

# Thomas M. Holt Lodge # 492 A.F. & A.M.

Regular Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm

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## Upcoming Events

### April 4

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
Guest Speaker: WB Mike Cashion  
Topic: New Member Retention

### April 13

District 22 Masonic School of Instruction  
Thomas M. Holt Lodge, Graham, NC  
School Starts @ 7:30 AM

### April 18

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
Guest Speaker: WB Alvin Billings  
Topic: Shriners Intl. & Amran Shriners

### May 2

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
Masonic Education Topic by WM  
Lightcap: MSANA Hospital Visitation,  
Disaster Relief, & Short Talk Bulletins.

### May 4

Lodge Interior Spring Cleaning @ 9:00AM

### May 16

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
Shotgun Raffle Drawing  
Guest Speaker: WB Larry Thompson  
Topic: J.C. Penney

### May 30

Red Cross Community Blood Drive  
@ Thomas M Holt Lodge  
Time: 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM

### June 6

Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
Guest Speaker: WB Johnny Surles  
Topics: National Sojourners &  
Masonic Etiquette

### June 8

Fundraiser–Golf Tournament @ 8:00 AM  
Quaker Creek Golf Course, Mebane, NC

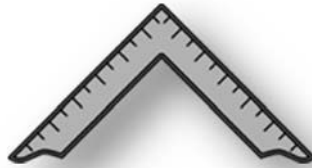
## *The Holler Log – Spring 2019 Edition*

### **Messages from the East:**

Brethren,

Fraternal Greetings from the East!

It has been a long and very wet winter, my Brothers. There was a joke, I read somewhere that said it only rained twice all winter. Once for 45 days and once for 35 days !!, it definitely feels like that was the case ☺. But the good news is once this issue is in your hands, the waters should have receded, and we will have crossed over the official start of Spring. Pretty soon the flowers will bloom, the grass will start growing, and everything will be coated in a green layer of Pollen, I am sure we are all looking forward to that!!



Looking back it has been a busy and productive Winter Season at the lodge. We have had some great meetings and fellowship opportunities. The Officers and some of the Members met in the early part of January and laid out the ground work and a path to completing the requirements for this year's Lion and Pillar Award, and I am happy to say we are well on our way to completing the requirements already. The winter shotgun raffle is in full swing and tickets are selling fast, if you would like tickets, get them soon or they will be gone. The drawing will be on Thursday, May 16th at our stated communication, and the proceeds will be split between the Masonic Home for Children, Whitestone, and the Masonic Foundation. (Raffle Details on Next Page)

Looking forward, please buckle your seatbelts and hold on tight, we are building up for an even more exciting and eventful Spring Season. If you look to the right at the upcoming events list you can see we have a lot going on and a lot of things planned. We have some great guest speakers lined up with some very informative topics for Masonic Education coming to us through the Grand Lodges Speaker Bureau. We will also be wrapping up one fundraiser and starting another during this period. As mentioned above the Shotgun Raffle that is currently in progress will finish up and the winning ticket drawn. In between fundraisers and to support our local neighboring communities, we will be hosting a Community Blood Drive with our Brother Lodges Bula 409 and Bingham 272, through the American Red Cross on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Then it is right into our next big fundraiser, so lace up your golf shoes and dust off your clubs, as our 5th Annual Golf Tournament will tee off on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Creek Golf Course.

Degree work is also ramping up, and the Officers have been hard at work, and busy practicing and polishing their parts for the degree work, with the potential of a couple of degrees in the April\May timeframe. Speaking of practicing, this year's School of Instruction is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th and we will be hosting it at our Lodge this year. There will be a small breakfast beforehand, and the School of Instruction begins at 7:30 am. Please join us if you are able.

In closing I want to remind you that if you haven't cashed in your "Free Meal" ticket from the last Holler Log, there still time to do so, I would love to have you join us for a dinner, and hang around for a meeting. I guarantee you will have a warm welcome if you are able to come! Are you unable to come because you need a ride? I can look into transportation! Are you unable to "get out"? I would be happy to visit you! All it takes is a phone call to me, at (336) 214-6275 and I will try to assist you the best that I can. I would love to see or hear from you, so please take me up on the offer!

