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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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Grand Master's Message

There are so many things I could write about as I contemplate this last entry into the Virginia Masonic Herald. I think the one thing that stands out the most has been the travel around the Commonwealth. I reflect upon how I announced at the beginning of my term how I was going to “drop-in” on a number of Lodges. I found the response in the fall of 2008, when people would look at our published schedule and guess we were probably going to drop in on them, almost humorous. It seemed like an excitement went through the Craft. Then when we actually would show up, of course, the nervous anxiety we all have felt would occur. When it was all over, I would hear the common response, “You really made me feel relaxed, thanks.” Well, if so, I did what I should do. Our visits were not to be negative; rather, they were intended to share time with the brethren in the Craft that I truly love. We certainly attempted to spread sunshine everywhere we traveled.

Lady Susan and I have received so many noteworthy gifts as we have travelled around to your District's Official Visit. I want you to know they are all meaningful to us, and the reflection of the experience will continue to spread sunshine in our days whenever we come across an item. The first thing I see when I enter the house is the coal mine lamp we received in Big Stone Gap Lodge No. 208 at the visit to Masonic Districts 46 and 48, hanging at the base of the steps, or the coal bucket on my hearth from the same visit. Then there is the stained glass in the sunroom and the table near my chair in that sunroom from Masonic District 23, and a special haunting jug on the window sill with teeth, even I don't want to have to correct, looking back at me. All of the wonderful displays of snowflakes from mugs to ornaments to table decorations that now adorn our home. Maybe it will be the Lane cedar chest that serves as a coffee table in the upstairs study from Masonic District 25 or the many hats, boots, or comforters we have been presented that will invoke a fond reflection of the times



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

we have shared in 2009, or it may be the many books on World War II that have been added to our library that will stir the positive thoughts of the year. The pen set made from wood from a tree George Washington planted, which I received from Occoquan Lodge No. 310, and the pictures and clocks like the one from Masonic District 39 that I hear every hour or the one from Masonic District 17, will remind us of the friendships we have developed. There is just so much to mention. I could go on and on listing the many gifts, but you get the idea; we take away from this experience very positive memories, all because you wanted to make us feel welcome and be part of your world.

Is it any different for the Masons you call Brothers? All they hope for is to develop positive memories over the course of a lifetime, and to feel welcome in your world. Remember, “these years of life have a further significance when they have been spent in the service of Freemasonry and in a life dedicated to the uplift of man, service of those that travel the path of life with us, and to the glory of God.” You have honored us with a celebration of your

Grand Master's Calendar

OCTOBER

- 3 Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778
- 3 ACCA, Pork Festival
- 4-6 Scottish Rite Session Biennial, Southern Jurisdiction
- 8 Mt. Jackson No. 103, Wilderness Lodge
- 9 MAHoVA Board Meeting
- 10 MAHoVA Family Day
- 10 World War II Ceremony, Richmond
- 12 Williamsburg, Lodge No. 6, 231st Anniversary
- 12-17 Statewide Open House, Grand Lodge of Virginia
- 15-18 Grand Lodge of Ohio
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 28 Northern Virginia Tennis Tournament
- 31 Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies, KCCH Investiture

NOVEMBER

- 2-8 Grand Annual Communication
- 4 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

world. We have enjoyed sharing in the service of our gentle Fraternity, and I have taken every opportunity to celebrate your success. United I feel we are; I hope you feel that way, too.

Our travels mean more than just memories because they have been awakening experiences, also. I said one of my goals was to travel to every Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction. As we have travelled the highways around, we have taken the time to stop by Lodges in every area of the state. Some I have visited for meetings, some for fellowship opportunities, and some in just passing by the building at odd times of the day. Maybe I dropped you a note, maybe we went after an Official Visit. One reason was that I wanted to see what you called home. I want the 315 Lodges to be more than just statistics on a page. I understand more the struggles you are enduring, and the Grand Lodge Officers who have accompanied me better understand your struggles, too. We speak of many ideas which we promote to try to spur you on because we understand the stagnation that can occur from frustration when you try so hard to improve the situation for your Lodge, only to question if there is success or not. Well, I can tell you there has been a lot of success. Some success, those in the midst of, never perceived. They thought they fell short of their goal, but, I think you have to look at the bigger picture. It's not the quantity, but the quality that is most important. 🍀

Fraternally,
Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master

231st Grand Annual Communication

Schedule for November 6 – 7, 2009

COMMITTEE ON WORK SCHEDULE

All sessions will be held at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend any and/or all sessions.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

7:30 P.M.—Exemplification of the Degree of Entered Apprentice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.—Exemplification of the Degree of Fellowcraft and Degree of Master Mason

RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION NOVEMBER 7, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01

This resolution would change Section 2.93 of the Methodical Digest to add an exemption to the twelve-month residency requirement for those petitioners who are currently on active duty status with the Armed Forces of the United States and stationed in Virginia, with orders for deployment.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-02

This resolution would change Section 2.108 of the Methodical Digest to authorize publication of the name of a candidate for the degrees AFTER he has been elected to receive the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-03

This resolution would change Section 2.14 of the Methodical Digest to allow for the wearing of Masonic regalia while participating in a public parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-04

This resolution would change Section 2.135 of the Methodical Digest to clarify the circumstances when it is appropriate to object to sitting in Lodge with a visiting Brother and to provide the Worshipful Master with the necessary discretion to ascertain whether or not the objection is justified.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-05

This resolution would change Section 2.19 of the Methodical Digest to increase the Grand Lodge dues paid on each member to thirty-three dollars, effective January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-06

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(2) and 1.75(b) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on By-Laws and Charters, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by other existing Committees.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-07

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(18) and 1.75(r) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on Propositions, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(19) and 1.75(s) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on Unfinished Business, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by other existing Committees as necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(10) and 1.75(j) of the Methodical Digest to reflect the name change and composition of the standing committee on Long Range Study, along with its expanded duties.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Membership and outline its composition and duties.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-11

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Lodge Services and outline its composition and duties.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-12

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Public Relations and outline its composition and duties.

231st GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 231st Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street at I-64, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday, November 6, 2008, at 8:00 AM. The Grand Master's Address will be delivered after the opening of Grand Lodge.

At 1:00 PM, on Friday, the Grand Lodge Committees will meet. Delegates are urged to attend and inform themselves regarding pending matters.

A banquet will be held for the Brethren on Friday evening. On Saturday, November 7 at 12:30 PM, a luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Hotel for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Resolutions will be considered during Friday's and Saturday's sessions. Election of Grand Lodge Officers will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning, November 7.

An open installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be held at the Sheraton Hotel that evening at 7:00 PM.

Resolutions to be considered in 2010 must be drafted in proper form as required by Section 1.16 of the Methodical Digest and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31, 2009.

Resolutions to be considered at the 231st Grand Annual Communication are listed above. ✦

A Message from First Lady Susan

What a joy it has been to travel our beautiful state with Jeff as he has served as your Grand Master this year. It has been a privilege to travel to your districts for Official Visits, Lodge Anniversaries, picnics, as well as functions for the Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls. I was always proud to see our youth participate at the Official Visits. They are our future, and I must say they have impressed me each time I had the opportunity to be with them.

I want to thank all of the districts for the audio book donations for the Masonic Home Library and the Internet Café. When I first put this plan into action I had no idea we would receive such an abundance of books. I am not sure of the final count at this writing, but I can tell you that one-hundred audio books were presented to me at official visits and each was tagged with a special label so the residents would know which district made the donation. Thank you so much for your wonderful support! Because of your generosity we were asked to switch gears in April and collect funds for the Masonic Home Internet Café, and

you were just as generous! On top of all of this donations were also made to the Scholarship fund. On behalf of the students who received scholarship money, I thank you. Your support in all of these areas has been wonderful.

Someone asked me not too long ago, what was the most memorable event of the year for me. Well after watching my husband take the oath of Grand Master this past November, I would have to say it was meeting and paying honor to all of our Masonic Sweethearts. Your smiles, hugs, kind words and tears have touched my heart in a way that words cannot describe. It was truly my honor to present you at the Official Visits and share the poem with you. You will always remain very special to me and the Grand Master. I hope that our paths will cross again in the years to come.

To the wives of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Journeymen who have supported their husbands in so many ways this year a big thank you as well. I appreciate all the support you gave, not only to your husbands, but to

me also. So many different things were done to collect money for the charities I chose this year from pancake breakfasts to raffles of beautiful handmade quilts. It truly takes the dedication and hard work of many to achieve such success. I said in my message in November that with all the excitement I was seeing that we might be in for a blizzard. I believe we accomplished that!

It has been my honor to support Jeff this year as Grand Master. I appreciated the opportunity to introduce the most beautiful women in the state, our Masonic Sweethearts and all the women who support that special Mason in their lives. Never forget that you add the sparkle to this wonderful Fraternity!

As I look back on all the pictures that have been taken this year and relive some wonderful moments a quote comes to mind: "It's not what you do in your life, but who you share it with." Thanks for sharing this journey with us. ✦

Sincerely,
Susan Hodges

Do Good Unto All

by Bro. Shelby L. Chandler
Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

Freemasonry is that universal Brotherhood which has endured the test of time for over 400 years and yet it is still, and will continue to be, on trial for the Ages. Understand that there will always be those out there who will believe us to be the tapestry that threatens to envelop the world. They are studying us to find that one strand to pull that will eventually unravel the Masonic tapestry that they fear or despise. With that being said, what are we as Freemasons doing to set the record straight about this Craft of ours? How many members of this great Fraternity are actually taking the time to raise up their working tools in order to “build that temple within themselves”?

Outside of Virginia, there is a Masonic Lodge that is in the middle of a heated battle against what I consider “Indirect Racism.” For not only is bigotry subtly being practiced, it is also being justified inappropriately as one of the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. Generally, the actions within the Jurisdiction of every Grand Lodge are their own. However, when charges are preferred against a Worshipful Master and his Lodge because they raised a “non-white” man to the degree of Master Mason, using as justification for the charges the... “usurpation of the Constitution, Laws, Ancient Landmarks, Customs, and Traditions of... Masons,” then the very foundation and core of our “Ancient Landmarks & Customs of Freemasonry” are challenged. This issue spills beyond their Grand Jurisdiction and right onto the lap of every Brother who has ever been raised and is in good standing.

The Constitution of Masonry reports, “Whence it follows that all Masons are to be good men and true—men of honor and honesty, by whatever religious names or persuasions distinguished, always following that golden precept of doing unto all men as they would that all men should do unto them.” Understanding this, we recognize the importance of both true virtues and a clear respect for our fellow man inasmuch as we would wish this reciprocated. Worldwide, we as Freemasons suffer hatreds and prejudices by those who from their uninformed and closed-minded disposition would destroy the character of our beloved Craft; that being said,



Members of Fredericksburg No. 4 and
Prince Hall No. 61.

why would we wish to direct this fate upon any other of the human race?

As Masons, we must keep a constant check of ourselves to be sure that we are living our lives in a manner that brings honor to the Craft. We are not Brothers so that we can save one another from minor infractions of the law, or to broker a better deal for ourselves in business, or even to save one another from our own foolishness or stupidity. We are Brothers because we hold each other to the highest of standards and we understand that the life we live in this world is a difficult but rewarding one. Bigotry and Freemasonry are polar opposites of each other and ardent adversaries when faced with one another and never should one be practiced with the other.

We are the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. In a time when morality is declining within our society, there are so few good and honorable men in this world that one can rely upon. It is a shameful thing that there are those who would deny themselves and others the opportunity to know the experience and soul of another human being just because of the shell that we are destined to wear in this imperfect world. I guarantee you that when we lay down our working tools, my Brother's ashlar will fit as perfectly as mine when placed in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

As for that maligned Lodge mentioned

above, all Masonic charges have been dropped. However, there is still a grassroots movement by other Lodges in their Grand Jurisdiction to petition to have the Charter of that Lodge removed as punishment for raising a Brother of “non-white” descent. This is not only their burden, but every Grand Jurisdiction faces this issue. Even in Virginia, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges wrote a letter with the following statement:

“With regard to organizations that are anti-Semitic, racist, or antisocial in their doctrine and avocation, such as but not limited to, the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations, etc., the following will be the policy of the Grand Lodge of Virginia: it is not acceptable to present information on, display association with, or solicit involvement in such organizations in a Masonic Lodge holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. At no time, should such organizations be linked to our gentle Craft.”

I personally believe this to mean that, in addition to the ban on organization linkages, Virginia Masonry should regard the qualities and virtues of a Freemason as incompatible with the immoral behavior affirmed by such groups. Brethren, we all have our own problems and challenges of life, but we need to keep working to chip away at our own rough ashlar to make them perfect. The imperfections of our individuality are acceptable only because we are still utilizing our working tools to that end to accomplish and overcome. To act in denial or to refuse to change or improve ourselves and accept a life of hate is truly against the Ancient Landmarks and Customs of Freemasonry, and we should always check ourselves and take a good look at the edifice that we are building within.

