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Grand Master's Message

Brethren:

(The following is an excerpt from my Installation Speech. The entire speech can be found at <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/berald/2009/VMH%20Nov%202009%20Supp.pdf>.)

After welcoming those present and thanking the many people and groups responsible for my opportunity to serve as Grand Master, I introduced my committee and my family. I spoke of the three tenets that I feel the Fraternity should focus upon, which are: *"Doing what is right,"* which develops trust, *"Practicing the golden rule,"* so others know we care about them, and *"Striving for excellence in all we do,"* thus setting the standards for others to follow.

I then spoke of the need for all of us to *"get back to basics"* in Freemasonry, and shared a verse of Scripture that supports my belief. Part of my proposed vision and ideals for Virginia Masonry in 2010 is that we are to always dress appropriately, speak acceptably, act appropriately, and accordingly, as the Master Masons that we profess ourselves to be. We need to actively engage on a daily basis. We each have a range of solemn duties and obligations that are forever binding on us; ones that we cannot permit ourselves to set aside.

I then spoke on my theme for the year, *"Forget Not the Duties."* Forget Not The Duties To God, Our Country, Our Neighbors, Ourselves, and Our Fraternity. We should invoke the guidance and blessings of Deity in all we do. This is a basic, essential, Masonic teaching. Morality in our members is essential. It must follow that *we cannot, and will not, tolerate* immorality or un-Masonic conduct within our Fraternity in Virginia. Those who cannot, or will not, conform to our basic moral values and high standards of ethical conduct will effectively eliminate themselves from any further eligibility of enjoying our unique and loving circle of fellowship.

Charity is also a key item in my program for 2010. We shall nourish and cherish every



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Brother on the rosters of our Lodges, purposefully putting an end to demits and suspensions for non-payment of dues and doing a better job in better meeting our members' needs.

Brotherly love must prevail within each of our Lodges, all Lodges, and among all of the Brethren that have membership within these Lodges. My expectation is that conflicts among Brothers will end by Brethren agreeing to disagree respectfully concerning topics or issues with no clear solution, so we can mutually continue to live and act as friends and Brothers. Peace and harmony can, and simply must prevail within our midst.

I believe that a Master Mason cannot truly understand what a high standard it is by which he has pledged to live his life, nor can he really hope to travel in foreign countries and work and receive a Master's wages in this lifetime, unless he learns and recites his Master Mason's catechism in open Lodge. Also, so that all of our members may better know how to be a Mason, my desire is that we will read, and will encourage all of our Brethren to read major portions of the Book of Constitutions.

Grand Master's Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 1 Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199, 100th Anniversary
- 3 Williamsburg Shrine Club
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 8
- 8 Virgilina Lodge No. 248
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Langley-Monroe Chapter No. 310, National Sojourners, Newport News
- 11 Chester Lodge No. 94
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 31 & 32
- 13 Concord Lodge No. 307
- 18 Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth
- 19 Army and Navy Lodge No. 306, 100th Anniversary
- 20-24 Conference of Grand Masters, Arlington
- 20 Wreath Laying, Mount Vernon
Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- 21 Wreath Laying, National Sojourners, Mount Vernon
Holy Eucharist Service, Pohick Episcopal Church
- 22 100th Anniversary of George Washington Masonic Memorial Wreath Laying, George Washington Masonic Memorial
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic District 2
- 27 DeMolay Advisers Retreat, Norfolk
Potentate's Ball, Khedive Shrine Center

MARCH

- 1 Hampton Commandery No. 17, Newport News
- 2 Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
- 3 Warwick Royal Arch Chapter No. 80, Newport News
- 6 Potentate's Ball, Kazim Shrine Center
- 9 Poquoson Lodge No. 49
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Langley-Monroe Chapter National Sojourners, Newport News
- 11 Owens Lodge No. 164
- 12 DLC, Eastern Shore
- 13 DLC Norfolk
Potentate's Ball, ACCA Shrine Center
- 16 Nansemond Lodge No. 77
- 18 Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
- 19 DLC, Waynesboro
- 20 DLC, Alexandria
Official Visit, Masonic Districts 4 & 54
- 21 Wreath Laying, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Mount Vernon
- 24 Scottish Rite Bodies, Newport News
- 25-26 MASA, Mid-Winter Meetings, Savannah
- 27 Scottish Rite Spring Workshop, Richmond
- 31 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15-A, 15-B, & 15-C

APRIL

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1-A & 1-B
- 5 Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27
- 7 Williamsburg Shrine Club, Williamsburg
- 8 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
- 9 DLC, Keyville
- 10 DLC, Richmond
Ocoquan Lodge No. 310
- 13 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, Newport News
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee
- 16 DLC, Big Stone Gap
- 17 DLC, Ft. Chiswell
DLC, Roanoke
- 19 Herndon Lodge No. 264
- 20 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament (Rain Date)

Grand Master's Message (continued)

I spoke on the need for mentoring for our Brethren and ourselves to improve our Masonic knowledge. I encourage the subordinate Lodges to use the information and services provided to them by the Lodge Services and Membership Committees in order to assure long range plans for the future and improve our Lodge viability. I also encourage members to purchase Life Memberships in Perpetuity to provide a constant and perpetual income stream for their Lodges into the future.

I urged our Lodges to use the computer technologies for electronic reporting and correspondence. This will ensure that all Virginia Lodges will become full and equal partners in using today's 21st century tools and technologies to help the business that we conduct become more cost efficient. Along these same lines, Lodges are encouraged to communicate with their members by using telephone trees, instead of postal mailings, which would help them to dramatically reduce operating costs. As we look to the future, another reason to embrace available technologies is to learn how Virginia Masonry can best reach out and

appeal to young men of today through new technologies.

I talked about the meaning of my pin for the year 2010. It was designed and created with the basic principles of the past in mind, and the newest technologies. I feel that we should strive to use the best of the past, and the best of the present, to keep our Lodges and our Fraternity viable and strong, now and for future generations.

The feeling of Fraternity is one of the noblest values of our times; it is insistent and it is passionate, allowing us to dream dreams. Such is the opportunity for our Brotherhood today if we approach Masonry *from the heart*. My Brothers... *"forget not the duties."*

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year! ✦

Fraternally,



Grand Master

Grand Master's Calendar (continued)

APRIL (continued)

- 22-24 Grand Lodge of South Carolina
- 27 Seaboard Lodge No. 56
- 28 James Monroe 252nd Birthday Celebration
Virginia Chapter, Philalethes Society, Richmond
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 30 Official Visit, Masonic District 21

MAY

- 1 Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
- 2-4 Grand Lodge of Maine
- 5 Warwick Royal Arch No. 80, Newport News
- 6 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 6-8 Grand Commandery, Charlottesville
- 8 Testimonial Dinner, Larry D. Christian, Grand Master,
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, Inc.
Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
- 10 Henry Lodge No. 57
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Langley-Monroe Chapter National Sojourners, Newport News
- 14 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 5 & 6
- 15 MAHOVA Ambassadors Conference, Richmond
Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 17-19 Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Hampton
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 12 & 13
- 22 Wreath Laying, Douglas MacArthur Memorial
Official Visit, Masonic District 35-A & 35-B
- 26 Scottish Rite Bodies, Newport News
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 18

JUNE

- 1 Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
- 2 Williamsburg Shrine Club, Williamsburg
- 3 Prince George Lodge No. 115
- 4 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 7 & 10
- 5 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- 6 15th District Memorial Service, Forest Lawn Cemetery

Are You a Mason?

By Bro. and Reverend Dr. Magill

I am one of a band, who will faithfully stand, in the bonds of affection and love; I have knocked at the door, once wretched and poor, and there for admission I stood.

By the help of a friend, who assistance did lend, I succeeded an entrance to gain; was received in the West, by command from the East, but not without feeling some pain.

Here my conscience was taught, with a moral quite fraught, with sentiments bold and true; then onward I traveled, to have it unraveled, what Hiram intended to do. Very soon to

the East, I made my request, and "light" by command did attend; When lo! I perceived, in due form revealed, A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

For the widow distressed, there's a cord in my breast, for the helpless and orphan I feel: And my sword I could draw, to maintain the pure law, which the duties of a Mason reveal. Thus have I revealed, (Yet wisely concealed), what the "free and accepted" will know. I am one of a band, who will faithfully stand, as a Brother, wherever I go. ✦



*"Forget Not
The Duties"*

Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr. 165th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

William Earle Rorer, Jr. was born in Warrenton, Virginia, on January 22, 1947. He was educated in the public schools of Culpepper County and Williamsburg-James City County. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Emory and Henry College, a Master of Arts Degree in Education Teaching of Sciences from The College of William and Mary, and has completed postgraduate work and research in ecology at the University of Virginia. Most Worshipful Rorer taught in the Newport News and Williamsburg-James City County public schools for approximately ten years, before accepting a management position with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. After twenty-five years of service, Brother Rorer retired from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Brother Rorer also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Thomas Nelson Community College and served the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as an interpreter, musician, militiaman, and craftsman.

Most Worshipful Brother Rorer was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, on February 22, 1971. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1976 and is



a Senior Lodge Trustee. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 57 in 1981 and was Grand Purveyor in 1982. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Arrangements from 1977 until 2005 and was its Chairman in 1994 and 1996 through 2005. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2005. He was installed as the 165th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. His theme for the upcoming Masonic year is

“Forget Not The Duties.”

He is a member of the Valley of Newport News, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2007. He holds membership in Warwick Royal Arch Chapter No. 80; Khedive Shrine Center, A.A.O.N.M.S., Ed N. Eubank Council No. 75, Allied Masonic Degrees, Langley-Monroe Chapter No. 310, National Sojourners, Pocahontas Chapter No. 103, Order of the Eastern Star; and is Past President of the Williamsburg Shrine Club. He is a recipient of the John Blair, Jr. Service Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

He is a Charter and Life Member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. He is a Life Member and Past Advisor of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. He has been listed in “Who’s Who in Virginia Freemasonry” and has published two papers in the Virginia Journal of Science.

Most Worshipful Rorer is married to the former Judith Scruggs; they have two children, a daughter, Londereé Rorer-Kerrick, and a son, William Earle Rorer, III. He is an active member of Our Savior’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. ✦



“Forget Not The Duties”

Charge It!

