



Herndon Lodge No. 264 AF&AM
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Stated Communication 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 pm

From the East

Brethren, as we enter May it is hard to believe that one third of the Masonic year is already complete. I hope all of you are enjoying the time as much as I have and found it as rewarding as well. The year, thus far, has been extremely busy. As you read this trestle board, Herndon lodge will have initiated one entered apprentice, passed six fellow crafts and raised three master masons since January. Nine degrees in four months is quite a tempo, indeed.

Our first stated degree in May will focus on Lodge business, a vote on a prospective member and a program on the Book of Ecclesiastes XII. At our second stated, we plan on raising a master mason and hopefully a brother from New Jersey will be present to assist in his raising to that most sublime degree. We also plan a called communication on the fourth Monday of May to initiate an entered apprentice. As you can see, the pace does not lessen and these Masonic degrees could not proceed without the commitment and dedication of such a fine group of Masons as we have in Herndon. My thanks to all of you for your tireless help in these endeavors.

Looking ahead a bit, we have a fraternal visit scheduled for Friday May 13 to the George Washington Lodge in Chambersburg, PA; we also have tickets available for purchase in support of the GMOV for the fourth Masonic District. This event will take place at Manasseh Lodge on 28 July.

May is also the time when we commemorate Memorial Day and I ask that we all take a moment to remember those men and women who have served our country with distinction and sacrifice, particularly those brethren in our lodge.

In keeping with this special holiday, I would like to close with the words of two distinguished Master Masons, who were both Generals of the Army. The first are the words of George Catlett Marshall: "I believe our students must first seek to understand the conditions, as far as possible without national prejudices, which have led to past tragedies and should strive to determine the great fundamentals which must govern a peaceful progression toward a constantly higher level of civilization." Especially moving are the words of Douglas MacArthur: "A better world shall emerge based on faith and understanding."

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
A cooperative pal,
Or are you just contented
To come once in a while?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Why not attend the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
And not be just a member
But take an active part?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you always stay at home
And criticise and knock?

Do you help your fellow members
To draft things out and plan,
Or leave the work to just a few
Who do the best they can?

Just think this problem over,
You know the right from wrong;
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in May!

Claude Albrite 5/17/48
Reginal Briscoe 5/18/15
Bennett Corrado 5/16/09
Raymond Houser 5/19/79
Harold Selby 5/19/92

James Bartley 5/25/76
Gene Calonge 5/9/94
Ryan Coutant 5/17/03
Gerald Jenkins 5/21/90
Russell Williams 5/26/94

Barron Bradford 5/21/12
TC Conway 5/24/10
Ralph Head 5/21/57
Larry Malkin 5/7/57
Jacob Yates 5/22/06

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 First Stated	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Loudon RAC	10	11 OES	12	13 FV George Washington 143 Chambersburg PA	14
15	16 Second Stated	17	18 District School Herndon Lodge 1900	19	20	21
22	23 CALLED COMMUNICATION DEGREE WORK 1900	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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