Brethren, there will always be someone willing to unravel this beautiful tapestry that we know as Freemasonry. Let us not help them find that strand, but more especially let us not allow one of our own to unravel that tapestry from the seams within. Let us remember to “do good unto all; recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful.”

I promise you Brethren, the Great Architect of the Universe will remember. ✦

“That I Might Travel in Foreign Countries...”

By Wor. Ralph W. Smith, Jr.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodges of Germany near the Grand Lodge of Virginia

If you have never traveled outside of your Lodge, you have failed to receive a large portion of the wages of a Master Mason. For all intents and purposes, visiting other Lodges regardless of jurisdiction is tantamount to traveling in a foreign country. It would seem that the level of trepidation associated with travel is directly proportional to the distance from your Mother Lodge multiplied by a factor of “x”, if their language is not English. To allay the fear of the unknown, Grand Lodge has made the protocol of travel about as uncomplicated as possible.

To get started in the Commonwealth, you need only to be in good standing and have a current dues card. Next, be certain that the Lodge you wish to visit is holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Amity can be ascertained by referring to the current Masonic Directory, which among other information, provides the Lodge name, number, district, meeting date, time, address, Worshipful Master, and Secretary information. This publication is available through your Secretary or at a minimal cost through Grand Lodge.

If traveling out of State, amity can be determined by checking the current List of Lodges issued by the Grand Lodge of Virginia held by your Lodge Secretary (also available for purchase). In it you will find information for that Grand Jurisdiction as well as location, name and number for their Lodges. Should this publication not be readily available and time is of the essence, call or email the Grand Lodge of Virginia with the city or cities you plan to visit and they will provide you with a pertinent list of Lodges for those jurisdictions.

The next terror to be defused is that of examination to gain admittance as a sojourning Brother. It has been my experience that all the exams taken in the U. S. or abroad were administered with the idea of allowing me to enter rather than to keep me out. Knowing that you will be examined (unless vouched for), review the grips, signs, and words of the three degrees, keeping in mind there are variations in other jurisdictions such as the words that are “taken up” and how the apron is worn, which your examining committee will most willingly explain, for they do not want you to be ill at ease or embarrassed. This is also a good time to brush up on the Tiler’s Oath. Remember, when you produce your dues card,

you also have the right to examine the dues cards of those who requested it.

A Travel Certificate will assist you in establishing your credentials is available to you from the Grand Lodge of Virginia when requested by your Secretary in writing with your full name. Upon return, the certificate will have the Grand Lodge Seal embossed under signature of the Grand Secretary and is to be signed by your Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary, and yourself, and then affixed with your Lodge’s seal.

When traveling outside the U. S., information contained above applies although the Travel Certificate is definitely recommended. You might consider contacting the Grand Representative of the respective Grand Lodge for insight into usage and customs you might expect to encounter. If time permits, communication through our Grand Secretary to provide Masonic information to the respective Grand Lodges and the Lodge or Lodges you would like to visit will ease your burden. To sit in a Lodge, where the language is unknown, will reveal more about Masonry than you thought possible. Being proficient in that Language will make known even more.

The Grand Representative System was originated by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1838

to foster and encourage a closer bond of union and Fraternal accord between the several Grand Lodges of the world by helping to establish the true spirit of Brotherhood and by promoting the principles of Masonic Universality. In the United States, only the Grand Lodges of Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming do not exchange Grand Representatives with Grand Lodges with which they are in amity.

As the recently appointed Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodges of Germany near the Grand Lodge of Virginia, it was my pleasure this past spring to visit their Grand Lodge, convey our Grand Master’s good wishes, and subsequently sit in two Lodges while vacationing in Germany. The history of the Grand Lodge of Germany, I was provided by their Grand Secretary, will be printed in another issue of the Herald.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Hodges has made Masonic Passports available to keep track of our visits. Get one from your Secretary or order one from the Grand Lodge. This is a great way to record the Lodges you visit and to spark the memories of a lifetime. 🍷

“Roasting” the Grand Master And You’re Invited....

Please join us for the Grand Master’s
final Official Visit (District 18)

Agenda includes fellowship, dinner, and a good-natured “roasting” of the Grand Master.

When: Saturday, October 24, 2009
Where: East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company
3501 Steamer Drive, Keswick, VA 22947
(Just inside Glenmore Subdivision. Take exit 124 off I-64, ~ 3 miles east on US250/Richmond Rd)
Cost: \$25 per person (Please make check payable to “Mike Griffin”)
Agenda: Reception at 5 P.M.; Dinner at 6 P.M.; Roast at 7 P.M.

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Treadwell Lodge No. 213



On September 3, 2009, Treadwell Lodge No. 213 (White Post) hosted the “First Annual” *Lodge Of High Hills* at the Historic Long Branch Estate in the village of Millwood, Clarke County VA. The Great Architect provided a perfect evening, beautiful sunset in the West, moonrise in the East, and approximately 100 Brethren from Lodges in the Shenandoah Valley and east of the Blue Ridge Mountains attended, including Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. The Brethren enjoyed a country supper on the grounds, then “as the sunset in the west to close the day,” the Lodge was opened. After the formalities were concluded, our Grand Master spoke inspirationally about “the cowans and eavesdroppers of our mind,” and the importance of events like the *Lodge of High Hills* in keeping us fresh and energized for the work of

Freemasonry.

Treadwell Lodge hosted a *Lodge of Low Vale* in a nearby stone quarry every September for 13 years starting in 1995, and hundreds of Masons remember the quarry fondly. After losing the quarry due to government regulations, the Brethren of Treadwell resolved to continue their well-established tradition of an annual outdoor Lodge meeting, and through the efforts of several Brethren the present site at Historic Long Branch was secured for our use.

Worshipful David Miller, Master of Treadwell Lodge, was called out-of-town, the evening was also a “move-up night” for the officers of the Lodge, who performed their duties admirably.

(Editor’s note: The picture was taken by Brother William J. Baumbach, II.) ✦

Front cover picture: On July 18, 2009, members of Ruth Lodge No. 89 (Norfolk) sponsored a trip to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were joined by Brother Masons and DeMolay from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Hawaii, and Canada. The Brethren paid the highest honor to Americans who gave their lives, so that we may live under the blanket of freedom. The wreath was laid in honor of all Masons who answered the call of “Duty, Honor, and Country.” This is a picture of the wreath in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier taken by Brother William J. Baumbach, II, member of Acacia Lodge No. 16 (Clifton). ✦

The Internal & Not the External

All Masons are familiar with that phrase, or at least they should be. It is the leveler in our institution. The very fact that we regard no man for his appearance, his wealth, his personal goods, or his earthly possessions; but rather instead for his internal qualities, such as, his belief in a supreme being, his morality, his integrity, his desire for justice for all, his dignity, and his character. These qualities can and do exist in men from all walks of life, regardless of their appearance, their possessions, their choice of attire or their choice of religion.

One of our favorite slogans is “We take good men and make them better.” We must guard ourselves against attempting to mould Masons into what our opinion of best or better is, and remember only to teach the true Masonic traits of our Craft, including friendship, morality, and Brotherly Love, while leaving Brethren the freedom to decide personal matters for themselves. Our Masonic ritual and the lessons it teaches are a valuable and honorable instrument of our institution. The lessons we learn from it and from Freemasonry in general are rich and plentiful enough in their own right and need not be added to or infringed upon by the interjection of personal opinion.

Masons are at their best when they exhibit charity, friendship, and Brotherly Love. Perhaps this can best be done when we open our hearts and minds to the fact that we assemble together from all walks of life, from differing backgrounds and various circumstances. Those differences alone will dictate opinions and beliefs. The challenge is to learn not to be judgmental of those with differing opinions, and to understand that although we may have differing visions of how to get there, we all have the same ultimate goals.

In this manner, we can continue to reach out to young men who are interested in becoming a Mason, or current Masons who are considering going through line. And in this manner, working together we can increase in that charity which is the bond of peace and the perfection of every virtue. Masons in particular and Freemasonry in general deserves no less. ✦

(Edited from the Henrico Union Lodge No. 130 August 2009 Trestleboard)

Virginia Rainbow Girls

By Miss Chelsea Norman
Grand Worthy Advisor in Virginia

Virginia Rainbow started a new term in June, one of magic, enchantment, and mystical creatures. Our theme this year is "Once Upon A Time," and we are learning the morals behind the fairy tales we all grew up with such as Thumbelina, who taught us that no matter how big or small you are, you can make your dreams come true. Beauty and the Beast, taught us that love is patient and kind, and dismisses all evil; as it is written in scripture. 1st Corinthians, 13, 4-8:

4: Love is patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited, 5: it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. 6: Love takes no pleasure in the sins of others, but delights in the truth; 7: it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. 8: Love will never come to an end."

This year our charitable focus will be towards the homeless. I chose this after a life-altering trip to Chicago, where there seemed to be a homeless person on every corner of every block. We will be doing fundraising through pancake breakfasts and working in restaurants which will give a percentage of profits earned for our charity of choice. Our charity is "Feeding America," a non-profit organization that gives us the opportunity to donate time or money to help out the homeless in America. Recently we earned \$110 to donate through our Charity Splash, a concoction similar to a dunk tank. We also raised \$1,000 to go towards the scholarship foundation for our college-bound girls, which is great!

This term we will be focusing on membership and pledges. We have already made huge progress! Membership wise, Virginia is number three internationally in new memberships with a 21% increase! Pledge wise, Richmond Assembly is opening a new pledge group this year with a possible 16 to 20 new members! There is also an event for pledges and prospective pledges on December 5, 2009 from noon till 3:00 P.M. Our "Snow Princess Ball" will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple and we will have crafts, games, and a DVD explaining Rainbow. So if you have a daughter, daughters, or granddaughters between the ages of 6 and 10, then bring them in so they too can feel like a princess. If you know anyone from ages 11 through 20 who want to make a difference in their community and have tons of fun, please contact me and we can answer all your questions. You can also visit our brand new website:

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Ocean View Lodge No. 335

The Tidewater area seems to be peppered with Lodges, but not many can boast that a brief stroll from them will put you near the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Ocean View Lodge No. 335 (Norfolk) is one of those that can make that boast. The building is located on 176 Balview Avenue, Norfolk. While they have a fine two-story Lodge, parking is on the street. So if you are planning a Masonic visit, and you should be, remember to think parallel parking. When visiting also remember, they begin their meeting at 7:00 PM, with their stated dinner at 6:00 PM. For several years they have been working diligently in the quarries to repair the Lodge, refurbish the Lodge room, and increase membership. In this case, they have accomplished all of these goals.

For those visiting, it is one of the first and perhaps only Lodge to have a "man cave" in their fellowship hall. Between stated and called communications, Brethren are always looking for an excuse to advance their fellowship through dinners and breakfasts. The fellowship hall is spacious and comfortable, supported by an able and hospitable kitchen crew. Indeed they have a formidable kitchen and are not afraid to use it.

After parking and taking a moment to see the Fellowship Hall, make it a point to ask for a look in the Lodge room. After making numerous repairs to the building, the Building committee decided to advance a traditional, but arduous proposition – to create a set of murals. The presence of murals in Virginia Lodges is not new. In fact, there are several throughout the Commonwealth. What is new is that these are being created from scratch by a talented artist, Brother Sam Welty. The Brother is named not to embarrass him, as this may do, but because of the marvelous work he has accomplished on the walls of this Lodge. It is not simply the vibrant yet understated

coloration and the clarity of line, but also the composition of the instantly recognizable Masonic themes which to me are more than a little overwhelming. An equally stunning center piece is located on the most prominent wall of the fellowship hall. You should visit as soon as possible as the murals are in the last stages of being completed. If you come now, you will have the privilege of seeing the almost before and then the after. You will not be disappointed. It was a wise and thoughtful Building committee that permitted Brother Sam to unlimber his paints and brushes for the Lodge's benefit. Brother Sam also is the Senior Warden of Ocean View.

If all of these are not reasons enough to visit Ocean View and carry Fraternal greetings,



consider the warm hospitality Worshipful Jon Davis will doubtless shower upon you and whoever accompanies you. You will be treated remarkably well, even above and beyond normal Masonic welcomes. The pull of the steering wheel is strongest on the 2nd Friday of the month, their stated communications.

So grab your Masonic Passport and head for the beach and Ocean View No. 335. ♣

Historical Facts About Our Ritual:

American Developments in The Late Eighteenth- and Early Nineteenth-Centuries

by Wor. M. Kent Brinkley

In the decades between the establishment of Masonry and the end of the American Revolution the Masonic Fraternity grew rapidly the thirteen British North American colonies.