By Wor. Gerald L. Frey

Within Virginia Masonry there are just a few written portions of the ritual and here I will address a singular portion which is in the Master Mason's Degree. This portion of the ritual has a number of noteworthy phrases. I suspect many of our Brethren have heard these phrases so many times, they may gloss over them without dilating upon them. The particular portion of the ritual picked for discussion is often said almost in passing as one lone item; but it is not, in fact it is two separate and distinct statements.

Part One - "You have promised, in the most friendly manner, to remind him of his error..."

We are responsible for pointing out another's deficiency or deficiencies. This cannot be too difficult, at work deficiencies are pointed out endlessly and occasionally emotionally (joy, ridicule, and even with vehemence). Not too difficult, some might even want to make a list. However, as Masons, we must accomplish this task in a particular fashion, one not made easier when feelings have been dented, sharp words uttered, or a misunderstanding misinterpreted. Pointing out errors in another is like throwing rocks in your own glass house, something is going to be damaged. To do this in the "most

friendly manner," requires several calculated steps, none of which should be taken lightly.

- Is the error something that might have been a one-time instance and can be readily dismissed?
- Are you able to clearly articulate the error to the Brother?
- Will your submittal of the error be easily recognized as being communicated in the "most friendly manner"?

This list is not exhaustive, but does give an idea of the weighty nature of the "promised" made in part one of this ritual.

For Master Masons, there is a part two, which is most telling. Telling in that we cannot execute part one without first defining part two.

Part Two "... and aid a reformation."

Having identified the error, what is the solution or resolution to the error? Within a few very disciplined organizations, every complaint or problem is listened to while under the predetermined requirement that it is accompanied by a practical solution. So it is with Masonry, with an additional condition. In order to remind a Brother of his misstep, a practical solution must be included; otherwise it runs counter to the ritual. Yet this is not the end of the promise, for

we must be able to "aid a reformation." Having leveled a charge of an error and a resolution, you must now help the Brother correct or reform the error.

The ritual even tells us, 'that around this sacred Altar you have solemnly bound yourselves...' to comply with this and other duties. Think of the location, a sacred Altar with the Volume of Sacred Law open before you. Close your eyes for a moment and recall the surroundings when you last heard this portion of the ritual, who was around you, beside, in front and behind you, what could define the error, find a solution, and then help the Brother make it right! Enlightenment is, in part, the recognition of reason with that due admixture of emotion; cynical beings might not be able to comply with such a ponderous responsibility in all of its components.

It does not matter that the words in this portion of the ritual are delivered with overlong pauses, a bit of prompting, or a stammer. Indeed what matters is that we hear the ritual, like the clean clear tone of a bell in a heavy fog, as a guide to being responsible for this solemn promise and to carry it out with Brotherly love and affection, without the slightest form of malice. ✨

Grand Lodge Publications

By Rt. Wor. Roger W. Peak

How many pamphlets, booklets, courses, and documents have been published for Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction? Let's take a journey through these documents and find out.

For many, our first introduction to Freemasonry was the ritual. The Manual of Work provides some of the catechism for the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. The Manual of Ceremonies includes the procedures and ritual for many of our public and private occasions, including receiving the Grand Master and recognizing our Masonic Veterans. When our Brethren enter the Celestial Lodge, we are governed by the Instructions Governing Masonic Funerals and Evening Memorial Services. If you are interested in a fun event that includes giving toasts, The Table Lodge explains the ritual.

With the catechism learned, it is important to gain a better understanding of the ritual. A good four booklets (The Degree of Entered Apprentice, The Degree of Fellowcraft, The Degree of Master Mason and More Light in Masonry) that you received when the first three degrees were

conferred. In addition, study the information in the Entered Apprentice Educational Proficiency Manual, Fellowcraft Educational Proficiency Manual, and Master Mason Educational Proficiency Manual to better understand the ritual and basics of the Subordinate and Grand Lodges. Finally, you gain increased understanding by reading information such as the responsibilities of a Master Mason which is discussed in the Mentor's Manual.

A few months have transpired and now you consider your friends and relatives who might be a good addition to the Lodge. You begin by reading Share the Light of Freemasonry that discusses all aspects of membership. You distribute The Public Ceremonies of Freemasonry, Freemasonry: A Way of Life, The Church — and Freemasonry, and For Your Information to potential candidates because they provide general information. You also review Instructions on Approaching a Prospect and The Question of Solicitation because they provide information about contacting a potential candidate. You also discuss hosting a Bring a Friend Night Program with your Master

to introduce prospects to the Fraternity.

A petition for the degrees is read for the first time. Your Master asks you to be a member of the Investigating Committee so you read For the Investigating Committee to gain more information on preparing for the visit. You also take a copy of Taking the First Step and Questions and Answers for the Postulant to give to the candidate to help him prepare for the initiation.

One of your friends requested a petition for the degrees and you agree to be a recommender. You recognize you have a responsibility as a mentor and review the duties contained in Mentoring a New Brother. You also want to learn more about the Fraternity and enroll in and complete the four Leadership Correspondence Courses. A few more months pass and you now aspire to be elected Junior Deacon and eventually Worshipful Master of your Lodge. You prepare by completing all of the exercises in The District Education Officer's Manual for Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers and comparing your answers with the suggested Answer Set. You also review A Guide for Planning Your Year as Worshipful Master

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to learn additional information. You also consider the suggestions in Meeting Management to make each communication informative for your members and visitors.

Now, you have been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of your Lodge. You meet with your officers and develop a long-range plan for the Lodge as described in the Lodge Management Certificate Program. You also ensure that each member has a job, task, or function that will make them feel important and contributing members of your Lodge as detailed in Jobs to Keep Our Brethren Active and Our Lodges Healthy. You ensure that your Lodge is known to the community by undertaking one or more projects in the Handbook on Lodge Community Service Projects. Finally, you involve your wives and widows in activities as discussed

in the Mason's Lady and Establishing a Widow's Program pamphlets.

As Master, you have a question about the procedures for having the Lodge participate in the local parade, and consult the Virginia Methodical Digest for the answer. A sojourning Brother comes to your Lodge who is a member of Beaver Valley Lodge No. 43 in Oregon, so you consult the List of Lodges—Masonic to find out if it is a regular and recognized Lodge and the Brother can be admitted.

Four additional publications should be noted. The Secretary's Manual contains guidance for Lodge Secretaries. Annually, the Proceedings of the Grand Annual Communication are published. The Manual for Masonic Trials contains the procedures for conducting a trial for a Brother charged with a Masonic offense. You are reading this article in the Virginia Masonic Herald, which is also available

monthly as a web supplement on the Grand Lodge's website. This is over 40 documents that are available for our benefit.

Many of the publications mentioned in this article are available from the Grand Lodge of Virginia Web Site. Those which are not available for download may be requested from your Lodge Secretary. All Masons are encouraged to make use of these publications. Share the information with other members, and act on the information. These documents do no good if they lie dormant on a shelf or in a file cabinet. If you have any questions about any document or want guidance on a topic for which you do not see a publication, contact the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Virginia at 804.222.3110. He is working with the progressive grand line officers to issue new publications and revise existing publications. 🌟

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| William Dean Conner | Appomattox | Feb. 27 | 26, 27 |
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NOTES: 1) Always verify the date(s) and location of any school you are planning to attend.

2) E. Tyree Mountcastle School locations will be at Chickahominy Lodge No. 286, Mann Page Lodge No. 157, & Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. 🌟



Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237

How you explore Masonry is often a key as to how you will view what it has to offer. The “Grand Lodge Convention Reunion” is held each year by one of the seven original Lodges that convened to create the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia. It was this annual event that drew me to this historic Lodge, Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 (Bowling Green). The original Lodges played a distinctive role in this daringly independent separation from the Grand Lodge of England. Key among these was Kilwinning Crosse Masonic Lodge, even though for this Lodge the separation had, technically, already been made, by having its charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, not England, in December of 1755, hence it’s acknowledged low Lodge number.

Within Caroline County, the harbor of Port Royal was growing in the 1750’s and as a mark of its prominence, a Masonic Lodge was established known initially as the “Lodge at Port Royal” without the encumbrance of a charter or warrant from any Grand Lodge empowering them to undertake work, yet they worked and considered their work regular and for the good of Masonry at large.

Confused? Don’t be. First of all even Port Royal was not always Port Royal. In fact to get to Port Royal, directions might also be given for Hobbs Hole on the Tappahannock. To further add to this naming confusion there was a Port Royal on the Urbanna River as well. For our purposes we will focus on the Port Royal - Hobbs Hole area on the Tappahannock. Stay with us, the naming thing is only the beginning.

Port Royal’s name was tied to a merchant who had the last name of Roy and was not part of the royalty. A prominent citizen named Roy,



who owned a large warehouse at this point on the Tappahannock, was a merchant and trader with, and for, the colonists. In fact the town was also known as Port Roy or even Roy’s Port. In the 1700’s, tobacco was king and Port Royal was a thriving port. The Brethren decided to make their regular Lodge more regular by offering the following consideration to the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

“On a motion made for a Charter from Kilwinning, being put to a vote, as agreed that the Right Worshipful will be pleased to write of some Brethren for that purpose, not to exceed Ten Pounds Stl. and be called the Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge.”

With our current thoughts of formality and bureaucracy, such a request would likely be recycled in an instant; “we voted so you should accept us,” “since we are already working here is what our dues will be (interesting negotiating technique),” and “we will be known as Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge, any questions?” To say they were taken seriously is equally interesting. Their petition was sent during May of 1755 and by December they had their Charter.

Worshipful Master Patrick Couetts presented the Lodge with a Bible (an item of some

expense), a sword and cutlass, which were all received and gratefully acknowledged. Behind the Lodge Secretary’s desk is an original painted portrait of Worshipful Couetts, which was painted during his life. It shows a man of character that the artist could not have invented, only transcribed.

Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge - Hobbs Hole Lodge (yes, there are references to both early on) did not wait for Charter or Warrant to create the 19 items of their By-Laws, which were signed by all 186 members. These By-Laws are worth the reading to see what the priorities of the day were - exactly the same concerns as we have today.

In 1786, the Grand Lodge of Virginia called for all Lodges to be granted numbers based upon their Charters’ dates. Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge was accorded the number 2. At that time they were also to surrender their previous Charter. For some unknown reason the Charter was not surrendered. They continued to operate under both the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Virginia until 1796. One reason offered is the Virginia Charter had not been delivered. Once notified of the lack of existence of the Virginia Charter, the Grand Lodge of Virginia presented another Charter on December 3, 1796. Imagine the wonder of the delight of the Lodge Secretary who now only had to submit one set of reports.

