

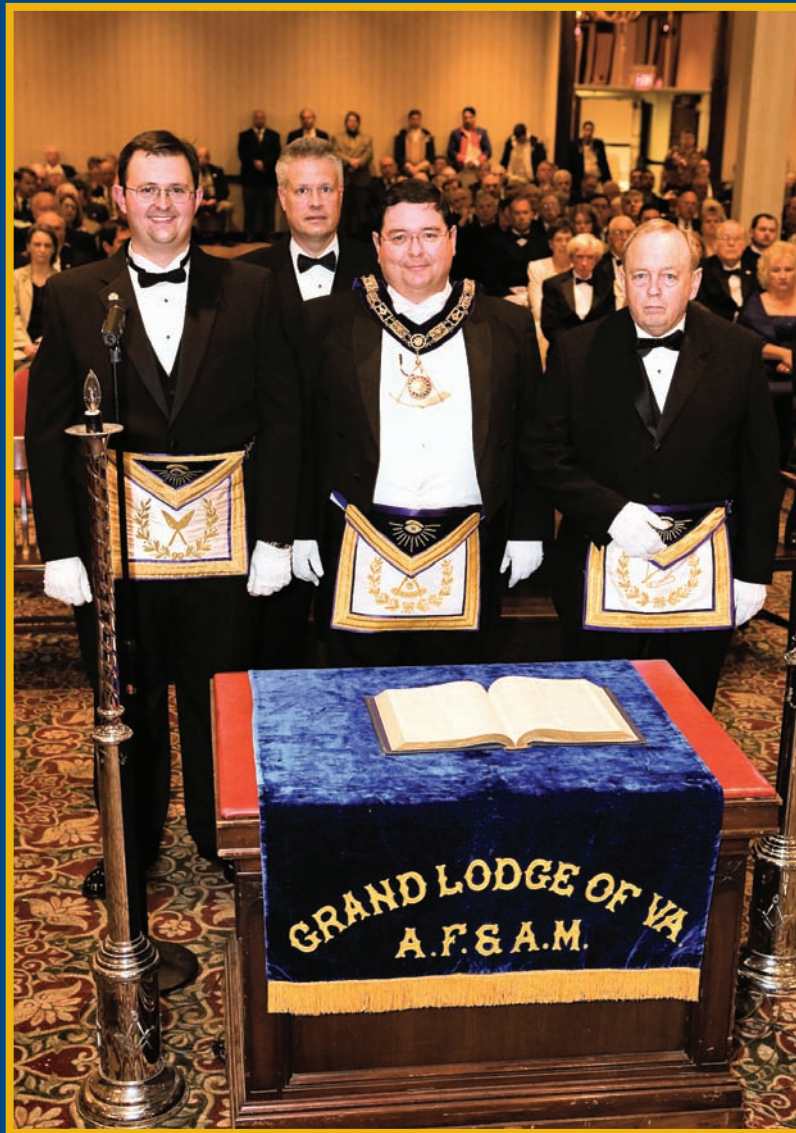
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Grand Master's Message

Dear Brethren, Ladies, and Friends,

I start my letter to you off this way, as I hope many of our Brethren will share the *Virginia Masonic Herald* with their Ladies, even better with their friends who know little about our Fraternity. Our Editor and his Board have performed a wonderful job developing this journal into the best organized, most clearly definable, and most readily accessible management/marketing tool for the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Their efforts are to be commended. Please complete the cycle and read the articles your Brethren have produced and then share the *Masonic Herald*. Our Fraternity will benefit from your doing so, and so will you.

Well, it is fascinating to see how swift the sand of time is passing by. I would like to tell each of you how proud I am of the heartwarming welcome we are receiving from you, as we travel around the Commonwealth. Your hospitality for our Grand Lodge Officers and me is a true indication that you "get it." We see so many positive things occurring in the Craft. Young ladies who express poise and grace in an International Order of Job's Daughter Pageant learn such because we are there to mentor them. Lodges which are extending the hand of fellowship and support to those in need prove that the heart of Freemasonry glows fervently. Increased numbers of petitions being read in our Lodges proves we are seeing a new day of growth, and your donations pouring into our Masonic Home of Virginia to underwrite that noble cause show the Craft is "getting it." These are only a few examples of the icing on the cake of the positive effects our Fraternity is having. These need to continue. They can only be fueled by our "involvement." What is it that they are "getting"? A true understanding of what we are in business to do is what they are getting: living our lives as a Fraternity of Freemasons!

We see so many examples of our members going out of their way to help. One of the keystones of this Fraternity is hospitality. This doesn't exist in only a dinner-related situation. I recall one of the most impressive reasons that I became so active in this Fraternity was the gracious hospitality I experienced from my mentor, Right Worshipful Don Wright. The way he put himself out to meet with me, so I could learn the work, invite me to the functions of groups of which I had no knowledge, and the interest he had in my traveling with the "group" to visit another Lodge, set the whole



GRAND MASTER
M.: W.: Jeffery E. Hodges

tone for me to "get it." I hope your Mentor did the same. Even more than that, I hope each of us continues to do this for everyone we meet and greet.

I am honored to serve our Craft as the Grand Master. It gives me great joy in seeing our Fraternity working to fulfill its destiny. Yet, at times I am disturbed by the information coming across my desk of Brethren managing their affairs but not as the gentlemen they should be, or of Brethren who have little idea of circumscribing their anger and physically lash out at their wives and children, or of business dealings that are unscrupulous. These are examples of when we are not "getting it."

My theme this year is "Discovering Our Potential." I ask your help to become passionate about applying the tenets of our Fraternity. Work in the quarry to assist your Brethren who are straying from the right course, and don't turn your back upon responsibility to see the right thing done hoping someone else will respond. Meet each opportunity asking yourself, "What would a man of honor and integrity do?" So many times in today's society people, instead, ask the question, "What can I get out of this?" Let's discover our potential to draw upon our resources to live a better than just good life; make it a great life!

Fraternally,
Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master

First Lady's Message

It seems like yesterday we began this journey, which has culminated in Jeff being installed as Grand Master this past November. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us along the way to reach this destination. It has taken the dedication of many; his wonderful Journeymen and guidance from many of the Past Grand Masters to help form the plans for this year. I, in turn, could not have put into action my plans without the help of the Journeymen's wives, our daughter Ashley, and the wives of the District Deputy Grand Masters. In addition, I would like to thank the wives of the Past Grand Masters, who were always willing to answer my many questions and have encouraged me to be myself and have fun.

We have not had the first Official Visit yet, and I have already received five book recordings, a player for the Masonic Home Library, and one hundred dollars for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund. In addition, I have heard from several of the District Deputy Grand Masters' wives, who have shared with me the plans they have to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. I would like to thank all of you in advance for

what you are doing to help with these charities. The only word that comes to mind to express the gratitude I have is WOW! We are off to a terrific start.

For your information, there is a lot of Masonic history in my family. My sister and I both hold Majority Memberships in Job's Daughters, where we both learned lessons that we have carried throughout our lives. In 1977, I became a member of the Order of Eastern Star along with my mother. I am also proud to say that I am the granddaughter, niece, mother, daughter, and yes, the wife of a Master Mason. I know first hand the wonderful things Masons do for our communities and family.

I look forward to traveling across our beautiful Commonwealth with Jeff and spending time with each of you; especially our Masonic Sweethearts and sharing the story of the snowflake. With all the planning and dedication I have seen so far, I think we are in for a real blizzard!

Sincerely,
Susan Hodges

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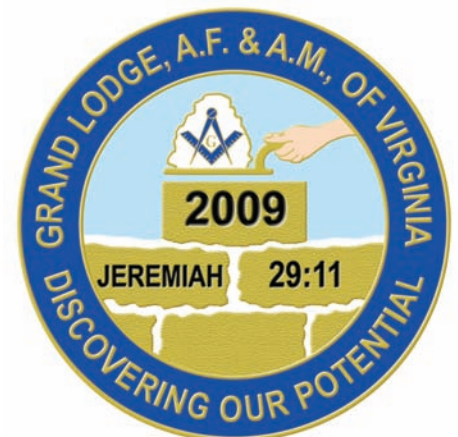
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- 11 James S. "Stan" Johnson Sporting Clays Tournament
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- 20 Wreath Laying, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk Official Visits, Masonic Districts 35-A & -B



“Discovering Our Potential”

Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges

Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on May 10, 1957, the son of James E. and Elaine B. Hodges. He graduated from Menchville High School in Newport News, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Richmond, and a DDS Degree in Dentistry from the Medical College of Virginia. Brother Hodges has been in private practice in Charlottesville since 1983 and previously worked as a clinical faculty member of the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry.

Brother Hodges was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 on August 26, 1985. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1996. He is also a Life Member in Perpetuity of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Mount Jackson Lodge No. 103, Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774, and an honorary member of Chester Lodge No. 94, and Mariner Lodge No. 215. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 18 in 1999. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, near Virginia. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2004 and installed as the 164th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia on November 8, 2008, in Richmond, Virginia.



He is a member of the Valley of Lynchburg and the Valley of Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he received the Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2007; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58; Charlottesville Commandery No. 3; Acca Shrine Center, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Richmond Court No. 16, Royal Order of Jesters; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Past President of the Piedmont Shrine Club and Past Commander of the Acca Mini Patrol. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity of Fredericksburg Chapter No. 545,

National Sojourners, member of the Washington Cruisers Camp of the Heroes of '76, and Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star. He served as Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 in 1999. In the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he holds honorary membership in Lodge Fraser No. 267 and Lodge Aberdeen No. 164 and is a member of Lodge Knightswood No. 1445. Since 1996, he has headed the Virginia Traveling Masons.

Brother Hodges has been named in "Who's Who in America" several times during his tenure as a member of the Charlottesville/Albemarle County Jaycees. He is a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award and previously served as a Scoutmaster in the Petersburg, Virginia area. He holds membership in the American Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Association and the Charlottesville/Albemarle County Dental Association.

He is married to the former Susan Elaine Lascola of Newport News, Virginia, and resides in Charlottesville. They are the proud parents of a son, Jason, and a daughter, Ashley. They are members of First United Methodist Church where Brother Hodges serves on various committees.

"DISCOVERING OUR POTENTIAL"



Grand Lodge to Dedicate Special Plaque



Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, has decided to honor all Military veterans who fought during World War II, specifically the many Masons, who suffered, were maimed, or died before and during the war. The Grand Lodge will be dedicating a special plaque on October 10, 2009 during a solemn ceremony as part of the Masonic Home Family Day Celebration. We hope to have many Masons, especially veterans, present for this memorial plaque dedication and to honor the many veterans who served during World War II.

The plaque was originally scheduled to be placed at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. However, the D-Day Memorial Foundation recently decided to postpone the dedication of the plaque due to economic restraints. Our Grand Master feels strongly that time is of the essence for our remaining World War II veterans and would like to see the plaque dedicated this year.

The wording and special effects for the plaque are complete; however, the cost of the plaque has not yet been determined. The wording and special effects for the plaque are finished, but now we need to get an estimate of the costs for the material and production of the plaque. The 800 word plaque will address the persecution and tribulations of Masons and subsequent events that occurred as a result of the Nazi oppression leading up to D-Day. It will honor the many Masons of today who served in the conflict. The Grand Lodge is in need of benefactors to underwrite the cost of the plaque. You and your Lodge

are urged to donate to this cause honoring our Masonic war veterans. Donations of any size will be appreciated. Mail checks to:

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For tax deduction purposes, checks should be made payable to the "Masonic Home of Virginia," mailed to the address above, and in the remarks line on the check designate it for "Armed Services Memorial." Donations will be listed in the Virginia Masonic Herald and listed Bronze, Silver, or Gold, with up to \$100 as Bronze, \$100 to \$200 as silver, and any donations equal or exceeding \$300 will be gold and also a stone paver at the Memorial will be engraved with the honoree's name. Donations can be made in honor or memory of either a specific veteran or maybe all of the military veterans in your Lodge. All donations received exceeding the cost of the plaque and expenditures will be donated to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

In preparation for this special memorial event, we are interviewing Masonic Brethren who were "Operation Overlord" (more commonly known as "D-Day") participants. We are asking them to share how Freemasonry has affected their lives. A video of the interview is currently being created to be shown in the Division Leadership Conferences. This video will forever preserve the heroism and courage of our Greatest Generation and will demonstrate the strength of the United States of America.

