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The mission of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to teach and perpetuate a way of life that promotes the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God and to assist its Lodges to grow and prosper.

The vision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to be the premier organization composed of men of integrity and character, who are honest, true to their word, believe in God, are devoted to family, charitable in their community, and courteous and helpful to each other. 🙏

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NEXT DEADLINE: August 5, 2009

## Grand Master's Calendar

### JUNE

- 1 Herndon Lodge No. 264, Table Lodge
- 2 Monitor Lodge No. 197
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 22
- 6 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- 7 15th District Memorial Service, Forest Lawn Cemetery
- 8 Haymarket Lodge No. 313
- 10 MAHoVA Board Meeting  
Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 7 and 10
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1 A, B and 54
- 15 Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18, Table Lodge
- 19 Official Visits, Masonic Districts 14A and B
- 20 Wreath Laying, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk
- 20 Official Visits, Masonic Districts 35A and B
- 22 Halifax Lodge No. 96
- 23 Henrico Union Lodge No. 130 and Sandston Lodge  
No. 216, Table Lodge
- 24 Widows' Son's Lodge No. 60, Table Lodge
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic District 26 and 27
- 27 Grand Annual Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Richmond

### JULY

- 4 Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies, Observance of  
Independence Day
- 5-8 Imperial Shrine of North America, San Antonio, Texas
- 8 MAHoVA Board Meeting
- 9 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum College
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 37 and 38
- 11 Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
- 11 Emporia Area Membership Attraction
- 17-19 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 20 Forest Lodge No. 245
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 25 Southside Blue Lodge Night
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 25
- 31 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 47 and 49

### AUGUST

- 1 Annual Conclave, DeMolay, Radford University
- 2-5 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership
- 5 Supreme Session Banquet, International Order of Job's  
Daughters, Richmond
- 7 Lebanon Lodge No. 251
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 11 Murray Lodge No. 175
- 12 MAHoVA Board Meeting
- 16 Highland Lodge No. 110, Picnic
- 18 Nansmond Lodge No. 77
- 19 James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 20 Andrew Jackson No. 120, Unification Night
- 22 Dedication of Millboro Lodge No. 28
- 24 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, Table Lodge
- 27 Magnetic Lodge No. 184
- 28 Babcock Lodge No. 322
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 30 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, Father & Son Night

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 McAllister Lodge No. 185
- 1 Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, Rain Date
- 5 Hiram Club Ball, Virginia Beach
- 9 MAHoVA Board Meeting  
Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee
- 11-12 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach
- 17-20 South Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach
- 18-19 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia,  
Inc., Richmond
- 21 Campbell Lodge No. 316
- 24-25 Grand Lodge of North Carolina
- 25-27 Scottish Rite Conference, Virginia Beach

## Grand Master's Message

### Midpoint Review:

Well, by the time this article gets published, it will be beyond the first week of May which is the middle of my tenure as Grand Master. My, how quickly the sands of time pass, almost imperceptibly had it not been for the full calendar I seem to review daily. This first half of 2009 has offered many successes. I thank you for your contributions in achieving these benchmarks. We managed to get the Masonic Directory out and in your hands within the time period our goal specified, a feat not having been done before. This is the way it should always be, so we can have a working Directory before the Division Leadership Conferences ever occur. This is the first time the Annual Reports have all been in by the second week in February. We welcomed you to some exciting Division Leadership Conferences early in the year, and you saw the necessity to attend, which yielded an increase of sixty percent over last year's attendance. Well done! Now, set your sights on increasing the attendance for 2010. Worshipful Masters, you should set a goal to have the whole team of officers attend, as well as the group in your Lodge you depend upon to make your Lodge survive for the future. It's that important.

We have observed not only an increase in the amount of degree work being done, but we have observed a return of Brethren to our Lodges, who have been inactive in the past. Well done, Brethren! Your comments during our counterpart sessions demonstrated that a lot of great ideas, which have been presented in the past, are taking root in the way you manage your Lodges. This is gratifying because two fundamental benefits will be observed: you will succeed, thus improving your situation, and someone else who is observing your success will emulate what you are doing. This makes it a Win-Win situation.

There are few parts of this great Commonwealth we have not travelled into over these last few months, but my amount of travel is not what is important. What is important is



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

that we have shared an overwhelming level of enthusiasm with you. Freemasonry is meeting and exceeding many of its challenges. This is not to say that we do not have hurdles to overcome. No, there are many challenges we must face to still improve our Fraternity. What I have noticed is that more Brethren are talking very progressively about how they will overcome the challenges they face. I applaud you!

Your support for our tribute to our veterans is to be commended. Never lose sight of the importance to say thank you to those who brought you to where you are. We salute all of our veterans and this should be a resounding message heard far and wide. Please join with us in paying tribute to a veteran, maybe yourself. On October 10, we invite you to join us at the Masonic Home of Virginia, your Home, for a day full of great activities. It will be a memorable occurrence. Please remember, we have a goal of filling the floor with engraved pavers at our Armed Services Memorial. To do so, you must get your request in as soon as possible. It takes time to etch these stones. Now is not a time to procrastinate.

## Grand Master's Message Continued

There are so many great things happening in our Fraternity. Keep up the good work. I really like what I am hearing from you about our Home. Your generosity and support for our residents is on target. I truly hope we can expand our outreach program to assist many more Masons and their families this year. Our effect is genuine, and you should be proud of stepping up to the plate to underwrite our responsibilities.

Well, this doesn't cover everything that I would mention but for a mid-year review, in the face of current economic challenges and personal concerns, I would say that Freemasonry in Virginia is on target for a continued, successful future. Well done, Brethren. ✦

Fraternally,  
Jeffery E. Hodges  
Grand Master

## A First for Virginia?

While it may seem unlikely there are any recent "firsts" in Freemasonry, given its long history, it is believed that a notable first occurred when Most Worshipful Kwame A. Acquaaah was installed as the 2009 Grand Master of Masons in the Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.. Most Worshipful Acquaaah served as Worshipful Master of A. Douglas Smith Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 (Alexandria) in 2003 and is thought to be the first Past Master of a Virginia Lodge to serve as Grand Master of the District of Columbia. ✦

## The Other Holidays

by Wor. Harvey C. Mayhill

When one thinks of the holidays, they usually mean Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, and New Years. There is another set of holidays as the summer of 2009 approaches us. They are Memorial Day (May 30th observed on May 25th), Flag Day (June 14th), Independence Day (July 4th), and Labor Day (September 7th).

With these days of celebration, there are usually parades or other patriotic activities where the American flag is displayed and the National Anthem is played. As it is customary and respectful to stand during the presentation of these, it is also correct to place ones hand over their heart.

For those who have served our country in the military, the following is a way to show your patriotic devotion to our great country and proudly distinguish yourself as A VETERAN.

From the Veteran Affairs News (consolidated article):

Veterans and service members not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, a federal law that took effect in October.

The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces. This provision

allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag.

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering, or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem.

It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed October 14, 2008.

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you. Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul. The other died for your freedom.

VETERANS STAND PROUD; render your hand salute during any event that involves our flag. Show that you are a VETERAN and PROUD to have had the honor to serve your country. GOD BLESS AMERICA and THOSE WHO SERVE.

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# Brotherhood Night



On March 16, 2009, 80 Brethren from 17 Lodges, including three Prince Hall Lodges assembled to attend Brotherhood Night at Widow's Sons Lodge No. 60 in Charlottesville. In attendance were two Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Charles F. Shuler (1971) and Most Worshipful John R. Quinley (2005); two Grand Lodge Officers, Right Worshipful William T. Ellison, Grand Junior Warden, and Right Worshipful Louis K. Campbell, Grand Senior Deacon; and many others. The Worshipful Master's theme for this meeting was taken from the ritual; Freemasonry unites men of every country; sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance. Indeed that is what happened on March 16. We had Masons present from Argentina, France, Scotland, and Prince Hall Lodges. The speaker for our program was Right Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, the Grand Senior Deacon.

In keeping with one of the Grand Master's goals, the Lodge presented Brother Campbell with a \$500 check for the DeMolay Foundation.

The theme of Brother Campbell's remarks was "St. Patrick probably was not a Mason.

This was explained through a biographical sketch of St. Patrick's life and mission. His life provides an example of a Masonic lifestyle before the formal establishment of the craft. Brother Campbell said that one can find evidence of Masonic themes in the lives of non-masons such as St. Patrick and also in the songs written by non-masons. For example, he daydreams about Freemasonry when listening to the song "Be Thou My Vision". The words "love your neighbor as yourself, do good unto all, inspire us to promote the welfare of others", these are important Masonic themes. He stated that in Masonry we are required to take Masonic ideology outside our Lodge building. He encouraged all Brothers to be so close to Masonic ideology that even when we hear songs they will remind us of our obligations.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Worshipful Master presented Brother Campbell with an engraved plate in token of his appreciation. Sometime during the evening, the Brethren enjoyed Irish music played by the "Joy Makers," who all are Master Masons.

The photographs of the "Joy Makers" (above) and the front cover were taken by Right Worshipful William R. Bond, III. ♣

# Kempsville Lodge No. 196

On March 10, 2009, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges made a surprise drop-in visit to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 (Virginia Beach) for their Father-Son Night. Along with our Grand Master was his son, Brother Jason Elliott Hodges, Associate Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers. The speaker for the night's program was Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley (2005), who brought along his son, Worshipful Todd Quinley.

The evening started at 7:00 p.m. when Jaren Gray from the Kempsville DeMolay Chapter presented the 'Father Talk' in honor of all of the fathers present for the evening. There were 157 Master Masons present for the meeting with about 50 father-son sets in attendance. Besides the father-son sets, Most Worshipful William Lee Holliday (2000), our Grand Master's Masonic grandfather was in attendance along with his Masonic father, Most Worshipful Quinley.

All present received a memento of the occasion, a 'Father-Son' coin. Shown is one side of the coin.



Our Grand Master was very pleased with the hard work and effort that went into setting up this evening and wishes that more Lodges would hold 'Father-Son' nights – they can be communications or open meetings to let the sons see what their fathers do. Think about having one... you won't regret it! ♣

# The Noble Orders of Architecture

Pillars or columns have always held a peculiar and important place in Freemasonry and are objects of great interest to the Craft in general.

As Fellowcrafts we are directed to study the symbolism of the five Noble Orders of Architecture, but more especially the three original ones: the Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian. They are representative of the three pillars on which a Mason's Lodge is supported: wisdom, strength, and beauty. The other two are the Tuscan and Composite. The operative Mason was required to have known something of these Five Noble Orders from the practical point of view.

An "Order" in Architecture is a combination of columns including capital and base, and horizontal entablature or piers supported and designed in relation to one another. The column by itself is not the order.

The Tuscan is the first of the Five Orders. There is no certainty as to its origin. It was not used by the Greeks, and it is unlikely that the Romans invented it. It was probably used by the Etruscans.

The Composite Order, also called the Roman, the last of the Five, is a combination of the Corinthian and the Ionic. As it was a Roman invention, it was unknown to the Greeks.

The Doric is the first and simplest of the three Greek Orders. It was evolved by the Greeks of the western territories at the same time as the Greeks of the eastern territories were creating the Ionic Order. The true Doric style is found in Greece, Sicily, and Southern Italy, the finest example being the Parthenon on the Acropolis at Athens (447 - 432 B.C.). This was the Order favored by the Greeks and they used it almost exclusively in Temple buildings. It was too severe and plain for the Romans who needed something more ornate for their buildings.

It was found that the length of a man's foot was generally one sixth of the height of his body, so the height of the pillar, including the capital, was made six times its thickness at the base. Thus, the Doric pillar exhibits the proportions, strength, and beauty of the body of a man. Although it is thought that the style originated in Egypt, the reason for its being called Doric is based on legend. In about 1,000 B.C., the Dorians, a tribe to the north of Corinth,

invaded and conquered southern Greece and established settlements in Sicily and Southwest Italy. The Dorians gave their name to the style of architecture that became characteristic of the lands over which they ruled.

The Ionic is placed second to the Doric although the two Orders were developed simultaneously. The Romans adopted it but treated its details with less beauty and refinement. The best example is the Erechtheion on the Acropolis at Athens, but the true home of the Order was Asia Minor. It is suggested that whereas the Doric pillar was modeled on the form of a man, the Ionic pillar was fashioned on the proportions of the female figure. The height of the pillar was made eight times its thickness at the base to give it a slender look, and in its capital, volutes or scrolls were placed hanging down at the right and left like curly ringlets, and with festoons of fruit arranged in place of hair. The flutes were made to fall down like the folds in the robes of matrons. Thus, the Ionic pillar has the delicacy, adornment and proportions characteristic of women.

The Corinthian is the third of the three Greek Orders. It first appeared as a variant of the Ionic, the difference being almost entirely in the capital. Being less used by the Greeks than the other two, this order was fully developed by the Romans. The richness and exuberance of its decoration appealed to Roman instinct, and so they used it more frequently in their buildings than any other Order of Architecture.

It was modeled on the tenderness of a maiden, for the outlines and limbs of maidens being more slender on account of their tender years than those of men or women, admit of prettier effects in the way of adornment. The pillar is more slender than that of the Doric, being usually ten times the diameter at the base.

How are the three Orders applied in Masonry?

The Ionic pillar, symbolic of Wisdom, is allotted to the Master who must possess that Wisdom necessary to rule and govern the Lodge efficiently and employ and instruct the Brethren in Freemasonry. Wisdom is knowledge and as the Scriptures say, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,

and the gain thereof than fine gold"<sup>1</sup>. Just as a Mason strives to gain the Master's chair, so he must strive to gain Masonic knowledge to enable him to obtain that Wisdom which is necessary for a full appreciation of the principles and tenets of the Order. In doing so, he becomes a better Mason.

