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the Masonic Home Gala Benefit**

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## Mission and Vision Statements of The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia

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

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



# Grand Master's Message

## Fun, Friendship, Fellowship, Charity, and Love

These are the words that characterize my year as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia at each function and event where I have had the privilege of being present. This includes every one of my Official Visits to districts and Lodges, appendant body events, and of course, youth functions. As I have said before, I think that everyone is looking for an opportunity to just have a good time with each other as members of the Masonic family, and I just show up to join in and enjoy the excitement.

For those of you who were able to attend the Roy Clark Concert – What a show! What a good time we had, and what a boost in awareness for our Masonic Home! I wish all 38,000+ of you and your families could have attended this special event. There was just a good feeling there among the entertainers and the audience of friends and Brothers and their families of all ages.

At the Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, a Lodge on the First Degree was held. Wow! Almost 300 Scout-Freemasons from all over the United States and throughout the world attended this event. What a memorable occasion to mark, not only a milestone in the Scouting movement, but also probably the last Scout Jamboree to be held in Virginia. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and the Scout Executive Leaders of the Scout Jamboree, who were also Freemasons, did an outstanding job of putting this event together and carrying it through to completion. The accolades, honors, and collections received on my behalf were very unexpected and undeserved, but are greatly appreciated. Everyone in attendance appeared to be thrilled to be there and was very appreciative of the fine efforts the Fredericksburg Lodge members and the Scout Jamboree Executives did to make this very special event a reality. I do have a few pins, created to celebrate and honor this special event, left for sale, if anyone is interested.



**GRAND MASTER**  
M.: W.: William E. Rorer, Jr.

As this is the last issue of the Masonic Herald for my term as Grand Master, I would like to restate the things I have tried to convey to the Craft throughout the course of this Masonic year. Brotherly Love for each other as Brothers in the Fraternity should be the first and foremost concern in all of our thoughts and actions concerning one another. We should always remember a Brother's welfare as our own. Every Lodge should have personal contact with every Brother on their rosters, wheresoever dispersed, a minimum of four times a year, to let the Brother know we care for them and are willing to support them, if they have the need. We are obligated to whisper good counsel to a Brother, if he is doing things not in conformity with the Masonic teachings of our Craft. In the worst possible conflict with a Brother, we are obligated to agree to disagree, so we can continue the work in the quarries as friends and as Brothers.

Masonic ritual is the glue that reinforces

## Grand Master's Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 23-24 GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA
- 24-26 SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE, LYNCHBURG
- 28 WILLIAMSBURG LODGE NO. 6 & WILLIAMSBURG SHRINE CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 29 KHEDIVE GOLF CLASSIC

### OCTOBER

- 1 OFFICIAL VISIT, MASONIC DISTRICT 57
- 2 VICTORY DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 1778  
REYNOLD JUDSON "DICK" MATHEWS MEMORIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT, ALEXANDRIA
- 7 GLADE SPRING LODGE NO. 236
- 8 MAHOVA BOARD MEETING
- 9 MAHOVA FAMILY DAY
- 11 WILLIAMSBURG LODGE NO. 6
- 12 CHICKAHOMINY LODGE NO. 286
- 15-17 GRAND LODGE OF OHIO
- 19 CLAY SHOOT, PROVIDENCE FORGE
- 21 ANDREW JACKSON LODGE NO. 120
- 22 YORK RITE BANQUET, NORFOLK
- 23 WREATH LAYING, ARLINGTON CEMETERY
- 28 EUREKA LODGE NO. 195
- 30 KHEDIVE FALL CEREMONIAL, CHESAPEAKE  
JOHN STUART DUNN MEMORIAL GRAND LODGE CONVENTION REUNION, WILLIAMSBURG LODGE NO. 6

### NOVEMBER

- 1 FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO.4
- 4-6 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, RICHMOND



the above and makes us and our Fraternity special and different from all other organizations. It is the first thing that slips when a Lodge is starting to get into trouble in other areas, as well. Masonic ritual is what keeps our minds alert, and along with following our obligations, allows Masons to live longer than the general populace. It is my belief that regardless of what form you take your degrees, the catechisms of all three degrees should be learned and recited.

## Grand Master's Message (continued)

Masonic education and mentoring is an important duty and part of being a Mason. I am sure that all of you have been told that every Mason, both new and old, should have three men responsible for his Masonic education and mentorship for life. These are the two signers on his petition and his ritual coach. I have been telling you all that this is true, but all members of the Lodge should be educators and mentors to the best of their abilities. If we are to grow and be effective as a Fraternity of Freemasons we must educate, mentor and look after our own first then others. Only our duty to our God should take precedence over this responsibility.

Finally, when our cable tow allows us we need to practice charity. First to our Fraternity, then to our Masonic philanthropies, like the

Masonic Home and Masonic Outreach Program (through appeals and wills and bequests), the Masonic Child Identification Program, the Scholarship Fund, the Masonic Relief Fund, and the Library and Museum Foundation. Afterwards, we are to serve the charitable needs of all mankind. It is just a matter of being a Freemason who *"Forget Not The Duties."* ✦

I am as always,

Sincerely and fraternally,



Grand Master



*"Forget Not  
The Duties"*

## GM's Gala in Richmond Scores High Grades for Country Music Fans

It was Grand Lodge playing with Grand Ole Opry – and both were big hits.

Most Worshipful Brother William Earle Rorer, Jr., welcomed over 300 Masons and guests to the Dining Hall of the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple for a banquet preceding entertainment to benefit the Masonic Home of Virginia. Our Grand Master extended his appreciation to Right Worshipful Brothers Robert Wales Carpenter, Jr., William David Mitchell, and Sheldon Barnett Richman for their efforts in organizing and implementing the Gala.

After completing dinner, these Masons and guests moved to the Temple's Auditorium for a fabulous program of country music per-

formed by Illustrious Brother Roy Linwood Clark and his musical group. Brother Clark was introduced by his life-long friend, Right Worshipful Brother Wayne Sawyer Flora, Grand Junior Deacon. Our Grand Master presented a Certificate of Merit to Brother Clark and praised him for donating his musical labors to benefit Masonic charity.

Photographs of the event are available



on the Grand Lodge's website – proof to all that the Gala was a successful social event and fundraising event. ✦

# 232nd Grand Annual Communication

Schedule for November 5 – 6, 2010

## COMMITTEE ON WORK SCHEDULE

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

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

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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

## RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION NOVEMBER 6, 2010

### RESOLUTION NO. 10-01

This resolution would change Section 2.135 of the Methodical Digest to recognize and clarify the circumstances when it is appropriate to object to sitting in Lodge with a visiting Brother, and it provides the necessary discretion to the Worshipful Master.

### RESOLUTION NO. 10-02

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, 2012.

## 232nd GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 232nd Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Richmond West, 6624 West Broad Street at I-64, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday, November 5, 2010, at 8:30 AM. The Grand Master's Address will be delivered after the opening of Grand Lodge.

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

A banquet will be held for the Brethren on Friday evening. On Saturday, November 6 at 12:30 PM, a luncheon will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Resolutions will be considered during Friday's and Saturday's sessions. Election of Grand Lodge Officers will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning, November 6.

An open installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel that afternoon at 5:00 PM, with an Installation Ball to follow at the Acca Shrine Center.

Resolutions to be considered in 2011 must be drafted in proper form as required by Section 1.16 of the Methodical Digest and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31, 2010.

Resolutions to be considered at the 232nd Grand Annual Communication are listed above. ✦

# Investing for Our Future

by Rt. Wor. Matthew T. Szramoski  
Chairman, Committee on Finance

Financial issues are an important concern in most subordinate Lodges. Between inflation, building maintenance, decreasing membership, and other issues, many Lodges are having difficulty meeting their financial obligations. In resolving these issues, each Lodge has to look at its dues structure, degree fees, investments, and other revenue sources to ensure that not only is their income meeting expenses, but that they are putting away funds for that unexpected roof failure, to repave the parking lot, and other items that require money which may not be in the annual budget.

Similarly, the Grand Lodge must address its financial obligations and plan for the future. At the 2010 Grand Annual Communication, the voting delegates will be asked to consider an important resolution regarding the finances of our Grand Lodge. Currently, the per capita dues and assessments are:

## \$28.00 per member:

\$1.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

.40 to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund

.20 to the Virginia DeMolay Foundation

.20 to the Virginia Job's Daughters Foundation

.20 to the Virginia Rainbow for Girls Foundation

\$23.00 to the Grand Lodge general fund

\$3.00 assessment for the Masonic Home of Virginia

Grand Lodge is facing several financial issues which will cause a deficit in the budget by 2012. One of the biggest concerns is the continued decline in membership. A brief look at our statistics in 1970 (the year we reached our highest level of membership) and today is helpful:

## 1970

- Population of Virginia was 4,648,494
- Number of Masons 71,057

- Per capita was \$3.50
- Potential net of \$248,699, adjusted for inflation would be \$1,373,716.20.

## 2010

- Population of Virginia is 7,882,590
- Number of Masons 39,243
- Per capita is \$23.00
- Expected 2010 per capita income (including LMIP's) is \$760,000
- If membership trends had not changed, membership would be approximately 100,000 and per capita income would be \$2,228,034.

While there has been a reduction in our membership losses, we have not yet reached the point where we are seeing a positive increase. Even if the Grand Lodge were to see a net growth of 50 members a year, this would only result in an increase of \$1,150 for our annual income.

One positive note is the funding generated by the Life Membership in Perpetuity program. We are now getting income from more than 1,500 Life Members who are either Masonic veterans or deceased. This is money we would not have received prior to the creation of this program.

The Committee on Finance, working in cooperation with the Grand Lodge officers, has worked diligently to make reductions in our annual budget. Examples of these reductions and cost savings include:

- 95%+ of all Grand Lodge publications are printed in-house
- Increased reliance on e-mail and internet to reduce postage expenses
- Reduction in the number of issues of the Masonic Herald published annually
- Competitive bidding on an annual basis for Grand Lodge service providers (e.g., insurance, maintenance, etc.)
- Examining ways to create additional revenue streams to lower the dependence on dues for income

- Actively promoting the Life Membership in Perpetuity program
- No new Grand Lodge programs without a revenue source.

We are currently looking for additional reductions in expenses with an emphasis on the Grand Annual Communication. In 2011, we will review the full budget for the communication and look for any and all budget items that can be reduced or eliminated.

The proposed resolution, if approved, would increase the amount designated for the Grand Lodge general fund from \$23 per member to \$33 per member. What will this money go towards? Most of the income will be used to meet our existing budget. A portion of the funds will be placed in our Grand Lodge reserves, which provides an income stream for our annual budget and may delay future dues increases. We are not looking to expand programs, but rather to maintain existing ones while looking for opportunities to reduce our expenses.

The \$10 increase works out to \$0.83 a month. Keep in mind this increase will not affect 50-year members (who do not pay dues) and Life Members in Perpetuity who are exempt from any increases. The key to long term financial stability for our Grand Lodge will depend on meeting several requirements including:

- Net growth in membership
- Increase in the number of Life Members in Perpetuity
- Growing the Grand Lodge reserves and investments
- Continued examination of budget items for reduction or elimination.

We must forget not the duties as we work together to address this critical situation. I encourage all Brethren who have an interest in this resolution to attend the Finance Committee meeting at the Grand Annual Communication where it will be discussed in more detail. ♣



# 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Jamboree Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Hosts an EA Degree

On August 2, 2010, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 (Fredericksburg) opened an Entered Apprentice (EA) Lodge at the 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Jamboree held at Ft. A. P. Hill. Worshipful Sanford S. Mackey, Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, received Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in the East before a packed school house of almost 300 Masonic Scouters from 47 different U.S. Grand Jurisdictions, 3 foreign Jurisdictions, and many Virginia Masons, along with a strong contingent of Brethren from Henry Lodge No. 57 (Fairfax) led by their Master, Worshipful Christopher R. Chrzanowski.

The National Colors were presented by the National Sojourner's Chapter 545, Heroes of '76, led by Worshipful William G. L. Turner, Past Commander of the Heroes of '76. Also in attendance were Right Worshipful Harry E. Sanders, National President of National Sojourners, Inc., who presented Brother Wayne Sirmon, President of the National Association of Masonic Scouters (NAMS) with a 15-starred American Flag flown at Ft. McHenry.

As part of the event, Most Worshipful Brother Rorer praised the Boy Scouts of America. After his presentation, he was presented with the Daniel



Carter Beard Award, a distinguished award given to those who have done great service for both Freemasonry and Scouting. The Grand Master has served the Boy Scouts for over 40 years and was very deserving of this honor of which he took great pride.

Back in 2005, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, as George Washington's Mother Lodge, was asked to come to the Jamboree and open a tiled Lodge, so the Scouters who were also Freemasons, could have fellowship together. The Master at the time, now Right Worshipful Steve W. Sanford, obliged this request and Fredericksburg Lodge worked hard to make this happen.

