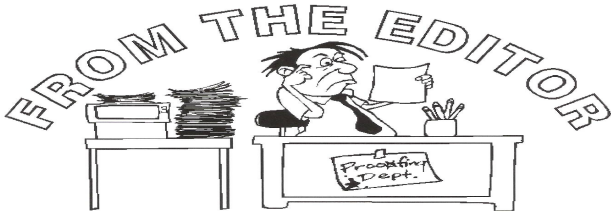

Americanism Notes

Don't count the days. D.A.R.E. to make the day count.

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On May 25th I sent a letter to each Lodge Exalted Ruler requesting that they ensure that an Americanism Committee Chair has been appointed and that they inform me of the appointment. The following Lodges have failed to honor this request.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

(District Chair Allen Baker)

Charlottesville 389

Fredericksburg 875

Northern Neck 2666

Richmond 45

NORTH DISTRICT

(District Chair Rose Ward)

Alexandria 758

Arlington-Fairfax 2188

Manassas 2512

Warrenton-Culpeper 2737

SOUTHWEST

(District Chair William Mathieu)

Galax 2212

Lynchburg 321

Martinsville 1752

Pulaski 1067

Roanoke 197

National Home 8081

SOUTHEAST

(District Chair Eric Hamilton)

Hampton 366

Newport News 315

Portsmouth-Chesapeake 82

This is half the Lodges in the state that have not responded. A second notice was sent to these Lodges on 7/6/12.

District Deputies & District Chairs, please contact your lodges that have not submitted and STRONGLY urge them to send the requested information.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Themes for September

- * Labor Day (09/03/2012)
- * Patriotism Week (09/10 - 15, 2012)
- * Patriot Day (09/11/2012)
- * F. Scott Key writes National Anthem (09/14/1814)
- * Constitution/Citizenship Day (09/17/2012)

I ask each Lodge to send me a copy of the program outline for each event that is held.

Lodge Chairs should be working on plans for the City/Town Mayor to sign a Patriot Day Proclamation and a Patriotism Week Proclamation. Photographs should be taken and a short PR piece written up for release to local media. Sample Proclamations are attached to these notes.

If, like Loudon Lodge 2406, Virginia Beach 2268, Clifton Forge 1065 and Roanoke 197, you held a "FLAG DAY" ceremony, please send me a copy of the program outline or lesson plan. The information you send me will become part of the State Americanism Report.

DO YOU have an idea for a state wide FLAG DAY program for June 2013??? If so PLEASE!! send me an outline. The last time we did a State Association program was at the convention in Hampton, aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin in 2003. After consulting with State President Myers, we are looking into the possibility of holding an ALL STATE LODGES ceremony during the June State Convention.