After Brother Webb's death in 1819, Masons traveled throughout the country to spread the knowledge of the re-worked Preston-Webb ritual to subordinate Lodges and Grand Lodges interested in learning this newer version of the work. Among the more notable of this generation of traveling lecturers were Jeremy Ladd Cross (1783-1861) and James Cushman (1776-1829).

Jeremy Cross was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire and became a Mason in 1808. Brother Cross had studied under Webb and succeeded in committing a tremendous amount of ritual work and lectures to memory. Shortly after Webb's death, Cross traveled throughout the Eastern United States, teaching and exemplifying the Preston-Webb ritual and working as a professional Masonic lecturer. Interested Brethren could be found who were willing to pay Cross a fee for the gift of his time and knowledge.

In 1819 Cross published his own book, The True Masonic Chart and Hieroglyphic Monitor, which became the first monitor to include illustrations of emblems, symbols used as memory aids, to help explain the symbolism behind the work. Among those emblems were the "Marble Monument of the Broken Column and the Virgin Weeping," which many have long assumed had been invented and introduced into the Masonic ritual by Brother Cross. However, that symbol (less the broken column) had previously been shown in a monitor that was published by John Barney in 1817 in England. Cross apparently was the person who added the broken column to that grouping, and he published the revised emblem in his True Masonic Chart, remaining a part of the Virginia Manual of Work.

Brother Cross made the journey to Richmond, Virginia from New Hampshire in 1817. He remained in the Richmond area for some time, meeting with Brethren, teaching the Preston-Webb-Cross Blue Lodge ritual, and conferring some of the so-called higher degrees. He was the first person to confer the Select Master Degree in Virginia, at Mason's Hall in Richmond in 1817. One of the recipients of the Select Master degree was John Dove, later Grand Secretary of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Virginia, for the fee of \$5.00.

Building upon the ritualistic foundation and enthusiasm for the so-called "higher degrees," Brother James Cushman, born in Maine on December 22, 1776, entered the scene and, in some ways, became an even more significant influence on Virginia's Masonic ritual and the establishment of concordant Masonic bodies in this Commonwealth.

He made many trips to Virginia; mainly to teach Masonic lectures and to confer degrees, but soon became an important part of the Masonic establishment in the Commonwealth. Brother Cushman attended the convention held in Norfolk on 1808, established a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and was elected as the first Grand Lecturer.

In 1819, he traveled to Richmond, Virginia to attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication being held at Mason's Hall. In 1820, under the authority of Brother Jeremy Cross, Brother Cushman conferred the Royal Master Degree widely, establishing Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Staunton, Lynchburg, Williamsburg, and Winchester. In each instance, a \$40 fee was charged for a charter and a fee of \$2 for a member to receive the Royal Master Degree. This soon led to the formation of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Virginia. Unfortunately, this

group did not hold regular meetings thereafter and was merged into the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Virginia on 1841.

Brother Cushman, in his role as Grand Lecturer, conferred before the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason degrees. According to ritual used by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U.S., Virginia Brethren were impressed with his memory and ritualistic abilities and in 1822 elected him as the first Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

By the middle of the 1800s, the Masonic ritual used in Virginia had finally been standardized into its present form. This result was brought about by a combination of careful, consistent oversight and regulation by the Grand Lodge via its Committee on Work, and by the use of an organized lecturing and instruction system. Yet the version of the ritual used in Virginia is specific to Virginia Masonry, a reflection of our own unique Masonic history.

The often-proposed, but unattained unification of various rituals into one, single, "approved" format for the entire U.S. (as strange as this idea may seem) would actually be an un-Masonic practice, since the absolute, widespread uniformity or standardization of our rituals has never been part of Masonic history or practice, a fact this series has tried to make clear. These many variations help to make the Masonic Fraternity uniquely different from any other, reflecting the ancestry so many of us cherish, which probably harks back some 700 years, to those 'making' ceremonies of the operative stonemasons of the Middle Ages. ✨

J. Stanley Johnson Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament

On the morning of May 11, 2009, Brethren and friends from across the Commonwealth converged on Providence Forge, Virginia. They assembled at the Old Forge Sporting Clays, which played host to the Inaugural J. Stanley Johnson Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament. The tournament was organized for the purpose of raising funds for the Grand Lodge's Scholarship Fund, while giving the Masons and their friends an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Although the event was small in numbers, the fellowship and fun were large. The tournament included 100 targets of clay pigeons spread over 16 stations throughout the facility. All participants were treated to lunch, goody bags, an event t-shirt, door prizes, and an excellent meal consisting of steak with all the fixings. Shooters ranged in age from 13 to 78 years of age. Prizes were awarded to the High Scoring Team as well as individual age groups.



The Grand Master with the winning team.

Individual winners were Johnny Hartwiger (age 70+), Jesse Brumage (age 60-69), Brad Lanseadal (age 50-59), Right Worshipful Matthew Szramoski (age 40-49), Trevor Shirley (age 39u – Trevor is 13). The winning team consisted of Junior Wiggington, Winfree Diggs, Jeff Dunn, Johnny Hartwiger and Vernie Moore. The winning team was sponsored by Steve's Radiator Service, located in Yorktown.

Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master, Right Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful Moring E. Gravitt, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master, and Right Worshipful James F. Dickerson, Grand Senior Steward were present for the event and joined the Brethren on the course during the tournament. Our Grand Master assisted with presenting the winners with the awards. All total the event raised \$1,500 for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund. With such a good time being had by all, plans are already started for the event in 2010. ✦

SK HIRAM

In each of the degrees, the Chaplain recites what is known as a walking prayer per our Ritual? Why don't we say "So Mote It Be" and "Amen" at the end of these?"

ANSWER: Hiram sees two questions that require answers; the obvious one posed by the questioner and, secondly, when should we say "So Mote It Be" and when do we say "Amen"?

First, a Lodge Chaplain will at times offer up a prayer to the S.A.O.T.U. on behalf of the Lodge and at other times read from the Holy Scriptures. When praying to the Almighty on behalf of the assembled, the Lodge will, at the conclusion of the prayer, say "So Mote It Be" or "Amen". After a reading from the Scriptures, the Lodge remains silent. The above question refers to what is commonly, but mistakenly, referred to as 'walking prayers'. They are, in fact, readings from the scriptures, their purpose to place the Candidate in a state of mind to be receptive to what is to follow, and require no response from the Lodge.

Secondly, the question regarding how to respond can be answered by simply saying that any prayer required by Virginia Ritual shall be

responded to with "So Mote It Be". Any prayer that is not part of the ritual, for example a prayer before a meal, shall be responded to with 'Amen'.



I am confused about how one should place one's feet when giving signs. What is the exact angle of an oblong square? A member of my lodge informs me that it should be about 45°-60° because the oblong square has two sides that have been angled somewhat. What does Hiram say?

ANSWER: The member of your Lodge is referring to a 'parallelogram'. This is not the same as an oblong square. The famous Masonic author, Albert G. Mackey, gives several examples of oblong squares: The Ark of the Covenant, the Ark, the Camp of the Israelites, Moses' Tabernacle, and King Solomon's Temple. Mackey defines an oblong square as a rectangle where two sides are longer than the other two and all angles are equal. This means that the angle of an oblong square cannot be anything other than 90°. ✦



Armed Services Veterans' Memorial Donations

Our Grand Master requested that all Masons show their support of the upcoming Dedication of the World War II Monument on October 10, 2009 by contributing to the Armed Services Veterans' Memorial. These tax deductible gifts, made payable to the Masonic Home of Virginia, will be used to support the Home's operations, after paying for the costs associated with the Memorial. Gifts of \$200 will allow the donor to have a paver engraved at the Memorial site. Since our Grand Master was installed, 455 gifts have been received, totaling \$74,986 dollars, through August 13, 2009. In grateful appreciation, we acknowledge the following donors:

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Masonic Landmark on the Rise

Acacia Lodge No. 16 (Clifton) nearly lost its building in June 2006 when the creek behind it flooded and covered the first floor with water undermining its old fieldstone foundation. After lots of assistance from Brethren, including a loan of \$100,000 from another Virginia Lodge, the building has been put on a new foundation, an exterior accessibility ramp has been constructed, and we are preparing plans to put on a two story addition. Brethren from Acacia and other Northern Virginia Lodges have held numerous work days to improve the interior of the existing building. Most recently they have filled and sanded first and second floor walls, taken out all second floor windows for stripping, repair, and reglazing, rebuilt all three officer stations, and constructed new parking areas.

Much remains to be done before Acacia Lodge No. 16 can meet again in its building: installation of an HVAC system, design and approval of plans for a two-story addition to include bathrooms, repair of the stucco exterior, repair of first-floor wooden floors, refinishing first- and second-floor wooden floors, installation of new lighting, and other similar improvements.



Membership Committee Report

By Rt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Chairman

With the publication of the Fall Edition of the Virginia Masonic Herald, I am taking time to reflect on matters this year from the perspective of the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership and also make an attempt to measure the effectiveness of the Committee and its usefulness to the Craft. The Membership Committee, along with the Committees on Lodge Services and Public Relations are recently formed Committees. The Membership Committee was formed as a result of concerns about declining membership figures and to provide the Lodges with assistance as may be required to address the issues of both increasing our membership and retaining our existing members. Although this is but the second year the committee has been in existence, we are already making great strides in our efforts to assist the Lodges to address concerns about membership and retention.

One of the questions this year on the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit Report asked if the Lodge was planning a Bring a Friend Night (BAFN) this year. A review of those reports indicated that 76 Lodges were planning a BAFN and had selected a date for the event. Another 40 indicated intent to host a BAFN, but had not determined a date at the time the District Deputy had made his visit. One can only assume this number will increase as the Lodges see the positive results of their efforts in this program and become more comfortable with this concept.

To assist the Lodges with their membership efforts, the Grand Lodge Officers unanimously endorsed the designation of the District Membership Coordinator (DMC) as an official member the District Team and the Grand Master issued Appointment Letters to those Brethren so designated. This year a total of 44 districts have identified a DMC and it is hoped this position will be filled in all districts in the coming year.

So how does a Lodge begin to prepare to host a BAFN? I am pleased to inform you that in addition to a Membership Committeeman being identified for each of the 12 Regions around the state and the appointment of a DMC in most of the districts, there are a number of tools available to the Lodge free of cost. With the assistance of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and thanks to its hard work, the Grand Lodge website contains many publications the Lodge will find useful including a pamphlet titled Bring A Friend Night. All of these publications are available on the website in PDF format and you are free to download any of these publications.

My Brethren, many of our losses are attributable to demits and non-payment of dues. While each of these instances occurred on an individual basis, there must be some common reason why these Brethren either demitted or found themselves suspended. To address these situations, there is also a Retention Tool Kit available on the Grand Lodge's website. The Tool Kit offers suggested items the Master may use to communicate to the candidate that the Lodge is interested in his progress and also provides some assistance in determining why a Brother may have ceased attending Lodge. If you have not visited the Grand Lodge website recently, I encourage you to do so and review Retention Tool Kit along with the other publications found there and let me hear from you with your comments or suggestions about what you found.

In closing, let me just say that it is my belief that none of us want to see the Fraternity continue to face declining membership figures. Since 1967 we have gone from a membership figure of 71,294 to 39,840, as of the end of 2008. While your Grand Lodge can provide tools, appoint a committee, and designate a membership coordinator for your

District; we cannot address the issue of declining membership anywhere except at the Lodge level. It is up to the individual Lodges to identify those men in their community that are men of good moral character and men who can qualify to reply in the affirmative to those questions we ask of him to determine his fitness to be a member of our Fraternity. We say that Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better. I firmly believe this, but I also believe that, unless we identify those "good men" and do what we can to bring him to the east side of that west gate, many good men will never experience the opportunity of becoming a Freemason. Think for a minute about the Charge at Closing and ask yourself, do I know a man who would make a good Mason? Likewise ask yourself if it might be time you called that Brother who you have not seen in Lodge lately and ask him what is keeping him away. What you are being asked to do for the Fraternity is summed up very nicely in our Grand Master's Theme this year. We should all be doing what he can to "*Discover Our Potential.*"

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Right Worshipful Rorer's Tentative Schedule

November 2009

- 6 - 7 Grand Annual Communication
- 9 Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
- 11 Langley-Monroe Chapter No. 310, National Sojourners
- 12 - 13 Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Williamsburg
- 13 - 15 Grand Lodge of Maryland
- 17 Homecoming, Newport News Scottish Rite
- 23 Richmond Scottish Rite, Reception
- 27 - 30 Miss Job's Daughters Pageant, Williamsburg

December 2009

- 1 Staunton Lodge No. 13
- 2 Williamsburg Shrine Club, Ladies Night
- 4 McAlister Lodge No. 185, 150th Anniversary
- 5 VACHIP Fundraiser and "Breakfast with Santa", Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
- 5 St. Thomas Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
- 7 Hampton Commandery No. 17
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Brethren helping Brethren

by Wor. Jonathan Mark Mills

I recently attended the Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at Fork Union Military Academy. While there, I was approached at lunch on Tuesday by Worshipful Kenny Will, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 195 (Bridgewater), who had donated a complete set of officer aprons and jewels to the James Noah Hillman Research Lodge, U.D. I thanked him for the generous gift of the aprons and jewels and told him they would be much appreciated by the officers and members of the Research Lodge.