As with many colonial towns the bustle of business moved or changed patterns, so it was with Port Royal and its Lodge. In 1881 the Lodge moved to Bowling Green, where it now proudly takes its place in the community. Fortunately many of the treasures of the first Lodge remains and are still displayed:

Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 (continued)



the portrait of Worshipful Couatts, the original jewels of the Port Royal Lodge, the Bible, the sword, and other items worth noting. The original jewels have a place of interest. Many of the older Lodges have stars for Deacon Jewels instead of a sun or moon, which in some cases helps date the time of the Lodge. Older squares have one side longer than the other (current English style), with increments of three one inch lengths on one side and 4 on the other side. Before PowerPoint, overhead slides, or magic lanterns, instruction was given with the aid of trestleboards, often made of canvas. The Lodge has its original canvas trestleboard still in very good condition with the colors still vibrant. Take a look for yourself.

Put your Masonic Passport in your pocket, set the GPS, and head for 102 Chase Street, Bowling Green, Virginia, on the second Monday of each month. Dinner is at 6:30 PM followed by the stated communication at 7:30 PM. Remember, come early, find the items you have just read about, and ask questions. You will be investing in Masonry for yourself and those you will talk to about this wonderfully hospitable Lodge.

Much of the information on Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 used in this article comes from a history of the Lodge written in 1955 by its members, complete with photographs, original minutes, documents, and regalia. A copy of this book is available in the Grand Lodge Library.

Public Relations Committee

In the year 2009, over 2.5 million visitors traveled through the Commonwealth of Virginia. During their travels, they could have stopped at ten various welcome centers throughout the Commonwealth. Many of the visitors were Masons and many of them were men interested in becoming Masons. Due to this fact, the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations developed a 4 x 9 two-sided, 4-color brochure to be displayed at all ten of the welcome centers throughout the state. The brochure welcomes them to our Commonwealth on one side and on the flip side points out many historic Masonic places of interest. The brochure directs the visitors to contact the Grand Lodge for information about Lodges in the area they are visiting and historic Masonic sites.



This brochure is free to all Masonic Lodges to give out to visitors. In addition to the ten welcome centers, the brochure is also available in 24 AAA travel centers. Very soon they will be in many of the Chamber of Commerce tourist centers. If you would like to order a supply of the brochures, contact the Grand Lodge or the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations, Right Worshipful Robert G. McBride at cmcbride5@cox.net.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations is also proud to present a four-color brochure for all Lodges to present to men who are interested in becoming Masons. This brochure tells a story of Freemasonry in Virginia and of famous Virginia Masons. It also outlines the steps of how to become a Mason. This tri-fold brochure is free to all Lodges.

The brochure is excellent to display at blood drives, Child ID events, open houses, and fundraisers. If your Lodge has a website, make it available on your web site. If you would like to order a supply of these brochures, contact the Grand Lodge or the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations, Right Worshipful Robert G. McBride, email address is cmcbride5@cox.net.



Honors Recognized

by Ill. James D. Cole, 33°

Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Recently, several deserving Virginia Scottish Rite Masons were awarded honors for their service. These fine men were all unanimously elected by the Supreme Council to receive these honors, as shown below. Please join me in congratulating them for all they have done and continue to do, not only for Scottish Rite, but for all of our Masonic family.

New Inspectors General Honorary, receiving the 33rd Degree:

Alexandria - William Larry Alexander
Alexandria - Douglas Lawrence Jordan
Alexandria - David Carroll Morris
Alexandria - John Shroeder, Jr.
Alexandria - Matthew Todd Szramoski
Danville - Levi Preston Rigney, Jr.
Lynchburg - Joseph Talmadge Mason
Newport News - Danny Oleavy Belott
Newport News - David Alex Burkus
Newport News - James D Fulton
Newport News - Charles Fuqua Sutphin
Norfolk - Shepherd Wayne McClenny
Norfolk - Patrick Beddoe Miskill
Norfolk - Leroy Harold Tarbox, Jr.
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Portsmouth - Terry Lee Wilburn
Richmond - Bradford Fitch Burnett
Richmond - Johnnie Larry Dixon
Richmond - Robert Lewis Gibbs
Richmond - Wayne Alfred Robison, Sr.
Roanoke - George Vernon Craig
Roanoke - Walter Payne, Jr.
Roanoke - James Everette Reynolds
Salt Lake City - Loyd Evan Davis*

New Knights Commander of the Court of Honour:

Alexandria - Paul Ralph Evancoe
Alexandria - Jorge Ignacio Franchi
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Richmond - Moring Elbert Gravitt
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Richmond - Paul Wilcox Lanier

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Richmond - Daniel Lee Rose
Richmond - Steven Weldon Sanford
Richmond - Forrest Tayloe Tolson
Richmond - Nelson Crane Trinkle
Roanoke - Charles Chen-ming Chang
Roanoke - Barry Lewis Evans
Roanoke - John Frank Hartsock
Roanoke - Jonathan Mark Mills
Roanoke - Dewey Albert Pendleton
Roanoke - Glenn Robert Perry
Roanoke - Paul David Sleeper
Roanoke - Millard Isaac Williams

*Member of Occoquan Lodge No. 310



2010 Division Leadership Conferences Locations and Dates

March 12, 2010 - DLC Eastern Shore (Nandua Middle School.)

Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:25 P.M.

Contact: Worshipful Jack Watson Bonniwell 757.787.3775

March 13, 2010 - DLC Norfolk (Scottish Rite)

Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:25 A.M.

Contact: Worshipful Aaron Sheldon Zeno 757.898.7887

March 19, 2010 – DLC Waynesboro (Waynesboro High School)

Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:25 P.M.

Contact: Worshipful Joe Wayne Murphy 540.887.8333

March 20, 2010 - DLC Alexandria (Scottish Rite)

Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:25 A.M.

Contact: Right Worshipful John Shroeder 703.321.7047

April 9, 2010 - DLC Keysville (Southside – John Daniel Community College)

Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:25 P.M.

Contact: Right Worshipful Lonnie Lee Godfrey 434.821.4183

April 10, 2010 - DLC Richmond (Scottish Rite)

Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:25 A.M.

Contact: Worshipful Hans Rainer Lindquist 804.225.2584

April 16, 2010 - DLC - Big Stone Gap (Mountain Empire Community College)

Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:25 P.M.

Contact: Worshipful Jason Scott Wamsley 276.679.4539

April 17, 2010 - DLC – Ft. Chiswell (A.M.) (Ft. Chiswell High School)

Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:25 A.M.

Contact: Right Worshipful Owen Tee Wade 540.674.9437

April 17, 2010 - DLC – Roanoke (P.M.) (Scottish Rite) Afternoon Session

Registration 12:30 P.M. Conference begins 12:55 P.M. Conference ends 3:25 P.M.

Contact: Right Worshipful Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. 540.977.0430

Trestleboard E-mail Titles

by Mt. Wor. Donald M. Robey (1987)

Many Lodge secretaries now send their monthly Lodge trestleboards to their members and others by attaching a copy of the trestleboard to an e-mail thereby saving the cost of postage. This is a very effective way to get the trestleboard delivered on time and, I believe, most of the Lodges are currently using this system.

I receive over 60 trestleboards by way of the e-mail system each month. Unfortunately, well over half of them all have the same name applied to the attached (trestleboard) file. Most just have the name “TRESTLEBOARD NOVEMBER 2009” applied to the attached file. Unfortunately when I go to save the attachment to the hard drive on the computer, I get the same message each time, “THIS FILE ALREADY EXISTS ON YOUR HARD-DRIVE, DO YOU WANT TO OVERWRITE IT?” I imagine most of you who receive your trestleboard(s) in this manner have experienced this same problem.

I believe that a standard form of addressing files with monthly trestleboards on them needs to be established in the Grand Lodge of Virginia. First, there should be an abbreviation of the Lodge Name and Number; next the letters “TB” to signify that it is a trestleboard and finally the month and year abbreviated, using the standard 3 letter month and the last 2 numbers of the year.

For instance, the trestleboard file for January 2010 for Joppa Lodge No. 40 would be named “JOP40 TB JAN10”. This would allow those receiving the e-mail attachment to save it to their hard drive and never have to worry about overwriting an existing file.

This problem may not affect many members who only receive one trestleboard from their mother Lodge each month, but most Masons receive several each month from all the Lodges in their local areas. I sincerely hope the secretaries reading this will try this method of naming the files you attach to your monthly e-mails to the recipients of your Lodge trestleboards.

Taking Ownership

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

President, Allen E. Roberts Library, Museum, and Historical Foundation

One of the most important things you can do is claim ownership of your Library and Museum. I heard a recent story about someone making a large contribution of items for display in a museum and also providing funding to store and display those items. Realistically, I doubt anyone will make such a contribution to the Foundation that would require a large financial grant to support it, but I can dream. By claiming ownership, I mean showing an interest in what is on display or what is being contributed as though you owned it.



Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley (2005) receiving the portrait of Mt. Wor. Hill from Wor. Raymond I. Bryan, Worshipful Master of Linn Banks Lodge No. 126.

Certainly, the economy is not conducive to spending and I am not asking that you do that. I am more interested in you just being interested. Recently we were privileged to receive a reproduced photograph of Most Worshipful Francis H. Hill (1884-85) from Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 (see photo). We have a portrait of Brother Hill, but the exact likeness in this high quality photograph copied from the one displayed at Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 is a treasure to the Museum. Linn Banks Lodge and the Foundation were most grateful to Worshipful Bill J. Moretz, Past Master for taking ownership and the time to create this photograph. We also recently received a two-

volume set of pictures with brief biographies of famous Masons from Illustrious Del Farmer, Past Potentate of Kena Shrine.

We are very interested in obtaining copies of paintings or photographs of certain Past Grand Masters (a list will shortly be placed on the Grand Lodge's website in the Library & Museum section of the ones we desire to obtain). It would be most helpful, if one of them was a member of your Lodge, to have your help in accomplishing this goal. If your Lodge has some items you feel should be in the Museum or Library, we will be glad to discuss acquiring them. Also, if your Lodge possesses items of historical value to Virginia Masonry that could be made available for loan, we would like to discuss that possibility with you too.



