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Grand Master's Message

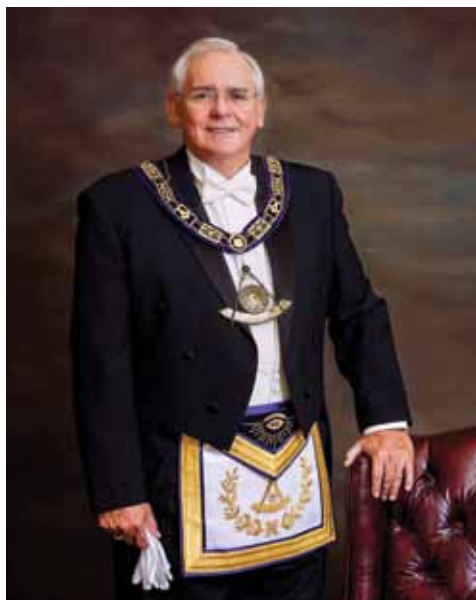
Together, We Can Make a Difference

Brethren, I want to thank you most sincerely for electing me to serve you as your Grand Master. I will do my very best to represent you in a manner that will be pleasing to you and hopefully inspiring. This is an awesome responsibility, one which I do not take lightly.

When I first had the great honor of wearing the authentic Grand Master's jewel for my official photograph, I was overwhelmed by thoughts of all the great men before me who had worn that precious jewel. It is a very humbling experience to think that an old country boy such as I was wearing the same jewel that adorned so many great Americans before me. The official jewel is worn only on two occasions by the Grand Master, first for his official photo, then again at his installation. At all other times it remains secured in a vault at the Grand Lodge office. Unconfirmed legend suggests that the jewel was handcrafted by Brother Paul Revere for George Washington, who would have been our first Grand Master had he not respectfully declined due to his overwhelming military obligations.

Masonic Brethren throughout history have diligently worked together to make a difference in the lives of others. Yet, while remembering our heritage with considerable pride, we must also look to our future to assure that future generations of Master Masons will look back and say "together they made a difference."

There are many stories about Master Masons and the great deeds they do to impact the lives of their fellow citizens. As I have traveled throughout this great state, I have thankfully witnessed many of the good things Masons have done which have had a positive impact on the lives of others. Good men doing great things! This is what makes me most proud to be a part of this wonderful Fraternity of ours. I also am proud to say that our ladies, our families, and our youth organizations are accom-



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plishing so much to impact the lives of others.

Defining Ourselves.

My Brothers, it is now time for us to define who we are and what we do! We have used feeble excuses far too long. It is time to stand up and tell people the good things we do and what we stand for.

I recently had a conversation with a former classmate of mine. When he asked "What are you doing these days?" I told him I was very much involved with Masonry. His response was simply, "Oh, that secret society." Well, I did not become confrontational, but I did let him know a few simple facts that I think all of us should keep in mind. First of all, our Lodges are clearly (and proudly) marked in our communities (we must ensure they look good). Secondly, most of us regularly wear rings, caps, or shirts with Masonic emblems to boldly identify our relationship with the Fraternity. We are like many other fraternities in that we have confidential means of recognizing each other, but we are NOT a

secret society. We should let the facts speak for themselves, and we must not let others define us when they don't have a clue what we do or what we stand for.

I also told my former classmate about my local Lodge delivering Meals on Wheels each week, and the support we provide to our local Boy Scouts Troop. I let him know that we go to the local schools to do child identification each year, so if a child goes missing, the family will have accurate information for the police.

If we are a secret society, we sure aren't doing a very good job of staying under cover. We must continue to define who we are through our actions as well as our words. Remember, you are a living example of who and what a Mason is. You make a difference.

The American Flag.

A key example of making a difference in today's world is our unwavering support for the flag of this great country of ours. I will stress this often during this Masonic year. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has been the foremost inspiring symbol of our nation's strength, unity and pride for our fellow citizens.

The Star Spangled Banner ("Old Glory") has been a prominent icon in our national history. We as Freemasons have a special connection to the Flag, and we should be especially proud in the way in which we display it and pledge our allegiance to it.

In years past, we Masons presented the Flag at the altar where it was saluted accordingly. When properly performed, this is a very impressive ceremony. When participating in the ceremony, one cannot help but feel a connection to our Brethren who have been, currently are, or will be defending the Flag at all cost. Many a Freemason has paid the ultimate sacrifice in her honor.

I would like for us to again return to presenting the Flag at the altar where it will be

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saluted accordingly. I have issued a proclamation directing all Lodges to present the flag of our country at the altar where the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited accordingly by all citizens of the United States at the opening of all tiled Masonic meetings. My District Deputy Grand Masters have all been instructed on the proper mechanics of presenting the Flag at the altar and will be instructing Lodges on how to perform this special ceremony. We will also provide instructions in a separate article for the Masonic Herald and it has been posted on the Grand Lodge website.

I chose the Flag to be the centerpiece on the emblem for my year as Grand Master. It is superimposed with the Square and Compasses to show the public our true character as Masons. The lapel pin is a miniature version of my emblem. I made certain that it was capable of being worn in any setting, in any location, and in any year. I have asked my District Deputy Grand Masters to start distributing the lapel pins now, well before my Official Visits. This will enable all to start showing off the pride you have for Freemasonry and for the American flag.

My Brethren, I would ask that you wear this pin on your left lapel and remove all other pins. This is the Flag of our country, and it should have a special honor on our lapel. Wear it proudly!

Grand Master's Theme.

My theme this year is "Together, we can make a difference." I chose this theme because, as with most things in life, we must work together to accomplish great things and overcome diversity. We do many things on our own without the help or guidance of others, but when we want to make sure we are doing it right, we consult others.

As we look around our Lodges today, it's clear that some Lodges are having success in many areas, while others are struggling to

keep the doors open. We need to share our ideas of what is working and not working, to improve all of our Lodges. We have many challenges facing us in Freemasonry, and it will take all of us working in harmony to meet those challenges. I am convinced that together, we can make a difference.

Terminally ill Brethren.

I plan to help us to make a difference in the lives of the Masons who are terminally ill, as well as their families. Therefore, I have instituted a program for this year called "Terminally Ill Brethren." I would ask that you make me aware, through my District Deputy Grand Masters of any Virginia Mason (not just Master Masons) who you know to be terminally ill, even if they reside out of the area. I will attempt to personally call each Brother.

Please provide the DDGM with as many details as possible, being conscious of personal privacy and "HIPPA" laws. I have experienced the opportunity to call several terminally ill Brethren in the past, and this experience was very special to me, as was the feedback I have received from Lodges. I will do my very best to call each Brother of whom you make me aware.

One-Day Conferral.

A "One-Day Conferral" will be held on August 29, 2015, for the Lodges that choose to participate. The One-Day Conferral will be held at different locations throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. You will receive more information as plans are finalized.

This program is not designed to "increase the numbers," but rather to offer a suitable alternative to some men who do not have the time available that is required for the regular methods. For those who are overly burdened with employment and family commitments, this method will give them an opportunity to join our great Fraternity and enjoy the rights and benefits of being a Mason. I have seen many of our fellow Brethren who have entered through the One-Day Conferral continue in

Freemasonry by learning all of the ritual work and becoming very involved in the day-to-day work of their Lodges. I realize this method is not for everyone, but it can make a difference for someone who wants to become a Mason who otherwise might not be able.

Background Checks.

As you know, background checks will now be required for all new applicants. I ask that you not forget that the investigating committee still has a very important role in making sure we know who we are considering for membership in this great Fraternity. The background check is but one tool in identifying those who apply for membership. Each of us is very much aware that we are living in a much different world, and there are many out there who are not who we think they are, or who they profess to be.

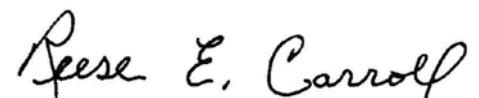
Working Together Yields Success.

Finally, my Brethren, I can't stress enough that we can make a difference, if we work together, share ideas, and never hesitate to ask for help. As I stated earlier, many of our Lodges are struggling, but many are doing great things in their communities and are having great success. Let your communities know what we do and what we stand for. We are a Fraternity of good men doing good things; never forget that.

Our Fraternity has lead us through many tough times in the past, and I am confident it will do the same in the future. With our faith in Almighty God and our love for this great country, we will leave a positive footprint on the path for future generations to follow.

May God Bless you and keep you in all that you say and do. 🙏

Most sincerely and fraternally,



Reese E. Carroll, Jr.
Grand Master

Reese Edward Carroll, Jr.

170th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. was born on November 9, 1945, in Buckingham, Virginia and was educated in the public schools of Buckingham County. After graduation from Buckingham County High School, he joined the United States Air Force, where he was a teletype and crypto technician serving in Viet Nam. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was discharged in 1969. He retired from Xerox Corporation after thirty-four years of service. He held several technical and management positions during his tenure with Xerox. He was responsible for Xerox service in the Charlottesville, Roanoke, and Western Virginia areas.

Brother Carroll was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 12, 1992, in Buckingham Lodge No. 242. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1996, 1997, and 1998. He is also a member of George Lodge No. 32. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 17 in 2005. He was appointed as Grand Marshal in 2009. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Rio do Sul, Brasil, near Virginia. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2010 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master on November 8, 2014.



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He is a member of the Valleys of Lynchburg and Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2011. He is a member of Arvonja Royal Arch Chapter No. 64, Acca Shrine Center and a member of the Acca Mini Patrol, where he served as Director in 2002 and 2006 and Commander in 2005. Also, he is a member of the Shriners Hospital Transportation Team. He is a member of Richmond Court No. 16, Royal Order of Jesters, and Fork Union Chapter No. 111, Order of the Eastern Star. He holds life membership in the Royal Order of Scotland, James Monroe Chapter No. 549, National Sojourners, and Post 8446, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Brother Carroll is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International and holds honorary membership in Kazim Shrine Center and the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

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

Jacob's Ladder

Symbol of hope, faith and charity in most rituals. The Revised Edition of the Bible reads “love” in place of “charity,” which makes the Masonic ritual of Jacob's ladder more understandable. That “charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity” seems an overstatement, if charity is thought of in terms of putting a ten-cent piece in a blind beggar's cup. But if it is “love” that extends through eternity, the conception is at once beautiful and Masonic, since brotherly love is one of the great teachings of Freemasonry.

