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Grand Master's Message

Freemasonry - A Beacon of Light

As we recently met in Richmond for the 236th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to conduct the business for the previous year and to lay out plans for the ensuing year, we held the election and appointment of the Grand Lodge Officers. I would like to first say I am humbled and honored to have been elected the 169th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

This year's theme, "Freemasonry — A Beacon of Light," represents how we as Freemasons are moving forward. To know where we are going, we need to know where we have been. George Washington commissioned the building of the Cape Henry Lighthouse in 1792 in Virginia Beach to help guide ships on their path to safe harbor. Providing for the public building was the first act of the new Congress of the United States, following the Revolutionary War. If you look closely, you will see it is made of bricks, and it reminds me of how we are structured in Freemasonry. Just as the bricks are assembled together to form this great structure to give that "Beacon of Light" so that mariners can find safe passage into the harbor, so too are we, as Freemasons, joined together in Brotherhood to build a better world for future generations.

As each previous Grand Master has laid out his plans on the trestleboard for his year of service to the Grand Lodge, so have I. To maintain continuity from one year to the next, it is important to look at the programs of previous Grand Masters and build on the positive results from the programs that are helping our Grand Lodge grow.

The one program we should never forget is support of our youth organizations. It is through our support that we will have Masonic leaders for tomorrow, not only for us, but leaders for our country. It is through the teaching of



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the principles and precepts of Freemasonry, not only to us, but also to our youth, that will prepare them to be productive citizens in society.

A very important part of the Grand Lodge program this year, as it has been in the past, is our Masonic Home. We hear our Masonic Home referred to as "The Crown Jewel of Freemasonry." It is indeed where we, the Masons, can live out our obligations in a most meaningful manner. The support that we provide financially through our gifts and assessment is a major reason we have a Masonic Home. The support we give to the residents by going to the Home and visiting with them is a very meaningful way to show we care about them. I encourage every Mason in this great Commonwealth to visit our Home. When you do, take your family so they can see firsthand the care and love the residents receive.

Apart of the Masonic Home is the Outreach Program. This program allows us to support our Brethren, their wives or widows in their

homes and receive assistance that they might require without having to leave their home.

I ask that you be supportive of the Masonic Home of Virginia in your thoughts, words and deeds, but most especially in your prayers that we may be able to care for our Masonic Family.

Brethren, we should thank God for allowing us to live in America, the greatest country on earth. I think often being an American and living in a free land, if we are not careful, we begin to take for granted what so many have sacrificed so much to enable us to have this privilege.

My Brethren, it matters not in the end where our membership lies, the important thing to remember is we are all Master Masons, and as such bound by our obligations to God, Country, Family, the Fraternity, and to promote the betterment of the world which we live. As was said by a great author, "It is good to have an end to the journey, but it is the journey that matters in the end." Think about that statement, and may the journey that we take henceforth be one that someday may be said of us, "He lived his life as a Master Mason true to his obligations."

My Brethren, the principles and precepts that our founding fathers lived by are just as true today for us to guide us in life's decisions we must make daily. In his book, *The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith states that democracy (political freedoms) and capitalism (economic freedoms) will not survive in a country unless people treat each other ethically and honorably. We can help save our nation's heritage by restoring ethics as the normal and by conducting our personal and business affairs in the most ethical manner possible, thus, we can be a positive force for good to all we encounter.

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Grand Master's 2014 Itinerary

January

- 16 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 15B
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic District 15A
- Official Visit, Masonic District 15C
- 21 Princess Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 28
- 24 Division Leadership Conference, Waynesboro
- 25 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
- 31 Official Visit, Masonic District 12

February

- 1 Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778
- 2 Bethel No. 42, Job's Daughters
- 3 Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies
- 5 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 6 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 7 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
- 8 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
- Official Visit, Masonic Districts 14A & 14B
- 11 Mineral Lodge No. 311, 100th Anniversary
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 - 19 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Baltimore, Maryland
- 19 Cave Spring Lodge No. 230, 50th Anniversary
- 20 Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, Williamsburg
- 22 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Wreath Laying
- Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A & 1B
- Official Visit, Masonic District 54
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 11

March

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- Khedive Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 5 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 13 Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 44
- Official Visit, Masonic District 46
- 18 Mann Page Lodge No. 157
- 20 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 22 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond
- Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 25 - 27 Grand Lodge of Tennessee
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 50
- 28 - 30 Mid-Winter Shrine Meeting, Roanoke

April

- 1 Monitor Lodge No. 197
- 2 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 4
- 4 Official Visit, Masonic District 7
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 10
- Official Visit, Masonic District 8
- 8 Kempsville Lodge No. 196
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 - 12 Scottish Rite Eastern Region, Jurisdictional Workshop, Williamsburg
- 15 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607
- 17 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 35A & 35B
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic District 36

May

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 2 - 3 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 3 Kazim Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 6 - 8 Grand Lodge of Maine
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 3
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic District 2
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic District 5
- Official Visit, Masonic District 6
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 16 Strategic Planning & Implementation Meeting
- MAHOVA Board Meeting
- Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 17 MAHOVA Ambassadors Conference
- Cherrydale Lodge No. 42/Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, Joint Communication
- 19 - 21 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star, Roanoke
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 43
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 25

June

- 2 Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1
- 4 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 23
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 20
- 7 DeMolay Grand Masters Class, Luray
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 38
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 14 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- Manassah Lodge No. 182, Strawberry Night
- 17 Corinthian Lodge No. 266
- 19 Official Visit, Masonic District 19
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A & 22B
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 24
- 24 Elizabeth Lodge No. 34, Table Lodge
- 25 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257

July

- 2 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 3 Norfolk Lodge No. 1
- 6 - 10 Imperial Shrine of North America, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 10 Annual Session, Job's Daughters International, Ferrum College
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 37
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 33
- 15 Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607
- 17 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 18 - 20 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, DC
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 41
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic District 40
- 26 Annual Conclave, DeMolay, Christopher Newport University
- 31 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership
- Official Visit, Masonic District 48

August

- 1 - 3 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership
- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 47
- Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 42
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 26
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic District 32
- Official Visit, Masonic District 34
- 12 Ruth Lodge No. 89
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 14 James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 15 Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Roast
- 19 Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607
- 21 Bremond Lodge No. 241
- 25 Grice Commandery No. 16
- 30 Hiram Club Ball

September

- 3 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 4 - 7 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Owens Lodge No. 164
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 56
- 16 Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607
- 18 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 19 - 20 Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia
- 20 Philippine Masonic Association of America, Annual Convention
- 26 - 28 Scottish Rite Conference, Virginia Beach

October

- 1 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
- 8 Kempsville Chapter No. 173, OES
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Family Day, Masonic Home of Virginia
- 16 Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- 19 - 21 Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- 27 - 29 Grand Lodge of Georgia

November

- 1 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- 5 - 9 Grand Annual Communication



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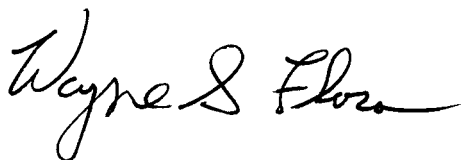
Grand Master's Message

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The more I study the Craft, the more impressed I become with how much its presence meant to the development of civilization. Freemasonry helped make this world what it is today. It made it by taking the best man it could find and improving that man. Looking at the results of our early leadership with their magnanimous, long-range vision to produce what we have inherited, we must be careful in trying to gain quantity that we do not sacrifice quality. For this could be the difference between men of vision and loss of direction.

Brethren, Freemasonry is one of the most significant organizations conceived by the mind of man. We, the present day leaders of this heritage, have assumed the responsibility of perpetuating it. This heritage is the result of taking one good man at a time, and making him into a better man. It was that better man who generated all that we have, all that we are, but it was Freemasonry that made this world a better world. It was that better man that made this world a better world through the philosophical precepts of Freemasonry. If Freemasonry is not succeeding, it is not the fault of Freemasonry. Freemasonry does not fail; Freemasons fail.

I hope this will give you pause to reflect on Freemasonry and what its philosophy means to you. Our responsibility is not only to Freemasonry, but to the Brethren who have passed this heritage to us. 🌟



Wayne S. Flora
Grand Master

Wayne Sawyer Flora 169th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

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

Most Worshipful Brother Flora was made a Master Mason in Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 on March 8, 1967. He is an honorary member and served as Worshipful Master in 1975 and is currently a Lodge Trustee. He served the Lodge as Secretary from 1981-2000. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 56 in 1988. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2009 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master on November 9, 2013.

Brother Flora is a member of the Valley of Norfolk, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2011. He is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District 2, Past High Priest of Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607 and Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753 and a member of Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82. He is a member of Grice Commandery No. 16; Past Sovereign Master of Princess Anne Council No. 129, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Puissant Sovereign of Saint Thomas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, member of Hampton Roads York Rite College No. 95, and Past Patron of Kempsville Chapter No. 173, Order of the Eastern Star. He holds membership in Emerald Isle Council No. 30, Knight Masons, Grand College of Rites of the United States, Oxford Lodge No. 1, Ark Mariners of Maine, Order of the Corks, Order of the Bath, Order



Wayne Sawyer Flora
Grand Master

of Thrice Illustrious Master and Cape Henry Chapter No. 424, National Sojourners. Brother Flora is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International, and the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

He has been married for fifty years to the former Mary Ann Newman. They are the proud parents of a son, Cecil, and his wife, Dawn; a daughter, Ginger, and her husband, Todd; and three grandchildren, Mary Beth, Justin and Heath. They attend Courthouse Community United Methodist Church. 🌟



Edwin Clifton Whitlock

Grand Junior Deacon

Right Worshipful Edwin Clifton Whitlock was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on October 7, 1950, the son of Logan Thomas Whitlock, Sr. and Annie Ruth Turner Whitlock. He was educated in the public schools of Portsmouth, graduating from Craddock High School in 1969. Upon graduation, Brother Whitlock went to work for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth as a Pipefitter Apprentice, advancing to Nuclear Mechanical Systems Inspector, Foreman, General Foreman and Director of Nuclear Refueling. He retired in 1992, after twenty-three years of service to the government. After retiring, Brother Whitlock experienced a call to the Christian Ministry. He graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College in 1995 with B. A. Degrees in Philosophy and Religious Studies and from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 1999 with a Master of Divinity. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley in 2012. He is an ordained Elder in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, currently on leave.

