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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
6/7
Proposed FC Degree 6/21

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Johnny Raines, Sr.
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

I hope that everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend and were able to spend some time enjoying your favorite activities with friends and family. I spent the week prior to Memorial Day down on Edisto Island with my brothers and their families as well as my daughter, son-in-law and my beautiful granddaughters. She and her husband celebrated 10 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows on the beach. It was a great time with the family. My brothers and I don't get enough opportunities like this since we are so scattered out across the country.

Don't forget that our annual Festival of St. John the Baptist Fish Fry is coming up on June 16th. Columbia Chapter #59

OES is joining us this year and it looks like we will have a great turnout.

Ticket sales have been great and I look forward to seeing you there. We will be serving from 11 am until 2 pm or as long as folks keep coming. I am excited about this event.

This is our third year and it has grown every year. I hope this trend continues as it is wonderful opportunity for some fellowship and good food.

We should be having our Fellowcraft Degree this month as well. The candidates have completed their final exams at USC and are working on their proficiencies. We will know their status at the June business meeting so come on out June 7th and join us for our Regular Communication. We would love to

see you if you haven't been in a while.

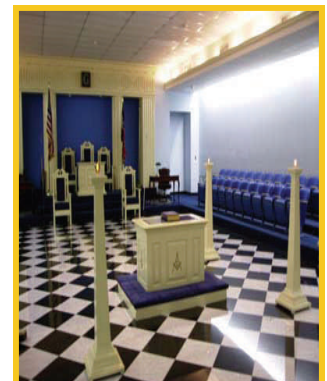
Although the Memorial Day holiday has passed, please continue to keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. These fine individuals deserve our thanks each and every day for the sacrifices that they make for this great country. Continue to remember all that are in public service for the thankless jobs they perform daily to keep us safe to enjoy the freedoms that our military have fought and died for. May the Grand Architect continue to bless each of you and your families. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Jeff Hall WM

FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

Hope everyone is enjoying summer. It has already been a very busy time for me, with the Game Cocks still playing baseball and all the graduations I have been very busy. So as a consequence I am late getting this issue of the Sprig to you.

June is going to continue as a busy month with our St Johns Day Fish Fry and our upcoming degree work. If you are able to help out with either of these please let Worship Master Hall know. I am sure he can find a way to use your assistance.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

THIS MONTH'S DONATIONS

Thank you Brother Tony Smith
Rev. Ewell Black

SICK AND DISTRESS:

Bro Roger Doyon spent some time in Baptist Hospital but is home now He also had eye surgery on Wednesday May 23.

Thomas Downing is in Providence Hospital

Please kept each of these brothers in your prayers

I had a phone call from Bro Clyde Joines in Tennessee. He is doing very well. It is always good to hear from him as we are both retired truckers and he always brings up someone that we both know.

We still have several members who have not paid their 2012 dues. Please get them in.

We had an e-mail from Bro. Ben Brooks. He is now at Ft Leonard Wood, Mo

We want to thank Bro Tony Smith for furnishing the meal for the May business meeting. He then contributed all the proceeds to the lodge.

We want to wish all fathers a happy Fathers Day.

Bro Mike Coker got his fathers day gift a little early. His twin sons graduated from high school along with some honors. Thomas received the John Philip Susa Band Award and Benjamin and his tennis partner went to the final four in competition. Also his daughter Samantha was elected to be drum major for the Gardner Webb University marching band and was elected editor of the yearbook for 2013.

YOUR SPACE ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY The Brethren

This space has been reserved for you the brethren. Submit your articles to Richard Miner at RXMINER@YAHOO.COM



PICTURES FROM LAST YEARS ST. JOHN'S DAY CATFISH FRY