Fraternally Yours,


**Jeff Lightcap**

Worshipful Master

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### **Lodge Announcements:**

- ❖ The Pink Ribbon Foundation is requesting our Lodge's help again with parking cars for their Spring Gala on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All available Brothers that are able to assist should meet at the Burlington Shrine Club at 9:00 AM ... Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.
- ❖ The District 22 School of Instruction is scheduled for Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thomas M Holt Lodge is the Host Lodge this year. Breakfast will begin at 7:00 AM with Instruction will be starting promptly at 7:30 AM. All available Brothers that are able to assist with preparing the breakfast, please be at the lodge at 5:30 am to assist Brother Steven Craven.
- ❖ We are planning a Lodge Spring Cleaning on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 starting at 9:00 AM - ??? Please bring any Cleaning Supplies, Furniture Polish, and a Vacuum or two we may need so that we can give the interior of the Lodge a thorough cleaning. Remember many hands make for light work ... ☺
- ❖ Our Current Fundraiser Raffle - Mossberg 930 JM Pro Shotgun Raffle.



## Thomas M. Holt Masonic Lodge

### Shotgun Raffle - 2019

**Mossberg Model 930 JM Pro - 12 Gauge**

Drawing will be held on **Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019** - Need Not Be Present To Win  
 ~ Must be 18 or Older to Win ~ Must Pass Background Check to Receive Gun ~  
 ~ To Be Picked Up At Train 2 Defend ~

**\$5.00 Per Ticket or 5 Tickets For \$20.00**

**Ticket Are Limited to 1000 Tickets**

- ❖ Our Upcoming Fundraiser - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**OUR 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT—06/08/2019**



Join us for Our 5th Annual Golf Tournament  
**Saturday, June 08, 2019**  
 @ Quaker Creek Golf Course, Mebane, NC  
**Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM**  
 \$50.00 per Player / \$200.00 per Team  
 Hole Sponsors \$100.00 - Mulligan's \$10.00

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## Upcoming Events (cont.)

### June 20

Dinner @ 6:30 PM

Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

## Upcoming Birthdays

### April 2018

- 04 - Jeff Fogleman
- 04 - Jeff Lightcap
- 05 - Chip McFalls
- 06 - Douglas Wilson
- 10 - Michael Gaither
- 12 - Rick Mann
- 18 - Charles Sully
- 19 - Doug Foley
- 20 - Don Kehler
- 21 - Melvin Russell
- 23 - Kenneth Dixon

### May 2018

- 01 - Dennis Smith
- 03 - Zachary Stead
- 08 - Dale Landon Goad
- 09 - Robert Stewart
- 10 - Harvey Stephen Lineberry
- 11 - James Johnson
- 12 - Willard Raymond Bailey
- 13 - Ronald Long Jr.
- 14 - Daniel Qualls
- 18 - Allen Wade Bean
- 18 - Walter Creech
- 21 - Timothy Brooks
- 25 - Daniel Barnes

### June 2018

- 03 - Leonard Pendergraph
- 04 - Charles Moser
- 05 - Dalton Drew Sharpe
- 12 - Chris Adams
- 13 - James Sprague
- 13 - Jimmy Wood
- 13 - David Vitkus
- 19 - Stan Mullis
- 26 - David Putnam
- 27 - Dale Dodson

The Brethren of Thomas M. Holt  
 Lodge would like to wish you all  
**A Very Happy Birthday !!!**

## **Masonic Education: Lewis and Clark: America's Early Explorers**

Among the many noted explorers of the 17th and 18th centuries on the North American continent, explorers such as Champlain, de Soto, Hudson, Marquette, Vespucci and La Salle, the names of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark must be forever in the first rank. It was through the efforts of Lewis and Clark that the early United States began to stir for greater expansion in North America.

### **MERIWETHER LEWIS (1774 - 1809)**

Meriwether Lewis was born on August 18, 1774 in Albemarle County, Virginia, the eldest son of William and Lucy (Meriwether) Lewis. His father served in the Continental Army and died shortly after the British surrendered at Yorktown. When Lewis was ten years old, his mother, having married John Marks, the family moved to upper Georgia to join a large group of kinfolk who had holdings on the Broad River. Here Lewis developed a liking for the outdoors, hunting and studying the wildlife and vegetation of the area and recording his findings in a scientific manner. Lewis returned to Virginia in 1787 at the age of thirteen, to study Latin, mathematics and rudimentary science under the Reverend Matthew Maury. He continued his studies with various tutors with the intention of attending William and Mary College. However, because his stepfather had died and his mother had returned to the Virginia Plantation, Lewis, now 18 years old, felt obligated to remain in Virginia with his mother and manage the plantation and to take over the education of half brother and sister, John and Mary Marks.



