

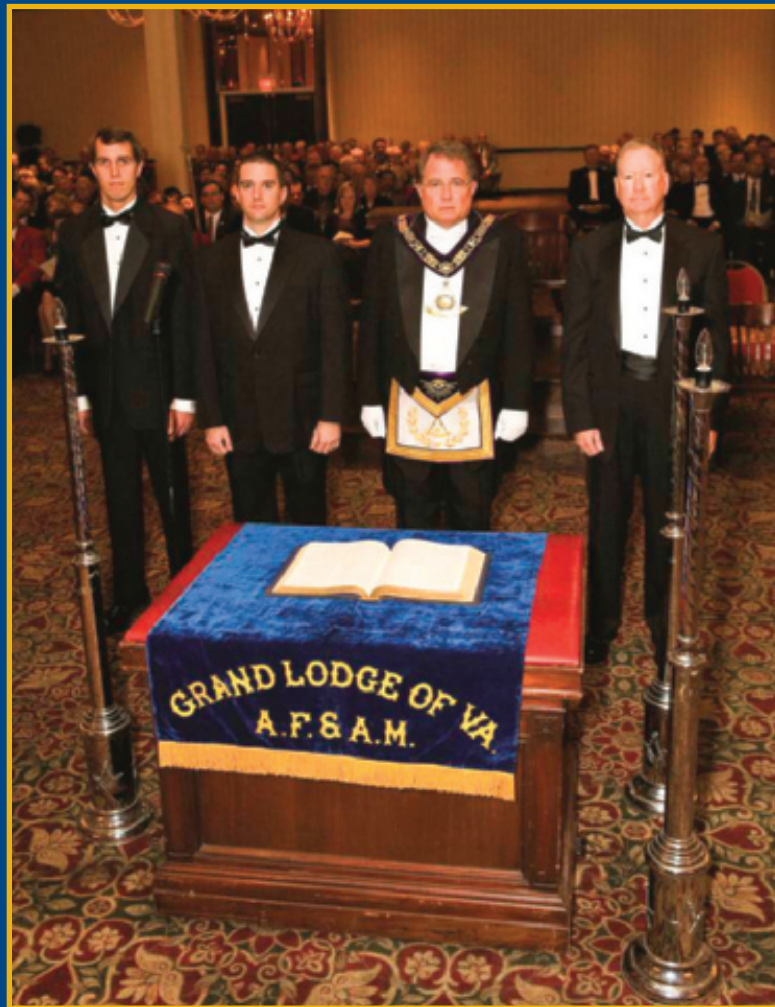
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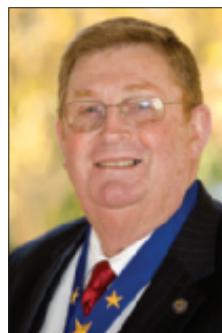
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The mission of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to teach and perpetuate a way of life that promotes the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God and to assist its Lodges to grow and prosper.

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

Grand Master's Message

It's Time to Get Fired UP!

The holidays are over, we have overindulged in delicious banquets, we have made New Year's resolutions (many of which we have already abandoned) and we face the new challenges and opportunities that 2011 will bring. But I wonder, have we become Masonic Couch Potatoes? This phenomenon is not only the result of overeating, but may come from our lack of discipline whereby we fail to prioritize the need to attend Lodge, participate in Masonic related activities, or simply fall to the temptations of apathy.

I have proposed a new program for 2011 called *Get Fired UP!* This is a Lodge improvement program, which causes us to evaluate our Masonic health and improve the Lodge, as well as our individual Masonic growth. Although there is a point system and competitive style to the program, the true purpose is similar to a golf or bowling game, where we are striving to exceed or improve our personal best to date and become enthusiastic enough to make the positive results and changes an ongoing part of our daily life.

First, we should look at our Lodge building. Does it have curb appeal? If someone were to ask a clerk at a local convenience store where the XYZ Masonic Lodge was located, would they be able to tell them? Also, what is the physical condition of the building? Is there a strategic plan in place to make needed repairs or improvements to preserve and prolong the life of the building? Are there monies invested or being set aside to cover the cost of these improvements? Is the building a good neighbor to the community? Is it inviting in order to cause people to want to schedule an event at the property? Some people criticize our Fraternity for owning the property instead of joining with similar organizations or a temple corporation to reduce costs. Our heri-



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tage makes us proud of our buildings, and we should show that pride.

Second, we should look at leadership. Line officers should have meetings to prepare and implement a strategic plan. This plan will allow the goals and plans of the Master to be understood by those who follow and should allow the plans of each successive officer to grow from the original broad foundation to a strong plan, which is achievable and progressive. We should grow our officers in their knowledge and perfection of the ritual; we should become financially sound; we should train and encourage other members to become involved and knowledgeable, so they feel as if they have ownership in the operation of the Lodge and grow in their own leadership skills.

Third, we need to look after our members. One charge to each subordinate Lodge is to make at least one personal contact to each of their members during 2011. This is not a let-

Grand Master's Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 1 Official Visit, Tiled - District 1B, Springfield Lodge No. 217
- 2 Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 219, 50th Anniversary
- 3 Official Visit, Tiled - District 15C, Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 4-6 Kazim Shrine Circus
- 7 Taylor Lodge No. 23
- 8 Roanoke Scottish Rite Bodies
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 10 Official Visit, Tiled - District 40, Hunter's Lodge No. 156
- 11 Danville Scottish Rite Bodies
- 12 Kazim Provost Guard Valentine Dance
- 14 Official Visit, Tiled - District 27, Crewe Lodge No. 123
- 15 Official Visit, Tiled - District 45, Richlands Lodge No. 318
- 16 Dillwyn Lodge No. 315, 100th Anniversary
- 17 Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, Williamsburg
- 18 Official Visit, District 21
- 19-22 Conference of Grand Masters of North America
- 24 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- 25 DLC, Eastern Shore
- 26 DLC, Newport News
- 26 Campbell Lodge No. 316, 100th Anniversary
- 28 Official Visit, Tiled - District 5, Magnetic Lodge No. 184

MARCH

- 1 Official Visit, Tiled - District 36, South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
- 3 Official Visit, Tiled - District 35A, Norfolk Lodge No. 1
- 4 DLC, Keyville
- 5 DLC, Waynesboro
- 5 Kazim Potentate's Ball, Roanoke
- 7 Official Visit, Tiled - District 50, Preston Lodge No. 47
- 8 Official Visit, Tiled - District 25, Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 10 Official Visit, Tiled - District 14B, Transportation Lodge No. 337
- 11 Lynchburg Scottish Rite Bodies
- 12 Official Visit, District 13
- 14 Official Visit, Tiled - District 10, Waddell Lodge No. 228
- 15 Official Visit, Tiled - District 7, Independent Orange Lodge No. 138
- 16 Official Visit, Tiled - District 18, Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50
- 17 Official Visit, District 2
- 18 DLC, Alexandria
- 19 DLC, Richmond
- 19 Acca Potentate's Ball, Richmond
- 21 Official Visit, Tiled - District 15A, Manchester Lodge No. 14
- 22 Official Visit, Tiled - District 4, Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
- 24 Official Visit, District 23
- 26 Scottish Rite Spring Workshop, Richmond
- 26 Official Visit, Districts 42 & 43
- 28 Official Visit, Tiled - District 33, Suffolk Lodge No. 30

Grand Master's Message (continued)

ter or e-mail that does not allow dialogue, but a phone call or other personal contact. This contact is like a well-being check and allows the Lodge to determine the needs, concerns, health, and interests of the member; allows the caller to invite the member to Lodge meetings, events, or activities; and should find out if there are unmet needs with which the Lodge could help the Brother. This same well-being check should be an on-going program for our Lodge Masonic Sweethearts (widows). We should visit other Lodges, both within and outside of the district, to show support to them and to learn from their experiences. We should encourage our members to participate in training; to attend the conferral of degrees, and to grow in fellowship. Wouldn't it be great if members of your Lodge learned one of the lectures, the Masonic Funeral Service, etc. so they could show the community how proud they are to be a Masons?

Fourth, we should focus on community. Freemasonry has several award type programs, which recognize achievements of people within the local community including the Community Builders Award, scholarships, Scouting awards, blood drives, Child ID clinics, and other events sponsored or supported by our

local Masons. We should use these opportunities to invite these recipients into our Lodge buildings or to allow those guests to become better educated about the workings and charity of Freemasonry.

Whenever we have contact with Brethren in Masonry, we should be a mentor to them and encourage them on their accomplishments. The activities and tasks mentioned above should not be one-time events, but should be repeated as often as possible. By visiting other Lodges or other districts, you will be able to hear of their successes, make new friends, and perhaps even learn new ways to inspire others and get them more involved in the working of the Lodge. As we become excited, the spirit should grow like a wildfire, and others may want to get involved and participate in these fun-filled activities. Showing that you are concerned and that you care will certainly help you to Make a Difference Every Day in 2011. 🍀

Sincerely and fraternally,



Grand Master



“Make A Difference Every Day”

Grand Master's Calendar (continued)

APRIL

- 1 DLC, Big Stone Gap
- 2 DLC, Ft. Chiswell
- 2 DLC, Roanoke
- 4 Official Visit, Tiled - District 42, Mt. Airy Lodge No. 226
- 5 Official Visit, Tiled - District 29, Edwards Lodge No. 308
- 7 Official Visit, Tiled - District 28, Chase City Lodge No. 119
- 8 Official Visit, District 3
- 9 Kena Potentate's Ball, Fairfax
- 11 Official Visit, Tiled - District 46, Abingdon Lodge No. 48
- 12 Ian M. Shipley Memorial Golf Tournament, Newport News
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee Meeting
- 14 Official Visit, District 40
- 15 Official Visit, District 45
- 16 Official Visit, District 20
- 17-18 Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- 19 Official Visit, Tiled - District 22, Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
- 21 Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22
- 22 Official Visit, Districts 36 & 56
- 23 Official Visit, District 14B
- 25 Official Visit, Tiled - District 39, Isaacs Lodge No. 29
- 26 Official Visit, Tiled - District 19, Augusta Lodge No. 111
- 27-29 Grand Lodge of South Carolina
- 29 James Monroe Wreath Laying, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond
- 30 James Monroe Birthplace, Colonial Beach

MAY

- 2 Official Visit, Tiled - District 2, Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
- 3 Official Visit, Tiled - District 12, Temperanceville Lodge No. 121
- 6 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 9 Melrose Lodge No. 139
- 10 Official Visit, Tiled - District 1A, Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349
- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Official Visit, Tiled - District 6, Eureka No 195
- 12 Sharon Lodge No. 327
- 13 Official Visit, Districts 7 & 10
- 14 Official Visit, District 4
- 16 Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Hampton
- 19 Official Visit, District 16
- 20 Official Visit, District 28
- 21 Official Visit, Districts 15A, 15B, & 15C
- 24 Official Visit, Tiled - District 16, Midlothian Lodge No. 211
- 26 Official Visit, District 50
- 27 Official Visit, District 48
- 28 Official Visit, Districts 44 & 46

JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR.