Contact person for this project is Right Worshipful Walter Winchell Young, Grand Provost, who can be reached at 804.794.5507 or grandprovost@verizon.net.

Prayer at Installation

Almighty and Eternal Father, the source of all wisdom, strength, and beauty, we your humble servants seek your guidance in our lives as we endeavor to lead this Fraternity for the ensuing year. We ask that you watch over us as we travel to strengthen our Brotherhood into what it has the potential, by your plans, to become.

Gracious Lord, be with those who are struggling with physical and emotional pain and help us to be your instruments to relieve their suffering if it is in our power, to comfort their hearts if it is in our ability, and to support their emotional well-being as they travel through such times. Lead us to inspire our gentle Craft with your wisdom to continue our long history of improving life for our families, people in general, and most certainly ourselves.

We ask that you be with our families and friends serving in our Armed Forces here and abroad. Keep them safe if placed in harm's way and bring them home when their duty is done. And Lord, we seek your Blessing upon our Beloved Country. May it continue to shine as a beacon of Light to all people. Instill in her citizenry a higher calling, deeper respect for morality, and greater compassion toward others.

Lord, you have told us in your written Word that you know the plans you have for us, that they are plans of good and not evil, for a future and hope. Endue our minds with the ability to see this unfold in our daily living that we will become that Temple of Living Stones worthy of eternity in your House not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens.

These and all of our unspoken prayers and petitions we lift up to you, praising your name now and forever.

AMEN





We visited Chamblissburg Lodge No. 179 (Chamblissburg) for the special occasion of being present for an equally special announcement. The announcement was that the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, if elected to be the next Grand Master, would be putting Right Worshipful Paul David Sleeper's name in nomination as Grand Junior Deacon. The fellowship hall was packed. Like many Lodges the furnishings in the fellowship hall were functional with space at a premium especially in the kitchen.

When the hearty meal was completed, we journeyed upstairs to the Lodge room. Even to the most casual viewer the Lodge furniture was distinct. Each of the stationed officer's chairs were crafted from local cedar wood by a member of the Lodge. Each of the station's pedestals were also crafted in cedar wood. The Altar and the lesser lights were all made of the same cedar wood. As a whole it was singularly well made in a plain, but stylized tapered fashion of the 1950's, which was when I was told it was made.

Hearing that I began looking for the tell-tale signs of visible fasteners, but there was none or the poorly fitted joints but again there were none, instead they looked mortised, though I could not tell for sure.

Next I looked at the cedar's wood finish. Finishing materials in the 50's was not anywhere as easy or instant as it is today. On close examination, it looked smooth and the slightest touch confirmed it. Not a super glossy finish but one that let the woods coloration show through and are not hidden artificially. Each shade of the many colored cedar wood was bright and clear, none of the yellowing or cracking as is usual for furniture of that time.

Next I looked at the Lodge room furniture and noticed that each of the angles were the same on all of the pieces, oddly this was not immediately obvious, which tells a story of how well done these cedar wood objects were created. I now see the furniture, in my mind's eye, as either flickers of light pointing heavenward or as rays of sun light shining down from above, as if the sun was streaming down through thick clouds. Either way the image is striking.

There were several other cedar wood appointments in the Lodge room which blend in without taking the eye from the primary object of the room, the altar.

At some time during the evenings events, a Brother saw that I admired the cedar workings and began telling me of when they received electric lights in the Lodge (1943), bragged a little about getting indoor plumbing in the mid 50's, thus eliminating the need for a two-holer outside. It was also around this same time that a fine combination stove was installed, which heated using either coal or wood.

Sadly none of the members, that evening, could recall the Brothers name that had created these works that so enrich the Lodge room, however since then the name has come up aright, the cedar wood craftsman's name was Brother Gen Clement.

The temple stands today on the original spot where it first started under dispensation on February 25, 1875. GLF



Persecution of Freemasons during the Third Reich

By Brother David Porter

According to William Fox, Masons had been facing increasing persecution since the early twentieth century, when The Protocols of the Elders of Zion was written, as it claimed to explain the existence of a joint conspiracy between Jews and Freemasons to control the world. Adolf Hitler, according to the research findings of Dexter Sammons (from Paul Bessel), was known to have muddled the boundary between Jews and Masons with the slogan "All Masons Jews - All Jews Masons." Dexter Sammons also cites that Hitler had claimed in Mein Kampf that Jews had Freemasonry as a tool to gain political powers.

Freemasons had been the target of persecution by propaganda writers long before the advent of National Socialism, as in 1904, a German author named J. Duhz wrote a book entitled Die Freimaurerei und ihre Wertlosigkeit ("Freemasonry and Its Worthlessness").

Even before the National Socialist state was established, Freemasonry had been seen as tied to conspiracy theories, as was hypothesized in the 1936 book Weltfreimaurerei Weltrevolution Weltrepublik, which translates to "World Masonry, World Revolution, World Republic."

Sven Lunden, writing in 1941 as a correspondent to The American Mercury, cited that many high-ranking German officials aside from Hitler were anti-Masonic in their activities as well. Lunden cites General Erich Ludendorff was a vocal anti-Mason, as he published a pamphlet that claimed to reveal the esoteric secrets and symbols of the Craft, while also claiming that Masonry is a Jewish conspiracy to convert gentiles into "artificial Jews."

Hitler, like most dictators in Europe, found the Masonic Craft to be a threat to their regimes of totalitarianism, as it is an organization that promotes peace, good will, and brotherhood, as it provides hospitals, shelters, and orphanages, among other institutions.

According to Alain Bernheim, the ten main Masonic bodies were dissolved upon the *Machtergreifung* in 1933, and

the irregular Rising Sun Lodge declared itself inactive.

Outside of Germany, anti-Masonic activity was also practiced with great fervor. According to William Fox, the Grand Commander of Belgian Freemasonry, Georges Petre, was murdered by a National Socialist unit in his home with his wife as a witness to the killing. Two university professors in Yugoslavia were also murdered for their involvement in the Craft.

In Austria, the Masonic Craft was declared illegal after the 1938 *Anschluss*, but continued underground, as the Brothers of the Craft opposed National Socialism. The *Gestapo* made hell out of the lives of Austrian Masons, as they did Brothers of the other nations occupied by Germany.

As the Freemasons moved their practice underground, they adopted new symbols to identify themselves, as the traditional ones were illegal. For example, insignia bearing the unmistakable Square and Compass, with or without the symbolic G in the middle, was not allowed in the National Socialist state. Instead, the Masons everywhere, though mainly in the Berlin area, used the blue forget-me-not, as the flower was less suspicious in the terror state. According to Alain Bernheim, the forget-me-not was also worn by Masons in concentration camps in order to preserve the morals and ideals of the Craft as a form of resistance to the National Socialists.

Each time the German *Wehrmacht* occupied a country the established Masonic orders were shut down almost immediately, with their leaders being shipped to concentration camps. Cooperating leader Quisling in Norway also worked to abolish the Craft in Scandinavia. Masonic Lodges and other buildings were treated akin to synagogues during pogroms, as the Craft's sacred documents and items from libraries were looted by soldiers. Under the order of Goebbels, Craft Lodge reconstructions and paraphernalia were to be displayed in "Masonic museums," where the Lodges and their esoteric accessories were shown to the non-Masonic public with false information about the

Jewish-Masonic connection. These museums were opened in each country occupied by the National Socialists.

The final act outlawing all Masonic institutions in Germany was enacted on August 8, 1935, with the Craft's practices moving into the underground thereafter. France was also hit hard by the anti-Masonic activities from the occupied state and Vichy puppet state, as the two jurisdictions, the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge, were dissolved upon the occupation in 1940.

Pogroms and purges also ensued in occupied France, as Masons were stripped of office positions, businesses, and had their private property searched by National Socialist.

Dumesnil de Gramont, the president of the Grand Lodge of France, was arrested on July 1, 1940, as the occupation of France began. By the end of September, all secret societies were declared illegal and were forced to dissolve. The orphanage that the French Masons had operated since 1862 also fell into the control of the occupying National Socialists. On October 31, a museum, entitled the "Anti-Masonic Exposition," opened its doors to the French public, and the archives of the Lodge libraries were opened just weeks later in November.

The only part of England occupied by Germany was the Channel Islands, including Jersey and Guernsey, which are near the French coast, also had their Masonic Lodges closed, as its active members were arrested.

By the end of 1941, the Vichy government had established a special commission on secret societies, as the oppression and persecution continued. The Vichy government also blamed Freemasons for the problems that the puppet state encountered. Despite the underground Masonic resistance, the persecution and interchangeable status between Jews and Freemasons continued. Brothers of the Craft began to question the war with a document entitled Wofür kämpfen wir? ("What are we fighting for?")

Persecution of Freemasons during the Third Reich (Continued)

After the D-Day invasions in June 1944, the Allies began to liberate both occupied and Vichy France, and the idea of reinstating open Freemasonry began, as it was to be protected from persecution by the provisional government under Charles de Gaulle. By May 1945, Hitler was dead along with National Socialism, and Europe was liberated.

As the war neared a close, Freemasons across Europe, France and Belgium, provided a strong resistance to the National Socialist regime, which was crumbling rapidly. Brethren of Lodges in all parts of France fought the oppression by continuing to exist as an underground Craft, having regular meetings and rituals throughout the occupation. Some secret resistance Lodges created during the occupation, including L'Esperance, founded in 1940 in the Paris area. Louis Bascan, a longtime Mason, established the Liberation-Vengeance group in 1941, but were arrested by the Vichy government in 1944 and sent to Buchenwald concentration camp.

Many other Masons would also face torture and camp sentences from the *Gestapo*, as the Craft fought valiantly until the liberation. Masons, like the rest of occupied Europe, welcomed the Allies as liberators.

During the era of occupation, the secret operatives of the French Grand Orient were able to keep track of its members throughout the French Empire, as French Masons were everywhere in the world that the French tricolor had been flown, including colonial holdings and outposts in Africa and the Middle East. The membership cards for millions of Masons were secretly maintained by the Grand Orient, and the files serve as a memorial to the fallen Masons of the French Empire.

However, the resistance that was shown in European Masonry was at its strongest at a Lodge known as *Liberte Cherie* ("beloved freedom"). This Lodge was actually founded by Belgian Masons who were interred at the Esterwegen concentration camp.

Paul Hanson recruited six Belgian men to be the initiates of this Lodge, who had prior Lodge membership in Belgium before entering Esterwegen. Luc Somerhausen was his first, as he came from a membership in Belgium's grand commission of Brussels. Five more men (Jean Sugg, Amedee Miclotte, Jean de Schrijver, Henry Story, and Franz Rochat) were initiated by Hanson, and the makeshift Lodge discussed topics of the Craft and postwar freedom in Barrack No. 6 in the camp.

