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The Grand Master's Message

Have you ever wondered what motivates each incoming Grand Master to set forth a "Theme" for his year of serving the Craft?

I can assure you that none of my predecessors intended to set himself apart from the Craft... to present himself as someone special saying, "look at me, this is my theme, and this is my pin." On the contrary, the purpose of the Grand Master's theme has always been to convey his view of Masonry's role and its value in our world by highlighting a recurring, unifying subject or concept, his "Theme."

We only need to look back at some of the previous Grand Masters' themes to see exactly what I mean:

As far back as 1934, more than eighty years ago, the theme for Most Worshipful John Powers Stokes was "Caring and Sharing." Since then, we've had many noteworthy, inspiring themes, such as:

Mt. Wor. Cabell Flournoy Cobbs
"Serving God and Mankind"

Mt. Wor. Alan Wayne Adkins
"Freemasonry: Investing In Mankind"

Mt. Wor. James Dean Cole
"Do Good Unto All"

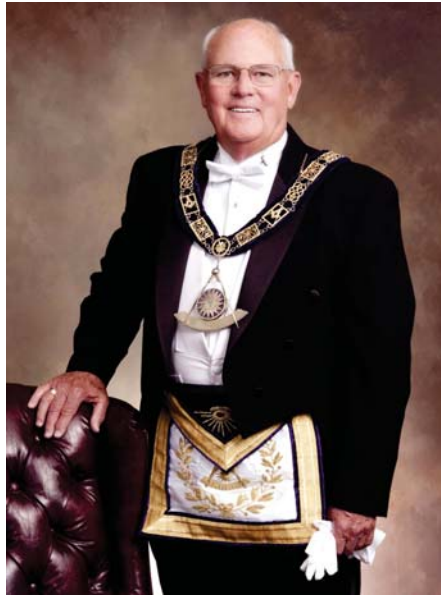
Mt. Wor. Glover Hunter Jones, III
"Living Together In Unity"

Mt. Wor. George Bernard Dungan, Jr.
"Charity Toward All Mankind"

Mt. Wor. James Edward Litten
"Setting A Good Example"

These are but a few examples of the many great themes of our Past Grand Masters. My apologies to the scores of other wonderful themes that I failed to mention, each of which set the stage for what the Grand Master hoped to accomplish and inspire during his year.

Deciding on an effective "Theme" should begin with a few keywords that represent your highest values, words that can serve as a starting point for



Grand Master M. W. Vernon Stuart Cook

measuring how we, as Masons, can continue to square our actions and circumscribe our desires. The themes of your life wind themselves like a thread through the events and experiences of your life. Each represents one's personal perspective or viewpoint, and thus how you experience the world.

Selecting a "Theme" got me to thinking about the two or three things that I greatly value, unconsciously seek out, and love to experience. Some may look through the eyes of justice to measure and weigh every experience, based on whether the outcome was just or not. Others value truth, and are always looking for it, and are often confounded by the lies people tell and the illusions they have as to what makes the world go 'round.

Your life themes reflect what you value most and are a major part of "your life calling," what you are caused to learn about, experience and master. This is how and why I settled on my Theme for this year, "Masonry, A Force for Good."

After forty-five years in the law enforcement profession, and over fifty years now as a Master Mason, I easily find striking similarities between the two - my theme, "Masonry, A Force for

Good," was conceived from my love and devotion for both.

I have had the good fortune to stand beside and serve with those who dedicate themselves to just and worthy causes with little or no concern for the sacrifice involved, and I have witnessed firsthand the great things that can be accomplished through the combined efforts of those of like minds. This rings true for my fellow law enforcement officers as well as my Brother Masons.

The legacy of our gentle Craft and the things we do to help those in need can be traced to "time immemorial." As Masons, we are bound together by faith, morality, patriotism, and I believe, hearts filled with charity. Our history is replete with stories of helping those in need, Masons and non-Masons alike. Yet all too often, when asked what Masons do, we say something like, we take good men and make them better men, and while that is very true, we do so much more. Brethren, our world is hungry for good news, and it is up to each of us to share the good news of our great Fraternity!

We should never forget the wonderful charitable work that Masons do throughout North America, well over two and one-half-million dollars a day given to charity through our Shriners Hospitals, Scottish Rite Childhood Language Centers (Rite Care), Masonic Homes and the numerous other charities supported by our appendant bodies. Well over two and one-half-million dollars a day!

To reinforce the thought behind my Theme, let me share a couple of very powerful examples: We have a dear Brother who is in his early eighties, and his wife, approaching eighty, who reside together on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Our Brother is legally blind and has circulation problems with his legs, yet, is the primary caregiver for his wife who has Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. Through Medicaid,

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his wife qualifies for personal-care aid that provides a visit to the home for four hours a day, Monday through Friday, as she requires a high level of medical assistance and help with everyday functions, we take for granted until something goes wrong. Now, it is hard to imagine a tougher situation, our dear Brother is legally blind, his wife has serious medical issues, but only qualifies for four hours of assistance on weekdays only, their finances are very restricted, and there is no other family member that will provide assistance.

But the story does not end here!

This very special couple, members of our Masonic family, have a mentally disabled granddaughter, who resides at the St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children in Norfolk, Virginia. Our Brother visits her every Saturday and Sunday! He has to rely on Brothers from his Lodge for transportation, a one hundred thirty-six-mile round-trip journey to include the cost of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Knowing that his granddaughter looks forward to these visits, something her mental health demands, this loving grandfather, your Brother and mine, saves dollars from his very limited budget to pay the Lodge Brothers who drive him. Remember, our Brother has no one to provide respite care services for his wife on weekends, when he travels to be with their granddaughter.

Our Masonic Home Outreach Program, yours and mine, has stepped up to provide financial assistance with respite care and travel expenses bringing just a little sunshine to the humble lives of our Brother and his precious wife.

Let me share another story with you: For over fifteen years now, on the third Sunday of each November in the town of Pound, Virginia, the Brethren of Pound Lodge No. 59 hosts a Thanksgiving Dinner for the entire community. Brethren, I mean the entire community is invited, and no one goes away hungry!

The outpouring of Masonic love from this relatively small Lodge, even when measured against much larger Lodges, stands tall and clearly exemplifies why I firmly believe that our "Gentle Craft" and the men who have knelt at our sacred altars are unparalleled as "A Force for Good." Along with the wonderful commadery and good will displayed, the Lodge has also been the beneficiary of a number of petitions from prospective members. I am not the least bit surprised that those good and decent men, who are non-Masons are naturally going to want to know, what do I have to do to join forces with such an amazing group of men!

But it does not stop there for Pound Lodge No. 59. For the last nine years, they have been conducting what they call the "Granny Ride." This all began when Right Worshipful H. Bolling, Sr.'s wife, Patricia, affectionately known as "Granny," passed away after a long battle with diabetes. She was a strong and courageous Lady, who had a smile for everyone. Even the amputation of both legs did not deter her from wanting to do one of the things she loved the best, ride a motorcycle. When she informed her son, Right Worshipful Rueben, that she desired one thing and that was to ride again, he and his dad, Ross, built a special three-wheeler that would allow her to sit in her wheelchair and ride once again. And she did!

Since her passing, Pound Lodge No. 59 has held "The Granny Ride" each year to raise money for The American Diabetes Association. In 2014, they expected to break the \$20,000 mark in total contributions for this very worthy cause. Another powerful example of our Theme this year, "Masonry, A Force for Good." (Our Good Brother, Right Worshipful Ross Bolling passed away in 2016).

So, while we may not always think of ourselves as "A Force for Good" we truly are, and have been for centuries.

We all know Masons do many good things, but instead of boldly sharing the good news, we sometimes allow those things to be veiled in mystery and secrecy. Remember, my Brothers, the good things that inspire you about our Fraternity just may inspire some worthy man to knock on the door of our West Gate.

Finally, you need to look no further than back to the "themes" of our Past Grand Masters, not just the ones that I mentioned earlier, but the themes of all of our Past Grand Masters. Their themes so eloquently share and promote the good news of our great Fraternity and you too, will see that "Masonry Is A Force For Good"!

We do not give of ourselves nor donate our money for recognition or praise from the beneficiaries of our benevolence. No, we give from the heart because of our sacred teachings, and we are clearly reminded in the closing prayer at every Lodge meeting as we hear these words: "...and may we daily increase in Faith, Hope, and Charity, but more especially in that Charity, which is the bond of peace and the perfection of every virtue."

Brethren, I now hope that you have a better understanding of why Grand Masters have a "Theme" for their year, not for personal recognition or the stroking of an ego, but to set the Craft to work and provide them with the knowledge of what their Grand Master feels in his heart for the true meaning and existence of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Remember, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all.



V. Stuart Cook
Grand Master

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Grand Master	Year	Theme	Lady
John Boyd Obenchain	1985	"Freemasonry, A Basic Commitment"	Joann
Donald Maynard Robey	1987	"Proud Of The Past, Confident Of The Future"	
William Franklin Perdue	1991	"Wearing Freemasonry Proudly"	Molly
Thomas Frederick May	1994-1995	"Building The Craft"	
Alan Wayne Adkins	1997	"Investing In Mankind"	
George Harry Chapin	1999	"Building Bridges"	Connie
William Lee Holliday	2000	"Moving Freemasonry Forward"	Evelyn
James Dean Cole	2001	"Do Good Unto All"	Mary Ann
Clifford Alan Parker	2002	"On Course For The 21st Century"	Margaret
Frederick Garrison Martin, III	2003	"Freemasonry – Pass It On"	Pat
James Milton Scarce, Jr.	2004	"God And Freemasonry, The Foundation Of America"	
John Randall Quinley	2005	"Living Freemasonry Daily"	Jill
Glover Hunter Jones, III	2006	"Dwelling Together In Unity"	Emily
George Bernard Dungan, Jr.	2007	"Charity Toward All Mankind"	
Edmund Cohen	2008	"Virtue And Honor"	Gwen
Jeffery Eugene Hodges	2009	"Discovering Our Potential"	Susan
William Earle Rorer, Jr.	2010	"Forget Not The Duties"	Judith
John Mason Chambliss, Jr.	2011	"Make A Difference Every Day"	Judy
William Talbott Ellison, Jr.	2012	"Spreading Masonic Light"	Kay
Louis Kerford Campbell	2013	"Masonry's Youth — Masonry's Future"	Marsha
Wayne Sawyer Flora	2014	"Freemasonry — A Beacon of Light"	Mary Ann
Reese Edward Carroll, Jr.	2015	"Together, We Can Make A Difference"	Mary
James Edward Litten	2016	"Setting A Good Example"	Ann
Vernon Stuart Cook	2017	"Masonry – A Force For Good"	Barbara

Division Leadership Conferences 2017

Newport News:

Saturday, March 18, 2017
 Scottish Rite Masonic Center
 65 Saunders Road,
 Newport News, 23601
 8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
 8:30 A.M. - Conference begins
 10:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
 Site Coordinator:
 R. W. Woodrow L. Brown

Warrenton:

