

Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM

Founded December 15, 1899
Grand Lodge of Virginia Masonic District 3

July & August 2010 Trestleboard



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Worshipful Master, Shawn Eric Morgal

Regular Stated Second Thursday @ 7:30pm
Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30pm

Practice Fourth Thursday @ 7pm

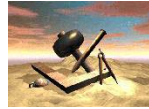
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Summer has come and it appears as though it has hit us square in the face. No pun intended. We have hit the 100 degree mark on more than one occasion. For those of you that have nice cushy jobs in the air condition, good for you. For those of us that must bare the elements and take what Mother Nature has to throw at us, I feel your pain.

Luckily, on those 100 degree days I had some 60 ft trees to block the sun's rays and only had to deal with the smothering humidity. You know, it wasn't so long ago that air condition wasn't a common luxury. That's right, luxury.

Could you imagine having to spend a hot summer with no A/C? Not in your home or even your car? We are so spoiled with what we have, that we rarely appreciate it for what it is. Today we have refrigerators, HDTV, high speed internet, cell phones that do everything, electricity and get this, indoor plumbing. I bring this up because I have read through the minutes of our lodge since it's inception. I have read through the stories of the members voting on gas light, electricity, hvac and indoor plumbing!

You see, we haven't always had it so good. The pantry in our lodge use to be a two seat indoor outhouse. I had the privilege to see this setup prior to it being converted into the present pantry. When you opened the pantry door, you would've been looking at a wooden bench with two holes cut out of the top that dropped into a reservoir below which had already been filled with concrete at that time. I have talked to a few members who told me that they actually used it!

I have also talked to a few brothers that were here during the 1967 Oil Tanker/Train disaster. RW Hunter Payne told me that he came down to the lodge while other brothers were throwing buckets of water on the building to keep it from catching fire. Wor. Bro. Mickey Moats just told me at our last FC degree that he was working for Fairfax County Fire Department at the time and was dispatched to pump water from Bull Run all the way out to the lodge! There were several pumper trucks pumping one to the other to get water to the area.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to all of those brothers who have been there and supported Freemasonry, and even our lodge in particular, throughout the past several years even when it wasn't as easy as it is now. Thank you, to all of you. You know who you are. We wouldn't be here without you.

It is what the foundation of Freemasonry is built on. Dedicated men willing to do what it takes to make things right. Good men, striving to make themselves better. Making an effort to help, aid and assist, even when it isn't the easiest thing to do. Stretching forth a hand to sustain a falling brother. Just how long is your cable tow?

Worshipful Shawn Morgal, 2010

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SPURMONT LODGE NO. 98
FIRST MONDAY @ 7:30PM STRASBURG, VA.

TREADWELL LODGE NO. 213
FIRST THURSDAY @ 7:30PM WHITE POST, VA.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 78
SECOND MONDAY @ 7:30PM WASHINGTON, VA.

WINCHESTER HIRAM LODGE NO. 21
SECOND TUESDAY @ 7:30PM WINCHESTER, VA.

COCHRAN LODGE NO. 271
SECOND THURSDAY @ 7:30PM THE PLAINS, VA.

UNITY LODGE NO. 146
SECOND FRIDAY @ 7:30PM FRONT ROYAL, VA.



Wardens Message

Brethren,

It's been a while since I have written to you in my position as your Lodge Blood Coordinator. This is my third year performing this duty. I felt it was time to let you know what is going on with donations in our lodge. Since taking this job only one member of the lodge other than myself has reported a donation being made. I have spoken to enough of you to know that there are limitations as to what we can expect for donations primarily due to medications taken, health history and travel overseas. Our lodge has a small membership as well.

If you can't donate yourself encourage others who can to do so. If you are able to donate, ask yourself why you don't. I donate platelets when my schedule permits. The reason is fairly simple. I can make a platelet donation and receive 10, 20, or on occasion 30 units of credit. When you donate a whole blood you only receive 1 unit of credit. When you donate platelets you can do so every two to three weeks. Donating whole blood you can donate every 8 weeks. It only takes about an hour and a half to two hours to make a platelet donation. Platelet donations are the most effective means of supplying the blood system and earning our lodge credit. Think about it, with one or two platelet donations you can earn more credit than most lodges earn running a blood drive. From a man-hours stand point this is the way to go.

