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The Grand Master's Message

My wife, Ann, and I want to thank you for this high honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Master and First Lady of Masons in Virginia for the year 2016. Looking out across this magnificent assembly, I see the smiling faces of so many Brothers who have helped me get to this unimaginable position as your Grand Master. Thank you so much for your encouragement and support.

I would like to share with you a quote from our Masonic Brother, Mark Twain, who said, "It is better to deserve honors and not have them, than to have them and not deserve them." My Brothers, I will do my best to deserve this great honor you have bestowed upon me.

I embarked on this wonderful journey into Masonry nearly three decades ago and can clearly remember those very first steps I was asked to take. The Brother who signed my petition, taught me all three catechisms, helped raise me as a Master Mason, and encouraged me to continue to seek out the good that Freemasonry offers us, is here today. Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, I cannot thank you enough, my Brother. I know you will continue to share with me your wisdom in the coming year.

My theme for 2016 is SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE. I challenge each of you to ask yourself this: Are you setting a good example... in your home... in your community... in your church... and in your Lodge?

Surely you are proud to be a Mason, so set a good example, my Brothers, then all will know you are what Masonry truly stands for.

Over the past fifty years we have seen a gradual and continued erosion in the number of Masons throughout the world. Here in America, from the late 1950's until the end of the last century, the membership of our fifty Grand Lodges has dropped more than 50%. There is no single cause for this continued decline, and unfortunately, there is no single solution. Obviously, a combination of factors is at work. In our coun-



Grand Master M.: W.: James Edward Litten

try, some observers claim, this is simply a return to normal sizing of the Fraternity, after the unusual expansion that took place after the Second World War.

Others point to the changes our society has experienced in the last few

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decades. We perceive the increasing self-concern of the younger generation, the "Bowling Alone" syndrome, the influence of television, and now the internet and smart phones. So many people these days are satisfied with just sitting back and watching the world go around quick to complain and make judgments, but slow to jump in and be a part of the solution.

Last year alone, according to the Neilson Media Research, an average home in America spends seven hours and twenty-four minutes per day watching television. Can you imagine, if we,

as Masons, spend just seven hours a week being involved in our Fraternity, what an impact this would have today?

I propose to you that Freemasonry is alive and well because of Brethren like you... men who are keeping our traditions alive... making Masonry a family affair... setting a good example in your everyday life as a Freemason.

Throughout our history, Masons were not only prominent members of the founding fathers, but were the leaders in the liberation movements against colonialism in the 19th century. They fought against the evils of slavery... for the separation of church and state... for many of the rights and liberties that today are part of what we believe an enlightened nation should hold dear.

Is our work done? Are we, the Masons of Virginia and throughout America, going to rest on our laurels and simply rejoice in past glories? I hope not, and I certainly think not.

Brethren, the world is beset by the moral dangers of fanatics, religious intolerance and superstition, the physical dangers of overpopulation, the depletion of natural resources, pollution, disease and hunger, political corruption, and deep-seated concern about the morals and character of our society.

As Masons, we have been standing for centuries on the shoulders of an endless line of good men who believed in and acknowledged the basic teachings of Freemasonry. Today, it is crystal clear to me that the teachings of Freemasonry have not changed. Nearly all dimensions of life are naturally adjusting to a new age, to a changing world, based largely on computer technology and instant communications.

However, the basic concepts of the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, honor, uprightness and decency will never change. We have a rich heritage in Freemasonry. It is ours to grasp and follow during our lifetime. It is in-

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cumbent upon us to pass it on to future generations. Never let us forget or lose sight of one simple truth, that Masonry begins at the altar in the Lodge room and continues with us, every step we take.

So, I ask you again... what kind of example are you setting in your everyday life? As a Mason, do you let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works? How does God see us in our everyday life? How does our family feel about our actions as a father, grandfather, or husband? Do I want my children and grandchildren to follow my footsteps? When I get angry, do I say things that hurt others? Can I forgive someone who has hurt me?

Each person must take responsibility for his or her own life and actions. Neither wealth nor poverty, education nor ignorance, health nor sickness... excuses anyone from doing the best he or she can do under the circumstances.

No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe. Each man and woman has an absolute, God-given right to intellectual, spiritual, economic, and political freedom. Each person must make sure his spiritual nature triumphs over his animal nature.

When we are tempted to anger, we must not be violent.

When we are tempted to selfishness, we must be charitable.

When we want to "write someone off," we must see that person as a child of God, and show him our respect.

When we want to give up, we must go on.

When we are hated, we must return love, or at a minimum, not hate back.

Faith must be in the center of our lives. Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment.

My Brethren, here are three simple

things you need to know about helping your children, your family, and Brother Masons grow closer together. Example. Example. Example.

This may sound silly to some, but let me ask you this: can you think of a better method to build a happy, healthy family unit? Set an example. What children become is greatly affected by how they are raised. Remember the old saying... monkey see, monkey do.

Think about your own childhood or your younger days. What influenced you most to become the person you are

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today? Was it mostly what you learned in school from your teachers or adult friends or your employer? Probably not. Chances are, you were influenced mostly by the example set by your parents and others close to you when you were young.

As Masons, we too must lead by SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE to the people around us, and around the world.

We must preserve our way of life and diligently conserve the freedoms that America was built on, so we may continue worshipping in the church or synagogue of our choice, and not be afraid to stand up for what is right. In short, we MUST be living examples of what Freemasonry has taught us.

The world is changed by your good example, not by your opinion. Albert Einstein once said... "Setting a good example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means."

If you try to improve another person by

setting a good example, then you are really improving two people. If your actions and good examples inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader. Leadership is not a position or title, it is the result of an action and setting a good example.

I have selected four major emphasis programs for 2016. My top charity is to support the Virginia Child Identification Program. We have been providing Child ID services since 2005, and have enhanced our services with computerized products since 2009. To expand this highly valued service requires an adequate supply of computer systems spread across the state. The cost for each of these systems with all the required software, fingerprint readers, cameras and case (without printer) is approximately \$2,800, but the value to the families we serve is immeasurable.

I also encourage you to support our Masonic Home Outreach Program by earning the Morlock Award or the Stokes Award. The Morlock Award is presented to Lodges in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5.00 or more in any one year. Every Lodge in the State should earn this award very easily.

The Stokes Award is presented to those Lodges whose total annual gifts to the Masonic Home equals or exceeds \$25.00 times the number of members on the Lodge roster.

My third emphasis program is for each Lodge to have a Blood Drive and work toward earning the Seymour Jonas Levy Award. Each District Blood Coordinator can help you with the requirements to earn this award.

Finally, the James Noah Hillman Award program. This award was established in 1971 to recognize superior performance, not only on the part of Lodge officers, but also the general membership of the Lodge. If your Lodge can

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earn this award, then you will have an exceptional year in Freemasonry. Only thirty Lodges out of three hundred five earned this award in 2015 and our goal is for one hundred Lodges to accomplish this task.

I also have implemented an awards program to recognize Brethren who have had perfect attendance at their Lodge stated meetings for five years or more. Details will be forthcoming to Lodge Secretaries.

Brethren, I ask you to join me in making 2016 a year to remember in Virginia Freemasonry. Be a team leader. Encourage and maintain open communications. Motivate and inspire the Brethren. Help Brethren to focus on the task.

Facilitate problem solving and collaboration. Encourage creativity and risk-takings, and recognize and celebrate Brethren's contributions.

Set a good example by attending Lodge on a regular basis. Read, study, and learn more about Freemasonry and share with others.

I think our Masonic Brother Will Rogers summed it up pretty well when he said, "Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

Again, I thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me and thank you for what you do for Freemasonry and for your continued support of our great Fraternity. God bless each of you. God bless Freemasonry and God bless America..

James Edward Litten
Grand Master



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- Setting a good example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means.
- Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and setting a good example.
- If you try to improve another person by setting a good example... then you are really improving two people.
- Your children will become who you are. Are you setting a good example?
- If your actions and good examples inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more... then you are a leader.
- If you don't have a plan for yourself, then you'll be a part of someone else's.

As a leader in Freemasonry, set a good example to the Brethren and all those that surround you.

What kind of example are you setting as a Mason... in your home... in your church... in your community... in your workplace... in your Lodge? Do I want my family and the Brethren to follow my footsteps? When I get angry, do I say things to hurt others? Can I forgive someone who hurts me? Each person must take responsibility for his or her own actions. Neither wealth nor poverty, education nor ignorance, health nor sickness excuses any person from doing the best he or she can do or be the best person possible under the circumstances. There are three important things to know about helping us all grow closer together...

