



The Communiqué

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President's Comments
By Brother Kevin Carroll



Editors Corner

By Brother Dennis W. Mull



Saturday I had the opportunity to work on cleaning up the new lodge site and to walk the property. It is a good size piece of property needing a lot of work but with great potential. Working together, with the financial and physical support of all lodge members, it can become a real jewel. Pictures of the several structures and adjacent wooded areas are on the website. This site and future additions and improvements will offer an excellent home for all members and even surpasses the current location with areas to add recreation and outside dining. I invite all members to come out and walk the property for yourself. Plus, all should render a “Good Job” to Kevin for the huge amount of work he puts into the lodges, both current and future.

I really hope to hear from members with input for the newsletter. Professional and personal events of note, photos and issues that need to be shared with the lodge. I can be reached at (804) 733-1131 or at leesrt6@valorsrest.com.

Fraternally Yours



From the Desk of Betty Rice, Associate President

Happy Autumn to all! We had a great meeting in September, and it was so nice to see all that were able to attend. We, as the Associates and the Lodge, have many things going on. Please try to make our monthly meetings. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Brothers Ray Cullop on September 4th, Michael Morse on the 12th, Tommy Fields on the 20th, Al McIntire on the 20th, and Jim Thomas on the 30th. Hope each of you enjoyed your special day! Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Nancy Eubanks. We are here for you! If you are interested in running for an Associate board position, please contact Sisters Betty or Karen Rice or Brothers Al McIntire or Wayne Trammell. Elections will be held in November. Look forward to seeing you all on our October 18th meeting! Take care till then. Sister Betty Rice



From The Lodge Cooks

Thank you immensely to Brother Jimmy Clapp for taking care of the grilling at our September meeting, and Sisters Elke Eckenrode and Homer Westmoreland for their kitchen clean-up. Your help is much appreciated! We will be having our annual steak and chicken dinner on October 18th. The cost will be \$5.00 per person to help offset the costs. We will be providing side dishes and desserts to complement the meal. Please e-mail us at thedrivingschool@comcast.net or call us at 804.275.8467 to let us know if you will be attending the event. Thank you in advance for contacting us so we will know how much to buy and prepare. Have a great beginning to your autumn! Take care. look forward to seeing you all soon! Sisters

Betty and Karen Rice



Elections

The Lodge will hold its elections for the Board at the November meeting. Any member who has, or will have attended five (5) meetings including the October meeting this year is eligible to run for office. The offices available are; president, vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain, sergeant at arms and trustee. The term will run from 1/1/2008 thru 12/31/2009. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact a member of the election committee in person or by e mail.

Committee members are;

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Sister Jean Mull-e mail Nurseracer@yahoo.com (C) 731-1813

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Fraternally,
Brother Jimmy Clapp

Volunteer Opportunity

The lodge needs members that are willing and able to devote time to work as the coordinator of lodge rentals. This is an important position and affects the financial well being of the lodge. If you want to be someone that the lodge recognizes as a vital member of the team this is your chance. Please submit your name at the October meeting and if not able to attend contact any board member.



The CIA was seeking new candidates for field agents. They had selected three possible individuals for the opening and since they were very close decided on one final test to see who was the most motivated? Each candidate was briefed that their spouse would be in a secure interview room and they were to “terminate them with prejudice” as the final test. They were each issued a silenced pistol but the rounds were, unknown to them, actually blank. First the US Army Special Forces soldier went in, but after seeing his wife could not do it. Next the US Army Ranger went in, but when he saw his wife of ten years he could just not do it. Lastly, a female employee of the state department went in and closed the door. It was quiet for awhile, and then there was running and screaming for about two minutes, and then it was quiet once more. The lady came out of the room and the tester asked, “What the heck happened?” She looked at him and bitterly stated, “Your darn gun malfunctioned so I had to beat the poor SOB to death!”