The use of a ladder or steps as a symbol of a climb towards perfection in another and better land is older than the Bible, and its adoption in the American Masonic system has the respectability of a venerable antiquity as a symbol. 🌿

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The Masonic Service Association

Grand Master's 2014-2015 Itinerary

January 2015

- 3 Official Visit, District 26
- 10 Official Visit, Districts 28
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 11
- 16 Official Visit, Masonic District 19
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 8
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 25
- 30 Official Visit, Masonic District 31 & 32
- 31 Official Visit, Masonic District 15A, B & C

February 2015

- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Strategic Planning & Implementation Committee
- 13 - 18 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 20 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
- 21 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
- 22 Wreath Laying, Mount Vernon
- 27 Division Leadership Conference, Norfolk
- 28 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News
Khedive Shrine, Potentate's Ball

March 2015

- 6 Division Leadership Conference, Big Stone Gap
- 7 Division Leadership Conference, Fort Chiswell
Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke
Kazim Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
- 14 Acca Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic District 36 & 56
- 21 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic District 48 & 50
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 7 & 10

April 2015

- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 33 & 34
- 4 Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 7 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- 8 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 10 Division Leadership Conference, Waynesboro
- 11 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
Kena Shrine, Potentates' Ball
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 20 & 23
- 18 MAHOVA Ambassadors Conference
Official Visit, Masonic Districts 35A & 35B
- 22 - 24 Grand Lodge of South Carolina
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 14A & 14B
- 27 - 29 Grand Lodge of New Jersey

May 2015

- 1 - 2 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 1 - 9 British Visit, Multiple Locations
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic District 1A, 1B & 54
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 - 17 Four Courts, Royal Order of Jesters, Norfolk
- 18 - 21 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star, Roanoke
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 30 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of Unknown Soldier
Manasseh Lodge No. 182, Strawberry Night

June 2015

- 3 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 4 Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 42 & 43
- 6 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- 7 15th Masonic District Memorial Service
- 8 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
- 11 Chester Lodge No. 94
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 40
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 41
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 47 & 49
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A & 22B

July 2015

- 3 - 6 Imperial Shrine of North America, Houston, Texas
- 8 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 9 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum College
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic District 37 & 38
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 17 - 19 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Manchester, New Hampshire
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 44 & 46
- 25 Annual Conclave, DeMolay, Christopher Newport University
- 30 - 31 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership

August 2015

- 1 - 2 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership
- 4 McAlister Lodge No. 185
- 6 James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 7 Official Visit, Masonic District 24
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 2, 3 & 4
- 11 Occoquan Lodge No. 310
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 14 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 5 & 6
- 20 Bremond Lodge No. 241, Community Builders Award
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 12
- 22 - 25 Scottish Rite Biennial Session, Washington, DC
- 29 Statewide One-Day Conferral Class

September 2015

- 3 Treadwell Lodge No. 213
- 5 Hiram Club Ball
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 17 - 20 South Atlantic Shrine Association, Myrtle Beach
- 24 - 27 Scottish Rite Conference, Alexandria

October 2015

- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 10 Family Day, Masonic Home of Virginia
- 17 Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774
- 18 - 20 Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 26 - 28 Grand Lodge of Georgia

November 2015

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

Right Worshipful William Edward “Bill” Hershey, Jr.

Grand Junior Deacon

William Edward “Bill” Hershey, Jr., was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1942. He graduated from Peabody High School in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1962, and in 1966, applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School, where he graduated and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in January 1967. Immediately upon graduation, he was deployed to Vietnam where he served with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. Subsequent to his Vietnam tour of duty, he served in a number of both Command and Staff positions. After 23 ½ years of military service, he retired in May 1986 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the recipient of numerous military decorations including the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. Upon retirement from the military, he began a second career in the field of Information Technology and Information Assurance, initially employed by the Quest Research Corporation where he served as a Program Manager. He later joined CACI in 1998 as a Program Manager, where he worked until January 2008, when he retired.

Brother Hershey was raised a Master Mason in Hay Market Lodge No. 313 on January 30, 1976 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1986 and as Secretary from 2003 to 2010, and



William Edward Hershey, Jr.
Grand Junior Deacon

is also a Life Member in Perpetuity, honorary member and Secretary Emeritus. He holds membership in Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752, where he has served as Secretary since 2012. He was District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 58 in 1991, when he was honored with the Outstanding District Deputy Award. He served as Masonic Home Ambassador from 1987 to 1989 and again in 1994. He was Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 1999 and is currently the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of India, near Virginia. He

was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence in 1992, the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership in 2008 as its Chairman, and the Grand Lodge Committee on Strategic Planning and Implementation in 2014 as its Chairman. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2014.

Right Worshipful Brother Hershey is a member of the Valley of Alexandria, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2009 and is active in the Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club. He is a member of Walter Reed Chapter No. 303 and James Monroe Chapter No. 549, National Sojourners and Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76. He holds membership in Acca Shrine Center, where he is a member of the Directors Staff; and previously was active in Kena Shrine Center as President and Secretary of the Oriental Band, Chief of the Kena Aide Corporation and Trustee. Brother Hershey received the John Blair, Jr. Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2008.

Brother Hershey is married to former Margaret Michele Arlof. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Margaret Louise Petrizza, Michele Rene Hershey, and Theresa Lynne Lewis. They have two grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. They make their home at Lake of the Woods in Locust Grove, Virginia. 🌲

Service

“It is the service we are not obliged to give
that people value most.”

James Cash Penney
J.C. Penney

Background Check Resolution 14-05 thru 14-08

Right Worshipful V. Stuart Cook
Grand Senior Warden

Many of our Brethren may still be asking, “Why the need for a criminal background check in Masonry?” Having been one of the sponsors of the resolutions, along with our immediate Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne S. Flora, our current Grand Master, Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr., and all of your elected line officers, I feel it important that we provide you with additional information for your consideration.

Let me begin by telling you a short but true story; the professional baseball player was in the batter’s box, and the legendary fastball pitcher, Nolan Ryan, was on the mound. A well-respected umpire by the name of Robert Merrill was behind the plate. Nolan blew a fastball by the batter before he could even get the bat off his shoulders. Merrill froze behind the plate for a couple of seconds before finally shouting “strike,” whereupon the batter turned to Merrill and said, “don’t worry about it Ump, I didn’t see it either.”

Brethren, I tell you this story because this is how fast our world is changing, changing right before our eyes and for the most part, there appears little that we can do about some of the radical or, at least, I believe radical changes that we are witnessing. God can no longer be used in our schools, this; I believe, started when Madalyn Murray O’Hair (she was murdered; her body found a few years ago) complained she did not want prayer in our schools, and we said okay. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school... (the Bible says; thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; love your neighbor as yourself and so forth; and we said okay. Dr. Benjamin Spock came along and said we should not spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped, and we might damage their self-esteem, and we said okay! Some desire to write God out of our

courtrooms and everyone’s lives all together and yes, the liberal side of our society wants to ensure there are no holds barred on illicit sex, legalization of illegal drug use; foul language in public places is okay and on and on, in other words; moral decay is alive and well in today’s society, and much of it is done in the name of political correctness and pushed by the radical liberal agenda!

While the world is changing and again, in my opinion, in the wrong direction in so many ways, our beloved Freemasonry has remained above this sway! Yes, we have made some noted changes such as the One-Day Conferral; we have come into the modern computer age; we now utilize the electronic media, computerized most of our records, etc... The areas that we have not nor should we ever change is in our ritual and in our efforts to guard the West Gate.

Guarding the West Gate is the very reason that we needed a criminal background check.

History tells our story quite well, and we know that our beloved Craft goes back to at least the 14th Century and most likely beyond. Nowhere is it written or even implied that every man has a right to be a Mason. It is a privilege that must be earned and a privilege that must be guarded by every single Mason.

Should you or I violate our oath, violate the law of the land and be convicted of a serious criminal offense, we shall surely lose that privilege of being a Master Mason.

Days of knowing all about the petitioner are long gone. The growth and mobility of our society are such that very few of us truly know the man who is petitioning our Lodges, and yet we are challenged to guard the West Gate. And guard the West Gate we must, if we are to remain one of the very, very few, if not the only morally fit Fraternities in our country.

Most Worshipful Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the

Grand Lodge of Indiana, wrote a book entitled, *Whither Are We Traveling*, in 1962, wherein he outlined the problems he saw facing the Craft. Keep in mind that he wrote this book four decades ago, and if you did not know the publication date, you would think you were reading a document written only yesterday.

Most Worshipful Brother Smith felt that Freemasonry was and is a selective organization, but we were not being very selective in signing petitions to sponsor candidates. He wrote, “whence came the idea that a man – almost any man – has an inherent right to become a Freemason? Is it not a privilege to be conferred upon the worthy? And whose idea was it that if a petitioner was rejected, a grave injustice has been done to the petitioner? Is no one interested in seeing that an injury is not done the Lodge and all Freemasonry by electing one whose worthiness may be in question?”

“Such an open-door policy is not selectivity; it is come-one, come-all. And Freemasonry is a selective organization. It must be, if it is to avoid the fate of a score of fraternal groups whose names are well-nigh forgotten.”

Most Worshipful Brother Smith poses a very interesting question, and our good Brother spent several pages answering the question in well thought-out details.

Think about it Brethren, there is much truth in what Most Worshipful Brother Smith said in 1962, and it has an even more familiar ring to it today!!

If we are to guard the West Gate, what is it that we are looking for in a prospective Mason?