The EA Lodge in 2005 was such a success, the Masonic Scouters organized and established the National Association of Masonic Scouters (NAMS) in May 2007. More information can be found at <http://www.nams-bsa.org/>. NAMS has since grown to be a successful organization within the Boy Scouts of America. An agreement was made that Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 would return to again host another EA Lodge during the 100th Anniversary of Scouting at this year's Jamboree. During the 2010 Jamboree, NAMS received over 500 petitions from Scouters wishing to join NAMS.

In coordination with NAMS, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, and the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, Right Worshipful Brother Sanford was again asked to help coordinate this event. Another successful event was held, this will be the last time the Boy Scout Jamboree will be held on Virginia soil. The next Jamboree will be relocated to West Virginia for future Scouting events.

We will always have the memory of the fellowship with all of our scouting Brethren, and we wish NAMS all the success in their future endeavors. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 was honored to serve both the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Boy Scouts of America, and they want to thank the Virginia Masons who helped them to be good stewards to all our scouting Brethren.

Photos of the Entered Apprentice Lodge and 100th Anniversary BSA Jamboree can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/WilliamBaumbach/BoyScouts100Years080210#>. More information about the Daniel Carter Beard Award can be found at: [http://www.freemason.com/forms/Beard\\_Forms.pdf](http://www.freemason.com/forms/Beard_Forms.pdf).



# The Value of Masonry and LMIP

By Rt. Wor. Barry L. Evans

Chairman, Committee on Life Membership in Perpetuity

I would like to bring to your attention the advantages of the Grand Lodge's Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP) program.

Have you ever wondered what your life would have been like if you had never joined the Craft? Would you be in the same employment position or enjoy the same standing in your community had you not joined Masonry? Have you ever thought about the many friends, contacts, relatives, employers, and others who have come into your life because you decided to become a Mason?

If you join anything in life, I hope you do it for two reasons: to promote the organization to the best of your ability and to be the best representative of that organization you can be.

We all know how costs go up. Even in Grand Lodge, they go up. So what is Grand Lodge? I would love to ask each Brother what he believes Grand Lodge to be. Many Brethren, who have never been on the grounds of Grand Lodge, think it's an exquisite complex with elaborate furnishings and offices with dozens of employees.

So, what is Grand Lodge? Would it surprise you to know that Grand Lodge is simply each one of us? Each year Brethren are chosen to be Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Committeemen, or District Deputy Grand Master.

In fact, we have one building called the Grand Lodge and this is where our only full-time male employee works and that, of course, is Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins (1997), our Grand Secretary. He has a staff of ladies, 4 of them being full-time and 2 are part-time. They make sure all our printing, accounting, forms, reports, and members' issues are resolved so we have a responsible and respect-

able Grand Lodge representing us. That's the real Grand Lodge, Brethren.

In November, we have our annual meeting where Grand Lodge is represented by the Grand Master and the other Officers. Business will be voted on and decided by the members of the Craft in attendance. With Masonry, there are many beautiful traditions that have been passed through the years from each Grand Annual Communication to the next.

If you attend your Annual Communication, you know this well. But due to rising costs and the loss of membership, cuts have been made and are being made. We may eventually have to condense our Grand Lodge Annual meeting to only one day if we do not act responsibly now. Most Brethren who are on Committees receive no reimbursement of any expenses relating to their work on behalf of Freemasonry.

I searched Google for cost of living factors comparing how everything has become more expensive than it used to be. I wanted to compare today's prices with those of times past. A web site titled "Tom's Inflation Calculator" at <http://www.halfhill.com/inflation.html> allows you to plug in a cost for any year in the past and see what it would cost today just to keep up with inflation.

It appears if someone was making \$100,000 in 1980, just to keep up with inflation the same person would have to make \$296,000 today. If one bought a \$10,000 car in 1980, that same car would cost \$30,000 now. If you were paying \$40 in dues to your Lodge in 1980, that same amount would have to be \$118 now just to keep up with inflation. That's assuming your Lodge had no major repairs, money stashed away, and your membership was continually walking in the door, instead of out.

In other words, we have half the number of members paying outdated amounts for dues, so that even if dues were adjusted for inflation, we would still have less real income to provide for Grand Lodge in the manner we supported it thirty years ago.

We all want accountability, even in our beloved Fraternity. As the Chairman of LMIP, I have researched and changed the LMIP program drastically to save many thousands of dollars. Today, there are 6,392 LMIP members in Virginia who will never have to worry about dues increases. 100 Brethren have taken advantage of the LMIP Credit Card Payment System we have implemented via the Grand Lodge's website. We have a 6.8% increase in growth from this period last year with 154 LMIP members in the 1st quarter and 69 LMIP members in the 2nd quarter of this year. I sincerely congratulate each and every LMIP for having the foresight to help himself, his Lodge, and his Grand Lodge financially by becoming a Life Member in Perpetuity. Their foresight will extend beyond his lifetime into eternity!

Remember our Masonic Forefathers, Brethren. They had to raise money, buy land, and build our Lodges, all the while paying dues that would equal hundreds of dollars if paid today. We never talk about their sacrifices when we argue over ten dollars today. We should be thankful to our fraternal ancestors for the sacrifices they made which still benefit us. We should also ask ourselves why we have not sacrificed as they did for the future of the Craft.

So, Brethren, how much do you value your Freemasonry? You can go to [www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org](http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org) right now and sign up to become a Life Member in Perpetuity. 🌟





By Wor. Gerald L. Frey

Time for a quick quiz — name the most visited Lodges in Virginia? (imagine the Jeopardy theme in the background as you think about it). As a partial answer offer: Fredericksburg Lodge No. 3 (Fredericksburg), Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 (Alexandria), Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 (Williamsburg), and Fork Union Lodge No. 127 (Fork Union). Fork Union Lodge?

Yep, during the Reid J. Simmons Academy for Masonic Leadership it is one of the most visited Lodges in Commonwealth. Right Worshipful William L. Luthie, Master of Fork Union Lodge, welcomes visitors with a genuine warmth which begins with a hearty smile, followed up with a firm grip of greeting, a long-standing tradition in this Lodge. Accommodations are made for the Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership to exemplify each of the three degrees during the session. The Committee on Work for the Grand Lodge does an excellent job in conducting these sessions and appreciates the efforts of Fork Union Lodge in getting things ready for them each year. To say it is a busy time is to understate the obvious.

To put a slightly different slant on Fork Union, it is a place that annually provides mentoring for any Mason within our Grand Jurisdiction, ranging across the entire field of the Craft. Hosting such an event is one thing, but to carry it off year after year with such skill is a mark of singular accomplishment.



Originally the Lodge was on a tract of land occupied by Fork Union Military Academy, one of the most successful and well-known military academies in the country. In 1952, the Lodge received a tract of land situated directly across Route 15 from the Academy, in order to construct a larger facility to meet the needs of the burgeoning membership.

The history of Fork Union Lodge reflects the history of leadership in the community and Virginia. Past Masters and members of the Lodge have provided important contributions to the county of Fluvanna and the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The first Worshipful Master of Fork Union was Worshipful J. J. Ancell, who served the Lodge as Master in 1872, -73, -78-81, and -83. Masonic service for this Brother continued to Stonewall Lodge No. 200 (New Canton), where he was Master in 1884. It is such service and dedication to the Fraternity that provides a worthwhile legacy to emulate.

To better examine this Lodge and get its measure, a guide to the community was enlisted. Brother Jon Austin was just such a guide, having grown up in Fluvanna County, attended school at the Academy and, unbeknownst to him at the time, being mentored by many of the Brethren of Fork Union Lodge. When Brother Austin was growing up, Masons did not speak of their Masonry, so he did not know they were Masons, only that monthly they dressed up and went to Lodge. These men were his instruc-

tors, Sunday school teachers, coaches, hunting and fishing tutors who all turned out to be members in Fork Union Lodge. In fact, at the top of the stairs is a plaque to Right Worshipful Cecil L. Ross, Jr., a long-time friend and mentor to Brother Austin and many of the youngsters in the community. For Brother Austin, sitting in this Lodge, is to be among the Brethren, in the truest sense of the words. Fork Union does not have a monopoly on this, but it is another classic exemplification of Masonry in the community.

As has been mentioned in this column before, traveling or visitation is a right and a privilege received by us upon being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This year I have exercised this privilege by traveling to Lodges from one end of the Old Dominion to the other. Unfortunately, space within the Herald permits but a small percentage of these visits to be covered. In the publication business, having a backlog of material is a rare, but welcome occurrence.

Grab your Masonic Passport and find a Lodge for your next official visit. ✨



L-R: Worshipful James C. Akers, (picture frame — Right Worshipful Cecil L. Ross, Jr.), and Bro. Jon S. Austin.

# Masonic Home Luncheon

Brethren,

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on Saturday, November 6, 2010, we will hold a luncheon to benefit the Masonic Home of Virginia. As in the past, the luncheon ticket will cost \$100, of which \$70 is tax-deductible as a gift to the Home.

I ask that each Lodge consider purchasing at least one ticket, and also encourage as many members as possible to attend this event. This action will show our support for the Home and its ongoing commitment to care for our Brethren, their wives and widows. I am also requesting that the District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Masonic Home Ambassadors contact as many members as possible to insure a large turnout at the luncheon. After all, we must forget not our duties.

Often, many Lodges and individuals purchase tickets that are used by residents of the Home to attend the event. If you know that you will not be able to attend the luncheon at the time you purchase your ticket, please include a note to that effect with your order. That will allow us to determine the number of residents

who can attend the luncheon as guests of the Fraternity. The residents are always excited to attend and happy to share their feelings about the care provided at your Masonic Home

You may purchase tickets for the luncheon at the Masonic Family Day, October 9, 2010, or by sending your check, with "Ticket" indicated in the memo line, to Sheila Sisk, Masonic Home of Virginia, 4101 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223-4916. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible to allow this event to once again be a resounding success. Also, please attend Family Day!

I look forward to greeting you at the Grand Annual Communication in November and thank you for your kind consideration of this opportunity to care for others, which is such a great example of how we *Forget Not The Duties* that we owe as Master Masons. ✦

Sincerely and fraternally,



William E. Rorer, Jr.  
Grand Master

# Grand Lodge Banquet Information

As you know, the Grand Annual Communication in November is fast approaching. Traditionally, a Delegates' Banquet, which is open to ALL Brethren and their ladies, is held on the first day of our Grand Annual Communication, which will be Friday, November 5, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Richmond West. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket, which must be ordered and prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge office, and no later than October 15, 2010. Seating will be by table number, and live entertainment is scheduled, so come on out and have some fun!

This year, a Grand Master's Ball, which is also open to ALL Brethren and their ladies, will be held after the Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 7:00PM – 11:00PM at the Acca Shrine Center Ballroom. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket, which must be ordered and prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge office, and no later than October 31, 2010. Dinner will be served at 7:00PM, followed by dancing at 8:30PM.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience fun, food, and fellowship at their finest! ✦

## Editor's Comments

I wish to thank Brother William Baumbach for the use of his many pictures. Brother Baumbach's pictures are on the front and back covers, the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team, 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts, Roy Clark photos, and Bremond Lodge No. 241. Brother William sure does a lot of traveling, doesn't he?

I also thank Mrs. Kim Martin for helping to keep the web supplements up-to-date on the Grand Lodge's website and Ms. Susan Aldridge for her great assistance in setting up the Herald which is very much appreciated by my committee and me. ✦

Fraternally,  
David A. Burkus, PDDGM  
Editor



*"Forget Not  
The Duties"*

# ASK HIRAM

In 1891, the Lodges held elections and installed new officers in June! When did Virginia shift from installations in June (to coincide with St. John the Baptist) to December (to coincide with St. John the Evangelist)?

**ANSWER:** From the 1903 *Grand Lodge of Virginia Proceedings*, we learn that at the Grand Annual Communication on Dec. 3, 1903 it was resolved (page 53) that Section 169 of the *Methodical Digest* be amended to read as follows:

“The election of officers shall be annually held in each subordinate Lodge on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, or at its stated communication immediately preceding that day; if the 27th day of December shall be Sunday, the Saturday before, or the Monday after, shall be regarded as complying with this section”.



When one of the Lodge Officers is called to the East by the Worshipful Master, does he need to have anybody sit in his chair? If the Junior or Senior Deacon is called to the East by the Worshipful Master to receive an award, does he take his staff with him?

**ANSWER:** Regarding the Wardens, the Grand Lodge Committee on Work in 1984 decided that it is not necessary to fill the Station of the Senior or Junior Warden when approaching the East to receive a presentation. The same applies to both Deacons; they may advance to the East for a presentation without their staffs and with the Chair unoccupied.



What kind of report should the Investigating Committee make in open Lodge? I have seen them talk about the

visitation and their feelings about the candidate, I have heard them just say it was “favorable” or “non-favorable”, and I have heard the Secretary or Worshipful Master state that the committee was in favor of the candidate.

