



Presenting *Your DeKalb County* Masonic Association Newsletter

March 2007 North DeKalb 714

THE DCMA CRIER

Welcome to North DeKalb 714

We're glad you're here! Tonight's program will be the "Friend to Friend" presentation, where DDGM John Holt will fill us in on some of the Masonic facts about the "Friend to Friend" Masonic Memorial Monument. Freemasonry made history with by becoming the only private organization to erect a monument at a United States National Park.



Dedicated on 21 August, 1993, the monument depicts mortally wounded Brother and Confederate Brigadier General Armistead being comforted by Brother and Union Captain Bingham. This monument is in place at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

Where Next?

On Tuesday, 17 April, we will be at Masters 295, and we hope you'll not only join us there, but bring a guest as well. WBro. Dennis Gueth will come from the 8th District to speak to us about Community Partnership opportunities.

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For more information, including known programs and past newsletters, visit the DCMA online at <http://dcma.morelight.org>

Spotlight: DeKalb Masonic Memorial Club

The members of the DMMC are honored to perform the last sad tribute of respect for our deceased Brethren, but we sure could use some more to share the load. We have been doing as many as three Masonic graveside services in a single week, and not every brother can shuffle his schedule at the last minute.

We need volunteers!

The Memorial Club need volunteers for everything, from simply supporting us with your presence, to holding a staff as a Steward or Deacon, to one of the smaller or larger speaking parts - no volunteer will be refused, and no volunteer will be given more to do than he is comfortable with.

Won't you step forward to give your departed brethren the service they (and you) deserve and expect?

For further information, we meet at 2:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Clarkston 492, and visitors are welcome. Or, you can contact President Gerald Whited, by phone 770-921-9672 or email gwhited@bellsouth.net or visit us online at <http://dmmc.morelight.org>

DCMA Member Lodges

The DCMA is made up of the following twelve member lodges, each of which meets in DeKalb County:

- Tucker 41, Tucker
- Lithonia 84, Lithonia
- Masters 295, Decatur
- Chamblee-Sardis 444, Chamblee
- Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain
- Clarkston 492, Clarkston
- Panthersville 543, Decatur
- E A Minor 603, Lithonia
- Grant Park 604, Lithonia
- Glenwood Hills 703, Stone Mountain
- North DeKalb 714, Atlanta
- Metro Daylight 743, Chamblee

Membership is open to all GL of GA lodges, even if they don't meet in our fine county of DeKalb - please contact one of our officers if your lodge would like to get in on the fun, the fellowship, and... oh, yeah - the food!

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Status Report

If you missed the February meeting at Chamblee-Sardis 444, you might not know that the donations we collected from you all during 2006 totaled \$1,260.00, which gave us \$420.00 to each of our three charities - the Georgia Masonic Children's Home, the Scottish Rite Foundation, and the Knight Templar Eye Fund. And one of the door prizes was won by a brother visiting from Alabama!

Meal Donations?

Please remember that the DCMA has started to place a donation box at meal time. Every bit that is donated is turned back over to the hosting lodge to help offset the cost of the meal. Some lodges might not flinch at the cost of feeding up to 100 visitors, but for some lodges it is quite a hardship. The DCMA does not wish to be a burden on any of our host lodges. We encourage attendees to donate according to their circumstances, and we encourage the host lodge to use the donations as they see fit.

Programs and Presenters

We want to continue with a 15-20 minute educational or entertainment program at each meeting this year. Please let us know what you think about the programs we're putting on - are they too long? Too short? Too boring? Too exciting? We are doing it for YOU, but we have to know what YOU want!

If you know of a program and/or presenter that you think would be a good to have here at the DCMA, or just a good program for your own meeting, *please let us know!* We'll add it to the list and then we'll be able to help you contact someone when you want a program at your own meeting.

Masonic Education and Leadership Development

I'm going to take this opportunity to let everyone know that the Grand Lodge has a program of five self-study courses available. These courses are meant to be taken open-book style, and are intended to help make each member become a better mason by becoming a better educated mason. We have courses on:

Georgia Masonic Code
Georgia Masonic Etiquette
Georgia Masonic History
Georgia Masonic Manual
Georgia Masonic Rules of Order

Some of the reference material is available online; the rest can be obtained through the Grand Secretary's Office - get with your lodge Secretary for details.

The actual tests and answer sheets can be found online on the 5th District website, <http://5dist.morelight.org/meld.html> - please contact Wayne Glass or David Herman if you need other arrangements.

Upcoming Nearby Events

Sat, 24 Mar - Pancake Breakfast
Chamblee-Sardis 444, Chamblee

Thu, 5 Apr - Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony
Valley of Atlanta, A&ASR

Sat, 7 Apr - Pancake Breakfast
Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain

Sun, 8 Apr - BBQ Lunch
Lithonia 84, Lithonia

Tue, 10 Apr - GCMA (Gwinnett)
Dacula 433, Dacula

Sat, 14 Apr - 6th Annual Masonic Golf Charity
Wood Lake Golf Course, Monroe (Snellville 99)

Tue, 17 Apr - DCMA
Masters 295, Decatur

Sun, 22 Apr - Masonic Golf Charity
Flint River Golf Course, Albany (Dougherty 591)

Sat, 5 May - Fish Fry
Clarkston 492, Clarkston

Sat, 12 May - GCMA
Grayson 495, Grayson

Thu, 24 May - DCMA
Lithonia 84, Lithonia

Thu, 28 Jun - DCMA
Grant Park 604, Lithonia

Tue, 24 Jul - DCMA
Clarkston 492, Clarkston

Wed, 1 Aug - 5th District Awards Deadline
For Lodge and Mason of the Year

Sat, Aug 11 - 5th District Workday
Children's Home, Macon

Sat, Aug 11 - GCMA
Gwinnett Daylight 744, Lawrenceville

Thu, 21 Aug - DCMA
Panthersville 543, Decatur

Sat, 8 Sep - 5th District Convention
Atlanta Masonic Center

Mon, 24 Sep - DCMA
Tucker 42, Tucker