Masonry, as all Masons know, is a group of good men, dedicated to God, seeking to be better men through fellowship with other good men, holding a higher level of morality than society in general. If we claim a higher

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2015 Division Leadership Conferences

- Keysville** **Friday, February 20, 2015**
Southside Va. Comm. College –
J.H. Daniel Campus 200 Daniel Rd, Keysville, VA 23947
6:00 P.M. Registration • 6:30 P.M. DLC begins • 8:40 P.M. DLC ends
Contact: Right Worshipful Lonnie Lee Godfrey (434) 821-4183
- Richmond** **Saturday, February 21, 2015**
Scottish Rite Temple
4204 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, VA 23227
8:00 A.M. Registration • 8:30 A.M. DLC begins • 10:50 A.M. DLC ends
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- Norfolk** **Friday, February 27, 2015**
Norfolk Masonic Temple
7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23505
6:00 P.M. Registration • 6:30 P.M. DLC begins • 8:40 P.M. DLC ends
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- Newport News** **Saturday, February 28, 2015**
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
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- Big Stone Gap** **Friday, March 6, 2015**
Mountain Empire Community College
3441 Mountain Empire Rd, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
6:00 P.M. Registration • 6:30 P.M. DLC begins • 8:40 P.M. DLC ends
Contact: Right Worshipful Tommy Eric Skeens (276) 935-2847
- Fort Chiswell** **Saturday, March 7, 2015**
Fort Chiswell High School
1 Pioneer Trail, Max Meadows, VA 24360
8:00 A.M. Registration • 8:30 A.M. DLC begins • 10:50 A.M. DLC ends
Contact: Right Worshipful Owen Tee Wade (540) 674-9437
- Roanoke** **Saturday, March 7, 2015**
Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite Temple
622 Campbell Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24016
12:00 P.M. Registration • 12:30 P.M. DLC begins • 3:00 P.M. DLC ends
Contact: Right Worshipful Hafford Lee Arritt, Jr. (540) 977-0430
- Waynesboro** **Friday, April 10, 2015**
Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church
30 Tinkling Spring Dr, Fishersville, VA 22939
6:00 P.M. Registration • 6:30 P.M. DLC begins • 8:40 P.M. DLC ends
Contact: Worshipful Joe Wayne Murphy (540) 887-8333
- Warrenton** **Saturday, April 11, 2015**
Highland School
597 Broadview Avenue, Warrenton, VA 20186
8:00 A.M. Registration • 8:30 A.M. DLC begins • 10:50 A.M. DLC ends
Contact: Right Worshipful John Schroeder (703) 321-7047

Summary of Resolutions Presented at 2014 Grand Annual Communication

RESOLUTION NO. 14-01 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.147 of the Methodical Digest to allow the Lodge a choice in how to make personal contact with a Brother having dues in arrears prior to citation.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02 – REJECTED

This resolution would change Section 2.148 of the Methodical Digest to change the requirement on serving a citation by restricted delivery certified mail.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-03 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 1.103 of the Methodical Digest to require that the District Educational Officers conduct training of the subordinate Lodge Officers.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-04 – REJECTED

This resolution would add Section 2.35 of the Methodical Digest to require that each Stationed Officer attend the Lodge Officer Training Class offered by the District Educational Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-05 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.86 of the Methodical Digest to include the cost of a background investigation in the dues and fees to be deposited with the Petition for the Degrees.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.94 of the Methodical Digest to require a signed Authorization for Release of Information form to have a criminal background investigation performed to be submitted with each Petition for the Degrees.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-07 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.95 of the Methodical Digest to include the general procedure concerning the criminal background investigation that must be performed for each new petitioner.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-08 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.96 of the Methodical Digest to include the cost of performing the criminal background investigation in the cost of petitioning a Lodge for the degrees.

Background Check Resolution 14-05 thru 14-08 *continued*

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ground, that is, we claim to be a Fraternity of good men, how exactly do we determine that, and how do we define it?

Back in 2007, every Mason in the Commonwealth was requested by Grand Lodge to develop or identify what our core behaviors/values should be. I hope you will remember they are as follows:

- Believes in a Supreme Being
- Has moral values
- Exemplifies honor and integrity
- Believes in the brotherhood of man
- Fulfills Masonic obligation(s)
- Practices charity

- Exercises brotherly love
- Is committed to family
- Demonstrates patriotism
- Supports widows and orphans

Brethren, if we truly believe in these core behaviors/values then we must always guard the West Gate to ensure that they remain so!

Guarding the West Gate begins with each of us. We, as Masons, are all the primary Tiler's of our respective Lodges. When a potential candidate inquires about membership, you must conduct an investigation,

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Background Investigation Procedures

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997)

1. The Petition for the Degrees will be completed in the usual manner and accompanied by a signed Disclosure and Authorization for Consumer Reports form and the established fee of \$20. The signed Authorization form should be permanently attached to the petition.
2. The Secretary, immediately after the communication at which the petition has been first read, shall go on-line through the link provided in the Secretary's Electronic Activity Portal and enter the required information of the petitioner from the signed Authorization for Release of Information. If on-line entry is not possible, the Secretary shall mail or fax a copy of the signed Authorization for Release of Information to the Grand Secretary, so a criminal background check can be completed.
3. Upon receipt of the petitioner's information, the Grand Secretary will contact OneSource (OS) to complete the background check.
4. The Grand Secretary will contact the Lodge Secretary with the results of the background check.
5. No action can be taken on the petition until the results of the background check are received by the Lodge Secretary.
6. The Lodge Secretary will share the results of the background check with the Master and he, in turn, will provide the Investigating Committee with the results.
7. The Investigating Committee will issue a favorable or unfavorable report to the Master, or to the Lodge, and the Petition for the Degrees proceeds in the normal manner.
8. The Lodge Secretary will inform the Grand Secretary with the results of the ballot in

order to input an elected or rejected date into the record.

9. If elected, the Lodge Secretary will report the date of each degree conferral. Upon receiving the date of the Master Mason Degree, the Grand Lodge office will issue the dues card and add the member to the Lodge's membership listing.

Special Notes:

- Only the petitioner receives the report of the background investigation. The Grand Lodge office does not keep a copy of the background investigation on file.
- The Grand Lodge office will bill each Lodge for the cost of the background investigation, if not remitted at the time of the request.
- The Grand Lodge office will update the by-laws of each Lodge with additional wording for Article II. A new by-laws form will be provided for future use.
- Documents with sensitive personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers and birth date must be stored securely, electronic versions shall be password protected, and must be encrypted when electronically (e-mailed) transmitted. 🙏

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a Difference

Background Check Resolution continued

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make clear what we are and what we are not, and guarantee that an unsuitable candidate never sets foot beyond the pillars of our Lodges.

Unfortunately, whether we like it or not, today's society places us in a position that we must now require a criminal history background check, and we should all be thankful to our voting delegates who passed the resolutions to make this a reality!

Brethren, these resolutions were passed because we could no longer sit on our hands and reminisce about how things used to be, how we all used to know our neighbors, how we could tell the good from the bad, etc... Unfortunately, this is no longer the case, and we truly do not know people as we once did. Too many times we have witnessed where a Brother Master Mason has been arrested for some criminal activity after he became a Mason. This we cannot prevent, but we do always take affirmative action and bring about Masonic charges where appropriate!

In addition, we have also witnessed situations where it has come out that a Master Mason has lied on his petition, lied about his past criminal convictions, lied about his gender, name changes, etc... our duty to our gentle Craft is to do all within our power to protect its reputation, thus ours, its history and credibility. The criminal background check is just one more tool for us to use in doing so.

Masons throughout the world enjoy a very positive reputation, and one made up of good men. If we are to continue to protect and build upon this reputation, we must insist that all who we bring into our Fraternity be just that, good men, who will always strive to be better! 🙏

Summary Grand Lodge – 2014

236th Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia November 7 - 8, 2014

Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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 EMMETT MOSELEY PATE, JR.	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL FREDERICK RUSSELL DIXON	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</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 STEVE 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</i>
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 236th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, 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 2015, if the awards are available.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Thomas Pierce Keesee, Jr., a member of Prince George Lodge No. 115.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Friday to Right Worshipful Frederick Russell Dixon of Elizabeth Lodge No. 34 and Worshipful Patrick Craig Murphrey of Bremond Lodge No. 241. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr. of Lakeland Lodge No. 190.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Gerald Edward Burks of Monitor Lodge No. 197.

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 Amelia Lodge No. 101 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 Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins.

During Friday afternoon's session, Most Worshipful Brother Flora 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 Grand Lodge of Montenegro and the Most Worshipful Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay." This resolution was adopted.

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 8, 2014.

Summary Grand Lodge – 2014

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2015 was presented and approved. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 14-01 through 14-08 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES EDWARD LITTEN	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM EDWARD HERSHEY, JR.	<i>Grand Junior Deacon</i>
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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOEL KRISTIAN CAGLE	<i>Assistant Grand Chaplain</i>
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BROTHER WILLARD DEXTER WASH.	<i>Grand Organist</i>
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	<i>Grand Physician</i>
BROTHER GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN	<i>Grand Tiler</i>

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary, Emeritus</i>
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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Right Worshipful Harris Trail Luscomb, III, and Right Worshipful Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 252 Lodges represented with 1,112 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 2015 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 4:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year. 🙏

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins,
Grand Secretary



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Ask Hiram

I was told that after balloting at the altar, I am supposed to leave the altar by the left side. Where did this come from?

ANSWER: The purpose is to avoid congestion at the altar, giving the Senior Deacon a second chance to verify the Brother is a member of the Lodge. According to the Grand Lecturer, it has been part of the ritual since time immemorial. It is not written down anywhere, but it is one of the many handed-down items. Most of our ritual, as you know, is not written down, especially the floor work, which this question falls into.

Hiram, I have noticed at some Lodges the Secretary will read a Lodge of Sorrow and the Lodge approves the minutes while my Lodge doesn't read or approve them, but they are just signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary? Which way is the correct way?

ANSWER: A very good question. Concerning writing, reading, and approval of minutes, please read section 2.59 of the *Methodical Digest* and its associated Grand Master's Decisions and Edict E-7-1989.