**ANSWER:** The *Methodical Digest* clearly states that the Investigating Committee shall “report to the Master or to the Lodge on the... petitioner...”. It is customary in most Lodges to report only to the Master who then informs the Lodge of the Committee’s findings but, as we see, the *Methodical Digest* states that a report may also be made by the Committee to the Lodge. Hiram advises the Brethren to avoid discussing the petitioner’s qualifications during dinner, as this is not considered to be ‘the Lodge’. The Worshipful Master shall decide the manner of reporting, whether to himself only, or to the assembled Lodge.



Is there a law/rule that we can or cannot wear decorated aprons? The reason for this question is that I am enlisted in the armed forces and one of the things that we are taught is to take pride in our uniforms. I think being able to purchase and wear decorated aprons would be a sign of dedication and pride in the Craft. After all, our founders wore decorated aprons. I have been told that we can’t wear the decorated aprons because we have to earn what is on them. I’m not asking to be able to wear a Past Master’s emblem or anything of the sort, but haven’t we as Master Masons earned the right to wear the square, compasses, and letter G or other emblems of the Craft? I also think that if Brethren were able to purchase their own apron’s they would be more apt to take care of them and keep them without spot or blemish. If there is a

rule/law governing this and if so what is the reasoning why only plain white aprons?

**ANSWER:** A similar question was raised by a Brother two years ago. In the Fall 2008 issue of the *Virginia Masonic Herald*, Hiram observed that The Grand Lodge of Virginia Apron Policy does not address aprons to be worn by members of a Lodge, but it has been the practice of subordinate Lodges to wear white aprons (non-officers), white aprons with a trim, quadrant, sun, and compasses (Past Masters), and aprons with tassel and color (Lodge officers). Presentation aprons, like the one in question, are usually kept at home as valued mementoes, but Hiram is unaware of any rule forbidding a Master Mason from wearing one in Lodge.



Why do we call our Lodges ‘Right Worshipful’ when we are doing Ritual; specifically in the Catechisms?

**ANSWER:** This term, a mark of respect, is used in many jurisdictions both within and without the United States and is found in early Masonic writing. It dates back almost 300 years and is found in several early publications and Masonic exposés such as *The Post-Boy* (London newspaper) Dec 26-28, 1723; *The Whole Institution of Masonry*, 1724; *The Graham Manuscript*, 1726; *Masonry Dissected*, 1730; *Three Distinct Knocks*, ca. 1760; *Illustrations of Masonry*, 1775; ‘*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*’ Vol. XIII, 1900 being the transactions of The Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076.





# Have You Been to the Museum Yet?

by Rt. Wor. David N. Silver

The Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation was created to help promote an understanding of Freemasonry in Virginia and to dispel the public perception that Masonry is secretive. The Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation is made up of the archives, library, and museum. The Museum has an astonishing range of exhibits that are certain to impress masons as well as members of the general community.

There are many misconceptions about Freemasonry and the museum is there to clear the fog and correct these rumors. From the general public's perspective, it becomes easy to see that Masonry is a system of morality and that its members join in order to better themselves in some way. The museum shows us there is more to Freemasonry than secret handshakes and passwords. In fact, if you take a guided tour of the museum, you will learn Freemasonry is one of the largest charitable organizations in Virginia.

Visitors will be amazed by the vast collection of ancient and modern regalia and jewels. Among the items are Past Grand Master's jewels from the 19th Century, the Bible that Meriwether Lewis took his Royal Arch Degrees on, and significant Masonic silver and pottery all surrounding Masonic furniture from the early 20th century. The museum tells visitors the story of Freemasonry in Virginia and how it is intertwined with the story of not only Virginia but also the United States. The museum also boasts an impressive collection of Tracing Boards and portraits that showcase Masonic art in its best form. Tracing boards are paintings which tell stories and depict emblems and symbols of Freemasonry and are used to teach its moral lessons in the several degrees of the order.

The Grand Master's gallery displays large oil-on-canvas portraits of almost every past leader of the Order going back to 1778. Among the finest portraits are those of John Marshall, American statesman and jurist who shaped American constitutional law and made the Supreme Court a center of power, and William Waller Hening, compiler of the *The Statutes*

*at Large; Being a Collection of all the Laws of Virginia from the First Session of the Legislature, in the Year 1619. Volumes 1-13.*

What are some of the aims of the Museum?

- To enhance the reach of the Museum Programs
- To gain the best possible access to the Museum
- To create a center for excellence in social and Masonic studies
- To develop systems and programs for the restoration of the collection
- To develop systems and programs for the acquisition of items of interest into the collection
- To create a centre of excellence in museum practice
- To stress the relevance of the collection to Freemasonry and the viewing public and
- To develop links to other museums and lending authorities, both Masonic and general.

The Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation is currently aiming to develop many new exhibitions to assist in its promotion of Freemasonry. Indeed, it is currently the primary arm of promotion of Freemasonry in Virginia and seeks to further this promotion in the future with a series of exhibition and activities. Our mission is to develop the collections and present exhibitions, programs, and research facilities that explore Freemasonry, its social influence, and its benefit to the community through time, to the people of Virginia, and to the people of the United States.

The Grand Lodge Museum, Library and Historical Foundation will work to enhance its reputation as a museum of excellence and one which highlights the role Freemasons have played through history to the benefit of mankind in general. It will aim to celebrate human creativity and innovation in ways which will engage, inform, inspire, enthrall and educate the diverse audiences it will attract into its programs. Education through the Grand Lodge Library is an important avenue for education for both masons and non-masons alike. To

this end it is important to develop the resources which can be made available to any person seeking information.

The Museum believes in engaging the diverse audience it wishes to cultivate, promote scholarship in both Freemasonry and the social history of this country and presenting its diverse collections in such a way that will captivate the intellect and challenge people to excel at what they do. We place a high value on nurturing the abilities of those who assist the Museum and fostering partnerships with Masonic lodges throughout Virginia, Masonic bodies throughout the United States and Museums of Freemasonry throughout the world. Its status as a public museum will enable it to promote itself to the outside world and bring Freemasonry to the forefront of people's conscious thought in the United States.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible when they visit the Grand Lodge Museum, Library and Historical Foundation. Keep an eye out for special exhibitions or activities which will be advertised in the future and come along to as many as possible. Should you have any questions concerning the operation or activities of the Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation; please call 804.222.3110 and inquire, or e-mail the Museum at [library@grandlodgeofvirginia.org](mailto:library@grandlodgeofvirginia.org).

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Provide your services to the Museum or Library by applying as much time as you have available to assist;
- Visit the museum and bring your friends along. Organize a Lodge visit. Our staff will be happy to make arrangements for a guided tour to suit most occasions;
- Donate any items of Masonic interest you might have to the Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation. You may be assured they will be kept secure;
- Promote the Grand Lodge Museum, Library, and Historical Foundation whenever you can. It's your Museum to promote your Craft
- Donate to the Museum. Think of the Museum in your will, even if only to ensure that any Masonic items you have are donated and protected. ✦

# Requirements for Gold and Silver Cards

1. Open a Master Mason (MM) Lodge, taking all parts, including
  - a. Use of Stewards to assist Deacons
  - b. Word Right
  - c. Word wrong on left and right
  - d. Master's and Chaplain's opening prayers
  - e. Pledge of Allegiance
  - f. Ballot complete
  - g. Labor to Refreshment
  - h. Refreshment to Labor
  - i. Dispense with the MM Lodge to open Entered Apprentice's Lodge (EA)
2. Open an EA Lodge, taking all parts, including
  - a. All parts in conferring the degree
  - b. All prayers
  - c. EA Lecture and Charge
  - d. EA Catechism
3. Close the EA Lodge, taking all parts
4. Open a Fellowcraft's (FC) Lodge, taking all parts, including
  - a. All parts in conferring the degree
  - b. All prayers
5. Senior Deacon's Lecture and Receiving in the East
  - d. FC Charge
  - e. FC Catechism
5. Close the FC Lodge, taking all parts
6. Resume Labor in the MM Lodge, taking all parts, including
  - a. All parts in conferring the MM Degree, 1st Section (Including Resolution of 1968)
  - b. All parts in conferring the MM Degree, 2nd Section (Including Funeral Ode)
  - c. All prayers
  - d. MM Lecture and Charge (Including Resolution of 1924)
  - e. MM Catechism
7. Close the MM Lodge, taking all parts, including
  - a. Approval of minutes
  - b. Charge at the altar
  - c. Master's and Chaplain's closing prayers

Silver Card requirements are the same as for the Gold Card except only one of the major lectures is required and only one charge.

# Requirements for Warden's Certificate of Qualification

1. Open a Master Mason's Lodge for a stated meeting.
  - a. Use Stewards to assist deacons
  - b. Word Right
  - c. Word wrong on right and left
  - d. Give Master's short prayer
  - e. Call for Pledge of Allegiance to flag
  - f. Ballot on petition for the degrees
  - g. Do Wardens have anything further "at present"
  - h. Call from Labor to Refreshment
  - i. Call from Refreshment to Labor
  - j. Dispense with the Master Mason's Lodge.
2. Open an Entered Apprentice's Lodge
  - a. Confer the Entered Apprentice's Degree
  - b. Have candidate presented for catechism examination
  - c. Ballot on proficiency
  - d. Close the Entered Apprentice's Lodge
3. Open a Fellowcraft's Lodge
  - a. Confer the Fellowcraft's Degree
  - b. Close the Fellowcraft's Lodge
4. Resume labor in the Master Mason's Lodge.
  - a. Confer the 1st Section of the Master Mason's Degree
  - b. Confer the 2nd Section of the Master Mason's Degree
    - (1) Must do prayer at raising
  - c. Do Wardens have anything further
  - d. Have minutes read for approval
  - e. Close the Master Mason's Lodge
    - (1) Must do Charge at the Altar
    - (2) Must do closing Benediction
5. Prospective first-time Warden (Junior or Senior) has to get the Past Master's Degree before being elected to the office.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Hoen McGuire Edwards, Jr., Grand Lecturer 🍀

# Brothers of a Vow: Secret Fraternal Orders and the Transformation of the White Male Culture in the Antebellum South

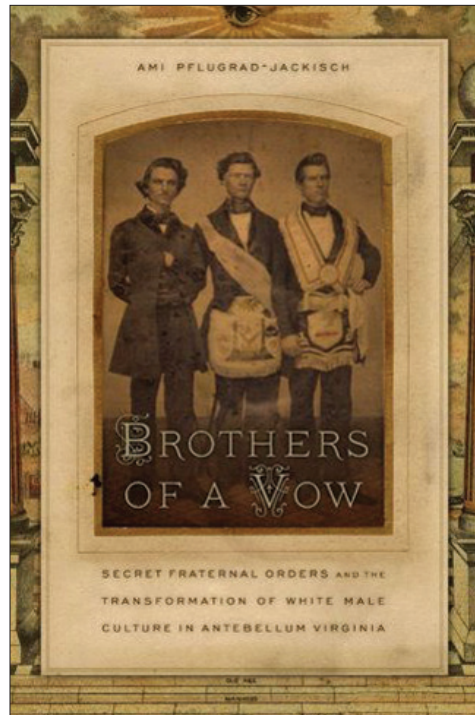
By Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch (University of Georgia Press, 2010)

In a recent interview, Worshipful Mark A. Tabbert, Masonic historian, Blue Friar, and Director of Collections at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, acknowledged the recent emergence of quite a number of books and articles by non-Masonic scholars about Freemasonry. Brother Tabbert attributed this boom to “historians running out of things to write about.” This development has been very good for the Craft.

*Brothers of a Vow* is among the best of the lot. Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, an assistant professor of history at the University of Michigan-Flint, describes, explicates, and just plain nails the fraternal experience of white males in Virginia from the time of the Morgan Affair (1826) through the Civil War. She manages to articulate the fraternal experience far more deeply than many of our Brethren can do today.

She writes of a time in Virginia during which there were three state constitutional conventions to deal with the issue of extending the vote to unpropertied white males. This was “a time of tremendous economic, cultural, and political upheaval.” Only white males who owned real property were allowed to vote. The continued denial of the vote to those who owned no property produced the anomaly of unpropertied white males identifying themselves more with chattel and freed slaves than with propertied white males.

Such identification with slaves by white males created a precarious political situation for slave owners. The issue at stake was “whether slaveholders could have confidence in non-elite white men to ‘protect the interests of society.’” Universal white male suffrage was



finally extended by ratification of a new state constitution in 1851 for reasons not entirely altruistic and principled.

Pflugrad-Jackisch attributes the eventual success of extending the franchise to the participation of property-less white men in “secret fraternal orders,” including Freemasonry. By meeting on the level with the slaveholding elite in the privacy of fraternal Lodges, white males without property gained the status of equality and gained the trust of the propertied class.