Grand Master

John Mason Chambliss, Jr. was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina on October 6, 1950. He graduated from Central of Lunenburg in Victoria, Virginia and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from National College of Business and Technology in Roanoke, Virginia. He began his career with the County of Roanoke in 1973 as Assistant Finance Officer. He served other management roles including Director of Finance, Assistant County Administrator, and served as the Interim County Administrator from July 2008 through March 2009. He retired in July 2009 with over 38 years of public service.

In his community, Brother Chambliss has served as President and Captain of the Cave Spring Volunteer Fire Department; Vice-Chairman of the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority; Past Chair and member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Commission; and Past Director of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce.

Brother Chambliss was raised as a Master Mason in Lakeland Lodge No. 190 on May 2, 1977 and served as Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1990. He also holds membership in Cave Spring Lodge No. 230 and Peyton Randolph



Lodge of Research No. 1774. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 22 in 1992 and as Grand Purveyor in 1993. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance in 1992 and served as its Chair from 1998 – 2006. He served on the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia 2004 – 2006. He was elected Grand Senior Deacon in 2006 and serves as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Minas

Gerais, Brazil near Virginia.

Most Worshipful Brother Chambliss is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1993 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1999. He is Past High Priest of Murray Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; Past Commander and Drill Team member of Bayard Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar; Knight York Cross of Honor; Past Governor of Wilderness Road York Rite College No. 94 and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross; a member of the Divan of Kazim Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 59; and Past Chief of the South Atlantic Shrine Provost Association.

Brother Chambliss is married to the former Judy Tomlinson. They are the parents of a son, John Mason Chambliss, III and wife Melissa of Roanoke; and a daughter Michelle Allen and her husband Chris of Manassas. They have two grandchildren, Abby Allen and Emily Allen. Chambliss serves as Moderator and a Deacon at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church. They make their home in Roanoke, Virginia. ✦



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Developing Alternative Revenue Streams

My Brethren,

At the Grand Annual Communication this past November, the delegates passed the resolution to increase the annual per capita assessment. The Grand Lodge Officers are sensitive to the impact this increase may have had on the individual Mason and have been exploring the feasibility of identifying a source of income other than dues to finance the cost of the various Grand Lodge operations.

For the past several months the Grand Lodge has been in discussions and negotiations with various financial institutions to

determine the feasibility of the Grand Lodge of Virginia instituting a Grand Lodge Credit Card Program. The paramount consideration in adopting such a program was to identify a program that would not only be a source of income for the Grand Lodge but one that would also provide a monetary benefit to the individual card holder.

I am pleased to announce the Grand Lodge is in the final stages of implementing a Grand Lodge Credit Card Program and you will be hearing more about the program as it is finalized and we roll the program out.

I will be disseminating more information to you through the Grand Secretary's Office, on the Grand Lodge website, and at the upcoming Division Leadership Conferences.

Review the information when it is provided and help me to implement a program that I see is a win-win for the individual Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and for you personally as a Virginia Mason. ✦

Fraternally,
John M. Chambliss, Jr.
Grand Master

Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. Grand Junior Deacon

Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. was born on November 9, 1945, in Buckingham, Virginia and was educated in the Public Schools of Buckingham County. He joined the United States Air Force after graduation from high school and was a teletype and crypto technician serving in Viet Nam. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was discharged in 1969. He retired from Xerox Corporation after 34 years of service. He held several technical and management positions during his tenure with Xerox. He was responsible for Xerox service in the Charlottesville, Roanoke, and western Virginia areas for many years.

Brother Carroll was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 12, 1992, in Buckingham Lodge No. 242. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity of Buckingham Lodge No. 242 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1996, 1997, and 1998. He currently serves as Treasurer of Buckingham Lodge No. 242. He is also a member of George Lodge No. 32. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic



District No. 17 in 2005. He served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2009. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Rio do Sul, Brasil near Virginia.

He is a member of the Valleys of Lynchburg and Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish

Rite. He is a member of Arvonja Royal Arch Chapter No. 64, ACCA Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., and ACCA Mini Patrol. He served as Director of the Mini Patrol in 2002 and 2006 and was Commander in 2005. He is a member of the Shriners Hospital Transportation Team. He is a member of the Royal Order of the Jesters Richmond Court No. 16. Brother Carroll is also a member of the Fork Union Chapter No. 111, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a life member of the National Sojourners, James Monroe Chapter No. 549. He is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8446.

Brother Carroll is married to the former Mary Inez Ashley. They have two sons, Michael Edward Carroll and Mark Daniel Carroll. Both are Life Members in Perpetuity of Buckingham Lodge No. 242. Both reside in Charlottesville. Brother Carroll and his wife Mary are active members of Mulberry Grove Baptist Church in Buckingham, Virginia. ✦

Cornerstone Builds Upon a Solid Foundation

By Wor. Gerald L. Frey

If you have been a Mason since 2004, you might not be aware of the ‘compact’ or its implications either before or now to Virginia Masons. Masons in Virginia have had for more than 150 years two separate Grand Jurisdictions within its borders, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A.M., Inc. The compact of 2004 allows for communication and visitation (see the compact for details see Winter 2004 Virginia Masonic Herald) with one another. Several meetings have taken place between these two Grand Lodges since the compact and have been well received by both Grand Lodges and their membership, notably Virginia Research No. 1777; however, there had not been an instance where a public assembly could be entered into together.

That changed on September 11th, 2010 in a noteworthy example of meeting upon the level. Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A.M., Inc. and the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia jointly participated in a Masonic cornerstone laying, dedicating the newly-built Lancaster County Courthouse, in Lancaster County, Virginia.

For those not familiar with the Northern Neck, it is located about 75 miles east of Richmond, 120 miles southeast of Washington, DC, at the southeastern tip of Virginia’s Northern Neck peninsula. The courthouse, dating from 1860, houses the county’s records from 1652 to the present. Its country is lush and for this cornerstone ceremony the sky was bright, accompanied by gentle breezes and the temperature was most pleasant. This nearly perfect Saturday welcomed approximately a 1,000 people from the surrounding community, numerous county officials, members from all the Lodges from Masonic District 9, and two Grand Lodges with their Grand Line Officers.

As Worshipful William H. “Bill” Pennell, Jr. explained, “Right Worshipful Charles Hinson, Master of Lancaster Union No. 88 (Lancaster), asked if we had ever thought of having a cornerstone celebration. It started out that local Lodges would perform the ceremony together, but after discussions with the Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr.,



Grand Master, the plans began modifying and growing, until we had something truly historic on our hands.” Worshipful Pennell, the County Administrator for Lancaster County, and many other Brethren spent a tremendous amount of time coordinating activities to provide for the expanding event as it unfolded. “This is truly an amazing thing, it is a first for both Grand Lodges and we are proud that it is happening in Lancaster County,” said Worshipful Pennell.

“This is a historic occasion to come together with our counterpart,” said Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, 1997, Grand Secretary. “We have always had mutual respect for each other, but now we go into Fraternal relations.” Most Worshipful Adkins also noted the ceremony was especially important for both Grand Masters, Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. and Most Worshipful Larry Christian. “They (MW Rorer and MW Christian) grew up together and have known each other since childhood; this event brings them closer together in Brotherhood.”

“I think we can now look to share ideas and do things together in the future,” said Most Worshipful Adkins, noting the funding of scholarships, relief efforts, Shriners Hospitals, and local charities both Grand Lodges support.

Right Worshipful Hughes, Prince Hall Grand Secretary, agreed, referencing that this

cornerstone ceremony would have far-reaching effects. Most Worshipful Adkins stated, “Generation after generation will remember Saturday, September 11th as a defining moment in history when Masons stood united, with no differences between them.”

As we continue, it seems so right to have a cornerstone ceremony exemplified not only in reference to our Ancient Craft, but to do it in Lancaster County with its rich history. It is not in the center of a metropolitan region, but is closer to rural roots and therefore closer in some ways to that of our Fraternity – grounded and down to earth. Community and civic pride is a time honored benefit of a cornerstone ceremony well done and public, when accomplished with purpose and dedication by those that participate, as well as those that see it performed respectfully.

This is perhaps the most important segment of the ritual, public respect for community. Symbolically, it is more important that a cornerstone be visible to the public than its symbolic location. Some may say that it must be in a specific location and while there is merit to this point, contrast it with a cornerstone that faces a location that cannot be viewed. A simple stone with a date is the ‘when’ but when accompanied with a Square, Compass and “G” it proclaims the “who.” Time passes and we as individuals come and

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go, but Masonry has and will prevail over mere construction materials, stone or steel.

Cornerstone ceremonies and the accompanying ritual have a long and distinguished lineage for our gentle Craft. Although its origins are, like many things in history, murky, as a custom it is older than 5,000 years, based upon archeological evidence. Obviously, our ancestors found a prominent stone marked and dated, meaningful and valuable for their communities and their more stalwart structures. To have a ceremony of dedication to the future of both the building and those that occupied

it is not a custom that should be permitted to lapse into a historical abyss of neglect.

It is interesting that this first public ceremony of Freemasonry exemplified by Virginia's two Grand Lodges points out that the public doesn't see Masonic participation, as it once did. It is equally true that most important buildings in our communities have cornerstones which Masons could assist in dedicating. Indeed, this public and clearly Masonic ceremony could fill both of these conditions conveniently and regularly throughout the Commonwealth, by either Grand Lodge or

jointly.

Perhaps a most fitting summation comes from Right Worshipful Hughes, "The basic thing about both organizations is that we have a firm base in our personal faith and the characteristics of the Bible. We want to enable and give opportunities so that people can improve their lives."

Within Masonry it is the internal and not the external that is to be counted. ✦

¹Quotes edited from an article written by Dianne Saison for the Northern Neck News in September 2010

Greetings From Virginia Rainbow

Hello Masonic Family,

I thank all of you for your support of the Masonic Youth. Every day, it seems, a Mason becomes aware that there are these girls called "Rainbow Girls" in Virginia. Although we have been here for a very long time, every day we reach out and see that some person hasn't had the pleasure of meeting us yet. We may not have Assemblies across the state, but we are here and want to make sure you know who we are. No matter how far the distance, it is never too far for us to travel for the betterment of our organization. Success is a journey, not a destination. We have plenty of Masonic Heritage programs that we are more than ecstatic to perform for you. Please invite Rainbow to your Lodge installations, open programs, and youth nights. We want to become acquainted with our sponsoring body. We are your daughters, not necessarily by blood, but by the foundation of our organization.

Rainbow is an organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 20. The organization welcomes any girl regardless of race, religion, or background. Rainbow teaches public speaking, confidence, and how to generally be a happy, fun person. Rainbow Girls are making a difference every day. Did you know that Kimberly Munley, the woman credited for stopping the Fort Hood shooting rampage that killed 13 people, was a former Rainbow Girl? Did you know that Lee Merriwether, former Miss America, who starred as Cat Woman in Batman the TV series, was a Rainbow Girl? Rainbow gets girls ready for life.

Grand Lodge Masonic Family Day was incredible. Many Rainbow Girls, and some Pledge Rainbow Girls, participated in the parade. We sang songs and yelled cheers and chants. Not to mention, afterwards, DeMolay Fall Fest was super fun



too! We did some team building games, in groups. My group had so much fun. It was Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters together. We really got to know each other and showed that we are capable of working together and being unstoppable.