The Doric pillar, symbolic of Strength, is allotted to the Senior Warden, who, in ancient times was responsible for the actual operations of the workmen according to the plan of the Master. The Senior Warden must possess Strength to enable him to perform the important duties allotted to him. Strength without Wisdom is dangerous; therefore, he is directed at his investiture to act in conjunction with the Master. Strength of character is obtained by carefully watching all thoughts, words and actions. Every member of the Lodge is engaged under the direction of the Senior Warden in building the spiritual temple of his own character; perfect in all its parts and honorable to the builder.

The Corinthian pillar, symbolic of Beauty, is allotted to the Junior Warden. He is in charge when the sun is at its meridian, when life-giving properties and brightness are at their highest point. At this time of the day, work ceases for a period and peace prevails. There is brief rest after toil, intimate conversation among Brethren, and general relaxation of mind and body so that pleasure and profit may be the result. The power to express Beauty of thought, word, and action is given to man alone of all in the living kingdom. It is in the period of relaxation that such Beauty of character becomes most manifest provided it is properly controlled.

It can be properly controlled if the Mason gives due attention to the teachings of the Three Great Emblematic Lights in Freemasonry - duty to God, regularity of conduct towards all mankind, with our passions and prejudices kept within due bounds. Every Brother must ensure that Beauty adorns the inward man. ✦

*Derived, in part, from a publication of The Research Lodge of New South Wales, April 2004, as published in the August 2005 bulletin of the Southern California Research Lodge, F&AM.*

<sup>1</sup>Proverbs 3:13

# Historic Meeting in Scotland



Pictured (left to right): Right Worshipful James L. Jack, Provincial Grand Master and Past Master No. 579, Bro. Stuart Jack, Junior Deacon No. 579, Worshipful Wayne E. Price, member of No. 579 and Master of CWLR No. 1865, and Bro. Alasdair Dunlop, Worshipful Senior Warden No. 579. All are members of the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865.

Worshipful Wayne E. Price, Master of Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 (Richmond) visited Scotland in March 2009 and met with three other members of his Lodge who live in Scotland.

Brother Price who is a member of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579, Uddingston, Scotland and



The Temple of The Lodge of Melrose St. John No.1

is also an Honorary Senior Provincial Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward was attending a visitation by Lodge St. Bryde No. No. 579 to the Lodge of Melrose St. John No. 1. The Lodge of Melrose can trace its history to before 1598. ♣

## Caring for Our Wounded Warriors

In response to the growing need to expand services to our nation's veterans and service members, the Commonwealth of Virginia established the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. The program supports veterans and service members on their road to recovery from the effects of stress-related injuries or traumatic brain injuries.

Grants are being made available to Community Service Boards, brain injury service providers, and other public and private service providers. Through these networks, the following services may be available:

- Comprehensive and timely assessment
- Case management
- Outpatient treatment
- Rehabilitative services
- Family support
- Links to benefits services, housing, employment, and educational programs

To help further its mission, the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program seeks additional partners and volunteers who can assist veterans and their families.

For more information, call 804.371.4675 or visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov/woundedwarrior](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/woundedwarrior). ♣

## Worshipful John Stewart Dunn Memorial Grand Lodge Convention Reunion

The Worshipful John Stewart Dunn Memorial Grand Lodge Convention Reunion will be held at Kilwinning-Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 (Bowling Green) on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM. The format for this reunion will be a Table Lodge. The officers of Kilwinning-Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 will occupy the chairs and the Worshipful Masters, or their representatives, from the seven original Virginia Lodges will be offering the various toasts during the Table Lodge. The seven original Lodges which participated in the Grand Lodge Convention are Norfolk No. 1 (Norfolk), Kilwinning-Crosse No. 2-237, Blandford No. 3 (Petersburg), Fredericksburg No. 4 (Fredericksburg), St. Tammany No. 5 (Hampton), Williamsburg No. 6 (Williamsburg), and Botetourt No. 7 (Gloucester).

The event commemorates the founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia at Williamsburg in 1778 and celebrates the life of our deceased Brother and the event's founder, Worshipful John Stewart "Jack" Dunn, Worshipful Master of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 in 1991. The keynote speaker will be announced at a later date.

The event is open to Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons. It is not restricted to just members of the participating Lodges and should be an informative and enjoyable event for all who choose to attend. ♣

# 2009 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership

Fork Union Military Academy

Sunday, August 2, 2009 through Wednesday, August 5, 2009

## Educational Class Schedule

Evening Educational Programs and Classes will be held in the Chapel starting at 6:00 P.M., so that everyone may attend the evening ritual classes scheduled to start at 7:30 P.M.

### Sunday, August 2, 2009

6:00 P.M. Evening Program – D-DAY - Right Worshipful Walter W. Young, Grand Provost  
6:15 P.M. Evening Program – Passport to Freemasonry - Right Worshipful Paul D. Sleeper, Grand Junior Deacon  
6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Evening Class – Freemasonry 101 – Part I - Worshipful Harry P. Shaffer, Jr.  
7:00 P.M. Colonial American Entered Apprentice Degree Exemplification – Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774

### Monday, August 3, 2009

9:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Leadership Correspondence Courses - Right Worshipful Paul W. Pennybacker  
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Officer Training – Prospective Lodge Officers - Worshipful David C. Wells  
10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Officer Training – Junior / Senior Deacons - Right Worshipful Paul J. Reardon  
1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. Officer Training – Junior / Senior Wardens - Worshipful David C. Wells  
3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. Officer Training – Worshipful Masters - Right Worshipful Paul J. Reardon  
6:00 P.M. Evening Program – Traveling Trowel Award Update / Feedback - Grand Provost  
6:15 P.M. Evening Program – Five-Year-Education-Plan - Grand Provost  
6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Evening Class – Setting the Stage – Right Worshipful M. Mickey Ander

### Tuesday, August 4, 2009

9:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Leadership Correspondence Courses – Right Worshipful Paul W. Pennybacker  
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. LEO / DEO Training – Effective Teaching Techniques – Session I  
Member, GL Committee on Masonic Education  
10:45 A.M. – 12:00 Noon LEO / DEO Training – Effective Teaching Techniques – Session II  
Member, GL Committee on Masonic Education  
1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. Team Building Exercise – Worshipful Rhey M. Solomon  
3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. Preparing for our Future – Worshipful Mark K. “Kent” Brinkley  
6:00 P.M. Evening Program – iDC Program – Right Worshipful Paul J. Reardon  
6:15 P.M. Evening Program – Discovering Our Potential - Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges  
6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Evening Class – Hiram Skit - Worshipful Jason S. Wamsley

### Wednesday, August 5, 2009

(Attendee participation and discussion during all educational classes is welcome & encouraged)

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Discussion - Masonic Education in Virginia  
Members: Committee on Masonic Education and Publications  
District Educational Officers (DEOs)  
Lodge Educational Officers (LEOs)  
ALL Interested Brethren



NOTE: During this class your Grand Provost will mention a Leadership opportunity, which has already been implemented, the “iDC Program,” a class to develop personal leadership skills, but not necessarily Masonic in nature.

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.      Leadership Correspondence Courses: by Previous Arrangement Only – Leadership Correspondence Course Completion Certificates will be presented Wednesday morning.

**LOCATIONS:**

Educational Classes – Room Number 5 - Wicker Science Building (Go through the main entrance doors; go through the foyer, make a right and go down the hallway, the class room is on the right, room number 5.)

Leadership Correspondence Courses – Room Number 2 – Wicker Science Building (Go through the main entrance doors; go through the foyer, cross the hallway to room number 2.)

Publication Sales – Room Number 1 – Wicker Science Building (Go through the main entrance doors; go through the foyer, make a right and go down the hallway, the class room is on the left, room number 1.)

Degree Exemplification – will be held at Fork Union Lodge No. 127 (across the street from the Academy).

**TO BETTER SERVE YOU:**

- The Grand Master will have a Grand Lodge Elected Officer present in the book sales room Monday and Tuesday during class hours to answer questions concerning the five-year educational plan.
- A member of the Journeymen will have a table in the book sales room to answer questions about the Traveling Trowel Program and Passport to Freemasonry during class hours to assist you in answering questions.
- The following committees will have a table in the book sales room Monday and Tuesday during class hours to assist you in answering questions: Blood Program, Lodge Services, Public Relations, Membership, Education, VA CHIPS
- Right Worshipful Paul Reardon or Worshipful David Carl Wells will be available in the book sales room to answer one-on-one questions about Lodge Leadership. 🇺🇸

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## Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2009

NAME	LOCATION	DATE(S)	DISTRICT(S)
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
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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
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Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 21-22	31, 32, 33
O.B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 24	7, 10
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Reid James Simmons Academy	Fork Union	Aug. 2-5	Statewide

# Historical Facts About Our Ritual in the Late Eighteenth Century (Part 6)

by Wor. M. Kent Brinkley

In the years during and immediately following the American Revolution, Freemasonry in America endured a series of difficult and far-reaching changes. In the decades that transpired when Masonry was first established in about 1728 and the end of the American Revolutionary War (1783), the Masonic Fraternity grew rapidly.

This growth was due to the ambitious chartering of Lodges in North America by the premier Grand Lodge of England (the so-called 'Moderns'), the 'Antient' Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. While the forms and ceremonies of each Grand Lodge harked back to a common ritual that preserved and passed down from the Middle Ages, in both England and Scotland, different Lodge practices, traditions, and symbolic elements had been preserved or added to the rituals used by each. These resulted in rituals similar in some respects and, were quite different in others.

Due to the large number of Lodges originally chartered in Virginia by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the pendulum seemed to be swinging towards the Antient version of Masonry here. In 1790, the Grand Lodge of Virginia published a uniform ritual for its subordinate Lodges. This version was based upon the Pennsylvania [Ahimon Rezon](#), an 'Antient' working in general use in Virginia Lodges. This action caused the controversy between the supremacy of the Moderns or the Antients to come to a head. A part of this debate concerned the conferral of the Past Masters degree. This degree was an important part of 'Antient' ritual, and even the Grand Lodge officers first conferred the Past Masters degree on the Master and Wardens of a new Lodge in 1791.

By 1798, the question which Masonic form and style would be followed in Virginia

had largely been resolved, with the Grand Lodge mandating a Mason would be expelled for visiting a Lodge of Moderns, or any Lodge not working agreeably to the "ancient Usages of York Masons." The majority view determined 'Antient' Masonry would prevail in all Virginia Lodges. Those Lodges that had been chartered by the Moderns had to change to comply with this ruling.

Thomas Smith Webb (1771-1819) decided to remedy this situation. In 1797 he published his own version of ritual which he wanted to become a uniquely "American" ritualistic form. Entitled, [The Freemason's Monitor](#), or [Illustrations of Masonry](#), published in Albany, NY, it went through several editions. Although born in Boston, Thomas Webb became a Mason on December 24, 1790 in Rising Sun Lodge, located in Keene, NH. Albert G. Mackey, who believed Masonry was simply a new version of the Ancient Mysteries, was not a fan of Webb's ritual. Yet, another Masonic lecturer and writer, Enoch T. Carson, wrote that Webb was the "ablest Masonic ritualist of his day – the very prince of Masonic Workmen."

Webb essentially shortened and distilled William Preston's overly long lectures into a useable form. It is significant that the Masonic historians, Henry Wilson Coil, Dr. William Moseley Brown, Dr. William L. Cummings, Harold Van Buren Voorhees, and Allen E. Roberts, in a biographical sketch of Webb that appears in [Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia](#), stated: "Like Preston, Webb sought not to create but to embellish, abbreviate, or rearrange what was already the authorized working. Both men frankly stated their purpose and intent, and Webb gave Preston full and exclusive credit for the rituals of the first three degrees. Webb claimed no original contribution to the existing working but, as he said, abbreviated

and re-arranged it to suit the custom that had grown up in America."

Thomas Webb contributed to modern American Masonry by his adaptation of Preston's system of ritualistic work. The ritual we use today in Virginia is often viewed as a slightly altered version of the "Preston-Webb-Cross" working. All of the 'charges' recited after the degrees are Preston's original versions, shortened considerably for American Lodges by Webb.

In publishing his book, Webb is credited with founding the so-called "American Rite". His version replaced the rituals of the 'Moderns,' the standard ritual of the 'Antients' along with those of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. But his revised version of the ritual did incorporate a large number of 'Antient' practices.

Even though the Hiram legend first appeared in English ritual exposures as early as 1730, Webb's revised version is the first ritual working that turned the Hiram legend into more of a dramatic presentation. The 'Antients' used the Hiram legend in their workings in Ireland since time immemorial.

Brother Webb's adherents learned his re-worked Prestonian rituals, and subsequently traveled throughout different parts of the country to spread this re-worked version. These traveling Masonic lecturers spread a more standardized ritual throughout the Eastern United States. Among the more notable lecturers were [Jeremy Ladd Cross](#) (1783-1861) and [James Cushman](#) (1776-1829). 🌟

*To be continued...*

# SK HIRAM

When the Grand Master is being received at the Altar, the Deacons are sometimes facing each other and at other times they are facing forward - which is the proper way?

**ANSWER:** First, allow Hiram to clarify that the Grand Master is presented at the Altar and received in the East. Regarding which way the Deacons should face, this is clearly spelled out in the section of the Manual of Ceremonies specifying how the Grand Master shall be received in Lodge. It states that 'the Deacons upon arriving at the Altar will face each other and spread the arch ... etc.' The same applies to receiving the District Deputy Grand Master and is clearly illustrated in the accompanying diagrams of the Manual.