*Brothers of a Vow* presents a study of three of the most prominent fraternal orders of the day; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of Temperance, and the Freemasons. Each is examined in depth to reveal its principles, beliefs, goals, and purposes. Here follows a small example of the author’s insight into Freemasonry:

“The waves of party and sectarian strife may beat high and angrily with-

out; but when they reach the door of the Mason’s fraternal retreat they have reached a bound they cannot pass.” Within the “calm seclusion” of the Lodge room, away from the world of aggressive and competitive party politics, men had the opportunity to cultivate meaningful male friendships. These friendships, which extended across class and party divisions, in turn, fostered a concern for their fellow man outside the Lodge, unity among ... men, and, ultimately, manly patriotism.

Such lessons apply with equal force today. Much can be learned from this keen insight from an academic who is neither a member of the Craft nor eligible to become one. Thus we Freemasons gain further opportunities to view ourselves as others see us in a detached and disciplined but ultimately very complimentary way.

This gem of a book makes one hope that Freemasonry will continue to be mined by academic historians. It also offers hope that the subject will provide research areas long into the future.

Accordingly, Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch can be forgiven her repeated description of the Craft as a “secret fraternal order.” She includes the usual charts and graphs of growth and decline in membership. She also credits the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Bro Tabbert’s *American Freemasons* as sources of her research. ✦

*Review by Rt. Wor. William A. Parks, Jr.*



# Masonic Brethren Assist the Public

At the direction of the Sheriff of Hanover County, Right Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, his staff has created a Motorist Assistance Program manned by trained volunteers. Two of our Brethren are proud to be a part of this service program, Most Worshipful Frederick G. Martin, III (2003) (left) and Brother James M. Boles (right), Junior Deacon of Northside Lodge No. 292. The Motorist Assistance vehicles are now in service each weekend from 6 AM – 8 PM, focusing on the four main State highways in the County. All Motorist Assistance volunteers are graduates of the Sheriff's Citizens' Police Academy. They have received specialized training in traffic direction and control procedures, basic first aid, with CPR training, radio procedures, as well as, provide basic automotive assistance, such as changing a flat tire or jumping a battery.



When you travel through Hanover County watch for them, as they are easily recognized in the white Ford Explorers with flashing yellow lights on top and dressed in their uniform of yellow shirts with reflective bars, khaki slacks, and yellow baseball caps. Remember these Brethren and other citizens who have volunteered to serve because others have served them. ♣

# Grand Master's DeMolay Class



On June 5, 2010, the Virginia DeMolay held their annual Grand Master's Class in the Luray Caverns in Luray, VA. This class had six new members join DeMolay. Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master, is in the back row (left of center), Right Worshipful Donald Moyer, Associate Grand Marshal, is on the far right, PJ Shuey, the new State Master Councilor, and Nick Cook, the recent State Master Councilor are next to Brother Moyer. ♣

# Masonic District 39's Bring-A-Friend Event

By Rt. Wor. James E. Litten

Freemasonry teaches us many principles by which we should strive to conduct our lives. It also admonishes us with regards to our behavior. I think the admonishment that tells us about the "noble contention" as to "who can best work and best agree" was typified on July 13, 2010, when the Worshipful Masters and District Team for Masonic District 39 came together to host a District wide Bring-A-Friend Event.

The host Lodge for the event was Piedmont Lodge No. 152 (Martinsville). Thanks to the Brethren and ladies of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 (Stuart), the attendees were treated to an excellent cook-out style dinner prior to the evening program. There were 80 present and a check of the sign-up list after the meeting revealed that 19 of them were non-Masons who had come out to learn about Freemasonry.

After enjoying an excellent meal, the group adjourned to the Lodge Room where they were welcomed by our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful E. Ray Anderson, Jr., who after a short introduction of the Brethren in attendance and their guests, presented the main speaker, Right Worshipful William E. Hershey, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership.

To have held this event and have as many as 80 folks show up for a cook-out and program on a weekday night was very exciting. To find out that 19 of those men who showed up were non-Masons interested in learning more about Freemasonry is fantastic. The Worshipful Masters and District Team are now busily engaged in an effort to follow-up with those non-Masons who took time to attend the event, to answer any questions they might have about Freemasonry or the Lodges in Masonic District 39. It was truly gratifying to see an idea go from, "Why don't we try?" to "Yes, we really did try and succeeded!" There truly is no limit to what can be done when Masons come together and find ways that they can best work and best agree. ♣

# 2010 Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia Scholarship Winners



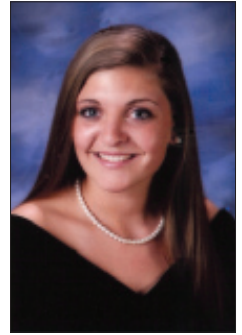
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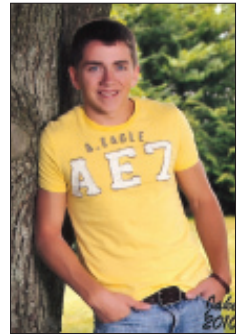
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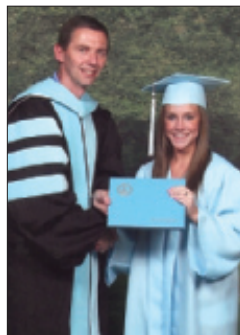
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# Mentoring

By Rt. Wor. Roger W. Peak

**M**entoring is a skill each of us should be doing to assist other Brethren. Let's consider how mentors guide and assist others over time as we explore how I am being helped in this fictitious example that each of us ought to use.

A few days after I received a letter explaining that I had been elected to receive the degrees in Freemasonry, I received a telephone call from a Brother explaining that he would like to visit me at my home, meet my wife, and share some information. At the meeting, he told me that both of my recommenders and he would be my mentors and would provide guidance and assistance when requested. He also gave me a copy of the booklet, *Taking the First Step*, encouraged me to read it, reminded me of the date and time of my initiation, and offered to take me to the Lodge that evening.

Following initiation, I met with my mentors several times as they provided valuable insights on the meaning and significance of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the information in the booklet, *The Degree of Entered Apprentice*. A similar procedure was followed for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees. The interaction made it much easier for me to understand the symbolism and historical background of the degrees. During this time, my mentors made it clear that mentoring only included topics that relate to Masonic education.

As a Master Mason, I enjoyed sitting on the sidelines. My mentors provided guidance on the meetings, explaining why certain things are done. After a few months, they asked me if I would like to be part of a committee. They talked to the Worshipful Master who agreed I had skills that would benefit a particular committee and the Lodge. At the next stated communication, the Master announced my appointment to the committee.

After a couple of years providing service to the Lodge on the committee, it was time to consider becoming a Lodge officer. My mentors suggested that I talk to the Senior Warden to express my willingness to "get in line." The

Senior Warden explained that he would like to appoint me as Junior Steward during the next year, and I agreed. He also said that he would be my mentor during the year.

During the next two years, I received many compliments about the duties I performed as Junior and Senior Steward. Several Brethren encouraged me to discuss my willingness to serve as Junior Deacon with the Senior Warden. This was done, I was elected Junior Deacon, and the new Worshipful Master was my newest mentor.

As I was re-elected to progressively senior positions, I began planning for the year when I would serve the members as their Worshipful Master. During this time, I sought the advice of two Past Masters whose views I respected, and they were my next mentors. Also, during this period one of my recommenders passed to the Celestial Lodge. So, even though the Brethren from whom I was seeking advice and counsel was increasing, I now lost a Brother who had been providing valuable advice and counsel.

During this time, mentors reminded me that mentoring only includes topics that relate to Masonic education, such as taking a Brother to visit widows and inactive members, sitting with a Brother during meetings, and discussing procedures for official visits. They also noted mentoring does not include the catechism or floor work, which are the responsibility of the Grand Lecturer, District Instructor of Work, and Lodge Instructor of Work.

As Senior Warden, I sought the advice of the current District Deputy Grand Master and a Past District Deputy Grand Master whom I respected. In addition, I also discussed Lodge programs, activities, and plans with two other Senior Wardens. I continued to seek the counsel of these and other Brethren as Worshipful Master. Much advice was passed through face-to-face contact, but other suggestions and advice was received by e-mail.

As Past Master, I continued to stay active in Lodge activities, and continued to support

the District Masters and Wardens association. After a few years, I decided to talk to Brethren in the district whom I respect about District Deputy Grand Master. They said they would be pleased to recommend Lodge concurrence, when my Lodge makes the recommendation. To help prepare, I continued to seek advice and counsel from the Brethren whom I respect. After the recommendation was made and the Deputy Grand Master indicated his intention to appoint me as his District Deputy Grand Master for the district, I met with the current District Deputy Grand Master.

As District Deputy Grand Master, I continued to receive advice and counsel. In addition, new mentors included the Grand Master and the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master.

Several years after serving as District Deputy Grand Master, I reflected on all the individuals whom I consulted and sought advice and counsel over the previous many years. Some Brethren shared information regularly, others less frequently. But, everyone was responsible for helping me to further my Masonic career. I also noted that most of the time I received guidance from a more senior or experienced Brother, but sometimes I provided assistance to more junior Brethren, and at other times I shared experiences and discussions with my peers, such as other Masters. I also felt that the assistance I received early in my Masonic career helped me to feel as though I was a part of the organization.

To assist Brethren in how to mentor, a Mentoring Leadership Correspondence Course is under development. It will include lessons on the overview of mentoring, skills, and tools and resources. In the meantime, share your Masonic knowledge and expertise freely with your subordinates, peers, and superiors.

Who are your Mentors?

Whom are you mentoring? ✦



# A Night To Remember

By Wor. Gerald L. Frey

Just when you think you have seen it all, you find out you have not. Once again a remarkable event in Virginia Masonry occurred and it was worth seeing. Indeed an event not equaled in some time our Commonwealth, a true coming together for Masonry in a remarkable fashion.

Next time you hear a Brother say, “What can a Lodge do to make an impact?”, think of Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Norview Lodge No. 113, and the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team.

Next time you hear a Brother say, “no one will come” think about the 450-plus Master Masons who attended the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team’s conferring of the Master Mason’s Degree. They came from all over Virginia, the Carolinas, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and yes, even from Oklahoma.

There are more than a few ways to skin the cat when it comes to raising money, exciting Masons about Masonry, and creating something that has never been done in Virginia.

**Starting Point:** It began with an off-handed comment about some of the unusual things in Masonry. A Brother related a story he had heard about the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. Simple, right?

Worshipful Samuel “Sam” G. Welty, then the Lodge’s Senior Warden, asked “How can I see this Degree Team confer a Degree?” As it turned out the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team had not conferred the degree in Virginia in its 50-year history. Sam asked the next question, “I wonder if they would come to Norfolk to confer a degree?”

**Behind the Scenes:** After a few phone calls were made, a preliminary plan was put into effect. Ocean View Lodge contacted Norview Lodge to inquire if they would like to partner with them to spread the work out and benefit both Lodges. What happened next was months of calls, e-mails, and correspondence. A great deal of this was managed by Right Worshipful Edward R. Gearheart, Ocean View’s Treasurer and Masonic District 35-B’s DDGM,



and Right Worshipful Carlton L. ‘Pete’ Gill, Jr., Ocean View’s Secretary, working out the all of the Masonic paperwork to make the event “legal”. Without getting too complicated, the Grand Lodges of Virginia and Oklahoma supplied all of the necessary (translate a whole bunch) of dispensations for joint communications between different Grand Jurisdictions, independent Lodges, ritual, etc.

Transportation, accommodations, food, scheduling, set-up, kitchen preparation, audi-

torium, and much more were coordinated, settled on, and then redone when unexpected developments repeatedly cropped up. Through the whole enterprise, focus was maintained in spite of the distractions. One set back was the announcement by the food committee that they would not be able to prepare and serve the meal for the event. This was less than two weeks before the event itself. Remembering the duties, a new committee was formed from four Lodges to get things back on track. It should be noted that cooperation of the Norfolk Masonic Temple or Granby Street Temple was noteworthy in providing access, bending rules to accommodate preparation-storage-facilities, and much more. Norfolk Lodge No. 1 loaned the chairs for the Scottish Rite Auditorium “Lodge room.” Time and again, the Lodges in the Temple worked to solve “show stoppers”. When asked to comment, their reply was equally noteworthy in its humbleness, “it is what we do.”

**Showtime:** July 9, 2010 saw the opening of the Temple’s doors for the Degree at about 4:30 PM and members quickly began filling the fellowship hall, for the blessing of an all-you-can-eat hot meal served at 5:30 PM.

Last minute preparations and adjustments continued up to 7:00 PM, when the officers of Ocean View Lodge No. 335 processed onto the Scottish Rite Auditorium’s floor and took up their stations. The Junior Deacon directed all present to take their seats and the 450-plus Master Masons quieted quickly. In a well-choreographed set of movements, the Senior Deacon and the Junior Warden illuminated the Oklahoma altar with candles, with its Indian altar cloth on. It has often been said that the Deacons set the tone of a Lodge meeting, on this occasion they set a solemn tone heard by everyone present.