Friday, March 31, 2017
 Highland School
 597 Broadview Avenue,
 Warrenton, 20186
 6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship
 7:00 P.M. - Conference begins
 9:15 P.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
 Site Coordinator:
 Wor. James E. Kraut

Alexandria: (new location)

Saturday, April 1, 2017
 Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
 1430 W Braddock Road,
 Alexandria, 22302
 8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
 8:30 A.M. - Conference begins
 10:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
 Site Coordinator:
 R. W. John Shroeder

Grand Master's 2016-2017 Itinerary

April 2017

- 1 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 3 Mountain City Lodge No. 67
- 6 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 7 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 33 and 34
- 8 Morotock Lodge No. 210
- 10 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
- 11 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 13 Sharon Lodge No. 327, 100th Anniversary
- 17 Pleasants Lodge No. 63
- 20 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 20 and 23
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 35A and 35B
- 28 Wreath Laying, Hollywood Cemetery
Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 14A and 14B

May 2017

- 1 – 3 Grand Lodge of New York
- 4 Norfolk Lodge No. 1
- 5 – 6 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 9 Henry Lodge No. 57
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 12
- 15 Manchester Lodge No. 14
- 16 Corinthian Lodge No. 266
- 18 Donovan Lodge No. 75
- 19 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 37 and 38
- 20 Masonic Home Ambassadors Conference
Manasseh Lodge No. 182, Strawberry Night
- 22 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star,
Williamsburg

June 2017

- 1 Berkley Lodge No. 167
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 3 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- 4 15th Masonic District Memorial Service
- 8 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 42 and 43
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 16 Official Visit, Masonic District 18
- 20 Temple Lodge No. 9
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 24 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery,
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 26 Williamsburg Lodge No. 6

July 2017

- 6 Joppa Lodge No. 40
- 7 Official Visit, Masonic District 40
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 41

- 9 – 12 Imperial Shrine Session, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 13 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum College
- 14 Annual Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Williamsburg
- 18 Varina Lodge No. 272
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A, 1B and 54
- 20 Annual Conclave, DeMolay, Newport News

August 2017

- 1 Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
- 3 James S. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 4 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 44 and 46
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 24
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 2, 3 and 4
- 17 Bremond Lodge No. 241,
Community Builders Award
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 5 and 6
- 20 – 23 Biennial Supreme Council Session,
Washington, DC
- 23 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 47 and 49
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A and 22B

September 2017

- 1 – 2 Hiram Club of Tidewater
- 7 Day Lodge No. 58
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 16 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 19 Mann Page Lodge No. 157
- 21 – 23 South Atlantic Shrine Association, Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina
Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A, 15B and 15C
- 29 – 30 Scottish Rite Conference, Portsmouth

October 2017

- 6 Cornerstone Ceremony, University of Virginia,
Charlottesville
Childhood Language Golf Tournament,
Manakin Sabot
- 7 Grand Lodge Convention Reunion, Fredericksburg
- 12 Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 14 Family Day, Masonic Home of Virginia
- 17 Seaboard Lodge No. 56
- 24 – 26 Grand Lodge of Georgia
- 28 – 31 United Grand Lodge of England, 300th Anniversary

November 2017

- 1 – 2 United Grand Lodge of England, 300th Anniversary
- 4 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- 8 – 12 Grand Annual Communication

Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2017

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Apr. 3-5	38, 39
Willard D. Monk/45th District	Tazewell	Apr. 4-6	45
C. Frank Hicks/36th District	Chesapeake	Apr. 8	36, 56
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Virginia Beach	Apr. 10	36, 56
Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.	Waynesboro	Apr. 14, 15	18, 19
C.A. Whitted	Scottsville	Apr. 17, 18	17, 18
Showalter/40th District	Blacksburg	Apr. 26-28	40, 41, 42
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	May 1-3	57
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	May 6	12
**Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	May 13	8, 9, 11
Stewart Arthur Deem	Norfolk	May 13	35A, 35B
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	May 13, June 17	1A, 1B, 54
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	May 15-17	48, 49, 50
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 16-18	43
**Sherman Montell Smallwood	Bedford	June 26-29	22A, 22B, 24, 25
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Churchland	June 27-29	33, 34
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	July 19-22	15A, 15B, 15C, 16
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Aug. 22-24	44, 46, 47
William Edward Ray, Sr.	Herndon	Sept. 15, 16	4
C.S. Revell/B.D. Hudson	Newport News	Sept. 18-20	14A, 14B
L.N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 18, 19, 21	49, 50
Edward Page Henry	Petersburg	Sept. 25-27	16, 29
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	Oct. 9-11	48, 49, 50
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 9-11	41, 42
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Oct. 16-18	46, 47
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	Oct. 23-25	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 24-26	31, 32, 33
O.B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 28	7, 10

** = Name Change

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.

“Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan “press on” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”

Calvin Coolidge

Harman Lodge No. 222:

V. Stuart Cook, Grand Master

My first Lodge visit as Grand Master was in early December to a small Lodge in southwest Virginia. Harman Lodge No. 222 in Bluefield was proudly marking its one-hundred-fifty year anniversary, the sesquicentennial celebration.

I had the distinct honor and pleasure of presenting to the officers and Brethren an anniversary plaque commemorating the issuance of its Charter, dated December 12, 1866, a little over a year after the end of the Civil War.



Grand Master V. Stuart Cook presenting to the Officers and Brethren a plaque commemorating their sesquicentennial anniversary.

Harman is a moderately sized Lodge with slightly over one hundred members. It is steeped in history, and has long been a shining light throughout the southwest region. In preparation for my visit, I did a little research on the Lodge and was truly fascinated by many colorful stories of bravery and community involvement by the Lodge's namesake, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Houston Harman, a Brother Mason.

Brother Harman was born on February 13, 1835, in Tazewell, Virginia. He attended Emory and Henry College, and during the Civil War, he was a proud and dedicated member of Company H of the 45th Virginia Infantry Regiment, known as the "Tazewell Rangers."

War comes to Southwest Virginia

In the winter of 1863, the salt mines of Saltville, Virginia were of great importance to the Confederate forces of Virginia. Most of the salt used in preserving meat for the armies came from



Most Worshipful Brother Cook celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary.

southwestern Virginia, and the Tazewell Rangers engaged in a series of periodic maneuvers designed to protect the critically important salt mines.

As the infantry regiment moved from one small town to the next, it became clear that the military mission was not its only obligation. One notable example is the story of Brother Harman and his fellow soldiers taking the time to rebuild the home of a local family that had been destroyed by a windstorm. A great example of Masonry being "a force for good" even during the time of the war.

The summer of 1863 saw the creation of the state of West Virginia and its admission into the Union. It also marked a renewed Union offensive in southwest Virginia with the arrival of Union Brigadier General William W. Averell.

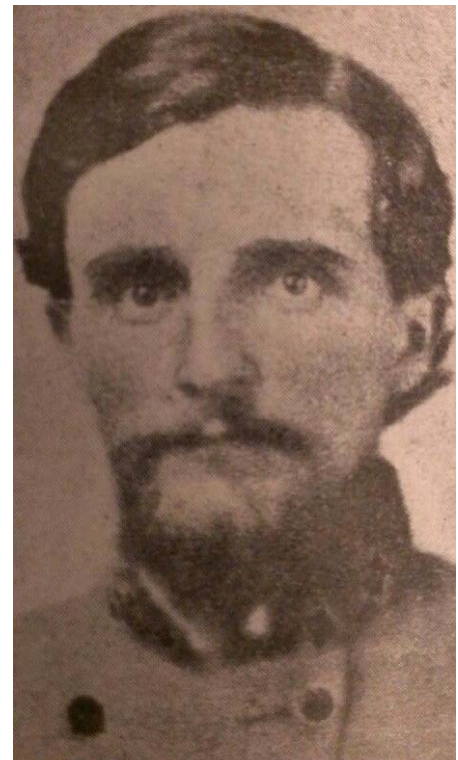
As General Averell launched his offensive toward Lewisburg, the Confederate government became very concerned about the law library, which contained the deeds to all lands in the western counties of Virginia, recently handed over to the new state of West Virginia.

A Confederate brigade under Colonel William L. Jackson attempted to slow Averell's movement with help from Colonel Harman's 45th Virginia Infantry Regiment, camped near Lewisburg. When Jackson was forced to fall back, the 22nd Virginia Infantry Regiment under Colonel George S. Patton, (an ancestor of World War II's famed Gen-

eral G. S. Patton) joined by other nearby units, confronted Averell at White Sulphur Springs on August 26, 1863. Two companies detached from the 45th Virginia Infantry Regiment under Colonel Harman entered the fight on the left, "fighting like demons," it was said.

Colonel Harman described the furious fighting: "After they had charged our regiment four different times, and had been repulsed, the next time they came through the brush and got up to within twenty paces before we saw them, and the officers hollowed to us, 'damn you, ain't you Rebels going to run,' one of my fellows, replied, 'no damn you, we ain't' and then we give them such a terrific fire they could not withstand it and ran themselves. Our regiment repulsed eight heavy and furious charges."

The fighting continued until nightfall. Both armies slept on the field. The



Lieutenant Colonel and Brother Edwin Houston Harman.

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A Force for Good for One Hundred Fifty Years!

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next morning, Averell ordered one more charge and was again repulsed. For their stand at White Sulphur Springs, the men of the 45th Virginia Infantry Regiment won praise from Major General Samuel Jones, who wrote in his report that they had “inscribed their names high on the roll of those who in this war have illustrated the valor of our troops.”

Colonel Browne also commented that “notwithstanding long marches my men had made (having marched about 100 miles during the four days preceding this engagement), I had no stragglers or skulkers. I have never on any battlefield seen men act cooler or braver, they fought with a determination to do or die.”

Colonel Edwin Houston Harman was later wounded at the battle of Cloyd’s Mountain. Brother Harman died on May 13, 1864, at the young age of twenty-nine, just two days after being wounded. He was buried in Thorn Spring Cemetery near Cloyd’s Mountain and leaving behind his widow Nancy Virginia “Jenny” Harman, his two sons; twelve-year-old son Charles William, and infant son King Edwin.

Harman Lodge Chartered in 1866

From that story of bravery, dedication and persistence, we can fully appreciate how and why Harman Lodge No. 222 got its name. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge on December 12, 1866, after Tazewell Lodge No. 62 requested dispensation from the Grand Lodge to form a new Lodge at Bluestone. Dispensation was granted on December 13, 1865.

The Charter was signed on December 12, 1866, and the following were elected as the first Lodge officers: Z. S. Witten, Worshipful Master; J. Mosby Davis, Senior Warden; Moses Mason, Junior Warden.

Harman Lodge first met in a log building near where St. Clair is now located. In 1882, the Lodge moved to

Graham, Virginia, meeting in a frame building, which was destroyed by fire in 1883. All records, including the original Charter, were lost. A duplicate Charter was issued on May 20, 1884, by order of Most Worshipful Henry W. Murry, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and signed by John Dove, Grand Secretary.