Brother Whitlock has been part of the Masonic family since he was initiated in Craddock Chapter, DeMolay International in 1965, where he later served as Master Councilor. The International Supreme Council awarded him the Chevalier and for his continued service as a Chapter Dad and Chairman of the Advisory Committee, he was awarded the Cross of Honor and the Legion of Honor. He served the Eastern Region as a District Deputy from 1977-1980 and as Dean of the Tidewater Preceptory of the Legion of Honor and continues to serve as the Commander in the East, conferring the Legion of Honor at the annual Investiture Service for the Tidewater Region.

Brother Whitlock was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 on March 30, 1972, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1983. He served as Masonic Home Ambassador for Masonic



Edwin Clifton Whitlock
Grand Junior Deacon

District 34 from 1984-1986 and District Deputy Grand Master in 2004. He is a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on By-Laws and Charters. He was appointed Grand Chaplain in 2007, 2009, and 2011, and as Associate Grand Chaplain in 2010 and was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2013.

He is a Life Member in Perpetuity in Seaboard Lodge, Charter Member of Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774, and holds membership in Great Bridge Lodge No. 257, and Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777. He is a member of the Valleys of Portsmouth and Norfolk, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he was invested Knight Commander Court of

Honour in 2005. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the Tidewater Scottish Rite Speech and Language Foundation, Inc. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity, honorary member, and Past High Priest of Craddock Royal Arch Chapter No. 72. He is an honorary member and Past High Priest of Mount Nebo Royal Arch Chapter No. 20 and holds membership in Princess Anne Royal Arch Chapter No. 1607, Port Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter No. 36, and Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753. He served Capitular District 21 as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1989 and the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia as Grand High Priest in 1998. He served as Chairman of the Trustees for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia for many years. He also holds honorary membership in the Grand Royal Arch Chapters and Grand Councils of Alabama and New York.

Brother Whitlock is a Life Member in Perpetuity and Past Commander of Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 and Past District Deputy Grand Commander of Chivalric District 2. He was the recipient of the Grand Commandery's Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2000. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Portsmouth/Chesapeake Council No. 155, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Puissant Sovereign of Saint Thomas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; and a member of Emerald Isle Council No. 50, Knight Masons; Hampton Roads York Rite College No. 95; Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2; Virginia College Societas Rosieruciana; Super Excellent Master's Council No. 27, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Portsmouth Chapter No. 352, National Sojourners, where he is currently Vice-President; and Gosport Camp, Heroes of '76. He holds membership in Khedive Shrine Center, where he belongs to the Knights of Mecca Unit and served as Chaplain for many years. Brother Whitlock is the recipient of the York Cross of Honor.

He is married to the former Lynne Matthews. They are the parents of one son, Matthew Thomas Whitlock. 🙏



The Three Great Lights

Out of the mist of antiquity we learn the Three Great Lights have served as the focal point necessary to provide the foundation common to the Craft, which binds us as Brothers: the Holy Bible (Volume of Sacred Law), Square, and Compasses.

The Holy Bible

Certainly the *Bible* was not meant to invoke a particular religious dogma, but rather to instill in our minds the thought that we are responsible and accountable to a higher power, which, depending on one's theological understanding, might be referred to as God, Deity, Supreme Architect, etc.

In Speculative Masonry, expressing a belief in a Supreme Being is sufficient to become a member of the Craft. Leaving dogma/creeds outside the Lodge defused that which would have been a most disruptive pit-fall. Today the discussion of religion is "off the table" in Lodge.

The attention of every Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction is first called to the Three Great Lights when, as Entered Apprentices, we behold our first glimmer of light and the foundation of their use is explained. At the same point in the subsequent degrees, elaboration of their use expands our understanding.

In the Entered Apprentice's Lecture, they are further defined as the Furniture of the Lodge: the Holy Bible, dedicated to God, the Square to the Master, and the Compasses to the Craft.



The question, "is it of your own free will and accord?" lends itself to more than confirming that we have not been coerced into becoming a petitioner. Now, we, as Adam, with one bite of the apple are given the choice through knowledge (and responsibility) for responding properly to right and wrong. We as Speculative Masons accept the responsibility to God to utilize the Three Great Lights to mold, temper, and enforce our Masonic laws through the use of the working tools.

The Square

The Square migrates through the degrees. It is always included as a part of the Great Lights, it appears as one of the working tools of the Fellowcraft, as well as the Master's emblem. No doubt, before we became Master Masons we heard such phrases as "he is a square dealer," or "you will get a Square deal," indicating that in dealing with that company or individual you would receive a fair or honest deal.

In dealing with Brethren, "On the square" means that what is spoken of and or agreed to will be carried out strictly according to that agreement between the parties involved, and thus with morality and honesty as the foundation. The Square defines our actions and obligations to mankind.

The Compasses

In preparing ourselves to become Master Masons, it is necessary that we understand the constraints within which we as men must act, if we are to fulfill our Masonic destiny. To circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds, describes the use of the compass.

It is interesting when visiting that portion of the Entered Apprentice Degree regarding the Dedication of Lodges, there is a passage that refers to "a certain point within a circle embordered by two perfect parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, and on the top rests the Book of Constitutions. In going around this Circle, we necessarily touch upon those two parallel lines as well as the *Book of Constitutions*; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible he can materially err." That point would have been made by one of the legs of the compass.

You could say that the Three Great Lights form the three sides of a triangle, the strongest of structures. 🏠

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*In Speculative Masonry,
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Summary Grand Lodge – 2013

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Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, Grand Master greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 235th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, 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 that qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2014, if the awards are available.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Jon Bruce Hagadorn, a member of Taylor Lodge No. 23.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Friday to Right Worshipful James Campbell Bay, III of Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166 and Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young of Corinthian Lodge No. 266. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Right Worshipful Hoen McGuire Edwards, Jr. of Courtland Lodge No. 85.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Ernesto Batinga Soriano of Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778 and Right Worshipful Lokie Leo Voight of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21.

The Grand Master recognized those Lodges and individuals who qualified for the G. Hunter Jones, Jr. Charity Award.

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 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 by Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young, Executive Officer in Virginia. Brother Howard Kenneth Smith, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, also presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton.

During Friday afternoon's session, Most Worshipful Brother Campbell recognized his distinguished guests as well as the Past Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia. The Report of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia was presented and approved.

Friday'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 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland." This resolution was adopted.

235th Grand Annual Communication

Committee meetings were held at 3:30 P.M., 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 9, 2013.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given and the budget for 2014 was presented and approved. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 13-01 through 13-02 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 2013 - 2014

MOST WORSHIPFUL WAYNE SAWYER FLORA	<i>Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES EDWARD LITTEN	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL VERNON STUART COOK	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
MOST WORSHIPFUL JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR.	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY WALLACE TAYLOR	<i>Grand Senior Deacon</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK	<i>Grand Junior Deacon</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL FREDERICK RUSSELL DIXON	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EMMETT MOSELEY PATE, JR.	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MATTHEW TODD SZRAMOSKI	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DENNIS EUGENE EDWARDS	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HOEN McGUIRE EDWARDS, JR.	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN MARK MILLS	<i>Grand Provost</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL STEVEN WAYNE MCGOWAN	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES WINFIELD GOLLADAY, JR.	<i>Grand Purveyor</i>
WORSHIPFUL TOMMY ERIC SKEENS	<i>Grand Senior Steward</i>
WORSHIPFUL PATRICK CRAIG MURPHREY	<i>Grand Junior Steward</i>
BROTHER WILLARD DEXTER WASH	<i>Grand Organist</i>
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	<i>Grand Physician</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ROGER CORT	<i>Grand Tiler</i>

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary, Emeritus</i>
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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, 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 Searce, Jr., Right Worshipful Lambros George Deligan, and Right Worshipful Sheldon Barnett Richman.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 251 Lodges represented with 1,217 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 2014 unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers was held at 3:30 P.M. in the ballroom of the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year. 🍀

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins,
Grand Secretary

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Executive Order No. 1 2013 - 2014

SUMMARY: This Executive Order requires each district to conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, the fundamental labors of Freemasonry are performed at the subordinate Lodge level, and

WHEREAS, the officers of the subordinate Lodge are critical to the success of the Lodge, and

WHEREAS, as Entered Apprentices, we are charged to converse with well-informed Brethren, and

WHEREAS, the attainment of useful knowledge is further emphasized throughout our ritual, therefore it may be deemed as most prudent that the Grand Lodge, in its efforts to support the effectiveness of Freemasonry throughout this Commonwealth, should provide for the proper education of the officers of the subordinate Lodges,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne S. Flora, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do hereby order that each district in the Commonwealth shall conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2014. To comply with this order, all stationed officers and at least three other Lodge officers must attend such a class, either in their own or in another district. These classes shall be conducted by the District Educational Officer, or in his absence, a designee appointed by the Grand Provost. To further support this effort, each district will be supplied with a copy of the *District Education Officers' Manual For Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers*. This manual and other appropriate materials may be utilized for the training class. Since the most effective mentors and instructors may well be local Brethren, skilled in our arts, the District Educational Officer is authorized to conduct the training in the most effective manner in which he deems fit for the needs of his particular district. This order shall not be construed to limit such classes in number, but rather, each district shall be encouraged to conduct as many classes as considered necessary to comply with this Executive Order, that the leadership of our Lodges may be strengthened.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 11th day of November, A.L. 6013, A.D. 2013 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth year of our Grand Lodge. 4



Attested:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne S. Flora".

Wayne S. Flora
Grand Master

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan W. Adkins".

Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

Summary of Resolutions Presented at 2013 Grand Annual Communication

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01 – REJECTED

This resolution would change Section 2.159(e) of the Methodical Digest to require a Brother serving as Worshipful Master of a Research Lodge must have already been elected and installed Master of a regular Lodge holden under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 5.19 of the Methodical Digest to change the number of members to serve on the Committee on Life Membership in Perpetuity from five to nine. 4

Requirements for Warden's Certificate of Qualification

Requirements for Gold and Silver Cards

Right Worshipful Hoen McGuire Edwards, Jr.
Grand Lecturer

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

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



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

2014 Division Leadership Conferences Locations and Dates

- Friday, January 3, 2014 – DLC – **Big Stone Gap** (Mountain Empire Community College)
3441 Mountain Empire Rd, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Registration 6:00 P.M. Conference begins 6:30 P.M. Conference ends 8:40 P.M.
Contact: Tommy Eric Skeens (276) 935-2847
- Saturday, January 4, 2014 – DLC – **Ft. Chiswell (A.M.)** (Ft. Chiswell High School)
1 Pioneer Trail, Max Meadows, VA 24360
Registration 8:00 A.M. Conference begins 8:30 A.M. Conference ends 10:50 A.M.
Contact: Owen Tee Wade (540) 674-9437
- Saturday, January 4, 2014 – DLC – **Roanoke (P.M.)** (Scottish Rite) Afternoon Session
622 Campbell Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24016
Registration 12:00 P.M. Conference begins 12:30 P.M. Conference ends 3:00 P.M.
Contact: Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. (540) 977-0430
- Friday, January 10, 2014 – DLC – **Eastern Shore** (Nandua Middle School)
20330 Warrior Dr, Onley, VA 23418
Registration 6:00 P.M. Conference begins 6:30 P.M. Conference ends 8:40 P.M.
Contact: Jack Watson Bonniwell (757) 787-3775
- Saturday, January 11, 2014 – DLC – **Norfolk** (Scottish Rite)
7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23505
Registration 8:00 A.M. Conference begins 8:30 A.M. Conference ends 10:40 A.M.
Contact: Aaron Zeno (757) 898-7887
- Friday, January 24, 2014 – DLC – **Waynesboro** (Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church)
30 Tinkling Spring Dr, Fishersville, VA 22939
Registration 6:00 P.M. Conference begins 6:30 P.M. Conference ends 8:40 P.M.
Contact: Joe Wayne Murphy (540) 887-8333
- Saturday, January 25, 2014 – DLC – **Alexandria** (Scottish Rite)
1430 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302
Registration 8:00 A.M. Conference begins 8:30 A.M. Conference ends 10:40 A.M.
Contact: John Schroeder (703) 321-7047
- Friday, February 7, 2014 – DLC – **Keysville** (Southside – John Daniel Community College)
200 Daniel Rd, Keysville, VA 23947
Registration 6:00 P.M. Conference begins 6:30 P.M. Conference ends 8:40 P.M.
Contact: Lonnie Lee Godfrey (434) 821-4183
- Saturday, February 8, 2014 – DLC – **Richmond** (Scottish Rite)
4204 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, VA 23227
Registration 8:00 A.M. Conference begins 8:30 A.M. Conference ends 10:40 A.M.
Contact: William Martin Myers (804) 332-3013

Counterpart Sessions:

- Grand Master - (meet with the Worshipful Masters and 2014 DDGMs)
- Deputy Grand Master - (meet with the Senior Wardens and 2015 DDGMs)
- Grand Senior Warden - (meet with the Junior Wardens)
- Grand Junior Warden - (meet with the Senior and Junior Deacons)
- Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary - (meet with the Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers)
- Grand Senior Deacon and Grand Junior Deacon - (meet with all other Brethren – Auditorium)
- Grand Lecturer - (meet with the COW, DIWs, LIWs)
- Grand Provost - (meet with the COME, DEOs, LEOs)
- Regional Rep. - and District MAHOVA Ambassadors - (meet with GSD and GJD)
- Regional Rep. - District & Lodge Blood Coordinators - (meet with GSD and GJD)
- Regional Rep. - Public Relations Committee - (meet with GSD and GJD)
- Regional Rep. - District Membership Coordinators - (meet with GSD and GJD)

Area Masonic Ritual Schools – 2014

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

Note: Always verify the date(s) and location of any school you are planning to attend E. Tyree Mountcastle School locations: Chickahominy, Mann Page, and Williamsburg Lodges.

How the Membership Committee Can Be Of Assistance

Right Worshipful William E. “Bill” Hershey, Jr.
Chairman, Committee On Membership

As you are reading this article, in the Winter Edition of the *Herald*, I hope that you are looking forward with anticipation to the coming months and the warmer weather. For me, I am in anticipation to some degree of warmer weather, but also in anticipation as to how we can work together along the lines of membership. I have been fortunate again this year to travel with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to the Division Leadership Conferences that have been held to date. At these Conferences, I have been very pleased to see the interest in membership that is being expressed by so very many of the Brethren in the counterpart sessions. The variety of events being held are limited only to the imagination of the Lodges that are hosting the events.

This year, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, has again issued Executive Order No. 3, requiring Lodges to conduct or participate in a Bring-A-Friend event prior to September 1. In support of this Executive Order, your Membership Committee has been working to improve the tools and material available to the Lodges as they work to comply with this Executive Order.

In addition to the Bring-A-Friend Program that has been available on the Grand Lodge website since 2008, an updated version of the *Share The Light Brochure*, combining the previous version of this booklet, and the *Membership Retention Toolkit* has been published. Each District Deputy Grand Master was provided a copy of this brochure at the Grand Annual Communication, and like the Bring-A-Friend Program, it is available for download from the Grand Lodge website. Another tool you will find useful is a newly-approved PowerPoint presentation explaining how one becomes a Mason, and providing a bit of information about the degree process.

While none of these tools are seen as the panacea to address all membership concerns, I sincerely believe they can be used to assist Lodges with both membership development and retention if a Lodge is willing to invest the time and effort to improve situations they may be currently experiencing. If Lodges or districts are in need of assistance, hosting a Bring-A-Friend or Bring-A-Mason event, they need only contact the Committee to allow us to be of assistance. While I do not believe we have the “silver bullet,” we can help identify

what might be a good start and help to develop a plan that will be of long-term benefit to the Lodge or district.

Why not contact me and let’s talk? My contact information is: 540.972.1692 (H), 540.270.9665 (C), and wehershey@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you. 🍷

Grand Lodge Website

Changes are coming to the Grand Lodge website in early 2014. There will be improvements to the navigation menu, Lodge locator, better support across different browsers and devices, and more secure. Adding the ability to search the website for content, changes in the color and layout, and more.

In 2014 the Secretaries will see improvements to the electronic activity section of the website.

<http://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

Why I Am a Mason

A new addition to the Grand Lodge website is “Why I Am A Mason” [click on Membership (right hand side of the main page) then click on “Why I Am A Mason” and select the story that interests you] telling why we joined the Oldest Fraternity in the world.

Or pass this link along to a friend who has shown interest in our Fraternity:

http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/membership/Why_Im_A_Mason.htm

Why did you become a Mason? Send your story to the Grand Lodge office at:

grandsecretary@grandlodgeofvirginia.org with the subject WHY. Ladies, what is your point of view as to the impact on your husband since he became a Mason? Email us at grandsecretary@glova.org with the subject WHY. 🍷



QR Code to Grand Lodge of Virginia Website
“Why I Am a Mason”

Is Your Speculative Freemasonry Operative?

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Sometimes we get so bogged down in Masonic symbolism that we forget the exhortations in our ritual to apply the lessons of our symbols and working tools to our daily occupations.

The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge provides eight hours for our usual vocations. Do the lessons of the Craft apply to the manner in which we conduct those occupations? How do the Square, Level, Plumb, and Perfect and Imperfect Ashlars apply to our jobs in this technological age? Are they relevant to operating a train, repairing a car, practicing law or programming computers?

While Freemasonry uses the tools of operative Masonry to teach us the valuable lessons of our Craft, true adherence to those lessons demands that we act upon them in our daily lives. That is, we can and should view those lessons as “operative” and practical as we carry on our jobs, trades, and professions, and we search for practical applications of those lessons.

As we start the working day, we need to measure and lay out our work. That means we need to plan the day so that it’s productive, effective, and results in whatever Perfect Ashlars relate to our vocations.

Architecture itself teaches the necessity to plan ahead, to take things one step at a time, to check the quality of our work with the tools of our occupations. You don’t build a house by putting up the roof first. You start with footers and a strong foundation.

Just so, the trainman checks his tracks, his engine, his brakes, his load capacity, his fuel, and his safety precautions so that his train runs safely and on time.

The same principle applies to any other occupation. Masonry teaches that we build one brick at a time, constantly checking our work with the modern equivalents of the Plumb, Square and Level. We check our materials for

strength, quality and durability.

Just so with our auto mechanic. He has to diagnose the problem, see what parts need replacement, check that the parts fit right, choose the working tools that will help him do the job right, and then do his repairs correctly so that his work is reliable. That way he plies his trade with Wisdom, or knowledge,

Therein lies the infinite potential of the Craft for each of us. We teach that our Working Tools stand for more noble and glorious purposes than their mere physical uses. By acting on those purposes we allow Freemasonry to act on our souls, upon our spirits so that the spiritual lessons become operative in our daily lives.

Strength, or durability, and the Beauty of returning to his customer a smooth-running vehicle that hums along reliably.

And the lawyer builds his case on a solid foundation of facts, preparation of evidence, and review of the law that will apply to his case.

In the process, the tradesman squares his work with integrity, keeping his passions within due bounds by avoiding the mistakes of impatience, producing work that is upright, honest and valued for its quality.

The craftsman reminds himself through the level that he is no better than his customer or client, that he must deliver true value for his wages. Similarly, the supervisor or boss knows that if he respects the employees under him, they will be more productive and appreciate his leadership.

But the symbols of the Craft also teach spiritual lessons to guide our conduct in our several stations in life. Just knowing those lessons can be hollow indeed, if we fail to apply them, or act on them, or make them operative.

The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations in life, that is, to conduct ourselves honestly, openly, and fairly, without cheating.