Worshipful Welty opened the Lodge, foregoing formal introductions, followed by Right Worshipful Gill, Secretary of Ocean View, announcing the dispensations necessary for the event. The standard business meeting was much abbreviated to accommodate the anticipated length of the evening, which at the end of the ceremony was most appreciated.



## A Night To Remember (continued)



Having opened the Lodge, Worshipful Welty ordered Ocean View's officers to turn the floor over to the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team to confer the sublime degree of Master Mason.

**Firsts:** It was a night of many firsts. Certainly having the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team confer a degree in Virginia was a first, but not just for those Virginia Masons. The Oklahoma Degree team travels the world and has done so since 1949, yet in all of the time they have never conferred more than one degree at an event. A double-header was something new for them. To their credit, they stepped out of their comfort zone and tradition and worked through it with grace and dignity exemplifying the Craft at its best.

**OMIDT:** Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team consists of thirteen Past Masters and other members who are currently in line in their Symbolic Lodges. One of the largest audiences for the degrees they have done was 4,500 Brethren in Delaware, but there are times when the Degree Team outnumbered the sideliners in the Lodge. Regardless of the size of the audience, they still put on the same degree.

The Team is made up from several Lodges. All the Brethren live in the State of Oklahoma and travel two and occasionally three weekends a month. The Native American Nations represented on the team are Apache, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Keetoowah, Oneida, Ottawa, Quapaw, Welsh, and Shawnee.

In Masonry, we use prayers to begin all

great and important undertakings. One of the most heartfelt occurrences of the evening was when the Degree Team sang Indian prayers. They were not sung by an individual, but by the Team and with the Granby Street Temple's auditorium's acoustics, we heard them as clear as a bell. It was very solemn and you could have heard a pin hit the floor while they were being sung.

While their obligations were very similar to Virginia ritual, they were delivered with a remarkable passion and impact, delivered from the heart – full and strong. Each of the Team was in a different type of attire which represented tribal elements. As they moved during the degree, various symbols and orna-

ments of their clothing became noticeable, subtly displayed points of pride and honor, including a U.S. Marine apron.

As the first candidate, Brother Jesse Combs, approached the East, the Worshipful Master gave an off-the-cuff remark concerning his hair style (a Mohawk), 'Over 400 white boys in here and you bring me a Mohawk?' It brought 450 Masons to laughter in an instant. It also set the tone for the rest of the night.

Even though degree work can be long, it was, at least for this night, as enjoyable for the sideliners as it was mystical for the candidates. An Oklahoma lady makes the aprons from for the candidates from scratch and each Master Mason raised by the Degree Team gets one. The two Brethren raised this night received aprons 977 and 978!

As a further honor, feathers blessed with Native American spiritual powers were presented to the two Worshipful Masters and Right Worshipful Gearhart, Masonic District 35-A District Deputy Grand Master. A specially handcrafted gavel with Indian beads on it was presented to Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master, from the Degree Team by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma's Senior Grand Warden.

It was indeed a Masonic night to remember. ✨



Worshipful Welty with his spiritual gift from the Degree Team.



# McAlister Lodge No.185 Celebrates 150th Anniversary

McAlister Lodge No. 185 (Suffolk) celebrated its 150th Anniversary on December 4, 2009. Right Worshipful David Kent Daughtrey, Master of McAlister Lodge opened the celebration with a welcome to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., and introduced the other guests in attendance, after a superb dinner prepared by Brothers Kenny Askew and Hunter March.

A brief history was presented by Right Worshipful Donald Rae Roberts. In his speech, he noted:

In the days long before good roads, automobiles, electric lights, telephones, modern living conditions, photography and moving pictures; when there were no means of travel other than by horse, there was a man in this section of the Commonwealth, who lived in Suffolk, and who was a very active Mason.

Worshipful Andrew McAlister was man of sterling qualities, who kept fighting and working at his tasks until they were completed. He was not just a man who might have a dream of something today and let it vanish tomorrow. Whatever he started, he always saw it through. He was always ready to serve in any capacity and render any assistance for the welfare of mankind.

He saw the need of a place where Masons could meet and hold Lodge without having to travel for two or three hours. Thus, he originated the thought of getting a Charter for a Lodge located at Cypress Chapel. After getting a sufficient number to join in his efforts, a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on December 14, 1859, for a Lodge to be held at Cypress Chapel known as McAlister Lodge No. 185, in honor of Andrew McAlister. Brother McAlister not only sponsored and assisted in establishing this Lodge, but he was also instrumental in obtaining the charter of Chuckatuck Lodge No. 77 in 1850 and Harmony Lodge No. 149 in 1856. He was a Past Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 30, having served in 1837 and 1838.

To say that Brother McAlister was an ardent Mason, would be putting it mildly, as the records of the Grand Lodge show his name connected with nearly all the Lodges in what is now Masonic District 33. There are many notations in the minutes of this Lodge and Suffolk Lodge No. 30. On March 29, 1872, Brother McAlister was laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, with Masonic rites. Thus closed the career of one whose qualities we should strive to emulate, and whose memory we should cherish.

At a communication of this Lodge held on December 7, 1859, a committee, composed of



Brothers E. D. Riddick, W.B. Smith and Worshipful Richard E. Parker, was appointed to prepare suitable bylaws for this Lodge. The first Master Mason raised in this Lodge was Brother James Voight. The Worshipful Master, Brother Andrew McAlister was made an honorary member on Friday, February 3, 1860.

On December 6, 1861, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment and remained at ease due to the Civil War until October 8, 1864, when it again resumed labor. The Lodge met in the Temperance Hall at Cypress Chapel, Nansemond County, Virginia, until a called meeting on August 18, 1885. The purpose of this meeting was to consider a move to Whaleyville. The members present voted unanimously for such a move and the last meeting held at Cypress Chapel was on January 1, 1886. The last Master Mason raised in that facility was Brother Samson Rea.

The first meeting was held in the new Temple at Whaleyville on February 6, 1886. The Lodge purchased a half-acre plot of land on which to build a temple for \$12.50. The first Master Mason raised in this Lodge was Brother Lloyd Savage. Somerton Lodge No. 99 disbanded and joined with this Lodge in 1899. The Lodge met in this temple until a stated communication on June 1, 1948. A building committee was again appointed to investigate the enlargement of the present building or the feasibility of the construction of a new building. The committee reported on July 6, 1948, that a new building was desirous, and Brother H. L. Warren had made a verbal commitment to donate a building site. The last meeting in the old temple was on July 5, 1949, and the last Master Mason raised there was Brother James C. Knight, Jr.

The first stated communication in the new temple at Whaleyville was held on August 2, 1949. Most

Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, dedicated a new Bible and made appropriate remarks. He presented the Lodge with a set of three matched gavels, properly engraved, as a gift from him. The first Master Mason to be raised in the new temple was Brother William Walter Simons on November 16, 1949, by a degree team from Washington Lafayette Lodge No 176.

Right Worshipful E. J. Norfleet served this Lodge as Worshipful Master for ten years; as secretary from December 12, 1844 until his death on June 8, 1955; and served as District Deputy Grand Master three times.

Into the hands of those yet to come we entrust the government of this Lodge and hope that the memory of those who have gone before will be cherished and that this Lodge will strive to serve mankind in the future as it has in the past.

The program was followed by round of applause. Most Worshipful Brother Rorer then presented Right Worshipful Brother Daughtrey with a plaque to celebrate this date in history followed by his remarks. The Grand Master noted he was "Truly honored to be present this evening, in the heart of Virginia's famous peanut country; to celebrate such a truly historic and memorable occasion in the life of this venerable Lodge. On this evening we observe the 150th Anniversary of McAlister Lodge No. 185. It has been stated McAlister Lodge could have gone dark any number of times over the past six to eight decades, but it didn't...it didn't, because you refused to let the lamp of Freemasonry in Nansemond County and in Suffolk die...you would not let our Masonic light be extinguished! For that, alone, I say, "bravo" to all of you, good work, and congratulations!"





# Commercial Providence: The Secret Destiny of the American Empire

By Dr. Patrick Mendis

(University Press of America, a member of the Rowman & Littlefield, 2010)

Reviewed by Wor. Neil Marple, PhD

Master of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No.1949

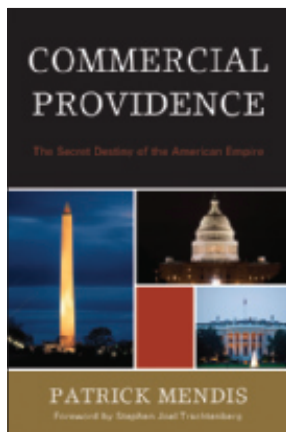
Patrick Mendis has done it again! Expanding upon the themes introduced in his widely popular *Trade for Peace*, Dr. Mendis in his highly acclaimed new book takes the reader on a new and most interesting journey traveling along some of the paths trod by Dan Brown in his latest fictional blockbuster, *The Lost Symbol*. Building upon facts that he has recently discovered, Dr. Mendis tells the story of the Masonic architecture of our nation's capital, its secrets, and symbols. The book also helps us better understand America's role in the world and how Masonry serves as a common bond promoting peace and understanding among different national, ethnic, and religious groups. President emeritus of the George Washington University, Professor Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, 33° and GC, writes in the foreword:

Unlike Dan Brown in *The Lost Symbol*, Patrick Mendis has a serious scholarly purpose...as seen through the eyes of the Founding Fathers and the Masonic Architect of the Universe.

Author Patrick Mendis, 32° and Knight Templar, conveys his general theme through our original national motto, *E Pluribus Unum*, "out of many, one." With extensive research on founding documents and lesser-known historical facts, Brother Mendis puts forward a convincing theory that commerce, not religion, is the primary integrator of the Union. In his evidence-based "Theory of Commercial Providence," he describes the concept through the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause and the secret architecture of the nation's capital. The latter is most intriguing and compelling.

By drawing literature from esoteric Freemasonry and ancient civilizations, Brother Mendis argues that the original architects of the nation's capital, including Brother George Washington, were purpose-driven. The triangulated landmarks, the White House, the Capitol, and the Washington Monument are decisively connected to the stars Arcturus, Leo, and Spica around the Virgo constellation in the Washington, D.C. sky above (see the figure). In ancient astrology, as Brother Benjamin Franklin employed in his *Poor Richard's Almanac*, Virgo is ruled by Mercury, the Roman god of commerce. With this knowledge, the founding architects discreetly but firmly located America's "Special Providence" within the powerful notion of commerce. The author points out that Benjamin Banneker, the African-American astronomer and mathematician, appointed by Brother Washington, observed and reported the planetary movements as he was stationed at Jones Point, the southern tip of the capital's 10-mile square, near Alexandria, Virginia.

The celestial-terrestrial connection is figuratively mirrored in the reflective pools on the east sides of the



Capitol and the Washington Monument. In Hermetic traditions, the concept of "As Above, So Below" is employed to tie symbolically the providential power on human affairs. Our Founding Fathers maintained the conviction that the new nation is a providential act and must be communicated subtly. Thus, Brother Mendis reveals that America's "Special Providence" is related to commerce, which binds diverse people and 13 colonies together and acts as a conduit for America to realize its global destiny.

The book also presents a critical evaluation of, and the reasoning behind, the change of *E Pluribus Unum* to "In God, We Trust" as our national slogan (the change was made official by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1954). The author argues that the wall of separation between church and state is vitally important for our freedom. He alerts the danger to our democracy that emanates from religious fundamentalism—giving attacks on Freemasonry, as examples—here at home and abroad. Endorsing the book, Rear Admiral William Sizemore (Ret., US Navy), 33° and GC, writes:

Like Alexis de Tocqueville, Mendis perceptively observes our cherished democratic ideals and dynamics of freedom, and judiciously integrates the original documents and Freemasonry rarely mentioned in history textbooks...This is an optimistic book about America's destiny [in the world] and a needed antidote to the current pessimism and historical conspiracy we often read in the media.

Most certainly, the book dispels many myths about Freemasonry and provides direct answers to all conspiracies. Brother Sizemore, the Grand Executive Director of the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., concludes that this is a "well-balanced book on America's founding vision and its freedom march" around the world.

The sub-title of the book is a misnomer but purposeful. Even the book speaks of the "secret destiny" of

the American empire, Brother Mendis pointed out that there are no secrets to the American project (he takes us back to Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* and Sir Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis*). His book clearly illustrates ancient symbols and astrological zodiacs in the nation's capital, with no single Christian icon, speak loudly to those who understand the symbolic language.