Example, Example, Example

What people become has most of all to do with the example set by those who lead them. Think about your own childhood or your younger days. How were you most influenced to become the person you now are... for better or worse? Chances are that the person you have become, was influenced mostly by the example set by your parents, grandparents, teachers, church leaders, community leaders, and other people who were close to you. Are you leading by example? Be a team leader in 2016. Encourage and maintain open communications. Motivate and inspire the Brethren. Help Brethren focus on the task. Facilitate problem solving and collaboration. Encourage risk-taking and recognize and celebrate the contributions of the Brethren. Lead by Setting a Good Example.

The scripture says it best:

Titus 1:7 "In everything, set an example by doing what is good and in your teachings, show integrity and seriousness."

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works."

1 Peter 3:8 "All of you, be like minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

Grand Master's 2015-2016 Itinerary

January 2016

- 8 Division Leadership Conference, Waynesboro
- 9 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
- 12 Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Division Leadership Conference, Norfolk
- 16 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A and 22B
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 6
- 30 Official Visit, Masonic District 21

February 2016

- 6 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A, 1B and 54
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Lee Lodge No. 209
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 26 and 27
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 3
- 18 Grand Court of Amaranth, Williamsburg
- 19 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
- 20 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
- 21 - 24 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Madison, Wisconsin
- 27 Khedive Shrine, Potentate's Ball

March 2016

- 1 Floyd Lodge No. 329
- 4 Division Leadership Conference, Big Stone Gap
- 5 Division Leadership Conference, Fort Chiswell
- Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke
- Friends Dinner, Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 10 Millboro Lodge No. 28, 100th Anniversary
- 11 Ocean View Lodge No. 335
- 12 Acca Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 13 Wreath Laying, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 20 and 23
- 19 Official Visit, Masonic District 2
- 22 - 24 Grand Lodge of Tennessee
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 31 and 32
- 26 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond
- Monitor Lodge No. 197, 150th Anniversary

April 2016

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A, 15B and 15C
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 41
- 7 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 14A and 14B
- 12 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 36
- 19 Pound Lodge No. 59
- 20 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic District 56
- 23 Masonic Home Ambassadors Conference
- Kena Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 25 - 27 Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- 28 - 29 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 29 - 30 Kazim Shrine, Potentate's Ball and Spring Ceremonial

May 2016

- 4 Mentow Lodge No. 180
- 5 Norfolk Lodge No. 1
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 7
- 9 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
- 10 Henry Lodge No. 57
- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- Jefferson Lodge No. 65
- 12 Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
- 16 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star, Roanoke
- 17 Nansemond Lodge No. 77
- 19 Mackey Lodge No. 69
- 21 Manasseh Lodge No. 182, Strawberry Night
- 24 Snow Creek Lodge No. 90
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 34
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 8

June 2016

- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 19
- 4 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- Official Visit, Masonic District 24
- 5 15th Masonic District Memorial Service
- 6 Snowville Lodge No. 159, 150th Anniversary
- 7 Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203, 150th Anniversary
- 8 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 9 Cochran Lodge No. 271
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 48 and 50
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 13 Piedmont Lodge No. 152
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic District 44
- 20 Catawba Lodge No. 342
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 25 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- Williamsburg Lodge No. 6

July 2016

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 28
- 7 Carter Lodge No. 323
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 47 and 49
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 42 and 43
- 12 Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 14 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum College
- 15 - 17 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic District 5
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 4
- 28 - 31 Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership

August 2016

- 1 Herndon Lodge No. 264
- 4 Covington Lodge No. 171
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 25
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 James S. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 10
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 11
- 18 Bremond Lodge No. 241, Community Builders Award
- 19 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic District 46
- 22 Isaacs Lodge No. 29
- 25 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 12

September 2016

- 1 Bayside Lodge No. 218
- 3 Hiram Club Ball
- 7 Midlothian Lodge No. 211
- 8 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
- 13 Poquoson Lodge No. 49
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201
- 17 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 19 Campbell Lodge No. 316
- 23 - 25 Scottish Rite Conference, Richmond

October 2016

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 37 and 38
- 7 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 8 Family Day, Masonic Home of Virginia
- 13 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 16 - 20 Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- 22 Reunion of Seven Founding Lodges
- 23 - 27 Grand Lodge of Georgia

November 2016

- 4 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- 9 - 13 Grand Annual Communication

James Edward Litten

171st Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

James Edward Litten was born in New Market, Virginia, on April 17, 1940. He graduated from Mount Jackson High School in 1958 and later attended the American Disc Jockey School in Norfolk, Virginia. From 1962 to 1969, Brother Litten was employed in radio communication, working in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Texas. He owned and operated Community Broadcasting, Inc. in Stuart, Virginia, from 1969 until 1986. Since 1986, he has been in the real estate business; and from 1989 until the present, owns and operates Jim Litten Real Estate, LLC, as broker.

Brother Litten was made a Master Mason in Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 on September 25, 1987. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1992 and 2007 and as Secretary from 2011 to 2014. He was District Deputy Grand Master in Masonic District No. 39 in 2004. He was the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 1997 and Grand Pursuivant in 2001. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Unfinished Business and is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, near Virginia. He was elected Grand Senior Deacon in November 2011.

Brother Litten is a Life Member in Perpetuity and Honorary member of Pound Lodge No. 59 and holds honorary membership in Piedmont Lodge No. 152 and Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201. He is a member of the Valley of Danville, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2003 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2007. He is a member of Lynchburg Royal Arch Chapter No. 10, Kazim Shrine Center and Martinsville Chapter No. 66, Order of the



James Edward Litten
Grand Master

Eastern Star. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Worshipful Master Award in 1992 - 93. Brother Litten is a recipient of the John Blair, Jr. Service Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2001 and the Legion of Honor from the International Order of DeMolay. Brother Litten has been recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution with their Award of Excellence.

Brother Litten has also been very ac-

tive in the community. Within Patrick County, he is a Past President of the Unit of the American Heart Association, Patrick County Jaycees, and Charter President of the Patrick County High School Band Boosters Club. He is a Life Member in the Virginia Jaycees and Past President of the Life Membership Council, a Jaycee International Senator, and United States Jaycee Ambassador. He has been recognized by the Stuart Rotary Club and Virginia Jaycees as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and by Epsilon Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Virginia Tech, as a recipient of the Outstanding Public Service Award. He was recognized by the Board of Supervisors in 1977 and 1984 when the Board proclaimed "Jim Litten Day" in Patrick County. He is an honorary member of the Patrick County Agricultural Fair Association, Stuart Lions Club, the Stuart Rotary Club, and several fire departments and rescue squads. He is a former board member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, the R. J. Reynolds-Patrick County Memorial Hospital, and served on the Town of Stuart's Centennial Committee, and fundraising committees for the American Heart Association, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and Patrick County Public Library. He is an active member of Stuart Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon and on the Pastor Search, Pulpit, Long Range Planning, and Apple Butter Committees.

Brother Litten is married to the former Ann Crocker of Smithfield, Virginia, and they have two daughters, Cynthia Holt and her husband, Roland, and Denise Stirewalt and her husband, Gene; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.



Right Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones Grand Senior Deacon



Douglas Vernon Jones
Grand Senior Deacon

Douglas Vernon Jones was born in Richmond, Virginia, on October 4, 1955. He graduated from Deep Creek High School and attended courses at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He started his professional career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and held several professional support positions in field office operations at the FBI Headquarters and the Columbia, Norfolk and Richmond Divisions and temporary assignments in Tampa, Florida, Jackson, Mississippi and San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was the recipient of numerous awards and recognition and retired in 2010 with thirty-five years of service. Since his retirement, Brother Jones has worked part-time for The Bennett Funeral Homes.

Brother Jones was made a Master Mason in Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 on April 2, 2002, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2007 and as Treasurer from 2010 to 2014. He is a member of Washington and Henry

Lodge No. 344. He was District Deputy Grand Master in Masonic District No. 15A in 2013. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership and Committee on Security and currently is the Lodges Services Representative for Masonic District 15A. He received the Grand Master's Award of Excellence in 2013. He was elected Grand Senior Deacon in November 2015.

He is a member of the Valley of Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2009. He is Past Commander of the Richmond Council Knights Kadosh and is currently an officer in the Lodge of Perfection. He is a 1st Lieutenant in the Scottish Rite Guard and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center since 2010. He is a past director of the Scottish Rite Foundation Board. He holds membership in Acca Shrine Center,

where he is a member of the Past Masters Club, and Richmond Court No. 16, Royal Order of Jesters.

Brother Jones has also been very active in the community. He is a Past President of the Norfolk Jaycees. Within the Virginia Jaycees he served as District Director and Community Development Vice-President. He is a Life Member in the Virginia Jaycees and a Jaycee International Senator, and United States Jaycee Ambassador. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a former member of the International Azalea Festival Committee, the City of Norfolk's salute to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Columbia Rotary Club. In 1981, he was listed among the Outstanding Young Men of America.

Brother Jones is married to the former Frances Elizabeth Cullison. They are active members of First Baptist Church in Richmond. In his leisure time, Brother Jones is an avid reader and enjoys research and writing on various topics.