Grand Lodge was so much fun! One would think about how nervous a girl standing before a room full of men would be, but really I have never felt more at home. There was so much encouragement and hope in that room. Dad Rorer and Dad Chambliss, we give the ones we love most the title of "Dad." I a blast with both of you! I speak on behalf of Virginia Rainbow, thank you. Thank both of you for all your encouragement and kind words. You truly set a wonderful example for us to follow. I look forward to making ya'll smile and laugh a million more times.

Grand Royal Arch and Job's Daughters Pageant was also a great experience. The girls and I had so much fun at Pageant and congratulate the

new Miss Job's Daughters, and Miss Congeniality! I look forward to our various travels together. On December 18, Rainbow had a Charity Ball. It was a great turn out and fantastic food. Thank you all who came and supported the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Dialysis Unit.

It has been said, "Leave your mark." Yes, Rainbow is "leaving," its mark, we are doing more than just leaving it. We are continuing our mark, continuing that smile, poise, confidence, and happiness. We continue to be the future you want to see. We continue to be ourselves, the silly, goofy girls we are. On behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I thank you once again. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout my travels. ✦

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Michelle Baise
Grand Worthy Advisor, Virginia.
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

The Patriot Lodge, U.D.

By Wor. Jon Shelton, Charter Master

October 23, 2010 saw Masonic history made in Fairfax Virginia, On an exciting Saturday night, with the Grand Master and his officers in attendance, “The Patriot Lodge at George Mason University (GMU)” was instituted Under Dispensation. What made the evening so special was that, other than Research and Daylight Lodges, “The Patriot Lodge” is the first academic Lodge in Virginia.

Let’s begin with what an academic Lodge is. It is a regular degree granting Lodge, one that focuses on membership; students, faculty, staff, and alumni of a college or university to participate in Freemasonry. The Patriot Lodge was built along these lines, leveraging the experience of other academic Lodges such as “The Harvard Lodge” and “The Colonial Lodge” at George Washington University. What is unique about Patriot Lodge is that it has built a relationship from the beginning with GMU, establishing a partnership for academic exchange, scholarships, and community service.

It all started in 2008, when a student at GMU named Brother Joe Puentes had an idea that since he was both a fraternity brother at TKE and a member of Henry Lodge No. 57 (Fairfax), he wanted to find a way to bring Freemasonry on campus. The idea would be a way to attract a larger number of younger Masons to our Fraternity. He reached out to Brethren and fellow students, Brothers Andrew Shelton and Ron Kellogg. Together, they looked at several ideas, but it just wasn’t taking root.

Brother Andrew Shelton happens to be my son and a member of Acacia Lodge No. 16 (Clifton). Brother Andrew asked me what I thought could be done. Being an experienced “Googler”, it wasn’t long before I came upon The Harvard Lodge and became acquainted with the academic Lodge concept, which focuses its membership on the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university. The more I thought about it, the more I became convinced that starting an academic Lodge would be the right way to proceed.

The next step was to enlist the support of some senior leadership, and who better than Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, 2008, who hails from Henry Lodge. Most Worshipful Cohen was a staunch supporter from the beginning, encouraging us to proceed in 2008 when he was Grand Master, and we continued working with Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges in 2009 and Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., in 2010. Without



their support, the project would not have been possible.

Brother Shelton and Mt. Wor. Cohen were joined by Worshipful Don McAndrews (Acacia Lodge) and Worshipful Ralph Smith (Henry Lodge) to form the core leadership team and provide yet another example of the close relationship that long has existed between these two Lodges.

It was our belief that the project needed to be worked in partnership with GMU, an additional piece of good luck was that Worshipful Smith was friends with Dr. Tom Hennessey, Chief of Staff to the President at GMU. Dr. Hennessey helped us to understand how GMU works and how we might fit in. As a result, The Patriot Lodge is the first academic Lodge (as far as I know) to have an established relationship with its University.

We then turned our attention to introducing the new Lodge and concept to the other Lodges in Masonic District 4. Some Brethren had concerns that the academic Lodge concept could be seen as too exclusive. We worked hard to show the many benefits to this new approach and how it could introduce Masonry to a community that might otherwise never be exposed to it. In the end, we won the support of the Lodges in Masonic District 4, and received a letter of dispensation from the Grand Master on September 28, 2010.

All this led to that special Saturday night in October when the solemn ceremony of instituting a Lodge Under Dispensation was performed on the GMU campus at Mason Hall under the supervision of Right Worshipful Hoen McGuire Edwards, Grand Lecturer. After the ceremony, the Brethren were joined by our special guests from GMU, Dr. Hennessey and Dr. Ted Kinnaman, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, and about 70 other people in all.

We had an excellent dinner provided by campus catering with several addresses and presentations, included by Dr. Hennessey and our Grand Master. Worshipful McAndrews presented the Lodge with a gavel made from boxwood that was planted by George Mason himself at his home, “Gunston Hall.”

We were honored to be joined at our ceremony and dinner by Worshipful Wayne Livermore and Worshipful Carlton Hill of The Harvard Lodge. We had visited them in November of 2009 to learn more about how an academic Lodge works. They showed us true hospitality, giving us a tour of Harvard and hosting us at their tent at the annual “Head of the Charles Regatta.” The Harvard Lodge has been a real mentor to us.

The most exciting part of the dinner came when Columbia Lodge No. 285 (Arlington) presented our new Lodge with a gift to get us off the ground... a \$10,000 gift! There really aren’t words to express how I felt when Right Worshipful Jay Brannam, Master of Columbia Lodge, presented me with this gift. I only hope we earn the confidence that Columbia has shown in us, especially since several of our charter members, including our Secretary, Worshipful Bob White, hail from this wonderful Lodge.

We are all busy working out our operating procedures, budget, securing regalia, getting to know new prospects, and doing the thousand other things it takes to get under way. Academic Lodges can provide an excellent membership source, while at the same time showing the University and community at large what Freemasonry is about. Our goal is to take the opportunity and make “The Patriot Lodge,” a Lodge that all Virginia Masons can be proud of, and perhaps also serve as the model for other academic Lodges in Virginia. We already have provided information to other Brethren who are starting academic Lodges at Johns Hopkins and Howard University. ✦

Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons in Virginia 2010-2011



Most Excellent Danny Lee Bowman was installed Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons in Virginia on November 20, 2010 at Grand Chapter in Williamsburg, Virginia. His theme is "United We Stand" to promote unity between all Masonic bodies. He will be honoring the Craft as well as the flag of our great nation. He urges all Royal Arch Masons to continue the membership drive as well as encouraging the present members to become more active in their Chapters.

Brother Bowman was born June 24, 1953 in Grundy, Virginia. He is the son of Charles M. and Marjorie M. Bowman. He has three siblings, one sister Loretta Jean Looney, two brothers Charles David and Johnny Price Bowman. He was married August 14, 1982 to Deborah Lynn Boyd. He is the father of two sons.

Retired from Jewell Coal and Coke, Vansant, Virginia. He was self-employed in 2001 through 2007 with the Bowman Contracting, LLC.

He was raised to Master Mason on June 3, 1981 in Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17 (Grundy). He became a member of Richlands Lodge No. 318 (Richlands) in 1983 where he served as Worshipful Master in 2002 and 2003. He was exalted in O'Keeffe Royal Arch Chapter No. 26 (Tazewell) on February 26, 1993. He served as High Priest in 1996, served as District Deputy Grand High Priest 2002, and elected Grand Master 2nd Veil in 2003. He is a member of Clinch Valley Commandery No. 20 and has served as Commander three times and District Deputy Grand Commander. He is also a member of Wilderness Road York Rite College No. 94, Fort Andrew Lewis Knight Masons, Council No. 81, Mountain Empire Council No. 88 Allied Masonic Degrees, and Red Cross of Constantine. ✦

2011 DLC Locations and Dates

Friday February 25, 2011 - DLC Eastern Shore (Nandua Middle School.)
Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:10 P.M.
Contact: Worshipful Jack Watson Bonniwell 757.787.3775

Saturday February 26, 2011 - DLC Newport News (Scottish Rite)
Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:10 A.M.
Contact Worshipful Herbert J. Smith 757.380.8311

Friday March 4, 2011 - DLC Keysville
(Southside – John Daniel Community College)
Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:10 P.M.
Contact: Right Worshipful Lonnie Lee Godfrey 434.821.4183

Saturday March 5, 2011 – DLC Waynesboro (Waynesboro High School)
Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:10 A.M.
Contact: Worshipful Joe Wayne Murphy 540.887.8333

Friday March 18, 2011 - DLC Alexandria (Scottish Rite)
Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:10 P.M.
Contact: Right Worshipful John Shroeder 703.321.7047

Saturday March 19, 2011 - DLC Richmond (Scottish Rite)
Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:10 A.M.
Contact: Worshipful Hans Rainer Lindquist 804.225.2584

Friday April 1, 2011 - DLC - Big Stone Gap
(Mountain Empire Community College)
Registration 6:30 P.M. Conference begins 6:55 P.M. Conference ends 9:10 P.M.
Contact: Brother William Garrett Jackson 276.628.9990

Saturday April 2, 2011 - DLC – Ft. Chiswell (A.M.) (Ft. Chiswell High School)
Registration 8:30 A.M. Conference begins 8:55 A.M. Conference ends 11:10 A.M.
Contact: Right Worshipful Owen Tee Wade 540.674.9437

Saturday April 2, 2011 - DLC – Roanoke (P.M.) (Scottish Rite) Afternoon Session
Registration 12:30 P.M. Conference begins 12:55 P.M. Conference ends 3:10 P.M.
Contact: Right Worshipful Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. 540.977.0430 ✦

“Norfolk Lodge No.1: The Early Years, 1733-1830” – Or How You Too Can Have An Exceptional Display on the History of Your Lodge

By Bro. G. Mark Walsh

The inspiration for an exhibit of historically significant records from the archives of Norfolk Lodge No. 1 began about six months ago with a discussion I had with Right Worshipful George William Thomas, Jr. of the Grand Lodge Library, Museum and Historical Foundation Board.

Knowing that our Secretary, Worshipful Paul Alan Miller, had an expressed interest in the history of the Lodge, Brother Jim Higginbottom had earlier been employed in museum and archives endeavors. It was felt that the three of us could proceed with the project. We started with a paper written by Worshipful Mark Tabbert, the Director of Collections at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. “Displaying Masonic Relics in Masonic Halls” (available at <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/tabbertfr.html>) supported our process, in that was recommended inventorying records before deciding on what to display.

We talked about a number of themes, ranging from the Revolutionary War to the War of 1812 to community involvement and the 1813 merger of the “Antients” and “Moderns.”

During the inventory process, Worshipful Miller discovered the 1824 minute book in which was recorded a visit by the Marquis de Lafayette to Norfolk Lodge No. 1. We found that our earliest minute book was dated from 1789. Minutes up to 1775 are assumed lost during Lord Dunmore’s artillery barrage on the City of Norfolk on New Year’s Day 1776 and we’re still looking for the 1776-1788 books. Brother Higginbottom’s research indicated we had a number of early mayors of Norfolk, including one whose apron was destined to become part of the exhibit, Dr. John Ramsay. Research online into Revolutionary War Veterans’ land grants showed that two Brethren had certified the petition of Brother Ramsay’s widow and



“Norfolk Lodge No.1: The Early Years, 1733-1839,” is an exhibit at the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, where it will remain for October and November 2010.

orphans for their confirmation as the appropriate recipients of the late Dr. Ramsay’s grant.

