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Hello members and friends,

The dog days of summer are soon coming to an end, unlike our Braves. Let's hope they can recover from a not-so-stellar season and make it to the playoffs.

The topic of our next chapter meeting is sure to be a good one! *The growing importance of the employee-employer relationship, and how to protect and strengthen your business.* Our guest speakers will be Matt Pilz with Vibratech and myself.

I hope that it has been a safe and good year for everyone. I look forward to seeing you all at our next chapter meeting.

Stay safe,

Steve Javorka



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COMING UP

Meeting Dates for 2015:

Friday September 18 @ 7:00pm

Saturday December 5 @ 6:00pm



CHAPTER EVENT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hudson Grille
6317 Roswell Road
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\$20.00 per person (cash or check)
*Seated Dinner*Cash Bar

Featured Speakers:

Matt Pilz Vibra-Tech Engineers, Inc.

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***“THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIP, AND HOW
TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN YOUR BUSINESS.”***

THE CARVING OF STONE MOUNTAIN

Stone Mountain is the largest exposed granite face in the world.

We all know and understand that Stone Mountain is a museum, telling the story of the Civil War. We know that the three soldiers carved into the mountain are President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee, and General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson.

But, do you know how the carving came to life? Blasting, of course! Well, sort of.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy contacted the famous sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, (sculptor of Mount Rushmore) to sculpt a likeness of General Robert E. Lee on the mountain. Borglum refused and suggested a much larger sculpture that would include Lee, with a column of Confederate Soldiers.

Work began on the mountain in 1923. Steel beams were installed on the face of the mountain that would support the work platforms for the remainder of the project. The workers blasted using dynamite, and carving with jackhammers. On January 19, 1924 the Lee sculpture was unveiled to thousands of spectators.

The next step was to carve General “Stonewall” Jackson on the mountain. The relationship between Borglum and his patrons went sour. Accusations of financial misconduct escalated. Borglum eventually fled the state of Georgia, to avoid being arrested.

Augustus Lukeman succeeded Borglum on the project. He put his carving just below where Borglum had begun his. Later on, the work of Borglum was blasted off. Lukeman had completed two human heads and one horse’s head when the original contract expired in 1928. The project was out of money and the Great Depression ensued.

In 1958, the State of Georgia purchased Stone Mountain. In 1963, Walker Kirtland Hancock was retained to oversee the completion of the artwork. Once again, men scaled the half-completed mountain to prepare for carving. Workers began highlighting the existing portraits of Lee and Jackson by using new thermo-jet torches. They did this to remove an ugly coating of mildew that had accumulated, and to give the carving a uniform surface. Carvers quickly discovered that the intense heat of the torches created a glassy look and the workers were able to remove tons of stone in one day, by using the thermo-jet torches.

On May 9, 1970, the carving of Stone Mountain was officially dedicated. Vice President Agnew was in attendance. William Holmes Borders, a noted African-American theologian and pastor of the Wheat St. Baptist Church, gave the invocation. In 1972, the carving was officially declared complete.

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Thank you to everyone that made it out to our last chapter meeting.

Michael Bowling done a wonderful job speaking and a great time was had by all!

Thank you for the generous door prize donations!

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