We square our actions by the Square of virtue, putting into action the principles of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

Accordingly, whatever level of proficiency we attain in ritual, in so-called Masonic “education,” in extolling the Wisdom, Strength and Beauty of the structure of Freemasonry, all which is hollow, indeed if we fail to transform the Speculative into the Operative by behaving consistently with the lessons of our symbols.

Therein lies the infinite potential of the Craft for each of us. We teach that our Working Tools stand for more noble and glorious purposes than their mere physical uses. By acting on those purposes, we allow Freemasonry to act on our souls, upon our spirits, so that the spiritual lessons become operative in our daily lives.

So, my Brethren, at the end of the day, we each should ask ourselves:

“Has my Freemasonry been Operative today?”

Only thus do we become the Living Stones essential to the survival, effectiveness and relevance of our noble Craft. 🗝



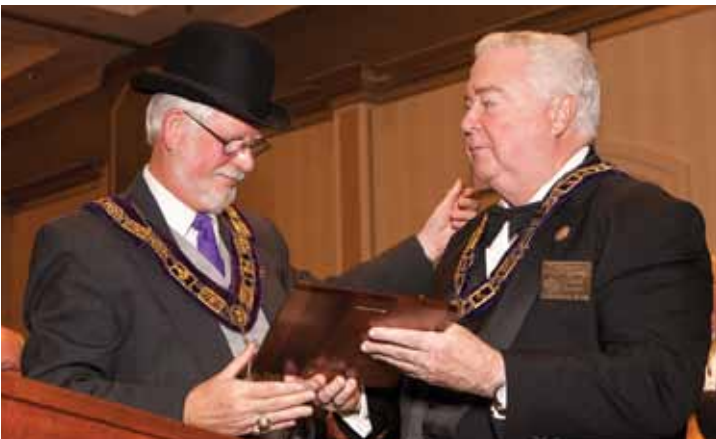
2013 Grand Annual



M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell opening 235th Grand Lodge Annual Communication.



Darren Murray, State Master Councilor, presenting the Ceremony of Light.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell presents Wor. Francis R. "Reed" Brown, Grand Organist, a plaque for sixteen years of service.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell presenting R. W. Lokie L. Voight with the Reid James Simmons Award of Ritualistic Excellence.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell presenting M.:W.: James M. Scarce, Jr. (2004) the G. Hunter Jones, Jr. Charity Award.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell receives his Past Grand Master's Certificate presented by M.:W.: Edmund Cohen (2008).

Communication



L-R: R.W. Hoen McGuire Edwards, Jr. receiving the George Washington Medal from M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell presenting R. W. Richard McCoy Young the John Blair Award.



Grand Annual Communication colors presented by the National Sojourners Color Guard.



M.:W.: Jeffery E. Hodges (2009) reciting the Toast to the Flag.



L-R: M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell listens to R.W. Walter S. Downs as he steps down from the Committee on Jurisprudence.



M.:W.: Louis K. Campbell delivering his Address to the Grand Annual Communication.

60-Year Veteran



L-R: Brother Roy Mullins, Worshipful Brady Lyall, and Right Worshipful Joseph H. Tate.

Worshipful Brady Lyall receiving his 60-Year Masonic Veterans certificate and emblem from Brother Mullins and Right Worshipful Tate on behalf of Clintwood Lodge No. 66. Worshipful Lyall was raised in 1952 and served as Worshipful Master of Clintwood Lodge No. 66 in 1963. 🇺🇸

60-Year Veteran



L-R: Worshipful Arthur Marilla and Worshipful Ira Shelton

Worshipful Arthur J. Marilla pinned a 60-Year Masonic Veterans emblem on the lapel of Worshipful Ira M. Shelton at Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24 stated communication. 🇺🇸

Past Masters Appreciation Night

Right Worshipful Mikel Johnson



At the first ever Masonic District 10 Past Masters Appreciation Night are twenty-six Past Master attendees pictured:

Gregory D. Hosaflook	Day Lodge No. 58	Ronald F. Sturm	Waddell Lodge No. 228
E. Russell Bane	Day Lodge No. 58	David A. Carl	Waddell Lodge No. 228
Harvey L. Fleshman	Day Lodge No. 58	Ernest B. Pryor	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Fred M. Morgan	Day Lodge No. 58	Wayne F. Pryor	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Richard B. Baker	Day Lodge No.	Andrew W. Pryor	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Vernon Squire	Mineral Lodge No. 311	James P. Atkinson	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Jesse O. Brummage	Mineral Lodge No. 311	Ruben A. Garcia	Cabell Lodge No. 328
James L. Starcher	Mineral Lodge No. 311	Mikel S. Johnson	Cabell Lodge No. 328
John D. Runnett	Mineral Lodge No. 311	Horace W. Heald	Cabell Lodge No. 328
A. Miller Arritt	Murray Lodge No. 175	Charles F. Grubbs	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Ronald D. Rees	Murray Lodge No. 175	Bernard W. Grubbs	Cabell Lodge No. 328
William T. Lee, Jr.	Waddell Lodge No. 228	A. Mel Sheridan, Jr.	Cabell Lodge No. 328
Sherwood S. Parrott	Waddell Lodge No. 228	George W. Dingus	Cabell Lodge No. 328

60-Year Veteran



[Center] Worshipful Newton T. Hurd, Sr. flanked by his sons.

At Hunter Lodge No. 135 in Edinburg, Virginia, stated communication, the Worshipful Master, Newton T. Hurd, Sr., raised his two sons to the sublime degree of Master Mason. 🇺🇸

Assisting the Shenandoah Free Clinic

Worshipful Timothy L. Runion



Brethren from Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103 and Hunter Lodge No. 135.

Early on a Saturday morning Hunter Lodge No. 135 arrived with pickup trucks, moving carts and willing hands to assist the Shenandoah County Free Clinic move to their new building.

The idea started back in April when Brother Neil Fadely, who serves on the Free Clinic board invited Pam Murphy, Executive Director to speak to the Lodge about the mission and vision of the Clinic. The Free Clinic provides medical and dental care to uninsured and under insured residents of Shenandoah County.

Mt. Jackson Lodge Brethren who helped were: Michael Huff, Robert Runion, Ned Day, Pat McNett, Neil Fadely, Jason Funkhouser, Henry Craig, and Tim Runion, along with Chris Lovegrove and Aaron Bostic from Hunter Lodge No. 135.

Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.

Brother Marquis de Lafayette

Grand Lodge Staff Competes In Marathon



L-R: Sherry Talley and Kim Martin in the Grand Lodge office with their medals.

Two members of the Grand Lodge office staff, Kim Martin and Sherry Talley, debuted and finished the Anthem Richmond Marathon, a grueling 26.2 K race through the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area. Congratulations are extended to them on this milestone in their racing careers.

Eagle Scouts



L-R: Blake William Spangler, his parents, Eli Preston Moore, his parents, Thomas D. Newcome, Master of Taylor Lodge No. 23, and Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell (2013).

Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 23, with the help of Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell (2013) presented awards to two Eagle Scouts, Blake William Spangler and Eli Preston Moore. They and their families attended the Lodge and dinner.

Shield Award



L-R: Worshipful Thomas D. Newcomb, fireman Joseph Hollins, EMT William Smith, Detective Danny Crouse, and Brother Greg J. Jakbowski. Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 23, held a Shield Award night, for exemplary service to an outstanding policeman, fireman, and EMT chosen by their departments.

50, 60 and 70 Year Masonic Veterans

50 Year Masonic Veterans

Veteran	Lodge	Years
R.W. Harold Philip Anten	Norfolk Lodge No. 1	50
Bro. Stanley Sanford Berkwit	Norfolk Lodge No. 1	50
R.W. Thomas Clayton Ransome	Atlantic Lodge No. 2	50
Bro. Frank Osborne Kirks	Blandford Lodge No. 3	50
Bro. George Fogg McGilvery	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6	50
Bro. John Richard Metz	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11	50
Bro. Herbert Meade Shepherd, Jr.	Staunton Lodge No. 13	50
Bro. Kenneth Gardiner Pankey	Manchester Lodge No. 14	50
Bro. Clarence Daniel Treadwell	Petersburg Lodge No. 15	50
Wor. Gerald Robert Bee	Acacia Lodge No. 16	50
Bro. Bernard Coles Buchanan	Oriental Lodge No. 20	50
Bro. Raymond Eugene Owens	Oriental Lodge No. 20	50
Bro. Gene Melvin Fulcher	Taylor Lodge No. 23	50
Bro. Jerry Michael E Leonard	Taylor Lodge No. 23	50
Bro. Stuart Paul Levy	Suffolk Lodge No. 30	50
Bro. Warren Oscar Wilkerson	Marshall Lodge No. 39	50
Wor. Robert Horace Wollett	Marshall Lodge No. 39	50
Bro. Charles Lewis Younger	Fairfax Lodge No. 43	50
Bro. Norman Lee Sprague	Doric Lodge No. 44	50
Wor. George Raymond Bierman	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54	50
Bro. David Wilson Dyer	Henry Lodge No. 57	50
Bro. Walter David Marshall	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60	50
Bro. James Winston North, Sr.	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60	50
R.W. Richard Gustavus Motley	Polk Lodge No. 61	50
Wor. Marshal Lee Conner	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64	50
Bro. Irvin Daniel Hopper	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64	50
Bro. Joshua Kemper Liddle, Jr.	Old Town Lodge No. 68	50
Bro. Oral Vernon Jones	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82	50
Wor. Bryan Harold Walker	Chester Lodge No. 94	50
Bro. Arthur Franklin Deese	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100	50
Bro. Richard Stanley Shockley	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100	50
Bro. William Ray Phillips	Capeville Lodge No. 107	50
Bro. William H. Smith	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122	50
Bro. Henry Grady Swiggett, Jr.	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122	50
Bro. Lavere Ardell Shultz	Fork Union Lodge No. 127	50
Wor. William Robert Gentry	Independence Lodge No. 129	50
Bro. John Curtis Marion	Miles Lodge No. 165	50
Bro. Donald Eugene Samuels	Ashland Lodge No. 168	50
Bro. Donald Carl Young	Ashland Lodge No. 168	50
Bro. Charles Legrand Haycock, Jr.	Washington-Lafayette Lodge No. 176	50
Bro. James Wiley Cornett, Sr.	Manasseh Lodge No. 182	50
Bro. James Pearce Brice	Lakeland Lodge No. 190	50
Bro. Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	Kempsville Lodge No. 196	50
Bro. Robert Edsel Dumire	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	50
Bro. Deryl Eugene White, Jr.	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	50
Bro. James R. Kee	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212	50
Wor. Robert William Phillips	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212	50
Bro. Ronald Allen Lee	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220	50
Bro. Douglas Burton Gillespie	Harman Lodge No. 222	50
Bro. Earl Ray Stamber	Harman Lodge No. 222	50
Bro. Virgil Edgar Springer	Charles T. Morton Lodge No. 232	50
Bro. Charles Sherman Wooten	Buckingham Lodge No. 242	50
Bro. Ralph Lafayette Jackson	Forest Lodge No. 245	50
Wor. Louis C. Morris	Virgilina Lodge No. 248	50
Wor. Allen Brittan Hess	Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260	50
Bro. Ernest Ruben Kilgore	Corinthian Lodge No. 266	50
Bro. Francis Evans Powell	Corinthian Lodge No. 266	50
Bro. Bernard Lacy McCraw	French Lodge No. 270	50
Bro. John Rupert Jones, Sr.	Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273	50
Bro. Billy Bennett Ward	Henry Clay Lodge No. 280	50
Bro. Robert Alex Sublett	Columbia Lodge No. 285	50
Bro. John Edward Bailey, Sr.	Dupont Lodge No. 289	50
Bro. Jack Davis Daniel	Dupont Lodge No. 289	50
Bro. Frank Blair Bishop, III	Powhatan Lodge No. 295	50
Wor. Joseph D. Turner, Jr.	Central Lodge No. 300	50
Bro. Carroll Vincent Young	Central Lodge No. 300	50
Bro. John Forqueran Burton	Westhampton Lodge No. 302	50

