



Germania Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M.

4415 Bienville Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

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LODGE NEWS

After years of seeping water and damage to the rear apartment it was finally decided to have it repaired from the outside in. Thrasher Waterproofing sealed all cracks and crevasses caulked windows removed loose gunnite, replaced missing gunnite and then painted the exterior with a rubberized roll on paint. Our custodian said it has been dust dry ever since. The part of the building complete is the entire rear and twenty feet forward on each side of the building. Studies are being made to have the rest of the building waterproofed, further damage to the building and the cost factor being the major considerations.

At the August 13 meeting Nial Joseph Hartnett was examined and found to be very proficient, so much so that he delivered an EA obligation for a new brother before he was raised! At the August 27th meeting he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and is "most" welcomed to our lodge and fraternity. Bro. Nial is only 34 years old but is as knowledgeable about Masonry, esoteric works and religions as anyone I know. He can't wait to get involved in degree work and is already talking about the Scottish Rite. I feel confident that he will be sitting in the East in the future.

Masonic Birthdays for September

Andy Kessler	09/21/1943 (60 yrs.)
John Schackai	09/19/1950 (53 yrs.)
Earl Schackai	09/19/1998 (53 yrs.)
Billy Ohler P.M.	09/25/1985 (18 yrs.)
Craig Hart	09/09/1992 (11 yrs.)
Garry McKelvey	09/08/1993 (10 yrs.)
Dale Deats	09/25/1996 (07 yrs.)

Good things from Albert Pike #378

Albert Pike Lodge won the traveling gavel at the last 16th district meeting with 20 members present! That was the sum of **all the other lodges** that were there! They also had that many go through the last Scottish Rite reunion which was roughly half of the class. They have been extremely busy with degree work for over a year now and have even traveled to Kosmos Lodge #171 in Pearl River to help them with degree work. Just a year ago they rarely had any representation at any district meetings. What's going on at Albert Pike? I don't know but hopefully it's contagious.

On The Flip Side of Hollywood (an email article sent to me)

In contrast to the ideals, opinions and feelings of today's "Hollywonk" the real actors of yester-year loved the United States. They had both class and integrity. With the advent of World War many of our actors went to fight rather than stand and rant against this country we all love. They gave up their wealth, position and fame to become service men & women, many as simple "enlisted men". This page lists but a few, but from this group of only 18 men came over 70 medals in honor of their valor, spanning from Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Distinguish Service Cross, Purple Hearts and one Congressional Medal of Honor. So remember; while the "Entertainers of 2003" have been in all of the news media lately (for it seems News Paper, Television and Radio has been more than ready to put them and their anti-American message before the public) I would like to remind the people of what the entertainers of 1943 were doing, (60 years ago). Most of these brave men have since passed on.

Hollywonk!

Real Hollywood Heroes

Alec Guinness (Star Wars) operated a British Royal Navy landing craft on D-Day.

James Doohan ("Scotty" on Star Trek) landed in Normandy with the U. S. Army on D-Day.

Donald Pleasance (The Great Escape) really was an R. A. F. pilot who was shot down, held prisoner and tortured by the Germans.

David Niven was a Sandhurst graduate and Lt. Colonel of the British Commandos in Normandy.

James Stewart Entered the Army Air Force as a private and worked his way to the rank of Colonel. During World War II, Stewart served as a bomber pilot, his service record crediting him with leading more than 20 missions over Germany, and taking part in hundreds of air strikes during his tour of duty. Stewart earned the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre, and 7 Battle Stars during World War II. In peace time, Stewart continued to be an active member of the Air Force as a reservist, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before retiring in the late 1950s.

Clark Gable (Mega-Movie Star when war broke out) Although he was beyond the draft age at the time the U.S. entered WW II, Clark Gable enlisted as a private in the AAF on Aug. 12, 1942 at Los Angeles. He attended the Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. and graduated as a second lieutenant on Oct. 28, 1942. He then attended aerial gunnery school and in Feb. 1943 he was assigned to the 351st Bomb Group at Polebrook where flew operational missions over Europe in B-17s. Capt. Gable returned to the U.S. in Oct. 1943 and was relieved from active duty as a major on Jun. 12, 1944 at his own request, since he was over-age for combat.

Charlton Heston was an Army Air Corps Sergeant in Kodiak.

Earnest Borgnine was a U. S. Navy Gunners Mate 1935-1945.

Charles Durning was a U. S. Army Ranger at Normandy earning a Silver Star and awarded the Purple Heart. He was on the Bataan Death March and held prisoner in the Philippines.

Charles Bronson was a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps, more specifically on B-29s in the 20th Air Force out of Guam, Tinian, and Saipan

George C. Scott was a decorated U. S. Marine.

Eddie Albert (Green Acres TV) was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroic action as a U. S. Naval officer aiding Marines at the horrific battle on the island of Tarawa in the Pacific Nov. 1943.

Brian Keith served as a U.S. Marine rear gunner in several actions against the Japanese on Rabal in the Pacific.

Lee Marvin was a U.S. Marine on Saipan during the Marianas campaign when he was wounded earning the Purple Heart.

John Russell: In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he received a battlefield commission and was wounded and highly decorated for valor at Guadalcanal.

Robert Ryan was a U. S. Marine who served with the O. S. S. in Yugoslavia.

Tyrone Power (an established movie star when Pearl Harbor was bombed) joined the U.S. Marines, was a pilot flying supplies into, and wounded Marines out of, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Audie Murphy, little 5'5" tall 110 pound guy from Texas who played cowboy parts? Most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 2 Bronze Star Medals with "V", 2 Purple Hearts, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Distinguished Unit Emblems, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France) World War II Victory Medal Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar, French Fourragere in Colors of the Croix de Guerre, French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre With Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medal of Liberated France, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.

So how do you feel the real heroes of the silver screen acted when compared to the hollywonks today who spray out anti-American drivel as they bite the hand that feeds them? Can you imagine these stars of yester-year saying they hate our flag, making anti-war speeches, marching in anti-American parades and saying they hate our president? I thought not, neither did I!

I recognize two as Masons, Murphy and Borgnine. Does anyone else know if any of the others mentioned were or are Masons? Please let me know and I'll put in the next newsletter.

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER

September will be somewhat of a historic month for our lodge. First there will be a special communication on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. We know it's a little early in the morning but we want everyone to have the rest of the day. We will be raising two brothers and their father and grandfather will be present bringing three generations of this family to our lodge. We really need a decent turnout, one of the boys has enlisted in the Army and will be off to basic training the next month. This is your chance to show support to a future army officer! This is also the last "live" rehearsal for the Denver Degree Team. Because we are having this special there will be no meeting on September 10. We leave for Denver on Sept 12 and will return on the 14th. There will be a regularly scheduled meeting on September 25 and we will conduct examinations.

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Saturday Sept 6, Special communication 9:00 a.m. double M.M. degree

Wednesday September 10 **NO MEETING but there will be a final rehearsal for the Denver Degree team at 7:00 p.m.!**

Friday, September 12, team leaves for Denver.

Wednesday September 24, regular meeting examinations.

SICK AND DISTRESSED

W. Bro. Warren Hawthorne spent a few days in the hospital. He went in for a fever and had a reaction to the treatment. He was at the last meeting and will be ready for the Denver trip.

Bro. Wendel Leibe is still recuperating at home.

Bro. Tom Wolfe's 49 year old son lost his battle with cancer and was laid to rest on August 12, we send our deepest condolences to the Wolfe family.

Dues not collected

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2003 nine

Thanks to those that have paid, if you haven't and need assistance give me or an officer a call.