Right Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr. Grand Junior Deacon



James Winfield Golladay, Jr.
Grand Junior Deacon

James Winfield Golladay, Jr. was born in Winchester, Virginia, on September 1, 1945. He graduated from James Wood High School in 1963 and completed post-graduate work at Randolph-Macon Academy in 1964. He graduated from Ferrum Junior College in 1966 with an Associate of Arts Degree and later attended the University of Richmond, School of Business until returning to Stephens City to manage the family retail lumber business. Following his father's passing, he became President of the business and operated it until 1993. He is now engaged in the Real Estate business as Property Manager for Crum Realty, Inc. in Winchester.

Brother Golladay was made a Master Mason in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 on March 5, 1968, where he is an honorary member and served as its Worshipful Master in 1976 and as Secretary since 2005. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 3 in 2008. He was the Grand Purveyor in 2014. He served on the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for six years. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2015.

Brother Golladay served as Worshipful Master of Spurmont Lodge No. 98 in 2011 and holds membership in Eureka Lodge No. 195, Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865, and A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Research Lodge No. 1949. He is a member of the Valley of Martinsburg, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and

was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2004 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2009. He is a Past High Priest of John Dove Royal Arch Chapter No. 21 and Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District 15; Past Illustrious Master of Triangle Council No. 3 and Past Illustrious Grand Master, District of Columbia, Cryptic Masons; Past Commander of Winchester Commandery No. 12, Past District Deputy Grand Commander of Chivalric District 4, Department Commander, Mid-Atlantic Department (2015-2018), Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; Past Governor of Commonwealth York College No. 50, Past Preceptor of Robert V. Hines Chapter (DC) and Virginia Chapter, Sovereign Order of Knight Preceptor; Past Puissant Sovereign of Shenandoah Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Excellent Chief of Virginia Council No 12 and King Darius Council No. 17, Knight Masons; Past Sovereign Master of Hartley Carmichael Council No. 3, George Washington Council No. 106, Martinsburg Council No. 359, and HAFOVA Council No. 442, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Life Member of Old

Dominion Chapter No. 364, National Sojourners; He holds membership in the Virginia College Societas Rosicruciana, the Royal Order of Scotland and numerous other Appendant Masonic Bodies. He was a recipient of the Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master Award in 2007-2008, the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and the Charles Augustus Grice Merit Award from the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Brother Golladay is a Past Master Councilor of C. Vernon Eddy Chapter and a fifty two member and the recipient of the Order of Chevalier, Legion of Honor, Distinguished Service and Representative DeMolay Awards.

Brother Golladay has also been very active in the community. Within Frederick County, he is a Past Chairman of the Frederick County Planning Commission and the Winchester-Frederick County Economic Development Commission. He is an active member of the Winchester Shawnee Lions Club, the Historical Societies of Winchester-Frederick County and Berkley County, West Virginia and the American Philatelic Society. He is a life member of Stephens City United Methodist Church, where he has served as Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Brother Golladay is married to the former Susan McIntosh Porterfield of Charles Town, West Virginia, and they have two daughters, Anna McIntosh and Mary Isabelle and a son, James W. III, and two granddaughters.

Summary — Grand Lodge — 237th Annual Communication

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Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests. Officers Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia 2014 - 2015

MOST WORSHIPFUL REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.....	Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES EDWARD LITTEN	Deputy Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL VERNON STUART COOK.....	Grand Senior Warden
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY WALLACE TAYLOR	Grand Junior Deacon
MOST WORSHIPFUL JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR	Grand Treasurer
MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS	Grand Secretary
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PAUL DAVID SLEEPER.....	Grand Senior Deacon-PT
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM EDWARD HERSHEY, JR	Grand Junior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GERALD ROMAIN CYRUS, SR	Grand Marshal
BROTHER EDWARD ENUOUF, III.....	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES FRIEND DICKERESON.....	Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOEL KRISTIAN CAGLE	Associate Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HOEN McGUIRE EDWARDS, JR.....	Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DOYLE LEE MILLER	Assistant Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PAUL ALAN MILLER	Grand Provost
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS EDWARD LASHER.....	Grand Pursuivant
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD JOSEPH KERR	Grand Purveyor
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES DABNEY CREWS, SR	Grand Senior Steward
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HARRY WILLARD BRYANT, JR	Grand Junior Steward
BROTHER DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.	Grand Organist-PT
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
BROTHER GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN	Grand Tiler

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR.....	Deputy Grand Secretary
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 237th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Friday morning's session included the Address To Grand Lodge of Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler, P.G.M. James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges that qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2016, if the awards are available. The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Lyle Carlos Mutter, a member of Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17. The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Ronny Lester Lewis of Carter Lodge No. 323. During Friday morning's session, Most Worshipful Brother Carroll recognized 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. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2016 was presented and approved. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. 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 not extend fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia (in Russia)." 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 accepted a motion to elect Right Worshipful Ronald Leroy Carter as a Trustee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia to replace Worshipful Russell Alton Wright. The motion passed as presented. The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 7, 2015. John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Saturday to Right Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and Brother Edward Ernouf, III of Metropolitan Lodge No.11. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Right Worshipful Paul David Sleeper of Chamblissburg Lodge No. 179. 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 Kempsville Lodge No. 196 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 Worshipful Luke Anderson Giannini. During Saturday morning's session, Most Worshipful Brother Carroll recognized his distinguished guests.

7th Grand Annual Communication

d Street Richmond, Virginia November 6 – 7, 2015

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. No resolutions were entertained at this year's communication. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results: Officers Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia 2015 - 2016

- MOST WORSHIPFUL JAMES EDWARD LITTENGrand Master
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 - RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WAYNE EUGENE PRICEGrand Purveyor
 - RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RONNIE LEE SHOUGHGrand Senior Steward
 - RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RONNY LESTER LEWISGrand Junior Steward
 - BROTHER DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.Grand Organist
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- OFFICERS EMERITUS
- RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JRDeputy Grand Secretary, Emeritus

The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Edward Litten announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful Leonard Anthony Rowe, Right Worshipful Frank Lewis Wright, Jr., and Worshipful Samuel Moseley Jones. The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 174 Lodges represented with 902 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 2016 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 James Edward Litten gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.



Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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Lodge Services Leadership - Part 1

Right Worshipful Raymond M. Soltis

How does Lodge Services help with leadership in Lodges? This is a question which cannot be answered in one discussion. Let us begin with a simple definition of leadership: an observation of ritual, one that expresses words of leadership and one of participation.

At the Installation of Lodge Officers each year we are reminded at the end how leaders and Brethren should act collectively. These words of wisdom we should hold to our hearts ever so tightly as we enter Lodge to interact with Brethren. But this admonition can be used in their everyday lives as we interact with family and peers. This is how it is stated, "That as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty." What does this mean? Or what does it mean to you? Saying this to the Brethren of the Lodge when doing the Installation of Officers, I can see many ways of interpreting this message.

The evening before Thanksgiving one particular interpretation was made obvious. Normally, the night before Thanksgiving most of us would be getting ready for a big day of eating and family gatherings. But what if your Lodge stated night landed on that night before? Would you go? Or would you think, "There will be plenty of Brethren there, and I won't be missed." Those are the words we all have probably said to ourselves one time or another. But the officers whom you have chosen to govern your Lodge do not have that luxury. They think about the Brethren who may have nowhere to go for the evening or the holiday, though few in number. The Master and the officers know that every Brother needs their attention and cannot be forgotten. So the officers continue to set up for Lodge and ready the meal as they should, but expect a smaller attendance for the evening.

Not that evening though, as more than forty Brothers showed up. You could see in the officers' faces how grateful they were for such a turnout. Officers who are considerate of their Brethren in their leadership style, will usually have a higher attendance. These officers will feel more satisfied with their duties. Although this can show the benefit of the message in those words of wisdom, this was not the most important lesson that evening.

As they walk to the sidelines, the coach puts his hand on the Brother's back, shaking the other, and both are smiling. One with approval, and the other looking at a leader, who took his time with countless hours and patience to complete this great task.

Lodge opened and we were told that two Master Masons catechisms would be given tonight. We have heard them given many times, what makes these any different? Instead of reciting the words to myself, as I often do, I watched the Brethren around me. The first Brother came up with the Senior Deacon and he stood at the altar, looking at the Master while waiting for his coach. He was visibly tense and tried to ease himself by moving his hands at his sides. His coach came up and smiled at him. The Brother smiled back and his hands stopped moving so much. They began, and many Brethren were reciting right along with the young brother Mason, many with lips moving in silence, eyes closed. Some

rocked ever so gently, helping their Brother secretly in their minds in case he needed any words. Then he missed a word. He started again, but still was not right. The Master leaned forward in his seat, wanting to supply the right word. Brethren stopped rocking, repeated the words with their lips, apparently hoping for some kind of mind transfer. I even heard a gasp for breath from a Brother. Then the coach looked at the candidate, smiled, and gave him the word. The Brother lifted his head with confidence, looked at the Master, and began again. The Master smiled at him, nodded, the approval the candidate needed. The Master rarely moved his eyes from the Brother, showing confidence and pride in him to accomplish the goal at hand. When the candidate finished, his muscles visibly relaxed and color returned to his face. The Worshipful Master directed them to be seated. As they walked to the sidelines, the coach put one hand on the Brother's back and shook his hand. Both were smiling, one with approval, the other looking at a leader who gave of his time with countless hours and patience to complete this great task. After the vote of approval, we began again.