A new building was started in 1895. After financial difficulty, the building debt was paid in full in 1906, and the Lodge was in good financial condition until the 1930’s, when the Great Depression had a significant negative impact on membership and finances. Since World War II, the Lodge has been sound financially and began showing a steady increase in membership.

One Hundred-Fiftieth Celebration

The Lodge hosted its sesquicentennial event at the Fincastle Country Club in Bluefield, and what an outstanding venue it was. More than one hundred guests were in attendance. The food was excellent and surely no one went away hungry. The dining room was adorned with a traditional Christmas theme consisting of two Christmas trees and many other fine decorations.

I commend and thank Worshipful Adam K. Wimmer and his committee



for a superb job and a well-planned celebration. The highlight for me was having the opportunity to present the Grand Lodge Plaque for the one hundred fiftieth Anniversary to Right Worshipful Samuel B. “Sam” Wells (Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar in Virginia), who was also present when the Lodge received its 100th Anniver-

sary Plaque. We jokingly vowed that he and I would see each other at the two hundredth ceremony. What Grand Master gets to present a one hundred fiftieth Anniversary Plaque to a Brother who was present for the one hundredth? Not many, I suspect, and I was honored to have the privilege.

The next morning, bright and early, the Worshipful Master and Worshipful Stephen R. “Steve” Slade, Past Master, met me and my traveling companions for a personal tour of Harman Lodge. The group included my wife Barbara; my Administrative Assistant, Worshipful J. Tom Wadkins, III and Robin; my Marshal, Worshipful Tomas A. “Tom” Clark, Jr. and Linda; along with our Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful William E. “Bill” Hershey, Jr.; and our Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful Douglas V. “Doug” Jones, what a treat!

This modest Lodge has so much history and such a quaint and welcoming feeling about it that everyone felt very much at home. All the Past Masters’ pictures were nicely displayed on a wall, including its first Master, Worshipful Z. S. Witten, and equally important, the portrait of its namesake, Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Houston Harman. It was obvious to all of us that there is a well-earned pride held by the Brothers of Harman Lodge, and it is keenly displayed by all its members. Our trip to Harman Lodge for this celebration was one that we will forever cherish, and I will remember it for the great honor it was to have been invited to participate.

My Brethren, there are many other Lodges throughout our Grand Jurisdiction with rich and colorful histories. I encourage all Virginia Masons to broaden your Masonic experience beyond your local area. Seek out those Lodges, large and small, and commit to a visit from time to time. When you mix again with the world, my Brothers, you will surely be richer for it.

Where Did We Come From? How Did We Get To Where We Are Today?

Right Worshipful John R. Ward, Sr.

In the middle chamber lecture, we learn that they first planted trees on end and then laid others across to support the coverings. When people first came out of the caves, forests, and deserts, etc. These were the first edifices built where they lived and worked. These buildings were not very practical due to limited size and did not last very long.

They began to use stones to build buildings, which were “as found” from the creeks or mountains, and they built these types of buildings for many years.

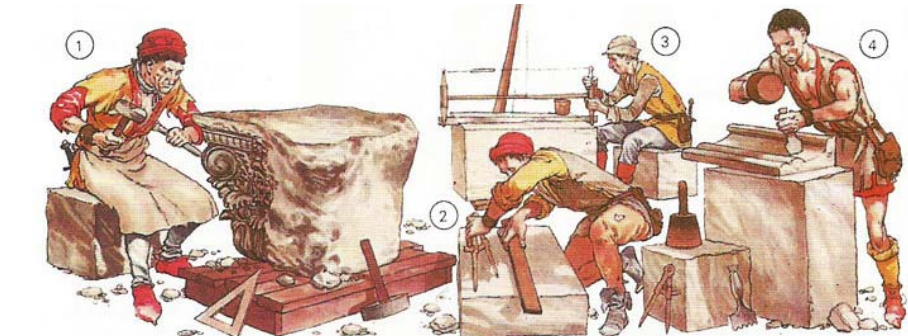
When we go to receiving in the East we find the following:

A survey of nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions, first determined man to imitate the Divine Plan, study symmetry, and order. This gave rise to societies, and birth to every useful art; The Architect began to design, and the plans, which he laid down, being improved by experience and time, have produced works, which are the admiration of every age. The Divine Plan is God’s plan for mankind, and we are still in God’s plan as we do not know how or when mankind will cease to exist.

When men started cutting stones from the quarries for the builders’ use was when Masonry or geometry, originally synonymous terms (look at the Fellowcraft charge) was started, and we do not know the year or era it began. This was the beginning and over the next hundreds of years, the designs became better and the buildings became improved for living and working. Many stone monuments, churches and entire cities were built by the Freemasons.

In those days, to be a free man was unique because men were not free, they were under bond of the land owners where they lived and worked or to the King.

When one of these projects was started, the freemasons came with their families and set up a freemasons vil-



lage or guild, and over the years they took what they had and what they knew and put symbolic meanings to them to guide their lives. They equated light with knowledge and darkness with ignorance because one cannot learn anything in the dark. They put symbolic meaning to their working tools, like we do today.

The question became, how did the people who were having the building built know they could do the work? They had a “word” that they had gotten in the past when they were qualified by some guild of masons to maintain their numbers and have qualified masons. The people in the areas around these buildings wanted to get their sons into the freemasons guilds to break bondage, so they could have a better life and be free of bondage.

Once a year, they would bring the young men into the guild for initiation. These young men were about twelve-years; remember, the life span at that time was about thirty-years.

They would have a ceremony of circumambulation, which is the oldest ritual we still use from our ancient brothers. Our chaplains lead the candidates around the Lodge going from the East, through the South, through the West and through the darkness of the North then back to the light of the East. This is a necessary ritual.

These young men were then entered in the books as Entered Apprentices, we know from the convention of 926 AD that they served a seven-year appren-

ticeship. One of the original articles was: no Master shall take an apprentice for less than seven years.

Each young man would live with a mason and his family and learn his trade, which could be a stone cutter, or work in the quarry or the forest, etc.

After they had served their apprenticeships, there was another ceremony of circumambulation and they would be made a Fellow of the Craft. This is when he received the word, since they had proven their skill, virtue, and inflexible fidelity to their trust.

When one of these men was promoted, they became a master of masons or overseer.

As time passed, others wanted to get into the guilds for the knowledge. Masons had to know how to communicate from the quarry and forest to the building site, and they knew geometry. Others wanted access to the knowledge, and they became Accepted Masons because they did not work stone. Another Article of the convention of 926 AD stated that no Master was to work masonry at night, except for the pursuit of knowledge.

We became Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. At some point in history, there became more Accepted Masons than stone masons and the Masons became a Fraternity at which time they became Lodges instead of guilds.

This story is of allegories, a few assumptions on my part, ritual, and parts taken from others writers I have become aware of over my Masonic career.

The 15 Articles

These are the original fifteen Articles of Freemasonry, given by Prince Edwin, son of King Athelstan. The Regius Manuscript (1390 A.C.E.) is considered the oldest document of Freemasonry. The original is in London, England.

Articles

1. The Master Mason must be steadfast, trusty and true and render perfect justice to both workmen and his employer.
2. The Master Mason shall be punctual in his attendance at the general congregation or assembly.
3. The Master must take no apprentices for less than seven years.
4. The Master must take no apprentices who are bondsmen, but only such as are free and well born.
5. The Master shall not employ a thief or maimed man for an apprentice, but only those who are physically fit.
6. The Master must not take craftsmen's wages for apprentice's wages.
7. The Master must not employ an immoral person.
8. The Master must maintain a standard of efficiency by not permitting incompetent workmen to be employed.
9. The Master must not undertake to do work which he cannot complete.
10. No Master shall supplant another in the work undertaken.
11. The Master shall not cause the Mason to work at night except in pursuit of knowledge.
12. The Master must instruct his apprentices in everything they are capable of learning.
13. No Mason shall speak evil of his fellow's work.
14. The Master shall take no apprentices for whom he has not sufficient labor.
15. The Master is not to make false representations nor compromise the sins of his fellows.

Yes, There Are Ritual Questions in the Leadership Correspondence Course

Right Worshipful Paul W. Pennybacker

Why, you ask, would there be ritual questions in the Leadership Correspondence Courses? Especially when these courses are a product of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education not the Grand Lodge Committee on Work and the Charter of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education says that its purpose is to increase the knowledge of Masonic history, philosophy and symbolism, and enhance the leadership abilities of the members of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

To attempt to answer this question, one must consider what is Masonic education? Does it stop at the teaching of noteworthy dates in Masonic history; at the symbolism utilized in Freemasonry; at the names of famous Masons and their accomplishments throughout history; at Masonic publications, available for all to obtain and read? Or does it go deeper into all aspects of Masonry to include bits and pieces of all aspects of Freemasonry?

In actuality, the various aspects of the ritual of our degrees do provide snippets of Masonic education, and at times, it is very difficult to distinguish the point where "ritual" leaves off and "education" takes over or vice versa. I believe there is a huge symbiotic relationship between the two.

I will now try to give several examples of the educational aspects of various ritual questions that are found in the Leadership Correspondence Courses.



We learn the proper place of the Lodge officers.

The conditions when a Brother can pass between the Altar and the East in an open Lodge.

The ritual questions enhance our knowledge of things such as to whom the Lodge is dedicated and who was the Judge of Israel.

The duties of the various Lodge Officers are discussed in the courses and provide both ritual and educational value.

Questions concerning the Jewels and their meaning of the Lodge officers again provides both ritual and Masonic education.

The methodology used to deliver the degree lectures to the candidate is also covered in the course. This item not only is of a ritualistic nature but provides education to the student. It prepares and educates them in effective ritualistic lecture presentations and/or educational program presentations.

Another example of the mixture of ritual and education concerns the "wages" of a Fellowcraft.

And my favorite "ritual" question that, to me, will call upon exceptional Masonic education and ritual knowledge, and that question is: "After the Master and Wardens cast their ballot, who is next?" Unfortunately, very few of the Correspondence Course students correctly answer this question.

The whole objective of this presentation is to demonstrate that even though you may not be a Ritualistic Gold card holder, the ritual questions in the Correspondence Courses do provide added information to the overall process of expanding your Masonic education and knowledge.

The Importance of Leadership Training to Officers and Lodge

Right Worshipful Roger W. Peak

Leadership training is provided to officers and potential officers to prepare them to lead the Lodge. It helps (1) to prepare them to fulfill their tasks and responsibilities of each position; (2) to better understand the operation of the subordinate Lodge; and (3) to better understand the operation of the Grand Lodge. Many tools are available to officers and members to prepare them to become leaders. Here is a discussion of some of them.

For many, our first introduction to Freemasonry was the ritual. *The Manual of Work* provides some of the catechism for the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. *The Manual of Ceremonies* includes the procedures and ritual for many of our public and private occasions, including receiving the Grand Master and recognizing our Masonic Veterans. When our Brethren enter the Celestial Lodge, we are governed by the *Instructions Governing Masonic Funerals and Evening Memorial Services*. If you are interested in a fun event that includes giving toasts, *The Table Lodge* explains the ritual.

