratulate Brother Olin Longino from Acacia Lodge and Brother Myron Timms from Sinclair Lodge on being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. They were very impressed with the turnout and support they were shown. This Degree was held to honor our Past Master's for all of the dedication and support you have shown over the years. No building will stand the test of time unless it is erected on a solid foundation.

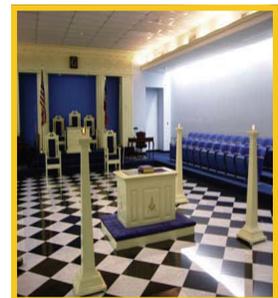
That foundation is you, our Past Master's. The strength of any Lodge is built upon the support of its pillars. To all of our Past Master's, I want to say thank you for all you have done to support me on my journey and for the support you have given to our Lodge. Whether it is coaching new Brother's, teaching lectures and charges or just being in Lodge to offer good council and words of encouragement – Thank You for all your love, dedication and support. Enjoy the rest of the summer, travel safe and remember our Military men and women and their families in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge soon. Until next month....
Fraternally,
Jeff Hall PM

FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The Masters Degree held on July 26th was a testament to what two lodges can do when they come together with a common goal. So many times we hear "Oh we cannot do that" It will never work, or "That's not the way we have always done it". The night of the 26 was a great success only because each lodge had leadership willing to think out of the box, and not discouraged by

those who decided that two lodges could never agree. Let's use this as an example of what I would hope we can not only do in degree work but in those activities were lodges share a common goal. All too often good cause are not under taken because a single lodge does not have the resources but working together with another lodge success can be obtained. Remember the symbolism of the Trowel.

To spread that cement which unites us into one sacred band of bothers among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention of who can best work and best agree.



SICK AND DISTRESS:

Bro. Roger Doyon seems to be improving but is still at Heartland on Forest Drive.

Bro. Doug Hall our J/W suffered a heart attack and spent some time in an Augusta Ga. Hospital. He is home now and improving.

W/B Art Ford suffered some injuries in an auto accident and is recuperating.

W/B Tom Downing is in the hospital for leg surgery.

We were glad to learn that W/B Bill Eccles was not in danger from the fires in Colorado Springs. We tried to reach Bro. Kyle Hazekamp who is also in Colorado Springs but were unable to do so.

Bro. Clyde Joines wife just had knee replacement surgery but he says she is doing well.

Brethren we lost another Past Master recently. W/B Larry Scott Who was Master in 1979 .

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

In going over the ledger books and records, I find that we have 14 members who have not yet paid their 2012 dues. Brethren these dues were due the lodge before December 31, 2011. As you know dues are payable in advance. The year is over half gone and we will be sending out 2013 dues notices in a couple of months. Those who have not paid their 2012 dues will be sent a notice of two years dues, 2012 and 2013. If you are not sure about your dues please look at your dues card and see if it expires in 2011 or 2012. If it expires December 31, 2011, you are in danger of being dropped NPD on October 31, 2012. If you have a problem paying your dues please contact the Worshipful Master or the secretary and we will try to work something out. The lodge would sure appreciate it if you would catch up your dues before Oct 31, 2012. We need every member and we do not want to lose anyone. Please take care of this matter soon. Thank you.

**YOUR SPACE
ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY You**

This is one of Steven Covey's Greatest Six Principles hope you enjoy.

Begin with End in Mind

The most fundamental application of "begin with the end in mind" is to begin today with the image or picture of the end of your life as your frame of reference by which everything else is examined. Each part of your life can be examined in the context of what really matters most to you. It also means start with a clear understanding of your destination. It means know where you're going so that you better understand where you are now and so the steps you take are always in the right direction.

It's very easy to get caught up in an activity trap, in the busy-ness of life, to work harder at climbing the ladder of success only to discover it's leaning against the wrong wall. It is possible to be busy—very busy—without being very effective.

How different our lives are when we really know what is deeply important for us and, keeping that picture in our minds, we manage ourselves each day to be and to do what really matters most.

This space has been reserved for you the brethren. Submit your articles to Richard Miner at RXMINER@YAHOO.COM