Brethren, what was witnessed that night was leadership in action and a young Brother's positive reaction to it. Take the time to observe your surroundings the next time a catechism is done. Try to remember your own. What thoughts were racing through your mind as you stood at the altar? Some were fearful of failure, of the potential for humiliation. But for many the biggest concern was to not fail their coach and to gain the approval of the Worshipful Master. For most Brothers, these were their first two leaders in Masonry, to whom they were willing to submit themselves to gain the approval of their Brethren. Are you the proper example in Masonry for others to follow?

Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2016

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

- ** Name Change
- = Tentative Dates and Location
- *** New School

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.

50-60-70-80-Year Masonic Veterans

Between September 16, 2015 and December 4, 2015

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Ronald Burt Zedd
 Wor. Dewey Stanley Milligan
 Bro. Richard Farrier Penberthy
 Bro. James Albert Chapman
 Bro. Jimmie Ray Johnson
 Bro. Charles Scott, III
 Bro. Willard Wayne Smith
 Bro. Manuel George Loupassi
 Bro. Larry Roger Ball
 Bro. Robert Stanley Sheffer
 Bro. John Hjalmar Stenstrom
 Wor. John Harold Crosby, III
 Bro. William Harold Black, Jr.
 Bro. J. Douglas Glascock
 Bro. J. C. Quillen
 Bro. James Patton Henderson, Jr.
 Bro. Lionel Lynn Derting
 Bro. Ernest Clay Carter, Jr.
 Bro. Harold Chasen
 Bro. Harold James Spelman, Jr.
 Bro. Jacob Carl Vance, Jr.
 Bro. Kerford Aldin Key
 Bro. Ronald Harry Geiger
 Bro. Frederick Sterling Cardwell
 Bro. Donald Martin Nelson, Jr.
 Wor. Bobby Lee Taylor
 Bro. Dennis Ray Burton
 Bro. Carl Nixon McNeil
 Bro. Colin Mastin Jones
 Bro. Von Leroy Piersall, Jr.
 Wor. Kenneth Henry Hackenbracht
 Bro. George Thomas Beckett, III
 Wor. Edward Claude McKeown, Jr.
 Bro. James F. Printz, Jr.
 Bro. James Bryant Blackstock
 Bro. Charles Henry Jarman
 Bro. George Martin Shelton
 Wor. James Robert Gray
 Bro. Paul Lee Eller
 Bro. William Boyd Ritenour
 Bro. Richard Robert Woody, Sr.
 Wor. Mills Arnold March
 Bro. Frederick Winford Finney
 Bro. Richard Gordon Beckett
 Bro. Leroy Wade Branscome, Jr.
 Bro. Willis Howard Minton
 Wor. Elden Kenneth Marshall
 Bro. Floyd Luther Good
 Rt. Wor. Roger Cort
 Bro. Michael Ceroy Elliott
 Bro. Ernest Lee McGregor
 Wor. Howard Wilmer Hancock, Jr.
 Bro. David Clinton White
 Bro. Samuel H. Smith
 Bro. Samuel Binford Thomas, Jr.
 Rt. Wor. Zane Paul White
 Wor. Harold Carr Woodward
 Bro. Robert Poindexter Maxey
 Bro. Robert Samuel Winn
 Bro. John Parrott
 Norfolk Lodge No. 1
 Atlantic Lodge No. 2
 Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
 Botetourt Lodge No. 7
 Hoge Lodge No. 8
 Temple Lodge No. 9
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
 York Lodge No. 12
 Staunton Lodge No. 13
 Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
 Oriental Lodge No. 20
 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
 Catlett Lodge No. 35
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 Catlett Lodge No. 35
 Fraternal Lodge No. 53
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
 Seaboard Lodge No. 56
 Pleasants Lodge No. 63
 Pleasants Lodge No. 63
 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Old Town Lodge No. 68
 McDaniel Lodge No. 86
 McDaniel Lodge No. 86
 Ruth Lodge No. 89
 Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
 Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103
 Heathsville Lodge No. 109
 Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
 Lafayette Lodge No. 137
 Melrose Lodge No. 139
 Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
 Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
 Manassah Lodge No. 182
 Manassah Lodge No. 182
 Hill City Lodge No. 183
 McAlister Lodge No. 185
 Lakeland Lodge No. 190
 Lakeland Lodge No. 190
 Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Hillsville Lodge No. 193
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 Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Eureka Lodge No. 195
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196
 Midlothian Lodge No. 211
 Midlothian Lodge No. 211
 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219
 William King Lodge No. 227
 Clover Hill Lodge No. 253
 Edward N. Eubank Lodge No. 262
 Cochran Lodge No. 271
 Varina Lodge No. 272
 Dupont Lodge No. 289
 William Burchfield Lodge No. 294

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Herman Gray Broughton
 Bro. Dick Moore Royster
 Bro. Ray Allen Presnell
 Rt. Wor. Rosser Burton Nance, Jr.
 Wor. Bobby Lee Cain, Sr.
 Bro. Joseph Wilson Hurst, Jr.
 Bro. Albert Leo Slater
 Bro. Lewis Burton Reavis
 Bro. Jesse Johnson Carter, Jr.
 Wor. Irving Lewis Smith
 Bro. Charles Liesfield Ransone
 Bro. Keeth Berkey Miller
 Bro. James David Delp
 Bro. Donald Eugene Schneider
 Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
 Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
 Concord Lodge No. 307
 Edwards Lodge No. 308
 Occoquan Lodge No. 310
 Mineral Lodge No. 311
 Ocean View Lodge No. 335
 Warwick Lodge No. 336
 Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338
 Washington And Henry Lodge No. 344
 Washington And Henry Lodge No. 344
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350

SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Abraham Joseph Z Firestone
 Bro. Edison Beekman Vail, Jr.
 Bro. William Thomas Buckner, Jr.
 Bro. Robert Winston Buckner
 Bro. Bernard Elmore Oliver, Jr.
 Wor. Arthur James Marilla
 Bro. Joseph Olinthus Quillen, Jr.
 Bro. Claude Simms Breeden, Jr.
 Rt. Wor. William Laing Bickley
 Bro. Dale Edward Beatty
 Bro. John Conrad Harbuck
 Wor. Carl Lee Thompson
 Bro. Clyde Micheal Paxton
 Bro. Hugh Allen Farnsworth
 Bro. James Edward Howell, Jr.
 Wor. Joris Bruce Catron
 Bro. Roland Albert Sawyer
 Rt. Wor. George Benjamin Filer
 Wor. John Thomas Stanley
 Bro. Terrence Edward Thornton
 Bro. Joseph Adolph Kolb
 Bro. Robert Edward Knemoller
 Bro. Donnan Edward Bartron
 Rt. Wor. William Franklin Blackwelder
 Bro. James Osmond Ash
 Bro. Warren Howard Lacy
 Bro. Forrest Jerome Redd, Jr.
 Bro. Robert Ferman Westbury, Sr.
 Bro. James Charles Thompson
 Wor. Frank Wright Harris, III
 Bro. Donald Ernest Martin
 Wor. William Underwood MacBrayne
 Rt. Wor. Robert Melvin Hall
 St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
 Temple Lodge No. 9
 Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Richmond Lodge No. 10
 Petersburg Lodge No. 15
 Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24
 Catlett Lodge No. 35
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
 Naomi Lodge No. 87
 Ruth Lodge No. 89
 Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
 Mountain Lodge No. 140
 Burke Lodge No. 147
 Franklin Lodge No. 151
 Miles Lodge No. 165
 Berkley Lodge No. 167
 Covington Lodge No. 171
 Murray Lodge No. 175
 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
 Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Lee Lodge No. 209
 Bremond Lodge No. 241
 Churchland Lodge No. 276
 Achilles Lodge No. 281
 Northside Lodge No. 292
 Northside Lodge No. 292
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350
 Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353
 Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982

SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Kenneth Nolan Sheely
 Bro. Sears Rosser Jackson
 Bro. Paul Harold Young
 Bro. Keister Montgomery Blanks
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
 Donovan Lodge No. 75
 Intermont Lodge No. 269
 French Lodge No. 270

EIGHTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Donald Ernest Martin
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350

Attend the 2016 Division Leadership Conferences

Worshipful Paul A. Miller
Grand Provost

Like all good craftsmen, we should be trying to collect more useful tools to add to our toolbox and keeping the tools that we have in good working order.