The previously mentioned Section and Edict state the Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written. The Secretary should be keeping minutes of all stated and called communications, including the Lodge of Sorrow. The only time minutes are required to be read for approval is at the end of a stated communication and they may be dispensed with by the Grand Master, if he is both present and presiding. The reading for approval of minutes of a called communication (degree work and Lodge of Sorrow) at the end of the meeting is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master, he may dispense with their reading.

Section 2.05(a) requires minutes of a Lodge of Sorrow to be read at the next stated communication for approval. However, a Lodge of Sorrow is a called communication and the reading of and voting for approval of the minutes of called communications may be dispensed with.

We have a lot of new Brothers in the chairs and we are somewhat confused as to when you sit in another officer's chair, do we swap jewels and aprons to the seat we are going to sit in?

ANSWER: You should always wear the apron of the office to which you were elected or appointed. You always wear the jewel of the office which you are currently occupying. The exception to this is when Past Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters, when sitting in any chair, wear their jewel vice the jewel of the office they are occupying.

For example; if you are the Junior Warden of your Lodge, and you occupy the West, you wear the apron of the Junior Warden and the Jewel of the Senior Warden.

After the Worshipful Master tells the Junior Deacon to inform the Tiler the Lodge is closed, when is the Holy Bible to be closed? Is it closed when the Junior Deacon opens the door, or when the Junior Deacon actually informs the Tiler?

ANSWER: As soon as the Worshipful Master addresses the Junior Deacon, and while the Junior Deacon turns toward the door the Worshipful Master will separate the Jewels, then slowly close the Bible. This should be completed not later than the time that the Junior Deacon completes informing the Tiler.

Sometimes at Lodge when talking with my fellow Lodge members, I hear them say that a certain Brother is a K.Y.C.H or K.C.C.H. What do those initials mean?

ANSWER: K.Y.C.H. is a highly coveted honor in Freemasonry, being conferred only on those who have served as a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter, and Commander of a Commandery of the York Rite. The initials stand for Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

K.C.C.H is the first of the honours of the "Court of Honour" in the Scottish Rite, known

as the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. It was a designation conceived by Grand Commander Albert Pike to honor men of outstanding ability and commitment. The recipients are more commonly known as the "red hats."

When Brethren are asked to assemble at the altar with a committee, are they being introduced or being presented to the Worshipful Master by the committee? I have heard both used or does it really matter?

ANSWER: This question seems to be asked every couple of years and since a new Masonic year has started with many Official Visits coming up, I thought it prudent to repeat this: Brethren are introduced at their seats, presented at the altar, and received in the East. As a reminder, when the Master appoints a committee, he does so by saying "...to present all visiting Worshipful Masters, e.g., at the altar." He also says to present a Brother at the altar for his catechism examination.

What is proper Masonic protocol when the Grand Master has a scheduled event in a particular Masonic district or division?

ANSWER: When the Grand Master makes an Official Visit to a particular Masonic district, all Masons from that district would be expected to attend and when the Grand Master schedules a Division Leadership Conference all of the Brethren from each Lodge and in the division would be expected to attend.

Accordingly, all of the Lodges in the district or division would refrain from scheduling degree work, ritual practices, schools, dinners, or any other activities that would conflict with the Grand Master's scheduled event. 🙏

Most Worshipful Stewart Wilson Miner 1921 - 2014



STEWART WILSON MINER
1921-2014

Stewart Wilson Miner was born in Syracuse, New York, on October 7, 1921, the eldest of three children of Leslie M. and Marion F. Miner. He was educated in the public schools of Central New York, received a Bachelor of Education Degree from New York State College for Teachers at Oswego; a Master of Arts Degree at Syracuse University; and a Master of Philosophy Degree at Columbia University in New York City. He served in the United States Air Force as a B-25 pilot during World War II, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was also retired from the United States Civil Service.

Brother Miner was made a Master Mason in Cherrydale Lodge No. 42 on October 24, 1957, where he was a 50-Year Masonic Veteran and honorary member and served as its Worshipful Master in 1965. Brother Miner served as Assistant to the Editor of the Virginia Masonic Herald for many years and as a member of the Committee on Masonic Education, serving as its Chairman in 1970-1972. He was appointed Grand Senior Steward in 1968 and Grand Historian in 1975-1977. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 1969 and served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1974. His theme was "Hold High the Torch Let There Be Light."

Most Worshipful Brother Miner was a Past Master, Life Member in Perpetuity and honorary member of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120; Past Master of Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777 and Justice-Columbia Lodge No. 3 in the District of Columbia. Brother Miner held honorary membership in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Springfield Lodge No. 217, Frank P. Moncure Lodge No. 279, A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949, Centerville Lodge in Central New York, and Shakespeare Lodge in New York City.

Brother Miner was a Past High Priest of Arlington Royal Arch Chapter No. 35 and held membership in Mount Vernon Chapter No. 14, Triangle Chapter No. 73, and Mount Pleasant Chapter No. 13 in the District of Columbia. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia in 1986.

Brother Miner was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in 1987 and continued in that office as one of the Senior Grand Secretaries in North America until 2004. He served the Conference of Grand Secretaries as its President in 2000.

He was a member of the Valley of the District of Columbia, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he was invested with the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor; Past Commander of Arlington Commandery No. 29; Past President of Arlington Hall Chapter No. 440, National Sojourners; Past Commander of Seth Warner Camp, Heroes of '76; Past Trustee of Nor-Va Forest No. 163, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Past Sovereign Master of George Potts Council No. 73, Allied Masonic Degrees; and held memberships in Adoniram Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters (District of Columbia), Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2, Knight York Cross of Honor, Virginia Council No. 12, Knight Masons, Kena Shrine Center, Royal Order of Scotland, St. Simeon Stylites Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and Arlington Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Miner was the recipient of the Valentine Reintzel and Distinguished Service Medals from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, where he was an Honorary Past Grand Master; the Philip C. Tucker Medal from the Grand Lodge of Vermont; the Charles Henry Johnson Medal from the Grand Lodge of New York, the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, the George Washington Distinguished Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the John Dove Award from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, and the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

Brother Miner married the former Gertrude Shipman, she is now deceased. They had two daughters; Beverly Leffers Palmer, a Medical Examiner in New York City, and Ann Shipman Miner, an Attorney at Law in private practice in Pickens County, South Carolina.

Most Worshipful Brother Miner was called to the Celestial Lodge above on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. A Funeral Service was held on Friday afternoon, January 2 2015 at the Greenspring Chapel, Spring Village Complex, Springfield, Virginia. 🕊

Instructions On How To Present The Flag At Altar

Per my Proclamation, the Flag of the Country must be presented at the altar and must be saluted by the Brethren who are citizens of this great nation. The Flag of our Country must be presented at all tiled communications using one of the examples listed below. The Worshipful Master will decide which method will be used for the Flag presentation.

Method No. 1 – Flag in West at beginning of Lodge (Marshal and Deacons)

Method No. 2 – Flag in East at the beginning of Lodge (Marshal and Deacons)

Method No. 3 – Flag in East at the beginning of Lodge (Senior Deacon or Marshal)

Method No. 4 – Flag in West at beginning of Lodge (Senior Deacon or Marshal)

No. 1 – The Worshipful Master will call up the Marshal... “Brother Marshal, under the escort of the Senior and Junior Deacons... present the Flag of our Country at the altar.”

Worshipful Master calls up Lodge... Senior and Junior Deacons go to the West and escort the Marshal with the Flag to the altar. Deacons will stand on either side of Marshal about one-step behind the Marshal.

The Marshal will hold flag upright and Worshipful Master will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Pledge... Worshipful Master will say “Post the Colors in the East.”

The Marshal will make a left face and proceed to the North where he will make a right face and return the Flag to its proper place in the Lodge.

After the Marshal places the Flag in its proper place, he will step back and put his

hand over his heart and then bring it back to his side in a saluting manner, all others will lower their salute at this point.

The Marshal and Deacons return to their seats. Worshipful Master seats Lodge. No. 2 – This exactly the same as No. 1 with the following exception; the Deacons will escort the Marshal to the East where he will secure the Flag and present it at the altar.

No. 3 – The Worshipful Master will call up the Senior Deacon or Marshal... “Brother Senior Deacon or Marshal present the Flag of our Country at the altar.”

The Worshipful Master will call up Lodge; Senior Deacon or Marshal will retrieve the Flag from its position in the East and present it at the altar.

Worshipful Master will lead in the pledge to our Flag.

After the Pledge is completed, the Worshipful Master will tell the Senior Deacon or Marshal to “Post” the colors in the East.

After the Senior Deacon or Marshal places the Flag in its proper place, he will step back and put his hand over his heart and then bring it back to his side in

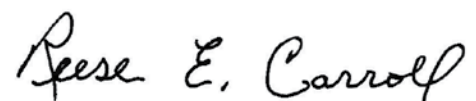
a saluting manner, all others will lower their salute at this point.

The Senior Deacon or Marshal returns to his seat. Worshipful Master seats Lodge. No. 4. - Same as number three except that the Flag is in the West at the beginning of Lodge.

NOTE: The point of my Proclamation is to present the Flag of our Country at the altar with the dignity and respect that it deserves, where it will be saluted accordingly.

General Guidelines

The Deacons when escorting the Marshal will be with him to retrieve the Flag and also to Post it in the East. Always carry the Flag in an upright manner with proper respect. You may allow the Flag to slightly unfurl when at the altar, but it is never to drape over the altar or touch the floor. Never walk backwards in retreat when carrying the Flag. If you have obstructions in your Lodge that cause issues with these procedures, (such as ceiling height or limited Lodge room width) I am confident the Worshipful Master and Brethren who will be making the presentation will adapt to make the presentation of the Flag a very moving and memorable occasion. It is all about respect for this wonderful Country and our Flag. 🇺🇸



Reese E. Carroll, Jr.
Grand Master



Together, We Can Make a Difference

Grand Annual Communication



Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora addresses the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



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Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora receives his Past Grand Master's Certificate from Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr. (2010).



Brother Thomas Pierce Keesee, Jr. receiving the Perfect Ashlar Award.



Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora bids farewell to all his well-wishers.

50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between September 12, 2014 and December 3, 2014

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Veteran
 Bro. Michael Harris Galumbeck
 Bro. Paul David Greene
 Bro. Charles Ivan Perkinson
 Bro. Albert Morrison Noll, Jr.
 Bro. Monty Edwards
 Wor. John Thomas Parker
 Wor. Darlis Donald Gault
 Wor. Harvey Lee Brown
 Bro. Fred Saah
 Bro. Willie Floyd Johnson
 Bro. Robert Witt Stilley
 Bro. Kenneth Kelley
 Bro. Roger Eugene Mustard
 Bro. Howard Kenneth Smith, Sr.
 Bro. L. Timothy Whitmore
 Bro. Jefferson Ray Warren, Jr.
 Bro. George Butler Anderson
 Bro. George William Pritts, Jr.
 Bro. Richard Heavner Wheaton
 Bro. Edward Lee Clarke
 Wor. Robert Allen Kennedy
 Bro. Michael Doran Neal
 Bro. Robert Thomas Brown, Jr.
 Bro. Claude Edward Elkins
 Bro. David Hoyt Horton
 Rt. Wor. Billy Purvis Barrett
 Wor. William Davidson Ferebee, Jr.
 Wor. Billy G. Zirkle
 Bro. George Thomas Vincent, Jr.
 Bro. Robert Thomas Murphy
 Bro. William Mapp Moore
 Bro. Henry E. Tinder, Jr.
 Bro. Belden Hill Bell
 Wor. Albert Garrett Mathias
 Wor. Norman Dwane Taylor
 Wor. Ronald Grant McManus
 Bro. John Edward Cart
 Wor. John Vance Flannagan
 Bro. Garland Eugene Chafin
 Wor. Harold Dean Chafin
 Bro. Don Wesley Leonard
 Bro. William James Herald
 Bro. Samuel Gordon Bickford, Jr.
 Bro. Edgar Vincent Wheeler
 Bro. Robert Edward Widener
 Bro. Jack William Lucas
 Bro. Harold Greeley Noyes, Jr.
 Bro. Joe Emerson Brown
 Bro. Peter Meletios Kilopoulos
 Bro. Van Buren Nixon, Jr.
 Wor. Leslie R. Kahn
 Wor. Alvin Thomas Morgan
 Bro. Eugene Thomas Burleigh
 Wor. James Lafayette Drinkard
 Bro. Alfred Charles Anderson
 Bro. John Robert Soles
 Wor. Joe Daniel Rasnick
 Bro. Thomas Henry Curd
 Bro. Marvin Gibson Jones
 Bro. John Harold Yancey
 Wor. Alvin Dixon Davidson
 Bro. John Louis Caddy
 Bro. Ronald Thomas Graves
 Rt. Wor. Samuel Thomas Atkinson
 Wor. James Herbert Hamilton
 Bro. Lloyd Lowell Halsey
 Wor. Jerry Darrell Young

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Bro. Donald Lowell Wood
 Bro. Roy Johnson Francisco
 Bro. Edward Price Crigger
 Bro. Elmer Clifton Stuart
 Bro. Orland Sylvester Parks
 Bro. Jerry Turner Henderson
 Bro. Herbert Spencer Adams
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 Bro. Wilburn C. Turner
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 Bro. Raymond Wendell Mullins
 Bro. Robert Kermit Williams
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 Bro. Arbie Kenneth Sutherland
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 Wor. Lewis Edward Moore
 Bro. Norris Ketchum Roberts
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 Wor. Herbert Allen Chappell
 Bro. Larry Crowgey Blevins
 Bro. Irvin Longaker Brant, Jr.
 Bro. Reuben Green Prescott
 Bro. Charles Lee Dillon

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Wor. Paul Condoyiannis
 Wor. William A. McDilda, Jr.
 Bro. James Edward Marshall, Jr.
 Bro. Demont Floyd Rose
 Bro. Eldean Emmitt Johnson
 Wor. Robert L. Bowling
 Wor. Clark Lee Glass
 Bro. James Ray Cowden
 Bro. Hector Alvin Campbell
 Bro. Paul Samuel Walker
 Bro. Haney Mottley
 Bro. Fred Wayne Dixon
 Bro. Louis B. McCaslin, Jr.
 Bro. William Addison Dawson
 Rt. Wor. Paul Kirkland Lucey, Jr.
 Bro. Fred M. Barker
 Wor. Thomas Eugene Edwards
 Bro. Maurice Elwood Hollowell
 Wor. William Davidson Ferebee, Jr.
 Bro. Leonard Odell Hansberger
 Bro. Mayette Ernest Hoffman, Jr.
 Bro. Gordon Bluford Sims, Jr.
 Wor. Reverdy Edmond Wright
 Bro. Edwin Don Croy
 Bro. Burman Paul White
 Bro. Ballard Raymond Parker, Jr.
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 Bro. Harold Brookman Linkous
 Wor. Walter Aaron Raines
 Bro. Maynard Odell Manning
 Wor. Paul Lee Humphreys
 Wor. Raleigh Alexander Duke, Jr.
 Wor. Laurence Hamilton Webb

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Area Masonic Ritual Schools – 2015

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


Masonic Veterans continued

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Bro. Alfred William Madsen	Corinthian Lodge No. 266
Bro. Paul Cromwell Brumley	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
Rt. Wor. Bobby Lee Matthews	Churchland Lodge No. 276
Bro. Sholom Harold Friedman	Columbia Lodge No. 285
Bro. James Arnold Justis	Central Lodge No. 300
Bro. Frederick Pope Vaughan	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Bro. Wilford Perry Hamm	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Rt. Wor. Joseph Franklin Terrell, Jr.	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Bro. Johnson Clinton Moss, Jr.	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Bro. Donald Lee McBride	Ocean View Lodge No. 335
Bro. Charles Warren Bland	Ocean View Lodge No. 335
Rt. Wor. Charles Melvin Bristow, Jr.	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351

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Wor. Joseph Phillip Harowitz	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
Bro. Harold Whitney Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
Wor. Robert Elwyn Davis	Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88



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60-Year Veteran Right Worshipful Lucey



L-R: M.W. Alan W. Adkins (1997)
R.W. Paul K. Lucey, Jr., Wanda Lucey,
M.W. William F. Perdue (1991), and
M. W. William L. Holliday (2000).

Right Worshipful Paul K. Lucey, Jr. received his 60-Year Masonic Veterans certificate and pin on November 14, 2014 in the Multi-Purpose Room, Masonic Home of Virginia, following the Friday Ritual Class. Making the presentation was Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary. Also present for the ceremony were: Wanda Lucey, Most Worshipful William F. Perdue (1991), Most Worshipful William L. Holliday (2000), and daughter, Patricia Runge. Brother Lucey is a Life Member in Perpetuity in Ruth Lodge No. 89, Past Master of St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 and Past District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 14A. He served the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Grand Marshal in 1991. 🌿

Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17 Generates Publicity

Right Worshipful Douglas T. Boynton

The Virginia Mountaineer, local newspaper for Grundy, Virginia published several articles telling of community service rendered by Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17. The most recent are Sandy Valley's Red Cross Blood Drive and the Community Builders Award given to a local Pastor.

Another article was a spread on the Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17 partnering with the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department doing a Child ID program. Worshipful Fred C. McCracken, Master of Sandy Valley, was interviewed and gave a thorough explanation of the VACHIP program. This would serve to put at ease any trepidations of parents or loved ones about the privacy of the children or adults. Worshipful Fred C. McCracken went on to state they are planning more VACHIPS. The articles explain the funds for this project were raised by Sandy Valley Golf Masonic Tournament and sponsors. 🌿



60-Year Veteran Most Worshipful Drechsler



L-R: R.W. Michael Robert Aulicino,
Bro. Michael Ervin Williams, Wor.
George Raymond Bierman, M.W.
Robert Francis Drechsler (1997, District
of Columbia), R.W. Ralph Taylor
Woodrow, R.W. Edgar Bruce Holley.

A 60-Year Masonic Veterans' Award was presented to Most Worshipful Robert Francis Drechsler and a 50-Year Masonic Veterans' Award was presented to Worshipful George Raymond Bierman at Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353. The presentations were done by Brother Michael Ervin Williams, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master pro-tem; Right Worshipful Ralph Taylor Woodrow, Presiding Officer; Right Worshipful William Arthur Shortt, Secretary; Right Worshipful Edgar Bruce Holley, Chaplain and committee member; and Right Worshipful Michael Robert Aulicino, committee member. 🌿

Together, We Can Make a Difference

I chose this theme because, as with most things in life, we must work together to accomplish great things and overcome diversity. We do many things on our own without the help or guidance of others, but when we want to make sure we are doing it right, we consult others.

As we look around our Lodges today, it's clear that some Lodges are having success in many areas, while others are struggling to keep the doors open. We need to share our ideas of what is working and not working, to improve all of our Lodges. We have many challenges facing us in Freemasonry, and it will take all of us working in harmony meet those challenges. I am convinced that together, we can make a difference.

Reese Edward Carroll, Jr.
Grand Master

Masonic Assistance

A fiery blaze at the Guru Thrift Store was reported in the frigid evening hours of New Year's Eve. Seven local fire departments and over one hundred firefighters, along with numerous rescue squads, and police personnel, responded to what has been called, "the worst fire in the history of Main Street."

For several hours, the courageous volunteer firefighters fought the flaming beast as well as inclement weather and frigid temperatures. Tazewell Masonic Lodge No. 62, which is located across from where the structure was on fire, opened their doors to feed and warm the weary firefighters and other medical volunteers. Worshipful Chris White, Brother Charles Gearheart and several Brethren from Tazewell Lodge, and the Tazewell Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star stayed with the firefighters until the flames



Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the people of Tazewell recognize Tazewell Masonic Lodge No. 62 for their assistance.



Guru Thrift Store a blaze across the street from Tazewell No. 62.

resigned, and smoke cleared around 1:00 am on New Year's Day.