Freemasons were often shipped to concentration camps as political prisoners, where they wore the red triangle assigned to Communists, and other dissidents. Most often, they were shipped to Buchenwald, where hundreds of Brethren in the Craft died of disease, murder, and starvation in extremely cold climates. In 1943, as its members continued their spiritual and moral pursuits that transcended barbed wire and the gas chamber. The men of the Lodge worked to maintain order and justice within the camp, and they acted as a judiciary system during a prisoner aid scandal during the winter of 1943. Despite their tight bonds, the Brethren of the Lodge were sometimes seen by other prisoners as elitist and aristocratic, a problem that has always plagued the Craft.

In their makeshift meeting headquarters in Barrack No. 6, the members of the Lodge recreated the East and West which are found in more structured Lodges worldwide, and named Paul Hanson to the position of Worshipful Master, where he carried out his business from the Lodge's East. Luc Somerhausen would carry out his business in the West.

Before the members of *Liberte Cherie* were sent to separate camps, one last member, Fernand Erauw, was initiated. He had been in Esterwegen since 1943, after the establishment of the Lodge.

The end of the Lodge came in February 1944, as the prisoners were transferred to other prisons and concentration camps. Despite the fact that the Lodge had been dissolved, the Brothers' commitment to humanity and freedom, as well as goodwill toward

man, had not wavered, not even during the torture and death marches.

The Brethren of the Lodge were dispersed to other places in 1944 to help accommodate a new influx of prisoners into Esterwegen. Paul Hanson, the Lodge's only Worshipful Master, were transferred to Essen in Germany, where he was kept in an ordinary prison until he was killed in an Allied bombing on the prison compound on March 26, 1944.

Other members of the Lodge to die before the end of the war included Franz Rochat, who died at Untermansfeld on April 6, 1945, Jean Sugg, who perished in Buchenwald on February 8, 1945, Jean de Schrijver, who also died in February of 1945, Henry Story, who died December 5, 1944, and Amedee Miclotte, who died in the infirmary of Gross Rosen on February 8, 1945. Fernand Erauw and Luc Somerhausen lived to the end of the war, and were not separated until the liberation of their new camp, Oranienburg-Sachsenhausen, on April 22, 1945.

After the war ended, Somerhausen and Erauw returned to the Craft, and both participated in the dedication of a memorial to their Lodge at Esterwegen. Both men lived long lives, with Somerhausen dying in 1982 and Erauw dying in 1997.

Freemasonry, despite being a very old practice, has always had its challengers and opponents, but none stronger and more fervent than the National Socialist state that originated in Germany and occupied most of Europe before failing. The ideals of the Freemasons have thrived and outlived its opponents.

Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the 65 footnotes to this article were removed. If anybody desires to have a copy of the entire article with the footnotes, please contact the editor at vmheditor@cox.net and I will send you a full copy.

Historical Facts About Our Ritual:

Developments In The Third and Fourth Quarters Of The Eighteenth-Century

By Wor. M. Kenton Brinkley

Peyton Randolph Lodge of Research 1774

After the printing and publishing of two, different, Masonic ritual exposures in the early 1760s (*Three Distinct Knocks*, in 1760; and *Jachin and Boaz*, in 1762), it is apparent to the student of Masonic history that our ritual had progressed since the 1730's.

The most influential of the eighteenth-century English Masonic lecturers was William Preston (1742-1818), he determined to take the best of the various rituals and compile them all into a book. To better accomplish this task, he only traveled throughout Britain, but he also enlisted several of his Masonic Brethren. Each of these made of local Lodge visits, and reported back to Preston. Preston not only recorded all of the various ritualistic forms he and his friends had seen and heard, ultimately re-writing them for each of the three Masonic degrees.

Preston was highly regarded within Masonic circles in London. Yet, he was eventually caught up in the major disagreements between the premier Grand Lodge; or "Moderns," and the "Antients." While he was busily engaged in his chosen profession within the active printing trade in London, Preston found time to hold a 'spare time' appointment as deputy to the Grand Secretary of the premier Grand Lodge, and he was able to compile an appendix to the 1776 edition of their *Book of Constitutions*.

On May 21, 1772, he invited the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers to a special conferral by his lodge of the Entered Apprentice degree held at the 'Crown and Anchor' Tavern in the Strand. This revised conferral of the Entered Apprentice degree was well-received by the Grand Master. Armed with the approval of the Grand Master he published his work as *Illustrations of Masonry*, which subsequently appeared in countless English, and several American, editions (the last English edition finally appeared as late as 1861).

He then offered a course on the lectures of all three degrees, first delivered at the

"Miter" Tavern in Fleet Street in 1774. With these improvements he soon became in great demand as a speaker and lecturer on the teachings and virtues of Freemasonry.

When the Lodge of Antiquity was confronted by the Grand Lodge over a minor transgression, Preston felt strongly that due to the 'time immemorial' status of the Lodge of Antiquity, it held 'peculiar powers' that placed it above the authority of the Grand Lodge over certain matters.

This opinion had gotten him into trouble before, but because of his unyielding attitude, and this particular issue the Grand Lodge to exert its authority. After they demanded a retraction from him, and his refusal to give one they expelled him; along with several members of the Lodge of Antiquity.

Undaunted, Preston and his fellow lodge members quickly applied to, and became members of, a rival Grand Lodge, located in York. This largely 'Antient' Grand Lodge was never active despite Preston's best efforts while serving as its Deputy Grand Master. It ceased to exist in 1789. When this Grand Lodge expired, Preston applied for a pardon to the premier Grand Lodge in London and, after contritely acknowledging that body's supremacy.

In the years that followed, Preston continued to refine and expand his work, and he even went on to establish his own *Grand Chapter of Harodim*, which was a ritualistic lodge of instruction used to disseminate his lectures.

In this one respect, Preston was tremendously successful for decades, but the criticism leveled later at his efforts was not his lectures were much too long. This issue proved to be the objection to their full and complete adoption by American Masonic authorities.

The version of ritual that we continue to use in Virginia today was considerably shortened in about 1792. Nonetheless, there still is much that is contained within the ritual we still use today that can be attributed directly to William Preston; such as the Charges given after each one of the three degrees.

Being a confirmed bachelor all his life, upon Preston's death in 1818, he left a considerable sum of money as a legacy to his fraternity for the purpose of establishing a fund for a Masonic lecture to be given in London each year. Remarkably, this series of annual lectures still continues today within the United Grand Lodge of England; as the "*Prestonian Lecture*", and for an English Mason to be selected to be a *Prestonian Lecturer* is viewed as one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed (other than, perhaps, being awarded so-called, 'Grand Rank' for certain accomplishments and/or Masonic services rendered).

Like so many of the older Masonic books that have long been out of print for several decades or more, Hutchinson's *Spirit of Masonry* is a little known Masonic work that is seldom read by the Masons of today. However, its importance may lie in the fact that it was the first publication that instituted a line of scholarly inquiry and raised certain questions about esoteric (vs. exoteric) thoughts and the more "hidden" aspects of Masonry; topics that were sometimes picked up and further elaborated upon by a number of later Masonic authors; such as Dr. George Oliver (1782-1867); Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey (1807-1881); Albert Pike (1809-1891); Arthur Edward Waite (1857-1942); Walter Leslie Wilmshurst (1867-1939); Rev. Joseph Fort Newton; Manly Hall; Lynn Perkins, and a few others.

With the substantial creative works that were performed by Preston during the last half of the eighteenth-century; to better organize and elaborate on the symbolic teachings of the Masonic ritual, the stage was thereby set for the final chapter of its ultimate development into the form that we know and love so well today. That story, and those of the notable Masons who played a role and figured so prominently in it, will be related in the next issue; which will be the final, serialized installment of this longer-running article.

In a previous issue of the Virginia Masonic Herald, I noticed several older Brethren referred to as 'grandson', 'great grandson', and 'great great grandson'. These Brethren looked far too senior to be descendants of the Brother being honored. What is the meaning of these terms in this context?

ANSWER: 'Grandson', 'great grandson', and 'great great grandson' refers to the lineage of the Master of a Lodge or Grand Master in Grand Lodge. Example: whomever the Master put in line is his Masonic son. In the case of our current Grand Master, Most Worshipful Hodges, he is the Masonic son of Most Worshipful Quinley (who put him into the Grand Line), the grandson of Most Worshipful Holiday (who put Most Worshipful Quinley into the Grand Line), and the great grandson of Most Worshipful Wilkerson (who put Most Worshipful Holiday into the Grand Line).

I keep reading in various Masonic publications about the "Landmarks of Freemasonry" which are supposed to be a set of principles that many Freemasons claim to be "both ancient and unchangeable precepts of Masonry." But because each Grand Lodge is self-governing, with no single body exercising authority over the whole of Freemasonry, the interpretations of these principles can and do vary, leading to controversies of recognition. Different Masonic jurisdictions have different Landmarks. Does the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia subscribe to any of these Landmarks?

ANSWER: Hiram urges the Brother to review the Standing Resolution adopted February 13, 1935, published in the Virginia Methodical Digest. It references the Ancient Landmarks, usages, and customs which involve (1) Monotheism, (2) the Volume of the Sacred Law being a part of the Furniture of the Lodge, (3) the symbolism of the operative art,

(4) the division of symbolic Masonry into three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, and (5) the legend of the Third Degree. For a lengthier discussion on this subject, please reference the article entitled 'The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry' on our Grand Lodge web site: (http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/education/programs/monthly_talks/The_Ancient_Landmarks_of_Masonry.pdf).

I have a question concerning Dispensations. Our Lodge wanted to conduct its stated communication at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This would involve a change in location, date, and time that doesn't relate to weather conditions (Methodical Digest Section 1.95 and Edict 1-1996). Can a DDGM authorize the required dispensation or does the Grand Master need to approve the dispensation? Will such approval requirements change with a new Grand Master? And will such approval change on a case-by-case basis for each requesting Lodge?

ANSWER: The DDGM may grant dispensation on his own for changes to date, time, or location of the stated communications within his own District without requiring the Grand Master's approval. For changes to the location outside of his District, the Grand Secretary's office must be notified. Lodges requesting such dispensation shall have the Lodge Secretary submit it under the Seal of the Lodge to the DDGM for his consideration. Each request is approved case-by-case. If the change involves a joint communication with another Lodge, the Grand Master's approval is required.

Editor's note: Each monthly issue of the Virginia Masonic Herald's web supplement has an "Ask Hiram" question in it. So check out the Grand Lodge's website for ones you have not seen or missed!!

Sharing experiences in our Fraternity with Brethren and with friends has long been a valued means of spreading that cement of Brotherly love and affection which we are or should be known for doing. This year, we wish to provide you with some interesting venues to do just that. We hope you will see these events as opportunities to promote fellowship, as well as fundraisers for our charities; I am sure you will find them to be great "Bring a Friend" activities.

On April 21, 2009, we will have our 12th annual "Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament" at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort, 1003 Brick Kiln Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia. Right Worshipful Wayne Golden (email: norfolk33rd@yahoo.com or phone: 757.286.3586) will be sharing more information on this event at our Division Leadership Conferences. Please put this event, which will again raise funds for our Scholarship Fund, on your calendar. Sponsors and participants are needed. We have had a great time at this event each year, and I hope you will involve non-members in each of the foursomes we field. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1:00PM with check-in beginning at 12:00PM. Cost will be \$100 per player or \$400 per team.

On May 11, 2009, we will hold the first "James Stanley Johnson Memorial Clay Shooting Match" at the Old Forge Shooting Club, 7945 Long Reach Road, Providence Forge, Virginia 23140. This is a new opportunity for the gun enthusiast in our Fraternity to enjoy an afternoon full of shooting challenges. Worshipful David Murray (email: 5dmurray@verizon.net) is heading up this event. Stan loved guns and shooting and I hope we will turn-out in great numbers to support this fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. Here is some information: 11:00AM Registration and Wobble Fun Shoot, 12:45PM Safety Briefing (Mandatory), 1:00PM Shoot begins, and 4:00PM Reception with a steak dinner.