With the catechism learned, it is important to gain a better understanding of the ritual. A good place to start is to review the set of three booklets (*The Degree of Entered Apprentice*, *The Degree of Fellowcraft*, *The Degree of Master Mason and More Light in Masonry*) that you received when the first three degrees were conferred. In addition, study the information in the *Entered Apprentice Educational Proficiency Manual*, *Fellowcraft Educational Proficiency Manual*, and *Master Mason Educational Proficiency Manual* to better understand the ritual and basics of the subordinate and Grand Lodges. Finally, you gain increased understanding by reading information such as the

responsibilities of a Master Mason that are discussed in the *Mentor's Manual*.

A few months have transpired, and now you consider your friends and relatives who might be a good addition to the Lodge. You begin by reading *Share the Light of Freemasonry* that discusses all aspects of membership. You also distribute *The Public Ceremonies of Freemasonry*, *Freemasonry: A Way of Life*, *The Church and Freemasonry*, and *For Your Information* to potential candidates because they provide general information about the Fraternity. You also review Instructions on *Approaching a Prospect* and *The Question of Solicitation* to review the guidelines for contacting potential candidates. You also discuss hosting a *Bring a Friend Night Program* with your Worshipful Master to introduce prospects to the Fraternity.

A Petition for Degrees is read for the first time. Your Worshipful Master asks you to be a member of the Investigating Committee, so you read *For the Investigating Committee* to gain more information on preparing for the visit. You also take a copy of *Taking the First Step and Questions and Answers for the Postulant* to give to the candidate to help him prepare for the initiation.

One of your friends has requested a Petition for Degrees, and you agree to be a recommender. You review the statements on the back of the Petition to remind yourself of the responsibilities of a recommender. You recognize you have a responsibility as a mentor and review the duties enumerated in *Mentoring a New Brother*. You also want to learn more about the Fraternity and enroll in and complete all the *Leadership Correspondence Courses*.

A few months' pass, and you now aspire to be elected Junior Deacon and eventually serve as Worshipful Master

of your Lodge. You prepare by reading and studying the *Suggested Minimum Steps for Lodge Officers*. You also read *Master Masons and Prospective Lodge Officers* and *A Primer for Junior and Senior Deacons*, and begin completing the exercises in *The District Education Officer's Manual for Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers* and comparing your answers with the suggested *Answer Set*.

As time passes, you are elected to more advanced positions within your Lodge. You read *A Primer for Junior and Senior Wardens* and *A Primer for the Worshipful Master*. You also read *Masonic Etiquette, Protocol, and Decorum*; *A Lodge Officers Training Tool*, and the *Lodge Financial Manual* to learn more about these important topics. You also review *Planning Your Year in the East* and *A Guide for Planning Your Year as Worshipful Master* to learn additional information. You also consider the suggestions in *Meeting Management* to make each communication informative for your members and visitors.

Now, you have been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of your Lodge. You meet with your officers and update the long-range plan previously prepared for the Lodge as described in the *Lodge Management Certificate Program*. You also ensure that each member desiring to contribute to the Lodge has a job, task or function that will make them feel important and contributing members of your Lodge as detailed in *Jobs to Keep Our Brethren Active and Our Lodges Healthy*. You ensure that your Lodge is known in the community by undertaking one or more projects in the *Handbook on Lodge Community Service Projects*. Finally, you involve your wives and widows in activities as discussed in the *Mason's Lady* and

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Establishing a Widow's Program pamphlets.

As Master, you have a question about whether the Lodge may participate in the local parade, and you consult the *Virginia Methodical Digest* for the answer. A sojourning Brother comes to your Lodge, who is a member of Beaver Valley Lodge No. 43 in Oregon, so you consult the *List of Lodges-Masonic* to find out if it is a regular and recognized Lodge, and the Brother can be admitted.

Four additional publications should be noted. The *Secretary's Manual* contains guidance for Lodge Secretaries. Annually, the *Proceedings of the Grand Annual Communication* are published. The *Manual for Masonic Trials* contains the procedures for conducting a trial for a Brother charged with a Masonic offense. The *Virginia Masonic Herald* is mailed to Virginia Masons four times a year. Digital editions are available on-line; these may be printed and disseminated to Brethren.

This refers to over forty publications that are available for our benefit to help us become better members, officers, and leaders. Many of the publications mentioned are available from the Grand Lodge of Virginia's website (www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org). Those that are not available for download may be requested from your Lodge Secretary.

All Masons are encouraged to make use of these publications. Share the information with other members, and most important, act on the information. The information in these documents does no good, if they lie dormant on a shelf or in a file cabinet.

If you have any questions about any document or want guidance on a topic for which you do not see a publication, contact the Grand Provost. He is working with the progressive Grand Line Officers to issue new publications and revise existing publications.

The Form of My Lodge

Worshipful Joel T. Bundy

*The form of my lodge is a square.
I step through the gate to a prayer,
A cable-tow pilots heel-strikes
Next moving from right to the right.
Lights illumine Lights, lest I err.*

*The deacon and I dance as pairs
Marking the floor with differing squares,
Following steps for initiate's rites.
Form of my lodge.*

*The path on this journey leads there,
From East to North lays a corner bare.
Of tools, some are hid in plain sight.
Searching to live by Craftsman's true light
Through level, plumb and this perfect square,
I am that form of my lodge.*

The Rondeau is a French poetic form derived from the French word for "round." Being set to music there were guidelines related to the number of lines, rhyming scheme and meter. The number of lines ranged from ten to thirteen, or even fifteen, with each line having eight to ten syllables. One feature of the Rondeau is the rentrement, which is a four syllable non-rhyming refrain in the seventh and fifteenth lines, emanating out of the first line. There are then two rhymes, a and b, with the rentrement, R. The classical 16th century, 15-line form, with rentrement is as follows:

aabba
aabR
aabbaR

Often these poems relate to romance, worship, or love. Here this Rondeau interweaves precepts from this profound initiatory experience with the symbolism of enlightenment into the Craft.

You Just Never Know!

Brother James R. Childs

A few years ago I was talking with a childhood friend. He mentioned having gone to summer camp as a child; my friend was eight at the time.

I remembered that at that time his father, a Master Mason, died. The suddenness of his death caught everyone by surprise, leaving behind a wife and four children.

My friend's mother immediately found herself as the sole support of her young family. Fortunately, she quickly found a job, yet it was a struggle for quite awhile.

Recalling all of this, I asked my friend, "How in the world were you able to afford summer camp?"


His reply was almost off handed, "Oh, the Masons paid for it."

When I heard that, I thought, "Man, these guys really know how to look out for their own!"

Masonry is not new to me, both my dad and grand-dad are Masons, however, they do not talk about Masonry.

After talking to my friend about his summer camp experience and how the Fraternity helped make a devastating summer bearable for his family, it got me thinking seriously about Masonry.

I started giving some serious thought about actually joining the Masons. It did not take long, and within a few weeks, I was filling out a petition, and I was raised in August 2002. My interest in and appreciation for the Fraternity has grown steadily ever since.



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Reflections on the Senior Deacon's Lecture:

Brother Richard D. Marcos

The tradition of compartmentalizing knowledge into seven branches is ancient.

Proverbs 9:1 says, "Wisdom hath built herself a house, she hath hewn her out seven pillars." Religious scholars have long speculated upon the meaning of seven pillars of wisdom, and parts of the original list date back to ancient central Asia and Greece. By medieval times, the list became central to educators and scholastics.

Until we were presented with the list of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Senior Deacons or Winding Stair Lecture, most of us had only a vague notion of what they consisted. The Fellow Craft Degree commends the study of grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy.

A Highly-Ordered System

There is wisdom in the order of the items on the list. Teachers and scholars have found this general order to be of great utility.

Grammar is first on the list. As infants, we are unable to speak. We must learn words to describe everything. Words organize our thoughts. Language is essential for learning. As we progress up the winding stairs, we learn to speak with eloquence and grace, which is rhetoric. We learn to use logic to make our arguments persuasive and true.

We advance to the higher levels of arithmetic, geometry, and music, these require abstract thinking. As we mature in life, we gain perspective and wisdom as we enjoy the glorious works of creation, the stars and planets, astronomy, and the Divine. The order of these topics was developed over a thousand years, and they continue to attract our attention today.

Trivium

The Trivium is used by Scholastics, a word derived from Latin for three Vias or roads. The first three of the Seven

Liberal Arts and Sciences represent a crossroads. Those who excel at quickly remembering common experience are good at "trivia." Trivia is at the center of every day knowledge. The Trivium consists of grammar, rhetoric, and logic.

Grammar

In Genesis, the first job given to Adam is to name all things. Adam is told to name them and to have dominion over creation. Knowing the name of a thing gives a man authority to speak of and to understand them.

In elementary school or grammar school, we learn to recite the alphabet, numbers, and colors. The earliest lessons in speaking involve alliteration and repetition. We say tongue twisters and recite phrases to learn to speak precisely.

Grammar involves words and meanings, which can be divided into technical and exegetical grammar. Technical grammar is what most of us associate with the word grammar, diagramming sentences with subjects and verbs. Exegetical grammar involves learning the meaning of words, their nuances, and how they fit in different settings.

We learn that deferential language is appropriate to use for speaking to those in authority over us. We are told to "keep a tongue of good report." We are directed to have an instructive tongue, so we become better men. Grammar teaches us to speak clearly and concisely.

Rhetoric

Persuasion is synonymous with rhetoric. Rhetoric is the study of persuasive speaking and writing. Too often we think of rhetoric as unimportant, as in the throwaway line, "well, that was just a rhetorical comment." Rhetoric is serious business. It has substance.

Rhetoric adds force and elegance to our thoughts. As we improve in rhet-

oric, we captivate the hearer with the strength of our arguments and the beauty of our expression. Mastery of rhetoric teaches us to exhort our Brethren to acts of charity. Skillful rhetoric uses grace to praise our Brothers and tact to admonish.

Influential Romans learned to speak in public with fluency and oratory. Public speaking is terrifying to some, but to Freemasons, we learn both to speak and to listen to others.

Discussion in Lodge gives us practice in listening, to train the ear. Lodge discussions offer opportunities to explore styles of learning. Our oaths and promises are heard and repeated. We listen to historical lectures, orations, or talks on speculative Masonry. The various tokens and grips in our ritual are lessons in listening. We are asked, "will you be off or from?" By listening, we hear the word and give the proper reply. As we talk and listen to each other in Lodge, we practice debate and exhortation. We are Brothers speaking to and listening to one another.

Logic

Logic is the third of the Trivium and directs and guides us in the search of truth. It consists of a regular train of argument where we deduce or infer from the facts. Logic applies all our faculties to think clearly.

Dialectics is a synonym of logic used to describe critical thinking. We weigh the pros and cons to find the better choice. We observe the world. As we see patterns and relationships, we begin to make predictions using inductive reasoning. Dialectics guides us to make proofs or syllogisms.