Left to right: Rt. Wor. G. William Thomas, Marie Barnett, Jeanne Niccolls, Laura Drake Davis, Mt. Wor. Frederick G. Martin, III (2003).

The Grand Lodge of Virginia's Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum under the Library, Museum and Historical Foundation was one of ten libraries in Virginia chosen to participate in the Virginia Association of Museums Circuit Riders Pilot Project. Team members Jeanne Niccolls and Laura Drake

Davis visited the library and museum on September 23, 2009 for four hours, met with the librarian Marie Barnett and Board members Brother Bill Thomas and Most Worshipful Fred Martin and viewed the library, museum and archives collections. The intent of the project is to provide suggestions for low-cost actions to enhance the care and management of the collections. It is an honor for the Allen E. Roberts Library, Museum, and Historical Foundation to have been chosen. We look forward to fully benefiting from their recommendations.

We are looking forward to an awareness program that will be conducted by Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. Our Grand Master has invited some key people within the Commonwealth who have an interest in libraries and museums, to our facility in order to make them aware of what we have.

Lastly, don't forget what a wonderful research facility we have available to you, as well as non-masons. Use it Brethren, it belongs to you. 🍀

Blue Lodge Wall Hanging



The wall hanging is 27" wide by 36" long. It is made of 100% US Cotton, and it has 380 picks per square inch to give it the beautiful colors and the detail. The wall hanging is made of upholstery material and has a sown liner on the back. It is dry clean only. The cost of the wall hanging is \$49.95, which includes a donation of \$5.00 to your Grand Lodge and shipping, and insurance. If interested, please send check or money order to Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

Mariner Lodge No. 215



Mariner Lodge No. 215 (Newport News) held its 621st and last called communication on December 30, 2009. This Table Lodge was held for the purpose of presenting the Charter of Mariner Lodge No. 215 to Warwick Lodge No. 336 as a symbol of their consolidation effective January 1, 2010. Shown in the photograph are Right Worshipful Harold C. Joyner (left), trustee of Warwick Lodge No. 336 acting for the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Victor V. Vogelsang (center), Worshipful Master of Mariner Lodge No. 215, and Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. (right), Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

Members of Mariner Lodge present included Most Worshipful William F. Perdue (1991), Most Worshipful George H. Chapin (1999), and Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges (2009). Also in attendance were Most Worshipful Donald M. Robey (1987), Right Worshipful Thomas E. Lasher, Grand Marshal, and Right Worshipful Lambros G. Deligan, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Perdue presented a brief history of Mariner Lodge No. 215. Mariner Lodge No. 215 was originally formed in 1956 when 33 Master Masons (mostly from Warwick Lodge No. 336) requested to form a new Lodge in Warwick County. The Lodge has been active in the Newport News area for 52 years and is now returning to whence it came by consolidating with Warwick Lodge No. 336. ✦

Rt. Wor. Wayne Sawyer Flora Grand Junior Deacon

Wayne Sawyer Flora was born in Princess Anne County, Virginia on August 17, 1942. He graduated from Princess Anne High School and attended the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. He is President of Flora Electric Company and is licensed as a Master Electrical Contractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina. He is also a part-time farmer.

Right Worshipful Brother Flora was made a Master Mason in Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 on March 8, 1967 and is an honorary member. He served as Worshipful Master in 1975 and currently is a Lodge Trustee. He served the Lodge as Secretary from 1981-2000. He is a Charter member of Masons' Hall 1785, a Charitable Foundation. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 56 in 1988. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2009.

Right Worshipful Flora is a member of the Valley of Norfolk, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a Past Grand High Priest and Trustee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District 2, Past High Priest of Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607, Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753, and a member of Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82. He is a member of Grice Commandery No. 16; Past Sovereign Master of Princess Anne Council No. 129, Allied Masonic Degrees; member of Hampton Roads York Rite College No. 95; and Past Patron of Kempsville Chapter No. 173, Order of the Eastern Star. He holds membership in Emerald Isle Council No. 30, Knight Masons; Saint Thomas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Grand College of Rites of the United States, Oxford Lodge No. 1, Ark Mariners of Maine; Order of the Corks, Order of the Bath,



and Order of Thrice Illustrious Master.

Right Worshipful is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International and the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He has served as a council member for Bethel No. 42, International Order of Job's Daughters, and on the Board of Governors of the Eastern Star Home of Virginia.

Right Worshipful Flora is an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he is Chairman of the Administrative Council. He is an avid sportsman and served as President of several hunting clubs in North Carolina and Virginia. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association, Buckmasters and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

He has been married for forty-six years to the former Mary Ann Newman. They are the proud parents of a son, Cecil, his wife, Dawn, a daughter, Ginger, and her husband, Todd, and three grandchildren, Mary Beth, Justin, and Heath. ✦

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Centennial Celebration

On February 22, 1910, George Washington's 178th birthday, Masonic leaders from across the nation met in Alexandria, Virginia and formed an association for the purpose of building a great memorial to honor America's foremost Freemason. On February 22, 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association will be a day of great festivities.

In honor of the occasion, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, hosted by the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held in nearby Arlington. Delegates will attend the Association's Annual Meeting and celebrate the 100th Anniversary and Washington's 278th birthday at the Memorial.

At the Annual Meeting, a new portrait of George Washington as a Freemason will be unveiled. Painted by local artist Christopher Erney, the portrait will be a new interpretation of Washington. Prints of the portrait will be available at the meeting. Complementing the portrait is a new video. It presents George Washington as the inspiration for the founding of America and explores the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Underwritten by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, it will be available on DVD and as a download from the Memorial's website for Masonic education.

The Memorial's new logo to commemorate the occasion was also designed by Christopher Erney. The logo combines the Washington family crest with numerous Masonic symbols. It's Square and Compasses is taken from the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone affirming the Association's motto "In Memoriam Perpetuam" as it supports Freemasonry in a new century of service. (See article on page 15)



Following the Annual Meeting, the International Order of DeMolay will rededicate the colossal bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall and reaffirm the role of DeMolay's young men in Freemasonry. The statue was a gift to the Memorial from the DeMolay and 2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of its unveiling by President and Past Grand Master Harry S. Truman.

On display during the celebration will be the Trowel and Gavel used at the 1793 cornerstone laying of the United States Capitol by George Washington and the 1752 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Bible upon which a young Washington took upon himself his Masonic obligations.

The new White House Stones Exhibit will be inaugurated at the celebration. Each stone in the exhibit is marked by one of the Scots Masons who helped build the White House in the 1790s. The stones were discovered during the restoration of the White House by President Harry S. Truman in 1948. President Truman

had the stones labeled and one was sent to each U.S. Grand Lodge and other Masonic organizations. The exhibit reassembles nearly 50 stones. The exhibit also includes minute books from Lodge No. 8 of Edinburgh recording the stonemasons' marks and noting those who have "gone to America." A matching Minute Book of Federal Lodge No. 1 will show those Scots masons forming the first lodge in 1793 on White House grounds. The exhibit is supported by the Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and by the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia.

A gala reception will be held in Grand Masonic Hall and while the Annual Meeting is being held the ladies will enjoy an entertaining program in the North Lodge Room. A Centennial Celebration souvenir booklet containing a brief history of the Association including historic and current photographs will be distributed and several commemorative gift items will also be available and on display.

2010 is a unique celebration year for the Memorial Association. Together we are celebrating 100 years of dedication to Freemasonry's greatest Brother and honoring the countless Brethren who built and sustain the Memorial. Equally important, 2010 marks a pledge of rededicated service, trusting in God that the century ahead will be filled with success and achievement. The Association shines as a bright light of Masonry as it fulfills its mission: "To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington: the Man, the Mason, and Father of our Country."

To learn more, please visit the Memorial's website: www.gwmemorial.org.

Armed Services Veterans' Memorial Donations

Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges, 2009 Grand Master, had requested all Masons show their support of the Dedication of the World War II Monument on October 10, 2009 by contributing to the Armed Services Veterans' Memorial. Tax deductible gifts, made payable to the Masonic Home of Virginia, made prior to August 13, 2009 were in the Fall 2009 issue of The Virginia Masonic Herald. Below is the final list of donations made to the Memorial that were not listed previously. A total of 589 gifts were received and totaled \$97, 238. In grateful appreciation, we acknowledge the following donors:

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New George Washington Masonic Memorial Logo



Since its inception, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has used as its logo the Washington family crest with a Masonic square, compasses and "G" emblem and the motto "In Memoriam Perpetuum." For a new century of service, a new logo has been created. Keeping the same elements, it enhances the Association's Masonic identity. Virginia artist Christopher Erney began his design by enlarging the Washington family crest to make it the focus of the seal. Rather than a generic Masonic emblem, the new logo employs the one carved into the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone. The cornerstone was laid by president, Calvin Coolidge, assisted by all U.S. Grand Masters present, using the same trowel as used by Washington for the U.S. Capitol.

The new design replaces the foliage that surrounded the crest with tools, emblems, and symbols of Freemasonry. On either side of the crest are pillars representing Jachin (to establish) on the left and Boaz (strength) on the right. The pillars are topped by terrestrial and celestial globes representing Freemasonry universal and a Freemason's charity. Acacia vines of remembrance encircle the pillars. Complementing the globes is the sun in its glory above and the crescent moon below. Connecting the two lesser lights as the crest's border is a cable tow. At the right, pomegranates represent abundance. On the left a sheaf of wheat represents wealth. Within the wheat are five of the six working tools. The sixth, the Square of the Master, is found resting upon Washington's crest. The new logo is now the Association's trestle board to labor "In Memoriam Perpetuum." The new logo will be used in Association publications and webpages and widely available on new items in the Memorial's gift shop.



Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges being escorted into the Grand Annual Communication by the Grand Senior and Junior Deacons.



Members of the Heroes of '76, Washington Cruisers Chapter presented our Nation's colors at the opening of Grand Lodge.



Grand Master congratulates Rt. Wor. Moring E. Gravitt, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master and member of Chester Lodge No. 94, on receiving the John Blair, Jr. Award.



Grand Master listens as Mt. Wor. Loyd E. Davis, member of Occoquan Lodge No 310 and Grand Master of Utah, responds after receiving the John Blair, Jr. Award.



Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges congratulates Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley (2005), member of Linn Banks Lodge No. 126, as this year's George Washington Distinguished Service Medal recipient.