This upcoming summer we will again join with the Masonic Home of Virginia to have a golf tournament in Southwest Virginia. The 2nd Annual "James Stanley 'Stan' Johnson 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament" has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009 with a shotgun start at 1:00PM at the Vista Links golf course in Buena Vista, Virginia. Dinner will follow play. A rain date of Wednesday, September 2, 2009 has been reserved.

On October 24, 2009, we will have a tennis tournament at the Mt. Vernon Athletic Club, 7950 Audubon Ave, in the Mt. Vernon District of Fairfax County. Right Worshipful Shelley Richman (email: vanymason@cox.net) is heading this up. More information will follow, but we welcome your placing this event on your calendar. This will be a great time in Northern Virginia.

We welcome you and your friends to become involved in these events.

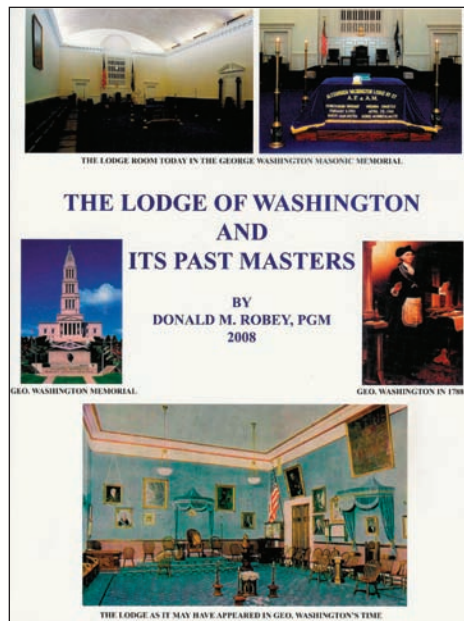
The Lodge of Washington and its Past Masters

A New Book by Mt. Wor. Donald M. Robey (1987)

The following is part of the Dedication to the book written by Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Don Robey has recently released his new book on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and, I must say it really sets the pace for what a book on the history of a Lodge should be all about. The first half of the book describes the history of the Lodge when it was under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and how it gave up its Pennsylvania Charter and requested a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia naming George Washington as its first Worshipful Master. This section is really divided into three parts: one by Mrs. Mary G. Powell who wrote a history on the City of Alexandria in 1929 with some assistance from Most Worshipful Charles Hilliard Callahan on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, another section on the history of the Lodge by Right Worshipful William Adrian Brown, who was Don's Grand Historian in 1987, and the major section on the early days of the Lodge is from a "Manuscript" developed by Most Worshipful William Mosley Brown in the 1960's when he did an in depth study of the early minute books of the Lodge for the Archives Committee of the Lodge. For some reason, the "Manuscript" was never published by the Lodge. Don says Most Worshipful Brown's Manuscript explains in detail the twenty months when George Washington served as Worshipful Master, of which eight of the months he also was President of the United States. It now appears, from the details in this section, that George Washington never really "Ran the Lodge" as we think about the duties of a Worshipful Master today.

The last half of the book details biographical sketches, with pictures of most of the men who were fortunate enough to pre-



side over this historic Lodge as Worshipful Master. This is surely an example that all Lodges should emulate when they have a history of their Lodge written. The sketches in Most Worshipful Robey's book give precise details on the family history, educational history, occupational history, and Masonic history of each of the Past Masters. Several were Mayors of the "Town" of Alexandria, Virginia. Several were involved in the Revolutionary War in one way or another. Several were involved in the Civil War. Many served in active military capacity in World War One and World War Two. Many were active business men in the Alexandria area. Anyone researching their family history in the Alexandria area will definitely want a copy of this book...

...We are all so proud that George Washington was a Virginia Mason, raised in 1752 in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia and then served as Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 when it received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1788. I believe that every Mason should have a copy of this book to learn the real facts about this Lodge, which many believe to be

the most historic Lodge in the world, due to Washington's involvement during the early days of the Lodge...

The book can be purchased by contacting Most Worshipful Donald M. Robey (1987) at his home address: 290 Forest Green Road, Reedville, VA 22539-3539, or phone @ 804.453.3804, or via e-mail at pgm87@crosslink.net. The book can also be purchased at Anchor Communications via their website: www.goanchor.com.

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The book contains three sections on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and biographical sketches of all of the Past Masters of this historic Lodge, with George Washington as the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge when it received its Virginia charter in 1788. A complete index in the back of the book allows you to search for the names of family members or friends without having to search through the entire text of the 196 pages in the book.

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A New Look In A New Year

by Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley (2005)

If you're like I am, you probably have never heard much about your Museum and Library. Well, maybe you're not as I am. The first time it came to my attention was when Most Worshipful Thomas Frederick May (1994-1995) dedicated the Library in the name of Right Worshipful Allen E. Roberts, a prolific Masonic Author, whose writings continue to educate many of us in leadership, philosophy, and Masonic History.

As the new president of the board, I am overwhelmed at what our less than large library has in the way of books and documents for research. Discovering our Potential in both the Museum and Library is going to be exciting. I am humbled by what Most Worshipful John Robert Dean (1992) has been able to accomplish during his tenure. I am appreciative and grateful for all he has done. The Museum and Library received an impressive financial boost from you under the leadership of Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen (2008) and Lady Gwen, who played no small part in what was accomplished last year.

The future for our Museum and Library is an exciting one. The Board will be taking a look at what can be done to further professionalize both. In conjunction with the guidance of the Board, it would be wonderful to have the expertise of those of you who have training and experience in museums and/or libraries. If you have an interest in serving on ad hoc committees or being a resource, please let me know. In this New Year, we are taking a new look at what can be accomplished and you can be a very integral part of this adventure.

New in the coming year for the Library and Museum are installations of another section of bookshelves for the Library, thanks to the generous donation of the Hay Market Lodge Charitable Foundation, Inc., the availability of a computer for researchers and library volunteers to use, and freshly painted walls in both rooms. Among the recent gifts to the Library and Museum is the lovely 19th Century Lodge furniture from Henrico Union Lodge No. 130.

Take a look at these new changes and additions on your visit to the Library and Museum in 2009.

Right Worshipful Paul David Sleeper Grand Junior Deacon

Paul David Sleeper was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on December 15, 1956. He graduated from Benjamin N. Cardozo High School in Bayside, New York and the Virginia State Police Academy. He is a Master Trooper, supervising the Safety Inspection stations and inspectors in Bedford and Botetourt Counties and the town of Vinton. He previously worked as a patrol Trooper in Augusta County, as a Trooper-Pilot at the Manassas Airport and as a patrol Trooper in Prince William County prior to coming to the Safety Division.

Brother Sleeper was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Chamblissburg Lodge No. 179 on April 27, 1993. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1997 and 1998. He is a member of Catawba Lodge No. 342, where he is currently serving as Secretary, and is a Charter Member and Life Member in Perpetuity of Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 24 in 2002. He was appointed to serve as District Educational Officer for Masonic District 24 in 2001. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education as the Secretary/Statistician in 2002 and as the Grand Provost in 2007. Brother Sleeper served on the Masonic Herald Publications Board and is a member of the Grand Lodge Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, near Virginia.

He is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity, and represents the Valley of Roanoke on the Virginia Light Editorial Board; Life Member in Perpetuity of Bedford Royal Arch Chapter No. 60; a member of Bayard Commandery No. 15; Liberty Chapter No. 209, Allied Masonic Degrees; Wilderness Road York Rite College No. 94; Kazim Shrine Center,



A.A.O.N.M.S., where he is a member of the Provost Guard and the Roanoke Valley Shrine Club; Liberty Chapter No. 109 and Botetourt Chapter No. 135, Order of the Eastern Star. He also holds membership in Southern California Research Lodge, F. & A.M., Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, Philalethes Society, Scottish Rite Research Society, and the Masonic Book Club.

Brother Sleeper served as an advisor with the Hanging Rock Chapter, International Order of DeMolay and is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, International Order of DeMolay. He is an ordained Elder and a member of Wellspring Presbyterian Church in Fincastle, Virginia.

Brother Sleeper is married to the former Lisa Jean Knotts. Brother Sleeper has three children, Lucretia Ann Myers who resides in Maryville, Tennessee with her husband, Matthew, and two grandchildren, Lillian Grace Myers and Landon Scout Myers; David Anthony Sleeper and Brittany Ann Sleeper of Rustburg; and two step-children, Cara Jean Sowers of Salem and Justin Carl Sowers of Roanoke.

SUMMARY - GRAND LODGE - 2008

230th GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

SHERATON RICHMOND WEST HOTEL, I-64 AT BROAD STREET ROAD
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 7-8, 2008

Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Master greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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MT. WOR. EDMUND COHEN	Grand Master
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RT. WOR. LONNIE LEE GODFREY	Grand Tiler

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.	Deputy Grand Secretary
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 230th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler, P.G.M.

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges, which qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2000.

Most Worshipful Brother Cohen recognized his distinguished guests as well as the Past Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Stuart A. Shipley, a member of Varina Lodge No. 272.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Friday to Right Worshipful Todd Szramoski of Yorktown Lodge No. 205, and Right Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. of Hay Market Lodge No. 313. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medals were also presented to Most Worshipful George Harry Chapin of Springfield Lodge No. 217, and Most Worshipful James Milton Scarce, Jr. of Pleasants Lodge No. 63.

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Westhampton Lodge No. 302 by Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams, Executive Officer in Virginia. Brother Howard Kenneth Smith, Sr., on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Worshipful Ronald Eugene Heald.

The Grand Master recognized those Lodges and individuals who qualified for the Lodge Builders Pin.

Committee meetings were held during Friday afternoon, and a banquet for the delegates and distinguished guests was held on Friday evening at 6:30 PM.

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 8, 2008.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given and the budget for 2009 was presented and approved, as was the report from the President of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 08-01 through 08-03 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful Donald Maynard Robey conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

OFFICERS
GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA
2008-2009

MT. WOR. JEFFERY EUGENE HODGES	<i>Grand Master</i>
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The newly-elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Right Worshipful Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr., and Worshipful Harris Traill Luscomb, III.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 255 Lodges represented with 1,297 registered by the Committee.

A motion was entertained and passed to pay the bills of this Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2009 unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters was held at 7:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT
2008 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 08-01—ADOPTED

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add the Committee on Information Technology as a standing committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-02—REJECTED

This resolution would change Section 2.95 of the Methodical Digest to document the procedure to follow when a voucher of a petition is not present when the petition is being taken up for action. It also makes clear what happens when a voucher is from another Grand Jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03—REJECTED

This resolution would change Section 2.95 to *require* the Master of a Lodge to respread a ballot if it comes up not clear the first time.



Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen processes into the Grand Lodge under the escort of the Grand Deacons.



The Heroes of '76 (National Sojourners) from various Chapters throughout the state presented the Colors at the opening ceremony with Right Worshipful William G. L. Turner performing the "Toast to the Flag."



Worshipful Waverly William Gibbs, Jr., Master of Westhampton Lodge No. 302 (Richmond), receives the Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay



Mrs. Voula Morlock, Most Worshipful Morlock's wife, received his Past Grand Master Certificate from our Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen.



Right Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. of Haymarket Lodge No. received the John Blair, Jr. Award.



Right Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski of Yorktown Lodge No. 205 received the John Blair, Jr. Award.

Communication



Most Worshipful James Milton Scearce, Jr. (2004) received the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal.