As we advance in logic, we begin to think about proofs for the existence of God. We see the beauty of an autumn leaf, so intricate and perfect. The teleological proof of God's existence is that design in nature proves that there must

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have been a Divine designer.

Quadrivium

The Quadrivium is associated with science and with learning the mysteries of the universe. Pythagoras emphasized the four branches of the Quadrivium: arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. The Quadrivium means the four Vias or paths. A robust mind travels as if upon roads or paths to the secrets of wisdom. A wise man climbs the steps of science.

Arithmetic

Arithmetic involves computation or reckoning with numbers. Ignorance of numbers leaves many things unintelligible. To perceive the world accurately, we need counting and measurement. Mathematics is taught step by step. We first learn to count before we learn to add and subtract. As a science, it is process driven by building skill and familiarity through frequent practice. Next abstract operations such as addition and multiplication.

In Mackey's *Masonic Encyclopedia* is the constructive moral lesson, "For the Freemason, the application of this science is to add to your knowledge, never subtract from the character of your neighbor, multiply your benevolence to your fellow creatures, and divide your means with those in need." There is beauty in arithmetic and mathematics. We discover symmetry and proportion.

Leonardo Fibonacci discovered that rabbits reproduced in a series of 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 13. Ratios of any two suc-

cessive numbers (as in the ratio 13/8) approach the Golden Ratio (1.618). The inverse of 1.618 is .618, the Golden Mean, in which the same digits reappear. We feel awe and wonder at the beauty of mathematics.

Arithmetic offers a structured system of rules, order, and operates in terms of equations. Balance and equality are principles learned in arithmetic that should remind us to act on the level. Mathematics shows that some propositions are right, and some are wrong.

Geometry

Geometry is a compound word within the same word both geo and metric, meaning earth measurement. Geometry is synonymous with self-knowledge, the understanding of the basic substance of our being. Freemasonry places special emphasis on geometry.

The tools of geometry are plumbs, squares, and levels. They are the basic tools of operative Masons. We use them in speculative Masonry to teach lessons of morality.

Music

Music is the sixth of the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. Pythagoras was keen on studying music as a science. Our heartbeat is the basic pattern, with sounds ranging from the first cry of a newborn baby to our last gasp for breath. The sense of hearing is improved, so that we recognize ditties, rhythms, and syncopation.

Vibrations cause sounds. Pitch is determined by the frequency of the vibrations. It takes discipline, but we achieve harmony. The Senior Warden is

sometimes associated with this science, as the Warden asks for harmony in the Lodge.

Astronomy

Astronomy is last in this list as we contemplate the stars and planets, and yes, the G.A.O.T.U.

We feel tiny as we look at the Milky Way. Proverbs 9:10 reminds us that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Looking at the universe helps to instill both fear and a sense of the glory of the universe.

The two globes in the Lodge teach us to understand the rotation of the earth around the sun and the diurnal rotation of the earth. Daylight shrinks in the days before the Winter Solstice and then daylight begins to lengthen. We observe this. Times and seasons are understood by contemplating astronomy.

Our Climb Up the Seven Steps

The Winding Stair Lecture prompts us to be lifelong learners. Our education does not stop in high school or college.

We are to continue to read classic literature, the *Bible*, biographies, novels, and history. We need to continue to expand our vocabulary and practice writing.

We should better comprehend the use of music, plays, and art in our lives. We ought to practice math and geometry.

These sciences make us better able to understand our world. As we persevere in learning throughout our lives, we will become better men in Masonry.

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Principle Centered Leadership:

Worshipful Alex B. Bengtson

When we teach the ritual, we are concerned with more than just rote memorization. Our ritual is a powerful tool by which we turn men into Masons and develop in them an understanding of the principles and values of our great Fraternity. Consequently, we go beyond the words to explain the symbols and teach the candidate and new Mason the underlying meaning of our ritual.

I have often reflected on the similarity between the principles of Masonry and that of military leadership. Reflecting on both my Masonic and military careers, I have concluded that there has been a strong Masonic influence on leadership in the military. The military teaches principle centered leadership, which is strongly focused on high moral principles and values. A book could be written on the subject, but I only hope to illustrate this through a few examples.

I believe that this strong focus on principles and values can be directly attributed to the influence of George Washington being a Mason. General



Washington was well-known and highly regarded for his exemplary moral character and his ability to lead troops in adverse situations. When we think of patriots such as Worshipful Brother Washington, we can only begin to imagine the selfless service and sacrifice of these great men.

One piece of evidence that suggests this strong influence of Masonry on military leadership goes back to the tradition of military Lodges and in recent history in the presence of Masonic Lodges on military bases, which was a common occurrence, until this practice abruptly stopped around 1949.

So, what is principle centered leadership? Webster's dictionary defines principles as: rules or standards, especially of good behavior; fixed or predetermined policies or modes of action, such as the golden rule.

Value is defined as: a principle, standard, or quality regarded as worthwhile or desirable, such as traditional moral values. You would agree these are attri-

butes of a Mason.

The *U.S. Army Field Manual* describes principle centered leadership in detail and teaches the "Be, Know, Do" philosophy. I will focus on the "be," which is precisely what we must "be" as Masons and leaders at work, in our communities, in our churches, as well as in other civic and charitable organizations of which we may be a member. I am sure that these will all sound familiar to you all:

- Loyalty;
- Duty;
- Respect;
- Selfless Service;
- Honor;
- Integrity; and
- Personal Courage.

As further evidence, here are two other examples: first, the Oath of Office for a Commissioned Officer, and second, the fouled anchor, symbol of a Navy Chief.

... we must encourage each Mason to follow principle centered leadership. Each day we are faced with choices. Our character is determined by the actions we take and choices we make. We should encourage each Mason to listen closely to the closing charge recited by the Worshipful Master after the meeting, for when our actions are guided and our choices are made in accordance with that charge we cannot materially err.

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The Influence Of Masonry On United States Military Leadership

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As you listen to the Oath of Office for a Commissioned Officer, you will hear some similar terminology to that of our Masonic obligations:

“I, (state name), having been appointed an officer in the Army of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God.”

There are even more similarities as you listen to *The Chief's Fouled Anchor*, which is heard at every Chief Petty Officer's pinning ceremony. It seems as if it might have been written by a Mason because, like the Masons, the Navy here utilize tools and implements of architecture, and symbolic emblems most expressive to imprint on the mind wise and serious truths. Here is how it goes:

The fouled anchor is the emblem of the rate of Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. Attached to the anchor is a length of chain and the letters U.S.N. To the novice, the anchor, chain and letters only identify a Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy, but, to a Chief, these have a more noble and glorious meaning.

"U" stands for Unity, which reminds us of cooperation, maintaining harmony and continuity of purpose and action.

"S" stands for service, which reminds us of service to our God, our fellow man, and our Navy.

"N" stands for navigation, which reminds us to keep ourselves on a true course, so that we may walk upright before God and man in our transactions with all mankind, but especially with our fellow Chiefs.

The chain is symbolic of flexibility and reminds us of the chain of life that we forge day by day, link by link and may it be forged with honor, morality and virtue.

The anchor is emblematic of the hope and glory of the fulfillment of all God's promises to our souls. It is by the golden or precious Anchor that we must be kept steadfast in faith and encouraged to abide in our proper station amidst the storm of temptation, affliction and persecution.

In conclusion, we must encourage each Mason to follow principle centered leadership. Each day we are faced with choices. Our character is determined by the actions we take and choices we make. We should encourage each Mason to listen closely to the closing charge recited by the Worshipful Master after the meeting, for when our actions are guided and our choices are made in accordance with that charge we cannot materially err.

Courtesy of the Committee on Masonic Education
Reference:

U.S. Army Field Manual 22-100 "Army Leadership" Dept. of the Army Form 71, 1 August 1959
The Chief's Fouled Anchor www.goatlocker.org

Civil War Research Lodge

Right Worshipful Bennett Hart

The Civil War Lodge of Research will be starting the ensuing Masonic Year (2017) with the Installation of Officers at Manasseh Lodge No. 182, at 1910 Cockrell Road in Manassas, Virginia.

The April stated will be 10:00 AM, April 8, 2017, at Monroe Lodge No. 301, Appomattox, confirmed. A block of rooms will be at the new motel near the battlefield for Friday and Saturday nights (Appomattox Inn and Suites), meals are being planned and in addition to visiting the new Confederate Museum there.

The July Stated will be 10:00 AM, July 8, 2017, at Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Virginia, confirmed. Rooms will be blocked, and meals planned. Besides the history of the Lodge itself, visits to the cemeteries, headquarters, and other sites are planned.

The October stated will be at 10:00 AM, October 7, 2017, Fredericksburg No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Rooms will be blocked, and meals planned. Historian Bradley Gottfried and author of a series of *Maps of (Wilderness, Gettysburg, Antietam, Bristoe Station and Mine Run Campaigns, First Bull Run)* is planning to make a presentation there, and he will have various copies of his several books available.



Bradley Gottfried
historian and author.

Retiring Secretaries For the Masonic Year 2017

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997)
Grand Secretary

This year we welcome thirty-nine new Lodge Secretaries. We say “thank you” to those Secretaries, who have either retired or asked to be replaced. In the subordinate Lodge, one of the most important offices is that of Secretary. This is true because the member who serves in this office usually continues from year to year and strives to bring continuity to the affairs of the Lodge. We have been fortunate to have Brethren to serve faithfully for many years in their respective Lodge(s).

The following Brethren served ten or more years as Secretary:

Christopher J. Osgood, Atlantic No. 2	13 years
Steven L. Dixon, Oriental No. 20	12 years
Fletcher B. Watson, IV, Pittsylvania No. 24	38 years
Warren C. Beach, II, Fork Union No. 127	22 years
Donald L. Kelley, Glen Allen No. 131	13 year

The following Brethren served from one to nine years as Secretary:

William E. Potocki, St. Tammany No. 5	David R. Long, Magnetic No. 184
Francis L. Romero, Jr., Richmond Randolph No. 19	James W. Schoonmaker, III, John Blair No. 187
Wayne S. Flora, Princess Anne No. 25	Peter E. Terrill, Springfield No. 217
Bryan K. Hurley, Catlett No. 35	Robert G. Mertz, Jr., Mount Vernon No. 219
David G. Dunwody, Fairfax No. 43	Hobert M. Bowers, Jr. Appalachia No. 229
M. Hunter Birkhead, Sr., Piedmont-Stella No. 50	Billy R. Wills, Boone No. 247
Charles E. Wilkinson, III, Elmer Timberman No. 54	Tyler R. Adams, Lebanon No. 251
Stanley W. Helmintoller, Mackey No. 69	R. Jack Williams, Mountain Home No. 263
Ronald E. Roark, Blackstone No. 79	Sidney W. Bush, Sr., Webber High Twelve No. 282
Edwin D. Morman, Arlington Centennial-Glebe, Naomi No. 81	Peter S. Jensen, Columbia No. 285
John K. King, Liberty No. 95	Robert H. Cummins, Sr., Dupont No. 289
Henry Booth, Highland No. 110	Wayne H. Lewis, Central No. 300
Thomas H. Otto, Augusta No. 111	Herbert M. Reedy, Campbell No. 316
Barry E. Constant, Mt. Carmel No. 133	Joseph D. Myers, Transportation No. 337
Michael A. Huff, Hunter No. 135	Christopher R. Chrzanowski, The Patriot No. 1957
William J. Comeau, Cassia No. 142	Todd R. Fisher, Black Heath Daylight No. 1982
Donald L. Groh, Berkley No. 167	Andrew G. Coelho, Kwinning-Crosse No. 2-237

As you can see from above, the length of service varies from one to thirty-eight years. Whenever you meet one of these Brethren, take the opportunity to express your appreciation for their service to the Craft.