In Freemasonry, we have many tools that we apply to our speculative work, including the lessons of our degree ritual, the meanings of our symbols and allegories, and a fraternal Lodge experience that helps to strengthen the bonds we share as Brethren.

We have an opportunity during the course of the year to work on each of these speculative tools; at our local and regional ritual schools, during educational programs and presentations

in our Lodge or District, by reading the wealth of books, periodicals and websites dedicated to Masonic education, and by attending gatherings of Masons to discuss interesting topics about Masonry and to improve the functioning of our Lodges.

A major opportunity for this last item, “attending gatherings of Masons,” will be coming to a location near you in January, February, and March when the Division Leadership Conferences (DLC) are held across Virginia.

The Division Leadership Conferences are an opportunity to learn something new about Masonry, to meet with

the Grand Lodge officers and discuss topics focused on your interests and concerns, to meet with the Brethren from other Lodges in your district and surrounding districts to share thoughts and ideas for programs and activities, and to be better informed about our Masonic experience in Virginia.

The conference will feature a presentation related to regional Civil War history, and the Masonic perspectives related to that history. It is sure to be an interesting program and one that will appeal to both new and long-time members of the Craft.

The Division Leadership Conferences for 2016 will take place as follows:

January		
January 8 (Friday)	6:00PM	Waynesboro
January 9 (Saturday)	8:00AM	Warrenton
January 15 (Friday)	6:00PM	Norfolk
January 16 (Saturday)	8:00AM	Newport News
February		
February 19 (Friday)	6:00PM	Keysville
February 20 (Saturday)	8:00AM	Richmond
March		
March 4 (Friday)	6:00PM	Big Stone Gap
March 5 (Saturday)	8:00AM	Ft. Chiswell
March 5 (Saturday)	12:00PM	Roanoke

What tools will you gain by attending the Division Leadership Conferences? They include being better informed and strengthening your Masonic focus, learning from and sharing knowledge with your local Brethren as well as the Grand Lodge officers, and enjoying some Masonic fellowship.

These are the kind of tools that we should be working on every day. Searching for an opportunity to make



a good man better, and benefiting from being in the company of men sharing that same goal. Then we apply our Freemasonry in our everyday lives, and work on setting a good example for the rest of the world to emulate.

Your challenge is to seize the opportunity of the Division Leadership Conference in your area and collect the tools that will improve your effectiveness as a leader and mentor in your Lodge.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. opening the 2015 Grand Annual Communication.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. presenting a rose at the Memorial Service.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. presenting the Perfect Ashlar Award to Brother Lyle C. Mutter.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. presents Right Worshipful Ronny L. Lewis the Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. recognizes the 2015 Worshipful Masters of the Year.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. with Virginia's Masonic leaders of International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters International, and DeMolay International.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. presents the Grand Master's Award of Excellence to Kempsville Lodge No. 196.

Communications 2015



George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Right Worshipful Paul D. Sleeper.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. presents the John Blair, Jr. Award to Right Worshipful Vernon S. Cook.



John Blair, Jr. Award was presented to Brother Edward Ernouf, III by Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. recognizes his Team with Certificates of Merit.



Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of '76 of the National Sojourners present the colors.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. addressing the 2015 Grand Annual Communication.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. and Lady Mary enjoying a peaceful moment during the 2015 Grand Annual Communication.

The ABC's of Freemasonry – “B”

Beginnings of Masonry:

It is not probable that the present system of Freemasonry had anything to do with the building of Solomon's temple. That monument of architecture has been accepted by Masonry as a symbol, and the many references to it are purely symbolical. Remember that the purpose of Freemasonry is not to teach history but moral truths. No one knows when or where Freemasonry originated. There are no existing records to show the beginnings of the Fraternity. A good many elements have contributed to its growth and development.

God planted in the heart of man a desire to seek the society of his fellowman, and this yearning for companionship has been a significant contributing

factor in the beginnings of Masonry. Out of the necessity for constructing some means of shelter from the inclemency of the weather came the art of building or architecture, and this has formed the system with which Masonry has been developed.

In various parts of the old world are found ruins of colossal buildings erected by associations of men showing that they united to carry out their plans. In the middle ages, there were bands of operative workmen traveling over Europe engaged in the construction of great cathedrals. Among these operative workmen, masonry took a crude form of fraternity, and from this humble beginning, through a long process of development we have the Freemasonry

of today. There is ample proof that the present system of speculative Freemasonry had its beginnings in the old operative guilds of traveling Freemasons. These various societies waxed strong until the beginning of the seventeenth century when they found it difficult to maintain themselves because of lack of building operations.

In the year 1717 they changed their rules to admit men of all professions, and this marks the beginning of the present system of philosophical, or speculative Freemasonry. Some very wise men have taken the various materials and implements of the operative art and through a matchless system of symbols, and allegory have developed the Masonry which we enjoy.

Eagle Scouts

Tyler Ham and Gunnar Almquist from Troop 1978, received their Eagle Scout rank awards at a Court of Honor held at St. Mark Catholic Church. Eagle is the highest rank in the Boy Scouting Organization. The requirements must be completed before the 18th birthday and include: living the Scout Spirit based on the Scout Oath and Law, earning twenty-one merit badges of which thirteen are required, six months of service as a Life Scout in a leadership role, and an extensive service project for a school, church, or community which the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.

A Board of Review then checks that all requirements have been met and determines that the boy is of sound character and worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scouts are expected to set an example for other Scouts, to become leaders in their communities, and exemplify the Scout Spirit.

The Eagle Scout rank is recognized



L-R: Wilson McCarthy, Chis Ham, Tyler Ham, Wor. James R. Cudney, II, Thomas Hughes, John Hubbell and Don Park.

worldwide as representing a man of honor who is persistent in his endeavors and can be trusted to fulfill the tasks assigned to him. As a consequence, the Eagle Rank opens up many opportunities, scholarships, appointments to military service academies, and openings in

higher education and academia, major professions, the clergy, business, and politics.

James R. Cudney, II, the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge No. 307, presented a gift to Tyler Ham to mark his earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Community Builders Award

In a ceremony at Concord Lodge No. 307, Mayor Laurie DiRocco was presented with the very distinguished honor of the Community Builders Award. The ceremony is designed to recognize and show appreciation for outstanding community-oriented achievements of exceptional people, who reside and work in cities and towns. There are many hardworking, dedicated men and women in the community, who are personally instrumental in making/building our communities into better places for all people. The Community Builders Award is the highest award given to a non-Mason community leader by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Worshipful Master James R. Cudney, II, said, "Mayor DiRocco is very deserving of this award. She has quickly become a pillar of the community. She has a terrific grasp on what it takes to enrich the lives of the residents, businesses, and organizations that energize our town. She has the vision to ensure that the Town of Vienna will continue to evolve as a destination for residents throughout the region. Passage of the Maple Avenue Vision and the estab-



L-R: Mayor Laurie DiRocco and Wor. James R. Cudney, II,

lishment of a Public Arts Commission are two examples of this commitment. She also has the drive to ensure that the town and various business and service organizations continue hosting town-wide events, which make Vienna an exceptionally unique community in which to live, work, and play. She is a terrific role model and a genuine person. I am

proud to call her a friend."

Concord Lodge No. 307 was founded in 1910 by several community leaders, including the owner of the Freeman Store. In 1924 Concord Lodge bought the building and parcel of land on the corner of Church and Mill Streets. Concord Lodge is one of the longest continuously operating entities in the town of Vienna.

Lodge Work

"Some of our Lodges become degree mills and so much emphasis is placed on "seeking new members the Lodge does not develop a post-Master Mason Degree program. New Master Masons have gone through an amazing experience, and if nurtured correctly after the third degree, embark on a different lifestyle. What the Lodges need to remember is, in many cases,

these new members want to continue their Masonic Education. As such, they need to be willing to devote resources and create those opportunities. It is this continuing education in our philosophies and mysteries that intrigue these new Masons. It is what they want to learn."

Personal opinion of
Most Worshipful Edward Bousquet (2010), Oregon



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What Can You Get for One Peppercorn?

Worshipful Philip Brooks



The Old State House - home of Lodge St. George No. 200.

The Brethren of Lodge St. George No. 200 in Bermuda satisfy their entire year's rent with a single peppercorn.

The Peppercorn Ceremony is held annually, on the Wednesday nearest to St. George's Day in St. George, Bermuda. While not an official holiday, St. George's Day is the feast day of St. George, the patron saint of England. The day is celebrated by various christian churches, and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which St. George is the patron saint. The ceremony marks the annual fulfillment of the terms of the contract between the Government of Bermuda and Lodge St. George No. 200, G. R. S. dated July 5, 1816, in which, the Government gave Lodge St. George, in perpetuity, the right to occupy the Sessions House, later called the Old State House, in free and common socage, for their purposes, for the annual consideration of one peppercorn.

