

Companions ,

It is my sad duty to tell you that Companion **Paul H. Shelton** passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers. Since we did not have a convocation in February due to the weather, our stated this month will be the DDGHP, RE **Terry Duvall's** official visit. We also will have important committee reports on the Royal Arch Widows Degree & a new token for D.C. Night in Virginia (remember, this year will be the first time we call the event the **George D. "Kingfish" Steven's** Memorial D.C. Night in Virginia.)

It is my intention to nominate a respected Royal Arch Mason to Honorary Membership at Arlington #35 as a new item of business. We will vote on the issue in April and publicly announce the results at a later date. Mark your calendars now for 14 April, which is **Virginia Night in DC** at Columbia RAC No. 1, Naval Masonic lodge. Let's have a great turnout. More details coming next month. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Virginia will celebrate its 200th birthday this May 16th & 17th in Williamsburg. The highlight will be a supper Saturday night featuring Brother Roy Clark. Tickets are limited. See www.yorkrite.org and select Royal Arch, then VA for details or contact your Chapter officers.

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John

"200 Years of Royal Arch Excellence"

Fifty Year Members

<i>John P. Funkhouser</i>	1949
<i>David H. Graham</i>	1950
<i>Elgin B. Kirby</i>	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
Robert A. Kelly	1949
Elwood S. Nichols	1949
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Robert L. Connor	1951
John E. Wise	1952
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Wilbert Kahoun	1954
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956

Trestle board

Remember, we serve **refreshments at 6:30** before every meeting.
12 March Stated.
17 March Annandale Chapter.
14 April Virginia Night in DC

Did You Know:

Easter this year is: Sunday March 23, 2008
As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which this year is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, and is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Here are a couple of things you might be interested in!

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! Only those 95 years old or older have ever seen it this early. And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228. The last time it was this early was 1913

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Capitular Birthdays

MARCH

Robert A. Kelley	1949
John W. Spink	1963
Willaim T. Spencer	1974
Larry A. Rich	1977
James R. Sanderson	1977
William G. Sizemore	1979
Jesse Villarreal	1981
Frederick M. Pedrotti	1987
Frederick M. Crabtree Jr	1993
Dean B. Beacham	1995
Elmer E. Luther	1995
Frank C. Marcey Jr	1995
Robert B. Rench Jr.	1995
Philip N. Rhodes	1995
Larry L. Anderson	1997
David L. Schlechty	1997
Sean Callahan	2005
Christopher Humphreys	2005

Laugh of the month:

Words to Live By

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and laxative on the same night.
For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.

If you had to identify, in one word, the reason the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."

Never lick a steak knife.

Thought for the day: Remember that a small family of amateurs built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

From the Editor:

1. Companions, our High Priest announced last month that his wife was to undergo serious treatment in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins hospital. I am very pleased to report that the procedure went extremely well, and she has returned home. She and the High Priest are very appreciative of your prayers, cards and well wishes. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers and thoughts.

2. Companions for the past few years I have been able to print and fold the monthly trestleboard for five cents a copy. This compares for seven cents for copying only at a commercial business. However, my access to this great deal will end this autumn, and I expect costs will raise to at least 8 or 9 cents. We mail about 1500 trestleboards a year, so the estimated total expense will increase by \$60.00. Of course the increase in postage will also increase costs. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, send your address to me at:

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