The aprons originally belonged to Bicentennial Lodge No. 1978 which was formed and chartered on February 18, 1978 at the Grand Annual Communication held at Williamsburg, VA as part of the bicentennial celebration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia. Bicentennial Lodge No. 1978 surrendered its charter and became inactive on December 31, 1997.

Eureka Lodge No. 195 had taken in the members of Bicentennial Lodge No. 1978 and also took possession of their Masonic regalia and furniture. Brother Will then asked me if I knew of any Lodge in our area that would be interested in some nice Masonic furniture. I told him that my mother Lodge, Fidelity Lodge No. 173 (Nickelsville) was in dire need of new furniture. He gave me his address. I noted it was on my way home and I told him I'd stop by to look at the furniture.

Upon arriving at Brother Will's home, he and his son jumped in my truck and we proceeded to drive a couple of miles down the road to Bridgewater to look at the furniture and see what our Lodge could use. Worshipful Will took me on a short tour of their beautiful Lodge hall and then showed me the furniture. The furniture consisted of the following: Masonic Altar, officer's stations, gavels, three burning tapers, Holy Bible, Bible markers, Boaz and Jachin pillars, and Marshal's baton. All of the furniture was hand crafted by Right Worshipful Blair Via in 1983. The furniture is made of gorgeous white oak, with Masonic emblems inlaid in oak, black walnut, and cherry. This was some of the finest craftsmanship I had ever seen!



I didn't hesitate a second to say, "We'll take it all!" Brother Will and his son assisted me in loading up the bed of my truck and tying a tarp over the furniture as it looked like rain for the trip home. The furniture has been cleaned up and polished and placed in the appropriate places in our Lodge. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all of the officers and members of Eureka Lodge No. 195 for the wonderful gift of this lovely Masonic furniture.

Brethren helping Brethren... this is Freemasonry at its finest! ✨

Fifty-Thousand Volunteer Hours Plus!

By Rt. Wor. Donald J. Kerr
Masonic District 4 DDGM

They come Tuesday mornings for "work" in ritual instruction to prepare for the East when their time comes. They come from their home Lodges in two different districts and possibly more. They come like regular clockwork to learn everything from the lectures, funeral service, floor work, catechisms, leadership skills, and just about everything else

Located in Catharpin, Virginia, this special place is the home of Right Worshipful William Edward Ray, Sr., a member of Hay Market Lodge No. 313 who began his 50+ year Masonic career in Maryland before he moved to Virginia. The first lesson you learn is don't call him "William" or "Bill" as his first name might suggest. Just call him "Ed" and you'd better be prepared in your ritual when you meet with him.

Brother Ed is recognized for his volunteerism for Virginia Masonry. He modestly estimates he has spent an average of 10 hours a week for



Brother Ed's house on a typical Tuesday.

the Fraternity, but that can't possibly be the case. It's got to be more. Over his 51 years, Brother Ed has not only spent time in all the chairs of his Lodge, but has volunteered countless years over the decades as District Instructor of Work for no less than two districts in Virginia. In addition to the Tuesday mornings at his

home and the monthly district schools he conducts, Ed instructs at a school named after him. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for his district and is an honorary member of many Lodges in Northern Virginia.

Over the past 51 or so years, a reasonable estimate might be that Right Worshipful Ed has volunteered 50,000 hours of his time to the Craft. Just think of the financial value that would come to at the minimum hourly wage rate! But more importantly, Brother William Edward Ray, Sr. has instructed members in all the Lodges, in two districts in the fine points of our ritual for all these years. He has upheld the ritual, the most difficult and most successful activity we Freemasons do. He is a pillar of Freemasonry in Virginia. Year after year, the Brethren keep coming on Tuesday mornings to polish the fine points of leadership and the Work of our Craft. ✨

Marketing Freemasonry

By Rt. Wor. James Friend Dickerson

Grand Senior Steward

Brethren, over the past few years we have touched on many aspects of marketing to both members and non-members. During that time, I have also been honored to serve as chairman of the Journeymen (Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges' team). The Journeymen work very hard with our elected Grand Lodge officers plus our talented Grand Lodge staff to get the word out to individual members and Lodges about our Grand Lodge programs. First I would like to thank the Journeymen, their ladies, and the Grand Lodge staff for all of their support. We never could have accomplished all we have (last year's Hoedowns, the Installation Ball, hospitality suites, Town Hall meetings, DLC's, drop in visits, DDGM training manual & conference, Official visits to Districts and Lodges, mentoring by pairing Lodges with needs & resources . . . the list goes on and on) without a hard working team of Journeymen, their ladies (a very integral part of the success!), and our hard working professional Grand Lodge staff. When you see any or all of these dedicated individuals, please thank them for their efforts. Most are unpaid dedicated volunteers who have supplied hundreds of hours of service and thousands of miles of travel at their own expense out of a love for our Fraternity. Time flies by as we continue to work and support our Grand Master and Grand Lodge. Before the Masonic year concludes, we have a few more events I would like to invite you to participate as an individual or Lodge:

- Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day: Please look elsewhere in this issue (see page 27) for specific info on the events scheduled for October 10, 2009. I am looking forward to attending. My grandchildren cannot wait for the 10:30 AM parade and 11:30 AM complimentary BBQ lunch (prepared by Amelia Lodge No. 101 (Amelia) and courtesy of MAHOVA). At 1:00 PM, there will be a procession for the 1:30 PM dedication of our Veterans Memorial (don't forget your aprons and jewels!). Come out with your family and assist your Grand Lodge in paying honor and tribute to our Veterans.

A few weeks ago we stopped by our Masonic Home after attending a Lodge meeting and took some time to visit the Veterans Memorial. We

walked the Memorial grounds in silence reading the many pavers donated by your families and you. Since one of the signers of my petition served in World War II and has since gone to his reward, I found the Memorial especially touching. If the automatic sprinklers had not come on, we would have stayed longer! I am looking forward to the dedication and honoring those that have and currently serve. Come out on October 10, 2009, and join your Brethren at the Masonic Home Family Day and in dedicating our Veterans Memorial.

- Grand Master's Official Visit to District 18: On October 24, 2009, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges will be making his Official Visit to his home district. Consider this your personal invitation to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we to "Roast" our Grand Master. Yes, this visit will be different from all the others and include a few surprises. Three of our Appointed Grand Lodge Officers will be "Roasting" our Grand Master. If you have never seen a Grand Master's Roast, then don't miss this opportunity. The three good Brothers continue to struggle as they select a few choice items to share in the "Roast" out of the multitude of humorous and amazing situations from the time we commenced "Discovering Our Potential."

Our Grand Master's personal representatives, his District Deputy Grand Masters, will be renewing the friendships initiated with Brothers from across the Commonwealth at last year's DDGM Conference. All Masons and their ladies are welcome to attend and join in a celebration of the culmination of the year's official visits. For more information or to make a reservation please contact RW Mike D. Griffin, DDGM-18 (reservations can be made by sending a check @ \$25 per person payable to Mike Griffin, 2765 Peppervine Court, Charlottesville, Virginia 22911; for questions or directions 434.951.0874 or MGriffin@TGBlaw.com). Any profit from the visit will go to support the Delegates lunch on Friday during our upcoming Grand Annual Communication. Let's pack the house, because I know you will not want to miss this Official Visit! (See announcement on page 7.)

- As mentioned above, our Grand Master requested all of the Virginia Lodges in which he holds membership to pitch in and provide lunch for the Delegates to the Grand Annual Communication on Friday, November 6, 2009. When informed of the lunch and the Grand Stewards responsibility for making the lunch happen by producing lunch for 400+ hungry Brethren while being in a tiled meeting at another location, made me more than a wee bit nervous. I forgot I was dealing with Freemasons who are members of the world's greatest Grand Lodge and Fraternity. As I asked for volunteers, Brother David Simpson of Widow's Sons' Lodge eagerly stepped forward to lead the other volunteers on the day of the meal and to help obtain food and supplies. Our Grand Master holds membership in five Virginia Lodges and they continue to provide food, financial support, and volunteers to prepare and serve the BBQ lunch on Friday. Thank you to all who are pitching in to help with the meal. So when you come to the Grand Annual Communication in Richmond, plan to have lunch on Friday compliments of our Grand Master's Lodges and home district.

I could go on about some other projects, but if this article gets too long, no one will read it! Overall the marketing and execution of our Journeymen projects could not have been accomplished without a team of dedicated Masons and their ladies. Without the support and dedication of Right Worshipful Richard G. Motley, Grand Junior Steward, and Worshipful Bernardo F. Molina, Jr., Associate Grand Senior Steward, your Grand Stewards would not have been able to execute the plans laid out on the trestle board by our Grand Master. My appreciation and thanks go out to the Journeymen, their ladies, and our Grand Stewards for helping us through the many challenges we have encountered the past three years so that we could execute our Grand Masters plans. Remember in your Lodge, as you plan your year or marketing campaign to build a team, our good Brothers and their ladies are waiting to help. By sharing the work load more can be accomplished and friendships can be established that will last a lifetime. 🍀

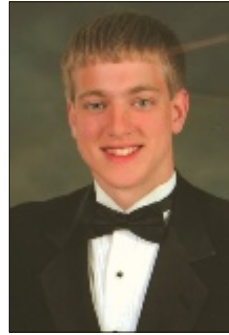
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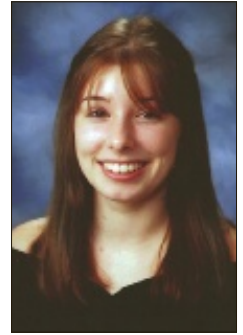
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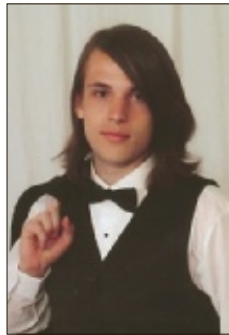
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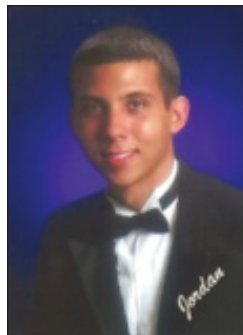
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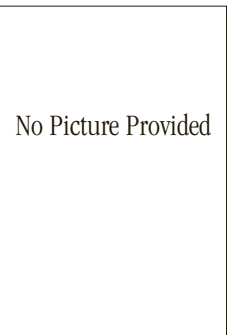
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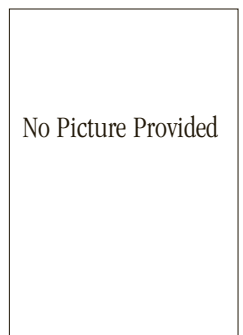
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Father and Son Night



A “Father and Son Night” was held at Widow’s Sons’ Lodge No. 60 (Charlottesville) on Thursday, July 30, 2009. Right Worshipful Robert E. Simpson, Master of Widow’s Sons’, and his son, Brother David T. Simpson, Senior Warden, were delighted to welcome a large crowd of fathers and sons for an evening of fellowship. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, and his son, Brother Jason E. Hodges, Associate Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master, joined us. Also in attendance were the Grand Senior Steward,

Right Worshipful James F. Dickerson, and his father, Brother T. C. Dickerson, III. Masonic District 10, District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Mikel S. Johnson and his father, Masonic District 18, the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Mike D. Griffin and his son, Sam, also joined us.

The fathers and sons enjoyed dinner together and then viewed a video, Unseen Journey: The Mystery, Myth, and Truth of Freemasonry. ✦

Kempsville Lodge No. 196

On June 30, 2009, Kempsville Lodge No. 196 (Virginia Beach) raised Brother George R. Winn, Jr., to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Worshipful Master and members of Kempsville Lodge allowed the degree to be conferred by six current District Deputy Grand Masters and 13 Past District Deputy Grand Masters. Brethren from 6 different districts helped support this unique degree. Approximately 60 Brethren attend the raising of Brother Winn.