Under English law, and other countries with similar common law systems, a legal contract requires that both sides provide consideration. In other words,

if an agreement does not specify that each party will give something of value to the other party, then it is not considered a binding contract, and cannot be enforced in court. This requirement does not exist in contracts with civil law systems.

Several hundreds of years ago, it was common English practice to see peppercorn payment being used in legal contracts for rent, as a nominal rental sum for property, land, or buildings. Where a rental contract is put in place, and the owner of the property wishes it to be rent free; it is normal to charge say, one farthing, one penny, one shilling, one pound sterling, or indeed one peppercorn, as rent. Again, this is because, if the owner wants to lease the property, they must charge some rent, so that consideration exists for both parties. At the time, spic-

es were rare and expensive; therefore, peppercorns were acknowledged to have value.

For approximately one hundred fifty years, the satisfaction of the terms of the contract was a relatively private affair between the Government and Lodge St. George, but in the 1960s a decision was made to combine the payment of said peppercorn with the Governor's state visit to St. George's, the island's first capital" and The Peppercorn Ceremony was born.

2016 marks the 200th anniversary of the Lodge St. George contract. They are the longest tenured tenant in the oldest masonry structure in the Western Hemisphere. The Bermudian government occupied the Sessions House for only one hundred and ninety-seven years.

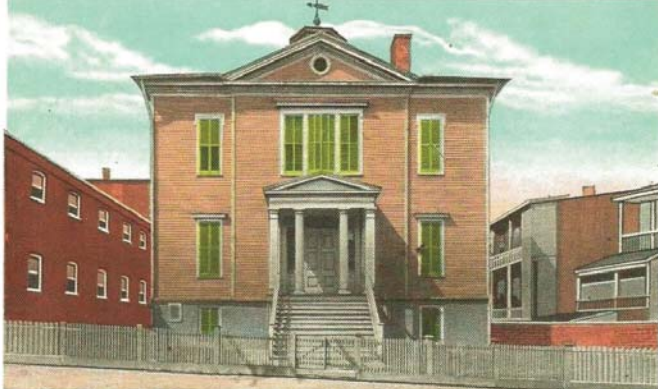
Brethren from District 2 (Hamilton-Thompson No. 37, Olive Branch No. 114, Freedom No. 118, and Ashburn-Sterling No. 288) are planning to attend this year's Peppercorn Ceremony in support of Lodge St. George. We welcome you to join us in Bermuda.

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The building, located at 1807 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, is showing its age and needs considerable work. Your membership assists in the same way Masons assisted with preservation of Mount Vernon, Bunker Hill, and Washington Monuments, plus the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Masons' Hall, 1785, was established in 1997, Most Worshipful and Judge James Bernard Wilkerson (1996) served as Worshipful Master from 1998 until 2010.

Masons Hall, built by Richmond Lodge No. 10, is recognized by both the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

To become a member and donor, please send your name, address, current Lodge membership, and check for \$100.00 payable to Masons' Hall, 1785, to Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Masons' Hall, 1785, in care of the Grand Lodge Of Virginia, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, Virginia 23223-4926. Donations to Masons' Hall, 1785, are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowable by law.

Lodge Visitation
Lodge visitation is an extension of Lodge principles. Cochran No. 217 (Georgia) started a Golden Goose idea. A Lodge takes the Golden Goose to another Lodge and that Lodge takes it to another Lodge. At each stop the Lodge makes a donation to a Masonic charity. Sometimes the Goose gets lost, and then it becomes a challenge to find it and to have a bit of fun in the process.

Colonnade Club of the University of Virginia



L-R: M.W. Jeffery E. Hodges (2009) and Ms. Jacqueline Doyle, President of the Colonnade Club.

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 was invited by the Colonnade Club of the University of Virginia to share in the 197th celebration of the cornerstone-laying celebration of Central College (later to become the University of Virginia). Brethren from Widow's Sons' Lodge were present as Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges (2009) presented a framed

copy of the Masonic minutes of that momentous occasion to Ms. Jacqueline Doyle, President of the Colonnade Club. On October 6, 1817, Presidents Jefferson, Madison and Brother James Monroe were among the distinguished guests present as Masons laid the original cornerstone.

Bring-a-Friend Breakfast



The 18th Masonic District hosted a Bring-a-Friend Breakfast held at the Rosebrook Inn in Stanardsville. As you can see from the picture, the event was well attended. Most of the district officers spoke at the event, as well as the Worshipful Masters of the district. This is the third time a Bring-a-Friend

Breakfast has been held in the district with much success. Three out of the four Lodges in the district have received new petitions because of this event. The breakfast was started when it was decided that the district was not receiving much success at Bring-a-Friend events when held in the evening. Hav-

ing a breakfast was discussed. It was decided that most men enjoy breakfast if it was held on a Saturday morning. Brethren and guests could enjoy the fellowship and then be on their way. The event was first held in 2014. The 18th District plans on hosting this as an ongoing event.

Right Worshipful Chaplin's 60-Year Masonic Veteran

Right Worshipful Ollie Hutton Chaplin was presented his 60-Year Masonic Veteran's Emblem at Ashlar Lodge No. 125 in Shenandoah, Virginia by Right Worshipful Brian Keith Plum. He was accompanied by his son, Brother Drew Chaplin, a member of Columbia Lodge No. 285, and Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74 attended.

Right Worshipful Emory H. Merryman, Jr. Right Worshipful Chaplin is a Life Member in Perpetuity of Ashlar Lodge No. 125, a member of Cherrydale Lodge No. 42, and an honorary member of Columbia Lodge No. 285. He served as District Deputy Grand Master and District Instructor of Work. Attending Lodge is a habit that Right Worshipful Chaplin has maintained for sixty years. He is truly setting a good example.



L-R: R. W. Brian K. Plum, R. W. Harry C. Glenn, Jr., R. W. Ollie H. Chaplin, R. W. Russel J. Comer, Jr., and Bro. Drew Chaplin.

Monitor's 150th

Monitor Lodge was originally chartered in May 1863 as Monitor Lodge No. 113 by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Monitor Lodge No. 197 was chartered December 13, 1865 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A grand celebration is planned for March 26, 2016 at the Monitor Center of the Mariner's Museum, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, Virginia. Most Worshipful James Edward Litten is scheduled to attend.

Seating is limited for the dinner. Tickets are available from Monitor Lodge No. 197. Contact Worshipful Joseph Grist at 757-813-9050 or joseph.d.grist@gmail.com.

Brother Barrett's 60-Year Masonic Veteran

Right Worshipful Robert C. Claud

On his Official Visit to the 31st and 32nd Districts at the Wakefield 4-H Center, Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. (2015) presented Brother Maple Talmage Barrett, a member of Purdie Lodge No. 170 at Windsor, with his 60-Year Veterans Emblem. He was escorted to the Grand Master by Right Worshipful Gaylord G. Ambrose, Sr. (District Masonic Home Ambassador) and Worshipful John D. Royals, Jr. (District Instructor of Work). The Grand Master's Official Visit was well attended with approximately one hundred and sixty Masons and guests, including Brother Barrett's family.



L-R: M. W. Reese E. Carroll, Jr., Brother Maple Talmage Barrett, R. W. Gaylord G. Ambrose, Sr.

Supporting Masonry and the Masonic Home

Rachel Cochrane, Grand Worthy Advisor in Virginia



Rainbow for Girls fund raising for the Masonic Home of Virginia.

This year, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will be fund raising for the Masonic Home of Virginia. It is our goal to have the Virginia Rainbow Girls sponsoring Masonic organizations. My home Lodge's Masonic family has been very supportive and involved in my life, and the lives of Rainbow Girls at Fredericksburg Assembly. I would love to see other Assemblies have that connection with their Lodges.

To increase awareness of their Masonic roots, I asked every Assembly to invite the National Sojourners to per-

form the signature Toast to the Flag presentation at every Rainbow Installation, and Grand Visitation. Shortly following the Installations, we instituted Norfolk Assembly. After the new Norfolk Assembly installation, the president of National Sojourners presented the Worthy Advisor a certificate of appreciation.

Not long after an absolutely beautiful day of ceremonies, we had our Grand Service event at the Masonic Home of Virginia. We played bingo with the residents, getting to know them, and interacting with them! As an Associate

member of the Naphtali Tribe in Widows Sons, I wore my Widows Sons vest.

Delores gave me a beautiful green hippo stuffed animal. The hippo is affectionately named DeeDee. She had many others similar to it. I discovered that Nicole McLaughlin's great aunt had made these beautiful gifts before her passing.

We will be making our second trip to the Home in February for bingo, a spaghetti dinner, and talent show to raise money for the Home.

