

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

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## **September 2009** **Trestle-board**

### **Mount Hermon Meetings**

Thursday, September 3

Dinner 6:30 PM

*Stated Communication* 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 10

Dinner 6:30 PM

*Second Degree* 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 19

Dinner 6:40 PM

*Third Degree* 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 1

Dinner 6:30 PM

*Stated Communication* 7:30 PM

### **Elder Brothers**

In preparing the service awards, it occurred to me that it would be nice to honor our elder brothers. We have 18 brothers over the age of 70. One is still active with the lodge. They are:

Robert J. Clontz	92	MM 12/13/1943
Valdo Moncada	90	MM 05/29/1946
Elmer W. Frink	87	MM 11/19/1951
Robert Bryson	86	MM 11/20/1950
Harold Ammons	85	MM 09/15/1952
Anton Felthaus	85	MM 05/16/1960
Willard Bryce	79	MM 01/16/1956
James Collins	79	MM 09/17/1956
Charles Carpenter	78	MM 06/19/1961
Bobby Anderson	76	MM 06/17/1957
Edward Dalton	76	MM 09/19/1955
James Collins	76	MM 02/21/1966
Gordon Dryer	75	MM 11/15/1965
Robert Caldwell	74	MM 10/19/1970
Paul Caldwell	72	MM 02/15/1971
Joseph Brown	71	MM 05/24/1965
William Fitzgerald	71	MM 09/17/1962
Earl Bailly	71	MM 09/15/1986

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

**Blackmer #170**, 70 College St., Weaverville

*Second Tuesday* 7:30PM

Roy Fortner, Master 645-4309

Paul Turner, Secretary 299-0329

**French Broad #292**, S. Main St., Marshall

*First Monday* 7:30PM

Robert Walsh, Master 689-4686

Lee Wallin, Secretary 667-0129

**Vance #293**, 633 Old M.H. Hwy, Weaverville

*Third Monday* 7:30PM

Edward Winslow, Master 645-9187

Edward Hamlin, Secretary 689-4908

**Biltmore #446**, 6 St. Paul St., Asheville

*Every Tuesday* 7:30PM

Clinton Smoke, Master 687-8800

Curtis Hipps, Secretary 667-0300

**Hominy #491**, 38 Old Pisgah Hwy, Candler

*Second Tuesday* 7:30PM

Christopher Manis, Master 768-7564

David Clontz, Secretary 667-4204

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**Swannanoa #561**, 304 Whitson Ave. Swannanoa

*First and Third Thursday* 7:30PM

Johnny Sutphin, Master 274-3441

David Perkins, Secretary 298-7022

**Nichols-West Asheville #650**, 22 Brevard Rd. Avl

*Third Monday* 7:30PM

James Goodson, Master 628-5007

Jack Bennett, Secretary 670-7000

**Black Mountain #663**

*First Monday* 7:30 PM

Jeffrey Moore, Master 668-6137

Carl Patton, Secretary 686-8032



## Hermonic Happenings

We held our annual Alms Day Dinner on August 22. This is our annual combined charities fund raising event and this year we merged it with our Service Awards for brothers marking their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Masonic anniversaries. We had several brothers drive from long distances to receive their awards. The certificates and pins were mailed out to those who could not attend. It would be great for members who couldn't attend the event to send in their annual alms for our two charities. Just send to the lodge address. Thanks!

## The Compasses

As in Operative Masonry, the compasses are used for the measurement of the architect's plans, and to enable him to give those just proportions which will ensure beauty as well as stability to his work; so, in Speculative Masonry, is this important implement symbolic of that even tenor of deportment, that true standard of rectitude which alone can bestow happiness here and felicity hereafter. Hence are the compasses the most prominent emblem of virtue, the true and only measure of a Mason's life and conduct. As the Bible gives us light on our duties to God, and the square illustrates our duties to our neighborhood and brother, so the compasses give that additional light which is to instruct us in the duty we owe to ourselves – the great, imperative duty of circumscribing our passions, and keeping our desires within due bounds. "It is ordained," says the philosopher Burke, "in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate passions cannot be free; their passions forge their fetters." Those brethren who delight to trace our emblems to an astronomical origin, find in the compasses a symbol of the sun, the circular pivot representing the body of the luminary, and the diverging legs his rays.

In the earliest rituals of the last century, the compasses are described as a part of the furniture of the Lodge, and are said to belong to the Master. Some change will be found in this respect in the ritual of the present day.

– Mackey Encyclopedia

## New Members

Our new brothers continue to make progress in their degree work. On August 20, Bro. Perry Allen James made his Entered Apprentice proficiency and was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. On Sept. 3 Bros. Kevin Frazier and Steven Green made their proficiency for the Fellow Craft Degree, and Lonnie Darr made his proficiency for the Master Mason degree.

We have five Fellow Craft candidates to be raised on Sat. Sept. 19. They are: Kevin Frazier, Steven Green, Peter Hura, Archie Huskins and Perry James.



## From the East

September brings with it much activity at Mt. Hermon. We have been busy with degree work including a 3rd degree for five men on the 19th. Grand Lodge will be near the end of the month with several code changes that may be good for our temple.

I would, once again, thank all of the officers and new members for all their hard work and dedication to our many lodge activities. You all have been a pleasure to work with. October may be another busy month with degree work as we still have a few more candidates in waiting. If you haven't attended lodge in a while, then now would be the perfect time to visit and welcome all of our new members. They have worked very hard and would love to meet you. As always, if you need help getting to any meetings we would be glad to assist you. We are only a phone call away. I hope to see you soon!!

Fraternally,  
Mark Bloomfield, Master

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