Grand Master presents the Perfect Ashlar Award to Brother Herbert Sadler Gibbs, a member of Piedmont Lodge No. 152.



The Grand Master and Lady Susan wanted to thank everybody for a great Grand Annual Communication, luau, and Masonic year.



Grand Master takes a moment for a picture with the Worshipful Masters of the top five Lodges in competition for the Traveling Trowel Award.



Grand Master congratulates Wor. Edward A. Wade, Master of Haymarket Lodge No. 313, for receiving the Mark Twain Award from Masonic Service Association.



Grand Master prepares to listen to the Past Grand Master's report on his Address and year.



Grand Master presents five mementos from his year as Grand Master to Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley (2005), President of the Grand Lodge's Library, Museum, and Historical Foundation.



Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers prepare to be installed for the 2009-2010 Masonic year.

SUMMARY - GRAND LODGE - 2009
231st GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
SHERATON RICHMOND WEST HOTEL, I-64 AT BROAD STREET ROAD
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2009

Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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2008-2009

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| MT. WOR. JEFFERY EUGENE HODGES | <i>Grand Master</i> |
| RT. WOR. WILLIAM EARLE RORER, JR. | <i>Deputy Grand Master</i> |
| RT. WOR. JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR. | <i>Grand Senior Warden</i> |
| RT. WOR. WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR. | <i>Grand Junior Warden</i> |
| MT. WOR. WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY | <i>Grand Treasurer</i> |
| MT. WOR. ALAN WAYNE ADKINS | <i>Grand Secretary</i> |
| RT. WOR. LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL | <i>Grand Senior Deacon</i> |
| RT. WOR. PAUL DAVID SLEEPER | <i>Grand Junior Deacon</i> |
| RT. WOR. REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR. | <i>Grand Marshal</i> |
| RT. WOR. ROBERT ASHBY CLORE | <i>Associate Grand Marshal</i> |
| RT. WOR. MORING ELBERT GRAVITT | <i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i> |
| BRO. JASON ELLIOTT HODGES | <i>Associate Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i> |
| RT. WOR. EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK | <i>Grand Chaplain</i> |
| RT. WOR. HOEN MCGUIRE EDWARDS, JR. | <i>Grand Lecturer</i> |
| RT. WOR. WALTER WINCHELL YOUNG | <i>Grand Provost</i> |
| RT. WOR. DAVID ALEX BURKUS | <i>Grand Pursuivant</i> |
| RT. WOR. JOHN QUINTON SHEPPARD | <i>Grand Purveyor</i> |
| RT. WOR. JAMES FRIEND DICKERSON | <i>Grand Senior Steward</i> |
| WOR. BERNARDO FONTELERA MOLINA, JR. | <i>Associate Grand Senior Steward</i> |
| RT. WOR. RICHARD GUSTAVUS MOTLEY | <i>Grand Junior Steward</i> |
| WOR. FRANCIS REED BROWN | <i>Grand Organist</i> |
| WOR. SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES | <i>Grand Physician</i> |
| WOR. DOUGLAS EUGENE PHILLIPS | <i>Grand Tiler</i> |

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| RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR. | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary</i> |
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 231st Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

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

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges, which qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2010.

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

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Herbert Sadler Gibbs, a member of Piedmont Lodge No. 152.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Thursday evening to Most Worshipful Loyd Evan Davis of Occoquan Lodge No. 310 and Grand Master of Utah, and Right Worshipful Moring Elbert Gravitt of Chester Lodge No. 94. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley of Linn Banks Lodge No.126.

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Mountain City Lodge No. 67 by Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams, Executive Officer in Virginia.

The Grand Master recognized those Lodges that qualified for the Grand Master's Traveling Trowel Award and the Discovering Our Potential Award.

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

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009.

Saturday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Nicaragua, Grand Lodge of the Republic of San Marino, Grand Lodge of Ukraine, and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Inc." This resolution was adopted.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given and the budget for 2010 was presented and approved, as was the report from the President of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 09-01 through 09-12 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR. | <i>Deputy Grand Master</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR. | <i>Grand Senior Warden</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL. | <i>Grand Junior Warden</i> |
| MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY. | <i>Grand Treasurer</i> |
| MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS | <i>Grand Secretary</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PAUL DAVID SLEEPER | <i>Grand Senior Deacon</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WAYNE SAWYER FLORA. | <i>Grand Junior Deacon</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS EDWARD LASHER. | <i>Grand Marshal</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD CHRISTIAN MOYER | <i>Associate Grand Marshal</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WINFRED OTTO ISGETT, SR. | <i>Associate Grand Marshal</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LAMBROS GEORGE DELIGAN | <i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL FRANK STONE, SR. | <i>Grand Chaplain</i> |
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| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GLENN CHRISTOPHER ALLEN | <i>Grand Purveyor</i> |
| RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DANIEL HUFFORD SURFACE, JR. | <i>Grand Senior Steward</i> |
| WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN MARK MILLS. | <i>Grand Junior Steward</i> |
| WORSHIPFUL FRANCIS REED BROWN | <i>Grand Organist</i> |
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| RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR. | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary, Emeritus</i> |
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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Right Worshipful Leonard Anthony Rowe, and Worshipful Samuel Mosley Jones.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 271 Lodges represented with 1,284 members registered by the Committee.

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

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2010 unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT 2009 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—WITHDRAWN

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—REJECTED

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—REJECTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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—ADOPTED

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. ✦



“Forget Not The Duties”

Memories of Grand Masters Past

By Rt. Wor. Stormy Thorson

Virginia's 164 Past Grand Masters are the source of many captivating and most interesting stories. Most Worshipful Cabell F. Cobbs (1989) was a Navy frogman during World War II. At the government's request, Most Worshipful John M. Stewart (1944) canceled the Grand Annual Communication, except for a single short session with no delegates and no elections. Most Worshipful Philip K. Bauman (1914) was an accomplished musician and could play any musical instrument; keyboard, woodwind, brass, string or percussion. Most Worshipful John R. McDaniel (1859) had a locomotive named in his honor. Most Worshipful John R. Purdie (1845-1846) was the 1st adult resident of the Masonic Home of Virginia, and Most Worshipful Richard Parker (1877) sentenced John Brown to death for his actions at Harper's Ferry, to name a very few. There are, of course, many more, such as the following:

At the 1st meeting of The Plains Lodge, UD on December 29, 1898, Mr. John T. Cochran petitioned for the Degrees. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason four months later on April 21, 1899. He was elected Lodge Secretary on June 23, 1899. In December 1899, a Charter is issued for, not The Plains Lodge, but for Cochran Lodge No. 271 and the Charter Worshipful Master is John T. Cochran. He received his Past Master's Degree at a Provisional Lodge that same evening. Most Worshipful John Twohig Cochran became the 85th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1929.

At the Grand Annual Communication, presided over by Most Worshipful Hiram Oscar Kerns (1901-1902), word was received that his wife had given birth to their first son. This information was relayed to the delegates and

they 'demanded' the right to choose the name for the Grand Master's son. He agreed and John Blair Kerns was the name chosen. The story does not end there. In 1924, John Blair Kerns was faised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful John Blair Kerns appeared at the Grand Annual Communication, in 1974, on his 50th Masonic Birthday and presented Grand Lodge with a portrait, of his Father, for the Grand Lodge Museum.

In 1837, Most Worshipful George Coke Dromgoole (1831-1832) was in a hotel in Lawrenceville, VA and was, by all accounts, "in his cups." He apparently made some comment alluding to the hotelkeeper's mother, a local midwife, probably without realizing it. In any event, because of the comment, he received a slap in the face from Daniel Dugger, the hotel keeper. The result was a duel, near Gaston, NC. Due to a faulty count, by the second of Daniel Dugger, Most Worshipful Dromgoole fired first and hit his opponent, who lingered for 3 weeks and then died.

Even in death, our Past Grand Masters have stories. Most Worshipful Alexander McRae (1802-1803), our 10th Grand Master died in London, England, many years after being Grand Master and was buried at Tottenham Chapel. Church graveyards in England are adjacent to the buildings. In 1945, a German V-2 rocket struck the large chapel and left it in a pile of rubble. Over time, the debris was bulldozed, including gravestones and markers. Redevelopment resulted in new street designs, sidewalks and a new chapel, built in 1957. Most Worshipful McRae's resting place is lost forever beneath the street, sidewalk, or ironically, the American Church of London. ✦

The Green Lodge

By Wor. Jason S. Wamsley

Whether it comes to our Lodges, our Brethren, our homes, or our community, Masons are good stewards. Using our time and money to better the situation is a part of our philosophy, so recycling is part and particle of our Lodges and households. Conservation should also be proactive by Lodges participating in clean up events, insulating, and installing energy saving devices.

As Freemasons we can do our part by carpooling and sharing-a-ride as a way to cut down on carbon monoxide. When the Brethren of your Lodge decide to visit another Lodge, whether it is for the traveling gavel or just a Brotherly visit, carpool instead of telling everyone you will meet them there. It is definitely more efficient for ten Brethren to take three cars, than it is for ten brethren to drive ten cars. If, on the way to your stated communication, you pass by the house of your Secretary, Junior Deacon, or even Worshipful Master, don't look at their car in the driveway and wonder when they are going to leave, stop, and offer a ride. One by product of sharing a ride is fellowship and increasing your knowledge of the Brethren of your Lodge.

A good community project each Lodge can take on, which also helps your community, is to get some recycling center containers or large garbage cans, label them 'plastic,' 'paper,' or 'aluminum' for recycling. Present them to local schools, fire stations, police stations, churches, or anywhere that people gather. Leave a Brother's contact name and number with the person in charge. When the can is full a few Brothers pick it up and transport it to a recycling center. Not only is recycling beneficial, but it can even produce a small monetary gain for the Lodge. Being a behind the scenes partner in the community with a recycling effort like this, builds a strong bond with local schools, fire stations, police stations, churches, you work with, especially if the pickups are quick and the recycling containers are returned clean.

So the next time that you go to throw away your soda can, plastic bottle, newspaper, or are going to meet your Brethren for some good fellowship, stop, think, and recycle or carpool. We may not have all the answers but activities like these are a good start. ✦

Miss Job's Daughters Pageant Held in Williamsburg



Left to right: Brother William Tanous, Associate Grand Guardian, Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master, Miss Kerstin "KC" Conrad, Miss Job's Daughter, Miss Jessyca Bradshaw, Miss Congeniality, and Melanie Schoonmaker, Grand Guardian.