Most Worshipful George Harry Chapin (1999) received the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal.



Brother Stuart A. Shipley, a member of Varina Lodge No. 272, received the Perfect Ashlar Award.



Three Masonic youth leaders of Virginia spoke at the opening ceremony of Grand Lodge.



Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges and his corps of officers take their obligation to serve the Grand Lodge of Virginia during 2008-2009.



Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges with First Lady, Susan, are welcomed at the Installation Ball.

2009 Area Masonic Ritual Schools

NAME	LOCATION	DATE	DISTRICT(S)
Melvin Eugene Huff	Roanoke	Jan. 26-29	22, 24
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	Feb. 13-14	12, 13
C.A. Whitted	Scottsville	Feb. 4, 11, 19	17, 18
William Dean Conner	Appomattox	Feb. 28	26, 27
Fred D. Bowman	Woodstock	Mar. 14	2, 3, 5, 6
George Robert Marshall	Victoria	Mar. 18-20	26, 27
Wickham/Smith	Lexington	Mar. 21	20, 23
Boitnott/Myers/41st District	Narrows	Mar. 23-25	40, 41
Russell Martin/Joseph Mason	Altavista	Mar. 23-26	21, 24, 25, 26, 37, 38
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windsor	Mar. 24-26	31, 32, 33
Charles A. Sinclair, Jr.	Manassas	Mar. 27-28	4
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	Mar. 28	7, 10
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 2	38, 39
Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.	Waynesboro	Apr. 3-4	19, 20
Willard D. Monk/45th District	Tazewell	Apr. 7, 8, 9	45
C. Frank Hicks/36th District	Chesapeake	Apr. 11	36
Kenneth O. Shelton	Leesburg	Apr. 11	2
Showalter/40th District	Radford	Apr. 22-24	40, 41, 42
James Bolling Myers	Midlothian	Apr. 22-24	16, 29
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	May 4-6	57
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	May 9	1-A, 1-B, 54
Stewart A. Deem	Norfolk	May 16	35-A, 35-B
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	May 18-20	48, 49, 50
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 26-28	43
James Alfred Butts, Jr.	South Hill	June 15-17	28
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	June 15-17	48, 49, 50
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Portsmouth	June 17-18	32, 33, 34
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	July 15-18	15-A, 15-B, 15-C, 16
Julian Harold Stevens	Bedford	July 20-23	22, 24
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Aug. 25-27	44, 46, 47
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Virginia Beach	Aug. 15	56
Edward Page Henry	Hopewell	Aug. 24-26	16, 29
C.S. Revell	Hampton	Sept. 14-16	14-A, 14-B
L.N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 14, 15, 16	49, 50
William Edward Ray	Haymarket	Sept. 25-26	4, 7
J.J. Johnson	Kinsale	Sept. 26	8, 9, 11
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 12-14	41, 42
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Oct. 19-21	46, 47
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 21-22	31, 32, 33
O.B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 24	7, 10
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	Oct. 26-28	42, 43, 44
Reid James Simmons Academy	Fork Union	Aug. 2-5	Statewide

2009 Division Leadership Conferences

Friday/Saturday Agendas:

6:30 - 6:55 PM or 8:30 - 8:55 AM - Registration and Fellowship

Note: Roanoke's DLC will have Registration and Fellowship from 12:30 - 12:55 PM and start at 1:00PM.

6:55 PM or 8:55 AM - All Brethren Assemble Together - Auditorium

7:00 PM or 9:00 AM - Conference Begins

Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions

D-Day, the Human Story - Rt. Wor. Walter Winchell Young

D-Day Memorial Celebration Ceremony - Rt. Wor. Walter Winchell Young

Motivating the Craft – Mt. Wor. Jeffery Eugene Hodges

Break

Counterpart Sessions:

Grand Master with the Worshipful Masters and current DDGMs Room #

Deputy Grand Master with the Senior Wardens and 2010 DDGMs Room #

Grand Senior Warden with the Junior Wardens Room #

Grand Junior Warden with the Senior and Junior Deacons Room #

Grand Treasurer & Grand Secretary with the Secretaries & Treasurers Room #

Grand Lecturer with the COW, DIWs, LIWs Room #

Grand Provost with the COME, DEOs, LEOs Room #

Regional Rep. - District & Lodge Blood Coordinators Room #

Regional Rep. - District & Lodge Masonic Home Ambassadors Room #

Regional Rep. - Public Relations Committee with interested Brethren Room #

Grand Senior Deacon - Grand Junior Deacon with all other Brethren in the Auditorium

(Discussion on Lodge Services - Discussion on Membership)

2009 DLC Locations and Dates

March 6, 2009	DLC Eastern Shore (Nandua Middle School)
March 7, 2009	DLC Newport News (Scottish Rite)
March 13, 2009	DLC Harrisonburg (First Presbyterian Church)
March 14, 2009	DLC Alexandria (Scottish Rite)
March 20, 2009	DLC Keysville (Southside Community College – John Daniel Campus)
March 21, 2009	DLC Richmond (Scottish Rite)
April 3, 2009	DLC - Big Stone Gap (Mountain Empire Community College)
April 4, 2009	DLC - Ft. Chiswell (A.M.) (High School)
April 4, 2009	DLC - Roanoke (P.M.) (Scottish Rite)

The Meaning of Ecclesiastes XII In Our Masonic Ritual

By Wor. M. Kent Brinkley
Committee on Masonic Education

This article explores the symbolic meaning of a scripture all Master Masons have heard in a Master Mason's Lodge. Although a significant passage of Scripture is used in each of the three Craft Lodge degrees, I think that the one that was chosen for our Master Masons degree is, perhaps, one of the most meaningful verses selected nearly three centuries ago for inclusion in the Masonic ritual; Verses 1-7 of the twelfth chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes. This is a thought-provoking and highly symbolic passage of Scripture for a Master Mason, and its words are both familiar, yet foreign, to us:

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Not very long ago, I happened to come across an interesting letter that was written in response to a letter questioning the purpose and meaning of this same scriptural passage. This letter had been posed to the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research* (the oldest and most prestigious Masonic

Research Lodge in the world) by Very Worshipful Brother the Reverend Canon Richard Tydeman, a Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England. I was most impressed Reverend Brother Tydeman's explanation to the inquiring Brother and I think it's the very best interpretation of these Bible verses. Reverend Brother Tydeman's letter is rather long and detailed, so I'm not going to include the entire text; just the most important parts of it.

"The book called Ecclesiastes, popularly attributed to King Solomon, was probably written some five hundred years later, i.e. 200-300 B.C. The outlook of the book is fatalistic rather than pessimistic. 'All is vanity, because what is to be will be, and nothing man can do will change it...'"

He goes on to say, "...Chapter XII, Verses 1-7, (recited) in Lodges during the third degree, gives a picture of old age, the helplessness of senility, and death. It is written in highly picturesque and poetic language, the pictures mixing into one another with bewildering rapidity.....in Ecclesiastes, as one commentator has said, 'the metaphors change and intermingle in accord with the richness of an oriental imagination.'"

Reverend Brother Tydeman concludes his letter by adding his interpretation:

"The passage could be roughly paraphrased thus: 'make the most of youth while the sun still shines, for as life advances there is less to look forward to. Arms ('keepers') and legs ('strong men') grow weak and weary; teeth ('grinders') are few and cease to work, eyes ('windows') grow dim. One by one the senses fail ('doors shut'); sleep is difficult and the old man wakes at the first sound of the dawn chorus ('voice of the bird') though he is deaf to other music. He becomes scared of heights and open places; his hair is white as almond-blossoms; a grasshopper, the lightest of insects, would weigh him down, and he has lost all desires and interests. Man's departure to the grave ('his long home') is like the breaking of the golden lamp-bowl (see Zechariah ch. 4, v. 2) when the silver chain snaps and the flame is put out; it is like the

spilling of water when the pitcher breaks; like the stillness that follows the breaking of the water-wheel. Body and soul thus part; for the body, dust goes back to dust; for the spirit, a return to God who gave it."

Thanks to this thoughtful interpretation, the value of this passage of Scripture to Master Masons becomes clearer. While these words from the Bible are, at first glance, cryptic and hard to understand, they truly have great meaning for members of the Masonic fraternity. With Brother Tydeman's help, I will now share my own interpretation of what verses 1-7 are really saying.

'Make the most of the years that you have, and be careful to perform your allotted tasks while the sun still shines, and it is yet noontime. The shadows will lengthen and the evening of life will come to each one of us all too soon, and, once it does, we will then need to turn our attention heavenward to The Supreme Architect of the Universe for patience, for enlightenment, and help in making the great transition that is coming; the one that will take our spirits from our bodies in this world unto the next; there to abide eternally in that grand, Celestial Lodge above.'

Whether you, as the reader, agree with either one of us or not, it is a matter that is entirely up to you. Brethren and friends, my hope is that this brief examination into these verses serves as another reminder for all Masons that it really is not enough for us to simply learn the words of our ritual by mere rote and repetition. Unlike the chosen title that a recent book might suggest, I would submit that Freemasonry is not for Dummies...it's really for thinkers! There is much to learn about Freemasonry, especially the actual meaning of the words within our ritual. Putting these words and ideas together conveys timeless lessons of ethics, morality, charity, living by a higher standard, and placing our faith in God. If each of us will seek to attain this type of understanding, Masonry will truly live within each one of us; but its message will, come alive whenever we gather.

Legion of Honor Ceremony



(Left to right): Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, Bro. Roy L. Clark, Wor. Dale E. Gurney, and Wor. Paul S. Newhall.

At a special ceremony at the Masonic Home of Virginia on December 10, 2008, Virginia DeMolay awarded three distinguished Master Masons the Legion of Honor which is the highest honor which can be given by DeMolay. The Honorary Legion of Honor was given to Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges and Brother Roy Linwood Clark, and the Active Legion of Honor was given to Worshipful Paul Stephen Newhall, 2008 Grand High Priest of Virginia Royal Arch.

Virginia State Executive Director, Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams led a degree team of current Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, who had previously received the Legion of Honor, as a special tribute to our Grand Master. A special thank you was given to Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, CEO of the Masonic Home, and its members for allowing the use of their meeting room for this occasion.

After the ceremony, Most Excellent Dale E. Gurney with the assistance of Most Excellent Paul S. Newhall presented Brother Clark with a special banjo from the Virginia Royal Arch Grand Chapter.



HONORARY DEMOLAYS



On October 4, 2008, 21 Master Masons took part in very special degree work. It was on this day at the Norfolk Masonic Temple in Norfolk, Virginia, that these gentlemen became Honorary DeMolays. These were men who had never been DeMolays in their youth, but wanted to experience the lessons of the degrees for themselves and become Honorary DeMolays in the process. The class was held in honor of the Virginia DeMolay Executive Officer Emertius, Brother Howard K. Smith.

The event was presided over by the current Executive Officer, Right Worshipful Michael E. Williams, as well as the State and Deputy State Master Councilors, Collen Fox and Nick Cook. Providing the excellent

degree work were members of both Kempsville and Westhampton Chapters, along with members of other Virginia DeMolay chapters. In becoming Honorary DeMolays, these Master Masons provided the funds by which each could sponsor a new member into the Order, but also provide for a scholarship to be presented at the 2009 Virginia DeMolay Conclave.