Brother Thomas Mathews was one of those certifiers and was a Past Master, Revolutionary War veteran, delegate to the Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1788, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and Senior Warden in 1789. He would become Grand Master from 1790 through 1792.

This was the point at which the theme of the exhibit showed itself to us. We would demonstrate that right from the beginning: Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love along with allegiance to our country, our duty to our God, our neighbors, and ourselves had been the hallmarks of the history of Norfolk Lodge No. 1 and all of Masonry in Virginia. Thus was “Norfolk Lodge No. 1: The Early Years, 1733-1830” born.

It was still our intent to look at the War of 1812, the 1813 merger that formed the United Grand Lodge of England, and a number of other possibilities. After all, from our inven-

tory we knew we had the minutes for that time period along with dues books and other financial records. What cinched it was the discovery of the signatures of Lafayette, his son George Washington Lafayette, and aide Auguste Lavasseur in the by-law book that covered 1800-1830. We were actually looking for a reference to the impact of the merger in this book when the page the parties had signed at the time they were made honorary members of the Lodge appeared. Obviously related to the 1824 minute book, we knew we had something very important. Worshipful Miller had earlier shown a photocopy of the page, but up until this point we weren’t really certain where to find it.

We decided to limit the archival records and artifacts. The Grand Lodge Library and Museum offered to provide an exhibit case for the display. Brother Higginbottom, while passing through the Richmond area, stopped by the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and got an idea of the space available. We began to write captions to go with the records and arti-

Norfolk Lodge No.1 (continued)

facts and thought about a brochure that could serve as a catalog for the display. Both Brother Higginbottom and I are historical re-enactors of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century periods, and took stock of what reproductions we might have that could be used to augment the existing materials.

Staying in close communication with the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, we ordered the supplies that would be needed and finalized the captions and brochure. Brother Higginbottom and I laid out the materials. We thought we would be able to fill three shelves but were surprised when Worshipful Miller and I installed the exhibit. The two aprons selected, one from the Revolutionary War and the other from the War of 1812, were too high to allow for more than two shelves. With some rearrangement we had the display set up satisfactorily eight days before the exhibit opening at the 2010 MAHOVA Family Day.

In all the work that went into assembling the documents and artifacts, installing the exhibit in as professional a manner as possible, and its opening and viewing by visitors to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. Whether 1789, 1810, or 2010 we as Masons walk along the same path, do the same work, value the same tenets, and perform the same actions. We walk in the footsteps of Brothers Washington, Lafayette, Mathews, and others – which is both an awesome responsibility and a great delight.

We need to look at how best to preserve that history, and to that end the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is an important ally. The intention is to showcase the history of individual Lodges at future MAHOVA Family Day events. The 2011 exhibit will feature Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, the “Mother Lodge of George Washington,” and President and Brother James Monroe.

Set October 8, 2011 aside in your calendar as a day to enjoy the fellowship of your Brethren at MAHOVA Family Day and the opening of a new Lodge history exhibit. ✦

Creating Your Lodge Exhibit

Norfolk Lodge No. 1 used its history to document and demonstrate the path that all Masons walk in Virginia. There is every reason for other Lodges to be able to do the same thing with their artifacts and archives. There are some very simple steps to follow:

1. Get the resources you need. That usually means a group or committee and some funds for equipment and supplies. Ensure that your Worshipful Master supports the exhibit. If you are working with another facility, such as the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, make certain that the requirements for the exhibit are crystal clear. Dates, times, events.
2. Inventory your records. Find out what you have. Do you have a complete run of minute's right from the first meeting? What gaps exist, and how will this impact on your ability to present and interpret Lodge history?
3. Read Worshipful Mark Tabbert's "Displaying Masonic Relics in Masonic Halls." Be careful to avoid the pitfalls he presents. (Available at <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/tabbertfr.html>)
4. Set a theme, picking the time period based on the records and artifacts you have from the period.
5. In other words, put the records, artifacts, community, and people into context. This means moving beyond Lodge resources. The Library of Virginia online catalog can fill in many details. Be prepared to visit your local public library.
6. Evaluate what equipment and supplies you may need, such as archival supplies.
7. Stay in touch with the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and any other people or institutions you may know of that can assist.
8. Plan for the installation and opening. If your Lodge exhibit is at another facility, you will need to develop a loan agreement. Do you want a brochure with information on your Lodge available? Do a layout of the exhibit to make sure everything fits as you want it to.
9. Promote the exhibit within the Lodge, trestle boards, stated communications; any and every opportunity to let the Brethren know what is happening.
10. Enjoy the looks on the faces of those who come to see the exhibit. Explain to them how your Lodge functioned in particular historical eras, faced difficult times, triumphed over problems, and made good men better.

Once the exhibit is designed and installed, note that both archival materials and artifacts are often sensitive to ultraviolet light and other environmental concerns such as temperature and humidity. You will want to limit the time materials are on display and also ensure that the storage to which they are returned also has the right lighting, temperature, and humidity. The exhibit will likely be the start of preserving your history, not the end. ✦

Angels Among Us Pageant

The 44th Annual Miss Job's Daughter Pageant was held in historic Williamsburg during the Thanksgiving weekend. Sixteen candidates and fifteen alternates participated in this event. Each of these daughters was chosen by their respective Bethels to represent them because of their knowledge, dedication and commitment to our Order. The Daughters arrived on Friday Afternoon and were greeted by the reigning Miss Job's Daughter, Miss K.C. Conrad, and Miss Congeniality, Miss Jessyca Bradshaw. Following an afternoon of written ritual tests, the Daughters were treated to dinner by the Pageant Committee. The candidates participated in various pageant competitions, which included an oral ritual lecture, official regalia inspection, and personal interviews with the judges. The Daughters were then treated to a Pizza party and an evening of fun and fellowship.

The Pageant was held on Saturday evening. We were honored to have Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Mrs. Toni Underwood, Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters; Mr. Rick Holloway, Associate Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters; Miss Aline Busnardo, Miss International Job's Daughter and Miss Courtney Painter, Supreme Bethel Honored Queen among our distinguished guest. The Daughters made their entrance to the stage and were introduced. Award Presentations were presented. Miss Nadia Rossbach received an award for First Place in written ritual competition. Miss Karen-Anne Liller received an award for selling the most Pageant Ads by a daughter. Remarks were given by our Miss Congeniality, Miss Jessyca Bradshaw and our Miss Job's Daughter, Miss K.C. Conrad. These fine young ladies represented Virginia well during their reign and then they bid farewell to all as they made their final walk down the runway. The moment we had been

waiting for finally arrived, and the finalist were announced. While the finalists calmed themselves and prepared to continue on in competition, we were treated to a musical presentation by the alternates. This was a very special surprise to me and brought me fond memories from my youth. They sang "Angels In the Snow" which was written by Rev. Ernest K. Emurian. For many years, Rev. Emurian was the minister at my church. With his knowledge and love of music he enjoyed working with the junior choir. We presented this song to our Congregation at Christmas Time. Thanks for the memories.

Our Semi-finalists were secluded off stage as they prepared to proceed to the final round of competition. Each semi-finalist returned to the stage very excited and maybe a little nervous. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Laura Freeman Deisz, PHQ of Bethel 1 Arlington; Miss Virginia Job's Daughter 1977-78, Miss International Job's Daughter 1978-79, asked the question "What is your favorite holiday and why?" We received awesome responses which presented the Judges with that difficult decision to make, "Who will be our next Miss Job's Daughters?"

Drum roll please!!

Miss Karen Anne Liller, HQ of Bethel 55. Woodbridge was selected by the Daughters participating in the Pageant as the New Miss Congeniality 2010-2011.

The Runners up were announced as follows:

1. Fourth Runner Up: Miss Amanda Gizara, Bethel 48, Portsmouth
2. Third Runner Up: Miss Samantha Glaros, Bethel 3, Norfolk
3. Second Runner Up: Miss Samantha Boyd, Bethel 42, Virginia Beach
4. First Runner Up: Miss Karen Anne Liller, Bethel 55, Woodbridge

Miss Maralei Bunn, Bethel 37 of

Chesapeake was crowned the new Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia 2010-2011. Both Maralei and Karen are excited to begin their journey as Virginia's new Misses!! They look forward to meeting many of you as they travel across the Commonwealth. 🌟



In the picture from left to right are: Paul C. "Jay" Shuey, State Master Councilor for Virginia DeMolay; Michelle Baise, Grand Worthy Advisor for Virginia Rainbow for Girls; Maralei Bunn, Miss Virginia Job's Daughter (just crowned); John Mason Chambliss, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Karen-Anne Liller, Miss Virginia Congeniality (just selected)





By Wor. Gerald L. Frey

When a visit to a Lodge is planned, we usually open the Masonic Directory, working forward or backward (Lodge numbers or District numbers). Sometimes it can be a little more interesting, especially when you want to find out about the community. A GPS may get you there, but there is not much sense of the surroundings. So it is with York Lodge No. 12, Maple Grove, Virginia.

I stopped for gas, asked the cashier of the station if she knew the whereabouts of the Masonic Lodge on Black Hollow Road. “Nope, and I don’t know where Black Hollow Road is either, sorry,” was the reply. She clearly did not know about the road. I picked up the receipt and headed for the car, when another lady came out of the station asking, “Black Hollow Road?” Surprised I replied in the affirmative and she gave me very clear instructions on how to locate it, with the parting comment of, “go to the end of the hollow and make a left.” During the conversation she let it be known the men of the Lodge were good men. Based upon that remark alone, Masonry is alive in Maple Grove.

Sure enough, at the end of the hollow I took a left and on a slight bluff stood a prominent white building with “York Lodge No. 12, Maple Grove” legible from the bend in the road. The view down the hollow was beautiful, the lush greenery rustled by a summer breeze. Getting there is half the fun.

Worshipful Stephen G. Reed was at the door and welcomed all comers. After a quick and courteous examination, it was as though I were a lifelong member. Hearty handshakes and good conversation on a broad array of

topics greeted us as the Brethren arrived from the Master and the usual group of well-wishers meeting those that come through its portal.

I noticed a slight drift of smoke coming from the top of the open door, not billowing, wisps. Up to that point the welcoming smells of a fresh cooked dinner were prevalent and inviting. If the adage that the tone of the Lodge is set by the Deacons is accurate, it might be equally true that the tone of the night is set by the Stewards.

A small amount of fluid had inadvertently sloshed onto the oven and was being “burned off”, without much fanfare the Master took matters in hand, and let everyone know, we would be having dinner after the stated meeting. The Stewards looked relieved that there would be time to get things in proper order before serving the meal. Not a word of grumbling was uttered as the Brethren moved into the Lodge room.

Each area in Virginia has its own unique pacing, phrasing and delivery of ritual, yet that night the ritual was spot on, not a single bobble. It was a joy to behold.

