

MARSHALL LODGE NO. 39

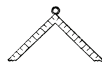
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MARSHALL LODGE No. 39 A.F. & A.M.
STATED COMMUNICATION THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:30 PM

JANUARY 2011

NUMBER 320



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Brethren,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous New Year's celebration, and that you are as excited about 2011 as I am. It is going to be a great year, but it will take a lot of work! Speaking of a lot of work, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Worshipful MacKizer on his wonderful and successful year as Master. He put a lot of time and effort into making last year great for Marshall Lodge, and I hope to fill his shoes as best as possible.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the open installation on December 27, and I would especially like to thank R.W. Br. Joe Mason, R.W. Br. Gary Bennett, and W. Br. Tommy Hayes for helping to conduct the installation. I was honored to have these brethren be a part of that very special day.

January will prove to be a busy month as we already have two Entered Apprentice degrees to conduct, if not more. I would like to note that it is very important for a new brother to see a large attendance at the degrees. We have often had issues in that regard and I hope that we are able to increase the involvement of degree work this year. Even if you want to come and watch the degree performed, your presence will be welcomed.

As for other activities for the year, I will have a calendar with tentative dates for events and other meetings at January's Stated Meeting. If any brother has an idea on events for the lodge, please feel free to call me or email me. I look forward to input from the brethren.

February's Stated Meeting will be the official visit of R.W. Ed Fielding. Please plan to attend and listen to the plans and goals of the Grand Lodge and those for the 25th District.

I look forward to seeing everyone at January's Stated Meeting!

S&F,

David R. Bennett

David R Bennett
Worshipful Master

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

	YRS.		YRS.
Jackie Dee Cunningham	9	David Allen Blanks	32
Paul Christopher Cool	12	Michael Derwood Blanks	32
James Warren Layne	12	Robert Whitehead Spencer Jr	34
Michael Anthony Wood	13	Ronald Eugene 37	
William Lester Rettew Jr	15	William Donald Marlin Jr	41
Thomas Franklin Hayes Jr	21	Arthur Charles Houliares	42
Curtis Lane Whitlock	28	Jack Carson Mitchell	49
Arthur Terrell Griffin	28	Rhonald Lowe Hayes	49
John William Monk Jr	28	James Thomas Davis Jr	55
		Rucker Armistice Johnson	64

**IN MEMOREUM
Of
P.M. Edward Alan Baer**

Brethren, it is with a heavy heart That I write this to inform you of the passing of Worshipful Brother Eddie Baer. For those of us who knew him, he will be sorely missed and the world is not the same without him. For those of you who didn't know him here are some excerpts from his obituary that I think will give you and idea of just what kind of Man and Mason he was.

"Edward Alan Baer lost his final battle on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, in the Critical Care Hospital of The Medical College of Virginia in Richmond....and oh how he did not like to lose any battle, especially a battle of wits.

"Ed was a part of his family's business that he truly loved, Baer & Sons Memorials, Inc....Thru the years Ed has been active in Marshall Lodge #39, Lynchburg Chapter #54 Order of the Eastern Star, the Brookville-Timberlake Lions Club and the Lynchburg Host Lions Club. Ed was never without a word of advice and along with that his opinion of every situation - which sometimes we did not listen to - but would find out down the road he was the one that was really right. On the other hand, his heart and wallet were never closed to the needy whether it was with the Lions Club eye glasses program or for someone he had "heard" needed a helping hand."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	George Edward McCormick	19	Otto Karl Christoph III
4	Stanley Gene Hubbard	20	Dennis lee Gripp
4	Edwin Earl Tackett	22	Joseph Talmadge Mason
5	Wallace Wilson Layne	24	Troy Alexander Gardner
6	Dan Cabell Watson Jr	24	Clayton Whitaker Payne
7	Jacob Alexander Shellenberger	25	Joseph Houston Reed
7	John Ernest Wingfield	26	Joseph Haley Jr
9	Anthony Clinton Miller	26	Michael james Hughes
16	James Harold Gardner	27	Dennis Robert Bradshaw
16	Ralph James Hewlett Jr	27	Maurice Jefferson Millner

CHAPLAIN OF VISITATIONS

If you know of any brother who is sick or in the hospital, please contact Brother Jimmie Rucker Martin at (434)239-8880 .

Donald Wingfield	Daniel Schmucker
Earl Burnette	Frank Leonard
Les Baker	Littleberry t. Hicks
B.J. Knight	James Switzer 434-386-3384
Watkins T. Fisher	George McCormick
Calvin Heptinstall	Phillip E. Wright
Mike Burnette	James Hughes
Phillip E. Wright	

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Prayer

In our Masonic teachings we find that prayer is one of the most used preparations to accomplishment. The Entered Apprentice began his Masonic journey by kneeling in prayer. Whenever brethren are troubled or in doubt they resort to prayer.

A poet has said: "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or expressed." Browning declared: "Every wish is like a prayer, with GOD." Whittler speaks of those who "make their lives a prayer."