Brother Mendis, an affiliate professor of public and international affairs at George Mason University, may have presented his book as a theory like Charles Darwin's theory of evolution but his meticulously documented American narrative is excellent, innovative, and forceful. Let me summarize the book from the words of Akram Elias, Past Masonic Grand Master of Washington, D.C.:

Professor Patrick Mendis goes beyond Dan Brown's *Lost Symbol* to disclose the true story of the fictional narrative, and the meaning of symbolism in Freemasonry and the American Experiment. The professor is a mind-reader of the Founding Fathers, a judge of ancient symbols, a lover of his adopted country, and a seer of America's secret destiny. Every visitor to Washington, D.C., must read this book to clearly understand and deeply appreciate the wondrous nature of our freedom and the promise extended by American innovation for the rest of the world to enjoy.

This insightful and entertaining book is a must read for every American, especially Masonic brethren, to appreciate special insight into our national heritage and our noble mission in the world, *E Pluribus Unum*. 🌟

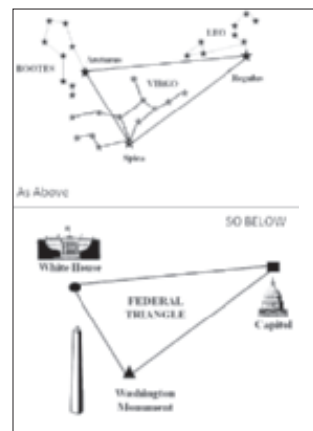


Figure: Celestial and terrestrial triangles connecting the Washington Monument (Spica), the White House (Arcturus), and the Capitol (Regulus) in Washington, D.C. (Courtesy of Rowman & Littlefield, 2010).

# Job's Daughters Message

By Pamela Stephenson, Grand Guardian of Virginia

Greetings to our Masonic Family from Virginia's Job's Daughters. Virginia's Job's Daughters have experienced an exciting summer. In June, each Bethel installed its new officers for the fall term. We were thrilled by all the Masonic help and support afforded the Daughters.

The annual Grand Guardian Council Session was held at Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia from July 8-12, 2010. On Thursday night we held our Formal Opening. We were honored to have Elaine Gray, Supreme Guardian, and Melanie Strachan, Supreme Bethel Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters, from Queensland, Australia in attendance. Some of our other honored guests were Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Most Excellent Charles E. Cave, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia; Bren Brundage, Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Guardian of Virginia, and Worshipful David T. Bland, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star; Honored Lady Audrey Wilson, Grand Associate Matron, Sir Knight, Richard Nochisaki, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Virginia, Order of the Amaranth; Mrs. Linda Jenkins, Supreme Deputy for Virginia, and Miss Michelle Baise, Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Nichols A. Cook, State Master Councilor, and P. J. Shuey, Deputy State Master Councilor, of the Virginia State Association of DeMolay International.

While the adults attended our business meetings, the Daughters participated in

many individual competitions such as arts and crafts, photography, field events, musical performances, singing, and dance, as well as Bethel competitions for sidewalk art, banner, badges, dress-a-like, Jobie Jeopardy, and choir competitions.

The Grand Bethel of Virginia held its meeting on Friday afternoon and installed the new Grand Bethel Officers and Representatives on Friday evening. Michelle McPherson, Past Honored Queen, Bethel 13, Hampton is our new Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

On Saturday night, the new Grand Guardian Council was installed. It was a beautiful evening and a dream come true for me. I was installed as Grand Guardian of Virginia. I am a Majority Member of Bethel 40, Portsmouth, Virginia, and a Past Matron of Fellowship Chapter, No. 140, Portsmouth, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. The Associate Grand Guardian, Grayson L. Koogle, is from Bethel 55, Woodbridge, Virginia. He is also a Past Master of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219.

Grayson and I were afforded the honor of representing Job's Daughters International at the 64th Annual Conclave of the Virginia State Association of DeMolay International on July 31, 2010 held at Radford University. Miss Angela Helms, Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 7, Salem, Virginia, represented Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia and gave a most gracious welcome. Several Daughters from Bethels throughout the state were present. It was a wonderful evening and we congratulate P. J. Shuey on his installation as State Master Councilor. We look forward to seeing him in our travels throughout the state.

August brought the 90th Annual Session of the Supreme Guardian Council of Job's Daughters International in Colorado Springs, Colorado from August 4-7, 2010. There were members present from United States, Canada, Australia and Brazil. While the adults legislated, the Daughters participated in many competitions and other activities. Virginia Daughters took many individual first, second, and third place awards in competitions with Daughters from around the world. Our own Bethel No. 1, Arlington choir placed third in the Choir Competition. The new Miss Job's Daughter International is the first ever from Brazil. Our Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia, Miss K. C. Conrad, was a semi-finalist and we are so very proud of her. Virginia also now has four Supreme Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions.

We look forward to visiting throughout the state. We would like to thank the Master Masons of Virginia for their continuing support of our Daughters by their attendance at Bethel meetings, Grand Visitations, and special events whenever possible. God bless you all, and our beautiful order. ✦



# Rainbow Girls Message

By Michelle Baise  
Grand Worthy Advisor 2010-2011

Hello Masonic Family! I am Michelle Baise, the Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia Rainbow. Rainbow in Virginia has a reason to brag. Virginia Rainbow is number two in membership internationally, with an increase of 21.8% so far this year, and we couldn't be more proud of ourselves. We had a very successful Grand Assembly in June with Chelsea Norman presiding over the state. She did a wonderful job and all the girls had tons of fun. The Rainbow Girls had a spectacular time talking to the many dignitaries that were present and we want to thank all of you so much for attending. With our growing organization comes a growing amount of fun and sisterly love. I know everyone is looking forward to all the fun we will have this year and hope to see many more smiling faces at our Grand Assembly in 2011.

Our charity this year is the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Dialysis Unit. I picked this charity because I have family and friends who have been on dialysis and I believe no child should have to go through it. Although we cannot cure them ourselves, we can at least make them happy during the process. Virginia Rainbow is collecting crayons and coloring books to donate to local children's hospitals and we would greatly appreciate your donations as well.

The Grand Theme is "Stand Out, Be You, Be True!" and our fun motto is, "A person's a person no matter how different." These two sayings could never be stressed enough. I believe one of the hardest tasks for a teenager to do now is to accept themselves and others. It's okay to be different, as long as you're being yourself, and you should accept others who are different. As these two sayings are very important to us, we have another, "Ohana means family and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten." The Masonic Family, is the most important part of this Grand Year

for Rainbow. Rainbow will be striving to re-connect the bond between the other youth organizations: DeMolay and Job's Daughters. This is very important to me and is my main goal for the year, because we are a family and we need to support each other as a family should. As we connect with Job's Daughters and DeMolay, we hope to become even closer to our sponsoring bodies: Masons, Eastern Star, Amaranth, and White Shrine. Our mascots this year are giraffes and zebras, and our symbols are city lights, spotlights, ferris wheels, and wishbones.

This Grand Year, Rainbow has already started traveling and meeting new people. Congratulations to our new Grand Officers, State Rainbow Dad, Worthy Advisors, and their officers, but more importantly congratulations to every new member of this beautiful Order. Let Rainbow have a real place in your heart and I know you will enjoy and grow by its teachings. I had a great time at the Job's Daughters Session, and I know I will have many more great times with Job's Daughters. DeMolay had an amazing Conclave. To Nick Cook, the outgoing State Master Councilor, it's been a good year and I have actually enjoyed all of your speeches, and PJ, Paul Shuey Jr., we're going

to make an awesome team and good luck during your year. Rainbow had our Supreme Assembly in Nebraska the same time as Conclave, so I was unable to attend. As I would love to support DeMolay, I am honored to carry the Virginia state flag at our International Supreme Assembly. Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Nicole McLaughlin, and I just got back from visiting the Pennsylvania Rainbow at their Grand Assembly. The road to our Masonic Family is never far away; and I have and will enjoy all my travels this year.

Our Rainbow Retreat this summer was held in Jamestown on August 14th. The girls who attended had a low ropes course, pool activities, and tons of team building games and fun to help build their teamwork and leadership skills. I can't wait for our next statewide event.

On behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I thank you for your support and invite you to attend our functions. May everyone have safe travels throughout the year and enjoy our Masonic Family. I hope to meet all of you in my travels and I hope everyone has the chance to talk to a Rainbow Girl, as we would love to talk to you. ✨





# Masonic Veterans

May 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010

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 May 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010. 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. Dushan Grkovic Joppa Lodge No. 40  
 Bro. Losen Luther Alexander, Jr. Warwick Lodge No. 336

## SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Stanford Beryl Adler Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Bro. Fred G. Harris Williamsburg Lodge No. 6  
 Bro. James Waller Dennis Richmond Lodge No. 10  
 Bro. Elton Robert Brayford Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Wor. Hardy Amos Nance Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Bro. Russell Franklin Wilson Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Bro. Douglas Moore Detwiler Acacia Lodge No. 16  
 Bro. Charles Edward Webber, Jr. Taylor Lodge No. 23  
 Bro. Hugh Dalton Whitlow Taylor Lodge No. 23  
 Bro. Irvin Francis Kennedy Joppa Lodge No. 40  
 Bro. Leslie Gray Riddell, Jr. Joppa Lodge No. 40  
 Bro. Edwin William Wade Cherrydale Lodge No. 42  
 Bro. Edward C. Meyer Fraternal Lodge No. 53  
 Bro. Marcus Myer Weinstein Fraternal Lodge No. 53  
 Bro. Edward Hilb Hildebrand Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60  
 Bro. Joe Lee Sites Clinton Lodge No. 73  
 Bro. Harry London Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Bro. Everett William Quintrell, Jr. Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Bro. William Henry Rowerdink Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Bro. James Diggs Spivey Naomi Lodge No. 87  
 Bro. James Montgomery Crockett, Jr. Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 RW James Urban Wood Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 Wor. James William Judy, Sr. Spurmont Lodge No. 98  
 Bro. Robert Everett Baxter Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124  
 Bro. Logan Norris Dyke Glen Allen Lodge No. 131  
 Bro. Norman Griffin Lankford Franklin Lodge No. 151  
 Bro. Louis Carter Collier Chesterfield Lodge No. 161  
 Bro. Hubert William Carson Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203  
 Bro. Glen Kelly Aust Pythagoras Lodge No. 239  
 Bro. Warren G. Gibson Great Bridge Lodge No. 257  
 Bro. William Franklin Hunt Great Bridge Lodge No. 257  
 Wor. Clair Roughton Great Bridge Lodge No. 257  
 Bro. Robert Jess Muncy Intermont Lodge No. 269  
 Wor. Buster Oliver Edmonds French Lodge No. 270  
 Wor. Earl Thomas Martin French Lodge No. 270  
 Bro. Horace Eugene Harrington, Sr. Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273  
 Wor. Allen Gordon Bryant Churchland Lodge No. 276  
 Bro. David Adel Ameen Dupont Lodge No. 289  
 Wor. Hunt Patteson Hamilton Monroe Lodge No. 301  
 Wor. Leslie A. Ballard Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Bro. Tandy J. Fleming Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Bro. James Reece Lindsey Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Bro. Glenn Matney Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Bro. David Robert Stanton, Sr. Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Bro. Lue Raymond Haywood, Jr. South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Bro. Donald John Ledin Bloomquist Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Bro. Stanley Lee Calvert Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349  
 Bro. Arthur McClellan Kelly Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

## FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Jack Irwin Cherin Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Bro. Thomas Wayne Woodward Blandford Lodge No. 3  
 Bro. George Wayland Barnette, Jr. Hoge Lodge No. 8  
 Bro. Nick John Andre Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 Bro. Charles William Snyder Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 Wor. Larry A. Thomas York Lodge No. 12  
 Bro. James Montague Michael Staunton Lodge No. 13  
 Bro. Woodrow Wilson Herring, Jr. Acacia Lodge No. 16  
 Bro. Franklin Edward Hall Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18  
 Wor. McClellan Waters Burgess Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19  
 Bro. Lawrence Warner Finisey Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 Bro. William Joseph Hancock Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 Bro. Ben Everett Rogers, Jr. Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 RW Lokie Leo Voight Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 Bro. Ernest Eugene Barnett Taylor Lodge No. 23  
 Wor. Robert Edward Ritchie Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27  
 Bro. Richard Payne Suter Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27  
 Bro. Thomas Henry Pifer Virginia May Lodge No. 38  
 Bro. Jackie Lee Sparrow Joppa Lodge No. 40  
 Bro. Harry Lee Tomlinson Joppa Lodge No. 40  
 Bro. William Miller Spencer Farmville Lodge No. 41  
 Bro. Wilson Diller Powell Cherrydale Lodge No. 42  
 Bro. Chase Morison Adkins, Jr. Tazewell Lodge No. 62  
 Bro. Roy L. Riddle Clintwood Lodge No. 66  
 Bro. Moffett David Sensabaugh, Jr. Mountain City Lodge No. 67  
 Bro. Paul Howard Lilly, Jr. Mackey Lodge No. 69  
 Wor. Marvin Olin Cromer Blackstone Lodge No. 79  
 Wor. William Delbert Banta Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Bro. Raymond French Fritter, Jr. Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Bro. W. D. Edwards, Jr. Urbanna Lodge No. 83  
 Wor. John Matthew Moore Urbanna Lodge No. 83  
 Wor. Harvey Burke Harrell, Sr. Ruth Lodge No. 89  
 Bro. Henry Marvin Crank Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 Bro. Euell Edward Dowdy, Jr. Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 Bro. Paul Loraine Loden Chester Lodge No. 94  
 Bro. Ernest Roger Kennedy Coeburn Lodge No. 97  
 Bro. Everette Donald Neeley McPherson Lodge No. 99  
 Wor. William Thomas Passagaluppi Arlington Lodge No. 102  
 Bro. Jon Brinsfield Hill Heathsville Lodge No. 109  
 Bro. Raymond Richard Brewer Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Bro. Charles Albert Downing Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Wor. Fred Askew Simmons Prince George Lodge No. 115  
 Bro. Earl David Shirer Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124  
 Bro. Francis Madison Graves, Jr. Linn Banks Lodge No. 126  
 Bro. Thomas Granville Powell, Jr. Henrico Union Lodge No. 130  
 RW Ward Easton Myers, Jr. Unity Lodge No. 146  
 Bro. Charles Bruce Brickell Widow's Son Lodge No. 150  
 Wor. Thomas Edward Heavener Hunter's Lodge No. 156  
 Bro. William Crockett Murdock Hunter's Lodge No. 156  
 Bro. William Mack Simcox Shelby Lodge No. 162  
 Bro. Robert Lee Harris Owens Lodge No. 164  
 Bro. Harvey Franklin Chittum, Jr. Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166  
 Bro. Howard Mallison Ange Berkley Lodge No. 167  
 Wor. Raymond Joseph Cobb Purdie Lodge No. 170

