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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
9/6
Proposed EA Degree 9/13

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Coker
Edward Thomas, Sr.
Albert Winter, Jr.
Aaron McElveen
Raymond Jackson
Rick Sirmons
Leonard Davis
Don Michie
Melvin Hornberger
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Greetings from the East once again Brethren. September is already upon us signaling that the end of summer is almost upon us and we are starting to move towards the fall season and some much needed cooler weather. I hope that each of you have had a great summer and had the opportunity to spend some vacation time with your families and friends.

Just a reminder to everyone that our 10th District Inspira-

tional meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Garners Ferry Rd. The meeting is scheduled to start at 5 pm on Saturday, September 29th. I hope that you and your family can attend. The Lodge will be paying for the meal so bring as many as you can since we all pay the same price for meal.

We have a petition for membership from the son of one of our Past Masters. Pending a favorable report from the

investigating committee and a favorable ballot at the September business meeting, we will be having an EA Degree on September 13th. I hope each of you will come out and support this candidate and help us with the work. I look forward to seeing you soon!

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jeff Hall WM

FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

This year unlike previous, we will be electing our 2012 officers in November. Hopefully this will reduce the rush of past years when both elections and installation occurred in December. Deciding who will fill our chairs is an important decision since these Brothers will become both our current and future leaders. This is a two way street. If nominated a Brother must ask himself if he has the time to make the commitment to be in Lodge and fill the duties of his office.

All of us have the responsibility of doing what is best for the Lodge. We vote for the good of the Order and our Lodge in particular.

It therefore, behooves each of us to think about what you envision our Lodge becoming over the next several years.

The Brothers we elect will be setting the Lodge goals and activities for years to come. Those goals will meet your expectation only if you voice your opinions.

There is a tendency to think that once we fill our seven chairs, we turn the business of perfecting the Lodge over to them. Brothers if you are not selected to fill a chair you can still be active in the Lodge's future. I am sure each of us is aware of a lodge were they must seek help to put on a degree because no one knows the required lecture or charge. When you are in a chair is not the time to learn the degree lectures and charges. The demands of each chair if properly filled, does not allow time to learn lectures and charges. The night we were made Masons each of us was charged with

At your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic knowledge you are to converse with well informed brethren, who will always be as ready to give as you will be ready to receive instruction." Seek someone to help you learn a lecture or charge. If you know a lecture or charge seek someone who you can teach it too. "If each of us will either accept the responsibility of filling a chair or learning a lecture, our Lodge will continue to be viable and meet your expectations now and in the future..



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

I know that you get tired of me harping on dues but we still have 14 members who have not paid their 2012 dues. We will be mailing out the notices for 2013 dues in October and anyone who is in arrears on dues will be sent a notice for two years dues.

LODGE PRAYER LIST:

Richard Sirmons
Jack Coker
Roger Doyon
Bill Chichester

Sympathy

Bill Blanks—lost his brother
Tom Davis—lost his mother

Congratulations

Amber and Eric Crowe on the birth of their son

In memoriam

John Pappas—Feb. 22, 1928-Dec. 21, 2011. (We have just been notified of his death)

SPECIAL COMMUNATION FORM THE GRAND LODGE OF SC M/WB G. Ray Marsh, Grand Secretary

Due to the ongoing disharmony within The Grande Loge Nationale Francaise and the negative opinion of Freemasonry it is causing around the world, it is hereby directed that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, as of the above date, **SUSPENDS FRATERNAL RELATIONS** between the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise.

The Grand Lodge of England has also suspended Masonic Relations with France. There are over 1600 lodges chartered by the Grande Loge Nationale Francais, many of which are not located in France.

This severing of Masonic Relations means that South Carolina Masons cannot visit any lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of France and that no Mason from a lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of France can visit any lodge in SC. It also means that we cannot accept any petitions for dual membership nor affiliation from such lodges. If you are planning any foreign vacations or cruises and plan to visit a lodge, be sure that is not one chartered by France.