With such assurances it would seem quite simple to enter into a prayerful spirit, express our petitions, receive our blessings and proceed to the next problem. But we have not achieved that happy faculty. Doesn't it seem that life presents terrific temptations and each moment thrusts upon us grueling trials? Have we lost both "The Word" and the ability to pray effectively? Where is this peace of mind which passes all understanding?

Somehow there must be a way out. Certainly we should feel that we may safely follow our guide and fear no danger as each crisis arises. Beginning with this discussion let us go back through the pages of history to commune with the Master. Let us listen to his voice across the centuries and gain from it renewed assurances.

He gave a simple prayer of fifty three words, forty of which contain only one syllable, then ten words in closing.

All through the Bible we find that prayer has always been the outstanding method of securing divine help, but we also find that prayer is not just the recital of words and phrases. To secure divine guidance we must work and live a prayer and earnestly mean what we say. You ask for what you spiritually desire in response to one who said: "Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Prayer is the bridge over which man can reach out into the infinite to speak to the Almighty Architect of the Universe. Be it in the silence of night or the busy hours of the day, we may retire within ourselves and ask for guidance, and find more peace. The Master of all good things will listen to the earnest heart and you will be rewarded beyond expectations.

Our Masonic leaders have believed and practiced prayer - - not noisy public prayer, but in the seclusion of their hearts. Remember Washington kneeling in the snow at Valley Forge seeking strength and guidance.

Notice the call for renewed faith in GOD as we serve our country. No doubt many of our troubles would never have happened if an aroused people would have counseled more with GOD in prayer.

MASONIC EDUCATION "Did You Know..."

Lodge Prayer - No lodge can be opened or stand open without Prayer which is offered by the Chaplain or, in his absence, by the Master himself. The prayers used for this purpose are a part of the ritual of Virginia, and these must be used to the exclusion of all others to avoid offense or sectarianism in the Lodge.

At the conclusion of the prescribed prayer each member responds with the words, *So mote it be*, thus adopting the words of the prayer as his own. This expression is from an older Form of the English language and may be properly translated, *So may it ever be*.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Blue Lodges

6 Staunton River #155	11 Reedy Spring Lodge #203
4 Marshall Lodge #39	20 Mackey Lodge #69
5 Mentow Lodge #180	17 Campbell Lodge #316
13 E.N. Eubank Lodge #262	18 Hill City Lodge #183
10 Evington Newman Lodge #333	19 Traylor Lodge #348

Scottish Rite

14 Lynchburg Scottish Rite
24 Knights of St. Andrew

York Rite

11 Chapter and Commandry
6:30pm

Shrine

6 Lynchburg Shrine Club
5 Shrine Clown Unit
12 & 26 Oriental Band

Remember Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, by officers, each interdependent upon the other. Therefore, there is no wisdom without strength and beauty; no strength without wisdom and beauty and no beauty without wisdom and strength. The Master said, "Thine is the kingdom (wisdom), the power (strength) and the glory (beauty) forever."

If we have truly learned to pray; if we have learned to live in harmony and brotherly love, then our prayers will bear fruit and we as Masons will be nearer that ideal state in which there is truly harmony and happiness.

We must work to achieve the things we seek. "Thy Kingdom Come", means to exert our power and strength to bring about that kingdom.

We must be bound into that sacred band of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention of who can best work and best agree.

O God,

at the beginning of a division of time which men call years, we rejoice to worship a God to whom time does not apply. Thou art the same, yesterday, today, and forever, without beginning of days or end of years. Thou knowest the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things which are not yet done. Because thou art not only timeless in Thy being, but art merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. We would slip our hands into Thine and set forth fearlessly, joyously, upon the unknown and untrodden path of the New Year. In thy name we pray,

Amen.

Recipe of the Month

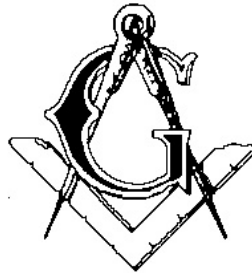
Triple-Layered Mud Pie

Ingredients:

3 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate, melted
1/4 cup canned sweetened condensed milk
1 Oreo pie crust (6 oz.)
1/2 cup chopped Planters Pecans, toasted
2 cups 2% milk
2 packages (3.9 oz. each) Jell-O Chocolate Instant Pudding
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed, divided

Mix chocolate and condensed milk. Pour into crust; sprinkle with pecans. Beat milk and pudding mixes with whisk for 2 minutes, spoon 1-1/2 cups over pecans. Stir half of the Cool Whip into remaining pudding; spread over pudding in crust. Top with remaining Cool Whip. Refrigerate for 3 hours.

Enjoy! ☺



Thought For The New Year

FAITH came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight;
Fear and **Anxiety**, **Grief** and **Gloom**
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such **peace**
Could be;
But **Faith** said gently, "Don't you see?"

THEY REALLY CANNOT LIVE WITH ME!