Veteran	Lodge	Years
Bro. Andrew Lee Woodward	Westhampton Lodge No. 302	50
Bro. Charles Henderson Michaux	Campbell Lodge No. 316	50
Bro. John Russell Lindstrom	Babcock Lodge No. 322	50
Wor. Harry Turner	Babcock Lodge No. 322	50
R.W. John Walter Gilbert	Dryden Lodge No. 326	50
Bro. Ted O'Brien	Castle Rock Lodge No. 334	50
Bro. Bruce Milford Kendall	Warwick Lodge No. 336	50
Bro. Albert Ammie Pirkle	Warwick Lodge No. 336	50
Wor. James Albert Carter, Sr.	Transportation Lodge No. 337	50
Bro. Kenneth Ray Blaylock, Sr.	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344	50
Wor. Shirley Elvin Tuck, Jr.	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347	50

60 Year Masonic Veterans

Veteran	Lodge	Years
Wor. William Haywood Forehand	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5	60
Wor. Joseph Carter Crafford	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6	60
Bro. Robert Wilkins Downey, Jr.	Temple Lodge No. 9	60
Bro. Jerry Otis Ferrell	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11	60
Wor. Melvin Wade Smith	Manchester Lodge No. 14	60
Bro. Benjamin Monroe Thompson	Oriental Lodge No. 20	60
Bro. William M. Conner	Taylor Lodge No. 23	60
Bro. Milton Franklin Dodge	Taylor Lodge No. 23	60
Bro. Stamey Victor Everhart, Jr.	Marshall Lodge No. 39	60
Bro. Henry Randolph Shelton	Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50	60
Bro. Emmett Lonnie Meadows	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64	60
Wor. Richard Earlwin Marshall	Urbanna Lodge No. 83	60
Bro. Loyd D. Saunders	Naomi Lodge No. 87	60
Bro. Richard Coyle Schroeder	Naomi Lodge No. 87	60
Bro. Donald Richard Cottingham, Sr.	Ruth Lodge No. 89	60
Bro. Billy Bowen Hawkins	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100	60
Bro. Thomas Allison Lance	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100	60
Bro. Jack Edward Tribett	Arlington Lodge No. 102	60
Bro. John Baldwin Reynolds	Highland Lodge No. 110	60
Wor. Evans Clark Mundy, Jr.	Barboursville Lodge No. 112	60
Bro. Calvin Alexander Hoyle	Chase City Lodge No. 119	60
Bro. Alfred Richard Hill, Jr.	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122	60
R.W. Rosser Lee Wayland, Jr.	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122	60
Bro. William Briggs Brockwell	Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124	60
Bro. James Edgar Mallory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131	60
Wor. William Van Est Wilcox	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133	60
Wor. John William Shanklin	Snowville Lodge No. 159	60
Bro. Harvey Daniel Shelburne	Snowville Lodge No. 159	60
Wor. Ejnar Olaf Jorgensen	Kempsville Lodge No. 196	60
Bro. Charles Christopher Travis	Wakefield Lodge No. 198	60
Bro. Harry N. Haverty	Bayside Lodge No. 218	60
Bro. Harmon Eugene Wheeler	Bayside Lodge No. 218	60
R.W. Wilbur Allan Haver	Buckingham Lodge No. 242	60
Bro. Lawrence Davis, Jr.	Corinthian Lodge No. 266	60
Bro. John Homer Hackney, Jr.	Corinthian Lodge No. 266	60
Wor. Walter Emerson Padon	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274	60
Wor. Everette T. Bedsworth	Churchland Lodge No. 276	60
Bro. David Wilfred Doyle	Churchland Lodge No. 276	60
Bro. Clifton Cecil Harris	Henry Clay Lodge No. 280	60
Wor. Edward Nelson Owens	Meridian Lodge No. 284	60
Bro. Clayton Wagner Dekay	Columbia Lodge No. 285	60
Bro. Robert Clinton Clary	South Hill Lodge No. 297	60
Bro. Raymond Lee Guy	Central Lodge No. 300	60
Bro. Elmer Hinton Watson	Kent Lodge No. 305	60
Bro. John William Bunting	Ocean View Lodge No. 335	60
Bro. Eugene Ralph Hutchins	Ocean View Lodge No. 335	60
Bro. James Alexander Waugh	Ocean View Lodge No. 335	60
Bro. Gaither Samuel Rowe, Jr.	Warwick Lodge No. 336	60
Wor. Homer Milton Kline, Jr.	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199	60

70 Year Masonic Veterans

Veteran	Lodge	Years
Bro. Herbert Jackson Jennings, Jr.	Elizabeth Lodge No. 34	70
Bro. Cloyd Duval Seagle	Pythagoras Lodge No. 239	70

60 Year Masonic Veterans



L-R: Right Worshipful Miguel N. Poblete, Jr., Brother Ralph E. Porterfield, and Worshipful Stephen M. Suratos.

Brother Ralph E. Porterfield of Naomi Lodge No. 87 receives his 60-Year Masonic Veterans emblem at Naomi's stated communication. 🌟



R-L: RW James C. Day and Brother William C. Berry

Right Worshipful James Carl Day, Chilhowie Lodge No. 250, Chilhowie, Virginia, presents Brother William Clark Berry with a short explanation of Brother Berry's 60-Year Masonic Veterans Award at the stated communication. 🌟



L-R: Stanley R. Katz, Worshipful Master; Right Worshipful Alvin L. Lehman, Worshipful David A. Lapkin, and Right Worshipful W. William "Bill" Gibbs, Jr., DDGM 15C.

Fraternal Lodge No. 53 recognized three members who were raised on the same date in 1953, with their 60-Year Masonic Veterans emblem and certificate. 🌟



L-R: Brother Raymond H. Partrick and Right Worshipful Paul E. Cook.

Right Worshipful Paul E. Cook presented Brother Raymond H. Partrick his 60-Year Masonic Veterans emblem and certificate, as well as Brother Partick's 50-year pin as a Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner. A total of 210 years of Masonic service. 🌟



Ask Hiram

During the EA Degree, each officer states his duties. I wish Hiram to expound on the Junior Deacon's duties. The Junior Deacon's primary duty centers on the door of the Lodge. Please address these questions: (1) How would the Senior Warden call up the Junior Deacon? (2) How would the Junior Deacon approach and address the intended recipient of the message? (3) Would the Senior Warden be required to inform the Master of the message first?

ANSWER: To begin a lengthy answer to the questions posed by the Learned Brother, Hiram refers to an excellent paper entitled History of our Virginia Ritual, prepared by Right Worshipful Samuel T. Atkinson for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education in June, 2008. Right Worshipful Brother Atkinson mentions the perceived need for a national ritual standard and the convention held at Baltimore, MD in 1843 for this purpose. Our Grand Secretary, Dr. John Dove, represented Virginia at the convention and, following an exemplification at Grand Lodge the same year, the ritual agreed to at the Baltimore convention was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

As is the case with many aspects and details of our Virginia ritual, much has been handed down through the years and, although ritual exemplified in years past may have included precise and elaborate physical manifestations of the language used, today's ritual is left with words alone. Continuing the search for answers to the Brother's questions Hiram refers the Brother to the ritual used by early operative Masons and the opening of a Lodge as it would have taken place in 1620. This opening was used by The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plasterers, and Bricklayers. An Operative Lodge, opened in the First degree, included a number of officers not used in Virginia Masonry, such as three Master Masons placed in the East (instead of just one Worshipful Master), a Deputy Master Mason, both Inner and Outer Guards and finally, one additional Deacon, thereby giving the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master Mason each a Deacon. Similar to today's Virginia ritual, the Deacons' duties included carrying messages around the Lodge room but, as is the case with many other similar texts, the manner in which these duties were performed is not clearly explained.