York Lodge No. 12 was chartered on December 16, 1885. William L. Ireson served as the first Worshipful Master. Not unlike others of the time, he was veteran of the late unpleasantness, having served Virginia with distinction during its rigors. York Lodge was an off-shoot as a result of a disturbance in Spring Creek Lodge No. 173 (not to be confused with Fidelity Lodge No. 173). Spring Creek Lodge’s disturbance was of some consequence, so much so that the Lodge was disbanded. To move things forward, Worshipful Ireson ini-

tially held Stated meetings on the second floor of a schoolhouse at Maple Grove. Sometime later the second floor of the school house caved in, so the meetings were then held on the first floor (unfortunately no picture survives). Adapt and overcome sprang to mind as the story was related by Brethren.

In 1957 the Lodge voted to remodel the Lodge building for the cost of approximately five thousand dollars. It cost an additional fifteen thousand dollars and was not completed until December 1979. It remains a beautiful Lodge and is maintained with plenty of sweat equity. Their fellowship hall is used by the Lodge, its members and the community for Church meetings, family functions, wedding dinners, arts and crafts and more. York Lodge is a part of its community and the community is a part of York Lodge.

The Stewards meal after the stated was wonderful, bountiful, and fresh as was the delicious desert, an excellent topper to any evening with the Brethren – good fellowship and good food.

You might want to remember that in Maple Grove, Masonry lives at the end of the hollow, on the left.

If you have not had a chance to visit York Lodge No. 12, put it on your “to travel to” list, the drive, the fellowship, and the food, are worthy of your visitation, Brethren. Keep your dues card, Masonic Directory and Masonic Passport handy for your explorations in Masonry as your visitations mark your travels in the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia. ✦

SK HIRAM

A Brother from my Lodge recently heard a presentation on a Masonic system, which is used in one of the Scandinavian countries. From what he tells me the system is different from what we have here in the USA. How can this be? I have been told by members of my Lodge that Masonry is the same wherever you travel.

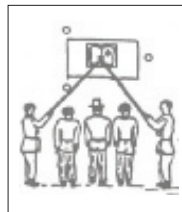
ANSWER: Masons are indeed welcome whenever we visit other Lodges (recognized by our Grand Lodge) at home or abroad but, although our Masonic values are very similar, the way in which we conduct our business and rites may vary greatly. Hiram is not familiar with the presentation referred to by the Brother, but suspects the topic may have been on the Swedish Rite, a system used in all Scandinavian countries. This system, according to *Mackey's Encyclopedia*, was established around 1777 and has evolved within the country of Sweden, independent of rites evolving in other European countries. It consists today of eleven degrees, the first three of which are the same three symbolic degrees used in Virginia and elsewhere, and is referred to by Mackey as "a mixture of the pure Rite of York, the high Degrees of the French, the Templarism of the former Strict Observance, and the system of Rosicrucianism."



My Lodge will be receiving the DDGM in the early part of the year and we do not have much time to practice with the Deacons. Which way should the Deacons be facing at the altar and how do they hold their staffs?

ANSWER: Hiram is doing his best to write this as fast as he can in order that the Lodge gets the response in time. Similar questions were raised by other Brethren a few years ago

and Hiram's instruction was that the Manual of Ceremonies specifies how the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master are received in Lodge. It states that "the Deacons upon arriving at the Altar will face each other and spread the arch...etc." The accompanying diagram of the Manual illustrate this very well. It would be logical for the Deacons to hold the staffs in such a manner that, when turning either forward, or to face each other, the hands do not end up crossing each other. This means that the Junior Deacon holds his staff with the right hand at the end, whereas the Senior Deacon has his left hand at the end of the staff.



I attended a presentation in the Lodge room before Lodge opened. I don't know if it makes a difference, but to my knowledge, only Masons were in the Lodge room when the presentation was made. The presentation was definitely political in nature and highly critical of the current administration. Some of us thought politics should not be discussed in Lodge, but other members told me that Lodge had not opened and therefore this did not apply. Who is correct?

ANSWER: We read in the *Virginia Methodical Digest*, Section 3.04, that "Discussions Relating to Nations, Religions, or Politics Must Not be Introduced Within the Walls of the Lodge." The event described by the Brother is a disturbing occurrence and Hiram sees two points that must be made: First, the presentation was made before Lodge had opened but was held within the walls of the Lodge, thereby violating

Section 3.04. Secondly, we must keep in mind that the underlying reason and original intent of the authors of Section 3.04 was to maintain and preserve harmony and concord among the Brethren by disallowing the introduction of divisive topics. This second point was echoed by Mt. Wor. Eggleston, who in Decision 19 from 1909 writes that "Such discussions provoke only discord. (Religion and politics are personal matters.)". The Master who permitted this kind of presentation to take place may be in breach of Masonic Law and should seriously reconsider sanctioning future events of this nature within the walls of his Lodge. Convoluted plough.



Is it necessary to open a Master Mason's Lodge before closing a Lodge of Sorrow? Does the closing of a Lodge of Sorrow need to be included in any meeting minutes?

ANSWER: Yes and Yes. Hiram refers the Brother to the Manual of Ceremonies. The section on the Lodge of Sorrow, informs us that "The Worshipful Master of any Virginia Lodge shall, at the end of the term for which he was elected (the last Stated Communication of his term) close the Lodge of Sorrow which has previously been opened during his tenure as Worshipful Master." The specific reference to a Stated Communication means that the Lodge of Sorrow shall be closed only during a (tiled) Master Mason's Lodge and that the minutes of such stated meeting shall include a reference to the closing of the Lodge of Sorrow. As an aside Hiram reminds the Brethren of *Methodical Digest* Sec. 2.59, which directs that after minutes have been read and approved and the Lodge closed, no one may add or subtract anything from them. ✦



Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr., is being escorted into the Grand Annual Communication by the Grand Senior and Junior Deacons.



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



Mt. Wor. Glover H. Jones, III, (2006) member of Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203, was presented the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal by our Grand Master.



A memorial service was conducted by Mt. Wor. Charles Franklin Shuler (1971).



Rt. Wor. Michael E. Williams, member of Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 and State Executive Director for Virginia DeMolay, was presented with the John Blair, Jr. Award by our Grand Master.



Right Worshipful Barrye Lane Absher, member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, was presented with the John Blair, Jr. Award by our Grand Master.



The Grand Master and Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges (2009) present the Mark Twain Award to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 which was earned during both of their years in office.



The Grand East – Rt. Wor. John M. Chambliss, Jr., DGM, Mt. Wor. William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master, and Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, Immediate Past Grand Master.



The Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps entertained the guests at the Grand Master's Banquet.



As the tune, "The Old Grey Mare" played in the background, the Past Grand Masters of Virginia assembled to be recognized.



The 2010-2011 Grand Lodge Officers assembled to be installed for the ensuing Masonic year.



The new installed Grand Master, Mt. Wor. John M. Chambliss, Jr., and his wife, Judy, depart the installation to host the Grand Ball.

SUMMARY - GRAND LODGE - 2010
232nd GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL RICHMOND WEST, I-64 AT BROAD STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2010

Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

OFFICERS
GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA
2009-2010

MT. WOR. WILLIAM EARLE RORER, JR.	<i>Grand Master</i>
RT. WOR. JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
RT. WOR. WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR.	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
RT. WOR. LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
MT. WOR. WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
MT. WOR. ALAN WAYNE ADKINS	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
RT. WOR. PAUL DAVID SLEEPER.	<i>Grand Senior Deacon</i>
RT. WOR. WAYNE SAWYER FLORA.	<i>Grand Junior Deacon</i>
RT. WOR. THOMAS EDWARD LASHER.	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
RT. WOR. DONALD CHRISTIAN MOYER	<i>Associate Grand Marshal</i>
RT. WOR. WINFRED OTTO ISGETT, SR.	<i>Associate Grand Marshal</i>
RT. WOR. LAMBROS GEORGE DELIGAN.	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i>
RT. WOR. SAMUEL FRANK STONE, SR.	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
RT. WOR. EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
RT. WOR. HOEN McGUIRE EDWARDS, JR.	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
RT. WOR. WALTER WINCHELL YOUNG.	<i>Grand Provost</i>
RT. WOR. ERNESTO BATINGA SORIANO	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
RT. WOR. GLENN CHRISTOPHER ALLEN	<i>Grand Purveyor</i>
RT. WOR. DANIEL HUFFORD SURFACE, JR.	<i>Grand Senior Steward</i>
WOR. JONATHAN MARK MILLS	<i>Grand Junior Steward</i>
WOR. FRANCIS REED BROWN.	<i>Grand Organist</i>
WOR. SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	<i>Grand Physician</i>
RT. WOR. JOHN WILLIS KELLAM	<i>Grand Tiler</i>

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary</i>
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 232nd Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

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

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges, which qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2011.

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

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Harold Lewis Shaw, a member of Poquoson Lodge No. 49.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Friday morning to Right Worshipful Barrye Lane Absher of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams of Glen Allen Lodge No. 131. Another John Blair, Jr. recipient, Brother and Entertainer Roy Linwood Clark of Jenks Lodge No. 497, Jenks, Oklahoma, and St. Johns Lodge No. 144 was unable to attend and his presentation will occur at a later time. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Most Worshipful Glover Hunter Jones, III of Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203.

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Springfield Lodge No. 217 by Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams, Executive Officer in Virginia. Right Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Brother Howard Kenneth Smith, Sr.

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

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 6, 2010.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Charles Harris Rowell of Concord Lodge No. 307 and Right Worshipful Robert Edward Simpson of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

Saturday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus, the Grand Lodge of Lithuania, the Grand Lodge of Moldova, and the Grand Lodge of Slovakia." This resolution was adopted.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given and the budget for 2011 was presented and approved, as was the report from the President of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 10-01 through 10-02 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

OFFICERS
GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA
2010-2011

MT. WOR. JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR.	<i>Grand Master</i>
RT. WOR. WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
RT. WOR. LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
RT. WOR. PAUL DAVID SLEEPER	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
MT. WOR. WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
MT. WOR. ALAN WAYNE ADKINS	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
RT. WOR. WAYNE SAWYER FLORA	<i>Grand Senior Deacon</i>
RT. WOR. REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.	<i>Grand Junior Deacon</i>
RT. WOR. DAVID NATHAN SILVER	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i>
BRO. ROBERT WAGNER DAY	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
RT. WOR. GEORGE WILLIAM THOMAS, JR.	<i>Associate Grand Marshal</i>
RT. WOR. EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
RT. WOR. HOEN McGUIRE EDWARDS, JR.	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
RT. WOR. WALTER WINCHELL YOUNG	<i>Grand Provost</i>
RT. WOR. STEVEN WELDON SANFORD	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
BRO. GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN	<i>Grand Purveyor</i>
RT. WOR. JOHN QUINTON SHEPPARD	<i>Grand Senior Steward</i>
RT. WOR. JOHNNIE CLIFTON DODSON	<i>Grand Junior Steward</i>
WOR. FRANCIS REED BROWN	<i>Grand Organist</i>
WOR. SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	<i>Grand Physician</i>
BRO. FRAN ERIC TURNER	<i>Grand Tiler</i>

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary, Emeritus</i>
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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Most Worshipful James Milton Scearce, Jr., Right Worshipful Lambros George Deligan and Right Worshipful Sheldon Barnett Richman.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 270 Lodges represented with 1,239 registered by the Committee.