In 1794 when the Whiskey Rebellion broke out, Lewis, then a member of the militia, was called out to help suppress the rebellion. He liked military life so well, that on May 1, 1795 he enlisted in the regular army and was commissioned an Ensign in the 2nd Legion. He served under Anthony Wayne at the treaty signing that ended the northern Indian wars in the Northwest Territory. In 1796, Lewis was promoted to Lieutenant and stationed with the 1st Infantry at several posts. In 1797, after the Spanish had evacuated the area near Memphis, Lewis commanded a company occupying Fort Pickering at that site. This was Chickasaw Indian Territory and here Lewis showed his great ability by learning the Chickasaw language and their customs, knowledge that would stand him in good stead in later years. From here he went to Detroit and was there when his friend and neighbor, Thomas Jefferson, was elected president of the United States.

Following his inauguration, Jefferson offered the position of private secretary to Lewis who promptly accepted, still retaining his military rank while on leave of absence from active duty. Both Jefferson and Lewis had long harbored a desire to locate a land route to the Pacific. It was on January 18, 1803, that Jefferson requested from Congress an appropriation of \$2,500, for this project. Congress readily concurred.

### **WILLIAM CLARK (1770 - 1838)**

Clark was born in his family home in Caroline County, Virginia on August 1, 1770, the ninth child of John and Ann (Rogers) Clark. His parents had come to Caroline County from Albemarle County some fifteen years earlier. With little or no formal education, Clark developed a practical approach by listening to others, observing nature about him and learning to draw maps and do practical field surveying. This frontiersman approach was to stand him in good stead in later life. William was only six years old when his oldest brother Johnathan, then a major in the Virginia army was taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown. At about the same time, his second brother, George Rogers Clark, defeated the British at Vincennes.



After the close of the Revolutionary War, the family moved from Virginia to Kentucky, stopping off near Redstone for the winter. In the spring of 1785, the family and their belongings rafted down the Monongahela River to Louisville where their son, George Roger, now a general, received his parents and family. It was here that the family home, Mulberry Hill was built. In 1799, both of William's parents died and he continued to live there until he joined with Clark for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. While there was peace with Great Britain and the United States was no longer a splinter group of individual states, matters along the western frontier were not all that quiet. The Indian war still went on with loss of life on both sides. In 1785, General Clark negotiated a treaty with the Indians beyond the Ohio but like many previous treaties, it was fragile and more often broken than adhered to. Several expeditions under various commanders, and for some seven years, fought constant battles with the marauding Indians.

It was during this time that William Clark was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry and was attached to the 4th Sub-legion in September, 1792. Clark served under General Anthony Wayne for four years and was in charge of a rifle corps which included several Chickasaw Indians, who at that time were allied with the United States against the Spanish. Later when General Wayne began his

march into Indian country, Clark was at Cincinnati and started downriver to join the general. It was at the battle of Fallen Timbers, in August of 1794, that Lieutenant Meriwether Lewis served under Clark. Clark remained in military service until July 1, 1796, when he resigned his commission and returned to Mulberry Hill. Here, in addition to his duties at home, he traveled extensively from Virginia to Washington DC and even to New Orleans, still under the control of France. It was in 1803, that Clark received an unexpected letter from Captain Lewis. This letter, when he accepted the commission, changed his and Lewis' life forever.

## **LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION**

While Lewis was in fact the commander of the expedition, the success of the project was the result of a combined effort of Lewis and Clark. Initially, Lewis had obtained a passport to cross the French territory of Louisiana, but the sale by France of the Louisiana Purchase to the United States on April 30, 1803, obviated the need for such a passport. The expedition assembled in Illinois, near the mouth of the Missouri River. The winter of 1803-1804, was spent recruiting and training the men who enlisted for the expedition. The route of the expedition was to travel up the Missouri River to its source. One of the problems with this route was that it took the travelers into territory of the Sioux Indians who were not always friendly with the white men. By skillful diplomacy on the part of Lewis and Clark, the expedition passed through the Sioux lands and finally reached the Mandan Indian villages in North Dakota in the fall of 1804.