When the Grand Master is being received at the Altar, the Deacons are holding their staves in different manners. Is there a prescribed way they should be holding the staves when receiving the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master?

**ANSWER:** See the previous answer regarding Receiving vs. Presenting. Hiram is not aware of a prescribed way for the Deacons to hold their staves in this instance but it makes sense for them to hold the staves in such a manner that, when turning either forward or to face each other, the hands do not end up crossing each other. This means that the Junior Deacon shall hold his staff with the right hand at the end, whereas the Senior Deacon has his left hand at the end of the staff.



When the Grand Master is being presented at the Altar, is there a prescribed manner for the way the three members of the committee should hold the candles?

**ANSWER:** It is said that in this Grand Jurisdiction 'there are no left-handed Masons', meaning that all actions are performed with the right hand. It should therefore be presumed that the Committee will hold the candles in their right hand.



At the beginning of the Worshipful Master's term, he is supposed to "Open a Lodge of Sorrow." I have seen this done right after the installation while the guests are at the reception, sometimes at a ritual practice, sometimes a communication is called to do this, or it is done at the first stated communication. Does it matter when it is done as long as a Master Mason's degree is opened, the Lodge of Sorrow is opened, and then the Master Mason's Lodge is closed?

**ANSWER:** Hiram refers the Brother to two sources, both indicating that the Master may open a Lodge of Sorrow at any time of his choosing. The Methodical Digest, Sec. 2.05(a) specifies that 'The Worshipful Master of any Virginia Lodge may, if he elects to do so, open a Lodge of Sorrow at the beginning of or during his term of office, ... etc'. The Manual of Ceremonies, in the section on 'The Lodge of Sorrow' states that 'The Worshipful Master of any Virginia Lodge may, at the beginning of his term, or at any time during such term of office, open a Lodge of Sorrow, provided a Master Mason's Lodge shall have first been opened in regular manner.'



Why do we tie the apron inside our jacket/coat while in Lodge but on the outside during certain ceremonies? I learned long ago (in another country) that the apron "always" must be placed on top of any other garment. Is this a 'Virginia only' decision?

**ANSWER:** Hiram has consulted with our Grand Lecturer who offers the following explanation: "I was appointed to the Committee on Work in 1980 and at that time I questioned the Deputy Grand Master, Spencer McMath Rogers on this issue. He replied to me that it was as simple as my little finger; when inside, wear the apron inside; when outside, wear the apron outside. Since some other Grand Jurisdictions wear their aprons on the outside on all occasions, I would conclude that the way we wear our aprons in Virginia has been handed down to us through tradition."

It should also be noted that whenever we are visible to the public (i.e., Open Installation of Officers and Evening Memorial Services), the apron is on the outside also, even if these events occur inside.

## Educational Note of Interest

To better serve you, your "District Team" was expanded in 2008 to include the following Brethren:

- District Deputy Grand Master
- District Instructor of Work
- District Educational Officer
- District Blood Coordinator
- District Masonic Home Ambassador
- District Membership Coordinator
- District Lodge Services Representative



# Good Samaritan Saves Woman

Call it fate, call it military training, call it heroism or just plain old neighborly aid. No matter the label, it saved the life of a Mendota woman.

Patricia Lynn Ball was partially ejected, but stuck between the steering wheel and dashboard when her 1998 Chevy Blazer landed on its roof in the creek alongside Nordyke Road on a chilly, Jan. 14 afternoon. Only with effort could she keep her head above water, which was running about 2 feet deep. But someone saw her car and stopped, then found a way to help until rescue crews arrived.

“Even if she didn’t drown, she could have died of hypothermia in a matter of hours,” said Ross Hughes, the EMS sergeant for the Goodson-Kinderhook Rescue Squad who was called to the scene by another good Samaritan more than 15 minutes after Worshipful Robert Allen “Cliff” Kennedy, Master of Valley Lodge No. 93 (Benhams) also of Mendota, first waded into the creek to help.

“I was driving by and I saw a vehicle was over in there, thought there might be somebody in there, and I turned around and sure enough there was,” Kennedy said. Ball had landed in the creek just minutes earlier and was trying to escape her overturned truck.

“Somehow I managed to reach over and unfasten my seatbelt to get my head above water,” Ball said Sunday. “I felt like I was going to drown before I could even get my seatbelt off. That water was gushing inside the vehicle.” Her whole body was under water and wet, she said. She was bruised, sore and cold. And she was stuck. Keeping her head above water was a struggle. “I was trapped” and afraid, Ball said. But then she heard a car, and she yelled for help.

Kennedy was already on his way down the bank, after quick return to his car where he retrieved a bicycle inner tube and a rope. “I pulled her head up out of the water and tied it up with a bicycle inner tube so she wouldn’t go under,” Kennedy said. “I slipped it over her head and I put it behind her neck. Her face was

almost underwater, it was 30 degrees out, and she’d held on as long as she could, looked like, with her hands.”

Virginia State Police Sergeant Michael T. Conroy said Ball was driving on Virginia Route 622 just north of the intersection with Route 700 about 3:30 p.m. that Wednesday when her car went off the road. “She was rounding a curve, the vehicle went off the road to the right and ended up in the creek,” Conroy said. The truck hit some trees before it overturned.

Retired from the U.S. Air Force, Kennedy, 73, said he’d had some combat training, and he knew that Ball, 36, needed a hand. After propping up her head and using the rope to tie the inner tube to the back of the car to keep the support taut, he stayed close and kept talking to her until more help arrived. He also tried to keep her hands covered and warm.

The next vehicle stopped 10 to 15 minutes later, Kennedy said, but lacking cell phone reception one of the occupants drove on to seek a rescue crew. Goodson-Kinderhook was just four miles down the road.

“The vehicle was upside down in the creek, and she was hanging outside the driver’s side window,” Hughes said of the scene when the rescue squad arrived. “She was pinned between the steering wheel and the dash. A guy was standing there holding her head above water until we could get there.” The rescue team had to cut the steering wheel out of the truck before they could free Ball. That took another 15 minutes.

“She was very hypothermic, just extremely cold,” Hughes said. “It was pretty darn cold. I don’t know the temperature exactly, but I know the water was cold because as soon as I hit the water I went numb.” Ball was sent by Medflight to Bristol Regional Medical Center. She spent the night there, but was released the next day and is now home in Mendota.

“I was froze to death,” Ball said Sunday. But despite some lingering soreness from the bruising, she is doing all right. They said I was out there in the water about 30 minutes, but to

me it seemed liked a lifetime,” she said.

Hughes praised Kennedy’s quick thinking. “The guy holding her head up out of the water, he done a good job,” Hughes said.

Harvey Boyd, who is Kennedy’s insurance agent, said the whole story is pretty amazing. “This guy, he served in the military, was a combat rescue personnel, and it just so happened he sees her in the water gasping for air with her head barely above water, she’s pinned below the steering wheel, she can’t get out, she’s going to drown, it’s 30 degrees out and he uses intervention to help her,” Boyd said. “He goes to his truck, finds a tire tube . . . kept her head above water, covered her hands because they were exposed. If he hadn’t,” Boyd said, “she may have been dead, people would’ve been burying her that day.”

Kennedy said it’s nothing so dramatic. “I’m just an ordinary citizen,” Kennedy said. “Anybody would’ve done it. I just happened to be the first one there.”

Ball said she is extremely grateful to everyone who helped her that day, but particularly to Kennedy. “He’s my hero, definitely,” she said.

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“Discovering Our Potential”

# News from the Library and Museum

By Marie Barnett, Grand Lodge Librarian

Coming this spring to the Library are new bookshelves made possible by a gift from the **Hay Market Lodge Charitable Foundation, Inc.** as part of the “2008-2009 Wish List Project.” The new shelves are scheduled to be installed in April and will relieve the packed book condition on the current shelves. Other “Wish List” projects, whose completion were made possible by donations given in 2007-2009 from the Lodges, Districts, and individual Masons are the repair of thirteen chairs in the Library and Museum, the restoration of one Grand Master’s portrait in the Museum, the restoration of one Grand Secretary’s portrait in the First Floor hallway, and the purchase of a new computer for the Library freeing up the older computer for researchers.

A second Grand Master portrait currently undergoing restoration is Most Worshipful Beverly R. Wellford, Grand Master in 1878-1879. His Mother Lodge was Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. This portrait is in very bad condition and is costing a bit more than the other two. Any contribution toward the restoration costs would be appreciated and would allow for the restoration of a third Grand Master portrait.

Several exciting gifts and long term loan items have recently come into the Library and Museum. Be sure to look for these on your next visit. From South Hill Lodge No. 297 comes the 100th Anniversary History of South Hill Lodge No. 297 written by Right Worshipful Glenn C. Allen in 2008. From Lodges celebrating anniversaries in 2009 are the 100th anniversary commemorative coin, date book, and Worshipful Master lapel pin of Westhampton Lodge No. 302; the 100th anniversary program, fountain pen, and lapel pin of Kent Lodge No. 305; and the 150th anniversary booklet and historical newspaper account of Covington Lodge No. 171.

Abingdon Lodge No. 48 has placed on long-term loan the Washington punch ladle Worshipful and President George Washington had made from a buffalo horn to give in 1797 to his good friend and hunting buddy, Worshipful Francis Preston, Worshipful Master of Abingdon Lodge in 1798-1901. The silver plate fastened on the worn leather box housing the ladle says “the ladle was given in memory of her father to the Lodge by Sussannah Smith Preston McDowell, daughter of Francis Preston and wife of Governor James McDowell.”

Here is an update on the digitalization project undertaken by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial: several more Grand Lodges are having their Grand Lodge Proceedings digitized through this program and the Grand Lodge of Virginia is taking this matter under consideration.

Have a look at these new gifts and changes on your next visit to the Library and Museum. ♣

The Library and Museum are located on the second floor in the Grand Lodge Building. Grand Lodge is located on the grounds of the Masonic Home. Hours of operation for the Library and Museum are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The building is closed on weekends and holidays, except for special events such as Masonic Family Day in October. For taking a tour or doing research, all are welcomed. It is suggested to call ahead before coming. E-mail address is: [library@grandlodgeof-virginia.org](mailto:library@grandlodgeof-virginia.org)

## Marketing Freemasonry

By Rt. Wor. James Friend Dickerson

**B**rethren, daily opportunities to “Market Freemasonry” to our friends, families, and fellow Freemasons exist for all of us. What remains the most effective form of marketing? Billboards? Print media ads? Direct mailing? E-mail? From personal observation of various profit and non-profit marketing campaigns, I have found personal contact the most effective form of marketing.

How can we improve our personal marketing of our Fraternity? Share your love of Freemasonry with non-Masons (friends, family, etc) by giving them a tour of your Lodge and explain what can be shared. Invite non-Masons to your Lodge’s “Bring a Friend Night/Open House” the week of October 13th, 2009. If you don’t know what is appropriate to share with a non-Mason, ask your Lodge or District Education Officer, Instructor of Work, or District Deputy Grand Master. These Brethren should be more than willing to assist you in developing a personal marketing plan for your Craft.

How can we market Freemasonry to our Brethren? Don’t go to a meeting by yourself. Always, ask another Brother to ride with you. Whether you are going across town to a ritual practice or to Richmond for our Grand Annual Communication, the journey becomes more pleasant with the company of a Brother. Another way is by being an ACTIVE mentor for those whose petitions you have signed (Haven’t signed any petitions. Then go back and reread the previous paragraph and put it into action). Follow up with these Brethren after they have been raised; sit with them in Lodge; take them with you to visit other Lodges, District Leadership Conferences (DLC’s), Masonic Home Day on October 10th, 2009, etc. Take a lifetime of responsibility for these Brothers. If he was a good enough man for you to sign his petition, you should be good enough to nourish and cherish him for the rest of your life. Being a mentor does not end when a man is raised, it remains a lifelong process.

There are many other methods of Marketing Freemasonry to both Masons and non-Masons. The goal of this article is to remind you to encourage yourself to explore new ways of sharing our Fraternity with others. If you have additional methods of “Marketing Freemasonry,” please call 540.832.2574 or e-mail [jamesdickerson@remax.net](mailto:jamesdickerson@remax.net) your ideas to me. Now get out there and share Freemasonry! ♣

# Clandestine

Author Unknown

*(Editor's comments: Recently "Ask Hiram" received a question about the word/phrase "clandestine" or "clandestinely-made Mason." The question came about because a 50-year member who was attending a "Rusty Nail" degree at his Lodge was told that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, of Virginia was now allowing visitation between them and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. The Brother said he couldn't support this due to the fact he had taken an obligation a long time ago to not sit with a clandestinely-made Mason. Hopefully this edited version of a Short Talk Bulletin, Clandestine, printed in December 1935, will help answer what those phrases mean. Please also remember it was written in 1935, so language, grammar, and punctuation have been left as written. No harm was intended, just trying to leave it in it's intended format.)*

Every Master Mason knows that he must not visit a clandestine Lodge, not talk Masonically with a clandestinely made Mason, but not all Master Masons can define clandestinism.

The dictionary (Standard) gives "surreptitious, underhand" as synonyms for the word, and while these express the Masonic meaning to some extent, they are not wholly clarifying.

Mackey (History of Freemasonry) states: "The (Anderson) Constitutions declare, Section 8, that where a number of Freemasons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without a Grand Master's Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them nor own them are fair brethren, and duly formed. In other words, Lodge formed without a Warrant from the Grand Master (we now say Grand Lodge) is "clandestine," and so a "clandestine Masons" is one made in a Lodge without a Warrant."