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

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2011 unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers were held at 5:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Ramada Plaza Hotel Richmond West. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr. gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT 2010 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 10-01 — REJECTED

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-02 — ADOPTED

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.

Poquoson Lodge No. 49



Brother Jimmie Forbes, Worshipful J. Richard Rawls, Worshipful William Emerick, and Brother William Hammett (pictured left to right).

Thanks to the generous donations of the members of Poquoson Lodge No. 49 (Poquoson), the Lodge was able to purchase and donate \$1,600 worth of toys to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk.

Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence

During the 2010 Grand Annual Communication, Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., presented the Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence to Right Worshipful Charles Harris Rowell of Concord Lodge No. 307 (Vienna) and Right Worshipful Robert Edward Simpson of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 (Charlottesville).



Photo Above: Rt. Wor. Simpson receiving his award.

Photo Left: Rt. Wor. Rowell receiving his award.

Virginia DeMolay



Wor. Master of Springfield Lodge No. 217 receiving the award for his Lodge.

At the Grand Annual Communication, the Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Springfield Lodge No. 217 (Springfield) by Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams, Executive Officer in Virginia. Right Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Brother Howard Kenneth Smith, Sr.



Bro. Howard K. Smith, Sr., receiving the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award.

Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2011

NAME	LOCATION	DATE(S)	DISTRICT(S)
Ira Curtis Hudson	Temperanceville	Feb. 19	12, 13
Wickham/Smith	Clifton Forge	Feb. 26	20, 23
William Dean Conner	Appomattox	Feb. 26	26, 27
C.A. Whitted	Scottsville	Mar. 2, 9, 17	17, 18
Fred D. Bowman	Woodstock	Mar. 5	2, 3, 5, 6
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Mar. 5	38, 39
George Robert Marshall	Amelia	Mar. 12	26, 27
Kenneth O. Shelton	Leesburg	Mar. 12	2
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windsor	Mar. 22, 23	31, 32
Charles A. Sinclair, Jr.	Herndon	Mar. 25, 26	4
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	Mar. 26	7, 10
Boitnott/Myers/41st District	Narrows	Mar. 28-30	40, 41
Campbell Area School	Rustburg	Mar. 28-31	21, 24, 25, 26, 37, 38
Willard D. Monk/45th District	Tazewell	Apr. 5-7	45
C. Frank Hicks/36th District	Chesapeake	Apr. 9	36
Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.	Waynesboro	Apr. 15, 16	18, 19
James Bolling Myers	Midlothian	Apr. 27, 28	16, 29
Showalter/40th District	Radford	Apr. 27-29	40, 41, 42
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	Apr. 30	1A, 1B, 54
E. Tyree Mountcastle *	Various *	May 2-4	57
Stewart Arthur Deem	Norfolk	May 14	35A, 35B
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	May 16-18	48, 49, 50
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 24-26	43
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	June 13-15	48, 49, 50
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Suffolk	June 15, 16	33, 34
James Alfred Butts, Jr.	South Hill	June 25	28
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	July 20-23	15A, 15B, 15C, 16
Scott Alvin May	Bedford	July 25-28	22, 24
Edward Page Henry	Prince George	Aug. 13	16, 29
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Virginia Beach	Aug. 20	56
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Aug. 23-25	44, 46, 47
C.S. Revell/B.D. Hudson	Hampton	Sept. 19-21	14A, 14B
L.N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 19-21	49, 50
William Edward Ray, Sr.	Fairfax	Sept. 16-17	4, 7
J. J. Johnson	Kinsale	Sept. 24	8, 9, 11
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 10-12	41, 42
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Oct. 17-19	46, 47
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 26-27	31, 32
O.B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 22	7, 10
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	Oct. 24-26	42, 43, 44
Reid James Simmons Academy	Fork Union	July 31, Aug. 1-3	Statewide

Note: Always verify the date(s) and location of any school you are planning to attend

*E. Tyree Mountcastle School locations are Chickahominy, Yorktown, and Williamsburg Lodges (in order).

A Noble Fight

African American Freemasonry and The Struggle for Democracy in America

By Corey D. B. Walker, Ph.D.

(University of Illinois Press, 2008)

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

“Discrimination! Why, that is precisely what we propose; that, exactly is what this Convention was elected for - to discriminate... with a view to the elimination of every negro voter who can be gotten rid of.” -Carter Glass, Va. Constitutional Convention, 1900 (*A Noble Fight*, p. 216)

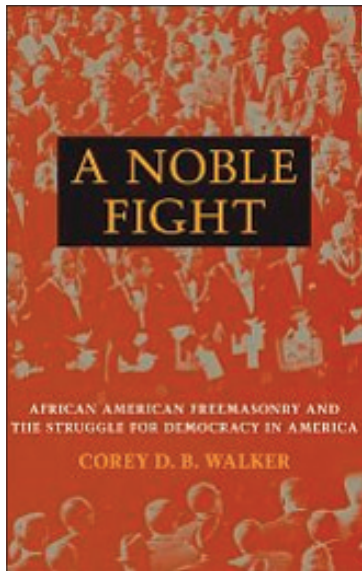
“[N]ever will Southern Masons acquiesce in the overthrow of ancient landmarks subjecting them to the necessity of ‘meeting upon the level’ with their former slaves.” -B.R. Wellford, Jr., Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1867 (*A Noble Fight*, p. 218)

Here’s a book that turns out to be an unexpected treat for the Virginia Freemason. Its author, Corey D. Walker, was Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia in 2003-2006. The book extrapolates from his doctoral thesis that earned him his Ph.D. from William and Mary in 2001.

A Noble Fight focuses primarily on Jefferson Lodge No. 13 in Charlottesville, chartered by the Union Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1870. Watson prefaces the story of Jefferson Lodge and its members with a detailed history of African American Freemasonry from early colonial times, through the efforts of Prince Hall to get a charter for African Lodge No.459, and into the often violent relations between slave owners and slaves up to, through, and beyond the Civil War.

If the reader can plough through the convoluted, dissertational syntax of the first seventy pages or so, or skip them entirely, he will be rewarded with the remarkable history of the contributions of African American Masonry to the dignity, hopes, endurance and cohesiveness of a targeted group of Americans who each counted as three-fifths of a person in the Constitution and had been “owned” as chattels with less legal protection than dogs and wildlife.

Civil War buffs familiar with the slaves’ reading of the Bible as a blueprint for attaining free-



dom, while their owners used that very same Bible to justify and perpetuate the “peculiar institution,” will find here that Freemasonry has functioned much the same way.

For slaves, as well as for newly free blacks, Freemasonry conferred status and dignity as well as a secret association constantly striving to overthrow slavery and to eliminate mistreatment based solely on pigment. Following emancipation, African American Freemasonry provided opportunities for respectability through public manifestations of brotherly love and affection in the dignified performance of such public Masonic rites as the laying of cornerstones.

But African American Freemasons learned that mere emancipation was far from freedom, as the ruling class cherry picked the definition of the citizenship conferred upon former slaves by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Thus we find the Grand Master of Masons in 1869 proving that this newly acquired citizenship conferred no social equality in his address to Grand Lodge:

“It is our right to exclude, not only individuals, but classes or races; and in the exercise of the rights and privileges of exclusion, we must

have regard to the feelings and opinions of those who, by our acts, have already acquired vested rights among us.

To grant the right of representation, in any form or upon any conditions, is a clear recognition of their legal masonic existence, and would be the entering wedge to a complete and final breaking down of all distinctions of race or color.”

Watson draws extensively on the minutes of Jefferson Lodge, the Union Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as well as contemporary newspaper accounts and land records to narrate his thesis. One may be surprised to learn how frequently the Charlottesville Daily Progress used the term “African American” during the late nineteenth century.

A Noble Fight enlightens the reader in the best sense of that Masonic term. Indeed, it informs the reader that current anti-masonry may have some of its roots in the slave holders’ fear “that there are secret societies among the negroes... [T]hese societies should be ferreted out and broken up.”

If any readers take from *A Noble Fight* some resentment that the forms, usages, signs, and secret structure of Freemasonry enabled slaves and emancipated blacks to communicate effectively among themselves to the point of insurrection, they need to be reminded that the Craft provided similar working tools for the colonials who waged the American Revolution.

A Noble Fight enhances the reader’s understanding of the parallel growth of two Grand Lodges in one Commonwealth with meticulous research. It is a priceless contribution to our understanding of the history and development of our beloved Craft and its principles.

This book belongs in the library of and should be read by every Freemason who seriously seeks enlightenment in the history, principles, progress, and tenets of our gentle Craft. ✦

The Masonic Magician

The Life and Death of Count Cagliostro and His Egyptian Rite

By Philippa Faulks and Robert L. D. Cooper
(Watkins Publishing 2008)

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

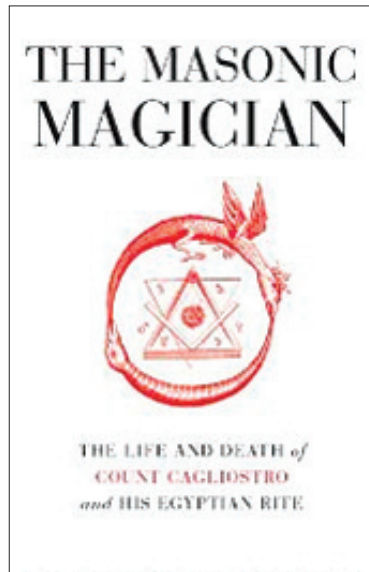
This book provokes the question: Why study the life of a man persecuted by the Inquisition, who created a ritual that had virtually disappeared until recently, and that was a Christianized initiation into “Egyptian Mysteries” involving “primal matter?”

The answer lies in discovering the evolution of humankind’s perceptions of spirituality and science, and how those perceptions develop over time. In the case of the self-titled “Count” Cagliostro, it involves genius, prejudice, intrigue, and betrayal. In *The Masonic Magician*, historian Philippa Faulks and Robert Cooper, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library, portray Cagliostro’s life in the context of the spiritual and intellectual ferment of the eighteenth century Enlightenment.

Keeping in mind that there walk among us not a few who believe that no man has ever landed on the moon, *The Masonic Magician* is recommended as a worthwhile study in the development of rational thought and solid science, having as its subject the deviant example of a misguided and misunderstood genius ultimately condemned for the fertility of his imagination.

Cagliostro, born under shadowy circumstances, created a unique persona as magician, alchemist, philosopher, entertainer and, in the view of many, downright charlatan. Thousands proclaimed him as a healer, one able to turn base matter to silver or gold, a visionary who had discovered and practiced the ancient mysteries of Hermes Trismegistus (“Thrice Great”), the ancient Egyptian polymath reputed to have discovered and written down all knowledge. The “Count” wowed crowds in London, St. Petersburg, Paris, Warsaw, and Strasburg, but managed to get himself in trouble just about everywhere he went, including an eight month stay in the Bastille.

A megalomaniac undeterred by humility, the Count’s final foray into Rome mystifies all. There he preaches and promulgates his “new” Freemasonry, attracts the attention of the Inquisition, and suffers betrayal as a heretic and blasphemer by his wife. Tortured at length by the Inquisition, the Church condemns him to death, and that sentence is mysteriously



commuted to life served in the harshest conditions, to which he succumbs in four years.

For her troubles, the Count’s treacherous wife, the beautiful Seraphina, was banished for life to a convent.