Following a winter with the Mandan, Lewis and Clark obtained the services of a French-Canadian and his Shoshone wife Sacajawea. The expedition set out in the spring for a trip to the upper river. In July they reached the falls where it was necessary to portage and again resume the water journey to the end of the river. Here horses were obtained and the journey continued across the Great Divide and on to the Columbia River. Again reverting to the water, the expedition fashioned canoes and traveled down the Columbia to the Pacific Ocean. It was an astonishing feat, crossing the continent by using two of its great rivers.

The explorers returned by basically the same route as they had taken out, retrieving their stashed canoes from their outward journey. Lewis did make a short detour up the Maria's River named for his cousin, Maria Wood. It was on this short journey that the first real trouble with the local Indians took place, however there is no record of any expedition members being wounded or killed in the affair.

When the travelers reached the Mandan Indian village, they were able to persuade the Indian chief to go with them to St. Louis. They arrived on September 23, 1806 to a great welcome by a nation that had thought them dead.



## **EPILOGUE**

The success of the expedition brought great rewards to both men. In November of 1807 they returned to Washington, D.C. Here Lewis resigned his military commission and President Jefferson appointed him governor of all of the Louisiana Territory above the northern boundary of present day Louisiana. Lewis returned to St. Louis in the summer of 1807 and remained there until the summer of 1809 when he decided to return to Washington for some unfinished business in connection with the expedition. At an area near present day Memphis, he left the river and headed east at the crossing of the Tennessee River near Muscle Shoals. On the night of October 11, he stopped at an inn with his two servants. The next morning he was found shot to death and his money and watch were missing. The watch was later recovered in New Orleans. To this day, the matter of his death is still not completely known. Clark also resigned from the army on February 27, 1807, and was at once appointed a brigadier general of the Louisiana militia and appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis. He worked closely with Governor Lewis to establish cooperation between both entities of the government. Upon the death of Lewis, Clark was asked to assume the duty of governor but declined to accept the post. Later, however, in 1813, he became governor of the Missouri Territory. Clark served with great distinction and his attitude towards the native Indians did much to placate any hostility or resentment by the Western Indians. Clark died in St. Louis on September 1, 1838.

Lewis was a member of Door to Virtue Lodge, No. 44, Albemarle Co., Virginia, having petitioned the Lodge on December 31, 1796. He also received the Royal Arch Degree in Staunton Lodge, No. 13 but the exact date is unknown, however, a diploma in the Library of Congress is dated October 31, 1799. Lewis was one of the petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for authorization to form St. Louis Lodge No. 111 and this Lodge was constituted on November 8, 1808, with Meriwether Lewis as its first Master.

Clark was also a member of St. Louis Lodge No 111 and at his death on September 1, 1838, he was buried with full Military and Masonic Honors in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

These two great American soldiers, explorers and Masons have received very little recognition since their deaths. Yet these two men were instrumental in allowing the United States to expand westward and help form the great nation that it is.

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## **Masonic Trivia and Facts:**

- The Masonic Lodge with the highest meeting place on the earth is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the Lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 feet above sea level. The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 in Leadville, Colorado with an elevation about 10,200 feet.
- In order to have unbroken floor space in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, the cars in two elevator shafts move sideways thirty-five feet. As the elevators rise 255 feet in two slanting hoist-ways from the main floor to the observation platform at the top of the building, it moves sideways 1 foot for approximately every 7 ¼ feet it ascends or descends.
- One hundred fifty years ago in the U.S., there were nearly 3,000 Masonic lodges that can be described as "Moon Lodges"; in 1972 there were fewer than 500, today fewer than 350. These lodges met on or near the day of the full moon for very practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel by at night. With the advent of electricity, street lights, and the automobile, the reason for meeting on such nights became unnecessary.
- John Hancock was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote in a bold flourishing style. When asked why his signature was so large, he replied: "So that George III may read it without putting on his spectacles."
- When receiving our Master Mason's degree, part of the penalty given included the phrase 'where the tide ebbs and flows twice in every twenty-four hours.' However, did you know that in part of the Gulf of Mexico; St-Michael, Alaska; Do-Son, Indochina; Batavia, Java, and Manila in the Philippines the tide ebbs and flows only once in twenty-four hours.
- The 'World's Largest Mason' was Miles Darden, who died in Lexington, Tennessee in 1857 at the age of 58 years. He weighed over 1,000 lbs. and was 7'6" in height with a 76-inch waist. It took seven men to place him in his casket.