Serving as proxy for the officer (Senior Warden) whom he represents, the Junior Deacon engages in those duties which involve walking around the Lodge room. A practical example could be an occasion when the Worshipful Master may wish an item of correspondence regarding some program that the Junior Warden participates in, such as Child ID, to be given to the Junior Warden. The Worshipful Master may in this case order the Senior Deacon to carry the letter to the Senior Warden who would then direct the Junior Deacon to deliver it to the Junior Warden. There is no need for formal language to be used; a simple instruction is all that is required.

Can a picture be taken during a tiled Master Mason Lodge of a group of Past Masters gathered around the altar, with the bible, square, and compasses set for the degree? The opened Bible, square and compass are in the pictures, which are displayed outside the Lodge room for the public to see. The Brother taking the picture is not the Lodge historian, but did have permission from the Grand Lodge to take the picture.

ANSWER: The good Brother is no doubt referring to that part of our obligation where we promise not to record the secrets of the Craft in any form. Hiram reminds the Craft that we must observe both caution, and care when taking any photographs during tiled meetings. With the Worshipful Master's permission, pictures are often taken of members receiving 50 or 60-year pins. Other speakers are sometimes photographed with the Worshipful Master. However, these photographs are typically taken in the East with the Worshipful Master present and could, if agreeable to those involved, be taken at the end of the meeting. The good Brother points out that the items are displayed in pictures outside the Lodge room; nevertheless, Hiram urges caution in taking any photos during tiled meetings and recommends seeking the counsel of wise Brethren before making a permanent record of any kind. Signs, Tokens and the Perfect Points of Entrance are NOT to be photographed.

My Lodge wants to elect a worthy Brother to honorary membership. The problem I see is that his residence is in a nearby state. My question is regarding the vote itself. If we have a tied vote, how do we make decision?

ANSWER: These are good questions and easily answered by searching the Methodical Digest. Section 2.129, Decision 1 (1964) addresses the question of residence, "Residence within the jurisdiction of a Lodge is not required for honorary membership. Requirements as to residence apply only to petitioners for the degrees." Section 2.129, Opinion No. 9 (1969) includes "Honorary membership requires unanimous ballot and an aggregate of twenty-five years good standing in a Virginia Lodge is one of the requirements for Brethren who are not Past Masters." As for a tied vote, Hiram refers the good Brother to Section 2.37 of the Methodical Digest, which states that "In every election in which there shall be more than one nominee, the vote shall be taken by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast, shall be necessary for a choice and if there be a tie, the Master may have an additional vote." 🙏

Honoring Major Joseph E. Gillette 150 Years Later

Brother James W. Hart, Sr.



L-R: Franklin Lodge's Senior Warden Joel C. Bradshaw, III, Worshipful James W. Hart, Sr., and Boykins No. 287 Worshipful Master Andrew P. Spencer during the ceremony honoring Major Joseph E. Gillette who was Franklin No. 151's first Worship Master in 1856 through 1861.

Franklin Masonic Lodge No. 151, in Franklin, Virginia, and Urquhart-Gillette Camp No. 1471, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) held a joint ceremony at the family cemetery of Major Joseph E. Gillette on November 2, 2013 in honor and remembrance of Major Joseph E. Gillette who died November 1, 1863. The ceremony was attended by approximately eighty family members and friends of the family including members of various SCV chapters and Franklin Masonic Lodge.

Urquhart-Gillette Camp and Franklin Masonic Lodge each presented wreaths in honor of Major Gillette. Major Gillette was a gallant officer in the 13th Virginia Calvary and suffered wounds at the battle of Brandywine Station in 1863. He was able to make it home on horseback before succumbing to his wounds on November 1, 1863. He died at his home place "Cedar Lawn," located outside of Franklin. Major Gillette was also the first Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge No. 151, in Franklin,

Virginia, which received its charter in 1856. From 1862 through 1869, there were no returns, due to the Civil War. The Lodge was revived under a revised charter in 1870. 🇺🇸



Keystone with
Square and Compasses

Masons Capturing Great Moments

Right Worshipful Moring E. Gravitt

The Virginia Masonic Herald Publications Board will announce the winning pictures of Masons Capturing Great Moments in the next Herald (Spring, est. April).

The two principal categories are Masonic and non-Masonic. These can include portraits, landscapes, snapshots, family, fun events, Masonic gatherings, everyday items and items of interest. If it catches your eye and it is worth sharing, snap a picture. These photos should be under the banner of **Masons Capturing Great Moments**. Send us some great shots of things, happenings, or people in Virginia. Masonic items from outside the Commonwealth will be equally considered.

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There are two categories to include, Masonic and not Masonic, each will have a first, second, and third place chosen. 🇺🇸

Enhance Your Masonic Knowledge

Voracious consumers of “Masonic” books soon become familiar with the English fondness for speculation. English speculation soars past solid historical precedent into the realm of guess work, fantasy, and unsubstantiated and often whimsical attributions of meaning for symbols, blind acceptance of myth and legend as history, and dizzying play with numbers and geometry.

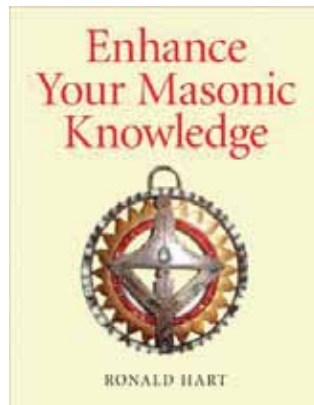
Early in *Enhance Your Masonic Knowledge*, an 8.5 by 11 inch paperback, Brother Hart catches himself descending down a shaft of baseless fancy in his discussion of the “Origins of Our Lodge Columns.”

Hart states that he “has produced a drawing of [Solomon’s] Temple, showing the pillars [Jachin and Boaz] in detail. This is a visual record based on primitive paintings and reliefs found by archaeologists.”

That depiction includes a celestial globe above the column of Boaz and a Terrestrial globe above the column of Jachin. The latter clearly shows the unmistakable outlines of North and South America, Africa, and Western Europe. Do we now believe that Worshipful King Solomon counted mastery of world geography among his prodigious attainments?

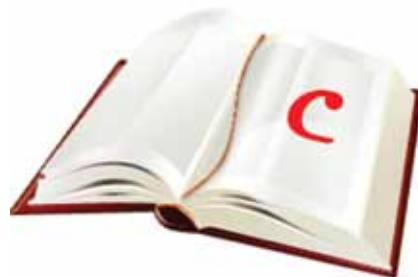
Well, no. Five pages following the author’s own drawing, he points out, “As the earth was believed to be flat [in Solomon’s] time, the description of the globes surmounting the chapters, as representing the two maps, is absolute nonsense.” Indeed.

An operative architect himself, Brother Hart casts his professional eye on Masonic notions of architecture with a healthy skepticism. Accordingly, he offers occasionally sensible explanations for the design features of the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. He also describes the development of the barrel [sic] vault, dome, pointed arch, ribbed arch and flying buttress with the helpful addition of his own drawings.



By Worshipful Ronald J. R. Hart
(Lewis Masonic, 2013, 77 pp.,
Paperback, \$17.28)

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



His third chapter,
*“Some Symbols of the
First Degree,”* ranks among
*the most detailed, insightful,
and enlightening essays on the
Entered Apprentice Degree.*

He even tosses in the “Catenarian Arch: What the term ‘Catenarian Arch’ really means is that the arch has a curve the same as that assumed by a chain or heavy rope suspended between two points. The suspended chain assumes its own curve, and the curve inverted becomes the outline of an arch, Catena being Latin for chain.”

Unfortunately, the chain is missing from the author’s own illustration, captioned in part: “N.B. There is no such thing as a Catenarian Arch in Architecture.” Intriguing.

As Hart summarizes:

“Classical architecture needs to be understood in a large and general way, as the most comprehensive and stable manner of design the world has ever seen. Therefore we cannot exclude the classical past from our experience in architecture, any more than we can in literature or art; it is a part of us in Freemasonry. If the forms in which it is presented tend now to have something of the obscurity of a ‘dead’ language, then, Brethren, I suggest you should learn the language.”

Thus concludes the book’s two chapters on architecture. Unfortunately, that’s not enough to help the reader begin to understand its language. Brother Hart leaves the reader hungry for more.

His third chapter, “Some Symbols of the First Degree,” ranks among the most detailed, insightful, and enlightening essays on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

“The operative Freemasons would take no one who had a bodily blemish” because of the extreme physical demands of moving heavy blocks of stone. “[I]n the Dutch Lodge in South Africa a candidate enters a Chamber of Preparation, signs his declaration and is left for a considerable time, to rest his mind.”

Further, the candidate’s conductor guides the initiate’s hand to the door knocker, so that

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the candidate himself makes the three distinct knocks. “He is obligated beneath the crossed wands of the S and JDs.”

In the Bristol Working, when the candidate’s returns to the Lodge reinvested with his belongings, “he is told to sit at a table and to write the word. If he attempts to do so, a gong is sounded and discord from the organ makes a din his [sic] fingers are rapped and he is shown a man with his T. cut across.”

When we arrive at the chapter for the “Symbolism of the Second Degree,” however, Bro. Hart bogs down. This chapter includes several convoluted sentences, one of eighty-six words and another of ninety-one.

Hart pictures the candidate, “Having learned to walk on the level [just imagine], he comes to the central feature of the Degree. The winding staircase, full of symbolic meaning, twofold in character, vested with divine and human significance [sic]. The various steps of the different flights are typical of divine attributes of elemental expressions of Divine Creation and of the various forms of life on which that creative power has manifested itself. They also symbolize the various human faculties, the senses, wherewith knowledge is built up, and the Liberal Arts and Sciences...”

Got all that?

Hart also states that “among the prayers said for his [sic] are these, etc.”

His (whose?) what?

On the same page, Hart says, “if the poi-gnard is held upright by the blade, it forms a cross,” and “If is held downwards by the blade, it forms the Christian emblem of the cross.” Either or both?

And so Brother Hart joins the growing legions of “Masonic “ writers who get so wrapped up in their own convoluted rhetoric that they ignore the basic rules of grammar that would, if followed, enhance the reader’s

Masonic knowledge.