“Immortality and charity might be considered synonymous, as they require service to others. This service is often delivered without the knowledge of the recipients, and never with the expectation of recognition.”

Editor

Southwest Masonry



L-R: 1st row: Bro. Bill R. Owens, Bro. Roger R. Vandyke, Rt. Wor. Douglas V. Jones, Wor. Robert D. Maxwell, 2nd row, Bro. C. Mike Vandyke, Bro. Dave L. Lawson, Rt. Wor. Jeff Boardwine, Wor. Joe C. Smith.

Right Worshipful Douglas V. Jones, Grand Senior Deacon, toured Southwest Virginia. He started his tour by driving to Abingdon, Virginia. Right Worshipful Brother Jones then continued his Masonic tour by visiting Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260, where a fine country-style dinner was served.

After dinner, Worshipful Robert D. Maxwell welcomed all the visitors and asked that everyone introduce themselves and their Lodge. All six Lodges of Masonic District 45 were in attendance.

Right Worshipful Jeffrey Boardwine officially put the new traveling gavel into service.

Worshipful Robert D. Maxwell introduced Right Worshipful Brother Jones, who gave a fine speech. Afterward, Worshipful Brother Maxwell presented the Grand Senior Deacon with a plaque with a lump of red ash coal as a remembrance of his first trip to Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260.

Right Worshipful Brother Jones continued his tour by visiting Dryden Lodge No. 156 and concluded his visit with a breakfast at Abingdon Lodge No. 48.

Cedar Bluff



L-R: Jim and Linda Singleton, Wor. Robert D. Maxwell, Mark Singleton.

The Community Builders Award was presented to Linda Singleton by the Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260. The award represents the dedication, time, and effort put forth by Linda throughout the years. Together with the help of many other people, she has helped make Cedar Bluff prosper. This award is presented to a non-Mason, who is community minded and works tirelessly for their community.



Jesse Yeatts was awarded the Community Builders Award, by Worshipful Danny G. Rowles, Anderson Lodge No. 258. Worshipful Brother Rowles said, "Jesse has given of himself tirelessly and unselfishly."

Yeatts has served the Gretna Volunteer Fire Department for forty-two years and forty years to the Gretna Rescue Squad.

Yeatts was surprised to receive the award, saying, "It was really, really nice."

His job has taken Yeatts all over the country.

Ladies Night



L-R: Wor. George D. McDaniel presents the Community Builders Award to Donna Mowbray.

At their annual Ladies Night Dinner, Masonic Lodges, Charles Franklin Shuler No. 74 and Ashlar No. 125, recognized Donna Mowbray for her years of service to the community of Elkton with the Community Builders Award.

Ms. Mowbray, a lifelong resident of Elkton and 1976 graduate of Elkton High School, is an employee of the Rockingham County schools for many years, the mother of two, grandmother of two, and a collector of town memorabilia. In 1986, she was one of the founders of Elkton Progressive Improvement Committee (EPIC) and active in the town's Centennial celebration.

Her contributions include being Chairperson for the Elkton Open Golf Tournament and Elkton Autumn Days for thirty years, helping to organize the Route 340-Yard Crawl, and the Garden and Park Home Tour. She is also an integral part in developing the Fort Stone-wall Playground, the Park Picnic Shelter, and the Park Memorial Rock Wall.

Ms. Mowbray is also active with the Evangelical United Methodist Church, where she has spearheaded activities for Western State, the Open-Door Sunday School, and was vital to the fund-raising for the church's elevator.

In addition to countless other school activities, she has been a die-hard benefactor of the Elkton Blue Sox, working concessions, collecting gate monies, and has been named Volunteer of the Year for the team.

Biennial Communication of The Grand Lodge of Gabon

Worshipful William J. White

The Biennial Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Gabon convened in November 2015 in Libreville, Gabon. Most Worshipful, and His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, was installed as Grand Master, as were the Grand Lodge Officers.

Over seven hundred Freemasons, from all over the African Continent, north to Morocco, to South Africa, east to Madagascar, and west to Benin, Europe, Middle East, Argentina, and the United States (District of Columbia and Virginia), attended The Grand Communication, opened in the Entered Apprentice's Degree.

Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. (2015) appointed me as temporary Grand Lodge Representative to the Grand Lodge of Gabon Near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Let me tell you "the rest of the story," a near three-decade Masonic friendship, the result of which was a visit to Gabon. At Libreville, I was received by my best fraternal friend, Right Worshipful Guy J. Masquefa.

Many of you may fondly remember Most Worshipful Edward Herman Cann (1962), and the most admired and respected Mason of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

Freemasons in France knew of Most Worshipful Brother Cann, and desiring to establish a Sister City relationship between Frejus, France and Fredericksburg, Virginia, these Freemasons of the National Grand Lodge of France were cordially welcomed to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, upon their initial visit, in 1988.

Frejus and Fredericksburg are Sister Cities and, in 1989, Right Worshipful Hubert Masquefa and his son, Right Worshipful Guy J. Masquefa were elected to Honorary Membership in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. On March 4, 1989, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 597, Grand Lodge National Francis Frejus,



L-R: Mt. Wor. and His Excellency, Ali Bongo Ondimba and Wor. William J. White.

France was consecrated, and, thereafter "twinned" with Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

Paris, close by 5° east longitude, to Libreville, 10° east longitude, is a straight as an arrow's flight-path, over the eastern Atlantic shore to arrival at Libreville. A good opportunity for one's face to be glued to the Boeing 777's window, or read Brother Rudyard Kipling's *Ballads*.

The first Masonic Lodge on the continent of Africa to honor Worshipful George Washington was consecrated at Libreville several years ago, George Washington Lodge No. 21, Grand Lodge of Gabon. My dear Brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 21 also received me at the Libreville airport.

Most Worshipful, and His Excellency, Ali Bongo Ondimba, received Grand Lodge Representatives. Have you decided on why the title His Excellency is in addition to Most Worshipful?

Most Worshipful Brother Ondimba is President of the Republic of Gabon, and Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Ondimba is only the second President to be elected to Honorary Membership in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, the first being Worshipful Brother Washington.

The Grand Lodge Representatives were graciously and hospitably re-

ceived in the Grand East by the Grand Master. The Grand Master encouraged Masons to operatively practice the tenets instilled upon us when obliged as Entered Apprentices. Masons of numerous languages, faiths, cultures, and titles attended.

A Ladies' Night banquet was hosted by the Grand Master and his First Lady. Again, The Grand Master fraternally spoke with each Mason in attendance. The First Lady was ever gracious to us all.

Right Worshipful Guy J. Masquefa is more of a brother, than a Brother Mason. Is that not what Freemasonry should be about?

My Brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 21 were ever so friendly and hospitable. They are all dedicated and fraternal Freemasons. It is my fervent hope that Brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 21, and Gabon's Grand Master, may soon visit their Sister Lodge, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. At their visit, I hope that assembled may be the Holy Bible, on which our Worshipful George Washington received his Masonic obligation, the trowel (in the care of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22), that he operatively spread the cement upon the cornerstone of the United States Capitol, and Worshipful Brother Washington's gavel (in the care of Potomac Lodge No. 5) all these superlative, invaluable Masonic masterpieces on the Altar of the Lodge.

It was an honor to represent my Mother Lodge, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Biennial Communication of The Grand Lodge of The Republic of Gabon. Especially being received by Most Worshipful, and his Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of The Republic of Gabon, and Honorary Member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

Boykins CBA



L-R: Ms. Frances P. Edwards and
Wor. Freddy W. Felts.

The Community Builders Award, is given annually to a local citizen by Boykins Lodge in recognition of their ongoing and past contributions in making the Town of Boykins a better place to live. It was awarded during a recently held Ladies Night. At this annual event, Ms. Frances P. Edwards, a long-time citizen of Boykins and a well-respected teacher in the area for many years, was chosen as the 2016 recipient of the Community Builders Award. Additionally, Right Worshipful Roy A. Lassiter was recognized as a 70-Year Mason. Most Worshipful Jeffrey E. Hodges (2009) made the trip from Charlottesville to make this special presentation.



L-R: Wor. Frank D. Davis, Jr.,
Bro. Jonathan E. Mills, and
Rt. Wor. Herman L. Roach.

Brother Jonathan Mills was presented his 50-Year membership certificate by Right Worshipful Herman Roach. Worshipful Master Frank Davis, Jr., of Carter Lodge No. 323, Blairs, Virginia assisted in the presentation.

Still Going



L-R: Rt. Wor. Wayne D. Golden,
Sr., Wor. Marvin L. Spruill, and
Rt. Wor. Paul W. Pennybacker, Sr.

Worshipful Marvin L. Spruill, Right Worshipful Brother Golden, Sr., and Right Worshipful Brother Pennybacker, Sr. attending his 60th consecutive annual stated communication of Norfolk Lodge No. 1. Worshipful Brother Spruill was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 31, 1957, and served as Master of Norfolk Lodge No. 1, in 1967.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Jim E. Glovier and
Bro. Zachary R. Holbrook.

Brother Zachary Ryan Holbrook was presented his Eagle Scout Award, from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, by Right Worshipful Jim Glovier at Fidelity Lodge No. 173 in Nickelsville, Virginia. Brother Holbrook earned the award as a Senior at J. J. Kelly High School in Wise, Virginia, and joined the U.S.M.C. after graduation. He received his award after being Initiated into Masonry at Fidelity Lodge. Congratulations Brother Holbrook.

150 Year Celebration



L-R: Wor. Larry W. Jarvis, Rt.
Wor. Gary Wallace Taylor - Deputy
Grand Master, and Right Rt.
Wor. P. Gene Oliver, Jr.

On December 12, 1866, a Virginia Masonic Charter was issued to a group of industrious men in Bland County. This was the beginning of Bland Lodge No. 206. Still going strong today, these Brethren are now celebrating their one hundred-and-fiftieth-year of holding a Charter in the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Bland Lodge No. 206, along with the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 41, held their annual family and friends Christmas dinner highlighting the Sesquicentennial.

The Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Gary W. Taylor, was the keynote speaker for the evening, and presented Worshipful Master Larry W. Jarvis a one hundred and fifty year anniversary plaque for Bland Lodge No. 206 from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He further explained how the Lodge was formed and became established in those early years following the Civil War.