Many have condemned the infamous Count as a deceiver, a thief, a con artist and, well, a nut. His Egyptian Masonry claimed superiority to mainstream Masonry. Cagliostro, no respecter of irony, named himself The Great Copht, to whom his ritual demanded absolute loyalty and blind obedience.

The Count’s ritual consists of three degrees, apprentice, companion and master. Each degree has a catechism as part of the ritual itself. An example:

Q. What is the purpose of the Compass?

A. To teach every good Mason that he must never do anything without having a compass in his hand.

Now there’s an image. The reader can conjure his own images of activities undertaken with a compass in his hand. Our cell phones, a least, we sometimes pocket. But never do anything...

Nor does the Count’s ritual speak well of mainstream Masonry:

I am enchanted by the sublime interpretation which you have just given me concerning the Masonic ceremonies and the tracing board... [Masons] have made a most ridiculous mockery

of it and of the most sublime truth they have made a vain and childish illusion.

The discretion required of mainstream Masons was lost on the Count. Yet Cagliostro acquired a substantial following for his “new” Masonry and his wife created a number of co-Masonic Egyptian lodges using similar ritual.

It would be easy to dismiss the Count’s adventures in Magic, alchemy, and ritual creation as mere silly chicanery, but the authors of *The Masonic Magician* have cleverly organized their material to enlighten the Masonic reader in several important aspects of the Enlightenment and Masonic growth and development in the eighteenth Century. Therein lies the value of this biography.

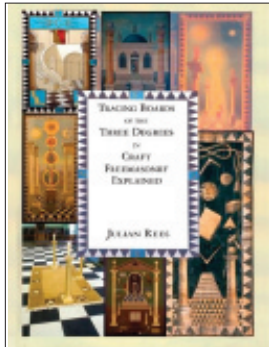
As expected, the book starts with the life and times of Cagliostro. However, the middle of the book contains an excellent discourse on the origins and history of Masonry, including the usual narrative of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. As a bonus, the authors include the origins of the persecution of Freemasonry, from the text of the first Papal bull condemning the Craft to the Nazi requirement that Masons wear an inverted red triangle. The details of the persecution, incarceration and execution of tens of thousands of Freemasons in Nazi Germany chill, frighten, and give warning to the Craft.

The final third of the book discusses Egyptian Masonry itself, including extensive and helpful direct quotations from Hermes Trismagistus himself. Thus are we enabled to view Cagliostro’s ritual, both the sublime and the silly, in multiple contexts. Next comes the ritual itself, followed by the authors’ own commentary on its background, content, and sources.

In presenting the life of Cagliostro, Faulks and Brother Cooper sprinkle their story with allusions to Masonic participation in the American and French Revolutions, the phenomenal growth of the Craft in the eighteenth century, the history of Western philosophy, ancient history, astrology’s morphing into astronomy, and other subjects, to enrich the reader’s understanding of the magnificent and tragic crackpot that was Count Cagliostro. ♀

Tracing Boards of the Three Degrees in Craft Freemasonry Explained

by Julian Rees (Lewis Masonic 2009)
Reviewed by Rt. Wor. William Parks, Jr.



What is a Tracing Board? Tracing boards are painted or engraved depictions used in Masonic Lodges in the early years of Freemasonry to illustrate Craft symbols and allegories during degree ceremonies and lectures. Some actually are boards, some are painted cloth, and some are elaborate tapestries. The ones collected here are a feast for any Mason's eyes.

This gorgeous book, lavishly illustrated, clearly and sensibly explains Masonic symbolism memorably and meaningfully by relying on those tracing boards.

Brother Rees served on the Precepting Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London. One product of that service is this book.

Generous excerpts from the English Emulation Ritual appear throughout to direct the reader to multiple symbols appearing on a large variety of tracing boards. The reader is accordingly invited to dwell on the details of these enlightening illustrations and enhance his understanding of Masonic symbolism.

Not all the boards included are British. The Lodge cloth from Widow's Son Lodge No. 60, in Charlottesville and appear on page 85 with a generous explanation of its elaborate placement of working tools, columns, pavements, and other symbols from the Blue Lodge Degrees.

This book also exemplifies the delight indulged by English Freemasons in printing the American Secret Word of a Master Mason every chance they get. Such cheeky chaps. ♣



“Make A Difference Every Day”

Bremond Lodge No. 241 Community Builders Awards Presented



On Thursday, September 16, 2010 the members of Bremond Lodge No. 241 (Newport News) presented Newport News' Chief of Police James Fox and Former Fire Chief Kenneth Jones with the Community Builders Award. The awards were presented to Chiefs Fox and Jones in honor of their service to the Newport News community and their over 80 years combined service in the field of public safety.

The night began with a great dinner prepared by Emera Chapter No. 31, Order of the Eastern Star. After dinner, Bremond's Worshipful Master, Patrick Murphrey welcoming members and visitors to the lodge and providing a brief history of the lodge and the Community Builders Award. Newport News Mayor, Dr. McKinley Price brought greetings from the City of Newport News and thanked the lodge for recognizing these two great public servants.

Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia brought greetings from the Grand Lodge and joined Worshipful Patrick Murphrey in presenting the Community Builders Award to Chiefs Fox and Jones.

In accepting the awards, both Chiefs Jones and Fox expressed their gratitude for the recognition and paid tribute to the efforts of their fellow public servants comprising the Newport News Police and Fire Departments. They also thanked Bremond Lodge and all Masons in attendance for their service and contribution to Newport News and all communities across the nation.

Special guests in attendance included Newport News Mayor McKinley Price, State Senator John Miller, Delegate Robin Abbott, Delegate Glenn Oder, and Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney Howard Gwynn.

The event was covered by Newport News Public Television and will be featured on a future segment of the “Inside Newport News” television program. ♣

Masonic Veterans

September 1, 2010 through December 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 September 1, 2010 through December 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. John Alvah Barclay Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
Bro. Lawrence Thomas Turner Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120

SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Wor. Francis Curtis Duval Botetourt Lodge No. 7
Bro. Charles Alexander Proctor Temple Lodge No. 9
Bro. Bernard Jerome Levey Richmond Lodge No. 10
Bro. Reevis Stencil Alphin Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Bro. Archie Thomas Thornton Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
Bro. George Herbert Garber Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
Bro. Richard Wylie Phillips, Jr. Marshall Lodge No. 39
Bro. Eugene Leland Titman Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
Bro. M. Jay Berliner Fraternal Lodge No. 53
Wor. Rufus Alexander Scott, Jr. Clinton Lodge No. 73
Wor. George Nottingham Dougherty Capeville Lodge No. 107
Bro. William David Long Capeville Lodge No. 107
Bro. Stewart Powell Womble Capeville Lodge No. 107
Bro. Earl Milton Johnson Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Bro. John Edward Marks Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
Wor. Frederick I. Hanmer, Jr. St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Bro. Wilson Keeling Hunter, Sr. St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Bro. Matthew Lyle, Jr. St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Bro. William Vernon Purcell, Jr. St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Wor. James D. Ramsey, Jr. St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Bro. Dreyew T. Waller St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Bro. S. L. Waller St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Wor. Clinton Marvin Whitley St. Johns Lodge No. 144
Wor. Roy Leland Booker Berkeley Lodge No. 167
Bro. Fred R. Marshall Fidelity Lodge No. 173
Bro. Elmer Rudolph Morris, Jr. Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
Bro. Robert Joe Elliott Lee Lodge No. 209
Bro. Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr. Morotock Lodge No. 210
Bro. Edward George Callas Accomack Lodge No. 243
Wor. James Edwards Caroon Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
Bro. Edward Harden Taylor Anderson Lodge No. 258
Bro. James Harold Price Suthers Lodge No. 259
Wor. Owen Gale Clark Alberene Lodge No. 277
Wor. Fred W. Mayfield Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Bro. Paul Sylvester Shanholtz Montross-Landman Lodge No. 293
Bro. Edward McGrath Watson, Jr. Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Bro. Nathan Anderson Roane, Jr. Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
Wor. Carlisle Leslie Tiller, Jr. Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
Bro. Melvin Russell Knuth Warwick Lodge No. 336
Wor. Herbert Arthur Fisher South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
Bro. Winfree Gray Lee Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
Bro. Hubert Leo Allen Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349
Bro. Richard Treat Spooner John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. John Hansford Chichester Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Bro. Darrell Alden Ferrell Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Bro. Thomas Metts Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Bro. James Herbert Bounds, Jr. St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Bro. Thomas Nathaniel Hunnicutt, III St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Bro. Ernest Lee Rowe St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Wor. William Lee Woodmansee St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Wor. Frank Y. Yannis Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

Bro. Frederick William Jones Manchester Lodge No. 14
Bro. Walter Littleton Henry, Jr. Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
Bro. David Cyril Crockett Oriental Lodge No. 20
Bro. Charles Lawson Bailey Suffolk Lodge No. 30
Bro. Theodore Wade Potter Suffolk Lodge No. 30
Wor. David Allen Lacey Virginia May Lodge No. 38
Bro. Robert Lewis Dalton Marshall Lodge No. 39
Bro. Garland R. Ellington, Jr. Joppa Lodge No. 40
Wor. Johnnie William Inman Joppa Lodge No. 40
Bro. Fred Dan Wallace, Jr. Joppa Lodge No. 40
Bro. Richard Dean Burnett Poquoson Lodge No. 49
Bro. Dennis Heffner Dietrich Poquoson Lodge No. 49
Bro. Irving Noland Byrne Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
Bro. Russell John Werle Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
Wor. Leonard Carter Joppa Lodge No. 57
Wor. Charles Burr Goddin Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Bro. William Holcomb Jennings Pleasants Lodge No. 63
Bro. Dwight Bonham Alley Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Robert Martin Brown Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Theodore Burrell Dobbs Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Elmer Kirk Dunn Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Martin Edmund Fatchett Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Richard Deatherage Gerard Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Raymond Leslie Hemness Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Robert Scott Wallar Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Robert Frederick Zinn Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Jerry Fleming Clintwood Lodge No. 66
Bro. Carroll Bell Welch Mackey Lodge No. 69
Wor. George Roland Childress, Jr. Donovan Lodge No. 75
Bro. Maynard Avery Austin Blackstone Lodge No. 79
Wor. Charles Munsey Fisher Blackstone Lodge No. 79
Bro. Roland Thomas Stanford Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
Bro. W. Maurice Pritchard Naomi Lodge No. 87
Bro. James Miles Edwards, Sr. Ruth Lodge No. 89
Bro. Edward Earl Agee Liberty Lodge No. 95
Bro. Danny Lee Johnson Liberty Lodge No. 95
Bro. John Edward Norcross Liberty Lodge No. 95
Wor. Robert Douglas Hutcherson Halifax Lodge No. 96
Wor. Robert Earl Willey, Jr. Spurmont Lodge No. 98
Bro. Charles Alfred Horton McPherson Lodge No. 99
Bro. William Vance Randolph Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
Bro. Ronald Robertson Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
Wor. William Lawrence Strickland Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
Bro. Glenn Ryan Robinson Giles Lodge No. 106
Wor. Earl Thomas Dodson, Jr. Heathsville Lodge No. 109
Bro. Hollis Omega Hatter Norview Lodge No. 113
RW Lester Oden Moxley, Sr. Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
Wor. William Thomas Davis Chase City Lodge No. 119
Bro. Milton Louis Becker Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Bro. Douglas Brown Cleary Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Bro. Richard L. Hughes Independence Lodge No. 129
Wor. John David O'Hara Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
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Brother Pleasant C. Shields



Brother Pleasant C. Shields (holding plaque) of Carter Lodge No. 323 (Blairs) received his 70-year Masonic Veteran's plaque recently. The plaque was presented by Most Worshipful Glover Hunter Jones, III (2006) (far right), Right Worshipful Edwin H. Glazener, Masonic District 38 DDGM (second from the right), and Worshipful Hershel D. Stone, Master of Carter Lodge No. 323 (far left).

