



FORT JACKSON LODGE #374

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SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EAST

Out of darkness and into light we again enter the quarry of Masonry to take up the work of the lodge. How interesting that this comes as we approach Labor Day, a national holiday (September sixth).

Labor day is celebrated as the symbolic day that ends summer. People make this the traditional time to close up summer homes in order to return to the work place. It is the last hooray for young people as they take up their formal educational pursuits. It is the day that demarks lazy, hazy days of rest and relaxation from the busy and bustling days of endeavor and advancement. And, in this regard it emphasizes how we now turn to our “work” after not conducting Lodge affairs for two months.

Labor day shows us that it is time to exert full effort and concentration on our work. This day marks the time for NFL exhibition football contests to stop and games that count to begin. Labor day signifies the start of the real season of professional and college football. The same thing holds true for masonry. We know that the time which counts is at hand to advance our fraternity for better or worse. Our real record begins now.

Labor Day began on September 5, 1882 in New York City and continues to honor the Ingenuity, persistence, and productivity of American workers. This day celebrates the advances that have been forged by the dreams, schemes, creations, and achievements of women and men of the country who have given us, through their labor, scientific wonders like the internet and inter space travel, refinements like modern homes with air conditioning in summer and insulated warm rooms in winter. Labor is the catalyst that makes life enjoyable and healthier. Likewise this holiday gives us pause to see the benefits in the work of masonry. Be thankful for the wisdom our ancient institution imparts, the yearning for learning it inculcates, the recognition that people can improve their lives by adhering to high moral standards, promote love of the land in which we live and support every cause that heals the sick, attends to the needy, and blesses those who serve humankind.

There is much work to do, my brothers. Back to the quarries! It's worth the labor.

Bob

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Brethren, I have submitted and received back from our Grand Lodge certificates and pins for our members who have reached 40, 50, and 60 years of Masonic Service. I have also sent out letters to each member respectively and asked them to please attend our regular communication on November 4, 2010, as that will be our Awards presentation night..

The Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Barry Rickman, will be present and will be presenting the awards, so I ask each of you to contact everyone you know and ask them to join us on this very special occasion. Brothers, if you know someone that can't drive and needs transportation, please don't let this small thing keep our brothers away. We can make arraignments.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and lodge will open at 7:30 PM

Fraternally,
Alex Roberts PM
Secretary PT

Awards for **November 4, 2010**

40 Year

Joel Lee Briggs
Pearl Young Lawrence
Harold Huffman Foley
Albert Yuji Matsui
John Wesley Lane
Oliver Powell Wells

50 Year

J.W. Arnold
William Edward Holsomback
Charles Francis Mabelitini
Ira Clark Carney
William Tillman Johnson PDDGM
Millard Marion Moody

William Sigmund Fiske
Bobby Lee Jones
Park Purris Swain

60 Year
Delbert James Goforth
Robin Wiscovitch

Continue In Brotherly Love and Affection

LODGE NEWS

Good news! Brother Felipe Pinero has arrived safely in Kuwait and is helping soldiers on their homeward journey from Iraq. His e-mail; address is felipe.pinero@us.army.mil His snail mail address is: SFC (P) Pinero, HHC SDG-KU DOL North, SPO,AE 09330..

A correction is in order. The profits of the October Spaghetti Dinner will be divided equally between the Capital improvement fund and Lodge Charity. The price of a ticket is seven dollars (\$7.00). This is the only fund raising event we are having the Fall, Please give it your full support.

It has been necessary to change the combination for the front door. If you need to use the building, please contact one of the five officers of the lodge to gain admission.

RW Brother Bill Bouknight, our DDGM, has set our District 10 Inspirational Meeting for 7 pm, Friday, September 10, 2010 at the Scottish Rite Center, Garners Ferry Rd. YOU AND YOUR LADY ARE INVITED. Please let the Worship Master or the Secretary know if you plan to attend and how many there will be in your party by Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

The flag is flying again in front of the Lodge. The strong winds had weakened the flagpole so much that it had to be retro fitted and made much stronger.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1 – 7:30 pm Scottish Rite Meeting

2 – 7:30 pm Lodge Business Meeting (refreshments after meeting.)

5 – 8 pm Order of Eastern Star Chapter Meeting

8 – 7:30 pm York Rite Meeting

10 – 7 pm District 10 Inspirational Meeting at
Scottish Rite Center. PGM Jack Mahler, speaker.

15 – 6:30 pm Family Night Supper

27 – 7 pm Officers' meeting and rehearsal

30 – 6:30 pm Square & Compass Club at Cayce
Lodge

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER

Worshipful Alex Roberts, chairperson of the Long Range Building Committee that is conducting a study of the condition of our building, is in charge of this dinner. Bill Campbell, Hal Nobles, Joe Rush, and Larry Simonson – all Past Masters – are assisting him. Junior Warden Walter Reed printed dinner tickets and they have been mailed to all members. Please add the ticket price of \$7.00 to your tickets.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DIONALD MARION ARDIS
WILLIAM FREDRICK CAMPBELL
JOSE ANTONIO CARBJAL
OMAR CRISP, JR.
DANNY TIPTON EDWARDS
WILFORD ENOCH
THOMAS LININGER FAZENBAKER
JAMES DONALD GANDY, PM
DON ROSS GENTRY
RICHARD HOWARD TAYLOR, PM

DELBERT JAMES GOFORTH
KENNETH RAYNAL HOOVER
JOSEPH THURSTON LONG
JAMES LUTHER MCGUIRE
CHARLES ROGER MCLEAN
ARLEY PHILIPS
JOE GRANGE RUSH
BILLY RAY SCHUMPERT
LAWRENCE BARNARD SIMONSON, PM

Have a Great Day and Best Wishes from all the Brothers.

I AM FREEMASONRY

The following piece, received from the Internet refreshed my convictions about Masonry and why it is relevant and important in society. Even if you are familiar with it; I think you will agree that it serves to remind us of what is at the heart of our fraternity, making it not only timely, but also timeless.

"I am freemasonry. I was born in antiquity in the ancient days when man first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altar is the Book of Holy Writ and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my son's work and pray together without rank or discord, in public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I will accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphan's cry, the widow's tears, and the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties, and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I am freemason."