



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

4415 Bienville Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

NEWSLETTER



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY - 2012

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER ELDRED "ELDIE" PETER GILMORE H.P.M.

In my lifetime I don't think there was ever a member of our lodge that influenced more people than Bro. Eldred Gilmore. To me he was family, more like an uncle, but also a great friend. He and my father met in the 50's at Jackson Brewery, where they both worked, became friends and the rest is history.

Bro. Gilmore loved the lodge and until his knees went out was always available to work, mentor, cook, cheerlead, console and especially make you smile and laugh. He served as Inner Guard for many years and was kidded about never making a mistake. His knees only kept him from attending regular meetings though, he was still a dynamic force of our lodge. He made as many functions as possible, coached new Masons, was always the first to donate to a worthy cause and

HE HELD COURT!

He had his corner at the bar where everyone, during an event, would come and have wisdom and wit dispensed. Yes, it's true, he could get away with things that nobody else could but that was just "Eldie", people were drawn to him. I don't think he even realized how many lives he touched, he just had a knack that appealed to all, making you want to be his pal. After Katrina and remodeling it was decided not to put bar stools back but this didn't stop Bro. Eldred, he just claimed his table and everyone would come sit for a while to gain his knowledge and always leave smiling.

Bro. Eldred Peter Gilmore Jr. was initiated in Germania Lodge #46 on November 11, 1958, passed to the more honorable degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on March 1, 1959 and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 6, 1959. He was a Master Mason for 51 years, 7 months and 5 days, well done thou good and faithful servant. From the day he was raised to his death our lodge benefitted. The upstairs theatre seats that were so beautifully restored by W. Bro. Melvin Mims after Katrina originally came from the old Cortez Theatre and Bro. Gilmore was one of the original installers. If you look at the Square and Compass in the front of the building you can see a faint gold tint. That was painted by Bro. Gilmore and others on a less that certified ladder many years ago. The glass enclosed sword that graced the entrance to our upstairs until renovations was carefully restored by him and he had our old aprons appraised for restoration, (it was too expensive so he had them sealed in acid free paper). Everywhere you look there are reminders left behind by this wonderful brother. The lodge thought so much of him that they made him an Honorary Past Master, a title that he cherished. We will never be the same without him but we will be better because of him. Well done though good and faithful servant, rest in peace.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Mike Possienot	01/25/2006 - 06 yrs.
Lon Lazar P.M.	01/12/2000 -12 yrs.
Daniel Cox	01/27/1999 -13 yrs
Glen Cupit P.M.	01/23/1999 -13 yrs.
Charles "Chuck" Willis	01/22/1997 -15 yrs.
Richard "Ric" Bell P.M.	01/27/1993 -19 yrs.
Patrick Nichols P.M.	01/27/1982 -30 yrs.
<u>Mitch Baggett</u>	<u>01/28/1976 - 35 yrs.</u>
Brian Buckley	01/26/2011 - 01 yr.
Mark Faulkner	02/27/2008 - 4 yrs.
Ray Wochomurka	02/27/2008 - 4 yrs.
Beryl Jacobs	02/16/2000 - 12 yrs.
Dr. Larry Wade	02/01/1996 - 16 yrs
Leonard Johnson P.M.	02/18/1995 - 17 yrs.
Steve Racca	02/22/1995 - 17 yrs
Tom Mixon P.M.	02/09/1994 - 18 yrs.
Wayne Gilmore P.M.	02/12/1992 - 20 yrs.
Larry Chapoton	02/14/1973 - 38 yrs.

TRESTLE BOARD

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting, EA degree - refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. - 16th District meeting hosted by Dante @ Germania Hall. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m. - Business Meeting, refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 18, all day, Endymion Extravaganza at the Hall. Bring a dish - parking limited.
Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m. - FC degree, Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.



In Loving Memory of
Eldred Peter Gilmore, Jr.
1931-2011

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians, passed on from generation to generation, says that "When you discover that you are riding a dead horse, best strategy is to dismount."

Unfortunately Today ADVANCED strategies are often employed, such as:

1. Buying a stronger (and more expensive) whip.
 2. Changing riders.
 3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
 4. Arranging two trips to other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses.
 5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
 6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
 7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
 8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase efficiency.
 9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase dead horse's performance.
 10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance.
 11. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overhead and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some live horses.
 12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses.
- And of course...**
13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

sent in by Al Bourg - Treasurer Deutsches Haus

I know that Bro. Eldred Gilmore loved his computer, especially after he became confined to his "scooter" but he still preferred the USPS when he really wanted to drive home a point. A few of us have felt the sting of his pen but for fun, pictures and research the computer keep him in touch. This is the very last humor email I got from him and it gives you a very small glimpse of his kind of humor.

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Did I read that sign right?

In an office: TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)