Even this definition will not wholly serve;

many old Lodges began and worked for a while without a Warrant yet were never Clandestine. "The Lodge at Fredricksburg" in which George Washington was initiated, had no Warrant or Charter until long after the First President was made a Mason.

Haywood states of the several terms used to indicate those whom Masons may not officially converse: "A "cowan" is a man with unlawful Masonic knowledge; an "intruder" is one with neither knowledge nor secrets, who makes himself otherwise obnoxious; a "clandestine" is one who has been initiated by unlawful means, an "irregular" is one who has been initiated by a Lodge working without authorization."

An "irregular" Mason is sometimes, unfortunately, confused with a "clandestine" Mason; "Unfortunately," because some men are "irregularly" made Masons even today - usually in all innocence. George Washington was initiated before he was twenty one years of age; according to modern ideas, this was an "irregular" making, but there was never a taint of clandestinism attached to "The Lodge at Fredricksburg." North Dakota permits the reception of a petition of a man under age, although he must be of age when he is initiated; that their law differs from other laws does not make the North Dakota minor, who receives his degrees after he is twenty-one, either irregular or clandestine. In a Jurisdiction in which all the membership must be notified of the degree to be conferred and upon whom, the Worshipful Master may forget to list one candidate in his monthly circular; if the unpublished candidate, regularly elected, is initiated, it is an "irregular" making, and the Grand Master may well order him "healed" by being reinitiated, but no power could make such a Mason clandestine.

When a Lodge makes a Mason of one not "freeborn," not of a "mature and discrete age"

one who is a bondman, in his dotage, a Mason is made irregularly, but not clandestinely.

When the Mother Grand Lodge separated into two, in 1751, each termed the other clandestine, and this polite name-calling continued even in this country, between Lodges begun here under authority of the two rival Grand Lodges in England. The following is from "Washington's Home and Fraternal Life" published by the United States Government: According to the "Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, February 3, 1783:" "A petition being preferred to this Grand Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September last, from several Brethren of Alexandria, in Virginia, for a warrant to hold a Lodge there, which was ordered to lie over to the next communication, in consequence of Brother Adam, the proposed Master thereof, being found to possess his knowledge of Masonry in a clandestine manner, since which the said Brother Adam, having gone through the several steps of Ancient Masonry in Lodge No.2, under the Jurisdiction of this R.R. Grand Lodge, further prays that a warrant may now be granted for the purposes mentioned in said petition. "Ordered, That the prayer of said petition be complied with, and that the Secretary present Brother Adam with a warrant to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Alexandria, in Virginia to be numbered 39. "Brother Robert Adam who was then duly recommended, and presented in form to the R.W. Grand Master in the chair, for installation as Master of Lodge No.39, to be held in the borough of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia; and was accordingly installed as such." "The word 'clandestine' falls with unhappy significance upon modern Masonic ears, but it did not in those days mean quite the same thing as it does to Masons of this age, Prior to the 'Lodge of Reconciliation' and the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, the two Grand Bodies of England, the 'Moderns' (who were the older)

## Clandestine *(continued)*

and the 'Antients' (who were the younger, schismatic body) each considered the other 'clandestine.' Brother Adam's Mother Lodge is not known, but as he lived for a time in Annapolis, where a 'Modern' Lodge worked, it is probable it was here that he received the degrees which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ('Antinets') considered 'clandestine.' Transition of Masons from Lodges of one obedience to those of the other was neither infrequent, so that 'clandestine' could not have had the connotation of irregularity and disgrace which it has with Freemasons of today."

Today the Masonic world is entirely agreed on what constitutes a clandestine body, or a clandestine Mason; the one is a Lodge or Grand Lodge unrecognized by other Grand Lodges, working without right, authority or legitimate descent; the other is a man "made a Mason" on such a clandestine body. More widespread than effective, more annoying than dangerous, only continental vigilance by Grand Lodges keeps clandestinism from becoming a real problem to legitimate Masonry.

The District of Columbia has had to contend with various would-be incorporators who desire to attach themselves to legitimate Freemasonry, but has always been successful in heading off clandestines who desire legal status under papers of incorporation. In many States, Prince Hall or other varieties of so-called Negro Masonry is in existence, but this variety of clandestinism is seldom if ever harmful to regular Masonry. As a general rule, the legitimate Grand Lodges of the southern States do not quarrel with the Prince Hall Lodges, although they are" clandestine.

Grand Secretary James M. Clift, of Virginia (in 1935), puts the general attitude very clearly in writing about colored Masonry in the Old Dominion. He says: "The Negro (Prince Hall) Grand Lodges, organized just after the "War Between the States," can hardly be said to be

clandestine, as it in no way interferes with Lodges in Virginia. As a matter of fact, the then Grand Secretary of Virginia, Dr. John Dove, aided the leading colored members of this organization in establishing it in Virginia, believing it would be helpful to Negro citizenship. His text book was used as their guide for some years. No recognition could be given them, but so far it appears that Dr. Dove's conclusions were correct.

Occasionally, however, clandestine Negro Masonry gets in trouble with regular Grand Lodges. Colorado, in common with many other States, has for years had colored "Masonic Lodges" which usually give regular Masons no trouble. A few years ago a colored man there organized "Masonic Lodges" and a "Grand Lodge of Masons," which became a rival of the old colored "Grand Lodge." These organizations became involved in litigation in which one sought to restrain the other from use of a name which in essence was the same as the name of the regular Grand Lodge. If a decision had been obtained, one of these Negro organizations would have had the legal right to use the name of the regular Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Colorado, and the use of the Masonic emblems. The danger lay in the fact that if such a decision had been rendered, some degree-monger and organization of spurious "Masonic Lodges" might have obtained control of the successful colored "Grand Lodge" and converted it into a clandestine Grand Lodge for white men, and his organization would have been fortified with a decision of the court that it was entitled to the name of "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" and the use of the Masonic emblems.

The regular Grand Lodge of Colorado therefore intervened in the suit. After trial, the District Court issued a writ of injunction, permanently restraining and enjoining both Negro organizations and their subordinate Lodges

from using the names "Mason," "Freemason," "Masonic" and "Free and Accepted" (together with various other names), and the name "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado," and the members from using, displaying and wearing emblems and insignia of Freemasonry. The decision would be of value to Colorado in case it should become necessary for the Grand Lodge to enter into litigation with clandestine Masonic organizations.

In a majority of States legislation has been passed making it an offense against the law to use the emblems of a fraternal organization without a right, or to adopt and use the name of a pre-existent fraternal, charitable, benevolent, humane or other non-profit making organization. Some of these laws are very elaborate, others are less specific, but in States where such legislation has been invoked by regular Masonry against usurpation by clandestine bodies, the courts have upheld, or are now in the process of upholding the regular and recognized Grand Lodges of the nation against those who would profit at their expense. Clandestine Masonry of today is wholly profit-making, begun and carried on by individuals who have nothing but duplicity to sell to their victims.

Unfortunately, many honest men have been persuaded to pay fees for the "degrees" of such spurious organizations, in the innocent belief that they were becoming regular Masons. Some pathetic cases form a part of the literature of clandestinism. The charity of Masonry, however, is usually extended to the honest victims of misrepresentation, and such "Masons" may apply, and, if they can pass the ballot in a regular Lodge, their misfortune in innocently entering a clandestine body seldom acts as an objection to their receiving the blessings of genuine Masonry. ♣

# Friend to Friend in Modern Times Virginia Mason Donates Liver to a Brother

by Debra S. Satkowiak and Brenda Nadeau

On Monday, October 27, 2008, two Virginia Masons entered into simultaneous, lengthy surgeries that saved the life of one and forever changed the lives of both.

Worshipful Charles L. (Chuck) Turner is a 36-year Mason from Norfolk Lodge No. 1 (Norfolk). He was most recently employed as a program manager in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives - Explosives Industry Programs Branch in Washington, D.C. He contracted *Hepatitis C* from blood received during surgery in the mid-1970s while serving in the U.S. Navy. *Hepatitis C* slowly progresses until it causes cirrhosis of the liver or liver cancer. In January 2008, doctors at Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond confirmed that Chuck had cancerous tumors in his liver. Chuck and his wife, Mary, were advised that Chuck had six months to live without treatment and transplant.

Following surgery that involved radio-frequency ablation and chemotherapy, doctors declared the cancer contained and Chuck was deemed fit for a transplant. In contrast to other types of organ donation, liver transplantation can occur with a living donor. The donor gives part of his or her liver – 60 percent – and within months the liver regenerates to its original size.

Brother George Nadeau is a 21-year Mason, currently serving as Junior Warden for West Point Lodge No. 238 (West Point). Curiously, he is not listed as an organ donor on his Virginia driver's license. However, this opportunity to be an organ donor and save a life was not nameless and faceless to him. George previously worked with Chuck in the A.T.F. Richmond Area Office, where Chuck was an area supervisor known to be fair to all. Chuck gave all his investigators the opportunity to succeed or fail on their own merits. The two men occasionally rode their motorcycles together on nice days and shared an apprecia-



*Picture (left to right): Worshipful Leonard Larry Goens, Master of West Point Lodge No. 238, Brother George Frederick Nadeau, Jr., Worshipful Charles L. "Chuck" Turner, and Right Worshipful Robert Lynn Parker, Masonic District 11 District Deputy Grand Master.*

tion for shiny new Mazda MX-5 sports cars. As Brother Master Masons, both men are quiet about their duties and responsibilities to their fellow Masons, friends, and families. George simply knew that if he did not volunteer to be a liver donor, Chuck's life was at risk. This was something he could not allow.

An initial blood test confirmed that George was a match. Organ donors undergo a battery of physical tests and a mental evaluation to determine complete compatibility.

Being a living liver donor is not without risks, which weighed heavily on Brother Nadeau's mind. Possible complications from liver donation surgery range from mild discomfort to death. After examining all available options, George decided that we do, as Masons, have an obligation to help, aid, and assist a distressed Brother. At some point in our journey, we must decide whether we truly believe the teachings of Masonry, or that they are mere words that we speak once or twice a month at Lodge.

Since George and his wife, Brenda had already scheduled a mini-vacation, the surgery

was scheduled immediately following a trip to Las Vegas to see Jimmy Buffet in concert. Following the surgery on October 27, 2008, Chuck and George emerged with matching Mercedes scars that stretch from front to back. The scars are appropriately referenced because of their similarity to the hood ornaments on Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

Chuck surpassed the expectations of his medical team with his speedy recovery and quicker-than-expected discharge from the hospital. Chuck and his family and friends attribute his quick rebound to his unending positive attitude, determination to survive, and infectious sense of humor. Organ donation is not without risks: Chuck has to work hard at controlling his blood sugar, a normal response of the body following liver receipt, and he must take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of his life. George is still experiencing discomfort and dull pain months after the surgery, as well as some temporary (God willing) nerve damage in his left arm.

On February 4, 2009, Chuck retired with 42 years of combined military and civilian government service. At the time of this article, George was planning to be at his retirement celebration. They are now part of a small, elite group of men who know the true meaning of Brotherhood.

At the February stated communication of West Point Lodge No. 238, Brother George Nadeau received a Certificate of Merit from the Grand Lodge for his actions. More information about liver transplant programs at MCV can be found at [www.vcuhealth.org/transplant](http://www.vcuhealth.org/transplant) and information about Chuck and George's transplant can be at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/chuckturner](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/chuckturner). ♣



# Retiring Secretaries For the Masonic Year 2008

By Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

This year we welcome fifty new Lodge Secretaries. We say “thank you” to those secretaries who have either retired or asked to be replaced. In the subordinate Lodge, one of the most important offices is that of Secretary. This is true because the member who serves in this office usually continues from year-to-year and strives to bring continuity to the affairs of the Lodge. We have been fortunate to have Brethren to serve faithfully for many years in their respective Lodge(s).

The following Brethren served **ten or more** years as Secretary:

William J. Schlaffer, Sr., Suffolk No. 30	10 years	Roger B. Mumford, Purdie No. 170
James A. Williams, Urbanna No. 83	39 years	James E. Glovier, Fidelity No. 173
James E. Stanfield, Dinwiddie No. 136	28 years	Jeffrey S. Holbrook, Manasseh No. 182
Edward T. Conner, Piedmont No. 152	10 years	Carl W. Nolan, Kempsville No. 196
Henry E. Wood, Jr., Stonewall No. 200	11 years	Walter W. Young, Midlothian No. 211
William M. Cregar, Bland No. 206	28 years	William L. Hodges, West Point No. 238
Patrick H. Shannon, Mariner No. 215	7 years	Ronald J. Gilbert, Lebanon No. 251
Reginald L. Kilgore, Virginia Beach No. 274	10 years	Donald W. Martin, Newport No. 261
David A. Williams, Castle Rock No. 334	19 years	David T. Blackman, Frank P. Moncure No. 279

The following Brethren served from **one to nine** years as Secretary:

Stephen G. Reed, York No. 12	Kenneth T. Decker, Sr., Ivor No. 291
David S. Potter, Staunton No. 13	Paul A. Sullivan, South Hill No. 297
Milford T. Walker, Sr., Petersburg No. 15	Roland T. Kellam, Central No. 300
Helmut K. Hentschel, Alexandria-Washington No. 22	Alvin G. Crymes, Victoria No. 304
Melvin R. Craig, Isaacs No. 29	Hunter C. Perkinson, Jr., Mineral No. 311
Daniel H. Surface, Jr., Marion No. 31	John E. Staton, Jr., Dillwyn No. 315
Steven M. Hicks, Fairfax No. 43	Donald H. McIntyre, Campbell No. 316
William L. Luthie, Poquoson No. 49	Colin M. Rivers, Dryden No. 326
Dale J. Turner, Day No. 58	Robert A. Alexander, Jr., Thomas J. Traylor No. 348
Roger W. Peak, Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64	Rex W. Rockhill, John A. Lejeune No. 350
Thomas J. Barker, Jefferson No. 65*	William E. Tyndall, Edward H. Cann Daylight No. 1752
Kenneth E. Kerrick, Washington No. 78*	Stephen M. Whitaker, Civil War Research No. 1865
Douglas A. Schmitz, Naomi No. 87	Archibald C. Frame, Jr., Black Health Daylight No. 1982
James A. Kidd, Fleetwood Harmony No. 92	
John T. Brame, Amelia No. 101	
James L. Hutchison, Highland No. 110	
Richard W. Harris, Jr., Mann Page No. 157	
Ross E. Brown, Chesterfield No. 161	

As you can see from above, the length of service varies from one to thirty-nine years. Whenever you meet one of these Brethren, take the opportunity to express your appreciation for their service to the Craft. ✦

\*Deceased

# Blood Drive—Eagle Scout Project

Hello, my name is Neil G. Lilly III and I am a Life Scout with BSA Troop No. 261 at the Riverton United Methodist Church in Front Royal, VA. I am doing my Eagle Scout Project which is a Red Cross Community Blood Drive. I would like to educate young adults and everyone on the importance of donating blood and ask you to donate at my blood drive and become a regular blood donor.