After 36 years of service, active and reserve, Brother Shields was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Award. Upon retirement as Chairman of the Virginia Parole Board and later, Chief Lobbyist for the VGEA, he was recognized by the Virginia General Assembly for 51 years of service to the Commonwealth and its employees. His wife and him will will celebrate 70 years of marriage on April 12, 2011. ✦

50 Year Service



Mt. Wor. Don Robey, Grand Master, 1987, travelled to the stated meeting of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 to present a 50 year pin and certificate to Brother and Senator John H. Chichester, who was raised in Fredericksburg Lodge in 1960. He served over 30 years in the Virginia State Senate and I understand was responsible for sponsoring some remarkable legislation during his tenure in that office. After the presentation, Brother Chichester made some very interesting remarks about how the things he learned in Freemasonry, as a very young man, influenced his entire life, and though he had never been a very active Freemason, he never forgot the lessons he learned as an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in Fredericksburg when he was only 21 years old. ✦

Editor's Comments

On the front cover of the magazine is the Grand Master with his Presentation Committee at the altar during his installation. Pictured (left to right) are Brother John Mason Chambliss, III, Mr. Christopher Brent Allen, Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr., and Worshipful George Lee Daniels, Jr. This photograph, the ones in the center of the magazine, and back cover were taken by Worshipful Charles Thomas Batten, Past Master of Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 (Richmond). Brother William J. Baumbach, II, provided the pictures for the cornerstone laying article and Patriot Lodge, U. D. article.

I would like to thank Worshipful Gerald Lee Frey, member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 and Ocean View Lodge No. 335 (Norfolk), for his major contribution and support to this issue. ✦

Rt. Wor. Dave Burkus
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Contributions to the George Washington Masonic Memorial

Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley, 2005

Brethren, as Ambassador to the George Washington Masonic Memorial I am pleased to use this article to thank each of you for your generous contributions to the Memorial. The Memorial is sustained by your generosity and as such depends upon your interest and support. Your continual support enables us to maintain the Memorial that reflects honor and dignity on Brother Washington and on American Freemasonry. I also want to thank our Brother, Right Worshipful George D. Seghers, PDDGM (06), Executive Director for his untiring efforts in keeping the Memorial before us. Located in Alexandria Virginia, I urge each of you to visit this national symbol of Freemasonry and explore the outstanding displays depicting our past, present and future.

The Memorial is a Section 501 (C) (3) organization and your gift can be treated as a charitable contribution. Those whose contributions in 2010 have furthered the goals of our Memorial are: The Grand Lodge of Virginia;

New Century Members

- Brother James W. Gladden, Ruth S. Harrington in memory of Brother George Harrington,
- Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 AF&AM;

Platinum Presidential Member

- In honor of Elizabeth B. Jones by James S. Jones, III;
- ## Gold Master Member
- Brother Charles E. Hinson; Silver Craftsman Member
 - Brother Robert C. Holland, III,
 - Brother R. Robert Rasmussen,
 - Larry Wiese, Ex. Director of Kappa Alpha Order National Office;

And other contributions were made by James S. Jones, III, George and Louise Seghers, John and Jill Quinley.

Additionally, four trees were dedicated on the grounds of the memorial this year, in memory of Brother Gay C. Brinson by his daughter Mary Kaye Brinson, in memory of Schuyler Hamilton Jones by his parents Tracey Hollingsworth and Harry New Jones, and in honor of Robert E. Schindler by his Loving Family and Brethren, and one in honor of Brother John R. Quinley for service on the Board of Directors of the Memorial (2005 – 2008). 🌟

So How Do Our Residents Feel?

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

I am often asked by our donors and supporters whether our residents “have their voices heard,” and whether or not our residents are happy. I personally hold a “town hall” meeting with residents every quarter. I personally chat with residents every time I walk through the facility. Each month, our staff meets with elected resident representatives. Do we find them happy? Yes.

Hopefully, every person reading this article has already sent their annual donation to the Home. That means that everyone has a right to say, is the money well spent? Allow me to answer in the actual words of a resident who moved in on October 6, 2009.

In a letter dated October 8, 2010, a resident, Brother Jim Fox of Westhampton Lodge No. 302, wrote the following letter to Brother Ed Owen, our Administrator:

Dear Brother Owen,

Just two days ago on October 6th, I celebrated my first anniversary as a resident of the Masonic Home. Never has time passed so quickly!

There is no practical way for me to get around to and thank each of the individuals who have made this year such a wonderful period, so I'm requesting that you make my thoughts known at one of your employee meetings (unless, of course you believe this to be inappropriate).

There are so many things I can say about this first year. First of all, the staff – all who work here: They seemed to accept me and to treat me as one of

their family. From the very first I was shown the utmost courtesy, unfailing kindness and affection such as is ordinarily reserved for one's closest blood relatives. My gratitude to each of them is boundless. I'll never forget them.

I won't attempt to name each of these wonderful people because I would almost certainly omit some because of my poor memory, but there are some that spring to mind in the mornings and whose beautiful smile gives my day a great start; then Eddie, who takes my meal tray to my table on many occasions and who was kind enough to share with us photographs of his little son and is good to all of us in so many ways; then there is Wendy, who keeps my room so clean and looking so neat. Wendy also seems to feel it to be her duty to give us a hug just when we need it most. Surely, she is one of God's chosen.

I am so thankful to all who work here, and I pray that God will bless you for all you do for those of us who live here and who depend upon you so much.

*Sincerely,
Jim Fox*

SO, to borrow a phrase from our Grand Master's theme, by giving to YOUR Home, you *Make a Difference Every Day.* 🌟

Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgements of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010. Persons HONORED or memorialized are in **BOLD** on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
FEBRUARY		
2/2/1919	William Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
2/3/1918	Helen Anderson	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
2/4/1925	James Smith	Warwick Lodge No. 336
2/6/1923	Stuart Shipley	Varina Lodge No. 272
2/11/1931	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
2/18/1930	Elva Rollins	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
2/19/1919	Norma McCullough	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/20/1921	Charles Wilson	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/20/1920	Raymond Martines	Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219
2/22/1921	Frances Charlesworth	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/23/1936	H. Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/23/1926	Claude Morris	King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
2/25/1927	Mary Gene Smith	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
2/25/1917	Helen Rackley	Blandford Lodge No. 3
2/26/1930	Joy Kent	Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88

MARCH		
3/2/1925	James Fox	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
3/4/1929	Betty Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/4/1919	James Beasley	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
3/5/1923	Harold Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
3/5/1928	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/7/1923	Albert Noll	Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
3/7/1922	Florence Tayler	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/9/1916	Annie McPherson	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
3/23/1926	Irene King	Virgnia Lodge No. 177
3/24/1916	Rose Szentendrei	St. John's Lodge No. 36
3/24/1922	Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/24/1936	Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
3/26/1923	Dorothy Barton	Arlington Lodge No. 102
3/29/1927	Virginia VonGemmingen	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/30/1931	Charles Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/30/1923	Edith Holcomb	Ocean View Lodge No. 335

APRIL		
4/2/1928	Floyd Lassiter	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
4/2/1937	Kathryn Stitzer	Babcock Lodge No. 322
4/4/1928	James Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
4/4/1924	Catherine Doggett	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
4/4/1921	Rose Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
4/4/1921	Elizabeth Payne	Joppa Lodge No. 40
4/4/1936	John Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
4/5/1917	Rebecca Price	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/6/1917	Elethia Cason	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
4/7/1922	Jean Noll	Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
4/7/1927	Margaret Baity	Oriental Lodge No. 20
4/12/1926	Doris Messer	Sandston Lodge No. 216
4/15/1931	Graham Simmons	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
4/16/1918	Virginia Roggmann	Bremond Lodge No. 241
4/17/1930	Jean McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/17/1918	Stafford Bolton	Northside Lodge No. 292
4/24/1924	Beatrice Milton	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/25/1908	Eula Beasley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/27/1924	Juliet Burton	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
4/28/1923	Helen Payne	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
4/29/1925	Frances Pugh	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
4/29/1935	Agnes Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
4/30/1926	Robert Hobson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54

MAY		
5/3/1917	Ruth Carter	West Point Lodge No. 238
5/3/1924	Elsie Wickham	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/8/1926	Jack Golightly	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
5/11/1936	Mildred Milby	West Point Lodge No. 238
5/12/1923	William Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/13/1923	Robert Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
5/13/1920	Alice Walton	St. John's Lodge No. 36

5/14/1912	Joseph Crane	Columbia Lodge No. 285
5/19/1930	Edna Alvis	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
5/19/1923	Blanche Feitig	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
5/19/1924	Anne Winder	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
5/20/1919	Gwendolyn Hues	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
5/20/1927	Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
5/22/1927	Joseph Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
5/23/1917	Goldie Simmons	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
5/26/1924	Jane Barnes	Richmond Lodge No. 10

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
FEBRUARY		
2/16/1974	David and Joy Kent	Lancaster Union No. 88

MARCH		
3/4/1954	Herbert and Mildred Milby	West Point Lodge No. 238
3/6/1949	Donald and Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/11/1950	Garland and Elva Rollins	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
3/19/1943	Albert and Jean Noll	Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
3/22/1958	James and Janey Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
3/31/1963	Glenn and Carol May	Varina Lodge No. 272

APRIL		
4/3/1954	James and Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
4/14/1979	Earl and Irene Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/17/1944	Harold and Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/21/1945	Robert and Virginia Hobson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
4/22/1950	Joseph and Barbara Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
4/27/1946	Robert and Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345

MAY		
5/4/1968	John and Agnes Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/12/1944	William and Mable Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
5/14/1949	Walter and Yvonne Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
5/21/1955	John and Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
8/22/2010	John Anton	Norview Lodge No. 112
8/29/2010	Frederic Tayler	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
11/4/2010	Joseph Leggette	Lee Lodge No. 209
11/28/2010	Alean Fulford	Naomi Lodge No. 87

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
8/31/2010	Nell Owen	Richmond Lodge No. 10
9/27/2010	Warren Carter	St. John's Lodge No. 36
11/23/2010	Barbara Thornton	Sandston Lodge No. 216

MAHOVA Events



Residents' Rhythm Band performing at 2010 Family Day.



Residents modeling Ersell Brinser's collection of hats.



Varina High School Color Guard presenting the flag for Veterans Day.



Residents participating in the play by the Barksdale Bifocals.



Resident Maxine Fitch enjoying a visit from Santa at the Christmas Party.



2010 Christmas Pageant participants.



Residents Sarah Wright and Mabel Paschall enjoying a visit from the clowns.



Residents enjoying the "Building of the Flag" as presented by the Heroes of '76.



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