Brethren in the front row (left to right): Rt. Wor. Richard M. “Rick” Young (District 35B), Rt. Wor. Jay S. Burton (District 36), Rt. Wor. Jeffry L. Smith (District 33), Brother George Robert Winn, Jr.(Candidate), Rt. Wor. Emmett M. “Buddy” Pate (District 56), Rt. Wor. Frederick R. “Fred” Dixon (District 35A), and Rt. Wor. John C. Tillman (District 13). ✦

Taylor Lodge No. 23



Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 23 (Salem) held its Fourth Annual Fishing for a Cure Bass Tournament on Claytor Lake on May 2nd. The tournament continues to raise money for the American Cancer Society as part of Relay for Life. The Tournament raised \$3040. Pictured are all of the fishermen, as well as Worshipful Thomas Newcomb and Abe Street (Bass Federation representative) holding the oversized check. ✦

Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344



Washington and Henry lodge No. 344 (Mechanicsville) presented Officer Russell Snook (left) a plaque in honor of being named “Hanover Officer of the Year 2009”. Officer Russell is a Hanover Deputy Sheriff and works day shift patrol. He, his wife Joann (right), and their family live here in Mechanicsville. The award was presented by Worshipful Jeffrey C. Autry, Master of Washington and Henry Lodge. ✦

REMINDER!!

The dedication of the World War II Memorial will be at 1:30 PM on October 10, 2009.

The procession will start to line-up at 1:00 PM.

Please wear a coat and tie, if you are planning to be in the procession.

Fredericksburg Lodge Honors Eagle Scouts



(Left to Right: Rt. Wor. Steve Sanford, Wor. Jeff St Onge, Wor. Bruce Hollman, Eagle and other scouts attending)

On Saturday, August 1, 2009, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 (Fredericksburg) hosted an Eagle Scout banquet and awards ceremony to recognize the achievements of eleven Eagle Scouts from BSA Troops in nearby communities. After a buffet dinner in the basement social hall, the scouts, scouters, family, friends, and Masonic hosts adjourned to the Masonic temple upstairs.

The Scouts began the formal activities with a mock Patrol meeting opening that included the Scout Oath, Law, and Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a special "Folding the Flag" presentation by members of the Fredericksburg Washington's Cruisers Camp Heroes of 76, presentation of the Grand Master's congratulatory letter, Grand Lodge Certificate of Recognition, and pin to each of the Eagle Scouts; and a talk on the similarities between Boy Scout and Masonic moral prin-

ciples. The ceremony was closed after scouts and scouters formed the Friendship Circle.

Masonic recognition was bestowed upon Eagle Scouts representing the Aquia District (Troop 218 in Stafford and Troop 1717 in Hartwood) and the Mattaponi District (Troop 179 in Fredericksburg and Troop 835 in Spotsylvania County). The Masonic awards were presented by Right Worshipful Steven W. Sanford, Masonic District 8 District Deputy Grand Master, who represented our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, and by Worshipful Jeff St Onge, Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. The Masonic talk was given by Worshipful Daniel Thompson, Past Master of Fredericksburg No. 4. This special scouting outreach event was coordinated by Worshipful Bruce "Ziggy" Hollmann, a former Scoutmaster and Past Master of Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199 (Colonial Beach). ✦

DeMolay International Awards



At the DeMolay International's annual meeting held in Kansas City, MO in June, our state officers received awards from the organization for Virginia DeMolay achieving its membership goal for the year and for positive growth of membership in Virginia for 2008-2009. Pictured from left to right: Collen Fox, State Master Councilor, Executive Officer and Right Worshipful Michael E. Williams, and Nick Cook, Deputy State Master Councilor. ✦

DeMolay Awards Sponsoring Body



The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges and the State Officers of Virginia DeMolay presented the "Sponsoring Body of the Year" Trophy to Mountain City Lodge No. 67 (Lexington). ✦



Never Seen That Before!

By Rt. Wor. Stormy Thorson

Have you ever uttered that phrase? If you have visited many Lodges, especially outside of your District, you've said those words. Visitation is one of the great benefits of being a Mason and everyone should take advantage of it. The Grand Master has put emphasis on visitation in two of his many programs for the year, the terrific Passport Program and the Grand Master's Traveling Trowel Award.

Many good Brethren have never been to a Lodge outside of their own district and some never outside of their very own Lodge! When you travel, especially outside your district, a whole new world of Freemasonry opens up before you. Every Lodge has not only its own character, but its own customs, traditions, and personality. The buildings and furnishings of many Lodges are enough leave a lasting impression upon a visiting Brother; buildings such as tiny Wynn Lodge No. 221 (Rose Hill), the cavernous Lodges such as St. Tammany No.5 (Hampton), Lodges made from a church or Lodges actually inside a current and active Church, Lodge building that's a perfect cube, the fresco paintings at Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 (Winchester), the colonial setting, both inside and out, at Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 (Williamsburg), and the ornate ceiling at Richmond Randolph Lodge No.19 (Richmond) just to name a few. If you ever want to just say "wow", visit the Lodge rooms at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. They are spectacular!

Have you visited a Lodge where the Altar lights were Egyptian lamps? In other jurisdictions, the three lesser lights can be on a single pedestal, at the Altar; in others, they might be found on the arms of the stationed officers' chairs. Many Lodges use real tapers and always have. In some, there is a sort of ritual for the lighting. The Altar may be a few feet from the Master in some locales and right up against the East in others. Have you ever seen the officers march into Lodge, each one stopping at his place or station? Even the pre-ritual Lodge

openings are different. In one Lodge the officers gather around the Altar for a short prayer and then all go to their places and stations. In other jurisdictions the Master calls the Tiler to the East, asks him his duty and when satisfied, presents him with his sword ordering him to perform his duty. Once he exits the room and closes the door, the normal ritual begins. In many states, all business is conducted in the Entered Apprentice's Degree.

You might be surprised how many different kinds of ballot boxes are in use throughout Masonry. In South Carolina, they vote on 8 to 10 candidates "separately," but at a single trip to the Altar! They have a 'rack' that holds 8 to 10 ballot boxes and it is rolled to the Altar. Have you ever seen a Charity box made especially for the purpose of collecting contributions? When the Steward or Deacon gets to you, the lid, made to look like a large hand, opens for you to make your donation. Have you ever seen Stewards use their staffs?

In some places, "everyone" wears a tuxedo to Lodge. In some places degree work is always done in a tux, but business is conducted in coat and tie. Have you ever sung "So Mote it Be"? In other countries, the flag is not a part of Lodge at all. But in some of the United States, the flag is even retired formally at the conclusion of every meeting.

There is at least one Virginia Lodge where scrambled eggs are mandatory at every stated communication. Please ask me about the Festive Board that follows every stated communication at Bermuda Garrison Lodge No. 580 in Hamilton, Bermuda. The words "Dark and Stormy" are a key to the festivities.

I urge you to get out and visit with your Masonic Brethren, outside your district, outside Virginia, and outside the USA. Very, very soon, you'll say, "Never seen that before." ✨

Lemon Time

By Rt. Wor. Jim Fields, Jr.

Recently, I was one of the sentinels stationed outside the door at the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. As the distinguished guests were speaking, I over-heard Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, Past Grand Master in 2001, begin his presentation using a lemon slice as a way of introducing and expanding his chosen topic. (As all that know Bro. Jim, he is a very accomplished speaker and when I served as the Grand Commander of Virginia, we all hated to follow him after he had spoken.)

Most Worshipful Cole began his talk by explaining that when we go out for a meal and order iced tea to drink, the waiter usually bring a saucer of lemon slices for use in our beverage. He noted that the lemons just lay there on the plate looking very sour and not very appealing at first glance. If we pick a slice up and squeeze it into our tea, the flavor changes. Our drink becomes zingy and its taste is dramatically changed and often improved. Most Worshipful Cole reasoned that the same thing happens with Masonry. He reasoned that we can choose to stay at home and not share our Masonry with our Brethren, or we can be like a slice of lemon and squeeze (share) a little of our experiences and knowledge making everyone's lives a little more zingy and fulfilling.

A Lodge is certain number of Masons with a Charter that allows them to be operative. So How much more meaningful would our Lodge be if we all would come out and share with the Brethren? How sweet it would be! As Master, I would be more satisfied if all our Brethren came to join in on the good fellowship we find in our Masonry.

(Edited from the Staunton Mason, Staunton Lodge No. 13's June 2009 newsletter.) ✨

Job's Daughters Supreme Session

Job's Daughters International met in Richmond, VA for their annual Supreme Session from August 2-August 9, 2009. Virginia Job's Daughters were ecstatic to be the hosts for Supreme as well as serve as the home of Dad Robert A. Clore, Associate Supreme Guardian. Dad Clore, also known as Right Worshipful Robert A. Clore, is also serving as the Associate Grand Marshal for the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia. Dad Clore has proudly represented Job's Daughters for the past year traveling around the world, meeting with Jobies, listening to them, and sharing ideas around the world.



Dad Robert A. Clore

The week started off with a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Miss International Job's Daughter Megan and Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Jenna laid the wreath with Dad Clore and Mom Marilyn Olson, Supreme Guardian. We were delighted to have the Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, join us for the Formal Opening on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Each year at Supreme Session, the Miss Job's Daughters of each jurisdiction compete for the honor of becoming the new Miss International Job's Daughters. The daughters are judged on their poise, ritualistic work, ritual test, personality interview, and their overall presence. Right Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, served as a judge for this competition and Most Worshipful James D. Cole (2001), served as the Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the Pageant. Virginia's own Miss Job's Daughter Kelsey Friend, Past Honored Queen Bethel No.11 (Chesapeake), proudly represented Virginia Job's Daughters. Ana Kryzhanivska, Miss Alberta Job's Daughter, was crowned as the new Miss International Job's Daughters. The girls had a great time at Supreme as they shared the highlights of Virginia with our guests from around the world. ✨

Job's Daughters News



Hello! My name is Sarah Montgomery. I am very proud to have just been selected as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Virginia for 2009-2010. I am nineteen years old and attend Emory and Henry College. I intend to major in musical theatre. Some of my hobbies include reading, singing, dancing, acting, sewing projects, and color guard. Along with my accomplishments in Job's Daughters, I have also earned my Girl Scout Gold Award. My hometown is Buchanan, VA. I do hope to see many of you at our Job's Daughters events throughout the year. ✨

Rainbow Girls in Virginia

by Linda Jenkins
Supreme Deputy in Virginia

The Rainbow Girls in Virginia are off to a spectacular start in 2009. We have experienced a 21% growth in membership since the first of the year! We are proud of our new members and they are making a real contribution to the energy of their Assemblies.



Left to right: Virginia's Rainbow Dad, Kevin McLaughlin; Supreme Deputy, Linda Jenkins; Grand Worthy Advisor 2009-2010, Chelsea Norman; and Supreme Faith, Susan Rennagel.

At our Grand Assembly Session in June, Miss Chelsea Norman was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor. Her theme for this Grand Year is "Once Upon a Time," where happy endings aren't just for fairy tales. The Assemblies are raising money for our charity, "Feeding America," and are working in food environments to achieve our fundraising goals. The girls will help the homeless in any way they can: food drives, soup kitchens, etc. With our country's current economic situation, there are many who need our help. Richmond Assembly raised \$1,000 for the Red Cross during one six-month term, so we know we can make a difference.

Thank you to all who supported our August 8, 2009 Golf Tournament to raise money for our Rainbow Scholarship Fund. We really appreciate your support. ✨

CSI—Stepping Outside our Comfort Zone

By Rt. Wor. Douglas T. “Doug” Boynton and Bro. James E. “Jim” Stanley, Jr.

Westhampton Lodge No. 302

Do the members of your Masonic Lodge know what is happening outside the walls of your Lodge room? Does anyone in the community outside of your Lodge members have any idea of what we stand for or what we do? The people in the area served by Westhampton No. 302 (Richmond) are beginning to get an idea of what we are doing and why we exist.

During the early part of 2008, incoming Worshipful Master Ray Lindquist began plans for his year and beyond. His vision of a process whereby Westhampton Lodge No. 302 and other Lodges could develop and implement community service projects was launched with a small committee of Brethren. The result of that vision and subsequent work has begun to take on life and meaning.

Worshipful Ray Lindquist wanted a plan that would serve to uncover community needs and establish a process for the Lodge to determine the most effective way to address those needs. After the Community Service Initiative (CSI) plan was developed, a small pilot community needs assessment was prepared and sent to a few community leaders. From those initial responses, a couple of community needs prompted action; financial education seminars for the local community and a reading program at a local elementary school.

The Career Readers project at the local elementary school turned out to be both beneficial and enjoyable. A small group of Westhampton Brethren and their wives got together on several Friday mornings to go into the Kindergarten, First, and Second grade classrooms to read a book and share a little about their careers. The Guidance Counselor at the school welcomed and coordinated the visits that fit in perfectly with her school goals of offering career education to the young students.