I would welcome the opportunity to talk to anyone interested in making any type of donation. I go to the INOVA blood center in Centreville to make my donations. I would welcome the company. I go every three to four weeks. Please let me know if you're interested.

I can be reached via e-mail at cresthillstoneworks@yahoo.com or by phone at (508) 572-2571.

Fraternally,

Tim Winther



Blood Drive


2010 SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT 3

GM Official Visit 3rd District in Front Royal area
August 31, 2010 6:30PM

Fun for the Family

Hold September 11 for the District Picnic @
Clearbrook Park
5 mi north of Winchester off rt. 11.. 2PM till Dusk
Program at 3PM. Speaker RW Don Kerr.
Eat at 4PM Attendee's should bring a covered dish
and the Lodges will provide the grilled items.....

All district Three Master & Wardens meetings shall take place
on the fifth Tuesday of the month. \$10 meal donation.

June 29, 2010 7:00PM @ Cochran Lodge 
September 30, 2010 7:00PM @ Treadwell Lodge together
November 30, 2010 @ Washington Lodge

All District Schools shall take place on the fifth Thursday of
the month.

April 29, 2010 7:30PM @ Spurmont Lodge
July 29, 2010 @ Cochran Lodge
September 30, 2010 ***** @ Treadwell Lodge together
December 30, 2010 @ Washington Lodge



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FRANK R. YAKOVICH - OPERATION RECOVERY
DIFFICULTIES.
ANN YAKOVICH - KNEE REPLACEMENTS.
HAROLD WOODWARD - WIFE SICK.

COCHRAN LODGE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

July	August
Paul D. Schriver 7-09-70	Cyrt Cyrtmus 8-15-61
Richard C. Marsh 7-31-78	Donald V. Osborne 8-21-71
John W. Jones 7-25-96	William C. Robinson 8-27-88
Thomas W. Minnick 7-17-2008	Donald Epperson 8-12-93
	Troy D. Thorson 8-27-2005

Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM Events

July 2010

July 04, 2010

Independence Day



July 08, 2010 6:00PM Fellowship Dinner by RW Ron Kramer & Lady
Barbara. Desserts by Kathy @ 6:45PM.
Cochran Lodge Stated Communication.
Blue Ridge Scottish Rite@ Cochran Lodge
Cochran Lodge Officers Practice.
District School @ Cochran Lodge. SNACKS

August 2010

August 1 - 4, 2010 4 days
August 12, 2010 6:30PM

7:30PM
August 26, 2010 7:00PM
August 31, 2010 6:30PM

Reid James Simmons Academy @ Fork Union.
Fellowship Dinner. _____
Desserts by _____
Cochran Lodge Stated Communication.
Cochran Lodge Officers Practice.
Grand Master Official Visit District Three
@ _____

Recycling your Aluminum Cans and materials.

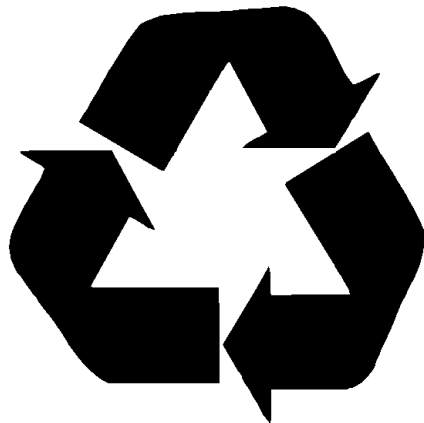
Each and every year we have recycled the offerings from all Lodge members, and visitors that honor us by bringing in their old cans.

In April of this year the Lodge received \$114. dollars toward the upkeep of the Lodge from the recycling of those cans.

We really need more cans as we will have more needs in the future. If we think about it, the Insurance to protect our Lodge building cost \$1500. a year, the Electric cost over \$600 year, the water \$400 a year.

Each and every dollar we receive goes toward the upkeep of Cochran Lodge.

Please bring your cans to lodge and help us help your lodge.



What is the future of Cochran Lodge

Last Five Years

New 20 year roof, New paint in front, New drapes, New candidate outfits, New plumbing in the bathrooms, New waterproofing, New deck in rear, Trees trimmed, New sidewalk, New fire hydrant at the corner, and all this on donations and one assessment of \$400. each of the Lodge and working with the Community League of The Plains.