Wor. Nelious Wayne Salyer Fidelity Lodge No. 173  
 Bro. Roy Arnold Ashley, Jr. Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Bro. James Sanderlin Forbes Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Bro. Leroy Kenneth Hartung Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Bro. Willard Carr Meiggs, Jr. Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Bro. Warren Edward Kirby Manassah Lodge No. 182  
 Bro. Harry Edward Ford Hill City Lodge No. 183  
 Bro. George A. Davidson Lakeland Lodge No. 190  
 Bro. William Alvin Hudson, Jr. Lakeland Lodge No. 190  
 Bro. Lawrence Craddock Musgrove, Jr. Lakeland Lodge No. 190  
 Bro. Thomas Claiborne Spain Southside Lodge No. 191  
 Wor. Lesley Minor Gibson King Solomon's Lodge No. 194  
 Wor. Clarence Lyster Goodrich Wakefield Lodge No. 198  
 Bro. John Daniel Miller, II Lee Lodge No. 209  
 Wor. Wilbur Franklin Fletcher West Point Lodge No. 238  
 Bro. John Edward Mitchell Bremond Lodge No. 241  
 Bro. Walter Palmer Johnson Bedford Lodge No. 244  
 Bro. Robert Spencer Barnes Clover Hill Lodge No. 253  
 Bro. Earl Hornbarger Shelton Valley Springs Lodge No. 265  
 Bro. Howard D Richard Walker Churchland Lodge No. 276  
 Bro. Elmo Hudson Brooks Northside Lodge No. 292  
 Wor. Welford Cone Hankins Northside Lodge No. 292  
 Wor. Thomas Carlyle Lacy Northside Lodge No. 292  
 Wor. William Stephen Richardson, Jr. Northside Lodge No. 292  
 Bro. Jimmie Keith Crowder South Hill Lodge No. 297  
 Bro. Lewis Wardlaw Parker, Jr. South Hill Lodge No. 297  
 Wor. Roland Baxter Parris, Jr. Monroe Lodge No. 301  
 Bro. James Allen Smith Monroe Lodge No. 301  
 Bro. James Hartley Harris Westhampton Lodge No. 302  
 Bro. James Henry Woodruff, Jr. Westhampton Lodge No. 302  
 Wor. James Earl Gosney Kent Lodge No. 305  
 Bro. Marvin Paul Pastel Army and Navy Lodge No. 306  
 Wor. David Burket, Jr. Dale City Lodge No. 319  
 RW John Douglas Jenkins Dale City Lodge No. 319  
 Wor. Donald George Grabar Reedville Lodge No. 321  
 Bro. Aubrey William Burcham Babcock Lodge No. 322  
 Wor. Richard Eimas Sharon Lodge No. 327  
 Wor. Herbert Wesley Mann Castle Rock Lodge No. 334  
 Bro. Vernon Myers Williams Ocean View Lodge No. 335  
 Bro. Harold Garfield Farrell Warwick Lodge No. 336  
 Wor. Earl Stanley German, Jr. Warwick Lodge No. 336  
 Bro. William David Scarlett Warwick Lodge No. 336  
 Bro. Lewis Clyde Madison, Jr. Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338  
 Bro. Gene Amasa Ansell South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Bro. Richard Dwight Holland, Jr. South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Bro. James Muttu Johnson, Sr. South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Bro. James Edwin Pierce South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Bro. Lincoln Leon Selfe St. Paul Lodge No. 343  
 Bro. Kenneth Prackett Dutton Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345  
 Bro. Hutchie Hudson Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345  
 Bro. Richard Via Dudley Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349  
 Bro. Robert Lee Shelton Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349  
 Bro. Clyde Walton Andrews Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351  
 Bro. Melvin Louis Green, Jr. Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351  
 Bro. John William Cutler Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982

## Brother Marion Fowler Grimes



Earlier this year, Most Worshipful Thomas F. May (1994-1995), Right Worshipful Robert Young, and Right Worshipful Robert G. McBride went to the Mayfair House to present Brother Marion Fowler Grimes with his 70-year Masonic Veteran's plaque. Right Worshipful Young remembered Brother Grimes as they served in the Portsmouth Fire Department together. Brother Grimes was a Battalion Chief when Brother Young was a fireman. The residents were very excited for Brother Grimes on this special occasion.

## Brother Herbert Myron Kauffman



Brother Herbert Myron Kauffman (center) of Westhampton Lodge No. 302 (Richmond) received his 70-year Masonic Veteran's plaque from the Junior Warden, Brother Robert E. Jones, III (left) and the Senior Warden, Brother Robert M. Hicks (right) on June 12, 2010. The presentation took place at "Outlook Pointe at Chesterfield" Retirement Community in Richmond. Worshipful Brother Kauffman is a retired Minister and will celebrate his 100th birthday on October 10, 2010.

Participating in the ceremony was Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary (not pictured).

## Tazewell Lodge No. 62

On June 4, 2010, Luke Allison was the first Tazewell High School student to be awarded a \$500 scholarship on behalf of Tazewell Lodge No. 62 (Tazewell) and the Clinch Valley Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar. Luke was among the top 5% of his graduating class and participated in the Tazewell High School wrestling program, which practices in the newly-renovated basement of Tazewell Lodge No. 62. Prior to graduation, Brother Allison petitioned Tazewell Lodge for membership and was initiated into Freemasonry on July 1, 2010. Luke is the son of Brother Mark Allison and Karen Allison of Thompson Valley, VA. Brother / Sir Knight Chris White made the presentation on behalf of Tazewell Lodge No. 62 and the Clinch Valley Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar.



## Right Worshipful Chambliss' Tentative Calendar

### NOVEMBER 2010

- 6-7 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
- 11 HOMECOMING, LAKELAND LODGE NO. 190
- 15 PLEASANTS LODGE NO. 63
- 18 ANDREW JACKSON LODGE NO. 120
- 19-20 GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WILLIAMSBURG
- 22 RICHMOND SCOTTISH RITE BODIES, RECEPTION

### DECEMBER 2010

- 6 VINTON LODGE NO. 204
- 8 MAHOVA BOARD MEETING  
RICHMOND COMMANDERY NO. 2
- 10-12 GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- 13 ANDREW JACKSON LODGE NO. 120
- 14 WREATH LAYING, MOUNT VERNON  
MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 140
- 15 WEBBER HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO. 282  
CAVE SPRING LODGE NO. 230
- 16 JAMES EVANS LODGE NO. 72
- 20 CATAWBA LODGE NO. 342
- 21 WILLIAMSON ROAD LODGE NO. 163
- 27 LAKELAND LODGE NO. 190, INSTALLATION

### JANUARY 2011

- 3 PORTSMOUTH SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
- 7 ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
- 8 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 41
- 10 OFFICIAL VISIT, TILED - DISTRICT 3, WASHINGTON  
LODGE NO. 78
- 11 BOONE LODGE NO. 247
- 12 MAHOVA BOARD MEETING  
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION  
MEETING
- 13 MOUNTAIN HOME LODGE NO. 263
- 14 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 26
- 15 KAZIM SHRINE CENTER, ANNUAL MEETING
- 17 OFFICIAL VISIT, TILED - DISTRICT 14-A,  
ST. TAMMANY LODGE NO. 5
- 20 NORFOLK SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
- 21 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 6
- 22 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 8
- 24 OFFICIAL VISIT, TILED - DISTRICT 45, POCAHONTAS  
LODGE NO. 240
- 25 OFFICIAL VISIT, TILED - DISTRICT 15-B,  
THOMAS N. DAVIS LODGE NO. 351
- 26 NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
- 28 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 38
- 29 OFFICIAL VISIT, DINNER - DISTRICT 19



# Bremond Lodge No. 241's "100 Master Mason" Night



On Thursday, June 17, 2010, Bremond Lodge No. 241 (Newport News) hosted a "100 Master Mason Night." The goal behind this event was to welcome 100 Master Masons to the Lodge during a stated communication. Commemorating the event was an Official Visit to the Lodge by Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

The goal of 100 Master Masons was smashed by having a tremendous 146 Master Masons in attendance for the event. Among them were found 14 Worshipful Masters (including one from Pennsylvania), 7 District Deputy Grand Masters, 6 Grand Lodge Officers, and 2 Past Grand Masters. Also in attendance was the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar in Virginia, the Potentate of Khedive Shrine Temple, and a very large contingent from the Widow's Sons Masonic Riders Association. Over 38 Lodges were represented at this special celebration of Brotherhood.

The night began with a pig-picking cook-out in which the Brethren enjoyed pulled pork BBQ, hot dogs, and hamburgers. The weather was excellent, and many Brethren enjoyed their meal outdoors in the picnic-type environment.

We received our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., for his Official

Visit to Bremond Lodge. We greeted all of the Brethren, special guests, and visiting Masonic dignitaries. On behalf of the Brethren, the Grand Master was presented with a golden railroad spike in tribute of his efforts in promoting Brotherly Love among the Craft. This was done in honor of the Lodge's namesake, Col. Louis Bremond, who was the first railroad agent for the C & O Railroad in Newport News.



Worshipful Patrick C. Murphrey presenting present to Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. ✦

# MAHOVA Outings



Bro. Jim Herring, Ersell Brinser, Jane Barnes, and Bro. Ray Martines showing a framed flag.



Bro. Joseph Leggette with a sombrero at the Cinco de Mayo social.



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# The Book of Constitutions

By Mt. Wor. Edmund Cohen (2008)

Our ritual admonishes us to read and study the *Book of Constitutions*, although we rarely do. In fact many Masons have no idea what the *Book of Constitutions* is or why it is important. So let me begin by sharing a couple of facts about it.

First, it was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia over two hundred years ago, in 1791, and can be found at the front of the *Virginia Methodical Digest*, where it occupies some 28 pages, divided into 6 chapters with 27 sections.

Second, the formal name of the *Book of Constitutions* is “*The Constitution of Masonry*” or “*AHIMAN REZON*,” which is explained in Mackey’s *Lexicon of Freemasonry* as follows:

This is the Masonic title for the *Book of Constitutions* and is derived from three Hebrew words ahim, brothers; manah, to prepare; and ratzon, the will of law; and signifies, therefore, literally “the law of prepared brothers.”

It contains the rules and regulations of the Order, an exposition of the duties of officers, the rights of members, detail of ceremonies to be used on various occasions, such as consecrations, installations, funerals, etc.; and, in fine, is a summary of all the fundamental principles of Masonry. To this book, reference is to be made in all cases where the by-laws of the Grand Lodge are silent or not sufficiently explicit.

So you can see, it provides the background and lays the groundwork for much of what now appears in the *Methodical Digest* and explains in large part why we do the things we do, in the way that we do them.

Let’s look at the *Book of Constitutions* more closely. It identifies the Grand Officers: the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, the Grand Deacons, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tiler – to which the *Methodical Digest* adds the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Stewards, and Grand Purveyor. It speaks to the composition of, and voting in, Grand Lodge, although it should be noted that in the *Constitutions*, the Past Grand Officers collectively have one vote, while the *Methodical Digest* now specifies that the Past Grand Masters each have one vote.

It provides that Grand Lodge should meet once a year, in what is called the Grand Annual Communication, and when convened has the right, power, and authority to make local ordinances and new regulations, as well

as to amend old ones, provided always, that the ancient landmarks are carefully preserved. To conduct business at the Grand Annual Communication requires a quorum, which the *Book of Constitutions* defined as consisting of representatives of five regular Lodges; the *Methodical Digest* now requires the presence of representatives from at least 30 subordinate Lodges to constitute a quorum.