Over the course of three months and three visits, the Brethren had the opportunity to

share their stories and careers with over 300 young children. In addition, Brethren got to see first hand some of the challenges that educators face today. The teachers were very receptive to the visits that fit well with their own lessons. There were comments from teachers that “my husband is a Mason”, or “my dad was a Mason.” On the final day of school, the guidance counselor took time out of her busy schedule to e-mail her thanks and excitement about scheduling more story days for the next academic year.

In addition to providing a welcomed and needed service to the community through the Career Reader program, the monthly project provided an opportunity for the Brethren to get together and just have a little fellowship. The reading project took only about an hour in the morning, and left time for a little breakfast and conversation at a local restaurant.

The CSI continues to grow. At a recent breakfast get-together at the Masonic Home of Virginia, The Brethren discussed new community needs assessment responses from more community leaders. Projects for future Westhampton No. 302 consideration will be forthcoming. And, with that, the message of “Making Good Men, Better” will spread even farther!

To promote the name of the Lodge in the community and draw attention to the services performed by Lodge members, two marketing/promotion steps have been implemented:

1. The Worshipful Master, at the beginning of his year in the East, designed a Lodge membership pin to be given to all members. This pin is depicted below. Note the reference to ‘Member’ on the left side of the pin. A companion pin was also designed to complement the membership pin. It is shaped in the form of the letter ‘C’, symbolizing Community Service. Note the reference on this pin to the ‘Service

Team’. This pin is presented to all Lodge members who participate in at least one Community Service project for the Lodge. When placed together, the Lodge membership pin and Community Service pin form a beautiful, perfect, and complete whole, as shown below. Note the reference on this combined pin-set to the ‘Community Service Team Member’.



2. A member of the CSI Planning and Resource Committee designed square lapel badges and round ‘campaign-style’ buttons to be worn by anyone, including wives and friends who participate in community service events. The lettering on these, name the Lodge and the Community Service Initiative, drawing attendees’ focus to the Masonic Lodge and invites questions about our activities and the CSI program.



Masonic Veterans

June through August 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 June through August 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.

EIGHTY-FIVE-YEAR VETERANS

RW Elwood Floyd Yates Powhatan Lodge No. 295

SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS

Wor. Joseph H. Keller Fraternal Lodge No. 53
Wor. Leon Dibrell Johnson, III Chester Lodge No. 94
Bro. Ralph Mitchell Kimble Columbia Lodge No. 285

SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Carroll Baxter Brown Richmond Lodge No. 10
Wor. Marion Linwood Hall Richmond Lodge No. 10
Bro. Howard Johnson Brooks, Jr. Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Wor. Louis Laymon Cargile, Jr. Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Bro. Noland Aubrey Hughes Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Bro. Fred W. Cornell Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. David K. McNish, Jr. Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. Henry Stith Moody, Jr. Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. Charles L. Harrington Marion Lodge No. 31
Bro. William T. Simmerman Marion Lodge No. 31
Bro. Lewis Christian Rowe Urbanna Lodge No. 83
Wor. Walter Ralph Fleenor Valley Lodge No. 93
Bro. Robert Norris Bloxom Temperanceville Lodge No. 121
Bro. Joseph Johnson Baroodly Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
Bro. Hubert Hamilton Jewell, Jr. Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
Wor. Roland P. Bugg Chesapeake Lodge No. 158
Bro. William John Affeldt Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
Bro. Carl D. Bower Lakeland Lodge No. 190
Bro. H. S. Garman, Jr. Lakeland Lodge No. 190
Bro. Ben C. Payne Lakeland Lodge No. 190
Bro. J. Glenwood Strickler Lakeland Lodge No. 190
Bro. Herman Foster Hamilton Southside Lodge No. 191
Wor. George Walter Metcalf Southside Lodge No. 191
Wor. Douglas Trabue Harmon Eureka Lodge No. 195
Bro. Harold Ralph Brenneman Kempsville Lodge No. 196
Wor. James Wray Sink Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201
Bro. James Richard Garner, Jr. Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
Bro. Richard Oliver Swim Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
Bro. Glenn Baird May Varina Lodge No. 272
Bro. Stuart A. Shipley Varina Lodge No. 272
Bro. Floyd Linwood Forrest Churchland Lodge No. 276
Bro. Edgar Hicks Sharon Lodge No. 327
RW Willie Samuel Newton, Jr. Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
Bro. Thomas Albert Stubbs Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Richard Moore Jerman Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Bro. Kenneth Holloway Pugh Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Bro. John Wesley Thomas, Jr. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

Bro. Harold Franklin Gwyn, Jr. St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Bro. Ernest James Thomas, Sr. Hoge Lodge No. 8
Bro. Ruben Freedlander Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Bro. Philip Ray Johnson Manchester Lodge No. 14
Wor. Jack Hobson Moore Petersburg Lodge No. 15
Bro. Clarence Weldon Collier, Jr. Oriental Lodge No. 20
Bro. William M. John Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. Ernest G. Moore Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. Charles V. Webster, Sr. Taylor Lodge No. 23
Wor. Ralph Stuart Jones, Jr. Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
Bro. William Wirt Bird, Jr. Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27
Bro. Robert Elliott Parker, Jr. Suffolk Lodge No. 30
Bro. Clifford Earl Adams St. John's Lodge No. 36
Bro. Alton C. Echols, Jr. Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
Wor. Levi Davis Brown Fairfax Lodge No. 43
Bro. Frederick Smith Critzer Scottsville Lodge No. 45
Bro. Gordon Wyatt Rutland, Jr. Scottsville Lodge No. 45
Bro. William Charles Fugate Preston Lodge No. 47
Wor. Clyde Edward Byers, Sr. Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50
Bro. Ralph Wogalter Fraternal Lodge No. 53
Wor. Joseph Bernard Rice Mackey Lodge No. 69
Bro. William Vinal Weeks Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
Wor. Charles J. Arrington, Jr. Courtland Lodge No. 85
Bro. Ben E. Marks Courtland Lodge No. 85
Bro. Joe Robinson Latture Valley Lodge No. 93
Bro. James Hubert Kirk Coeburn Lodge No. 97
Bro. Kermit Lee Rose Coeburn Lodge No. 97
Bro. Wallace R. Russell McPherson Lodge No. 99
Bro. Junior Edsal Chappell Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
Wor. Thomas Francis Purcell Barboursville Lodge No. 112
Bro. William Clarence Beacham Norview Lodge No. 113
Bro. William Albert Brice Norview Lodge No. 113
Bro. James Durell Hill Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
Bro. Roy Leonard Rankin Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Wor. Melvin Samuel Wiles Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122
Wor. Paul Edward Judd Ashlar Lodge No. 125
Bro. Oliver David Thompson Ashlar Lodge No. 125
Bro. George Volchansky Linn Banks Lodge No. 126
RW Marshall Gray Folkes, Jr. Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
Bro. Watson Melton Marshall Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
RW Joseph Herman Reich, Sr. Mountain Lodge No. 140
Bro. Michael Harman Ashley Cassia Lodge No. 142
Bro. Charles Allen Wilson Piedmont Lodge No. 152
Bro. Thomas Hill Mountcastle Mann Page Lodge No. 157
Wor. Garland Earl Barker Shelby Lodge No. 162
Bro. William Ernest Clement Williamson Road Lodge No. 163

Bro. George A. Early, III Berkley Lodge No. 167
Bro. Charles Edward Johnson Manasseh Lodge No. 182
Bro. Emil John Klingenfus Manasseh Lodge No. 182
Bro. Charles Robert Wood Manasseh Lodge No. 182
Bro. John Newman Parker McAlister Lodge No. 185
Bro. Deroy Claudie Campbell Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201
Bro. Robert Pritchard Yorktown Lodge No. 205
Bro. Robert Stewart Pinkerton Lee Lodge No. 209
Bro. Hunter Bolling Temple Lee Lodge No. 209
Bro. George Lewis Staton Morotock Lodge No. 210
Bro. Luain Wayne Hamblin Mariner Lodge No. 215
Bro. Charles Papoy, Jr. Sandston Lodge No. 216
Bro. James Joseph Benson Bayside Lodge No. 218
Bro. Teddie Rue Lemond Bayside Lodge No. 218
Bro. Franklin Donald Reid Bayside Lodge No. 218
Wor. Clyde Edward Byers, Sr. Waddell Lodge No. 228
RW Hershel Von Fortney Forest Lodge No. 245
Bro. Bobby J. White Pruner Lodge No. 254
Bro. Cecil W. Nicholson Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260
Bro. Hersell Odell Bailey Intermont Lodge No. 269
Bro. George Norman Ripley Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273
Bro. Billy Eugene Brown Churchland Lodge No. 276
Bro. Lowell Merritt Stike Churchland Lodge No. 276
Bro. Richard Ray Brightbill Northside Lodge No. 292
Wor. William Ledwell Wade Northside Lodge No. 292
RW Clarence Lewis McDeamon, Jr. Monroe Lodge No. 301
Bro. Ronald Wright Miller William J. McMahon Lodge No. 303
Bro. Julian Bentley Johnson Kent Lodge No. 305
Bro. Clarence Harrison Carwile Edwards Lodge No. 308
RW Carl D. Letherer Mineral Lodge No. 311
Bro. Bruce Merriken Bolding Warwick Lodge No. 336
Bro. Thomas Solmon Frye Warwick Lodge No. 336
Bro. George William Gordon Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
Bro. Page Seward Roberts Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
RW Dennis Lee Rogers Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
Bro. Thomas Mackie Ward Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
Wor. Richard Jay Rudibaugh South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
Bro. Carroll Myron Jones Washington And Henry Lodge No. 344
Bro. Peyton Daniel Perkins, Jr. Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
Bro. Monte Lavern West Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351

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.

Rt. Wor. Elwood Floyd Yates, Sr.

Right Worshipful Gary Walker Lilley, Masonic District 16 District Deputy Grand Master, made a request of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, to construct a plaque to be awarded to Right Worshipful Yates back in June. The plaque was to be awarded at the Official Visit of Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges to Masonic District 16 on July 24, 2009. Unfortunately, Right Worshipful Yates was unable to attend the Official Visit.

Right Worshipful Lilley contacted Worshipful William Robert Knox, Master of Powhatan Lodge No. 295 (Powhatan) to set up a time for the presentation. Worshipful Knox chose to do the presentation on the exact date of Right Worshipful Yates being raised a Master Mason. Right Worshipful Lilley and Worshipful Knox made it possible for the presentation by our Grand Master.

On August 25, 2009, Worshipful Knox opened Powhatan Lodge in due and ancient form. After the American flag was saluted, Most Worshipful Hodges made a surprise drop in visit to the Lodge. The Craft was called from labor to refreshment and 31 Master Masons travelled to Right Worshipful Yates' home for the presentation of his 85-year Masonic Veteran's Award. Along with our Grand Master were Right Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., Grand Marshal; Right Worshipful Moring Elbert Gravitt, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master; Right Worshipful Walter Winchell Young, Grand Provost; and Right Worshipful John Quinton Sheppard, Grand Purveyor.

Brother Yates said he was overwhelmed. He wanted to shake the hand of each Mason there. He made a rather lengthy talk, all to the praise of Freemasonry in general. He told of several Masonic related items that were highlights of his long Masonic life. Brother Yates requested a picture of all the Brethren

present be taken with him. The Grand Master and Right Worshipful Gravitt picked him and the chair up, moved it to the front of the 31 attending Masons (see back cover).



The Grand Master presenting the award to Right Worshipful Yates.

Brother Yates said, with the Worshipful Master of his Lodge and Grand Master of Masons in Virginia present, almost anything could happen. Brother Yates is 106 years young. He was born on March 18, 1903, initiated on June 23, 1924, passed on July 28, 1924, and raised on August 25, 1924 in Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 (Mechanicsville). He was elected Worshipful Master of Washington and Henry Lodge on December 14, 1931. He later affiliated with Powhatan Lodge No. 295 and served as its Worshipful Master from 1939 thru 1941. He served as Masonic District 16 District Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Yates served in the Virginia House of Delegates for twelve terms and at one time, sat as a 'Judge' on the District Court in Powhatan County. Brother Yates also served in the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (where he was the head of the organization), Virginia Wildlife Federation, and was Chairman of the Virginia State Parks, as well as serving on many committees, especially related to Virginia wildlife and natural resources conservation during his illustrious career.

Bro. Raymond Hall



It is not often a Lodge has the privilege of awarding 50-, 60-, and 70-year Masonic Veteran's awards to its members, but a special day like this did occur this summer when the Brethren of Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64 (Falls Church) did this.

