



The Hesperian Newsletter

Hesperia Lodge #411 A.F.& A.M.



Sickness and Distress

Rt. Worshipful Brother Richard Johnson, PM, DDGM, was hospitalized in September with a plethora of health problems. He has now returned and continues to serve the lodges of the 6th Northeast District.

Brother Ronald Miller is currently sick and under a doctors care. While we are not at this time able to affirm the cause, your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. He was, as a result, unable to attend and be installed as our Sr. Deacon. We hope for his quick recovery and return to the lodge.



By Example:

From time to time it is fitting that we acknowledge members of the lodge for their continued efforts, which while essential to the activities of our lodge, often go unnoticed. In this issue we especially thank the following members for their exemplary services to Hesperia #411.

This month it gives me great personal pride to honor two of the true pillars of our lodge. They are, in no small way, responsible for my becoming an active part of Hesperia and continue to serve as mentors for many of the brethren.

Brother Barry Johnson PM: In spite of constant demands on his time as an employee, this brother stepped into the open Sr. Wardens chair for most of the last year. He has continued to sponsor quality members. This brothers heart felt concerns and loyalty to the fraternity and Hesperia in particular shine as an exemplary example of a man and a mason.

Brother Fernando Ojea PM: (Doc) to many of the brother and family at Hesperia, serves the community and the Lodge in hours numbered so great that only the Great Creator could count. The long lasting effects this brother has on everyone he touches can only serve to remind us that as we use our talents, we bring honor and glory to both God and the Lodge.

It is with no small amount of pride that I present these two exemplary men and Masons to our members and friends.



Installation 2003-2004

On October 23, 2003 Hesperians and their guests looked on as Rt. Worshipful Brother Valencik installed the officers for the insueing year.

The list of your officers for 2003 · 2004 are:	
Gilbert Orejudos Pm	WM
Richard J Elia	Sr Warden
Joseph F. Laiacona	Jr Warden
Ronald Miller	Sr Deacon
Paul E. Laws	Jr Deacon
John Sarabia	Sr Steward
Adam Orsini	Jr Steward
Paul Fiedor	Marshall
Ronald J. Ehemann PM	Secretary
Roger Frazier PM	Treasurer
James Stephens	Chaplain
Al Mechnic	Tiler



The installing Officers also included the following Brothers and friends of the Lodge.

Brother Richard Tamen, Chaplain
Rt. Wor. Br. Mohen Modaressi PM, Marshall
Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Johnson DDGM,
Secretary
And the Paul Revere Charge by
Rt. Wor Bro. Russell E Johnson PM

This grand occasion was shared again this year by the Jobs Daughters who performed the Order of the Cross for us, and the musical sounds of Skyway Brass Quintet, lead by our own Brother Orejudo's son.

The evening and its meal were dedicated to the loving memory of Brother Douglas Thompson PM who will be greatly missed. Our Rod officers bore the Black ribbons in his honor.



Called to the Celestial Lodge.

Word was received the day prior to our Installation that Brother Douglas Thompson was called from labor to refreshment on the 17th of Oct. 2003.

Brother Doug (Fingers) Thompson, was a Past Master and the standing organist for no less than seven other bodies in the fraternity.

Having suffered an ongoing illness, that to our knowledge was never fully explained, the blackouts that caused his absence from the lodge could not shake his quiet nature, nor his high spirits. He will truly be missed by all.

Do to the fact that his family was unable to contact the Brethren, Doug was unable to receive Masonic Funeral Rites.

Long may the Grand Architect gain pleasure from the talents in which he bestowed this fine Brother and Exemplary Mason.



Working degrees

We have currently three men awaiting degrees in Freemasonry. Two of these men will receive their Entered Apprentice Degree on Nov. 13th, and the other will be raised along with a brother from the Glenview Lodge at Hesperia's December 11th meeting.

Your presence is needed to make these degrees all they should be. As a lodge the work of conferring degrees is only as good as those who make the commitment to take an active part in them. Please don't miss these two meetings. They also mark our Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebrations, which are a very special time for most of our members.



Oh what a web (site)

Our web site had not been given attention for several years causing among other things, it's being removed from the Grand Lodge link. With the permission of the Worshipful Master, Candidate in waiting Mr. Bruce Barnes (who will be given the entered apprentice degree on Nov. 13) and Brother Paul Laws, have been hard at work to bring our site new life and create a site pleasing to the eye and full of useful information for both the brethren and guests.

At our site, both members and guests will get a view of what, and who, the Hesperia Family really is. They can view updated pictures of our events, officers, and our behind the scene, all important ladies, our history, and links to other Masonic sites.

It is our goal not only to re-link to the Grand Lodge and other lodge sites, but also to allow guests to download brochures, newsletters, and travel information through Mapquest.com.

Our members not able to be physically present at meetings may request, via e-mail, minutes from our meetings, participate in written form in our newsletter, and while not

yet set, participate, via password accessed means, in direct e-mails to and with other members.

There is hope that an Internet site competition may arise from the Grand Lodge and with the assistance of this experienced (soon to be brother) man, Hesperia will not only be on track, but also ready.

We are very proud to have Bruce Barnes and ChicagoNetTech's services as host and technical support for our site. Check out www.Hesperia411.org and give us your input!



Education and the Lodge.

Our worshipful Master has continued to challenge each member to service in any way the individual is able. This has prompted me to write this article to link in each brother's mind the challenge as it comes to us from our ritual.

In our First Degree Charge, we are asked to consider, and strictly observe, the duties we owe our God, neighbor, and ourselves. The challenge is to a strict observance to fidelity. The working tools in the 24%Gage are set as the rule and guide of our time. This, in the hopes that we will properly divide our time in each aspect of life, giving time for Masonic service.

Charity, being the promoting part of the prayer in the Second Degree sets our hearts and the mode of the degree. The fraternity revolves around bettering the individual and in charity to all around us. The inferred point here again is participation. How can we meet these goals if not involved?

Lastly, our obligation in the Third and final true degree promises to obey all the due signs and summons sent by the lodge in as much as it is possible.

Brothers. Our lodge is in need of its Members participation. It is not able to continue to provide its members and the community in its fullest capacity without the active support of our membership! The worshipful Master has continued to make every effort at keeping lodge both interesting fun, and educational for all its members. His goal is to continue to meet both the needs of the candidate and its members from the newest entered apprentice to the eldest honored member. Please consider, as we start the New Year, making a renewed commitment to your lodge and attendance.

The lodge is only as strong as its members.



Grand Lodge

We again sent three representatives to this year's annual communications. It was sad to see the Most Worshipful Master retire yet, heartwarming to see, and feel, the great show of brotherhood and support shown this fine man and his lady.

Many of you are aware that Lady Linda Sullins has been suffering a battle of cancer and that Rt. Worshipful Brother Sullins sent out a heart felt letter of appreciation for his officers and intent in advance not to continue another term.

A full report is now in the hands of our secretary and may be requested by any brother who wishes the information. Our Grand Lodge continues to serve its members and guide us with honor.



The following Pictures are from our installation and Grand Lodge