And don't forget that Wor. Joseph Lee loaned the Lodge \$15,000 to complete the roof repairs and we paid back $\frac{3}{4}$ of the loan and he forgave the rest.

Many Brothers have donated time, experience, and supplies toward the repairs and to all we say a big thank you.....

Next Ten Years

Brother William Baumbach, 11, Wor. Paul Lawrence and RW Ron Kramer remind us that the Oil heating and Air Condition is very old and we could save money by replacing the units.

RW Ron Kramer reminds us that we need some insulation in the building to help with the heat and AC.

Worshipful Shawn Morgal found squirrels and rodents in the attic that were eating the electrical lines. Now cleared out.

Wor Karel Eekels has reminded us that we need to have a reserve fund to keep our building in good repair.

We are on a Fiscal stable plan and shouldn't stray from it..

What are your Feelings about **Your Lodge?**

Secretary, Michael Garrett

OUR MASONIC CHALLENGE

(One in a series of articles or Lectures the Grand Lodge of Virginia sends to the Lodges for the information of it's members.)

Worshipful Paul A. Miller Committee on Masonic Education/DEO District 35-A

I would like you to consider two questions this evening:

First, what inspired you to leave the comfort of your home and family to gather with your Brethren in this Lodge room? And second, what was it, sometime in the past, that inspired you to bravely knock at the door of Freemasonry?

We need to examine these questions, and thereby gain a better understanding of our relationship with the Fraternity and our responsibility to it.

As a Freemason, we are each challenged to project a positive public image and proudly represent our Fraternity; but to do so, we must be able to express what it stands for and why it is important to each of us personally. This is essential in furthering our personal progress in Masonry, in contributing to a meaningful Lodge experience, and being able to discuss the Craft with potential members, as well as those merely curious about our Fraternity.

In an era when free time is a precious commodity, which we are expecting candidates and members to choose to invest in our organization, we must consider whether we are providing them with a valid reason to make the choice to come to Lodge. This requires us to understand the expectations of our members and candidates.

The appeal of Freemasonry is based on a combination of its traditions and historical perspective, its worldwide scope, and the ritual lessons of its symbolism and philosophy. We must be able to recognize what brings men to our door, and do what we can to mature their initial interest into an abiding and lifelong concern for the welfare of the Fraternity. Freemasonry differs from other organizations in its goal of encouraging members to improve themselves within a fraternal framework of trust and fellowship.

With that as our goal, can we afford to be satisfied with getting a large number of petitions in the Lodge, but then leaving the candidates with an unfavorable impression of Masonry due to poor delivery of the ritual or failing to make them feel welcome during the hour of refreshment? And is it enough to have proficient ritual, but failing to mentor our members

when they seek to further their understanding of the Craft and their place in it? The answer to each of these is a resounding "NO" !

A balance must be found so that we are equally interested in the Getting, the Making, as well as the Keeping of a Mason. To do all 3 of these things, we must be able to:

- attract viable candidates;
- instill a desire and interest in our Brethren to share in the fellowship of the Lodge; and
- mentor the new Mason, so he will continue to grow and learn, both during and far beyond the period when he is receiving his degree work.

This is the challenge before us. That challenge of developing and retaining members in the Lodge might be expressed through the attributes of the Entered Apprentice, which are: freedom, fervency, zeal.

Freedom: In that we need to recognize that we expect men to come to the Fraternity of their own free will and accord, but also that they are free to choose another use of their time, if we cannot excite their interest in Freemasonry and the fellowship it provides;

Fervency: To develop an approach to our existing membership that shows an interest in their welfare and a concern for their situation, which is reflected in the fervent desire to strengthen the fellowship of the Lodge;

Zeal: We must be able to kindle an interest among candidates and our members, so they want to know more about Freemasonry, and hopefully create a desire to share what they learn with the rest of the Brethren and apply it in their daily lives.

Let us seek to better understand our Fraternity, and our motivations for being a part of it, so we may strengthen that mystic tie that we share as Masonic Brethren with current members as well as candidates starting on their journey into Freemasonry.