I'm very excited to see the work of the Assemblies. With a successful and exciting start to the Grand Year, there are promises of many adventures to come. One of my biggest adventures will be a weeklong trip to the beautiful city of Dublin, Ireland to meet the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

God bless Masonry; God bless the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Lost and Found: The Tale of a Prince Hall Masonic Bible

Worshipful Ross C. Morland

Brethren of Waynesboro's Lee Lodge No. 209 joined the Brethren of Staunton's Mt. Zion No. 18 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, for their Annual Honorees' Banquet. The event was held in Waynesboro at William Perry Elementary School with many Brethren, family and friends in attendance. Adding to the evening's fun and fellowship was a special presentation from one Lodge to another, a presentation exemplifying Brotherly love and the Fraternal unity of two Grand Jurisdictions, the presentation of a lost Prince Hall Masonic *Bible* to its owner's family.

Printed in 1932 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the *Bible* was originally presented to Brother William A. "Willie" Dock, a member of Keystone Lodge No. 39 (Prince Hall) in Lexington, Virginia. The Lodge has since closed its doors and turned in its Charter. There was no record of his initiation, passing, or raising dates within its pages, but it is believed Brother Willie was given the *Bible* shortly after the publication date. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia is researching these dates as well.

The account of the *Bible's* travels is not well understood, but pieced together, makes an interesting tale. Through correspondence with the family, it is known that there was a fire in the Dock home decades ago. All contents were destroyed or otherwise lost. Yet somehow, the *Bible* survived intact and in near perfect condition.

In the spring of 2015, in the cluttered collections of a recently departed Masonic Widow, a discovery was made. While sorting through items for the estate sale, Worshipful Larry Smoot of Lee Lodge No. 209 uncovered the *Bi-*



Bible included: a photo of Brother Dock in his WW II military uniform, two four-leaf clovers, a reprint of the painting *Jesus Praying in the Garden* and an original copy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge's quarterly state newsletter, *The Bee Hive* from January, 1957.

ble along with other Masonic memorabilia in the home. It is unclear how the widow came to possess the *Bible*, but it is speculated that she or her husband acquired it through a local yard sale or antique shop. The *Bible* was then given to the Lodge's Worshipful Master, Ross Morland, to be presented to the Worshipful Master of Mt. Zion, Worshipful Walter Brown, at the banquet.

Tucked within the pages of the *Bible* were a few more surprises and cherished mementos, including: a photo of Brother Dock in his WWII military uniform, two four-leaf clovers, a reprint of the painting *Jesus Praying in the Garden* and an original copy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge's quarterly state newsletter, *The Bee Hive*, Volume 1, Issue 1, from January, 1957. The newsletter was postmarked with a 2¢ stamp to Brother Dock's then address at 9 Jefferson Street in Lexington, Virginia (currently a parking lot).

The night ended with Fraternal farewells, handshakes, hugs and open invitations to join one another in Lodge again soon. Lee Lodge further promised to assist the Brethren of Mt. Zion Lodge in their research of Brother Dock and his Masonic history.



W.M. Ross C. Morland, Lee No. 209, presenting the 1932 Prince Hall *Bible* and its contents to W.M. Walter Brown, Mt. Zion No. 18.

Masonic Lightning Strikes Twice

Right Worshipful Ned Mamula

Masonic lightning can and does strike twice in the same place. Think about these possibilities. How often have you seen two Brethren raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the same time? Or, how often have you seen two family members, blood brothers, for example, raised together? How about this double lightning strike: a father and son raised at the same time by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia? That is rare.

This event occurred at Treadwell Lodge No. 213 in White Post, Virginia. Brother Matthew Ross Bennett and his son, Brother Christopher Matthew Bennett, were provided an opportunity to stand their examinations earlier in the evening prior to the opening of the Master Masons Lodge. Not long after the successful examinations, the candidates beheld Most Worshipful, Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., (2015) approaching them in the Lodge room and Fraternal greetings were exchanged.

In attendance were R. W. Gerald R. Cyrus, Jr., and R. W. Donald J. Kerr,

members of Most Worshipful, Reese Edward Carroll, Jr.'s team, along with R. W. Ned Mamula and R. W. Allen Wade, District Deputy Grand Masters of the 3rd and 4th Masonic districts, respectively. Other Right Worshipful Brethren were in attendance as well as Worshipful Master Wes Hammack of Unity Lodge No. 146.

As the Lodge was opened by Treadwell's Worshipful Master Mark T. Pennypacker, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., (2015) was already seated in Lodge near the Secretary's desk, his way of placing the emphasis on the candidates and importance of their memorable experience, front and center.

The first part of the degree was picture perfect, and each candidate's second half of the degree began with hushed silence. The events we know and love so much unfolded seamlessly until the finale when the Grand Master stepped in, both times, to provide added lift to the evening, so to speak.

It was a solemn, electric moment;

one that bespoke the rarity of the event. After the degree, many Brethren commented on how, with the passing of time, this night will only grow in its powerful meaning for this father-son team. The general feeling in the room was that we all felt very privileged and honored to be there.

On behalf of the Third Masonic District, Worshipful Master Pennypacker, and the Brethren of Treadwell Lodge, we thanked the Grand Master and his team for their help and support in making Masonic history at Treadwell Lodge.

Finally, another father-son duo were raised by Most Worshipful, Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., (2015), this time in Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 in Toano, Virginia. These new Master Masons are James Lee Hay, Jr., and Samuel James Hay, father and son, respectively. Congratulations to R. W. Walter A. "Walt" Tower, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Master Harold W. "Bo" Bohannon on this second rare accomplishment.



Brethren pose with Treadwell's newest Master Masons, Brother Matthew R. Bennett and his son, Brother Christopher M. Bennett (center), and Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. (2015).

Tri-City Fraternal Organizations Celebrate Thanksgiving With Fort Lee Soldiers



Soldiers celebrate Thanksgiving with Petersburg Lodge No. 15.

Thanksgiving was shared early with over sixty active-duty soldiers stationed at Fort Lee, thanks to the efforts of several Masonic bodies in the Petersburg area. The unit consisted of soldiers from throughout the United States that are currently stationed at Fort Lee in advanced individual training, unable to be home to have Thanksgiving with their families. This training immediately follows the completion of basic combat training. First Sergeant Banis said, “the group was very appreciative of the dinner, and it means a lot to the soldiers to know that people think of them and are willing to do things like this.” Once the soldiers complete their advanced individual training they will be deployed throughout the world.

Petersburg Lodge No. 15 organized the event in an effort to give back and

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give thanks to those who sacrifice so much for our freedom and liberties. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Thomas J. Colletti, said, “several Masonic organizations came forward to support the effort, including Blandford Lodge No. 3, the Petersburg Masonic building corporation, Dinwiddie Lodge No. 136, Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Petersburg DeMolay Club.”

The Thanksgiving meal had been supported by the Colonial Heights Jaycees, who had been an organization that supported the Tri-cities for over sixty years, but as the spirit of community efforts dwindled, the group recently folded. They wanted to ensure the funds they had raised over the years went back to the community and approached the Petersburg Lodge No. 15 to fulfil their aspirations. The Lodge gives special thanks to Martins Grocery Store and their management for their support in the endeavor.

Many members of Masonic groups have military affiliations, and we are proud to honor and support the military in many ways including this simple gesture of sharing a day to give thanks for what we have in our lives.

The DeMolay Club is a new group starting in the area comprised of young men between the ages of 12-20 who have a desire to meet together and do good in the community. The club is an important part of Masonry that focuses

on youth growth.

Petersburg Lodge No. 15 was first chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on May 6, 1786 and then by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on October 29, 1787 serving the Petersburg area for over two hundred and twenty-five years. Through the years, the Lodge met in Taverns or in private homes located on Lombard or Back Street, which is now E. Bank Street prior to moving to the Masonic Hall located in Blandford, which was on the corner of Miller and Old Church Streets. This hall was destroyed by fire in 1819. Locations moved throughout the years from the Odd Fellows Building on N. Sycamore Street to the Masonic Temple on West Tabb Street and finally to the current location on 115 South Sycamore Street.

Petersburg Lodge No. 15 has a rich history dating back to its founders, [which] were mostly Revolutionary War soldiers. Later, the Lodge added General George E. Pickett to it membership. The Lodge also is proud to have Freeman J. Gosden as a Brother Mason, whom many of you would remember better as Amos from the radio show Amos and Andy. The history of Petersburg Lodge No. 15 has been filled with men of high endeavor.