Brother Hart repeatedly constructs for himself labyrinthine paths, words tacked onto words so that sentences and paragraphs end without memory of where they began.

So it’s really time for the Craft to insist that these various “Masonic” writers submit their work to neutral, detached readers, known in some circles as “editors,” for review, to seek out and destroy, or at least break into parts sentences as long and longer as ninety-eight words (Hart’s Chapter 7, e.g.), to point out the missing words, the misspellings, the pronouns without antecedents, and the incomplete sentences.

No author should impose upon his readers the task of rendering the incoherent coherent. Grammar itself remains one of the Craft’s recommended liberal arts. In this current era of Restoration Masonry and Traditional

Observance, the Craft must insist that its literature go public only after it has been polished, shaped, corrected, and honed into the finest Perfect Ashlar that good editing can produce.

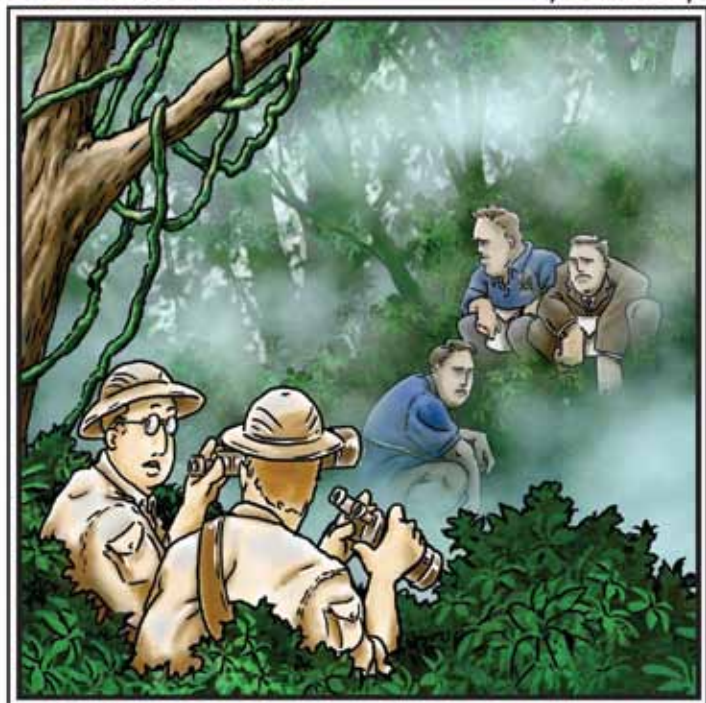
As for the publisher, Lewis Masonic proclaims itself “a long established firm, founded in 1886, specializing in the publication of Masonic texts.” As such, it should withhold publication until its works have been fully and properly edited.

As an architect and Past Master, Worshipful Hart has much insight, knowledge, and skill to share with his Brethren. It is fondly to be wished that he will share much more.

And “Masonic” authors must insist that their works be viewed as their readers will view them before publication so that the final products shine as brightly as the Blazing Star of Freemasonry itself. 🍷

Like Answers Returned

by Sam Welty



We’ve found them Smithers, the elusive North-American Freemasons. Keep perfectly still and for heaven’s sake don’t mention religion or politics!

The Society for Useful Knowledge:

“Immaturity is the inability to use one’s own understanding without the guidance of another.” Immanuel Kant

The very idea that America may have contributed substantively to the European “Age of Enlightenment” escapes the notice of far too many historians. Many view it as a European phenomenon belatedly adopted by Americans in the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution.

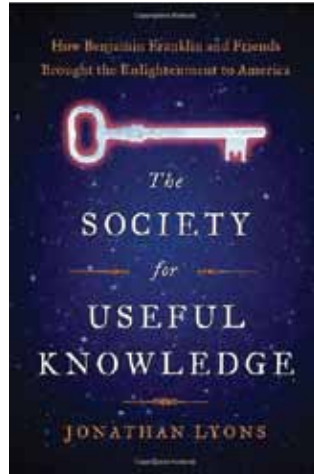
But American adherence to the Enlightenment required rejection of established religion, the overthrow of a king who ruled by divine right, and the institution of self-rule, ideals that Freemasons still embrace. England, the birthplace of the Enlightenment, still supports its royal family.

Now Jonathan Lyons sets the record straight by describing the American colonists’ utilitarian application of Enlightenment ideas to create an independent economy based upon useful trades, manufacturing, and notions of equality.

Such useful knowledge enabled them not only to defeat the world’s biggest and best armed forces, but also to bind themselves together in the aftermath of the War for Independence.

Brother Benjamin Franklin gets credit for such *useful* developments and discoveries as fire companies and insurance, post roads, street lighting, lightening as electricity, a woodburning stove that burned longer without filling its location with smoke, the school that became the University of Pennsylvania with its dedication to practical skills and knowledge rather than baseless philosophy, and a paper currency system that has earned Franklin the title of the “first Keynesian.”

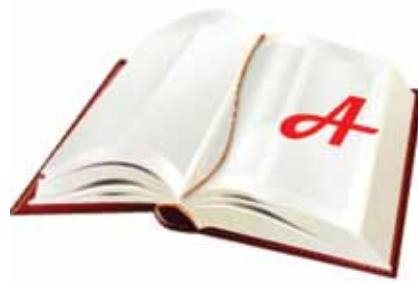
In the decades leading to the Revolution, Franklin formed the “Leather Apron Society,” a group of artisans, carpenters, mechanics and



*The Society for Useful Knowledge:
How Benjamin Franklin and Friends
Brought the Enlightenment to America*
By Jonathan Lyons

(Bloomsbury Press 2013, 175 pp. plus notes and index, \$20.87 at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com)

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



craftsmen, which evolved into the Society for Useful Knowledge, with counterparts throughout the Colonies.

Lyons again: “Born of a combination of scientific curiosity and mounting economic and political necessity, these early societies brought together many of the figures who would play such decisive parts in the independence campaign, the Revolutionary War, and the subsequent creation of the United States.”

The movement was contagious. The Virginia Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge formed in 1772 and quickly attracted one hundred members with the aim “to direct the Attention of their Countrymen to the Study of Nature, with a View to multiplying the Advantages that may result from this Source of Improvement.”

“By establishing manufactories among us, we erect an additional barrier against the encroachments of tyranny. A people who are entirely dependent upon foreigners for food or clothes, must always be subject to them.” said Benjamin Rush.

As stated by Lyons: “It was an article of faith among Franklin and his colleagues that science has the power to open up the world of wonders allaround us. It could also explain those wonders as the product of orderly natural laws, debunk superstition, and tame unreasonable fears of nature.”

In the words of Benjamin Franklin himself: “As the knowledge of Nature tends to enlarge the human mind, and give us more noble, more grand and exalted ideas of the Author of Nature, and if well pursued seldom fails producing some things useful to man.”

Franklin “snatched the lightning from the sky and the scepter from tyrants,” no small accomplishments, according to the French economist Anne-Robert-Jacques Turgot.

The rejection of classical learning and embrace of practicality prepared the Colonies for waging successful war. “In these times of action, classical learning was found of less service than good natural parts, guided by common sense, and sound judgment...It seemed as if war not only required, but created talents,” according to historian David Ramsey in 1789.

Lyons of course covers Franklin’s multiple experiments with lightening, but also relates the successful measurement of the distance

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How Benjamin Franklin and Friends Brought the Enlightenment to America

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between the sun and Earth by observation of the Transit of Venus.

Venus appears to move across the face of the sun in alternating intervals of eight years and periods longer than a century. It may occur twice in the lives of some and not at all in the lives of others.*

Those in the know anticipated such transits in 1761 and 1769. Lyons suspensefully relates the meticulous preparations for the Transit of 1761 under the guidance of John Winthrop, a Harvard professor of mathematics. That attempt falling short of complete success, the 1769 attempt was largely guided by the self-taught inventor, mathematician, astronomer and polymath, David Rittenhouse.

As the son of a farmer, the young Rittenhouse covered the fences, plows, and furrows with chalked numerical figures as he taught himself the intricacies of mathematics, especially geometry.

Inventor of a planetarium, or orrery, Rittenhouse led the preparations to measure the transit, choosing observation points, developing clocks, lenses and telescopes to make the observations, and coordinating the data.

This American effort produced a mean distance between the earth and sun of around

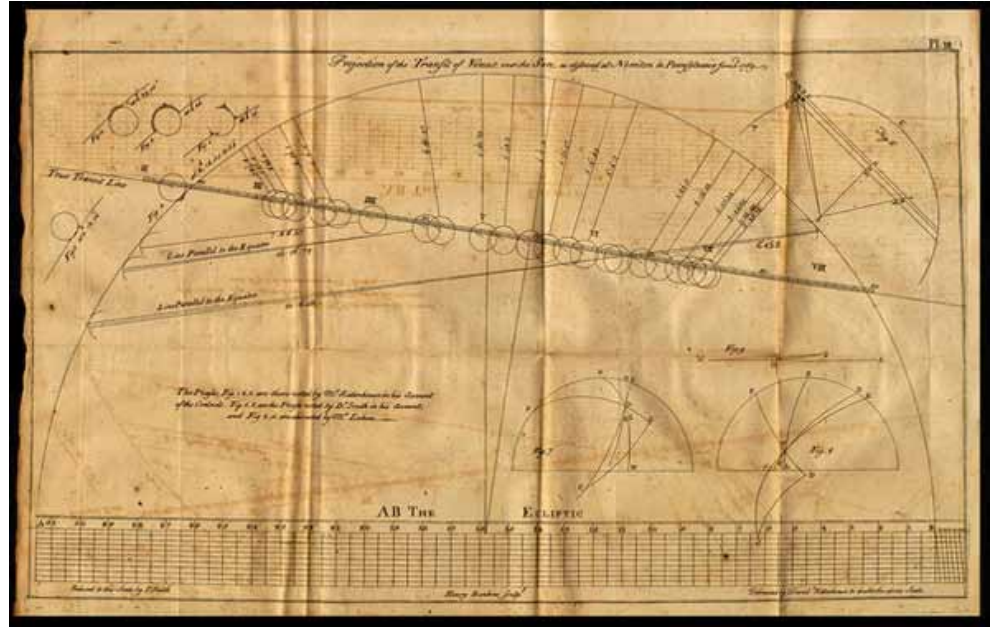


Diagram of David Rittenhouse's observations of the Transit of Venus

93 million miles, remarkably close to today's value of 92,955 million miles.