The Miss Job's Daughter Pageant was held in Williamsburg during the Thanksgiving weekend. Sixteen candidates and fifteen alternates representing Bethels across Virginia participated in this year's event. The Daughters arrived on Friday morning and were greeted by the reigning Miss Job's Daughter, Kelsey Friend, and Miss Congeniality, Sammy Glaros.

We were honored to have with us Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Mrs. Elaine Gray, Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters, Mr. Dave Roblee, Associate Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters, Miss Anastasia K, Miss International Job's Daughter, Miss Arielle Gordon, Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, and Mrs. Melanie Strauchan, Supreme Bethel Guardian.

The Daughters participated in a myriad of competitions including a written ritual test,

a spoken ritual test, and a rigorous interview with the Judges. After a full day of activity, the Daughters were treated to dinner by the Pageant Committee and were given some time to play at a Winter Carnival.

On Saturday evening, the Pageant was held and the winners announced: Kerstin "KC" Conrad earned the highest score on the written ritual test and Angela Helms earned a perfect score on the spoken ritual test. The finalists were announced and each were asked to read an essay they had written about increasing membership in Job's Daughters and were asked a final question by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Sarah Duke.

Miss Jessyca Bradshaw of Virginia Beach was selected by the Daughters participating in the pageant as the new Miss Congeniality. The runners-up were announced:

Fourth runner-up:

Ashlee Ong of Norfolk

Third runner-up:

Angela Helms of Salem

Second runner-up:

Alyssa James of Norfolk

First runner-up:

Amanda Loving of Richmond

Miss Kerstin "KC" Conrad of Herndon was then announced as the new Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia for 2009-2010. Both KC and Jessyca are excited to begin their journey as Virginia's new Misses! They look forward to meeting many of you as they travel across the Commonwealth. ✨

Masonic Youth Leaders



All three of the Masonic youth leaders were present for the Grand Annual Communication. Left to right: Kelsey Friend, Miss Job's Daughter, Nick Cook, State Master Councilor, and Chelsea Norman, Grand Worthy Advisor. ✨

Rainbow's Grand Worthy Advisor



I can't believe my term is six months over! The first six months were filled with speeches and now the next six months will be filled with Grand Visitations, Installations, and of course, not forgetting Grand Assembly!

My last speech was given to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, where I gave them a tutorial on the color - red. It was a hoot! Also, I'd like to add this was the last speech given by Miss Kelsey Friend as Miss Job's Daughter, and I'd like to congratulate her on a great term and her kind heart. It's always nice to see her, because she always has a smile. We received a candy bushel from the Grand High Priest and that has completely cured my sweet tooth.

Before that, I spoke in front of the Grand Lodge, expressing my gratitude for Dad Hodges being a great leader. My favorite trip was speaking to the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA at their Biennial Session. It was held in Washington, D.C., 40 minutes from my house. I had just had a conversation with one of my friends about how out of all the many trips we had traveled to DC, not once had we seen the White House. Lo and behold, I walked out the front door of the hotel, turned my head to the left and there it was just two blocks down the street! It was incredible!

Then before going home, my dad and I (pictured above) went to the House of the Temple. I really enjoyed it and learned some cool stuff about the Masons. The most beautiful part was the room of "Pillars of Charity." Its stained glass and symbolic meaning was truly touching. Also it was soooooo awesome being in the original Temple Room and seeing all the symbolism that you only see in National Treasure or something like that.

Virginia Rainbow had a very large group in the parade this year at Masonic Family Day and we were honored to carry flags with the Masons for the World War II Memorial Dedication. Richmond Assembly returned to MAHOVA to serve Christmas cookies and see all the books which Fairfax Assembly donated to their library!

On December 5, we hosted a Snow Princess Ball for pledges and prospects statewide at the Scottish Rite in Richmond. We had a head count of 65 people, which is so exciting! The girls played games, did some crafting, snacking, and meeting of new girls. We hope to look forward to a program by the pledge group at Grand Assembly.

We would like to congratulate our past Supreme Inspector, Mrs. Susan Rennageel, who was advanced to the office of Supreme Hope. ✨

Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry

By Bro. Stephen Dafoe (Cornerstone 2009)

Reviewed by Rt. Wor. William A. Parks, Jr.

Many readers of Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol, both initiated and profane, find difficulty with Brown's premise that exposure of certain leaders caught in the act of performing Masonic ritual would threaten national security. Except for the usual gangs of conspiracy theorists, most people don't see anything about the Craft to be at all threatening, least of all to national security.

Nevertheless, there exists in the Masonic past an episode that not only threatened the very existence of Freemasonry itself, along with its principles of tolerance, patriotism, and the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, but also deeply and even violently disrupted American politics for a decade or more. A third party, the Anti-Masons, actually invented the nominating convention during this period and successfully fielded several candidates for local, state, and Congressional offices. Prominent politicians scorned and vilified the Fraternity.

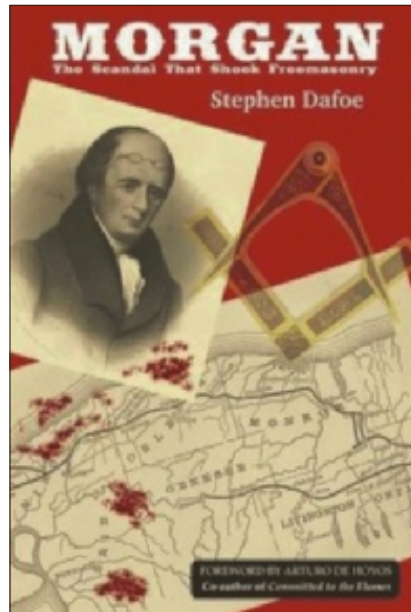
During this era, even Brother John Marshall, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Grand Master of Masons in Virginia (1794-1795), viewed the Craft as "the useless pageantry of the whole exhibition."

Ultimately, 47 Masons were indicted, with 17 acquitted, 9 convicted, 4 with hung juries, 12 not tried, 2 nolle prossed, 1 taking flight, and 2 dying before trial in what came to be known as the "Morgan Affair."

Now Stephen Dafoe, the increasingly prolific and decreasingly proofread (are all those typos and random semi-colons an anti-Masonic plot?) Canadian Knight Templar historian, revisits that episode. In Morgan: The Scandal that Shook Freemasonry, Dafoe delves unflinchingly into the twists and turns of the bizarre events that almost killed Freemasonry in the 1820's.

Dafoe has so well organized his research that he manages to present his findings in the form of a novel, complete with dialogue, suspense, and chronological narrative. He also includes primary sources such as affidavits and letters in a comprehensive must-read appendix that lets readers form their own opinions and conclusions.

The truth of Morgan's plot and the coun-



ter-plot of his "Brethren" is stranger indeed than the fictional plot to "expose" Freemasonry in The Lost Symbol.

William Morgan, born in Fredericksburg, VA near the start of the American Revolution, followed his vocation as an operative Mason to upstate New York. Married with three children, he started attending Masonic Lodge meetings on initiation nights because the new initiate had to spot his lodge a feast. The more he mooched, the more ritual he learned, so Morgan supplemented his income by teaching catechisms as a "bright" Mason.

Ironically, Morgan never received the Blue Lodge degrees. He just showed up on Lodge nights and wheedled his way into becoming a trusted teacher of ritual. Accordingly, he was not bound by the "obligations" to which the ruffian Masons of upper New York eventually tried to impose on him. Lesson One: Tilers beware!

Eventually, Morgan had a falling-out with a Brother who had previously provided him with lots of business. Embittered by this treatment by a Freemason, Morgan plotted to reveal the secrets of the Craft in print. Exposes of the Blue Lodge Degrees had appeared in print before, but Morgan's would add the ritual of the Royal Arch as well.

While Morgan swore his co-conspirators to

secrecy, his own financial failures and dreams of making millions soon had him drinking to excess and bragging of his plans while in his cups. The Brethren of Batavia Lodge soon got wind of the plot and brought it up at a stated communication. The leadership deeming the matter too delicate for those new to the Lodge, it was referred to the Royal Arch Chapter for handling. Handle it they did. Dafoe relates the failed attempts to burn out Morgan's publisher, David Miller, the devious and even comical steps leading to Morgan's jailing and eventual abduction starting on September 11, 1826, the circuitous carriage of Morgan to Fort Niagara, the paddle across the river to try to deliver Morgan to Canadian Companions for "proper handling," a visit by one of the conspirators to the Royal Arch Conclave for its help, and the arrests, trials, convictions and acquittals of the various Masons involved.

The fall-out from all this idiocy included hundreds of closed Lodges, the July 4, 1828 "Declaration of Independence" from the bonds and obligations of the Craft, spurious confessions and other weird events that resulted from the "caliginosity" (Dafoe's word, well worth looking up) of the conspirators and their fanatical devotion to "Obligations" that bound no brother to break the law.

Brother Dafoe succeeds in his goal of presenting a balanced, detailed, and at times mystifying narrative of the "Morgan Affair" by including so many of the events of the scandal between two covers, along with the points of view of the perpetrators of both plots, politicians, newspapers, and others involved, including Morgan's young heartbroken wife.

This compelling narrative serves as dire warning against the arrogance, tunnel vision, and self-importance of a Fraternity that allowed a few dozen of its members to render the Craft condemned, despised, and nearly obsolete.

It also uses the word "deglutition," which describes part of the ritual in The Lost Symbol. ✦

Congratulations Masonic Veterans

The Virginia Masonic Herald has been notified of a number of Brethren who have achieved 50, 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.

Wor. James Stuart Love



Left to right: Jeff Love (son), Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins (Grand Secretary), Wor. James S. Love, and Scott Love (son).

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) presented the 50-year Masonic Veteran's award to Worshipful James Stuart Love on behalf of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 (Stuart). Also pictured are two of Brother Love's sons, Jeff and Scott who flew from Alabama and Texas to surprise their father. The details of the ceremony were coordinated by Right Worshipful James E. Litten and took place on October 8, 2009 in the Lodge room following dinner. Approximately eighty people were present including family, friends, and several Masons. Also present were Right Worshipful John M. Chambliss, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Moring E. Gravitt, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Walter W. Young, Grand Provost.