For more information regarding further Honorary Classes or how you can help Virginia DeMolay, please contact Right Worshipful Mike Williams, Executive Officer, at new317@comcast.net or Brother Jim Schimmel, Director of Alumni, at james.schimmel@cox.net.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The Board and I hope you are enjoying this issue of the Virginia Masonic Herald. We have had to cut back in size to 32 pages due to not being able to sell advertisements in the magazine. So this cramps us in some ways in getting the information out, but there is, and has been, an exciting alternative to this dilemma. Around the 15th of every month, a Virginia Masonic Herald web supplement is posted on the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia's website. The newest supplement on the website can always be found using the same URL: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/herald/current.pdf>. The previous supplements have been kept on the Grand Lodge's website and can be found at <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/herald/index.htm>.

The web supplements are starting carry an "Ask Hiram" question of their very own and will not be repeated in the printed copy. If you have an "Ask Hiram" question, please send it to me via the e-mail address on page 2

of this magazine or to "The Editor – Virginia Masonic Herald" c/o the Grand Lodge's address. We are also trying to have the more newsy articles in the supplement, so the information may get out quicker to the Brethren. 50-year Masonic veteran pictures are articles are being placed into the supplement as well!! Due to the shortening of the magazine, we are only putting 60-year plus Masonic veterans' pictures and articles in the printed version. We have started to include a page that shows who should have received a 50-year plus Masonic veteran award in the printed version also. We have also started to include more book reviews and have tossed around the idea of having an electronic feedback question/answer forum/blog. We hope to have this new, and hopefully exciting, format in place and ready for the February supplement.

Fraternally,
David Burkus, PDDGM, Editor

Virginia Job's Daughters



Picture (left to right): Associate Grand Guardian Donald R. Blake, Miss Congeniality Sammy Glaros, Miss Job's Daughter Kelsey Friend, and Grand Guardian Pam Zentmeyer.

On November 29, 2009, the Virginia Miss Job's Daughter Pageant was held in Williamsburg. Miss Kelsey Friend was selected as Miss Job's Daughter and Miss Sammy Glaros was selected as Miss Congeniality. The following are little bios they wrote to introduce themselves to Virginia Masonry.



"My name is Kelsey Friend, I am an 18-year old freshman at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. I am pursuing a degree in English and hope to write novels. These are all secondary to the fact that I was chosen Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia 2008-2009. I am really excited for the next year and stand ready for the task that is ahead of me.

Job's Daughters has made me into the young woman that I am today. I am a proud member of Bethel No. 11 in Chesapeake. During my term as Miss Virginia Job's Daughter, I want to get information out about Jobies. Far too often there are girls who do not know how to become a member of Job's Daughters. I was unaware of the

organization until I was 16. I am asking all of you Masons out there for your support. Talk to your daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and friends; let them know about this great organization and outlet for girls. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the coming year. Remember to come out to your Lodge's Job's Daughters events. We love seeing visitors on the sidelines during our meetings."



"Hello! My name is Sammy Glaros and I have been chosen as Miss Congeniality of Virginia 2008-2009. I am a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 3 in Norfolk. Being chosen as Miss Congeniality by the other daughters is a great honor and I am happy to represent them this year.

I have several goals for my year as Miss Congeniality. Raising money for H.I.K.E. (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) is number 1. Lending a helping hand is what life is all about. I also want to make sure that each girl in Job's Daughters knows that she is loved and appreciated, whether it is the shy girl in the corner or the one that is known by all. Each and every one of us are Jobie sisters and if we stick together, there is no limit to the things we can do!"

VIRGINIA RAINBOWS

We started this year at Grand Assembly in June 2008, where all the new Grand Officers for 2008-2009 Grand Year were installed. This year Virginia Rainbow Girls are following their "Rainbow Wish," which is a combination of membership, service to others, and having fun while doing it like Scooby Doo would do! Our charities this year are very special and they are Rikki's Refuge, The Virginia Rainbow Scholarship, and The Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank. They are special to us because we love animals and personally I have a hearing aid. We want to help both our furry friends and mankind. Our goal for membership this year is sixteen girls, because this upcoming year will be our 16th Grand Assembly.

After Grand Assembly, we were off to Chicago for Supreme Assembly. At the Supreme Assembly, Mom Linda Jenkins was installed as the Supreme Deputy of Virginia and Mom Susan Rennagel was installed as Supreme Faith. We are very proud of both of them. It

was so wonderful to see our Rainbow family from all over the world.

In August we had our annual girl's retreat where everyone had a blast with the making tie-dye shirts and family fellowship. In September we had our annual Rainbow Golf Tournament to raise money for our Rainbow Scholarship fund. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success.

In October we traveled to Rikki's Refuge in Orange County Virginia, which is our service project this year, to see the animals and deliver the products we had collected so far for them. Rikki's Refuge is an animal sanctuary where they take in animals that do not have homes and let them live in peace. Please join us on May 16th, 2009 when we make our second trip to Rikki's Refuge. Also, in October we went to Masonic Home Family Day where we visited with our Masonic Family. The Rainbow Girls had tons of fun in the parade with the Rainbow Mystery Machine. The Grand Representatives had

their annual Grand trip in October and this year we went to the Norfolk Zoo because this year is about our animal friends. The girls had so much fun on their trip and learned new facts about the different animals.

We have finished our Installation season and are having our Grand Visitations around the state. Please join us for our Charity Sock Hop on February 21, 2009. We will be Rocking back to the 50's and having a hopping time! Our Grand Assembly will be June 27 through 29, 2009 and we hope to see you all at This year we look forward to seeing you in our travels. Thank you for your continued support and love. You all have helped us grow up as young ladies into the women we are today by supporting Rainbow. We have no words that can describe what that means to us.

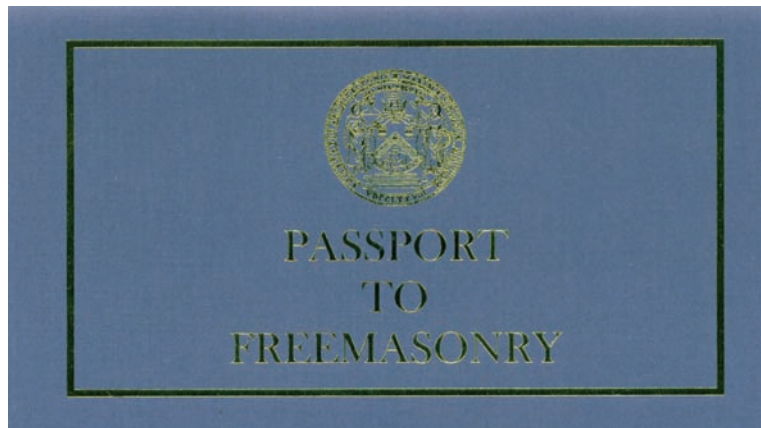
Scooby Doo love and service,
Jamie Waite, Grand Worthy Advisor 2008-09

Masonic Passport

The National Park System has a "Passport" program, where you take your passport to each of the Federal Parks and have your passport stamped. To go along with the "Traveling Trowel" awards program, we are introducing a "Passport to Freemasonry" booklet, which will be a fundraising project for the Masonic Relief Fund. The "Passport to Freemasonry" program will hopefully endure for the lifetime of the Master Mason using it. This is a way to keep a track of all the Lodges he visits as a Freemason. During each visit, the Secretary would stamp the Lodge Seal on the participant's "passport."

This program encourages the Masons under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia to travel the Commonwealth for the purpose of visiting with other Lodges, participate with the youth organizations and appendant bodies. Points can be earned toward the Grand Master Traveling Trowel Award by filling the pages of the "Passport."

The "passport" is in booklet format. The size is approximately 6 1/2" wide x 4" tall. It is bound, and has a description of our fraternal organizations. The front side of each page will contain a place for three Lodge Seals (see front cover, inside of the front cover and sign-off sheets below). They can be purchased from Grand Lodge for \$5.00 plus S&H.



The Grand Master encourages you to visit all "Masonic Family" organizations.

The first fifteen sign-in pages are to record Lodge visits and the remaining two pages may be used to record visits to appendant bodies.

The information about each organization has been edited due to space, but the Grand Master trusts it will give you a positive look at the tenets of each organizations.

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Dear Brother,

It is a pleasure to see that you have requested a Passport to Freemasonry. This is an excellent way to record your visits to other Lodges. I trust that in your Masonic travels, you will not only enjoy your travels, but make new and everlasting bonds of friendship and Brotherly Love..

Sincerely and fraternally
King Solomon, Past Grand Master

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Masonic Veterans

September through December 2008

Editor's Note: This is a listing of all Brethren in the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia who have received their 50-year plus Veteran's Awards from September through December 2008. Due to not being able to get as many pictures in as we would like, the Board has decided to honor all Masonic Veterans in this manner.

70 YEAR VETERANS

Bro. J. Nelson Liskey Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27
 Bro. Alex Grossman Fraternal Lodge No. 53
 Bro. Harry Willard Bricker Ashlar Lodge No. 125
 Wor. George Samuel Lightner Hunter Lodge No. 135
 Rt. Wor. Emmett Douglas Stewart Franklin Lodge No. 151
 Wor. Charles Irby Abbott Victoria Lodge No. 304
 Bro. Adam John Drescher Tuckahoe Lodge No. 27

60 YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Orvil Cranfill Metheny Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
 Wor. Edwin Rucker Payne Temple Lodge No. 9
 Bro. George Kenneth Miller Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. William Vernon McNemar Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. Stanley D. Smith Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. Frank Brooks McAllister Manchester Lodge No. 14
 Bro. Kyle Montague Epperly Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
 Rt. Wor. Julian Henry Buncuttter Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 Bro. Kinzel Bland Grubbs Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 Bro. Harold Eugene Wingert Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 Bro. Charles Robert Detwiler Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
 Bro. John Delmond McCubbin Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
 Bro. Andrew W. Todd Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24
 Bro. Elliot Sidney Schewel Marshall Lodge No. 39
 Bro. Glenn Alfred Trent Marshall Lodge No. 39
 Wor. Charles Gilbert Miller Joppa Lodge No. 40
 Wor. William Gene Sizemore Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
 Bro. John Buster Hemmings Abingdon Lodge No. 48
 Bro. William Kenneth Woodward Abingdon Lodge No. 48
 Bro. Ralph Louis Dombrower Fraternal Lodge No. 53
 Bro. Roy Wilson Lynch Pleasants Lodge No. 63
 Bro. Julien Irwin Sacks Pleasants Lodge No. 63
 Wor. William Wareham Elliott Broadwater Lodge No. 71
 Bro. John J. Horrell Naomi Lodge No. 87
 Bro. Calvin D. Strouse Naomi Lodge No. 87
 Wor. William Franklin Bausserman Spurmont Lodge No. 98
 Bro. Robert Lee Gray Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
 Bro. Thomas Gentry McClure Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
 Bro. Samuel Franklin Wiseman Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
 Bro. Howard W. Lee Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122
 Bro. William Merritt Parker Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
 Wor. Norwood Marshall Taylor Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
 Bro. Edward Edsel Mason Berkley Lodge No. 167
 Wor. Mitchell Pollard Hunter Purdie Lodge No. 170
 Wor. Michael Lombardo Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Wor. Carl William Nolan Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Bro. Herman H. Hutton Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
 Wor. William Barney Duval Forest Lodge No. 245
 Wor. Hollis Rothwell Stargell Alberene Lodge No. 277
 Bro. Charles Edwin Estes Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 Wor. Guy Preston Richardson Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 Bro. Reid Madison Spencer Ocean View Lodge No. 335
 Bro. Arnold Edward Lewis South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
 Bro. Richard Taylor Russell Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

50 YEAR VETERANS

Wor. Joseph Alexander Barlow Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237
 Wor. Harvey Segar Gouldin Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237
 Bro. Gordon Elwood Smithers Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237
 Bro. Thomas Franklin Swain Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237
 Bro. James Byron Knapp Blandford Lodge No. 3