My grandfather, Worshipful Neil Gene Lilly, Past Master of Unity Lodge No. 146 and a member of the Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Community Blood Program, had an accident in 1985 and was flown to the UVA Medical Center on the Pegasus helicopter where he took 143 pints of whole blood in 12 ½ hours which saved his life. This has inspired me to do my blood drive and help save lives. My blood drive is planned to be held at Unity Lodge No. 146 (Front Royal). (Editor Note: 44 pints were collected.)

I would like to pass on the following information, did you know that:

- Nearly four of 10 people have the ability to recycle something more precious than aluminum, glass, paper, and plastic, and can take this action as often as every 56 days.
- If you're at least age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health, you're likely able to donate blood. (In Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia - 16-year-olds may donate with parental consent!!)
- To download a copy of the Parental Consent form, go to link: [http://redcrosslife.org/help/hlp\\_recruitmenttools.asp](http://redcrosslife.org/help/hlp_recruitmenttools.asp) Please note there are five parts to the packet - they

should be the top five documents shown on the link. (Parent/Guardian must sign Consent form).

- When you give blood, you are recycling your life, your good health, for patients in need. These can include accident victims, cancer patients, surgery patients, premature babies, sickle cell patients, and many other critically ill and injured people. Every two seconds, someone in our country needs a blood transfusion.
- Last year, more than one-fourth of the Greater Alleghenies Region's annual blood collections were donated at Red Cross blood drives at high schools, career and technology centers, colleges, and universities.
- Did you know that at least one out of every ten hospital patients requires a blood transfusion? Just one unit of donated blood may help save the lives of several people.

Giving your gift of blood is a relatively simple, yet caring, way to make a difference in your community. ♣



Life Scout Neil G. Lilly III (right) showing the poster he helped design for the blood drive on May 4, 2009 with his scoutmaster, Worshipful Neil Lilly, Past Master of Unity Lodge No. 146.

# Reflections

by Wor. Frederick F. "Rick" Cazenave, Jr.

Of all the benefits life has offered me, and all the joys and gifts of grace I have received, being elected into this Fraternity, and rising to serve my Lodge as its Worshipful Master have been sources of particular pride for me, as it must be to all who attain, or strive to attain that honor.

From this chair, I observe how frequently we, the body of Masonry, sit on the sidelines and joke about or critique the performance of our Brethren, who are attempting to fulfill the obligations of their Offices. How precisely we remember the finest nuances of the ritual and, in noting occasional errors and omissions of performance, forget how tongue-tied we ourselves can become when sitting in one of those chairs.

Let me be clear, I, like Jubelum, see myself as more guilty than you, and I am making a concerted effort to correct this deficiency in myself. Why? Because such activities are un-Masonic, and they often cause more confusion than they correct, and those critical interruptions and asides from the North and the South detract from the great lessons our ritual could teach us, if only we would stop to listen, contemplate, and learn.

A Mason can, and should learn something new each time he sits in Lodge, and hear things that excite his curiosity, and cause him to search for a clearer understanding of what our ritual is trying to convey to us from the distant past.

*Excerpt from a Lodge program by Bro. Cazenave. ♣*



Water-to-land and lunar-to-monthly are part of the history of Chickahominy Lodge No. 286. Chickahominy Lodge located in Toano, Virginia began with an Application for Dispensation to open and hold Lodge meetings at Lanexa, Virginia pending the formation of a Lodge to be known as Chickahominy Lodge which was submitted to Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. After having been approved by the members of that Lodge, it was submitted to Right Worshipful E. L. Cunningham, District Deputy Grand Master, on September 2, 1903. This application was not acted on until 1904 when the new District Deputy Grand Master took office. The Grand Lodge of Virginia returned the application, requesting that the concurrence of West Point Lodge No. 238 also be obtained.

This was done and West Point Lodge No. 238 concurred on March 29, 1904. The Grand Lodge of Virginia then granted a dispensation on March 30, 1904. The first meeting under the dispensation was held in the meeting hall in Lanexa, Virginia on April 22, 1904.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia granted a charter on February 16, 1905.

Since Chickahominy Lodge was a lunar Lodge, the stated meetings were held on the full moon. Many of the Brethren were watermen and the Lodge was on the shore of the Chickahominy River navigated the river to the Lodge by the light of the silvery moon.

In 1910 Chickahominy Lodge moved to Toano, Virginia from Lanexa, Virginia to the top floor of the building they still occupy. Photographs illustrate the time changes from the horse and buggy, unpaved streets, and before electricity became common place till the present time. In 1945, the Lodge purchased the building on Richmond Road in Toano, Virginia, with the first meeting being held August 19, 1945.



Today the Lodge can boast a paved lighted parking area, quality meals before their stated meetings, a chairlift, and a warm hospitable greeting for all that cross their threshold. The membership of this Lodge has varied from 50 to 75 over time, but is now in the process of rebuilding for the coming century. The Lodge has a well-deserved reputation of exerting a wholesome, fraternal, and social influence in what has been largely a rural area, which is a tradition continued with the leadership of their current Master, Worshipful James "Jim" Leighton.

Grab your Masonic Passport, your copy of the Masonic Directory 2008-2009 (available through your Lodge Secretary and your Grand Lodge), and hit the road. After all you are a Traveling Man and visit Chickahominy Lodge along with the other 300 plus Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction! 🇺🇸

## Scottish Rite Golf Tournament

The Seventh Annual William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Classic will be held on June 11, 2009 at Ford's Colony Golf Course in Williamsburg.

The money raised will be used to help the Scottish Rite Childhood Language and Speech Center at Old Dominion University. It will start at 1:00PM with a shotgun start and the cost is \$75 per player.

We are looking for golfers, teams, and sponsors for the holes. If you are possibly interested, please look at the attached flyer. If you are interested and would like further details, please contact the Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center (M-W & F from 9 AM till Noon) at 757.599.6617 or via email at nnsrtemple@juno.com. 🇺🇸

## Russell Otis Foster



(Left to right): Rt. Wor. Jackson C. Simmons, Bro. Russell O. Foster (sitting), Rt. Wor. Alvin S. Knight (back), and Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master.

On May 8, 2009 at the Grand Master's Official Visit to Masonic District 11, Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges was honored to present a 75-year Masonic Veteran's award to Brother Russell Otis Foster of Oriental Lodge No. 20 (Mathews). Brother Foster was presented by Right Worshipful Jackson Crispin Simmons and Rt. Wor. Alvin Smith Knight. 🇺🇸

# Kent Lodge No. 305 Celebrates 100-Year Anniversary



Most Worshipful Hodges presented Right Worshipful Johnnie Clifton Dodson, District Deputy Grand Master, with a plaque commemorating the Lodge's 100 years of service to the community.

Kent Masonic Lodge No. 305 recently celebrated its 100-year anniversary at its Lodge hall on Malmaison Road. Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, was on hand to celebrate the occasion.

"You've got the same opportunity today to make the next 100 years of the Lodge sing just as strong a song," Hodges said. "The notes you play are going to be essential for the next generation celebrating 200 years of Kent Lodge. They'll look back on your archives of what you deposit today from your efforts, to your tokens, to your letters, and your sentiment of how strong Freemasonry is in your heart," he added.

According to Worshipful Ray Eugene Whitley, Secretary of the Lodge and Past Master, the first meeting of the Lodge was held in November 1908 on the second floor of a country store to adopt by-laws. The Lodge was chartered in 1909. Whitley said the Lodge started with \$25 in the treasury and was given a \$50 donation by Brandon Lodge of Halifax in January 1909.

He added that the first functional committee of the Lodge was created to purchase cuspids. By the end of 1909, Kent Lodge No. 305 had 27 members. In 1911, the Lodge partnered with Kentuck Baptist Church and began meeting in the upstairs of a Sunday school building. That union lasted for 68 years. In 1979, the Lodge sold its property to the church for \$20,000 and began constructing the building on Malmaison.

On April 18, 1980, Lodge members met at the new facility for the first time. Brother Dodson noted that most of the buildings construction was done by Masons and was built in around six months. "Whenever you see a group of 20-30 Masons working together for a common cause, you can see what happens," he added. Dodson said more was built than just a new facility. "This is just a building, he added. "The members make the Lodge." Dodson said much of the money needed to complete the project came from some of the Lodge's members.

When the Lodge tried to repay the contributions in 1981, many refused to accept the money or only took half of what was owed to them. "In all we raised around \$28,000," he added. "To me it is just amazing the things you can do when you work together."

Most Worshipful Hodges echoed Dodson's remarks. "Through the 100 years, on many occasions, many Brothers have stood up so one member wouldn't have to stand alone," he said. Hodges added that the Lodge has plenty of reasons to celebrate; including the man's life the Lodge was named in honor of S.T.A. Kent.

"When Dr. Kent was working in your community, contributing to life, and making life more advanced than could be imagined at that time by many people, he never once thought the Lodge was going to be named after him," Hodges said.

"In fact, men of noble means have it in their hearts to do great and glorious things and never think that they are doing it for their own good," he added. Hodges said that idea of servitude should be the essence of the Lodge.

He noted the many changes to the area's industries over the years, adding that the Lodge's presence remained in the community, along with God's guidance. "One thing you've never seen go is that feeling of God amongst us," he said. "That blessing that we get in our hearts when we understand that true touch of the Master's hand."

According to the Grand Lodge of Virginia's website, nine chartered lodges existed in the commonwealth in 1778. Freemasonry, a charitable organization, itself has been dated back to 1390.

*(Edited from an article written by Russell Carter, Star-Tribune Staff Writer.)* ✦

# A Warm Masonic Tale

A tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up:

“I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire.” They did that. “Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him.” They did that, too.

“Now, what do you See, looking ahead?”

“The face of a Brother through the flames.”

“What do you Feel in front of you?”

“The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night.”

“What do you Feel at your side?”

“The warm hand of a Brother.”

“OK. Now drop the hands, and turn around.”

They do so.

“Now what do you See, looking ahead?”

“Complete darkness.”

“What do you Feel, looking ahead?”

“A sense of loneliness, of being alienated”.

“What do you Feel at your side?”

“Nothing at all.”

“What do you Feel, on your backside?”

“The warmth of the fire.”

“So it is with Masonry,” said the old man.

“In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother.

When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you.”

*Author Unknown* ✨

# Leadership Correspondence Course Number IV Has Arrived!

by Rt. Wor. Paul W. Pennybacker

The Committee on Masonic Education is happy to announce the arrival of Correspondence Course Number IV. While all Virginia Master Masons should complete all of the Correspondence Courses available, this new Course is especially geared toward the Lodge Line Officers.

The reference materials used to develop Correspondence Course IV are the following documents: A Guide for Planning Your Year as Worshipful Master, Responsibilities and Guidelines for Officers and Lodge Members, District Education Officer Manual, Methodical Digest, and Presentation Volume.

The first three documents will be available for download from the Grand Lodge website [www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org](http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org) by the time you read this article, and the new Registration Form will also be there.

As always, the Methodical Digest and Presentation Volume can be purchased via your Lodge Secretary, at a Division Leadership Conference, or the Grand Lodge Office.

*Rt. Wor. Pennybacker is a member of the Committee on Masonic Education.* ✨



Led by Right Worshipful Robert L. Parker, DDGM Masonic District 11, the Lodges in Masonic District 11 all sponsored a hole at the recent Ian McLauren Shipley Golf Tournament. Why yes, they did sponsor the 11th hole!

# Traveling the State with Job's Daughters

by Pamela Zentmyer, Grand Guardian

The Job's Daughters of Virginia have hit the dusty trail and kicked up their heels in a number of ways. Since our Miss Job's Daughter Pageant in November, our Bethels have installed new Honored Queens and core of officers. Our Spring Grand Visitations started with a weekend in the Tidewater area. We enjoyed the company of many District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, and other Brethren as we had our Grand Visitations in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Norfolk. The girls really appreciated the support from the Masons.

We enjoyed Grandparents Day at the Masonic Home on March 21, 2009 and we were pleased our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges could drop by for a short time in his busy schedule. The Daughters and adults entertained the residents with a number of musical renditions and a sing-a-long of hymns and songs requested by the residents. One of the residents, Miss Ruth, also delighted everyone with a song of her own. After our cook-out lunch at the pavilion, the Daughters had an opportunity to visit with their Bethel Grandparents enjoying an ice cream social with a time to share stories and memories of their childhood.