Worshipful Brother Love served as Worshipful Master of Mountain Home Lodge in 1991 and has served continuously as Secretary since 1992. Worshipful Brother Love responded with appropriate and gracious remarks at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Wor. Guy Preston Richardson



Worshipful Guy Preston Richardson (center) of Westhampton Lodge No. 302 (Richmond) received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's emblem from Right Worshipful Darius M. Locks, Jr. Also pictured is Worshipful H. Rainer "Ray" Lindquist, Worshipful Master (left). The presentation took place at the January 5, 2009 stated communication of the Lodge.

Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338



Four Masonic Brethren of Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338 (Clarksville) received their Veteran's awards at the Lodge's annual banquet held in August. Receiving their awards were (left to right): Brother Page S. Roberts (50 years), Right Worshipful Dennis L. Rogers (50 years), Worshipful Morris D. Locke, Master of Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338, Right Worshipful Paul A. Sullivan, Masonic District 28 DDGM, Right Worshipful Willie S. Newton, Jr. (60 years), and Brother George W. Gordon (50 years).

Bro. George Alvin Harris



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) (right) presented the 50-year Masonic Veteran's award to Brother George Alvin Harris (center) on behalf of Westhampton Lodge No. 302 (Richmond). Joining in the presentation was H. Ranier "Ray" Lindquist, Worshipful Master (left). Brother Harris responded with appropriate remarks at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Marion Lodge No. 31



Brother Buford Cregger receiving his 50-year Masonic Veteran's Award (left). Brother James D. Parlier receiving his 50-year Masonic Veteran's award (right).

Brother James D. Parlier and Brother Buford Cregger were honored by the members of Marion Lodge No. 31 (Marion) with a special potluck dinner in their honor prior to receiving their 50-year Masonic Veteran's award at a recent celebration. Appropriate remarks were made at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Accomack Lodge No. 243



At Accomack Lodge No. 243 (Chincoteague), Brother William V. Birch (left) and Worshipful Carl Rhodes (right) were presented their 60-year Masonic Veteran's awards by Right Worshipful Marvin L. Nuttall with Worshipful Alex Coleman (center) assisting.

Hanukkah at the Masonic Home



At the request of Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Home, Right Worshipful Sheldon B. Richman and Worshipful Aaron Zeno held the first Hanukkah candle lighting celebration at the Masonic Home of Virginia.

The ceremony was held at the Masonic Home's cafeteria where the residents were given Hanukkah chocolate coin-shaped money (gelt), a dreidel (a special spinning top), and a ticket for a drawing for a door prize, which was a Hanukkah Teddy Bear. The cafeteria staff did an excellent job of preparing potato latkes (potato pancakes) to help celebrate the holiday.

Right Worshipful Brother Richman explained the Hanukkah celebration and Worshipful Brother Zeno performed the appropriate Hebrew blessings at the lighting of the Hanukkah candles. Many of the residents attended the candle lighting celebration and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Rt. Wor. Aubrey M. Hobbs

At the September stated communication of Dryden Lodge No. 326 (Dryden), Right Worshipful Aubrey Miller Hobbs received his 50-year Masonic Veteran's award from



Worshipful John W. Gilbert, Master of Dryden Lodge. Brother Hobbs is a Past Master of Dryden Lodge No. 326 and Past District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 50.

Christmas Tree Lighting

On December 6, 2009, the residents of the Masonic Home were treated to their first "official" Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer Jr., Grand Master and Right Eminent Mark W. Underwood, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, were present and spoke to residents and guests.

The Home was beautifully decorated for the Season, with thirteen Christmas Trees serving as the highlight of the decorations. The Knights Templar of Virginia donated six new trees which allowed the Home to have a tree in each major public area. Residents and staff joined together to decorate the trees and the rest of the Home in beautiful fashion.

The residents, staff, and Board of Governors express their sincere appreciation to the Knights Templar for the trees, to the Grand Commander and the Grand Master for taking time to be present, and to all Masons and friends who visited during the Holidays. ♣

Editor's Comments

Welcome to 2010 and another year of *The Virginia Masonic Herald* (VMH). For those of you who use the internet, we have two VMH web supplements (November and December) which are available on the Grand Lodge's website under the Herald section (<http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/herald/index.htm>). It is our intent to have a new VMH web supplement available every month on the 15th of the month with the exceptions of January, May, and September (the month's the printed VMH versions come out). If the 15th is on the weekend, it will be posted to the Grand Lodge's website on Monday.

Why do I bring this to your attention? Because this will be the last issue we will be having Masonic Veteran's pictures and write-ups in the VMH's printed version. From now on, Masonic Veterans will be included in the web supplements only; unless directed otherwise from above. We have been using two to three pages per issue in placing these presentations in the VMH and the Board feels this space could be used in a more effective manner. It was the original intent of the VMH web supplements to have the more newsy-type of articles in it and we feel that these articles fall into that category.

I would like to thank Worshipful Charles T. Batten, Past Master of Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 (Richmond), for the pictures he provided for this issue of the VMH. ♣

Fraternally,
Rt. Wor. David A. Burkus

Bro. John Torrey Riel



Brother John Torrey Riel received his 60-year Masonic Veteran's award from Worshipful Thomas C. Tanner of South Hill Lodge No. 297 in his home in November 2009. Brother Riel was raised on October 13, 1949 in the Old South Hill No. 297 building on Main Street.

Masonic Veterans

September through December 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 September through December 2009. Due to not being able to get as many pictures in as we would like, the Board has decided to honor all Masonic Veterans in this manner.

SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Charles Burton Ware Staunton Lodge No. 13
 Bro. Robert Marvin Clifton Harris, Jr. Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 Bro. Augustus Elbert Terry Victoria Lodge No. 304

SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Melford Glen Knouse Norfolk Lodge No. 1
 Bro. Irvin Paul Miller Norfolk Lodge No. 1
 Bro. Elias Willard Rafal Norfolk Lodge No. 1
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 Wor. Frank Raymond Lewis, Jr. Botetourt Lodge No. 7
 Wor. Willard Vernon Korb Richmond Lodge No. 10
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 Bro. Randolph Lee Wood, Jr. Elizabeth Lodge No. 34
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 Bro. James Almarin Nottinghamam Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
 Bro. Donald Stoneburner Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
 Bro. John Desmond Holman Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Bro. Edward Leo Skillman Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Bro. Frank Hughie McIvor Clinton Lodge No. 73
 Bro. William Reice Henry Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81

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 Wor. Allen Gordon Bryant Courtland Lodge No. 85
 Bro. Ira G. Midgett Naomi Lodge No. 87
 Bro. Edward Jefferson Davis, Sr. Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88
 Wor. Alfred Melton Wingfield Snow Creek Lodge No. 90
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 Bro. Leander O'neal Scott Amelia Lodge No. 101
 RW Carroll Peyton Barton Arlington Lodge No. 102
 Bro. William Cleveland Harris Independence Lodge No. 129
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 Bro. William Edward Cook Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
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 Bro. Marvin Layman Gillum Manassah Lodge No. 182
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 Bro. Audry Oren Hurst Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. Arvin Kenneth Quesenberry Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. Charles Evans Ridge Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. Cleophus Surratt Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. Ray Parson Taylor Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. William Stephenson Erekson Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Bro. Alton Larkin McKeithan Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Wor. Donald James Hoy Sandston Lodge No. 216
 Wor. Daniel J. Scott Wynn Lodge No. 221
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 Wor. Hubert Kerr Lee, Jr. Corinthian Lodge No. 266
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 Bro. John Tyler Hanna Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 Bro. Nathan Anderson Roane, Jr. Army and Navy Lodge No. 306

Bro. Joseph Allen Richardson Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345

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 Bro. Michael Harris Galumbeck Norfolk Lodge No. 1
 Bro. James Albert Tatem, Jr. Norfolk Lodge No. 1
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Supporting the Masonic Home all the Way from Georgia

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

The amazing thing about the Masonic Home and the amazing thing about Freemasonry is they both remind us that no matter how far we may travel in life, we should always remember “our roots.” Every Master Mason can recall fondly the events of his first few encounters with the Brethren of his Lodge; the three degrees, sitting in Lodge for the first time to watch other candidates and, as time went on, perhaps participating in degree work and even serving as an officer.

However, sometimes life interrupts a Mason’s attendance at Lodge. Sometimes a man begins a journey in Freemasonry, but is then pulled away from his initial path, perhaps due to health, family, or a career. But the beauty of Freemasonry, like the call of one’s own home, is that it is always there, like an anchor in one’s life.

A story of a good Brother from Norview Lodge No. 113 is a motivating example of how Masons can remember their roots. Brother Larry E. Williams, originally from Georgia, joined Freemasonry after his military service. Soon after becoming a Master Mason, Brother Larry had the opportunity to take a job that would allow him to return to his home state of Georgia. He and his wife Ruth lived many years in Georgia, as Larry eventually built his own business, serving customers throughout the mid-Atlantic region. During these years, he maintained his Masonic membership in Virginia and watched the progress of Virginia Freemasonry.

In July, 2008, Brother Larry called the Masonic Home and indicated that he was prepared to contribute his life’s savings to support the Home’s residents. He very quickly

established a large trust and then later directed other assets to the Home, including his own residence in Georgia, through his will. Because of his generosity, the Home commissioned his portrait, which has been appropriately hung in the Gallery of Honor, along with the images of each of the other million dollar-plus donors.

Brother Larry, in an amazing display of generosity, poured the assets from his life’s work into the establishment of a tremendous legacy of love and care for his fellow human beings. His actions show that he lives the lessons of Freemasonry to care for others. His example is one that proves no matter what one does in this life, no matter what a person may build or create, what one does for others is what lives on. ✦

Winter Pictures

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

As I went for my morning walk today, I noticed the light snow had created a beautiful white backdrop for the trees and bushes. I was struck by the fact that the trees were stark and empty of all their greenery. Dead leaves were mingled on the ground in the clumps of light snow. For many, the winter season reminds them of renewal, perhaps the end of some lives and the beginning of others. Many dread the cold. However, for me, I feel we should find a blessing in every season. After all, our Creator must have had a reason for changing seasons.

To me, I do not look at the trees and say, “Oh how sad, the beautiful leaves are gone.” Instead, I am reminded that the beautiful leaves were in fact held up throughout the summer months by the tree trunks, branches, and limbs all hidden from view. Without that support, the leaves would have fallen long ago.