Tazewell Masonic Lodge was recognized for their assistance by both the Tazewell Town Council and the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors. 🙏



A New Year A New Assembly

Brigitte Wendel, Grand Worthy Advisor

Ten Thousand miles is the distance from Virginia to Australia. That may seem far, but for a Rainbow Girl, distance is irrelevant when meeting Sisters. In addition to Australia, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is found in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Aruba, the Philippines, Bolivia, Italy, Mexico, and our newest jurisdiction, Romania. This year, Virginia Rainbow is focusing on the internationality of Rainbow with our theme "Our Colorful Heritage." Rainbow Girls come from all over the world; we each have different traditions, different backgrounds, and even speak different languages, but we still come together to make one beautiful organization. Each Rainbow girl has something that makes her unique, whether it is the color of her hair, her talents, or the place she calls home. The



traits that each girl brings to Rainbow teach others new perspectives and skills, and we are glad to be able to have such a colorful organization.

Virginia Rainbow had the privilege of instituting a new Assembly in Springfield, Virginia. We initiated fourteen girls; each comes from a different background and has

different traditions. It was an awesome experience being the one to initiate this many girls at once, and I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of them. We are excited to be able to teach our new Sisters the lessons of the rainbow in addition to learning about each Sister and what makes her who she is. We are so thankful for our sponsoring orders who make events like opening a new assembly possible. Rainbow would not exist without your love and support. Starting this new assembly has been a great start to our membership goal this year of increasing our membership by twenty percent. The Rainbow girls are always looking for new members. If you know a girl between the ages of eleven and twenty, we would love to have her join our organization. 🌈

Open Letter

DaVita
Jenkins, Kentucky

Grand Lodge of Virginia

Dear Worshipful Sir:

Pound Lodge No. 59 is a wonderful ambassador for your organization this holiday season.

The membership, at the suggestion of Floyd Michael Combs, provided a take-home Thanksgiving meal for each patient at the Raven Rock DaVita Dialysis Center in Jenkins. We have thirty-three patients who spend three to five hours a day, three days a week with us going through dialysis. Dialysis is a life-saving process but is a very difficult, challenging process as well. And being in the middle of an economically depressed area, the Jenkins DaVita Center serves a population of low-income people who do not have the financial means to expensive holiday foods.

Pound Lodge provided hams, turkeys, rolls, desserts and all the trimmings for a delicious holiday meal for each patient as he/she left the Center that day. And, they were kind enough to also provide a meal for each staff member who worked that day and for the ambulance drivers who transport many of our more seriously ill patients. This show of active compassion truly exemplifies the most positive characteristics that I have come to know as Masonic.

Thank you so much for providing the leadership that produces good men like those of Pound Lodge No. 59. 🌈

Sincerely and Merry Christmas,
Laura Swiney, Director
Raven Rock DaVita Center

Little Masonic Lodge With A Big Heart

Right Worshipful V. Stuart Cook
Grand Senior Warden

Pound Lodge No. 59 is a relatively small Lodge in the small town of Pound, and yet it displays more Masonic love than many Lodges double its size. How so, you may ask?

The Brethren of Pound Lodge No. 59 have been spreading Masonic Light for well over fourteen years now, and they do this by having a community luncheon on the third Sunday in November of each year, designated as their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The Brethren of Pound Lodge, invite the entire community to their luncheon and believe me when I tell you, no one goes away hungry! One would have to witness the long lines of tables filled with every kind of vegetable, turkey, ham, chicken and more than ten plus different desserts, to believe it. The cooking talents of the ladies of our Pound Brethren are second to none, and they just seem to glow as they place their respective delicious dishes on the table of plenty!

I, along with my wife Barbara, our Deputy Grand Master, Jim Litten and Ann, our Grand Junior Warden, Gary Taylor and Billie have been privileged to be a part of this wonderful celebration for the past three years. Not only that, we were each asked to be the keynote speaker in successive years, and in 2012, when Right Worshipful Jim Litten spoke; one man in attendance who was not a Brother Mason quickly requested a petition from the Worshipful Master of Pound! This is one of the key features of Pound's Thanksgiving Dinner; the whole community is invited, and those who are not Masons have the opportunity to witness the love and caring of our Masonic Brethren of Pound as they share their good will, and many have decided that Masonry may be a way of life for them as well.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is just one of the community events sponsored by

Pound Lodge No. 59. The Granny Run is a motorcycle ride that the Lodge has held for the past seven years. Right Worshipful Ross Bolling's wife, Patricia, passed away after a long battle with diabetes. She was a very strong and courageous lady, who always had a smile for everyone and was affectionately known as "Granny" to those who knew and loved her. Even after she underwent the amputation of both of her legs, it did not deter her from wanting to do what she loved best, riding a motorcycle. When she informed her son, Rueben, that she desired one thing and that was to ride again, he and Ross built a special three-wheeler that would allow her to sit in her wheelchair and ride once again. And she did!

Upon her passing, Pound Lodge No. 59 has held the "Granny Run" each year to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. This year, they expect to break the \$20,000 mark for total contributions for this worthy cause.

This is not all that the Brethren of Pound Lodge do for those in need. In 2013, after the desecration of so many coal-mining operations by recent legislation and EPA rulings left many miners and their families in dire need,

the Brethren of Pound Lodge, in conjunction with other Lodges in District 48, once again set about to help. Many Brethren within Masonic District 48 assisted with the Wise County Coat Drive, where the goal was to purchase coats, hats, gloves, and toys for over three hundred and fifty needy children. Their efforts contributed to this project being a huge success. The Brethren stood out in the rain and cold at area businesses and spoke to nearly everyone who entered, and when the people learned that the mission was to help the children within the County, they gave until the boxes ran over and kept on giving.

The Coat and Toy Drive was so successful in Wise County that the Brethren of Pound Lodge, learning about the dire need of so many children over the border in Kentucky, were able to make a Santa Run with an SUV filled to the ceiling! As the Brethren delivered these coats, hats, and toys, one of the mothers actually wept in heartfelt thanks for "making our children's Christmas." What a testament to Masonic friendship and brotherly love!

We all left the community of Pound and the Brethren of Pound Lodge with the heartfelt assurance that love and charity is alive and well in Wise County and their neighbors in Kentucky.

Brethren, as I wrote this article with the assistance of Right Worshipful Ross Bolling, Right Worshipful Reuben, and Worshipful Tabby Back, I was full of pride to be a Mason, and humbled to participate in the love and fellowship of my Brethren of Pound Lodge No. 59.

One thing is for sure; you do not have to be a member of a Lodge that is great in numbers to make a lasting impact on your community, and as our Grand Master's theme states; "Together We Can Make a Difference," the little Lodge of Pound No. 59 is living proof. 🙏

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in heartfelt thanks for
"making our children's Christmas."*

Recognizing Prince Hall: An Eleven Year Journey to Honesty

“The real secrecy of Masonry for over two hundred years was Black Masonry.”

Recognizing Prince Hall
Dan Weatherington

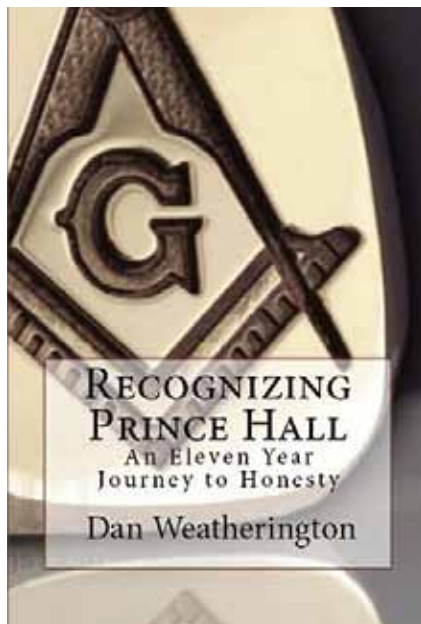
I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an’ brown,
With the trichies smellin’ pleasant
An’ the hog-darn passin’ down;
An’ the old khansamah snorin’
On the bottle-khana floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

The Mother-Lodge
Rudyard Kipling

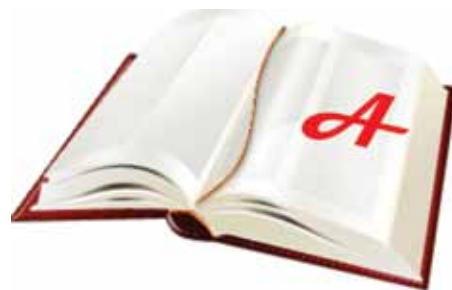
The Fraternity that admonishes its members that every human being has a claim upon its members’ kind offices and to do good unto all occasionally runs into some rough patches in walking the talk of its considerable Ritual.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia itself hit a few bumps working out its Visitation Compact with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, so Dan Weatherington’s thriller contains lessons for those who tout the slogan that Freemasonry embraces the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Rarely does one find any book with a square and compasses on its cover, a page-



*Recognizing Prince Hall:
An Eleven Year Journey to Honesty*
by Dan Weatherington
(Kindle \$2.99, PB \$6.99, self-published)
Review by
Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.



turner, hard to put down, full of suspense, a story of courage in the face of aggressive ignorance, but Dan Weatherington has pulled it off.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, founded in 1787, traveled a dangerous and difficult path in reaching recognition of Prince Hall Masonry. *Recognizing Prince Hall* details that journey using editorials from the *North Carolina Mason*, actions taken by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and actual

conversations between and among Carolina Brethren, whose names have been changed to protect the guilty as well as the innocent.

Weatherington begins with a bit of historical irony. In the South, Brethren closely guarded the secrets of the Craft. But “since slaves were considered less than human, no effort was made to conceal the Masonic rituals from those who had driven the Master to his meetings or those who prepared and served the food and beverages... Since everything had to be committed to memory, the same slaves who were being ignored were also memorizing the supposedly ‘secret’ works.”

Following the Civil War, “regular” Grand Lodges declared the Prince Hall Lodges “clandestine,” thus ensuring the exclusion of former slaves from recognition as “real” Masons.