The *Book of Constitutions* requires the annual election of Grand Officers and it foreshadows the current District Deputy Grand Master system. It starts by noting that all of the different Lodges should as much as possible, observe the same rules and usages, and to this end it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to appoint some of the Grand Officers, or other skillful Past Grand Officers or Past Masters, to visit all the Lodges to see that the ancient customs and usages are strictly observed. And it further provides that the Brethren so appointed, shall have a dispensation signed by the Grand Master attested by the Grand Secretary, with the Seal of the Grand Lodge, explaining the nature of their business, whose duty then shall be to visit every Lodge of his district at one of their stated meetings—previously notifying the Lodge of the intended time of visiting them.

It speaks to the granting of a dispensation for forming a new Lodge, which continues in force until the next stated Grand Communication, when it rests with the Grand Lodge to decide whether a Charter shall issue.

Moving from Grand Lodge to the Subordinate (Blue) Lodge, the *Book of Constitutions* informs us that except in an emergency, no Brother can be Master of a Lodge until he has first served in the Office of Warden; that none but Master Masons can be Wardens of a Lodge; that the Master of every Lodge shall be chosen by ballot; that each member who is current in his dues has one vote; and that great care should be taken that none be put in nomination as a consequence of favor or affection, birth or fortune, but rather in consideration of real merit and ability to fill his office for the honor and advancement of Masonry. Interestingly, it also provides that no Mason chosen for any office can refuse to serve without incurring the penalties laid down in the chapter of fines, unless he has served in the same office before.

The *Book of Constitutions* also provides a useful discussion as to the role of the Senior

Warden, noting that he succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the chair when the Master is absent. And it further notes that if the Master goes abroad on business, resigns, demits, or is deposed, the Senior Warden fills his place until the next stated time of election.

It goes on to point out that although it was formerly held in such cases that the Master’s authority ought to revert to the last Past Master who is present, yet it is now the settled rule that the authority devolves upon the Senior Warden, and in his absence upon the Junior Warden, even although a former Master be present. But the Wardens will generally waive this privilege in honor of any Past Master who may be present, and will call on him to take the chair, upon the presumption of his experience and skill in conducting the business of the Lodge. Nevertheless, such Past Master still derives his authority under the Senior Warden, and cannot act until he congregates the Lodge.

We sometimes complain about the reading of the minutes, but this goes back to the *Book of Constitutions*, which clearly states that the minutes taken in open Lodge must be duly read, amended, if necessary, and approved before the close of every meeting.

The *Book of Constitutions* also speaks of the Tiler. Like the *Methodical Digest*, it provides that the Tiler shall be a Master Mason of knowledge and experience, who should be paid for his services. But it goes on to explain that a Brother is generally to be preferred for the office of Tiler to whom the fees of the office may be necessary, on account of his particular circumstances.

The *Book of Constitutions* contains interesting historical tidbits. Just one example – it explains that the Masons of old times never gave any man the title of Master Mason, until he had first passed the chair.

There is, of course, much more to be discovered in the *Book of Constitutions* dealing with Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodge, as well as an explanation as to how it came to be written during the reign of Athelstane in the year 926. But, from a historical, philosophical, and moral perspective, perhaps the most interesting part of the *Book of Constitutions* is its explication of the great principles of our Fraternity as well as the sections which deal with the conduct of individual Masons, both in and outside the Lodge.

(Editor’s note: This is the end of Part I. Part II will be in the next issue.) ✨

# Masonic Family Day

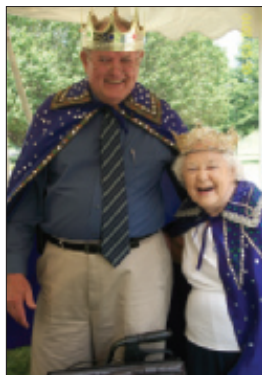
By Mt. Wor. James D. Cole  
(2001), CEO

A family reunion is always memorable. On Saturday, October 9, 2010, the entire FAMILY of FREEMASONRY in Virginia will have a wonderful celebration. The celebration is free to all Masons, families, and friends and is hosted by the Masonic Home of Virginia. Masonic Family Day is a celebration of the entire family of Freemasonry.

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

We hope that all members of the MASONIC FAMILY will join us for this special "family reunion," for the activities outlined below. Events begin at 8:00 AM with free coffee and donuts, conclude in the early afternoon, and include the following:

- Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum open to the public
  - Youth Activities - FREE, open to all youth
  - Lunch – FREE barbeque, cooked by Brethren of Amelia Lodge No. 101
  - Home Gift Shop items will be available at a tent
  - Musical Performances
  - Open House Tours available (Village & Adult Home) -- open to all
- Please join us! ✦



Last year's King and Queen, Bro. Gordon Paschall and Edna Alvis, hope you will attend and enjoy a great day of fellowship.

# Creating a Legacy of Care

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

All of us spend many years of our time on Earth working to create a better life for ourselves and our families. We work in fields, factories, stores, offices, or perhaps in our homes. But, in each case, most of us "break a sweat" in some manner for those we care about.

Yet, ironically, a large percentage of us forget to leave instructions about what to do with what is left at the end of our lives. We work hard during our lives, but by neglecting to write a will, we simply allow the government to decide who gets our possessions upon our death. Drafting a will may seem like a daunting task, but it is well-worth the time and effort. A current will can insure that an individual's family will be provided for after their death. It also allows a distribution of a person's assets according to their wishes, while possibly reducing estate taxes.

If a will is not drafted, the government will determine how assets are distributed and the estate will generally pay much more in estate taxes than might otherwise be due. Why give up control of what you worked for and why give up more money in taxes? Seek professional advice and write a will.

When you write a will, please remember your *Duties* as a Mason to those who live at the Masonic Home. Our Home is a vital, dynamic home environment for over 220 Masons, their wives, and widows. Our residents live in a beautiful, healthy setting, surrounded by friends and cared for by professional staff in a supportive manner. The Home is designed to provide for all levels of resident independence, from cottages in our Masonic Village to higher levels of medical assistance in our Care Center. The home is recognized by the IRS as a public charity, under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts and bequests to the Home are therefore

considered tax deductible for income and estate tax purposes. Donors who include the Home in their will leave a lasting legacy without giving up the current use of their assets.

Anyone may assist the Masonic Home of Virginia in its mission to assist our Brethren, their wives, or widows. Any Mason, relative, or friend can leave a lasting legacy of LOVE. Simply add the Masonic Home to your will. It is easy and simple. The following language may be inserted into your will by your legal advisor.

*I hereby bequeath to the Masonic Home of Virginia, located at 4101 Nine Mile Road in Richmond, Virginia, the sum of (\_\_\_\_ % of my estate) or (\$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars).*

(You should choose either a percent or a fixed dollar amount, but not both)

If the Home is named in a will, we would appreciate being notified of such a kind act so that we may recognize the donor. Please call us to advise us of a bequest, or for questions or assistance, please call 1-800-262-4644, ext. 77223. You worked hard for what you earned. Please consider leaving some of it to care for others. It will establish a *Legacy of Care* that will share your love with others for many years. ✦



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# Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
10/3/1929	Donald Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/3/1938	Luther Zirkle	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
10/3/1919	Gladys Simmons	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91
10/3/1918	Martha Mason	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/4/1915	Laura Singleton	Botetourt Lodge No. 7
10/6/1913	Annie Davis	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
10/8/1926	Ruth Walker	Varina Lodge No. 272
10/10/1914	Helen Wood	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
10/11/1926	Virginia Hobson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
10/14/1923	Lucy Lamp	Winchester-Hiram Lodge No. 21
10/19/1917	Lillian Bolton	Northside Lodge No. 292
10/24/1923	Irma Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
10/26/1919	Ethel Hutcherson	Meridian Lodge No. 284
10/28/1922	Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
10/31/1924	Irma Thornhill	Transportation Lodge No. 337
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
11/3/1920	Mildred Butler	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
11/3/1923	Elise Lacy	South Hill Lodge No. 297
11/4/1922	Catherine Busbee	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/4/1932	Julius Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
11/5/1926	Margaret Jordan	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
11/9/1918	Hope Cluverius	Yorktown Lodge No. 205
11/9/1925	Louise Gooding	Edwards Lodge No. 308
11/9/1927	Betty Lide	Broadwater Lodge No. 71
11/10/1923	Lois Roan	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
11/19/1919	Glenn May	Varina Lodge No. 272
11/23/1920	Martha Sugg	Sandston Lodge No. 216
11/24/1922	Helene Peters	Sandston Lodge No. 216
11/24/1923	Walter McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
12/4/1923	Preston Givens	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
12/5/1938	James Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
12/7/1912	Maude Griffey	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
12/7/1920	Alice Britton	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/7/1925	Joyce Beninghove	Varina Lodge No. 272
12/9/1919	Ruth Scruggs	Clinton Lodge No. 73
12/11/1920	John Hall	Joppa Lodge No. 40
12/14/1914	Annie Clayton	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
12/16/1920	Harry Bluford	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
12/17/1944	Donald Shinn	Varina Lodge No. 272
12/18/1929	Edwin Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
12/18/1931	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/18/1917	Sommerville Wickham	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/28/1923	Earl Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
12/19/1932	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
12/21/1925	Lucille Corcoran	Naomi Lodge No. 87
12/24/1922	Reuben Shrader	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/25/1931	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/25/1925	Maxine Fitch	Manchester Lodge No. 14
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1/1/1917	Eunice Barnes	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
1/1/1932	David Kent	Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88
1/3/1926	Voncile Baughman	Sandston Lodge No. 216
1/4/1929	Carolyn Allen	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91
1/6/1926	Samuel Anaya	Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
1/7/1925	Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/8/1930	Dolores Ridings	Transportation Lodge No. 337
1/8/1923	Frederic Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
1/11/1930	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113
1/13/1909	Clara Tucker	Covington Lodge No. 171
1/13/1929	Thomas Boyce	Bayside Lodge No. 218
1/14/1914	Anne Meyer	Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752
1/16/1914	Elizabeth Wilkinson	Northside Lodge No. 292
1/19/1934	Edgar Harrison	Virginia Lodge No. 177

1/20/1919	Bertie Stubblefield	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
1/21/1922	Boyd Ivester	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/22/1931	James McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
1/25/1932	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26/1920	Woodrow Owen	Anderson Lodge No. 258
1/26/1931	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27/1928	Theodore Koss	Central Lodge No. 300
1/27/1932	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/30/1922	Nathan Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
1/31/1911	Evelyn Meyer	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64

# Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
10/10/1969	William and Rose Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
10/14/1951	Paul and Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No. 89
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
11/4/1950	Edwin and Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
11/8/1941	Stafford and Lillian Bolton	Northside Lodge No. 292
11/18/1956	James and Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
12/3/1970	Jerry and Patricia Clark	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
12/6/1942	Richard and Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/29/1940	Sommerville and Elsie Wickham	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/31/1960	Nathan and Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1/14/1950	Lansing and Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20

# Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
4/18/2010	Eunice Mardigian	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
4/28/2010	Carroll Barton	Arlington Lodge No. 102
5/14/2010	Stanley Milton	Blandford Lodge No. 3
5/24/2010	Harry Lape	Clover Hill Lodge No. 253
6/23/2010	Louise Harrison	Virginia Lodge No. 177
7/2/2010	Dushan Grkovic	Joppa Lodge No. 40
7/2/2010	Velma Talley	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
7/9/2010	Dorothy Roberts	Babcock Lodge No. 322

# New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
4/13/2010	Florence Wager	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
4/19/2010	Donald Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
4/19/2010	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/24/2010	Hugh Kirkland	South Hill Lodge No. 297
6/1/2010	Maxine Fitch	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/7/2010	Eunice Barnes	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
6/21/2010	Jennings Marshall	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/30/2010	Barbara Rice	Richmond Lodge No. 10

# MAHOVA Outings



Residents at a Flying Squirrels baseball game.



Residents at a wine tasting and lunch at Ingleside Plantation and Winery.



Residents Irma Tunstall, Dorothy Fulcher, and Bro. Lansing Fulcher pet a lamb during a field trip.



Group of residents enjoy a trip to the Marine Museum in Quantico, VA.



Joyce Beninghove, Yvonne Olphine, Bro. Sam Cason, and Betsy Payne working on the quilt that was raffled and won by Rt. Wor. Joe Vincent.



Residents Helen Payne, Betty Gillie, and Helen Melton enjoy a meal at the luncheon held annually to honor volunteers.



Prayer for Peace – Memorial Day celebration to remember our veterans.



Residents enjoying ice cream at Carl's Ice Cream in Fredericksburg, VA.



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The Oklahoma Indian Masonic Degree Team with the Grand Lodge Officers and Officers of Norview Lodge No. 113 and Ocean View Lodge No. 335.  
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