Bro. William Carroll Ross Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
 Bro. Linwood Huit Parker St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
 Rt. Wor. Garland Neville Rollins St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
 Bro. Jack Pitman Kirtland Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
 Bro. Roland L. Miller Botetourt Lodge No. 7
 Wor. William Irving McDaniel Temple Lodge No. 9
 Bro. Wilbur Hudson Galbraith Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. Thomas William Raabe Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. John Robert Settle Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Bro. Charles Frederick Smith Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
 Bro. Richard Harvey Jones York Lodge No. 12
 Bro. James Carlyle Crosby Staunton Lodge No. 13
 Bro. Robert Kenneth Johnson Staunton Lodge No. 13
 Bro. Howard Fulton Sensabaugh Staunton Lodge No. 13
 Bro. George Thomas Rodriguez Acacia Lodge No. 16
 Bro. Willie Anthon Hess Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
 Bro. Garland Roberts Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
 Bro. Richard Howard Sadler Oriental Lodge No. 20
 Bro. Joel Octavus Stowe Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 Bro. William Richard Crigler Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
 Bro. George William Zimmerman Taylor Lodge No. 23
 Bro. William Sutor Easley Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24
 Bro. Donavon Ellis Bonney Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
 Bro. James Leslie Young Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
 Bro. Harold Allen Carter Elizabeth Lodge No. 34
 Bro. Thomas Delaware Thornton Marshall Lodge No. 39
 Bro. Juan Frank Crofton Doric Lodge No. 44
 Bro. Boyd David Millsap Abingdon Lodge No. 48
 Bro. Thomas Herbert Parry Poquoson Lodge No. 49
 Wor. Lynn Edwin Grandstaff Fraternal Lodge No. 53
 Bro. Joseph Della Hartsoe Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
 Bro. Robert Rhydderch Jones Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
 Bro. Donald Lawrence Uffinger Henry Lodge No. 57
 Bro. William Baxter Vawter Day Lodge No. 58
 Bro. Scott Allen Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Bro. Martin Leland Collier Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Bro. Jackie Carol Edwards Clintwood Lodge No. 66
 Bro. Harry Unger Old Town Lodge No. 68
 Bro. William Irvin Bondurant Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
 Bro. William David Turner Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
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CONGRATULATIONS SIXTY AND SEVENTY YEAR MASONS

The Virginia Masonic Herald has been notified of a number of Brethren who have achieved 60 and 70 year memberships. We dedicate these pages to many Masons for their diligence and service to the Craft, and we congratulate all of you who have achieved this great honor although notice may not have been given to the Herald.

Worshipful George Samuel Lightner and Brother J. Nelson Liskey



Worshipful George Samuel Lightner of Hunter Lodge No. 135 (Edinburg) and Brother J. Nelson Liskey of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 (Harrisonburg) received their 70-year Masonic Veteran's plaque from Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary with the assistance of Arthur J. Leavenworth, DDGM Masonic District 6. The presentation took place at The Highlands, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community in Harrisonburg. Worshipful Brother Lightner is a retired Minister and celebrated his 99th birthday on Sunday, December 7, 2008. Brother Liskey is a retired Hospital Administrator who will celebrate his 95th birthday on January 21, 2009.

Participating in the ceremony were (seated left to right) Worshipful Carlton A. King (Eureka No. 195), George S. Lightner, PM, Brother J. Nelson Liskey and (standing left to right): Brother Charles K. Moore, III (No. 135), Joseph A. Williams, PDDGM (No. 135), Wayne D. Hawkins, PDDGM, (No. 135) Arthur J. Leavenworth, DDGM Masonic District 6, Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary, James E. Rhodes, PDDGM (No. 27), Brother Harold E. Kelley (No. 27), Wayne B. Wenger, PM (No. 27).

Brother Calvin Strouse Jr.



Brother Calvin Strouse, Jr. (center) was presented his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award at the November 2008 stated communication of Naomi Lodge No.87 (Norfolk). Brother Strouse was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on November 11, 1948. The auspicious and solemn presentation ceremony was made by Worshipful Rodney Van Houten (left), Past Master of Naomi Lodge, who presented him his 60-year award with the assistance of Worshipful Diosdado Morales (right), Master of Naomi Lodge.

Worshipful William T. Holloway



At the September stated communication of Dinwiddie Lodge No. 136 (Dinwiddie), Worshipful William T. Holloway (left) was presented his 60-year Masonic Veterans award. The presentation was made by Right Worshipful Joseph P. Westfall (right). Worshipful Holloway's wife, Mary, pinned the 60-year Masonic Veterans emblem on her husband.

Child ID Volunteers Needed

The Grand Lodge Child ID (VaCHIP) Committee has an immediate need for two Co-Chairman; namely, (1) Co-Chairman for Equipment and Logistics and (2) Co-Chairman for Training/Event Planning/Sponsor Coordination. If interested please contact either William E. "Bill" Rorer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master at 757-566-3342, wrorer@cox.net or Jeffrey L. "Jeff" Smith, Committee Chairman at 757-620-1950, jeffry.smith@charter.net.



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Building Masonic Leaders

Brother Daniel J. Bukowski
Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

“We need leaders and not just political leaders. We need leaders in every field, in every institution, in all kinds of situations. We need to be educating our young people to be leaders. And unfortunately, that’s fallen out of fashion,” stated historian David McCullough¹.

I think the Lodge can help fill this need by doing what it does best: taking good men and making them better. It is the single greatest way Freemasons can make a positive impact in the world around us. We can become leaders and build up new leaders at all levels of society based upon the lessons we learn in Lodge.

What is leadership? I use the definition of Dr. John Maxwell², who said, “The true measure of leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less.”

If leadership is influence, then what is influence? It is the ability to get people to do what you want them to do willingly and well. It is about building trust and credibility with those whom we lead. A leader must earn it. It is not awarded, appointed, or assigned.

That said, how do the lessons in Freemasonry help develop leaders? It is through them we learn how to act, so we can become leaders. At the time I wrote this paper, I had been passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Both offer a multitude of lessons that, if followed, will put you in a position to build influence in all aspects of your life. I am going to focus on one lesson from the Entered Apprentice degree and two lessons from the Fellowcraft degree.

Becoming a leader begins with how we prepare ourselves, in other words, we prepare to be leaders just as we prepare to be Freemasons – in our hearts. From there, our attitude and spirit determine the type of leader we become. John G. Miller³ said that “the cornerstone of leadership is humility.” We certainly learn the lesson of humility in the Entered Apprentice degree.

From the Fellowcraft degree the lesson of the Square is possibly the most important leadership lesson we learn. That is because the strength of our character determines our leadership ability. If we are not honest and trustworthy, we will never be true leaders. It is

impossible to be a leader when those whom you lead do not trust you.

The Seven Liberal Arts also offer many important lessons concerning leadership. These leadership lessons begin with how Aristotle viewed the Seven Liberal Arts. Aristotle believed they were those subjects suitable for a Leader to learn; a Leader should not seek practical skills, but should strive for moral and intellectual excellence, the goal being theoretical and philosophical knowledge. He also believed a man was capable of pure thought; therefore he was capable of leading those who possessed practical skills.

The application to leadership is that we as Masons and as Leaders should always be learning and seeking truth. As John Maxwell said, “Knowledge alone won’t make someone a leader, but without knowledge, no one can become one.”

Another application of Aristotle’s teaching is that, to be a leader, we need to have both functional and leadership – focused knowledge. Through functional knowledge, we must first excel at our chosen or assigned discipline. At the same time, broader knowledge will help us think and work above our discipline. The Seven Liberal Arts provide us a framework to improve in this area. I would like to explain the application of each of the seven Arts to leadership. The first two overlap and I grouped them as such:

Grammar and Rhetoric: These arts address our ability to communicate. John W. Gardner said, “... everything rises and falls on leadership. What I haven’t mentioned before is that leadership rises and falls on communication. You must be able to communicate to lead others effectively.” If we cannot effectively communicate instructions or ideas to our colleagues, we will never be effective leaders. Of the Seven Liberal Arts, Grammar and Rhetoric are the most important for a leader.

Logic: While emotion is important, and should not be discounted, we will identify ourselves as leaders by making correct decisions under difficult conditions. Logic is our ability to think based on facts, not emotion. This means thinking through challenges, finding the truth, and stand by our decisions.

Arithmetic: Arithmetic represents the science and theory of numbers. However, whether

or not we have a gift for math as leaders, we need to understand the basics. Leaders cannot say, “I’m not a numbers guy.”

Geometry: For Masons, geometry is the most important of all the Seven Liberal Arts. In studying the world around us according to the laws of nature, we are able to see the ideal and perfection. As leaders, we must also see the best and the potential for perfection in those whom we lead.

Music: An expression of beauty is music, which is also associated with celebration and entertainment. For us as leaders, music represents the ability to celebrate and reward people. We must show that hard work has made a positive difference and it is appreciated.

Astronomy: The study of the vast universe is astronomy. As leaders, it teaches we must have vision beyond a day or a year. Where other people might only see chaos and space, leaders see threats and opportunities. This vision gives us the ability to navigate those we lead through an uncertain future.

There are a multitude of leadership lessons in the Blue Lodge degrees. But how should we use them to develop other leaders? The greatest need in society is for good men to stand up and be good leaders. As Freemasons, we have the tools and the knowledge, so desperately needed, to become society’s leaders. It is up to each one of us to learn the lessons of the degrees, understand their applications to life, and put them into practice.

“...Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”⁴

¹Harvard Business Review, *Timeless Leadership: A Conversation with David McCullough*

²Dr. John C. Maxwell, *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership (Revised and Updated)* Dr. John C. Maxwell, *The 17 Laws of Teamwork* Dr. John C. Maxwell, *The Maxwell Leadership Bible*

³John G. Miller, *QBQ: The Question Behind the Question*

⁴Bible, John 12:35-36

A Good Resolution

By Mt. Wor. Jim Cole
CEO, Masonic Home of Virginia

As we begin a New Year, let us pause to reflect about our recent holidays. First, regardless of our religious beliefs, many of us witnessed the excitement of children (and others of all ages) who “just could not wait” for Christmas to arrive. Then, on December 31, many of us celebrated the end of another year in our lives and the beginning of a New Year. Some of us made resolutions, promises to ourselves, for the upcoming year.

These holidays are so symbolic of the Masonic Home. Many adults work for years to celebrate the joys of retirement life, just as our children and grandchildren anticipate the arrival of Christmas. But then, as our retirement years arrive, we begin delaying decisions that can impact the quality of our lives. Many of us wait until midnight on December 31, as it were, to make important decisions about our retirement life.

That is what puzzles me as CEO of the Masonic Home. Every day that I walk through our community, I am greeted by residents who voluntarily come up to me and thank me for what they are enjoying. I have never in my life seen any place where a group of people were gathered who were more appreciative. At least once a week, a resident will ask me a question that is hard to answer... “Why did I wait so long to come here?” Almost every one of those questions will be followed by the admonition, “Most Worshipful Jim, PLEASE convince everyone that they should not put off moving to our community.”

Each month, our Board of Governors reviews applications. Almost every batch of applicants includes one or more people who waited too long. In some instances, state law prevents us from accepting those people, because their health has deteriorated so much that they do not meet the minimum

health guidelines imposed by state law.

I realize that folks have worked hard all their life and they do not wish to leave their homes and move to a new community. I also realize that some folks simply do not want to “spend the money,” desiring instead to leave it to their children or heirs. Our fees are very fair and more than one-third of our residents simply pay their own way and consider it “a deal.” For our other residents, we provide financial assistance, providing life care in exchange for a share of their assets and resources.

I also realize that far too often, human nature is such that we simply delay making big decisions. We wait until the “eleventh hour,” or, in my example, we wait until “December 31” before we make decisions.