**Comments or Suggestions are Welcome ...**

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### **Back Page Brain Teaser Answers**

**The 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences Word Search: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music.**

**Riddle Answers: 1) A Hole 2) A Nickel & A Quarter 3) A Secret 4) Mary 5) A River 6) A Matchstick**

## **Masonic Anniversaries**

(Number Indicates Years Since Raising)

### **April**

- 01 – Gary Overbey
- 02 – Benjamin Dowd
- 05 – John Harrington
- 05 – Jeff Lightcap
- 07 – Jeff Fogelman
- 12 – Glenn Hogan
- 12 – David Quigley Jr.
- 15 – Kelly Cummings
- 15 – Tony Ivan Wood
- 17 – Roger Thomas Jefferson
- 19 – David Thompson
- 25 – Mike Benesch
- 25 – Lewis Franklin
- 26 – Jimmy Wood
- 30 – Charles Bradley
- 31 – Isaac Holt III
- 39 – Jack Collins
- 47 – Boyd Wright
- 49 – Jerry Cummings

### **May**

- 08 – Barry Adams
- 09 – Brad Johnson
- 09 – Marcus Orr
- 15 – Donald Holt
- 22 – John David Maness II
- 22 – Michael Shepanski
- 31 – Michael Gaither
- 45 – Willard Raymond Bailey
- 45 – Dennis Smith
- 64 – Harry Smith

### **June**

- 02 – Dennis Bullis
- 02 – Seth Norris
- 10 – Chris Adams
- 10 – Todd Smith
- 10 – Steven West
- 26 – Dale Dodson
- 28 – Herbert Holmes
- 28 – Donald Ray
- 30 – Tim Collins Jr.
- 35 – Gene Nolf
- 44 – Norman Ross
- 44 – William Dickten
- 48 – Leonard Pendergraph
- 54 – Jessie May Jr.

The Brethren of Thomas M. Holt Lodge would like to Thank You for your years of service and support of our Lodge!!!

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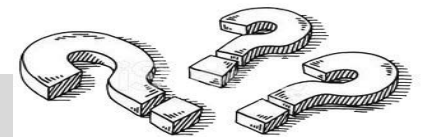
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## The Holler Log Back Page Brain Teasers

Do you remember these from the 2nd Degree Lecture ??  
 Can you find all 7 below ??

### The 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences

M	G	N	X	J	M	R	D	O	B	Z	L	D	V	M
I	Z	R	K	T	I	T	X	R	C	C	W	Q	R	Z
R	T	X	P	A	Z	K	L	A	I	I	U	S	W	C
L	N	P	Q	T	Z	V	O	A	U	G	L	J	Y	I
G	S	E	L	M	Q	D	T	R	S	O	L	Q	M	T
E	M	Q	C	R	S	A	Z	Q	Q	L	G	T	O	E
K	A	P	N	U	A	W	G	V	P	J	D	C	N	M
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D	K	R	E	U	Z	T	L	D	W	G	S	T	A	A
A	N	Q	T	C	I	R	O	T	E	H	R	O	R	S
Y	B	D	C	U	S	V	H	P	O	E	P	U	U	Y
M	M	N	J	Z	U	L	M	G	G	J	F	Q	R	N



### Riddles

- 1) What gets bigger the more you take away?
- 2) I have two coins that add up to 30 cents.  
One is not a Nickel. What are the 2 coins?
- 3) If you have me, you will want to share me.  
If you share me, you will no longer have me.  
What am I ?
- 4) Mary's mother had four children;  
April, May and June were the first three.  
What's the name of the 4th child ?
- 5) What runs but never walks, has a mouth but  
never talks ?
- 6) Tear one off and scratch my head what was  
once red is black instead. What am I ??

See Page 5 of the Holler Log for the Riddle answers and the 7 Word Search Words.