The next weekend found us in Virginia Beach for our philanthropic fund raiser for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (H.I.K.E.). We had a number of games and competitions for the girls to enjoy. The five mile walk on the beach was a great opportunity for us to answer questions from residents and visitors about our cause and Order. Our day of festivities ended with a dance at Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274. We really appreciated the support provided by Worshipful Dave Crook, Master of Virginia Beach Lodge, and the Brethren for allowing us to share their building.

At the dance we presented awards to the girls and Bethels for the sand art competition, tee-shirt design, and individual donations. We raised a total of \$12,163 for H.I.K.E. Bethel No. 1 was awarded the first place trophy for raising \$4,819.61 and 2nd and 3rd place awards went to Bethel 24 for raising \$2,664.31 and Bethel 42 for raising \$1,175.00.

April showers found us holding ritual competition at the Richmond Scottish Rite Building to select the Daughters that will represent our Commonwealth at the International Supreme Session to be held in August at the Richmond Convention Center, followed by a Grand Visitation in the Richmond area. During the weekend of April 24-26, we welcomed home Robert Ashby "Bob" Clore, Associate Supreme Guardian with dinners, Grand Visitations, and the Youth Ball at Kena Shrine Temple in Northern Virginia.

May flowers bring Leadership Weekend for dozens of Daughters at a camp in Lowesville. They had classes which helped them to become better leaders. We wish to thank the Lodges that made donations helping to make this a wonderful and educational weekend. The weekend of May 16 and 17, 2009, brought our Grand Visitation travels to an end, but not the activities of the individual Bethels. We hope you find the time to join the Daughters activities and to show them by your living example the lessons and teachings of our organizations.

On a personal note, I thank all of the Brothers at all levels for making my year as Grand Guardian an enjoyable and memorable chapter in my life. ♣

# Virginia Rainbow

by Jaime Waite, Grand Worthy Advisor

This year Virginia Rainbow Girls are following "Our Rainbow Wish," a combination of membership, service to others, and having fun while doing it, like Scooby Doo would do. Our main goal this year has been service to others. We have been collecting products for "Rikki's Refuge," an animal sanctuary for abused or abandoned animals in Orange County, Virginia. There the animals can live out their lives in peace.



Mrs. Linda Jenkins, Supreme Deputy in Virginia, and Miss Jaime Waite, Grand Worthy Advisor.

We have also been raising money for the Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank this year, and that is very special to me because I use a hearing aid. As all good Rainbow Girls do, we are trying our hardest to make a huge impact in our communities. I believe we have been doing an amazing job. For our Charity Ball, we had a sock hop as the theme, where we raised money for our charities and Scholarship Fund.

This year we are reaching our membership goal of 16 girls, because it will be our 16th Grand Assembly. We have learned that to make a WISH come true, we have to work at it and that is what we have done.

Thank you all for your support and Scooby love this year. ♣

# Masonic Veterans

January through May 2009

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 January through May 2009. 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.

## **SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS**

Bro. George Thomas Vincent, Sr.  
Bro. William Beaver Eckley  
Bro. Charles Thomas Clay  
Bro. Homer Eli Hagler  
Bro. Alston Cabel Mallory

## **SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS**

Bro. Harry Laibstain  
Bro. Fred Norman Edwards  
Bro. Irving Earl Lawson, Jr.  
Bro. Edward Darrell Gardner  
Bro. Dewitt Frederick Cupp  
Bro. John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Bro. Elmer O. Rodes, Jr.  
Bro. Welton Gregory Barnes  
Bro. Robert Warriner Dunford  
Bro. George Foraker Norman  
Bro. Kenneth Anthony Darden  
Bro. Dennis C. Hayes  
Bro. Hartwell C. Martin  
Bro. Walter Coy Moore  
Bro. Glen Morgan Williams  
Bro. Curtis Carroll Willis  
Bro. Ernest E. Borgnine  
Wor. James Grayson Wilson  
Bro. Calvin Peter Keister  
Bro. Richard Scott Millikin  
Bro. W. R. Hamlin  
Wor. Joseph Howard Holleman, Jr.  
Bro. Orbin Dotson  
Bro. Marvin E. Stokely  
Bro. Joseph A. Whitehead  
Bro. James Skelton G Davenport  
Bro. Herman Robert Sawyer  
Wor. Percy Kyle Dugger, Jr.  
Bro. Joseph Savage Mapp  
Bro. Norris D. Hickman  
Bro. Clifton B. Killmon  
Bro. Walter Franklin Megonigal  
Wor. Prentiss N. Miles  
Wor. Ikie Ernest Pridgen  
Bro. Berkley Bryant Jellie  
Bro. Robert Oswald Fleming  
RW Raymond Roy Mitchell  
Bro. Hiram Beery Detwiler  
Wor. Allan Cecil Peringer  
RW Winton Ray Ward  
Wor. Howard Watson Pettyjohn  
Bro. Thomas Pinkston Webb  
Bro. Bascum Clinton Harrell  
Bro. Albert Winifred Smelser, Jr.  
Bro. Raymond Lee Davies  
Bro. Randolph Henry Lambert  
Bro. Everett Willis Thompson  
Bro. William Johnson Davis  
Wor. Robert George Lockwood  
Bro. John Sylvester Ward

Bro. Lewis Edward Ayers  
Bro. Robert Hudson Hansford  
Bro. Myron Sobotka  
Bro. Cecil Percy Balderson  
Bro. Andrew Starling Griffith, Jr.  
Bro. Bushrod Corbin Washington  
Wor. John Wesley Fox  
Wor. John Walker Duval  
Bro. James Thomas Green  
Bro. Frank R. Scruggs  
Bro. Challis Raymond Lowder  
Bro. Robert Andrew Kelley  
Wor. John Thomas Faircloth, Jr.  
Bro. Carl Douglas Bradshaw  
Bro. Luther Badger Rowe, Jr.  
Bro. Richard Henry Owens  
Wor. Gafford Yancey Pleasants  
RW James Judson Fox  
Bro. Morton L. Conwell, Jr.  
Wor. Robert George Lockwood  
Bro. John Roy Groundwater  
Bro. Lewis Armistead Butler

## **FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS**

Wor. Stanley Glaser  
Bro. Arnold Harrison Leon  
Bro. William Carl Smith, Jr.  
Bro. Edgar Foley Tyree, Jr.  
Bro. Robert Mathews Jackson  
Bro. Olen Clyde Knight  
RW William Eugene Davis  
Bro. Alfred Benton Knight  
Bro. Waverly Sherwood Carter  
Bro. Robert Milton Gibson  
Bro. John Prokopis  
Bro. David Green Taylor  
Bro. David Lee Roberts  
Bro. James Alexander Baber, III  
Bro. Thomas Gerald Baber  
Bro. Everett Monroe French, Jr.  
Wor. James Richard Shaffer  
Bro. Wayne Kerry Lowe  
Bro. Lowry Keeler Hudgins  
Bro. Donald Lamine Chappell  
Bro. Charlie Edeth Gray, Jr.  
Wor. John Grier Crawford, Jr.  
Bro. Donald Lee Gentry  
Bro. Eugene Good Holsinger  
Bro. Buford Cregger  
Bro. James David Parlier  
Bro. Lloyd Joseph Chapman  
Bro. Warren Lee Carter  
Wor. Murray R. Pearson  
Bro. Ronald Everett Carey  
Bro. John Lloyd Clement  
Bro. James Collins  
Bro. Charles Stuart Thompson  
Bro. James B. Fulks

Bro. Ralph Fern  
RW Jack Lawrence Shafer  
Bro. J. Leonard Hartman  
Bro. William Troy Lane  
Wor. Charles Ramsey Hockman  
Bro. Robert Arthur Anderson  
Bro. Demetrius Achilles Armenakis  
Bro. Thomas William Reeves  
Bro. Fred N. Barker, Jr.  
Wor. Marvin L. Everett  
Bro. David Thomas Dunn, Jr.  
Bro. Paul John Finch  
Bro. James William Lewis  
Bro. Thomas Ray Phillips  
Wor. Britton Barkley Seebo  
RW Fred Davis Bowman  
Bro. Alfred P. Lecraw  
Bro. Lloyd Jefferson Baker  
Wor. Eber Clifton Downes, Jr.  
Wor. Robert Moore Killmon  
Bro. Keyolan George Light  
Bro. James Frank Kelly, Jr.  
Bro. John Jordan Chappell  
Bro. Carl Alexander Harrington  
Bro. Herbert Stanley Larkin  
Bro. Clifford Marion Parker  
Wor. Charles Osborne Roberts  
Wor. Clarence Ray Tapscott  
Wor. Jerry Mac Cottrell  
Bro. Jack Stewart Oliver  
Bro. Douglas Martin Furman  
Bro. Warriner Lee Bass  
Bro. Sidney Edward Locke  
Bro. Bernard Marvin Coleman  
Bro. Ernest Coleman Kersey, Jr.  
Wor. Edward Graham Lanford  
Bro. Kyle L. Miller  
Bro. Claude Davis Martin  
Bro. Heyward Grady Kolb, Jr.  
Bro. John Graden Britt, Sr.  
Wor. James Earl Hodges  
Bro. Harry Lee Hamlett  
Bro. Robert Warburton Jones, Sr.  
Bro. Clarence Junior McKinney  
Bro. Charles Marion Salley  
Bro. John Alfred Mays  
Bro. Raymond Bernard Coulter  
RW Edwin Jacklin Joyner  
Bro. Robert Carlyle Bunting, Sr.  
Wor. David Vaughan Harvey  
Bro. Frank Allen Hollins  
Bro. Kenneth Eugene Stephens, Sr.  
Wor. Elmer Elighia Walters, Sr.  
Bro. Henry Clyde Pearson  
Bro. Louis A. Rothgeb  
Bro. Kenneth Leon Spraker  
Wor. Curtis Fields Ball  
Bro. John Daniel Gordon

Wor. Robert Iain Mackay  
Wor. Max B. Wine  
Bro. Henry Lee Foiles, Jr.  
Bro. Willie David Matthews  
Bro. Charlie Benton Taylor, Sr.  
Bro. George Edward Day  
Wor. Walter Philip Warner  
Wor. William Howard Sulzberger  
Bro. Quinten Roosevelt Carroll  
Wor. Arnold B. Kitts  
Bro. Rex Yancy Morehead  
Bro. John William Martin, Jr.  
Bro. George Dallas Morris, Jr.  
Bro. Jack Haggard Littlejohn  
Bro. Roy Lee Mozingo  
Bro. Raymond Lee Cook  
Bro. David Ernest Love, Jr.  
Bro. Marvin Edward Morris  
Bro. Giles Eddie Ferguson  
Wor. Oscar Blue Omohundro, Jr.  
Wor. Archie Thomas Morgan  
Bro. George Alexander Weimer  
Bro. James W. Meadows  
Bro. George W. Chapman  
Bro. William Charles Olin  
Bro. Arthur Lee Scarborough  
Bro. Harry Ruben Kocen  
Wor. Harold Eugene Custis  
Wor. Herbert L. Jones  
Bro. John Hoeft Getreu  
Bro. John Shepard Harrell  
Wor. J. Russell West  
Bro. John Edwin Johnson  
Wor. Rawleigh Granville Clary  
Bro. Robert Lee Richmond  
Bro. Early Edward Jordan  
Bro. Asa Victor Kemp  
Bro. Charles A. Bowles  
Bro. Roger Hopkins Roberts  
Bro. Richard Emanuel Strauss  
Bro. Henry James Williams, Jr.  
Bro. Robert Townsend Colby  
Bro. Hershall Wayne Hensley  
Bro. Thomas Troy Palmer, Jr.  
Bro. Rudolph Donald Descoteau  
Wor. James Severn Wright, Sr.  
Bro. Robert Franklin Gullede  
Bro. James William Collier  
Bro. Robert Ewing Goodwin  
Wor. Clarence Everett Austin  
Bro. Joseph Brooks  
Bro. John Fields, Jr.  
Wor. William Roland Fouts  
Bro. William Edward Clingman  
Bro. Allen Eugene Coppage  
Bro. Robert Jesse Rowe

## 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.

### Cecil P. Balderson



At the February stated communication of Lee Lodge No. 209 (Waynesboro), Brother Cecil Percy Balderson (center) received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award. Right Worshipful Joe Harris, Jr. (left), District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 19, made the presentation. Worshipful Milton Alan Hrebinko (right), Master of Lee Lodge No. 209, assisted in the presentation.

### Richard H. Owens



On April 2, 2009, seven Brethren from South Hill Lodge No. 297 (South Hill) traveled to the home of Brother Richard H. Owens in Richmond to present him with his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award. Presenting the Certificate to Bro. Owens is Right Worshipful William Y. Roper, III (left).

### Raymond F. Fristoe



Brother Raymond F. Fristoe (second from the left), a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 137 (Luray) received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award at his home from Right Worshipful Albert J. Judd, Sr. (left), PDDGM. Brother Raymond is 97 years old. Also present for the presentation were Worshipful Carlos Good (second from right), Past Master, and Brother William Mills (right), Lodge Secretary.

### Rt. Wor. James J. Fox



Right Worshipful James Judson Fox (center) of Westhampton Lodge No. 302 (Richmond) received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award from Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997). Also pictured is Brother James F. Palmer, Senior Warden (left). The presentation took place at the March 4, 2009 stated communication of the Lodge.