Our community is a wonderful neighborhood of Masonic friends. It is a caring place where people are generally far more active in their first year than they were in the year before they moved. Why? It is a place of energy and life.

Like Christmas to many children, our Home brings great gifts to our residents. Do yourself a favor and make a resolution. Resolve to call our Admissions Coordinator today at 1-800-262-4644, extension 77295.

Then after you move in, just smile when you find yourself thinking... Why did I wait so long?



Shelter in a Storm

By Mt. Wor. Jim Cole
CEO, Masonic Home of Virginia

Last year I added a covered porch to my home. My brother then gave my wife a set of wind chimes for the porch. Last night, the chimes were very loud, meaning the wind was pretty fierce. I was glad that I was inside, sheltered from the harsh weather.

I then started thinking about the news that was being broadcast on my television at the time, more discussion of the “harsh” economic environment. It reminded me I should share with supporters of the Masonic Home the good news that some shelter is available from the current economic “bad weather.”

There is a way to “get in from the economic cold” and also help the Masonic Home. Charitable gift annuities are available from the Masonic Home for Virginia residents. Other similar life income gift opportunities are also available to all donors. A charitable gift annuity allows a donor to give to the Home AND receive a tax deduction AND fixed income for life. Additionally, a portion of the annual income is tax free for several years.

This is a better opportunity for annual income than typical certificate of deposit rates and certainly far better than the current investment markets. Annuity rates may be 5%, or even higher. The actual annuity rate is dependent on the age of the annuity recipient as of the date of the gift.

Since part of the annuity payment is considered by the IRS to be a tax-free return of principal, the gift annuity may provide the donors with a very substantial income, especially compared to the current markets. The combination of partially tax-free income and the initial charitable deduction makes this agreement quite attractive. Most significantly, after all payments have been made for the lives of the annuitant(s), the Masonic Home of Virginia and its residents will benefit from the charitable gift.

Gift annuities are very attractive right now. The annuity amount is fixed and will not change regardless of current investment or market conditions.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information at your request. You have the opportunity to find shelter from the economic storms and also provide future shelter for your fellow human being. Call us toll free at 1-800-262-4644, extension 77223.

Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals utilize a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those so honored, we call the attention of all Masons to note the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts which were made to the Masonic Home during the period August 31, 2008 through November 30, 2008. Persons HONORED are in **BOLD**, followed by the donor's name.

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Residents' Birthdays

BIRTHDATE	RESIDENT NAME	LODGE NAME
FEBRUARY		
2/2/1919	William Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
2/3/1918	Helen Anderson	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
2/6/1923	Stuart Shipley	Varina Lodge No. 272
2/18/1930	Elva Rollins	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
2/19/1918	Eldora Hamilton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
2/19/1919	Norma McCullough	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/20/1921	Charles Wilson	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/22/1921	Frances Charlesworth	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/23/1926	Claude Morris	King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
2/23/1936	Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/25/1917	Helen Rackley	Blandford Lodge No. 3
2/26/1930	Joy Kent	Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88

MARCH		
3/1/1924	Evelyn Leggette	Lee Lodge No. 209
3/4/1929	Betty Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/5/1923	Harold Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
3/5/1928	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/9/1916	Annie McPherson	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
3/23/1926	Irene King	Virginia Lodge No. 177
3/24/1936	Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
3/24/1916	Rose Szentendrei	St. John's Lodge No. 36
3/24/1922	Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/26/1923	Dorothy Barton	Arlington Lodge No. 102
3/26/1922	Joseph Leggette	Lee Lodge No. 209
3/29/1927	Virginia VonGemmingen	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/30/1931	Charles Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

APRIL		
4/4/1936	John Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
4/4/1924	Catherine Doggett	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
4/4/1921	Rose Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
4/4/1921	Elizabeth Payne	Joppa Lodge No. 40
4/4/1912	Pauline Steele	Northside Lodge No. 292
4/5/1921	Maurice Hues	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
4/5/1917	Rebecca Price	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/6/1917	Elethia Cason	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
4/7/1927	Margaret Baity	Oriental Lodge No. 20
4/8/1915	Alston Mallory	Northside Lodge No. 292
4/10/1927	Ellis Martin	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
4/12/1926	Doris Messer	Sandston Lodge No. 216
4/14/1919	Walter Smith	Sandston Lodge No. 216
4/16/1918	Virginia Roggmann	Bremond Lodge No. 241
4/17/1918	Stafford Bolton	Northside Lodge No. 292
4/17/1930	Jean McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/22/1925	Anna Wilson	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/24/1924	Beatrice Milton	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/25/1908	Eula Beasley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/25/1913	Olive Whitlow	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/26/1926	Rachel Bailey	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
4/27/1924	Juliet Burton	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
4/28/1923	Helen Payne	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
4/28/1921	Charles Winder	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
4/29/1935	Agnes Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 281
4/29/1925	Frances Pugh	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130

MAY		
5/3/1917	Ruth Carter	West Point Lodge No. 238
5/3/1914	Alma Gates	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/5/1919	M. Elwood Cheatham	Manchester Lodge No. 14
5/8/1926	Jack Golightly	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
5/9/1921	Mildred Garrett	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
5/11/1936	Mildred Milby	West Point Lodge No. 238
5/12/1923	William Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/13/1923	Robert Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
5/13/1920	Alice Walton	St. John's Lodge No. 36
5/14/1912	Joseph Crane	Columbia Lodge No. 285
5/15/1915	Estelle Bottoms	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
5/19/1930	Edna Alvis	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
5/19/1923	Blanche Feitig	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
5/19/1924	Anne Winder	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
5/20/1927	Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
5/20/1919	Gwendolyn Hues	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
5/20/1928	Harry Lape	Clover Hill Lodge No. 253
5/22/1927	Joseph Hogge	Mariner Lodge No. 215
5/23/1917	Goldie Simmons	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
5/26/1924	Jane Barnes	Richmond Lodge No. 10
5/26/1914	Lewis Butler	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
5/28/1927	Garland Rollins	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5

JUNE		
6/1/1916	Ersell Brinser	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/4/1925	Mildred Ammons	Warwick Lodge No. 336
6/8/1936	Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
6/8/1922	Emily Tosh	Temple Lodge No. 9
6/11/1926	Juneth Hite	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91

6/11/1928	James Walker	Varina Lodge No. 272
6/13/1938	Carol May	Varina Lodge No. 272
6/14/1917	Irene Baughan	Joppa Lodge No. 40
6/16/1924	Lansing Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
6/16/1930	Richard Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/21/1924	Dorothy Rowsey	Sandston Lodge No. 216
6/22/1914	Lillian Jones	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/23/1927	Catherine Murray	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
6/25/1936	Charles Goens	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
6/26/1916	Eloise Mosby	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
6/27/1911	Carl Torrence	Meridian Lodge No. 284
6/30/1929	Florine Johnson	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344

Residents' Anniversaries

FEBRUARY		
2/9/1946	Charles and Anna Wilson	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/16/1974	David and Joy Kent	Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88
2/22/1991	Lewis and Martha Sugg	Richmond Lodge No. 10

MARCH		
3/4/1954	Herbert and Mildred Milby	West Point Lodge No. 238
3/11/1950	Garland and Elva Rollins	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
3/20/1948	James and Irma Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
3/31/1963	Glenn and Carol May	Varina Lodge No. 272

APRIL		
4/14/1979	Earl and Irene Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/17/1944	Harold and Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/19/1946	P. Wiley and Margaret Jordan	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
4/22/1950	Joseph and Barbara Hogge	Mariner Lodge No. 215
4/26/1956	Stanley and Beatrice Milton	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/27/1946	Robert and Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345

MAY		
5/4/1968	John and Agnes Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/8/1948	Harry and Helen Lape	Clover Hill Lodge No. 253
5/12/1944	William and Mable Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/14/1949	Walter and Yvonne Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
5/21/1955	John and Betty Long	Washington & Henry Lodge No. 344

JUNE		
6/2/1951	Richard and Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/12/1943	M. Elwood and Sarah Cheatham	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/15/1946	Lewis and Mildred Butler	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
6/17/1950	Charles and Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

New Residents

ADMISSION	RESIDENT NAME	LODGE NAME
8/15/2008	George and Helen Wood	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
8/22/2008	Boyd Ivester	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/9/2008	Lucy Lamp	Winchester-Hiram Lodge No. 21
9/29/2008	James and Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
10/15/2008	Burton Lester	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122
10/20/2008	Edgar and Louise Harrison	Virginia Lodge No. 177
11/6/2008	Joseph and Evelyn Leggette	Lee Lodge No. 209
11/14/2008	Jane Barnes	Richmond Lodge No. 10
11/18/2008	Elizabeth Wilkinson	Northside Lodge No. 292
11/24/2008	Harry Bluford	Westhampton Lodge No. 302

Deaths

DEATH	RESIDENT	LODGE NAME
7/1/2008	Vivian Matthews	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/2/2008	Irma Johnson	Southside Lodge No. 191
7/5/2008	William McPherson	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
7/19/2008	Sterling Monk	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/25/2008	Ethel Fleming	Clintwood Lodge No. 66
7/27/2008	Emma Golightly	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
8/5/2008	Emmett Johnson	Southside Lodge No. 191
8/16/2008	Thomas Wilkerson	Marshall Lodge No. 39
8/19/2008	Robert Bonney	Corinthian Lodge No. 266
8/19/2008	Matthew Lacy	South Hill Lodge No. 297
10/3/2008	Marvin Puckett	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
10/4/2008	Grace Long	Northside Lodge No. 292
10/14/2008	James Linthicum	Hill City Lodge No. 183
10/22/2008	Robert Johnson	Richmond Lodge No. 10

Masonic Home Activities



John and Betty Long visit with Paul and Wanda Lucey during the Christmas Candlelight dinner.



Residents enjoy a visit from outside entertainers.



Pauline Steele, Opal Day, and Velma Talley enjoy the Care Center Christmas Candlelight dinner.



Santa, a member of Fork Union Lodge No. 127 (Fork Union), comes to visit Bertie Stubblefield.



Resident Volunteers are recognized at an appreciation banquet.



Paul and Wanda Lucey were inducted as Masonic Home King and Queen.



**The Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund
of the Grand Lodge
A.F. & A.M.
of Virginia presents**

12TH ANNUAL

**Ian McLaurin Shipley Jr.
Memorial Golf Tournament
April 21, 2009**



LOCATION

Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
1003 Brick Kiln Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23602

FORMAT

**4 man Florida Best Ball,
(Captain's Choice)**

Includes: 18 holes with cart,
beverage during play, gift bag,
family style picnic & awards presentation

**Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place in
Three Flights, Door Prizes, Hole Prizes
& Long Drive Prizes**

TEE TIME

April 21, 2009
Check in @ 11:00 AM
Shotgun Start @ 12:00 PM
(Rain Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2009)

ENTRY FEE

**\$100 per player
or \$400 per team**
(\$60 per person is TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

For Further Information Contact:

Wayne Golden, 3217 Mistletoe Way, Chesapeake, VA 23323
Phone: 757.286.3586

Make checks payable to:
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The First Annual "J. Stanley Johnson Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament" to benefit the Grand Lodge's Scholarship Fund is a great opportunity to enjoy a day of fellowship and friendship, while enjoying a great shooting facility.

Awards will be presented for High Team Score plus awards for High Individual Scores in the following age categories:

Age 60 plus

Age 40-59

Age 39 under

Novice (Beginning Shooters)

Wobble Shoot for prizes also!!

**J. Stanley Johnson
Memorial Sporting
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Shooting for Education!

**Monday, May 11, 2009
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Old Forge Clays

7945 Long Reach Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Tournament Fee

\$100 per entry

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