Guests enjoyed singing Christmas carols; it was then time for that very special person to appear - none other than Santa Claus himself. The young and young at heart had an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

Job's Daughters International

I was initiated into Job's Daughters International (JDI) at the age of fourteen in 2011, not knowing that my first few steps and squared corners in that Lodge room would be the first steps on an amazing adventure. Four years later, I was chosen as Miss Job's Daughter of Virginia 2015-16, which has been an absolute dream. The Daughters of Virginia are talented leaders full of respect, confidence, and sisterhood, so it is an honor to represent them. One of the best things about JDI is learning about others through meetings, fun events, community service, and traveling.

My theme this year, focus' on learning about one another with "Empathy: To Learn, To Love, To Grow Together." Empathy is essential in any Masonic organization to grow and lead the organizations to their fullest potential. We often have the opportunity to travel and learn about other Bethels and jurisdictions. I have been all around Virginia to visit Bethels, as well as Michigan for JDI's Supreme Session, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the Philippines, and California.

One of the most memorable trips was to the Philippines for Grand Session of Job's Daughters. Being a Filipino girl born in the United States, I knew a little bit about my heritage. During this trip, I learned not only about Filipino history and culture, but about Freemasonry's history and its role in the Philippines. It was so meaningful to see two sides of my heritage, Filipino and Masonic, come together by meeting so many Jobbie sisters and visiting the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. I even met the retiring and incoming Grand Masters of the Philippines, Dad Tomas Rentoy, III and Dad Voltaire Gazmin, through a traditional *kamayan* meal (literally, eat with hands). I found out that Dad Gazmin is also an active member of several Masonic Organizations in Northern Virginia and friends with my father. Free-



L-R: Grand Bethel Honored Queen Caitlyn Joseph, Miss Congeniality Camran Dearhart, and Miss Virginia Job's Daughter Misha Capuno at Grand Session.



A traditional *kamayan* meal, literally, eat with hands, in the Philippines during my visit.

masonry truly transcends borders and connects the world.

As my term comes to a close, I am very grateful for our Masonic heritage and would love to meet you.

Community Builders



L-R: Wor. Robert Worthington, Ms. Gothard (holding certificate), and her parents.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 awarded a Community Builders award to Ms. Carmine Gothard. Ms. Gothard, while a high school student, created an organization called Breaking Your Silence, to support victims of sexual assault. Breaking Your Silence was started and funded by herself and family to support victims, like herself, in their endeavors to overcome the impact of sexual assault. The award was presented at a Loudoun County Shrine Club meeting with representatives of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, Eastern Star, and Amaranth present to learn more about the organization and its community engagement and activities. Ms. Gothard is now a full-time student at George Mason University and will be receiving support from numerous Masonic Organizations in her continued work.

More information can be found at: <http://www.breakingyoursilence.org/>

"No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave."

Calvin Coolidge

Masonic Awards



L-R: Wor. Al Diplacidi, Wor. Ray Bacchus in costume, and Rt. Wor. Michael Pobat.

Right Worshipful Michael Pobat presented a program on Pythagoras and his Academy, "Possible Roots of Freemasonry." This presentation is an annual event in honor of Worshipful Charles "Dick" Walk, a Past Master of Springfield Lodge No. 217 and active member on the Committee of Work. Worshipful Brother Walk was well known throughout the jurisdiction. The presentation involved Pythagoras (A.K.A. Worshipful Ray Bacchus) walking into the Lodge and impersonating Pythagoras in an interactive conversation between him and Right Worshipful Brother Pobat. A very entertaining program and one available to other Lodges upon request.



L-R: Wor. Wade V. Evans, III, Mr. Jeffrey L. Everhart, and Mt. Wor. James E. Litten.

Most Worshipful James Edward Litten (2016) presented a Community Builders Award to Jeffrey Lee Everhart, Attorney-at-Law. Mr. Everhart is a graduate of the T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, having earned an excellent reputation for integrity and professionalism over his thirty-four years of practicing criminal-defense law. Mr. Everhart is also one of the few attorneys certified by the Virginia Supreme Court to represent individuals accused of capital murder.



Members of Clinton Lodge No. 73, Amherst, celebrating their open house and the installation of a new chair lift.



L-R: Vanessa Jones and Wor. James E. Jones, Jr.

Purdie Lodge No. 170, in Windsor, held an Open House with forty-nine folks in attendance. There was a short presentation on Freemasonry and the history of Purdie Lodge. Right Worshipful L. Joseph Hudson made some brief remarks. Also, displayed at each Officer's chair was their apron along with a brief explanation of their duties. The working tools of the three degrees were displayed with the lesson each one teaches us as Masons. Masonic pamphlets were available, books with pictures of Masonic events, and Past Masters were enjoyed by our visitors.

"People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument."

Will Rogers

Olive Branch Lodge No. 114, proudly awarded the 2016 Doc Hocker Masonic Excellence Award to Brother Doug Snell. Brother Doug, while serving as Senior Warden, clearly committed himself to the activities and future of the Lodge by giving of himself far beyond the requirements of the chair. He singlehandedly completed numerous maintenance and refurbishment projects throughout the Lodge building. His support of our youth organizations, Rainbow Assembly No. 11, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 52, and Ashburn Demolay Chapter have set a fantastic example for other Masons to follow.



"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

Dwight David Eisenhower

50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between November 27, 2016 and February 8, 2017

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Robert Erle Davis, Jr.	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Clayton Laurraine Collins	Blandford Lodge No. 3
Bro. Richard Allen Calver	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
Bro. Robert Kenneth McDilda	Hoge Lodge No. 8
Wor. John Alex Kontopanos, Jr.	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Rt. Wor. Joseph Patrick Westfall, Jr.	Petersburg Lodge No. 15
Bro. James Linton Griffith	Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
Bro. John Bailey Rollins, IV	Oriental Lodge No. 20
Rt. Wor. Paul Melton Pruitt	Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24
Bro. Thomas William Ford, Jr.	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
Rt. Wor. Jack Robert Golightly, Sr.	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
Wor. Evander Franklin Bowman	Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50
Rt. Wor. Charles Avis Via	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Bro. Taliaferro Crawford Dickerson, III	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Bro. Glenn Boyd Nash	Tazewell Lodge No. 62
Bro. William Dean Fields	Tazewell Lodge No. 62
Bro. Billy Estil Frazier	Pleasants Lodge No. 63
Bro. George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	Pleasants Lodge No. 63
Bro. Kenneth Bernard Munsey	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Paul Louis Blum	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. John Wesley Cooper, Jr.	Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
Wor. Billy Joe Duncan	McDaniel Lodge No. 86
Bro. John William Eanes, Jr.	McDaniel Lodge No. 86
Bro. Sherman Lee Reece	Ruth Lodge No. 89
Bro. Porter Luther Richardson	Norview Lodge No. 113
Bro. Douglas Harris Tapscott	Taylor Lodge No. 117
Wor. Jerol Gordon Fox	Temperanceville Lodge No. 121
Wor. Earnest Milton Doughty	Temperanceville Lodge No. 121
Bro. Wilton B. Thomas	Lafayette Lodge No. 137
Bro. Dale H. Hoak	Lafayette Lodge No. 137
Bro. William Augustus Ricketts, Jr.	Widow's Son Lodge No. 150
Rt. Wor. Richard Gregory Bowman	Franklin Lodge No. 151
Bro. Horace Stanley Sykes	Franklin Lodge No. 151
Bro. Charles Garnett Cox	Shelby Lodge No. 162
Bro. Jimmy Vernon Smallwood	Miles Lodge No. 165
Bro. Reginald Edward Saville	Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166
Bro. Johnny D. Guthrie	Lakeland Lodge No. 190
Wor. Lewis Coleman Booth, Jr.	Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203
Bro. Frank David James	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
Wor. Wallace Gray Nunn	Virgilina Lodge No. 248
Wor. Tyrone Herbert Hash	Suthers Lodge No. 259
Bro. John Dannie Smith	Newport Lodge No. 261
Wor. Norris Stiff	Newport Lodge No. 261
Bro. Horace Williamson Tucker	Northside Lodge No. 292
Bro. Wilbur Jene St John	Monroe Lodge No. 301
Wor. Jesse Carlton Carter	Victoria Lodge No. 304
Wor. Perry Alton Lewis	Edwards Lodge No. 308
Wor. Gordon Martin Kent	Campbell Lodge No. 316
Bro. Donald Haydon George	Reedville Lodge No. 321
Rt. Wor. John Henry Price	Warwick Lodge No. 336

SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Wor. Marvin Leroy Spruill	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
Bro. William Melvin Sawyer	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Willis Eugene Price	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Acey Julius Evans	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Harry Nelson Gustin	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. John Curtis Foster	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Edward Leroy Fournier	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Henry Albert Johnson	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
Bro. Carlos B. Hart	Taylor Lodge No. 23
Bro. William L. Osborne	Fincastle Lodge No. 33
Bro. Archibald Martin McRainey	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
Bro. Donald Hogan Misner	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Bro. Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	Pleasants Lodge No. 63
Bro. Ivory Elmo Steffey	Clintwood Lodge No. 66
Bro. Donald Duncan Lowe	Old Town Lodge No. 68
Bro. John David Brougher	Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
Bro. William Bruce Holt	Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
Bro. Nathaniel Burwell Harvey, Jr.	Liberty Lodge No. 95
Bro. Hartwell Henry Lawrence	Norview Lodge No. 113
Bro. Carroll Douglas Dofflemyer	Lafayette Lodge No. 137
Bro. Nathan G. Hamrick	Lafayette Lodge No. 137
Bro. Dallas Lee Wolford	Craighill Lodge No. 160
Rt. Wor. Charles William Bland	Purdie Lodge No. 170
Bro. Thomas Wise Rorrer, Jr.	Lee Lodge No. 209
Bro. Jesse Sherwood Howell, Jr.	Churchland Lodge No. 276
Bro. William Jackson Purvis	Alberene Lodge No. 277
Bro. George Martin Williams	Northside Lodge No. 292
Wor. Frank Schick	South Hill Lodge No. 297
Wor. James Allen Taylor, Jr.	South Hill Lodge No. 297
Wor. James Garnett Alls	Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Bro. Charles Warren Myers	Babcock Lodge No. 322
Wor. James Severn Wright, Sr.	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
Bro. Robert Cyril Clark	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Clarence Emerson Sasse	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Wor. Harry Ellington McCoy, Jr.	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. Charles Drewery Grant	Atlantic Lodge No. 2
Bro. J. Grant Robins	Capeville Lodge No. 107
Bro. Aubrey N. Blanks	French Lodge No. 270
Bro. William Delly Eastwood, Jr.	Kent Lodge No. 305

**“What a man does for others,
not what they do for him,
gives him immortality.”**

Daniel Webster

Masonic Veterans



L-R: Wor. Benjamin Hubbard, Mt. Wor. George Bernard Dungan, Jr., Wor. Ralph Henry Ransone, Rt. Wor. Ted Russell George, and Rt. Wor. Linwood Ray Spears.