### Garland S. Hardin



At a recent meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 (Richmond), Brother Garland S. Hardin received Honorary membership from the Lodge due to his having over 70 years of service to the Lodge and Craft. Those attending the ceremony were (left to right): Right Worshipful Albert Abe Dranoff, DDGM Masonic District 15-C; Right Worshipful Bernard Leslie Colgin, Jr., DDGM Masonic District 15-B; Worshipful C. Thomas Sykes, Worshipful Master of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19; Brother Garland S. Hardin; Right Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; and Right Worshipful Barry Lane Absher, DDGM Masonic District 15-A.

### Homer E. Hagler



Left to right: Wor. Robert Archibald, Wor. Robert Collins, Bro. Homer E. Hagler, Rt. Wor. David English DDGM Masonic District 34, Rt. Wor. Carleton English, Master of Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273, and Wor. Art Ybarra.

At the May stated communication of Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273 (Portsmouth), Brother Homer Eli Hagler received his 70-year Masonic Veteran's plaque.



## Harry W. Bricker



In January, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges (right), Grand Master, presented Brother Harry Willard Bricker (sitting down) of Ashlar Lodge No. 125 (Shenandoah) with his 70-year Masonic Veteran's award. Also in the picture (left to right) are Worshipful Harry Clinton Glenn, Master of Ashlar Lodge, Robert Moore (Bricker's step-son) and Robert Moore II (his step grandson).

## George W. Peake



Brother George Watson Peake (right) of Monitor Lodge No. 197 (Hampton) received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award from Worshipful Joe Dalton Tugwell (left), Maser of Monitor Lodge, and Brother Walter Lee at Brother Peake's home. Brother Peake's grandfather and father were also members of Monitor Lodge.

## Grand Master Visits Mariner No. 215



Picture (left to right): Mt. Wor. Parker (2002), Mt. Wor. Perdue (1991), Mt. Wor. Hodges, Wor. Victor Vogelsang, Master of Mariner Lodge, Mt. Wor. Adkins (1997), and Mt. Wor. Holliday (2000).

At the May stated communication, Mariner Lodge No. 215 (Newport News) was honored to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges make an Official Visit to our Lodge. It was especially nice since this was our 600th stated meeting. The meeting was preceded by a fantastic fish fry coordinated by Worshipful F. Stuart White, Past Master of Mariner, who with the assistance of other Brethren, wives, and the Hampton Rainbow Assembly No. 2, brought a happy smile to many faces.

Most Worshipful Hodges gave a very eloquent talk about how Lodges are like a big smelting pot where Brethren from different Lodges and Districts can come together for bonding and fellowship. After his remarks, our Grand Master proceeded to close the Lodge. At this time, to the surprise and delight of the Brethren attending, the four Past Grand Masters filled the Warden and Deacon chairs: Most Worshipful William Franklin Perdue (1991)

was Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary, was the Junior Warden, Most Worshipful William Lee Holliday (2000), Grand Treasurer, was the Senior Deacon, and Most Worshipful Clifford Alan "Skip" Parker (2002) was the Junior Deacon. This was a very rare opportunity to see and enjoy.

There were also six appointed Grand Lodge Officers in attendance for the meeting: Right Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., Grand Marshal; Right Worshipful Moring Elbert Gravitt, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master; Right Worshipful Edwin Clifton Whitlock, Grand Chaplain; Right Worshipful David Alex Burkus, Grand Pursuivant; Right Worshipful James Friend Dickerson, Grand Senior Steward; and Worshipful Bernardo Fontelera Molina, Jr., Associate Grand Senior Steward.

There were seven District Deputy Grand Masters, six Worshipful Masters and a total count of 72 Brethren for the meeting. ✦

# Hay Market Lodge No. 313



Hay Market Lodge No. 313 (Haymarket) recently was notified that they were one of the 2008 Lodge recipients of the 'Mark Twain Award' awarded by the Masonic Services Association of North America. The following is a recap of what they accomplished in 2008 to help receive this prestigious award.

Our Lodge programs focused on dynamic topics and speakers at our stated communications following a pre-meeting dinner. Our membership added eighteen new members, affiliated, or transferred Master Masons to the Lodge roster.

In addition to satisfying the obligatory programs directed by our Grand Lodge, we focused on having programs of interest to potential future Masons, to those who had submitted petitions, to those who were progressing through the degrees to the sublime degree of Master Mason, as well as our standing members.

We had a broad range of programs during this period that focused on community, youth, widows, US Armed Forces, and our overall membership. These activities were conducted in conjunction with dinners at the Lodge. The events were kept as informal as possible and participation from the attendees was solicited and encouraged.

In conjunction with Memorial Day activities in Washington, DC, Bro. Jerry Hampton coordinated a motorcycle "Ride to the Wall," beginning with a breakfast at the Lodge before the riders left on their journey.

For twenty-two years, Hay Market Lodge has had a fraternal exchange program with Montgomery Cornerstone Lodge No. 195, in Rockville, Maryland. A return visit to

Montgomery Cornerstone Lodge was well prepared, where we received a tasty dinner and exceptional musical tribute program to enjoy. This long-term program has cemented many friendships between the two Lodges. Hay Market Lodge is fortunate to have a significant number of active and retired law enforcement personnel in its ranks and they expressed their appreciation of this program by affording the speakers a round of applause and a standing ovation.

Most Worshipful George Harry Chapin (1999) received the George Washington Medal in recognition of his year of notable service to the Craft and Right Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. received the John Blair Award, also in recognition for service to the Craft this year.

The Masonic Home of Virginia holds a special place in the hearts of our members. We consistently make contributions to this special charity and attend their annual homecoming event. We have also made significant monetary contributions to the Masonic Relief Charity Fund and the Grand Lodge Library, Museum, and Historical Foundation.

We remember our widows, and through them, our deceased Brethren. Each year we hold a Ladies Night with the widows as guests of the Lodge. We also provide the widows with gifts during the holiday season of flowers, calling cards, or gift cards.

We continue to support the Masonic Youth Associations by making contributions

to their activities on an annual basis. In addition, receipts that were collected as a part of the Stewards Fund were turned over to the Treasurer of the Scout Troop. Hay Market Lodge has a special relationship with the Boy Scouts. Members of Troup 1833, BSA, presented Bro E. Allen Wade with the Daniel Carter Beard Award for Scouting. Many of our Lodge members are former scouts and you can see the pride in their eyes whenever the Scouts are in our presence.

We have many active duty and veteran military members in our Lodge. Our veterans programs reflect the reverence and appreciation we have for our Armed Forces. A special program in observance of Veteran's Day was presented by Brother Geoffrey M. Swanberg. Right Worshipful Wayne W. Grindle, Sr., provided those present with an updated report on the Lodge's "Support the Troops" project. The Worshipful Master recognized all veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, the Viet Nam war and then the Middle East wars collectively.

Based upon an article published by the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Right Worshipful Grindle proposed the Lodge adopt a program to provide comfort and care to our deployed troops through donations made by our members, and families. To date, we have sent more than 291 pounds of snacks, calling cards, DVDs, CDs, and other comfort items to troops stationed in Iraq. We have received a Certificate of Recognition from the office of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Camp Ramadi, Iraq. 🇺🇸

# Dust Off the Envelopes

By Mt. Wor. James D. Cole (2001)

Chief Executive Officer, MAHOVA

The Great Light of Freemasonry, in Virginia Lodges, is represented by a Holy Bible. Some of the most beautiful and encouraging words ever written can be found in its pages. Psalm 34, attributed to King David, states "I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant."

For many years, the Masonic Home has asked the Masons of Virginia for help and its requests have been answered, thereby creating the radiance of the "Crown Jewel of Virginia Freemasonry."

In fact, that radiance can be quantified, by looking at a number - Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-nine (3,729).

This is the number of distinct individual donors who contributed to the Masonic Home in the three years leading up to November 1, 2008. Most of these donors gave several times during that period. Of course, by November, the economy of our country was spiraling downward. Unfortunately, the value of our investment portfolio at the Masonic Home, which provides about half of our budget each year, was also sliding downward.

As I write this article, the investments of the Home have begun a slow recovery. Looking back, I wondered how our support from Masons would hold up. In professional fundraising, it is often said that in "tough times," many people reserve their donations for the charities that mean the most to them. Of course, few charities, other than their place of worship, can mean more to a Virginia Mason than their Masonic Home.

The Masonic Home continues to ask, but will we, as King David, "receive an answer" in these times? Well, let us consider another number, Two Hundred Ninety-Two (292).

That is the number of NEW donors who have, in these tough economic times since November 1, 2008, given their first gift to the Home. The average first-time gift was

fifty-two dollars (\$52). These donors are in addition to our regular supporters, who have continued to give. Clearly, these NEW donors are truly showing their Masonic values and principles. They have fulfilled the charge to Master Masons, printed in our Manual of Work, which states . . . "Universal benevolence you are always to inculcate. . ."

In reporting our results to the Board of Governors, I recently pointed out that while many Masons donate regularly, several of our donors seem to hold onto our appeal envelopes until it is a "good time" to make a gift. We often receive appeal envelopes that were originally sent out months or even years earlier.

I know there are many envelopes the Home has mailed to Masons over the last few years that have not been returned. **I am asking right now is for each Mason to consider dusting off one of those envelopes and standing up for their Home.** TODAY is a good time to make a tax-deductible gift to the Home. In case you do not have an old appeal envelope, ANY envelope will do. See address below.

Giving is an act that is not so much defined by the amount of a gift, but by the fact that instead of collecting dust on those old appeal envelopes, it is better to write a check, no matter what the amount. Almost three hundred new donors have taken up the opportunity to CARE.

Our newest donors stood up for their obligations to others, despite the economy. They followed the lesson of our Grand Master and Discovered Their Potential as Masons, by giving for others. A gift will not only create a "radiance" on the faces of our residents, but certainly, such a sharing act will also create a radiance glowing down from above from One who will be appreciative of how we act toward His other children. ✨

## Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 Visits Masonic Home



On Saturday March 28, 2009, members of Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 (Alexandria) visited the Masonic Home of Virginia. This Lodge has been visiting the Home twice annually, for what may be the better part of fifty years, according to some members present. The residents love the bags containing fruit and other gifts. Most importantly, the time and attention that the members and their families share when they visit creates a special joy in the hearts of the residents.

This Lodge is a shining example of Masons who have truly taken our Grand Master's message to heart and our "Discovering Our Potential." ✨



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# 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 November 30, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Persons HONORED are in **BOLD**, followed by the donor's name.