This meeting was devoted to present Masonic service awards to our Brethren who achieved their 50-, 60-, and 70-year awards. Although most of our veterans could not be in attendance in person they were celebrated and recognized. In attendance was Brother Raymond Hall (center) who received his 70-year award presented by Right Worshipful Roger W. Peak, Masonic District 54 District Deputy Grand Master (left) and Worshipful Paul C. Wickert, Past Master of Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge. Prior to the ceremony, a 60-year Masonic Veteran's award was presented to Brother Howard E. Whitmore who could not make the award ceremony.

Bro. Harry Willard Bricker



Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges presented Brother Harry W. "Bill" Bricker of Ashlar Lodge No. 125 (Shenandoah) with his 70-year Masonic Veteran's Award at the January 12, 2009 stated communication of Ashlar Lodge.

Wor. Isaac "Ike" Louderback



At the July 27, 2009 stated communication of Magnetic Lodge No. 184 (Stanley), Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges presented Worshipful Isaac "Ike" Louderback with his 70-year Masonic Veteran's Award. Worshipful Louderback's remarks emphasized how belonging to our Fraternity had made him a better man.

Rt. Wor. Emmett D. Stewart



Franklin Lodge No. 151 (Franklin) recently recognized Right Worshipful Emmett D. Stewart (center) as their newest 70-year member, as they presented him his 70-year Masonic Veteran's Award. Brother Stewart has been actively supporting his community for more than 70 years and resides in Courtland, VA. The presentation was by Right Worshipful Greg Jackson (left) and Worshipful Kevin V. Insull, Master of Franklin Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Raymond Mitchell



At the June stated communication of Cassia Lodge No. 142 (Woodstock), Right Worshipful Raymond Mitchell (center) was presented with his 60-year Masonic Veteran's Award by Right Worshipful Arthur Leavenworth (right), Masonic District 6 District Deputy Grand Master. Assisting with the presentation was Worshipful Philip Parish (left), Master of Cassia Lodge.

Bro. 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), Masonic District 19 District Deputy Grand Master, made the presentation with assistance from Worshipful Milton A. Hrebinko (right), Master of Lee Lodge. Brother Balderson was raised a Master Mason on February 3, 1949 in Temple Lodge No. 676 in Charlotte, NC. He affiliated with Lee Lodge No. 209 on May 8, 1969.

Berkley Lodge No. 167



At the May stated communication of Berkley Lodge No. 167 (Chesapeake), Right Worshipful Robert Cannon (left) presented Worshipful Allan Cecil Peringer (center) and Right Worshipful Winton Ray Ward (right) their 60-year Masonic Veteran's Awards. Worshipful Peringer was Master of Berkley Lodge in 1982 and Right Worshipful Ward was Master of Berkley Lodge in 1967 and Masonic District 36 District Deputy Grand Master in 1976.

Wor. Percy K. Dugger, Jr.



Worshipful Percy K. Dugger, Jr. (right), Past Master of Amelia Lodge No. 101, received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's Award from Right Worshipful Ralph W. Gibbs (left), Masonic District 27 District Deputy Grand Master, at the February stated communication of Amelia Lodge No. 101 (Amelia).

Successful Golf Tournament for MAHOVA

By Rt. Wor. Paul D. Sleeper

Grand Junior Deacon

On behalf of our Grand Master, and the residents of the Home, I would like to thank Illustrious James D. Cole, S.G.I.G. in Virginia, our Scottish Rite Brethren in general, and the Valley of Roanoke in particular for their support of the Stan Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for everyone's devotion to their obligations.

Men of good character come to the Fraternity to learn how to become better men. Part of becoming a better man is to learn that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. Our Supreme Grand Master teaches that we are to learn how to walk in the light of that Great Book of Nature and of Revelation which rests upon our Altars. It is one of the great lights in Freemasonry, and should be the guiding light of our lives.

What outward or visible signs are available for others to see as a demonstration of your good character? I say your character is demonstrated in your daily life. Many Brethren have improved themselves in Masonry and developed good character which is outwardly demonstrated in their daily lives through their

participation in the Stan Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament that our Grand Master organized for the benefit of the residents of our Masonic Home.

Assisting the residents of our Home is always a good outward demonstration of one's character. When the economy is suffering more than any time since the Great Depression, when Brethren are out of work, when Brethren's incomes have slowed to a standstill, when Brethren's personal finances are tight, it is a shining example of character for them to invest the time, energy, effort, and funding that these fine men have done. Under such circumstances these donations come from the heart, not from the wallet. This is where good character shines as a demonstration for others to emulate.

The participants raised approximately \$8,700 net proceeds for the residents of our home. I would like to list all who participated financially and helped run the tournament, but there is not enough room. So just let me thank these good Brethren, their ladies, Lodges, and businesses which helped make this event a success. ✨

Clintwood Lodge No. 66



Clintwood Lodge No. 66 (Clintwood) assisted the Dickenson County Sheriff's Department with the Fingerprint Identification Program at the Dickenson Fair on August 5, 2009. It was a great success. Lodge officers present were Right Worshipful Joe Fannin, Secretary, and Brother Robert Hall, Senior Warden. Law enforcement officers present were Andy Silcox and Officer Tim Wampler. ✨

"Discovering Our Potential"

Masonic Family Day

By Mt. Wor. Jim Cole (2001), CEO

A family reunion is always special. On Saturday, October 10, the FAMILY of FREEMASONRY in Virginia will have a wonderful celebration. The celebration is free to all Masons, families, and friends and is hosted by the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Masonic Family Day is a celebration of the entire family of Freemasonry. This year, the celebration will be accented by a dedication of the World War II Monument on the grounds of the Home.

Appendant bodies, Masonic youth organizations, and the Grand Lodge will gather for a day hosted by the Masonic Home. In this way, we can all meet on common ground and celebrate the joy of being part of this great family. As with many things Masonic, there is another meaning of the word "family." The Masonic Family Day is also a day for bringing spouses, children, grandchildren, and especially non-Masonic friends.

We hope that all members of the MASONIC FAMILY will join us for this special "family reunion" and for the activities outlined below. Events begin at 9:00 AM with free coffee and donuts, conclude in the early afternoon, and include the following:

- Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library & Museum open to the public
- Youth Activities, FREE, open to all youth
- Parade at 10:30 AM
- Lunch – FREE barbeque, cooked by the Brethren of Amelia Lodge No. 101
- Home Gift Shop open (gift shop items will also be available under a tent)
- Musical Performances
- Open House tours available (Village & Adult Home) — open to all
- Dedication of the WWII Monument (Assembling at 1:00PM with the Ceremony at 1:30 PM)

Please join us! ✨

Hard Work Pays Off

By Mt. Wor. Jim Cole (2001), CEO

My wife reminded me at breakfast this morning that she would probably have to work late each night this week, since the students were returning to Virginia Tech and she had to get ready for them. Across the Commonwealth and the country, college campuses are preparing to greet returning students. Fortunately, they know ahead of time when the students will arrive so they can be prepared.

At the Masonic Home of Virginia, hard-working staff must be prepared every day to meet the needs of the residents of our community. The grounds and buildings are maintained, meals are prepared, nurses and social workers monitor residents and provide care each day, and activities employees help the residents lead active lives, while the administrative staff works to keep the operation moving along efficiently. While all this hard work is underway, the staff must also be prepared for surprise inspections from state agencies that monitor the quality of care in licensed retirement facilities like the Masonic Home.

The Home is subject to inspections from two separate state agencies, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health, because the Home operates under two state licenses. The Home is also subject to fire safety inspections from yet a third agency. These inspections are conducted without warning. The inspection team simply walks in the door, unannounced. The "friendly visit" sometimes lasts several days. Every facet of the retirement community is open to the eyes of the inspection team, from medical records, to environmental and housekeeping procedures to personnel records to financial and business controls.

The result of these inspections is a report with a list of "deficiencies." The report basically points out anything that is wrong, from major care issues, right down to an incorrect date on a resident's record, or a missing piece of information in a file. Generally, a list of three or four deficiencies is considered very good news.

A year ago, I was able to report that for the first time in its history, the Home received "zero deficiencies" on ALL of its inspections. We have recently learned that for the Health Department inspection alone, only 11% of the non-profit facilities in America received zero deficiencies. We have found no statistics that show how few homes nationwide achieved zero deficiencies on all the inspections, but it has to be a very small number.

Well, we did it again. The Board of Governors was just advised that for the second year in a row, the Home again made history and passed each inspection with NO deficiencies. The management team of the Home views these inspections not as "headaches," but as helpful opportunities to improve. The dedicated inspection team members play a very important role in protecting the citizens of Virginia and they also provide a unique perspective to help the Home improve its service to residents.

A donor might conclude that such inspection results could show whether it was a good idea to donate to the Home. These inspections suggest that the Masons of Virginia are spending their money wisely. The inspections might convince those who have not donated recently to do so. A potential applicant to the Home could use the inspection results to see if the community would be a good place to live.

Any way you look at this outcome, it is a great report card on the Home. Please join me in again congratulating the staff members of YOUR Masonic Home. ✦



Masonic Home Luncheon

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on Saturday, November 7, 2009, there will be a luncheon held to benefit and honor the Masonic Home of Virginia. As in the past, the luncheon ticket will cost \$100, of which \$75 is tax-deductible as a gift to the Home.

I ask that each Lodge consider purchasing at least one ticket, and also encourage as many members as possible to attend this event. This action will show our support for the Home and its ongoing commitment to care for our Brethren, their wives, and widows. I am requesting the District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Masonic Home Ambassadors to contact as many members as possible to insure a large turnout.

In past years, many Lodges and individuals have purchased tickets that were used by residents of the Home to attend the event. If you know that you will not be able to attend the luncheon at the time you purchase your ticket, please include a note to that effect with your order. That will allow us to determine the number of residents who can attend the luncheon as guests of the Fraternity. The residents to whom you afford this opportunity are excited to attend and happy to share with the delegates their feelings about the care provided at your Masonic Home.

You may purchase tickets for the luncheon at the Masonic Family Day, October 10, 2009, or by sending your check, with "Ticket" indicated in the memo line, to Sheila Sisk, Masonic Home of Virginia, 4101 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223-4916. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible to allow this event to once again be a resounding success.

I look forward to greeting you at the Grand Annual Communication in November and thank you for your kind consideration of this opportunity to care for others by showing how we are *Discovering Our Potential as Master Masons*.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jeffery E. Hodges Grand Master ✦

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 March 31, 2009 through July 31, 2009. Persons HONORED are in **BOLD**, followed by the donor's name.