That seems the way it is in life. We often forget that the beauty of what we see is almost always due in large part to the support or efforts of unseen “limbs and branches.” Freemasonry after all teaches us, as does every great religion of the world, that it is not the outside appearance, but the inner strength and support that are of greater importance.

I recall that lesson as I walk around the beautiful Masonic Home, where I witness the grounds and facilities in excellent shape, the nutritious food served hot and in a friendly manner, the professional care provided at a first-rate level. All of this is actually held up by the limbs and branches of our many supporters. Like trees that are beautifully decorated with leaves in the summer, our Home, during every season, shines with a beauty that brings it the nickname “The Crown Jewel of Freemasonry.”

However, I know that our Home would not be possible without the donors who send tax-deductible gifts to the Home. They are like the trunk of our tree. I know the Masons and their families who regularly visit the Home provide wonderful interaction with the residents. They are like the limbs of our tree. I know the prayers of our supporters provide us with more miracles, care, and love than we can ever comprehend. They are the branches of our tree.

For all the parts of our tree that make the Masonic Home of Virginia the caring neighborhood of friends and brothers that it is, the Board of Governors, the staff, the residents, all thank our tree of supports. May our Father above continue to support you as you support your Home. ✦

Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals utilize a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those so honored, we call the attention of all Masons to note the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts which were made to the Masonic Home during the period August 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009. Persons HONORED are in **BOLD**, followed by the donor's name.

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| Olive Whitlow | Robert and Janet Tunstall |
| Eugene Wesley Wiggins | Wayne S. Flora |
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| Howard Irving Wright | Hunter's Lodge No. 156 |



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| FEBRUARY | | |
| 2/2/1919 | William Mills | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| 2/3/1918 | Helen Anderson | Chesterfield Lodge No. 161 |
| 2/4/1925 | James Smith | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 2/6/1923 | Stuart Shipley | Varina Lodge No. 272 |
| 2/18/1930 | Elva Rollins | St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 |
| 2/19/1919 | Norma McCullough | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 2/20/1921 | Charles Wilson | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 2/20/1920 | Raymond Martines | Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| 2/22/1921 | Frances Charlesworth | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 2/23/1936 | H. Richard Neiswander | Chester Lodge No. 94 |
| 2/23/1926 | Claude Morris | King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 |
| 2/25/1917 | Helen Rackley | Blandford Lodge No. 3 |
| 2/25/1927 | Mary Gene Smith | Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 |
| 2/26/1930 | Joy Kent | Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88 |

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
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| MARCH | | |
| 3/1/1924 | Evelyn Leggette | Lee Lodge No. 209 |
| 3/2/1925 | James Fox | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 3/4/1929 | Betty Gillie | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 3/4/1919 | James Beasley | Wakefield Lodge No. 198 |
| 3/5/1923 | Harold Bohannon | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 3/5/1928 | Frances Coleman | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 3/7/1923 | Albert Noll | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 |
| 3/7/1922 | Florence Tayler | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |
| 3/9/1916 | Annie McPherson | St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 |
| 3/23/1926 | Irene King | Virginia Lodge No. 177 |
| 3/24/1916 | Rose Szentendrei | St. John's Lodge No. 36 |
| 3/24/1922 | Lillian Yearwood | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |
| 3/24/1936 | Carol Friis | Franklin Lodge No. 151 |
| 3/26/1923 | Dorothy Barton | Arlington Lodge No. 102 |
| 3/26/1922 | Joseph Leggette | Lee Lodge No. 209 |
| 3/29/1927 | Virginia VonGemmingen | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 3/30/1931 | Charles Klebert | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |

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| APRIL | | |
| 4/2/1928 | Floyd Lassiter | Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 |
| 4/2/1937 | Kathryn Stitzer | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 4/4/1921 | Rose Mills | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| 4/4/1921 | Elizabeth Payne | Joppa Lodge No. 40 |
| 4/4/1936 | John Carpenter | Meridian Lodge No. 284 |
| 4/4/1928 | James Mitchell | Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298 |
| 4/4/1924 | Catherine Doggett | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 4/5/1917 | Rebecca Price | Blandford Lodge No. 3 |
| 4/6/1917 | Elethia Cason | Atlantic Lodge No. 2 |
| 4/7/1922 | Jean Noll | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 |
| 4/7/1927 | Margaret Baity | Oriental Lodge No. 20 |
| 4/12/1926 | Doris Messer | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 4/15/1931 | Graham Simmons | Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347 |
| 4/16/1918 | Virginia Roggmann | Bremond Lodge No. 241 |
| 4/17/1930 | Jean McCuiston | Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351 |
| 4/17/1918 | Stafford Bolton | Northside Lodge No. 292 |
| 4/22/1925 | Anna Wilson | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 4/24/1924 | Beatrice Milton | Blandford Lodge No. 3 |
| 4/25/1908 | Eula Beasley | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 4/26/1926 | Rachel Bailey | Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 |
| 4/27/1924 | Juliet Burton | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 4/28/1923 | Helen Payne | Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 |
| 4/29/1925 | Frances Pugh | Henrico Union Lodge No. 130 |

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| MAY | | |
| 5/3/1917 | Ruth Carter | West Point Lodge No. 238 |
| 5/5/1919 | M. Elwood Cheatham | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 5/8/1926 | Jack Golightly | Fairfax Lodge No. 43 |
| 5/11/1936 | Mildred Milby | West Point Lodge No. 238 |
| 5/12/1923 | William Paschall | Meridian Lodge No. 284 |
| 5/13/1923 | Robert Hall | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| 5/13/1920 | Alice Walton | St. John's Lodge No. 36 |
| 5/14/1912 | Joseph Crane | Columbia Lodge No. 285 |
| 5/19/1930 | Edna Alvis | Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351 |

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| 5/19/1923 | Blanche Feitig | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 5/19/1924 | Anne Winder | Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 |
| 5/20/1919 | Gwendolyn Hues | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 5/20/1928 | Harry Lape | Clover Hill Lodge No. 253 |
| 5/20/1927 | Dorothy Fulcher | Oriental Lodge No. 20 |
| 5/22/1927 | Joseph Hogge | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 5/23/1917 | Goldie Simmons | Midlothian Lodge No. 211 |
| 5/26/1914 | Lewis Butler | Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351 |
| 5/26/1924 | Jane Barnes | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |
| 5/28/1927 | Garland Rollins | St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 |
| 5/29/1922 | John Smith | Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 |

Resident Anniversaries

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FEBRUARY | | |
| 2/6/1982 | John and Elizabeth Anton | Norview Lodge No. 113 |
| 2/9/1946 | Charles and Anna Wilson | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 2/16/1974 | David and Joy Kent | Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88 |
| 2/23/1974 | Frederic and Florence Tayler | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |

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| MARCH | | |
| 3/4/1954 | Herbert and Mildred Milby | West Point Lodge No. 238 |
| 3/11/1950 | Garland and Elva Rollins | St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 |
| 3/19/1943 | Albert and Jean Noll | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 |
| 3/31/1963 | Glenn and Carol May | Varina Lodge No. 272 |

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| APRIL | | |
| 4/14/1979 | Earl and Irene Slaughter | Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351 |
| 4/17/1944 | Harold and Elizabeth Bohannon | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 4/19/1946 | P. Wiley and Margaret Jordan | Chesterfield Lodge No. 161 |
| 4/22/1950 | Joseph and Barbara Hogge | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 4/27/1946 | Robert and Gloria Hall | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| 4/26/1956 | Stanley and Beatrice Milton | Blandford Lodge No. 3 |

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

Resident Deaths

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
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| 9/23/2009 | Richard Murray | Urbanna Lodge No. 83 |
| 10/11/2009 | Frank Duke | Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 |
| 10/3/2009 | Mary Johnson | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |
| 10/24/2009 | Blanche Lewis | Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 |
| 12/1/2009 | Lewis Sugg | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |

New Residents

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9/1/2009 | Hoover and Betty Lide | Broadwater Lodge No. 71 |
| 9/3/2009 | James Smith | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 9/30/2009 | Woodrow Owen | Anderson Lodge No. 258 |
| 10/6/2009 | James Fox | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 10/20/2009 | Alexander MacRae | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |
| 10/29/2009 | Raymond Martines | Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| 11/10/2009 | Graham Simmons | Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347 |
| 12/1/2009 | Robert and Virginia Hobson | Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 |

MAHOVA Happenings



Residents Wanda Lucey, Paul Lucey, Betty Long, John Long, and Judy Burton attend the Annual Candlelight Dinner.



Residents enjoy the Private Dining Room.



Residents dancing to the electric slide.



An Army Reserves soldier, Private T.J. Simmons, speaks to the residents.



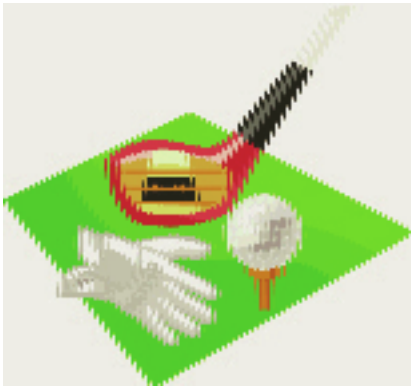
Halloween activity with Tammy Curtis (Activities Coordinator) and Resident Dorothy Fulcher.



Residents Gordon Paschall and Edna Alvis the 2009-2010 MAHOVA King and Queen.



Residents Frances Charlesworth, David Charlesworth, Helen Anderson, and Teddy Thornhill enjoy the Main Dining Room.



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**13TH ANNUAL
Ian McLaurin Shipley Jr.
Memorial Golf Tournament
April 13, 2010**

LOCATION

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

TEE TIME

April 13, 2010

Check in @ 11:00 AM

Shotgun Start @ 12:00 PM

(Rain Date:

Wednesday, April 20, 2010)

ENTRY FEE

\$100 per player

or \$400 per team

TAX DEDUCTIBLE (in full or part)

FORMAT

**4 man Florida Best Ball,
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Includes: 18 holes with cart,
beverage during play, gift bag,
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presentation

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Three Flights, Door Prizes,
Hole Prizes
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Platinum \$1,000
(Includes fees for 4 Golfers)

Gold \$500

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Bronze \$100

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Captain: _____

Player 3: _____

Phone: () _____

Phone: () _____

Player 2: _____

Player 4: _____

Phone: () _____

Phone: () _____

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