When, at age eleven, “David Logan,” Brother Weatherington’s fictionalized persona, first hears the “N” word, his father tells him: “Davy, [“N”] is a word ignorant, uneducated people call Colored people, and I don’t ever want to ever hear you say it.”

At thirty, David, desiring to become a Shriner, discovers that he must first become a Mason. That detour on the way to the Shrine leads to the friendly bond between an advancing Mason and the Brother teaching him the catechisms. David runs into anti-Masonic pamphlets claiming that Masons worship the devil Baphomet, thus learning that Masons themselves are the objects of ignorance and bigotry. His mentor directs him to the Lodge Secretary, a 33rd Degree Mason, who assures David that the Craft is free of devil worship.

So “Brother Logan” gets raised and becomes active in his Lodge.* During a Lodge spaghetti dinner fundraiser, he defies the admonitions of his Brethren to ignore a black man who drops in for the meal. As he picks up

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a plate, David states, “his dollar’s as good as the next. I’ll wait on him.”

Logan runs into the guest, Mark Avery, six months later. It turns out, he’s now a Mason, inspired to join by Logan’s kindness. Avery tells Logan: “when you went out of your way to welcome me, even joke with me, then maybe there was something to this Masonic thing. Maybe there was hope. That night, after I left the spaghetti dinner, I went to my Granddad’s and told him I wanted to become a Mason. He beamed!”

But Avery has a question: “Am I your Brother? Seriously, am I your Brother?” Logan replies: “Are you asking me, Mark, or are you asking the system? If you’re asking me, the answer is yes. However, if you’re asking some archaic system set up two centuries ago by a bunch of holier-than-thou slave owners and perpetuated by a bunch of insecure [members], I would have to say no.” Thus Weatherington sets the stage.

Trouble starts when “a young military man from California visited a Lodge near Camp Lejune [sic], a large Marine Corps Base. Since the Grand Lodge of California is recognized as a regular Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the man should have been admitted without incident. ...but there was a problem. The man was black. It rightfully should have been done for any member of a recognized Grand Lodge, the Master allowed the man to be seated. But, rather than sit with a black man, several of the members walked out, refusing to sit with a black. The members who walked out made no secret that their rationale for leaving was the man’s race.”

The incident came to the attention of the Grand Master, who supported the stand of the Master of the Lodge. So a “small war ensued for several months.” As published in the July/August issue of *North Carolina Mason*, the

Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina adopted on June 20, 1997, a Resolution which stated:

[R]acial discrimination is abhorrent and unacceptable; and ...

Freemasonry regards the internal and not the external qualifications of a man;...

[T]he Master of a Masonic Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall not consider the race of any Brother from a recognized Lodge in deciding who may visit in his Lodge.

The war escalated, with many North Carolina Masons holding that “Colored Masons are clandestine. We swore not to have anything to do with ‘em. It’s right there in our oath.” Conversations among the Brethren became heated and divisive. To those holding Prince Hall clandestine, peppering their argument with the “N” word, Logan replies, “I wish you’d quit saying [“N”]. It makes you sound so stupid.”

The *North Carolina Mason* editorialized: “A Mason’s stand against racism is simple. Anyone who has taken the degrees of Masonry and read the Holy Bible knows in his breast what is right - Every Mason must judge a man by what is in the heart, not by what is on his flesh... It’s time for each of us to speak up for what’s right... It will take fortitude, but our leaders are leading, and now it’s our turn to do what we can to help show the world that Freemasonry in North Carolina stands against racism.”

Attempts to just bring the Resolution to a floor vote at the 1998 Grand Lodge meeting failed. That did not prevent the incoming Grand Master from announcing, “that he was forming a task force to study the recognition of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina...the black Masons.”

Some believed that “recognition” meant “merger.” David Logan’s exasperation surfaces: “God, I was getting tired of repeating that. It was hard for me to believe these people were Masons for years and didn’t even know what ‘recognize’ means.”

Debates rage. Weatherington does not hold back, revealing the epithets and profanity that Mark Twain claimed, “at times provide a relief denied even to prayer.”

Battle lines drawn, both sides eschew restraint, indulging in name-calling, insults, questioning one another’s integrity, each side branding the other side’s positions un-Masonic.” A nasty time was had by all.

The next Grand Master stated: “I intend not to sweep the topic of hatred and bigotry under the carpet. I plan to speak against intolerance and racism, as long as I am your Grand Master... I know that the measure of a man has nothing to do with his race... Masonry teaches us that we are all children of one almighty parent..., that Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who otherwise would have remained at a perpetual distance... [B]igots are like the pupil of your eye, the more light you put on them, the more they shrink away... Someone at Annual Communication said we shouldn’t air our dirty laundry. No Brethren, we shouldn’t air it; we should wash it!”

Traveling “listening sessions” conducted by Grand Lodge Committees turn up more bigotry than support for Prince Hall recognition. Grand Masters receiving hate mail from some Brethren.

Yet another Grand Master explains his own journey: “When I looked into the eyes of my Brothers as they made these comments, I saw myself as I used to be. I grew up thinking I was better than the black people in my com-

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munity, smarter, better looking, and deserving of the privilege I enjoyed as a white person. In my twenties, when I joined the Fraternity, I began to try to be the best man I could be, and understanding the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God helped me deal with my bigotry. So I could only feel sorry for those men, as although they were members of a Masonic Lodge, they were not yet Masons.”

As 1998 wound down, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education published a list of questions and answers about Prince Hall Masonry. The next Grand Master held that Masons look to the interior of a man and not his exterior. Therefore, a Mason, a good Mason, could not be a racist, regardless of his reasoning. When the Grand Lodge announced a joint dedication with Prince Hall Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone for and to dedicate Charlotte’s Freedom Bell, tempers escalated.

One opponent of Prince Hall recognition wrote, “Like it or not, the roots of a people start with their race, then proceed in a line down to their extended families. Considering that the black race is responsible for crime, destruction and receiving taxpayer funded government handouts far out of proportion to their representation in our society, I find it abominable that it is the goal of so many of you to have them involved in our Lodges... The NAACP and all sorts of other black racist groups are allowed to permeate [sic] their lives and filth, with the help of their Jewish lawyers, with no cries of racism... I am on the verge of leaving Freemasonry forever if this issue continues like it is... I can imagine a country much stronger with much more good will and very little crime or other related problems if there weren’t any blacks here... Prudence demands that I remain: Anonymous.” How does one reply to “Anonymous?”

Prince Hall recognition met defeat at Annual Communications year after year. Nevertheless, in his inaugural address, the Grand Master elected for the year 2001 asked the question: “When you say Masonry, do you mean Masonic Lodges that are fortresses for bigots and braggarts?”

Each year the vote at Annual Communication for Prince Hall recognition increased. Then in 2002, delegates adopted an amendment that required a two-thirds favorable vote to pass any recognition of another Grand Lodge. In 2003, Prince Hall recognition failed by less than forty votes to gain the two-thirds majority.

But delegates also introduced an amendment to return to a simple majority vote on Grand Lodge recognition.

Then the *News and Observer*, one of North Carolina’s largest newspapers, published an article detailing the entire history of regular North Carolina Masonry struggling to recognize Prince Hall, just after Prince Hall voted unanimously to recognize the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. “Makes us look like a bunch of Ku Kluxers,” said one Brother, who reluctantly admitted the truth of the article. There arose reports of men who had resigned their jobs after their employers questioned their membership in a “racist” organization.

Tempers cooled; the two thirds requirement was repealed, and in 2004, at its Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina by a vote of... 642 to 328.

No doubt the perception that “regular” Masonry admits only white men deters many in public life, public employees such as teachers, municipal workers, judges, as well as those in businesses where discrimination is prohibited, banking, hospitality, housing, restaurants, from joining the Craft.

Those who perpetuate the white-only image of the Fraternity in the twenty-first century cause it nothing but harm. Gratuitously racist comments by Freemasons in the presence of “profanes” lead some to pain the Fraternity as a whole as an oasis of ignorance. Such stupidity negates Freemasonry’s pretty words about doing good unto all, the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, every human being having a claim on our kind offices, regarding no man for his wealth or worldly possessions, that it’s the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that recommend him, and that Masonry is unique in bringing men together who would otherwise remain at a perpetual distance.

Nothing perpetuates that distance, that separation, that ignorance of others, those superficial judgments, those prejudices, like ignorant, insecure, spineless racism.

The saddest aspect of Dan Weatherington’s story of Grand Lodge of North Carolina lurches towards Prince Hall recognition is the suspense with which he tells the tale. He keeps the outcome uncertain until the very end. Yet, along the way, he paints profiles in courage among Brethren of good will, kindness, and profound commitment to Freemasonry’s bedrock commitment to the Level and its teachings. And also quotes some real idiots. Good thing their names are changed, or they chose to remain “Anonymous.”

Now’s a good time to read *The Mother-Lodge*. Aloud. To your sons and nephews. In open Lodge. Poem by a guy named Kipling. White guy. Won the Nobel Prize in literature. Also wrote “If,” a nifty piece of work that should be read aloud in Lodge, often. 🍷

*North Carolina practice, unlike Virginia’s, does not call for capitalizing “Lodge,” “Degree,” “Master,” and other Masonic terms, hence the apparent inconsistency in capitalization in this article. Such differences do not render the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and its members “clandestine.”

Districts 15A, 15B, 15C Meet at the Virginia War Memorial



L-R: Bro. Russell L. Scott and Most Worshipful Grand Master Reese E. Carroll, Jr.

The 15th Masonic District met at the Virginia War Memorial.

The Virginia War Memorial in downtown Richmond is the Commonwealth's tribute to Virginian's who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving in the U.S. armed forces honoring nearly 12,000 Virginia men and women who died in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., attended and noted that one of the highlights of the event was meeting Brother Russell L. Scott, a World War II veteran who was held as a POW by the Germans. Brother Scott, a 60-year member of Northside Lodge No. 292, served as the tail gunner on a B-25 bomber when it was shot down. He parachuted off the tail wing, breaking his back when he landed, and was captured by German troops. Brother Scott also volunteers every Wednesday at the Memorial.