Such efforts largely occurred under the leadership, inspiration and genius of Benjamin Franklin, entered, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge in 1731, elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734, appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1749, and made a member of Loge des Neuf Soeurs (Lodge of the Nine Muses) in Paris in 1777, the Lodge of Voltaire, and elected its Venerable Master in 1779.

Professor Lyons packs plenty of useful knowledge for the reader into this slim volume. His portrayal of the Enlightenment enhances the reader's admiration for the moral and intellectual courage of men willing to defy the curriculum of established universities, to reject Latin as unnecessary, to rely upon their own brains and talent to accurately and intelligently decode the secrets of nature, agriculture, and medicine, and to develop a useful philosophy that not only carried them through the Revolution, but thereafter enabled them to create a Constitution that remains the rule and

guide of the American Republic.

In *The Society for Useful Knowledge*, America and Benjamin Franklin finally receive due credit for substantial and enduring contributions to the Enlightenment, the age that inspired the public establishment of the Craft and provided the tools and intellectual foundation for its phenomenal and continued success as a bulwark of intellectual freedom. 🌟

* The most recent transits took place in June 2004 and June 2102, with



The Rittenhouse Orrery at the University of Pennsylvania

Lyons of course covers Franklin's multiple experiments with lightning, but also relates the successful measurement of the distance between the sun and Earth by observation of the Transit of Venus.

What Day is it?

Most Worshipful James D. Cole (2001)
Masonic Home Chief Executive Officer

My son's favorite television commercial opens with a camel walking through an office asking "What day is it?"... "What Daaay is it?"

Perhaps it might be time for us to ask the same question.

Is this the day that each Mason in Virginia thinks about why he receives this magazine? The mailing of the *Masonic Herald* to each member of the Fraternity is a benefit of being a Master Mason in Virginia. As you read the informative articles, perhaps it might be the Day that you realize the magazine simply shows up in your mail, even though a lot of hard work, long hours of thought and much cost are all required before you ever get the benefit of reading this fine publication.

*"Sweetheart,
do you realize that the Fraternity
that I am a member of
has a place ready to take care
of you, if I pass away and
you need a place to live?"*

Is this the Day that every Master Mason thinks about his own health, the health of his wife or his future health needs and fully realizes that only our Creator can really say if or when our health will take a turn for the worse? Today, do you as a reader consider the great safety net that is available to every Virginia Mason, his wife and widow? Today, do you think about having a much better retirement life?

Is this the Day that a man reads this article and calls his wife into the room and says "*Sweetheart, do you realize that the Fraternity that I am a member of has a place ready to take care of you, if I pass away and you need a place to live?*" Today, a visit to the facility in Richmond at 500 Masonic Lane will no doubt give you the chance to meet one of the many residents who have a full life and you can hear him or her voice the single regret of not having moved there sooner.

Is this the Day that you remember that the Outreach Program can provide services in your own home if you are over age 65? Today, Masons and Widows in Winchester, Coeburn, Pound, Chesapeake, Chesterfield, Lynchburg, Richmond and other locations can attest to the fact that the Outreach Program has greatly improved their lives.

The facility at 500 Masonic Lane in Richmond, the source of the Outreach Program, a thriving community of happy people, is quietly ready and able to become a bigger part of your life. Like this magazine, a lot of money, time, talent, prayers and hard work have gone into preparing it for your use.

The Masonic Home of Virginia. Today, perhaps you realize the extent to which it is yours; it is possibly your new home or a source of hope to stay in your own home, or your safety net. Today you finally see that it is the personification of your Masonic obligations. Today you can finally see that it is a place that you can and should support with your gifts of money, visits and prayers. It will not arrive in the mail like this magazine. It awaits your call toll-free at 1-800-262-4644 or your Internet visit at:

www.mahova.com

So, WHAT DAY IS IT? 🙏

Reaching Out to Others

Worshipful Jeffrey B. Spence
Masonic Home Development Officer

Not only am I an employee of the Masonic Home, I am, like you, a donor/investor in the finest Masonic retirement community in North America. As an institution, it is second to none among Continuing Care Retirement Communities. However, equally important is our ability to serve Brethren, their wives, widows and families through a very special program known as Outreach.

The Outreach Program meets the needs of those Brethren and their families who, for whatever reason, would prefer to be cared for and supported in their own homes rather than move to the Richmond area. The Outreach Program has grown every year since its inception over ten years ago. The program provides similar services to those enjoyed by the residents of the Masonic Home of Virginia through access to services already available in their local communities, enhancing those services through our own funding when local agencies can't provide enough of what our Masonic Brethren need, through directly providing healthcare, and respite needs from within the local community to our Masonic families in need.

Effectively, the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home has expanded the borders of the Home to include such places as Pound, Winchester, Coeburn, Chesterfield, Richmond, and Chesapeake. The program is designed to meet the care needs of any Virginia Mason or his family anywhere in the Commonwealth. Knowing this, it is particularly gratifying to recognize that the dollars you and I donate to the Masonic Home are able to engage the Fraternity all across Virginia. I have always been proud to be a Mason. The Outreach work of the Masonic Home makes my membership in the Craft especially rewarding! 🙏

Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift 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 September 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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	South Hill Lodge No. 297		Joppa Lodge No. 40		
Phyllis P. Gordon	Eggleston Lodge No. 309		Ray D. Shores		



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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
OCTOBER		
10/3	Donald Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No 131
10/3	Martha Mason	Glen Allen Lodge No 131
10/3	Gladys Simmons	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No 91
10/3	Luther Zirkle	Cumberland Lodge No 283
10/5	Cora Simmons	Henrico Union Lodge No 130
10/6	Annie Lee Davis	Metropolitan Lodge No 11
10/8	Ruth Walker	Varina Lodge No 272
10/10	Graham Sherrod	Northside Lodge No 292
10/10	Helen Wood	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
10/11	Robert Young	Portsmouth Lodge No 100
10/13	Gloria Martin	Sandston Lodge No 216
10/14	Lucy Lamp	Winchester - Hiram Lodge No 21
10/23	Richard Andrews	Washington and Henry Lodge No 344
10/24	Irma Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
10/26	Ethel Hutcherson	Meridian Lodge No 284
10/27	Welvin Davis	Arlington Lodge No 102
10/28	Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No 345
10/31	Irma Thornhill	Transportation Lodge No 337
NOVEMBER		
11/3	Mildred Butler	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
11/4	Catherine Busbee	Westhampton Lodge No 302
11/4	James Friis	Franklin Lodge No 151
11/5	Margaret Jordan	Manchester Lodge No 14
11/8	Thomas Spain	Southside Lodge No 191
11/9	Louise Gooding	Edwards Lodge No 308
11/9	Betty Lide	Broadwater Lodge No 71
11/10	Lois Roan	Woodland Heights Lodge No 345
11/14	William Martin	Sandston Lodge No 216
11/16	Carolyn Kaufman	Churchland Lodge No 276
11/19	Glenn May	Varina Lodge No 272
11/23	Barbara Pyle	Ruth Lodge No 89
11/23	Martha Sugg	Sandston Lodge No 216
11/24	Walter McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
11/24	Helene Peters	Sandston Lodge No 216
DECEMBER		
12/5	James Herring	Richmond Lodge No 10
12/7	Joyce Beninghove	Varina Lodge No 272
12/7	Alice Britton	Northside Lodge No 292
12/9	Judith Houchens	Cloverhill Lodge No 253
12/15	Patrick Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No 157
12/18	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No 292
12/18	Edwin Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
12/19	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No 298
12/21	Lucille Corcoran	Naomi Lodge No 87
12/25	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No 131
12/28	Earl Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
12/29	Morton Conwell	Edwards Lodge No 308

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
OCTOBER		
10/10/1969	William and Rose Mills	Woodland Heights Lodge No 345
10/14/1951	Paul and Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No 89
10/21/1950	Joseph and Fay Gardner	Metropolitan Lodge No 11
NOVEMBER		
11/4/1950	Edwin and Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No 351
11/9/1951	William and Jean Johnson	Babcock Lodge No 322
11/12/1955	Leon and Delores Headley	Manchester Lodge No 14
11/18/1956	James and Novella McDonough	Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No 64
DECEMBER		
12/3/1970	Jerry and Patricia Clark	Washington and Henry Lodge No 344
12/31/1960	Nathan and Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No 213

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
9/19/2013	William "Ralph" Mills	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/22/2013	Edith Holcomb	Ocean View Lodge No. 335
10/20/2013	William Pierce	Kempsville Lodge No. 196
10/27/2013	Sarah Cheatham	Manchester Lodge No. 14
10/30/2013	Louise Gooding	Edwards Lodge No. 308
11/17/2013	Anne Meyer	Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752
11/21/2013	Annie McPhearson	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
11/21/2013	Alice Britton	Northside Lodge No. 292
11/22/2013	Theodore Koss	Central Lodge No. 300
11/29/2013	Cora Simmons	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
SEPTEMBER		
9/4	Thomas and Ann Spain	Southside Lodge No. 191
9/18	Tyree Leath, III	Crewe Lodge No. 123
9/24	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
9/30	Priscilla Sensabaugh	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
OCTOBER		
10/1	Curtis and Nancy Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
NOVEMBER		
No Admissions		



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Residents enjoy music at the art show



Carolyn Kaufman and Lucy Lamp at the resident art show



The Christmas Pageant in the Chapel



Enjoying the regular "Dinner and a Movie" event



One of the many trips, this one to Graves Mountain for lunch



Another resident outing, this time to the Jefferson Hotel



The annual King and Queen Dance



A Luau was held at the Magnolia Court patio



Resident Minerva Yearwood enjoys a pet therapy cat

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