HONOREE	DONOR	HONOREE	DONOR	HONOREE	DONOR
Alan Wayne Adkins	Joppa Lodge No. 40	Rudolph Paul Hensley	Hunter's Lodge No. 156	Ruben Garcia Permel	Aaron S. Seno
Mary Jane Anaya	Jacque and Mark Estes	Horace C. Hill	Bayside Lodge No. 218	James Andrew Remine	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
Melvin Mickey Ander	Richard L. Ander	Dale Albert Hoffman	H. G. Williams	John J. Ritzo	Bayside Lodge No. 218
	George and Constance Chapin	George Dewey Hogge, Jr.	Achilles Lodge No. 281	Sidney F. Robertson	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
	Columbia Lodge No. 285	Leonard Holcomb, Jr.	Columbia Lodge No. 285	Dan Clifford Robinson	Old Town Lodge No. 68
	Lauris M. Eek, III	Thomas M. Holder	Nancy Holder	Clyde W. Rodgers	William A. Vipperman
	Craig P. Frischling	Leo Hott	Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296	Kathleen Royster	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
	Naval Systems Data Support Activity	Ira Durwood Hudgins	Franklin Lodge No. 151	William H. Russell	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
	Ray Team @AP2	Maurice Wendall Hues	Samuel C. Anaya	Joseph J. Saunders, III	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	Ruger Chemical Co., Inc.		Charles and Norma Klebert	Albert G. Schmitz, Sr.	Albert G. Schmitz, Jr.
	Myrtle Sanchez		John and Betty Long	Paul David Sleeper	Waddell Lodge No. 228
	Richard K. Thompson		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class	Ralph and Dotty Smith	Arleigh and Katherine Rice
Gordon Ray Anderson	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344		Fred and Pat Martin	Russel Ghee Snodgrass	Robert and Pam Simpson
Harry R. Applegate	Columbia Lodge No. 285		Lee and Janet Painter	William M. Stancell	Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
Thelma S. Atkinson	Glenn and Celia Healey		Stella Paxton	Kenneth Wayne Stanley	Sandston Lodge No. 216
	Dona Schaaf		Helen L. Payne	Lewis Benton Stevens, Jr.	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	Ira M. Shelton		Richard and Mary Lee Peroe	Warren Stroud	Samuel C. Anaya
Elton E. Baker	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274		Garland and Elva Rollins	Roy Alexander Stutts, Sr.	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
Eppa Barkley	Nansmond Lodge No. 77		Kenneth L. Shook	William A. Thompson, Jr.	Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
Cleveland Bowser, III	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163		Philip H. Walden, Jr.	Peter Roland Thorsen	Robert and Pam Simpson
Edith C. Breeden	Samuel C. Anaya		Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344	Jerry D. Tomney	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
	James Davis	Albert Garland Johnson	Luther A. Zirkle	James William Tunstall	Mary W. McManus
	Charles and Norma Klebert		Harvey L. Fleshman	Robert Kent Turner	Mackey Lodge No. 69
	Elizabeth Payne	James Robert Johnson	John L. Snider, Jr.	Harry L. Tyler	Jack and Donna Schwenning
	Patricia Martin	James Stanley Johnson, Jr.	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25	Charles Richard Vaught	Mt. Airy Lodge No. 226
	Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carr		William T. Ellison, Jr.	Robert E. Ventura, Jr.	Robert and Pam Simpson
	Richard and Mary Lee Peroe		Lee Lodge No. 209	Howard Sidney Waddell	Oriental Lodge No. 20
	Eugene and Wanda Petrasy	Donald Lee Jones	Western Branch Lodge No. 189		Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
	Garland and Elva Rollins	William Clark Jordan	Lee Lodge No. 209	Richard Jeffrey Walker	Varuna Panchapakesan
	Reuben S. Shrader	Nannie E. Kennedy	Garland and Elva Rollins	Helen Warden Waller	Richard G. Motley
Gerald Blandon Brooks	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274	Elwin D. Kessler, Sr.	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18	William J. Watkins, III	James G. Clarke
Jerry L. Broussard	Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296	Ralph Mitchell Kimble	Columbia Lodge No. 285		Barbara A. Ebert
George Elmer Brown, Jr.	Oriental Lodge No. 20	Frank V. Lane	Franklin Lodge No. 151		Jane Pinkard
Murray Carleton Burks	Gerald E. Burks	Ruth C. Levin	Samuel C. Anaya	Morris Donovan White	Aaron S. Seno
William R. Burks	Gerald E. Burks	Charles Richmond Lewis, Jr.	Hugh I. Furnage	Ray and June Whitley	Richard G. Motley
Loren Cochrane Caddell	Hudson-Morris Lodge No. 80	Warren H. Lewis	Charles and Mary Lee Peroe	Olive Whitlow	Garland and Elva Rollins
Joseph Atkins Childress	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351	Joseph C. Lilley	Garland and Elva Rollins	Eugene Wesley Wiggins	David A. Burkus
Ella Clifton	Mary A. Flora	Alston Cabel Mallory	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344	Charles Edward Winder, Jr.	Acca Temple Ceremonial Cast
Frank Leonard Craft	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25		Luther A. Zirkle		Samuel C. Anaya
James Roy Dalton	Old Town Lodge No. 68	Robert Wayne Mantlo	Columbia Lodge No. 285		Marjorie A. Boyd
James Friend Dickerson	Robert and Pam Simpson		Portsmouth Lodge No. 100		Joseph and Barbara Hogge
Off Woodrow Douglas, Jr.	Old Town Lodge No. 68	Floyd Ellis Martin	Western Branch Lodge No. 189		Charles and Norma Klebert
Russell Todd Dufford, Jr.	Hill City Lodge No. 183		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		William L. Luthie
Lewis Aubrey Duke	Waddell Lodge No. 228		Fred and Pat Martin		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
John Bullock Duval, Sr.	Charles and Norma Klebert		Richard and Mary Lee Peroe		Robert R. Martin
	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		Garland and Elva Rollins		Helen L. Payne
	Helen L. Payne		Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344		Richard and Mary Lee Peroe
	Luther A. Zirkle		Luther A. Zirkle		Roanah H. Pitts
Janet Early	Andrew T. Early	Lehman Mayes	Columbia Lodge No. 285		Garland and Elva Rollins
William Gordon Emerson	Broadwater Lodge No. 71	Irving Green Meadows	Nancy Holder		Scottish Rite Women's Club
Melvin H. Evans, Sr.	Garland and Elva Rollins	Robert Lee Morris	Campbell Lodge No. 316		Maxine W. Winn
Jean S. Firestone	Ralph W. Smith, Jr.		Clinton Lodge No. 73		Sandston Lodge No. 216
Michael G. Fulcher	Piedmont Lodge No. 152		Edward N. Eubank Lodge No. 262		
Brian W. Galusha	George W. Field		Evington-Newman Lodge No. 333		
Virginia Gammon	Mary A. Barlow		Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92		
	Rev. and Mrs. Collier Harvey		Hill City Lodge No. 183		
	Dick and Mona Johnson		Ellis W. Lambert		
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Mackey Lodge No. 69		
	Constance G. Ware		Marshall Lodge No. 39		
Joseph E. Garland, II	Robert and Pam Simpson		Joseph T. Mason		
Ashley Lynne Garrett	Nancy Holder		Jeffrey F. Mawyer		
Mildred F. Garrett	Linda S. Pickering		Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203		
Mary J. Garrison	Sally S. Carr		Rockfish Lodge No. 108		
	Garland and Elva Rollins		Staunton River Lodge No. 155		
	Carolyn G. Williams		Thomas Jay Traylor Lodge No. 348		
Edwin B. Gough, Sr.	Mackey Lodge No. 69	Mildred Muchlhaus	Hugh I. Furnage		
H. Bruce Green, Sr.	Harry B. Green, Jr.	Elisha R. Nance	Pleasants Lodge No. 63		
Robert R. Hamner	Alan W. Adkins	George E. O'Hara	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163		
		James Randal Palmer	Henry Clay Lodge No. 280		



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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
OCTOBER		
10/3/1918	Martha Mason	Glen Allen No. 131
10/3/1932	Stanley Milton	Blandford No. 3
10/3/1919	Gladys Simmons	Faulkner Memorial No. 91
10/3/1938	Luther Zirkle	Cumberland No. 283
10/4/1915	Laura Singleton	Botetourt No. 7
10/6/1913	Annie Davis	Metropolitan No. 11
10/8/1926	Ruth Walker	Varina No. 272
10/10/1914	Helen Wood	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
10/14/1923	Lucy Lamp	Winchester-Hiram No. 21
10/19/1917	Lillian Bolton	Northside No. 292
10/24/1923	Irma Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
10/28/1922	Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights No. 345
10/31/1924	Irma Thornhill	Transportation No. 337

NOVEMBER		
11/3/1920	Mildred Butler	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
11/3/1923	Elise Lacy	South Hill No. 297
11/4/1922	Catherine Busbee	Westhampton No. 302
11/4/1932	Julius Friis	Franklin No. 151
11/5/1926	Margaret Jordan	Chesterfield No. 161
11/7/1922	Dale Phelps	Sandston No. 216
11/9/1914	David Charlesworth	Manchester No. 14
11/9/1918	Hope Cluverius	Yorktown No. 205
11/9/1925	Louise Gooding	Edwards No. 308
11/10/1923	Lois Roan	Woodland Heights No. 345
11/14/1924	P. Wiley Jordan	Chesterfield No. 161
11/19/1919	Glenn May	Varina No. 272
11/23/1920	Martha Sugg	Sandston No. 216
11/24/1923	Walter McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
11/24/1922	Helene Peters	Sandston No. 216

DECEMBER		
12/4/1923	Preston Givens	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
12/5/1938	James Herring	Richmond No. 10
12/7/1925	Joyce Beninghove	Varina No. 272
12/7/1920	Alice Britton	Northside No. 292
12/7/1912	Maude Griffey	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
12/9/1919	Ruth Scruggs	Clinton No. 73
12/11/1920	John Hall	Joppa No. 40
12/14/1914	Annie Clayton	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
12/14/1922	Richard Murray	Urbanna No. 83
12/16/1920	Harry Bluford	Westhampton No. 302
12/18/1931	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside No. 292
12/18/1929	Edwin Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
12/19/1932	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey No. 298
12/21/1925	Lucille Corcoran	Naomi No. 87
12/24/1922	Reuben Shrader	Northside No. 292
12/25/1931	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen No. 131
12/27/1922	Anna Collins	Mt. Jackson No. 103
12/28/1923	Earl Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis No. 351

JANUARY		
1/1/1932	David Kent	Lancaster Union No. 88
1/3/1926	Voncile Baughman	Sandston No. 216
1/4/1929	Carolyn Allen	Faulkner Memorial No. 91
1/6/1926	Samuel Anaya	Arlington Centennial-Glebe No. 81
1/7/1925	Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester No. 14
1/7/1917	Eunice Mardigian	Henrico Union No. 130
1/8/1921	Carroll Barton	Arlington No. 102
1/8/1930	Dolores Ridings	Transportation No. 337
1/8/1923	Frederic Tayler, Jr.	Glen Allen No. 131
1/11/1930	Elizabeth Anton	Norview No. 113
1/13/1929	Thomas Boyce	Bayside No. 218
1/13/1909	Clara Tucker	Covington No. 171
1/14/1914	Anne Meyer	Edward H. Cann Daylight No. 1752
1/16/1914	Elizabeth Wilkinson	Northside No. 292
1/19/1934	Edgar Harrison	Virginia No. 177

1/20/1919	Bertie Stubblefield	Richmond Randolph No. 19
1/21/1923	Louise Harrison	Virginia No. 177
1/21/1922	Boyd Ivester	Washington and Henry No. 344
1/22/1931	James McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64
1/25/1932	Betty Long	Washington and Henry No. 344
1/27/1928	Theodore Koss	Central No. 300
1/27/1932	Gordon Paschall	Manchester No. 14
1/28/1915	Garland Hardin	Richmond Randolph No. 19
1/30/1922	Nathan Barrey	Treadwell No. 213
1/31/1911	Evelyn Meyer	Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
OCTOBER		
10/5/1963	Chester and Margaret Baity	Oriental No. 20
10/10/1969	William and Rose Mills	Woodland Heights No. 345
10/14/1951	Paul and Wanda Lucey, Jr.	Ruth No. 89
10/19/1944	Joseph and Evelyn Leggette	Lee No. 209
10/26/1946	David and Francis Charlesworth	Manchester No. 14

NOVEMBER		
11/4/1950	Edwin and Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
11/8/1941	Stafford and Lillian Bolton, Sr.	Northside No. 292
11/18/1956	James and Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware No. 64

DECEMBER		
12/3/1970	Jerry and Patricia Clark	Washington and Henry No. 344
12/6/1942	Richard and Lillian Yearwood, Jr.	Glen Allen No. 131
12/14/1948	Richard and Catherine Murray	Urbanna No. 83
12/31/1960	Nathan and Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell No. 213

JANUARY		
1/14/1950	Lansing and Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental No. 20
1/19/1963	Edgar and Louise Harrison	Virginia No. 177

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
4/27/2009	Mary Garrison	Purdie No. 170
4/25/2009	Alston Mallory	Northside No. 292
5/18/2009	John Duval	Metropolitan No. 11
5/13/2009	Maruice Hues	Washington and Henry No. 344
5/28/2009	Nannie Kennedy	Clintwood No. 66
5/14/2009	Floyd Martin	Washington and Henry No. 344
5/31/2009	Charles Winder, Jr.	Richmond Randolph No. 19
6/19/2009	Virginia Gammon	St. John's No. 36
7/14/2009	Edith Breeden	Temple No. 9
7/11/2009	Olive Whitlow	Thomas N. Davis No. 351
8/1/2009	Opal Day	Bayside No. 218
8/9/2009	Walter Smith	Sandston No. 216

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
4/13/2009	Louise Gooding	Edwards No. 308
4/14/2009	John and Elizabeth Anton	Norview No. 113
4/7/2009	John and Mary Smith	Fredericksburg No. 4
5/12/2009	Albert and Jean Noll, Jr.	Alexandria-Washington No. 22
5/21/2009	James and Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey No. 298
6/18/2009	Janet Sparks	Babcock No. 322
8/4/2009	Frederic and Florence Tayler, Jr.	Glen Allen No. 131

Mahova Outings



Residents Betty Long and Mildred Milby take in the sights on Tangier Island during a recent outing.



Boarding a train for another adventure.



A boat ride and lunch at Lake Monticello was a summer highlight.



The boat ride to Tangier Island was blessed with good weather.



Residents thank volunteers during the Volunteer Lunch.



A train ride to Union Station is the first phase in another great outing.



Fishing at a local park is a favorite activity.



Residents share a beautiful day on Tangier Island.

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Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges (kneeling) and members of Powhatan Lodge No. 295, along with Chester Lodge No. 94, and Clover Hill Lodge No. 253 made a surprise visit to Right Worshipful Elwood Floyd Yates (sitting) home to present him with his 85-year Masonic Veteran's Award (story on Page 25).