The Lodges of 15th Masonic District presented a donation of \$2,000 to the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation in honor of all military veterans who have served our nation and Masonry. 🇺🇸

Richmond No. 10



L-R: Bro. Bryant Nelson, Wor. John Edelin; Wor. Bill Biddix, Bro. Davis Wells; Bro. Paul Rinko, Wor. Dale Jordan, Wor George Throckmorton, Wor. Jay Kelley, Wor. Bill Heltzel, Bro. Burton Gunn, R.W. Sam Dunn, Wor. Brian Adams, Wor. Don Korb, Bro. Bruce Smith, Bro. Nicholas Thruston, Bro. Craig Ellwanger, Wor. Timothy Evans; Bro. James Brown; Bro. Andrew Fuhrman, and Bro. Elton Kessel.

Richmond No. 10's newest Master Mason Brother Rinko, catechized himself in all three Degrees. The Master Mason degree was per-

formed in full regalia with Right Worshipful Samuel E. Dunn serving as Master. 🇺🇸

Three Times Three

Yorktown Lodge No. 205 recently added a new generation to its Masonic family. Darren Murray, the Jr. Past State Master Councilor of Virginia DeMolay, was initiated an Entered Apprentice in November. Darren is a third generation DeMolay and now third generation Mason. His grandfathers, Tom Wipperman of Monitor Lodge No. 197, and John C. Murray of Yorktown Lodge No. 205, are both deceased. His uncles, John Murray and Robert Murray as well as his father, David Murray are all Past Masters of Yorktown Lodge. Darren's father presided in the East and obligated Darren. His uncles and DeMolay Advisors completed the degree team including the lecture and charges read. It was a great night for Virginia Masonry as we welcome Masonry's future. 🇺🇸



L-R: Brother Ryan Lutz (DeMolay Advisor), Worshipful Robert Murray, Worshipful Darren Murray, Worshipful David Murray, Worshipful John Murray, Worshipful Ken Chord (DeMolay Advisor)

A New Chapter

Most Worshipful James D. Cole (2001)
Masonic Home CEO

As I sat reading the other day, I was struck by the lessons about our Masonic Home that can be drawn by a reference to books. Sir Francis Bacon wrote in *Of Studies*, “Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and a few to be tasted and digested.”

The Miriam Webster Dictionary lists as its fourth definition of the word “book” the following: “inside information or analysis (the book on him is that he can’t hit a curve ball).”

So, here is the “book” on the Masonic Home of Virginia, the reality is that it is one of those very special “books” Sir Francis Bacon referred. No Mason, no Masonic wife, or widow, no family member of a Mason, can truly understand the Masonic Home, unless they visit and fully experience our community, by “tasting and digesting” just what we have at 500 Masonic Lane in Henrico, on the outskirts of Richmond. My most important daily goal as the Home’s CEO is not to convince people to donate, or to apply for admission. Instead, my daily goal is to convince people to enter the gates of the Home, walk around the beautiful grounds, visit a spacious cottage, enjoy the newly redecorated halls, taste a fine meal, and experience a conversation with our lively residents.

Many people think of our Home as the “last chapter” in a person’s book of life. In fact, the Home represents a NEW chapter, but certainly not necessarily the final chapter. Our residents move to the Home and begin active new phases of their lives. Almost all improve their mental, physical and emotional health and raise their level of human interaction. The most common statement made by new residents is a question, “Why did I wait so long to come here?”

The Masonic Home of Virginia, like a good book, cannot simply be placed in a category on a shelf and filed away in the minds

of the Masons of Virginia. It represents the embodiment of Masons fulfilling their obligations. Words, whether written or taken as an oath, matter. Over 4,000 Brethren have stepped forward and contributed to the Home in the last year. One wonders why the remaining 28,000 members in Virginia, each of whom receive this magazine, will not take the time to send a modest gift to support the Crown Jewel of Freemasonry in Virginia?

Unfortunately, it may simply boil down to the fact that the majority of our members have not experienced the Home. It is understandable that some Masons may not have been able to visit the retirement community in the Richmond area. However, in 2001, the Home opened a new chapter in its history and began providing Outreach services in every county, city and town in Virginia. Brethren and their widows in Coeburn, Chesapeake, Pound, Chesterfield, Winchester, Lynchburg, Poquoson, Wise, and West Point, just to list some examples, have all experienced firsthand the life-changing care the Home can provide. The Outreach Program provides care in the homes of Masons, their wives and widows, without them having to move and leave their communities.

So, the “book” on the Masonic Home, as it concludes 125 years of providing care, is that Masons, by supporting the programs in Richmond and in all the communities throughout the Commonwealth, are, in effect, rewriting how the Fraternity impacts our fellow man. Every Mason who visits the Home or who contributes, regardless of the dollar amount, is taking words, both spoken and written from his Masonic journey and putting them to work.

Surely, such action will create a smile on the face of our Father above. 🙏

Grand Master’s Team Steps Up



The Patriots

Brother Sean Watterson
Development Officer

As Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. planned for his year of service as Grand Master, he knew he would need a strong team effort in 2015. No man can successfully serve as Grand Master without a good team.

In addition to his primary supporter, his wife Mary, our Grand Master has an able planning committee, called The Patriots and a strong team of District Deputy Grand Masters. The Patriots, pictured above, have shown their support of the Masonic Home by contributing over \$2,500 to obtain a Ray on the Home’s *Symbol of Light* in honor of the Grand Master and his wife.

Additionally in response to a challenge issued by Most Worshipful Jim Cole, PGM, and the Home’s CEO, for the first time ever, one hundred percent of the new District Deputy Grand Masters have contributed to the Masonic Home prior to their installation.

Clearly, as the Grand Master, his Patriots, and his District Deputy Grand Masters travel throughout our Commonwealth, they will be showing how much the Masonic Home means to the entire Fraternity, as they lead by example. For this generous labor of love and these gifts, the Home and its residents are most grateful. 🙏



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, 2014 through November 30, 2014**. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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Masonic Home of Virginia

Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
JANUARY		
1/ 1	Jane Barnes	Richmond Lodge No. 10
1/ 3	Voncile Baughman	Sandston Lodge No. 216
1/ 4	Carolyn Allen	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91
1/ 6	Samuel Anaya	Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
1/ 7	Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/ 8	Dolores Ridings	Transportation Lodge No. 337
1/11	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113
1/11	Fred Ernest	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
1/11	Mack Morris	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
1/12	Roland Scott	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/15	Jimmy Lucas	Edwards Lodge No. 308
1/21	Joyce Burgess	Richmond Lodge No. 10
1/22	James McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
1/23	Jean Learnard	Petersburg Lodge No. 15
1/25	Leona Conwell	Edwards Lodge No. 308
1/25	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/30	Nathan Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
FEBRUARY		
2/ 6	Stuart Shipley	Varina Lodge No. 272
2/11	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
2/13	Fay Gardner	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/14	Bunion Bussey	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
2/14	Jean Johnson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/14	Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
2/19	Betty Burnette	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
2/19	Edgar Harrison	Virginia Lodge No. 177
2/19	Norma McCullough	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/23	Claude Morris	King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
2/23	H. Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/26	Robert Muncy	Sandston Lodge No. 216
MARCH		
3/ 2	James Fox	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
3/ 4	Betty Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/ 5	Harold Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
3/ 5	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/ 7	Albert Noll	Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
3/14	Bertha Lilly	Sandston Lodge No. 216
3/16	Charles Hughes	Meridian Lodge No. 284
3/18	Robert Banton	Manchester Lodge No. 14
3/21	Mary Young	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
3/23	Martha Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/23	Irene King	Virginia Lodge No. 177
3/24	Carol Fritis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
3/24	Rose Szentendrei	St. John's Lodge No. 36
3/24	Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/26	John Pierce	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
3/28	Jean Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/29	Virginia VonGemmingen	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/30	Charles Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
JANUARY		
1/14/1950	Lansing and Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
1/25/1957	Jack and Julia Williams	Troutville Lodge No. 247
FEBRUARY		
2/11/1961	William and Evelyn Holliday	Norview Lodge No. 113
2/20/1971	Pat and Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
MARCH		
3/ 5/1949	Donald and Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/ 7/1958	James and Sara Wright	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/19/1943	Albert and Jean Noll	Alexander-Washington Lodge No. 22
3/22/1958	James and Janey Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
3/31/1963	Glenn and Carol May	Varina Lodge No. 272

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
SEPTEMBER		
9/3/2014	Clinton Kennedy	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/5/2014	Dorothy Barton	Arlington Lodge No. 102
9/23/2014	Graham Sherrod	Northside Lodge No. 292
OCTOBER		
10/6/2014	Kathryn Stitzer	Babcock Lodge No. 322
10/8/2014	Joseph Michaux	Babcock Lodge No. 322
NOVEMBER		
11/13/2014	Graham Simmons	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
11/30/2014	Ethel Hutcherson	Meridian Lodge No. 284

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
SEPTEMBER		
None		
OCTOBER		
10/ 2	Fred L. Ernest	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
NOVEMBER		
None		



Masonic Home of Virginia



Wor. Paul Lucey, resident, receives 60-Year Masonic Veteran's Award from Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins; joined by Wanda Lucey, Most Worshipful William F. Perdue and Most Worshipful William L. Holliday, resident.



Resident Ann Spain gives out Halloween candy



Residents enjoy frequent dancing events



Residents Buddy and Gloria Martin dance at the Honky Tonk Experience



Staff member Debbie Preston and Resident Tom Kaufman at the Walk to End Alzheimer's



Many staff members and residents joined in the Walk to End Alzheimer's



Resident Jim Herring admires an exhibit during a field trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial



Residents Mildred Milby and Betty Long at the Walk to End Alzheimer's



Residents enjoy a field trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial



Resident Mildred Butler enjoys bingo



Resident King and Queen Tommy and Ann Spain



Resident Hugh Kirkland hands out Halloween candy

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Reese E. Carroll, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia 2014-2015, and the Grand Line.