

# MOUNT HERMON LODGE #118 A.F. & A.M.

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## August 2009



### Mount Hermon Meetings

Thursday, August 6	
<i>Stated Communication</i>	7:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 20	
Second Degree	7:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Saturday, August 22	
Alms Day Dinner & Awards	7:30 PM
Thursday, September 3	
<i>Stated Communication</i>	7:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM

### Hermonic Happenings

WB Ken Lance fell on the front steps after the August Stated Communication and broke his leg. He is alright but will be laid up for several months.

Preparations are underway for our annual Alms Day Dinner. This is our annual combined charities fund raising event and this year we are combining this with our Service Awards for brothers marking their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Masonic anniversaries. It will be on Saturday, August 22 at 7:30. Tickets are \$20 each or \$30 for couples. Tickets will be available at the door.

### New Members

Our new brothers are making progress in their degree work. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Perry Allen James was initiated an Entered Apprentice. On July 19 Peter Hura was initiated an Entered Apprentice. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Bros. Kevin Frazier, Steven Green, Archie Huskins, and Galen Holland made their proficiency in the Entered Apprentice catechism. On August 6 Bro. Peter Hura passed his proficiency examination for the Entered Apprentice degree.

### 39<sup>th</sup> District Meetings

<b>Blackmer #170</b> , 70 College St., Weaverville	
<i>Second Tuesday</i>	7:30PM
Roy Fortner, Master	645-4309
Paul Turner, Secretary	299-0329
<b>French Broad #292</b> , S. Main St., Marshall	
<i>First Monday</i>	7:30PM
Robert Walsh, Master	689-4686
Lee Wallin, Secretary	667-0129
<b>Vance #293</b> , 633 Old M.H. Hwy, Weaverville	
<i>Third Monday</i>	7:30PM
Edward Winslow, Master	645-9187
Edward Hamlin, Secretary	689-4908
<b>Biltmore #446</b> , 6 St. Paul St., Asheville	
<i>Every Tuesday</i>	7:30PM
Clinton Smoke, Master	687-8800
Curtis Hipps, Secretary	667-0300
<b>Hominy #491</b> , 38 Old Pisgah Hwy, Candler	
<i>Second Tuesday</i>	7:30PM
Christopher Manis, Master	768-7564
David Clontz, Secretary	667-4204
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David Clontz, Secretary	667-4204
<b>Swannanoa #561</b> , 304 Whitson Ave. Swannanoa	
<i>First and Third Thursday</i>	7:30PM
Johnny Sutphin, Master	274-3441
David Perkins, Secretary	298-7022
<b>Nichols-West Asheville #650</b> , 22 Brevard Rd. Avl	
<i>Third Monday</i>	7:30PM
James Goodson, Master	628-5007
Jack Bennett, Secretary	670-7000
<b>Black Mountain #663</b>	
<i>First Monday</i>	7:30 PM
Jeffrey Moore, Master	668-6137
Carl Patton, Secretary	686-8032

## Masonic Education

### *The All Seeing Eye*

An important symbol of the Supreme Being, borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Both the Hebrews and the Egyptians appear to have derived its use from that natural inclination of figurative minds to select an organ as the symbol of the function which it is intended peculiarly to discharge. Thus, the foot was often adopted as the symbol of swiftness, the arm of strength, and the hand of fidelity. On the same principle, the open eye was selected as the symbol of watchfulness, and the eye of God as the symbol of Divine watchfulness and care of the universe. The use of the symbol in this sense is repeatedly to be found in the Hebrew writers. Thus, the Psalmist said (Ps xxxiv. 15): "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry," which explains a subsequent passage (Ps cxxi. 4), in which it is said: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

In the Apocryphal Book of the Conversation of God with Moses on Mount Sinai, translated by the Rev. W. Cureton from an Arabic MS. Of the fifteenth century, and published by the Philobiblon Society of London, the idea of the eternal watchfulness of God is thus beautifully allegorized: "Then Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, dost thou sleep or not? The Lord said to Moses, I never sleep: but take a cup and fill it with water. Then Moses took a cup and filled it with water, as the Lord commanded him. Then the Lord cast into the heart of Moses the breath of slumber; so he slept, and the cup fell from his hand, and the water which was therein was spilled. Then Moses awoke from his sleep. Then said God to Moses, I declare by my power, and by my glory, that if I were to withdraw my providence from the heavens and the earth, for no longer a space of time than thou hast slept, they would at once fall to ruin and confusion, like as the cup fell from thy hand."

On the same principle, the Egyptians represented Osiris, their chief deity, by the symbol of an open eye, and placed this hieroglyphic name, on the monuments, was represented by the eye accompanying a throne, to which was sometimes added an abbreviated figure of the god, and

sometimes what has been called a hatchet, but which may as correctly be supposed to be a representation of a square.

The All-Seeing Eye may then be considered as a symbol of God manifested in his omnipresence – his guardian and preserving character – to which Solomon alludes in the Book of Proverbs (xv.3) when he says: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding (or, as in the Revised Version, keeping watch upon) the evil and the good." It is a symbol of the Omnipresent Deity.

--*Mackey Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*



## **Passings**

Bro. George Allen Lance, born on March 29, 1937 and raised Master Mason on Feb. 16, 1976, died on June 20, 2009. A small delegation from the lodge attended the graveside services on June 23 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The charter was draped and a moment of silence was observed in the lodge on the July Stated Communication.

## 2009 Officers

Master: Mark Bloomfield	243-0303
Sr. Warden: John Yarnell	299-4900
Jr. Warden: Emmanuel Dumigron	335-2737
Treasurer: Ken Lance, PM	254-6038
Secretary: Ron Lambe	252-0643
Sr. Deacon: Zachery Renner	1-540-336-0102
Jr. Deacon: Tycer Lewis	279-4290
Sr. Steward: Travis Owens	693-8600
Jr. Steward: Robert Walker	236-0254
Chaplain: Fred Morris, PM	225-0082
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