HONOREE	DONOR	DONOR	DONOR
Frank Ivan Adkins	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220	Marie J. Gibbs	Richmond Dog Obedience Club
Carlton D. Atkinson	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344	Robert Lewis Gibbs	Edith B. Greer
Thelma S. Atkinson	Stephen C. Harvey Indexing/Enrolling Depts., House of Delegates	Elliot John Gillard	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
	Barbara Robertson	Billy Marshall Granger	Richmond Masonic Class
	Extra Attic Mini Storage	George L. Gwaltney, III	Samuel Crawford Anaya
	Beverly Suhre	Alec Ambrose Hamby	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
	Michael R. Ratcliffe	Eldora J. Hamilton	Kerns Lodge No. 143
	New Creation United Methodist Church Youth		Nansmond Lodge No. 77
	Burrell and John W. Stultz		Piedmont Lodge No. 152
	Norruth D. Graham, Jr.	Catherine Harris	Stella Paxton
	Will and Paula King	Frank Lupton Hatcher, Jr.	Garland and Elva Rollins
	Scooter, Linda, Brook and Hunter Dunn	William B. Hoffman	John I. Long
	Raymond B. Norton, Jr.	Thomas M. Holder	Eva M. Jackson
	Melissa R. Cressin	William A. Hutson, Jr.	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
	Faye F. Groome	Dr. Richard D. Hylton	Edward N. Eubank Lodge No. 262
	Jean Thompson	Mrs. Barbara D. Hylton	Nancy Holder
	August F. Lange, Jr.	Samuel Worley Irvin	Urbanna RAC No. 59
	Debbie Spillman	Edward Cary Johnson	Thomas Knight Daughtrey
	Kathleen H. Pendleton	Christopher John Kabana	Thomas Knight Daughtrey
	Cecile and G.T. Shelton	Allen A. Kidd	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
	Joan B. Jarvis		Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
	Unity Baptist Church		Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
	W. Deane Blythe	Claudene N. Kluksdahl	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
	Deborah C. Corbett	Paul E. Laird	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
	Mary Moon Moore	Elmer Leonard Layman	Powhatan Lodge No. 295
	Gloria S. Gibson	Wirtley Tennyson Lipscomb	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Charles E. Walker	Sebert Tyler Looney	George William Field
	The Allen Law Firm	Norman Leo Lushbaugh	Powhatan Lodge No. 295
	Garland and Elva Rollins	Robert Lee Magette	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
	Powhatan Lodge No. 295	Audrey Mann	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	William T. Buckner Council No. 130, AMD	Charles Martin	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82	William Seymour McCoy	Powhatan Lodge No. 295
	Henry Clay Lodge No. 280	Nuel Perry McDaniel	George William Field
	Dane Anderson	Wayland McPherson	Hunter's Lodge No. 156
	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349	Irving Green Meadows	Unity Lodge No. 146
	Franklin Lodge No. 151	Glen Hugh Mitchell	Garland and Elva Rollins
	Gleaners Class, Oakwood Memorial	Albert Ray Mote Jr.	Nancy Holder
	Baptist Church	Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Myers	Hunter's Lodge No. 156
	William and Carole C. Evans	Joseph S. Nurney	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
	Garland and Elva Rollins	Edward Burton Ore	Thomas Knight Daughtrey
	Franklin Lodge No. 151	Lois M. Payne	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60	Arthur Lee Pendleton	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
	Snow Creek Lodge No. 90	Ralph Meredith Plott	Harold Franklin Gladding, Jr.
	Columbia Lodge No. 285	Loomis Dennis Pounds	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
	John Curtis Marion	Marvin Douglas Puckett	Bobcock Lodge No. 322
	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306	William Merton Pulliam	Sandston Lodge No. 216
	Urbanna RAC No. 59	William Thomas Reade	Jim and Bettie McGarry
	Powhatan Lodge No. 295	Mary Richardson	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18	Robert B. Richardson	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
	Lois Stuebinger	Richard S. Riggle	Powhatan Lodge No. 295
	Sandston Lodge No. 216	William Gene Roark	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4	Owen Glass Robertson	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
	Caperville Lodge No. 107	Samuel Randolph Robertson	Hunter's Lodge No. 156
	William C. Wingfield, Sr.	Walter W. Robins Jr.	Virginia State Police Alumni
	Cave Spring Lodge No. 230	Julian Cook Roden	Richard Gustavus Motley
	Nansmond Lodge No. 77	Mathew A. Saari	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
	Thomas Knight Daughtrey	Judy Scearce	Peyton Hundley Roden
	Anonymous		Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	Wayne S. Jackson		Robert Walter Davis
	Nansmond Lodge No. 77		Murray RAC No. 22
	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25		Melvin Linnwood Crowder
	John Thomas Durbin Family		Helen Melton
	Julee Durbin Roerty Family		McDaniel Chapter No. 47, OES
	John and Cheryl Durbin		Norman Eugene Carpenter
	Reuben Smiley Shrader		Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, OES
	Samuel Crawford Anaya		Hanover Chapter No. 130, OES
	Varina Lodge No. 272		James E. Reynolds
	Garland and Elva Rollins		David and Frances Charlesworth
	John Irvin Long		Cynthia J. Petzold
	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351		Howard Michael Sobel
	Helen L. Payne		Charles W. Hale
	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25		Larry Mead Bandy
	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60		William Lee Luthie
	Fred and Wanda Collins		William Franklin Perdue
	James and Monica Carawan		Vinton Lodge No. 204
	Hezzie Owen Raynor		Christopher N. Sheap
	Samuel Crawford Anaya		David Nathan Silver
	Nancy Holder		David Alex Burkus
	Nancy Holder		Joseph Glen Johnson, Jr.
	Helen L. Payne		David Isaac Bower
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50
	Richard Edward Perce		Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
	Charles Leo Klebert		Lakeland Lodge No. 190
	Mr. and Mrs. Johnson N. Snoddy, Jr.		King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
	Samuel Crawford Anaya		Vinton Lodge No. 204
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Morgan David Howard
	Jeb and Clara Stuart		James Dean Cole
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Henry Jasper Brabham, V
	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Balacke		Louis Kerford Campbell
	Constantine and Elizabeth Patselas		John Douglas Jenkins
	John and Ella Wimer		Mountain Home Lodge No. 263
	Shirley Mucha		Catawba Lodge No. 342
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Arthur Lee Pendleton
			Troy Woody Brown
			Emera Chapter No. 31 OES
			Nellie Custis Chapter No. 169 OES
			Haden T. Dudley, III
			Walter Young
			John Scott Stephens
			Frank Genues Bond
			Annie R. Adams
			Fred Lance Younger, Sr.
			Samuel Moseley Jones
			Jeffery Eugene Hodges
			James Milton Seacree, Jr.
			Louis Kerford Campbell
			Joseph Gerald Sanders
			Joppa Lodge No. 40
			Chamblyburg Lodge No. 179
			Masters Mason's Association 22nd District
			Jim Harold Gynn
			Donald Ellis Strehle
			Mount Vernon Chapter No. 178 OES
			Michael Derwin Joyner
			James A. Newton
			Botetourt Chapter No. 135 OES
			Carrie Lee Chapter No. 108 OES
			George Bradley Phillips
			Robert Wales Carpenter, Jr.
			Joseph M. Elicerio
			Unity Chapter No. 201 OES
			McKinley Chapter No. 19 OES
			Waynesboro Chapter No. 105 OES
			Charles Randolph Akers
			Kazim Temple Hillbillies
			William Addison Wells, III
			George Earl Shepard
			Warwick Lodge No. 336
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			Robert Edward Simpson
			Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
			Willis V. Ventress Lodge No. 296
			Franklin Lodge No. 151
			William Smith
			William Montgomery Stafford
			Achilles Lodge No. 281
			Hill City Lodge No. 183
			Garland and Elva Rollins
			Hugh Arthur West
			McAlister Lodge No. 185
			Nansmond Lodge No. 77
			Cave Spring Lodge No. 230
			Jeffery Eugene Hodges
			Vanessa M. Ellison
			John and Jeroline Tucker
			Marilyn and Lawrence Tierney
			Royal S. Tucker
			Frederick and Faye Tucker
			Kathryn Waller
			Ronald and Jacqueline Hill
			Thomas and Carolyn Casserly
			Hattie T. Massie
			Robert and Martha Garian
			Mable and Lana Williams
			Gwen Turner
			Raymond Lee Cook
			Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
			Martin Lewis Johnson, Sr.
			Richard Edward Perce
			Garland and Elva Rollins
			Carol M. Tyler
			Wanda A. Dearing
			Leonard and Geraldine Homeszyn
			Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
			Franklin Lodge No. 151
			Walker Consulting Group
			Garland and Elva Rollins
			Powhatan Lodge No. 295
			Arthur Lee Pendleton
			Teresa, Nathan, and Megan Auldridge
			Jeffery Eugene Hodges
			Alan Wayne Adkins
			Cave Spring Lodge No. 230
			Raymond Lyle Kesler
			Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe
			South Salem School
			James R. Loving, Jr.
			Jim and Helen Rowe
			Tim and Maureen Rowe
			Teresa and Tim Bugas
			Michael and Kathy Rowe
			Mary R. Davis
			Dottie and John White
			Jim and Judy Rowe
			Hilda Hindman
			Garland and Elva Rollins
			Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
			Columbia Lodge No. 285
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			Caperville Lodge No. 107
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# Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>JUNE</b>		
6/1/1916	Ersell Brinser	Manchester No. 14
6/1/1921	Frank Duke	Metropolitan No. 11
6/4/1925	Mildred Ammons	Warwick No. 336
6/5/1916	Nannie Kennedy	Clintwood No. 66
6/8/1936	Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64
6/8/1922	Emily Tosh	Temple No. 9
6/11/1926	Juneth Hite	Faulkner Memorial No. 91
6/11/1928	James Walker	Varina No. 272
6/13/1938	Carol May	Varina No. 272
6/14/1917	Irene Baughan	Joppa No. 40
6/16/1924	Lansing Fulcher	Oriental No. 20
6/16/1930	Richard Peroe	Northside No. 292
6/21/1924	Dorothy Rowsey	Sandston No. 216
6/22/1914	Lillian Jones	Manchester No. 14
6/23/1927	Catherine Murray	Urbanna No. 83
6/25/1936	Charles Goens	Smithfield Union No. 18
6/26/1916	Eloise Mosby	Richmond Randolph No. 19
6/27/1911	Carl Torrence	Meridian No. 284
6/30/1929	Florine Johnson	Washington and Henry No. 344
<b>JULY</b>		
7/1/1921	Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph No. 19
7/4/1927	Frederick Wright	Babcock No. 322
7/6/1912	Virginia Gammon	St. John's No. 36
7/6/1931	Barbara Hogge	Mariner No. 215
7/7/1933	Mary Johnson	Richmond No. 10
7/7/1929	Wanda Lucey	Ruth No. 89
7/7/1929	James Wright	Washington and Henry No. 344
7/8/1920	Edna Henderson	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
7/8/1925	Edward Lanford	Glen Allen No. 131
7/10/1936	Patricia Clark	Washington and Henry No. 344
7/10/1928	Dorothy Denton	Skidmore Daylight No. 237
7/10/1939	Sara Wright	Washington and Henry No. 344
7/11/1919	Chester Baity	Oriental No. 20
7/11/1923	Burton Lester	Roman Eagle No. 122
7/13/1916	Edith Breeden	Temple No. 9
7/13/1932	John Long	Washington and Henry No. 344
7/14/1929	Yvonne Olphin	Metropolitan No. 11
7/17/1924	James Dunn	Arlington No. 102
7/18/1945	Jerry Clark	Washington and Henry No. 344
7/18/1927	Louise Adams	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
7/23/1927	Percy Dugger	Amelia No. 101
7/24/1923	John Denton	Skidmore Daylight No. 237
7/27/1918	Carlisle Tiller	Army and Navy No. 306
7/30/1925	Paul Lucey	Ruth No. 89
7/30/1920	William Pierce	Kempsville No. 196
7/31/1930	Helen Lape	Clover Hill No. 253
<b>AUGUST</b>		
8/6/1920	Bessie Holmes	Northside No. 292
8/6/1928	Walter Olphin	Metropolitan No. 11
8/9/1921	Lewis Sugg	Sandston No. 216
8/14/1935	Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell No. 213
8/16/1913	Velma Talley	Richmond Randolph No. 19
8/17/1918	Lois Payne	Central No. 300
8/19/1931	Irene Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
8/19/1917	George Wood	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
8/24/1940	Janey Herring	Richmond No. 10
8/24/1916	Clinton Kennedy	Clintwood No. 66
8/24/1920	Virginia Yeatts	Metropolitan No. 11
8/30/1912	Alean Fulford	Naomi No. 87
8/31/1925	Nancy Walker	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
9/1/1922	Mable Paschall	Meridian No. 284
9/6/1917	John Harrington	Westhampton No. 302

9/6/1920	Dorothy Roberts	Babcock No. 322
9/8/1922	Sarah Cheatham	Manchester No. 14
9/8/1919	Margaret Fainter	Manchester No. 14
9/8/1923	Stella Paxton	Kempsville No. 196
9/11/1912	Dorothy Wilson	Chesterfield No. 161
9/11/1917	Richard Yearwood	Glen Allen No. 131
9/14/1926	Shirley Mucha	Chesterfield No. 161
9/16/1930	Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
9/17/1918	Thelma Sturgis	Capeville No. 107
9/18/1934	Herbert Milby	West Point No. 238
9/25/1922	Blanche Lewis	Williamsburg No. 6
9/25/1930	Thomas Benton	Washington-Lafayette No. 176
9/26/1925	Helen Duke	Metropolitan No. 11
9/27/1927	Edith Koss	Central No. 300
9/28/1931	Helen Melton	Washington and Henry No. 344
9/29/1925	Mary Thompson	Colonial Beach No. 199

# Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
6/2/1951	Richard and Mary Lee Peroe	Northside No. 292
6/12/1943	Elwood and Sarah Cheatham	Manchester No. 14
6/15/1946	Lewis and Mildred Butler	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
6/17/1950	Charles and Norma Klebert	Glen Allen No. 131
7/2/1943	Carroll and Dorothy Barton	Arlington No. 102
7/10/1974	George and Helen Wood	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
7/31/1981	Garland and Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph No. 19
8/10/1977	John and Dorothy Denton	Skidmore Daylight No. 237
9/13/1947	Walter and Jean McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
8/18/1950	Theodore and Edith Koss	Central No. 300
9/15/1950	James and Ruth Walker	Varina No. 272

# Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
12/18/2008	Bertha Watkins	Northside No. 292
1/15/2009	Bessie Wells	Henrico Union No. 130
1/20/2009	Estelle Bottoms	Henrico Union No. 130
2/4/2009	Pauline Steele	Northside No. 292
2/21/2009	Thelma Atkinson	Pittsylvania No. 24
2/21/2009	Alma Gates	Glen Allen No. 131
2/27/2009	Mildred Garrett	Henrico Union No. 130
3/9/2009	Eldora Hamilton	Washington and Henry No. 344
3/15/2009	Robert Edwards	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
3/19/2009	James Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
3/30/2009	Melvin Evans	Accomack No. 243

# New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
12/12/2008	Floyd Lassiter	Metropolitan No. 11
12/18/2008	Frank and Helen Duke	Metropolitan No. 11
1/10/2009	James and Janey Herring	Richmond No. 10
1/29/2009	Kathryn Stitzer	Babcock No. 322
1/28/2009	James and Sara Wright	Washington and Henry No. 344
1/31/2009	Jerry and Patricia Clark	Washington and Henry No. 344
2/12/2009	Clinton and Nannie Kennedy	Clintwood No. 66
3/3/2009	James Beasley	Wakefield No. 198
3/6/2009	Thomas Benton	Washington-Lafayette No. 176
3/27/2009	Frederick Wright	Babcock No. 322

# Masonic Home Activities



Dottie Roberts and Alma Gates dressed up for an event.



Residents celebrate Valentine's Day.



Kite Flying at the Masonic Home.



Ladies take billiards seriously!



Residents enjoy an evening of dancing.



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

# 2ND ANNUAL

**James Stanley Johnson  
Memorial Golf Tournament  
Benefiting the  
Masonic Home of Virginia  
on August 19, 2009**



### LOCATION

**Vista Links Golf Course**  
100 Vista Links Dr.  
Buena Vista, VA

### TEE TIME

**August 19, 2009**  
**Check in @ Noon**  
**Shotgun Start @ 1:00 PM**  
(Rain Date: Wednesday,  
September 2, 2009)

### ENTRY FEE

**\$65 per player**  
**or \$260 per team**  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE (in full or part)

### 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,  
& Long Drive Prizes**

**Hole Sponsors and Gift  
Donors are Needed  
And Much Appreciated!!!**

### HOLE SPONSORS

**Tax Deductible**  
(in full or in part)

**Platinum \$1000**  
**(Includes fees**  
**for 4 Golfers)**

**Gold \$500**

**Silver \$250**

**Bronze \$100**

## Team Registration Form

Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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