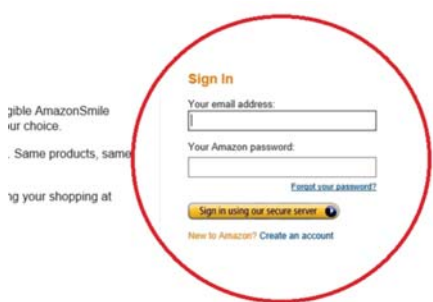


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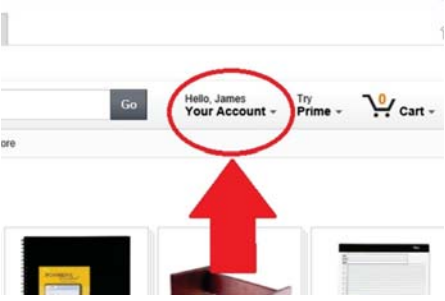
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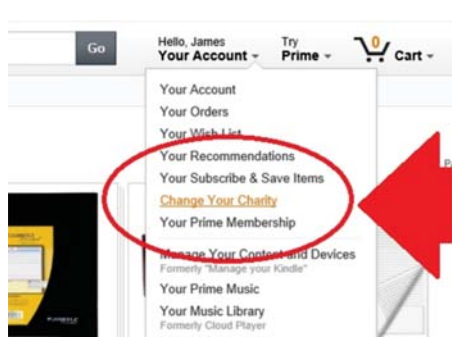
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Freemasonry Clings

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

With far too many miles on my car, I recently bought a slightly newer one. As everything was switched from my old car to my newer car, I almost forgot a very special decal on the inside of my rear window.

The Grand Master in 2001, James Dean Cole and later the Grand Master in 2006, Glover Hunter Jones, III, mailed every Virginia Mason a pair of static cling window decals. These simple white decals are adorned with one color, blue, the color of the heavens. They are printed in the form of a circle, the symbol of unity. The decal has imprinted upon its face a square and compass over an outline of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Superimposed around the top of the circle is the inscription Virginia Freemasonry and beneath the circle is the year 2006 for the most recent or 2001 for the older one.

Like Freemasonry, this simple decal is full of lessons. Those familiar with our ceremonies will note that I described the decal in the above paragraph using some of the same phrases that we use to present the 50-Year Masonic Veteran's emblem. That is because I designed the decal with the Veteran's emblem in mind.

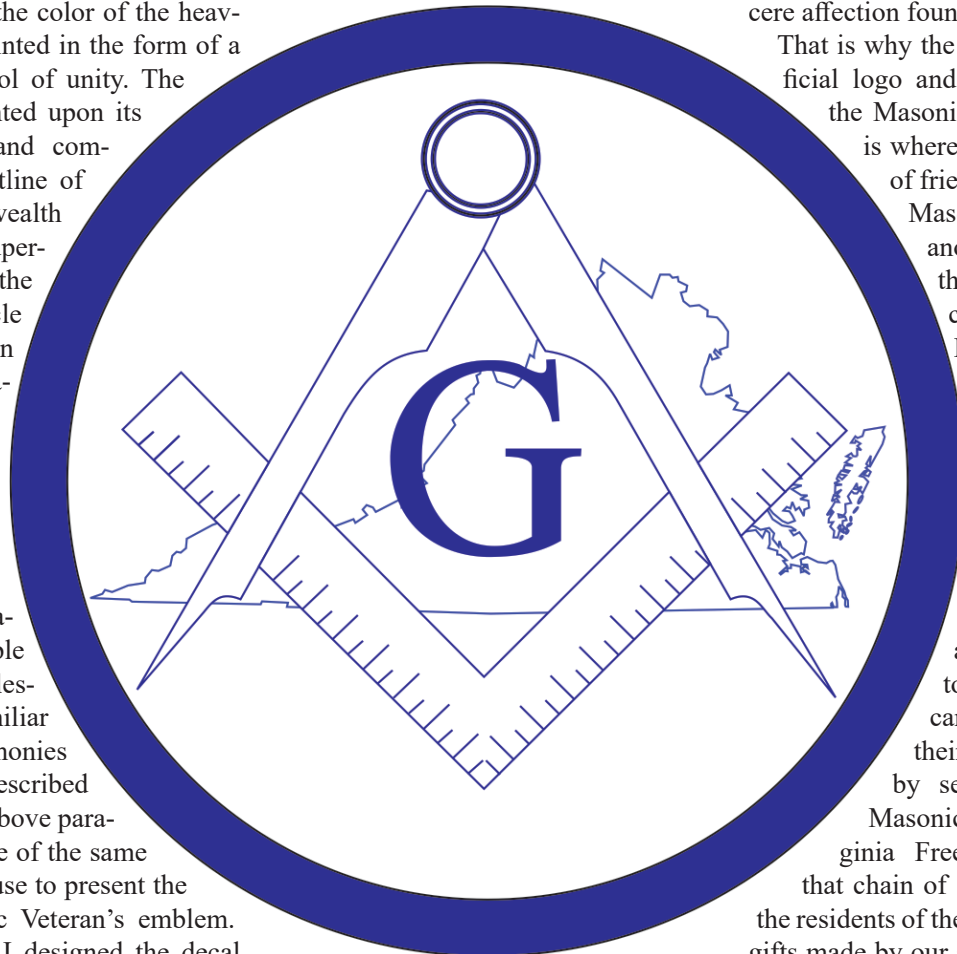
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Our Freemasonry teaches us many things, but above all, it makes us better children of the Creator. The lessons of our ritual in effect "cling" to us and in so doing make a statement to other peo-

ple, just like the little decal will make a statement to those seeing it. Personally, I can never escape the obligations made to help others. They cling to me, much like that little decal has clung to the glass for so many years.

One final reference to the color blue from the decal and from the Veteran's ceremony -- we define the color blue to "signify the lasting qualities of our friendship for those who are linked together by the indissoluble chain of sincere affection found in Freemasonry."

That is why the same blue is the official logo and letterhead color of the Masonic Home. Our Home is where the lasting qualities of friendship and care, that Masons have for one another, are linked to those who seek out our community. At the Home, our Fraternity in effect "clings" to those who need our support. As these decals cling to the windows of vehicles, or to windows or doors of homes, may we all, as Masons cling to our obligations to care for our Brethren, their wives and widows by sending gifts to the Masonic Home, where Virginia Freemasonry continues that chain of sincere affection. To the residents of the Masonic Home, the gifts made by our supporters cling as a mantle of love about their shoulders, reminding them how much Masons care about keeping their promises.



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, 2015 through November 30, 2015. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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Reese E. Carroll	Louis K. Campbell				



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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. 33
1/11	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113
1/12	Roland Scott	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/15	Jimmie 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	Mildred Johnson	Dupont Lodge No. 289
1/23	Jean Learnard	Petersburg Lodge No. 15
1/25	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26	Lois McCarn	Northside Lodge No. 292
1/26	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27	Blaine Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
1/27	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/30	Nathan Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
February		
2/9	Robert Gadoury	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
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	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
2/25	Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
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
3/8	Roy Lacks	Halifax Lodge No. 96
3/14	Bertha Lilly	Sandston Lodge No. 216
3/16	Charles Hughes	Meridian Lodge No. 284
3/18	Robert Banton	Manchester Lodge No. 14
3/18	Patricia Graves	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
3/23	Martha Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/23	Irene King	Virginia Lodge No. 177
3/24	Carol Friis	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
February		
2/5/1980	Roy and Sylvia Lacks	Halifax Lodge No. 96
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
3/22/1958	James and Janey Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
Resident Deaths		
Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
September		
9/6	Frances Pugh	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
9/11	Grace Tinsley	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
9/26	Jean Noll	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
October		
10/13	Irene Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
10/20	Edgar Harrison	Virginia Lodge No. 177
10/29	Welvin Davis	Arlington Lodge No. 102
November		
11/19	Earl Slaughter	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
September		
9/18	Blaine Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
9/18	Rebecca Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
9/30	Patricia Graves	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
October		
10/6	Florence Edmonds	John Blair Lodge No. 187
10/7	Mary Colgin	Babcock Lodge No. 322
10/27	Arthur Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/27	Cora Lee Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
November		
11/18	Ed Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
11/18	Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344



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Alice Bond arranging flowers for table decor on Family Day



Alzheimer's Walk



Brenda Kerrick holding bowling pins for Jonathon the Juggler (Entertainer)



Enjoying a performance by Chuck Parsons



Ersell Brinser, Grand Master, and his wife, Ann, at the Tree Lighting Ceremony



Irma Tunstall handing Halloween candy out to the Grandfriends



L-R: B. Gillie, M. Paschall, J. Johnson at the Tree Lighting Ceremony



Patricia Graves at a Birthday Tea Party



Residents enjoying the Fall Riches Play put on by fellow residents

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M.W. George B. Dungan, Jr. (2007), M.W. Edmund Cohen (2008), M.W. Jeffery E. Hodges (2009),
M.W. William E. Rorer, Jr. (2010), M.W. John M. Chambliss, Jr. (2011), M.W. William T. Ellison, Jr. (2012),
M.W. Louis K. Campbell (2013), M.W. Wayne S. Flora (2014).