Worshipful Ralph Henry Ransone receiving his 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award. Brother Ransone is a member of Lancaster Union Masonic Lodge No. 88, Kilmarnock, Virginia. He is also a member of ACCA Shrine Temple, the Northern Neck Shrine Club, Westmoreland Royal Arch Chapter No. 41, and the Richmond Valley of the Scottish Rite.



L-R: Bro. Edward F. Rainey and Rt. Wor. L. Andy Bailey

Franklin Lodge No. 151 held their annual Ladies Night and honored Brother Edward F. Rainey. He was recognized as Franklin's latest 50-Year Masonic Veteran award recipient. Brother Rainey joined Franklin Lodge September 4, 1966. Brother Rainey was a life-long resident of Franklin until he and his wife, Verlie moved to Murfreesboro in 1999. Ed was also very proud of his service to his country, serving in the U.S. Navy on the battleship Iowa.



L-R: Mt. Wor. W. Frank Perdue; Brother M. G. Lozaw, Brother Robert C. Hoard, Brother Clarence E. Snyder, Brother Donald E. Wright, 5 and Wor. Timothy S. Brandon.

Warwick Lodge No. 336 and Most Worshipful W. Frank Perdue (1991) were pleased to present three 50-Year Veteran certificates to Brother Robert C. Hoard, Brother Clarence E. Snyder, and Brother Donald E. Wright. Brother M. G. Lozaw also received his 60-Year Veterans presentation at Warwick Lodge No. 336 from Most Worshipful W. Frank Perdue.



Right Worshipful Charles W. "Pinky" Bland receiving his 60-Year Veterans Award from Grand Master, Vernon Stuart Cook. He has served his Lodge as Master, Secretary, and Treasurer.



Brother Raymond E. Wimbrough (center) 70-Year member of Tidal Wave No. 273, now Seaboard No. 56.



Right Worshipful Roy A. Lassiter (center holding plaque) accepts his 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award from (facing Right Worshipful Brother Lassiter) Most Worshipful Jeffrey E. Hodges (2009) at Boykins Lodge No. 287's Ladies Night. Looking on is Right Worshipful Roy A. Lassiter's wife, Kitty Lassiter (directly behind Right Worshipful Brother Lassiter). Taking part in the ceremony were two longtime friends and Brothers Right Worshipful Ollie W. "Mutt" Kirkland and Right Worshipful R. T. Lassiter. Many other friends and family members look on as well.



L-R: Wor. Robert D. Maxwell, Wor. Joseph C. Smith, Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Boardwine presenting Brother Glen H. Hagy (seated) his 50-Year Masonic Veterans award.

Brother Hagy served in the Army Air Force during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. Afterward, he completed his education and taught school. Brother Hagy served his Lodge in a variety of ways throughout the years. The length of his service is a testimony to his life, and the values that he possesses.

Masonic Veterans



L-R: Rt. Wor. Harvey L. Fleshman, M.W. James E. Litten, Rt. Wor. E. Russell Bane, and Rt. Wor. Garnett A. Taylor.

Right Worshipful Harvey L. Fleshman, a member of Day Lodge No. 58, received the Grand Master's Sunshine Award, having had perfect attendance at all stated communications of Day Lodge for his entire forty-nine years in Masonry. Right Worshipful E. Russell Bane, a member of Day Lodge No. 58, received his 60-Year Veterans Award. Right Worshipful Garnett A. Taylor, a member of Waddell Lodge No. 228, received his 50-Year Veterans Award.



L-R: Most Worshipful James E. Litten, Worshipful William C. Phillips, and Worshipful William C. Phillips, Jr.

Worshipful William C. Phillips was presented his 60-Year Veterans Award by Most Worshipful Brother Litten (2016) at Campbell Lodge No. 316. Worshipful Brother Phillips served as Worshipful Master of Campbell Lodge No. 316 in 1967, and in 2012, his son Worshipful William C. Phillips Jr. served as Worshipful Master.



Most Worshipful James Edward Litten (2016) presented Right Worshipful Joseph Talmadge Mason his 60-Year Veterans Award at his home. Right Worshipful Brother Mason is ninety-one years old, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy during WWII, serving as a Medic.



L-R: Donnie Bass (Buddy Bass' wife), Wor. Wade V. Evans, III, M. W. James E. Litten, Rt. Wor. Claude Ashley "Buddy" Bass, Jr., and Wor. Donnie Ralph Carter.

Most Worshipful James Edward Litten (2016) presented the 50-Year Masonic Veterans Emblem to Right Worshipful Claude Ashley "Buddy" Bass, Jr. at Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.



Exactly sixty years after Brother Edward Brady Gotwald was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, he received his 60-Year pin and certificate. He was made a Master Mason in Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124, now merged with Petersburg Lodge No. 15. It was presented on behalf of Worshipful Thomas J. Colletti by Right Worshipful Harless Thomas Dobbins, and Right Worshipful Ralph Edward Bartley. Brother Gotwald is in remarkable health at ninety-six years young and expressed his happiness for being remembered. He is also a WWII Veteran, a Marine who served in the South Pacific. This presentation was made at Brother Gotwald's home at his request.

"A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune."

Anonymous



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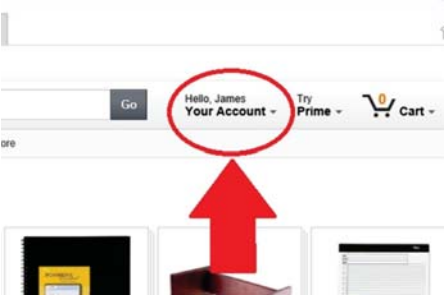
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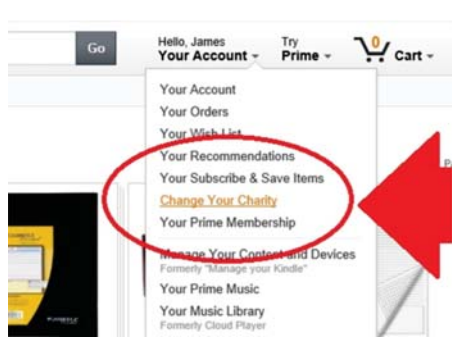
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Set It and Forget It

Brother Sean W. Watterson
Development Officer

I did not miss many days of school as a kid. I was lucky in that I did not really get sick, and when I did, I always felt guilty. There was some inner voice that always said to me, “yeah, you’re sick, but you aren’t really that sick.” On those rare days when I would stay home, though, I always watched infomercials. I was never really interested in any of the products being sold. It was all about the showmanship. The catchy phrases, the (arguably trivial) problems each product purportedly solved, even the crowd interaction was all captivating to me. Keep in mind this was daytime television in the 1990s, so I could not binge watch *Breaking Bad* or *The Wire*. I remember one infomercial, in particular, where the audience gleefully shouts, “Set it and forget it,” when directed by the Ronco host.

I thought about that chorus as I sat down to write this article. What that infomercial knows is that when we do something important and worthwhile, in this case cooking a perfect chicken dinner, having a helpful tool can make something burdensome and difficult seem easy. Making an impactful gift to the Masonic Home is one such task made easier by making automated monthly credit card gifts to the Home.

Making a large, one-time gift to the Home can seem like a tall order. By setting up a monthly credit card gift, small bites will devour a big commitment. For example, buying the equivalent of two meals a month for a resident, \$20,

a donor will wind up giving \$240 to the Home over the course of the year. That adds up to two weeks of groceries, for me at least, which is something I would not be able to do in one fell swoop.

Now, of course, one could easily cut a check to the Home every month for \$20 and get the same effect. But with a recurring gift, why not set it and forget it? In doing so, that donor will make a big impact in small steps without having to remember to give.

To begin your monthly recurring credit card gift, call the Development Office of the Masonic Home of Virginia at 1-800-262-4644, extension 77223.

Brethren, I write this article knowing that when it is published, I will no longer be coming to you and in the most friendly manner, asking for your support for the Home. I will be in a new chapter in my professional career. My time here has strengthened my belief in the good that Freemasonry does in the world, and I can say with absolute certainty that your gift to the Home, be it one gift or several recurring gifts, will make a difference in the lives of our Brethren, their wives, and their widows.

It has truly been an honor.

**Note from
Most Worshipful Jim D. Cole (2001),
CEO**

Brother Sean Watterson has resigned as the Masonic Home’s Development Officer to accept an exciting position with the Federal Maritime Commission, during which time he will complete his doctoral dissertation. Sean’s efforts have greatly assisted our Home, and his numerous contributions to our Mission are most appreciated. He is a fine Mason and a good friend to the Home, its residents, and all who know him.



Resident Anna Sherrod painting.



Residents Cliff and Doris Grotz win a turkey at the raffle.



Resident Pat Heald served by a staff member from Resident Dining.



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, acknowledgments 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 November 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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	Sandston Lodge No. 216		Gary W. Taylor
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	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		Kenneth S. Sumrell
John R. Forman	Morgan D. Howard	Richard E. Robinson	Emmette C. Hanbury
Mark E. Furber	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865	Robbie L. Robinson	Jesse C. Saunders
Ashley L. Garrett	Nancy M. Holder	Joseph G. Sanders	Babcock Lodge No. 322
	Nancy M. Holder	Daryl E. Saunders	Morgan D. Howard
William D. Gillie	William D. Gillie	James M. Searce	Jesse C. Saunders
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John H. Lancaster	Chester Lodge No. 94	Rae C. Williams	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865

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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
April		
4/1	Frances Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
4/1	Nancy Martin	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
4/4	John Carpenter	Meridian Lodge No. 284
4/4	Rose Mills	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/4	James Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
4/4	Elizabeth Payne	Joppa Lodge No. 40
4/7	Frances Bailey	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
4/8	Clifford Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
4/8	Thomas Kaufman	Churchland Lodge No. 276
4/13	Miriam Bew	Babcock Lodge No. 322
4/16	William Holliday	Norview Lodge No. 113
4/17	Jean McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
4/18	Lillie Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
4/24	Mary Colgin	Babcock Lodge No. 322
4/26	Shirley Roberts	Stonewall Lodge No. 200
4/27	Juliet Burton	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
4/27	Craig Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
4/28	Helen Payne	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
May		
5/1	Brenda Kerrick	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
5/1	Edward Swansey	Manchester Lodge No. 14
5/2	Mary Brooks	Richmond Lodge No. 10
5/2	Bessilee Clay	Manchester Lodge No. 14
5/8	Jack Golightly	Fairfax Lodge No. 43
5/8	Lettie Muncy	Sandston Lodge No. 216
5/10	Beatrice O'Connell	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/11	Hattie Crebbs	Waddell Lodge No. 228
5/11	Mildred Milby	West Point Lodge No. 238
5/12	Sue Grizzard	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
5/13	Robert Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
5/19	Blanche Feitig	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
5/19	Evelyn Holliday	Norview Lodge No. 113
5/19	Anne Winder	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
5/20	Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
5/22	C.G. Grizzard	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
5/22	Joseph Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
5/22	David Jenkins	Babcock Lodge No. 322
5/25	Ann Spain	Southside Lodge No. 191
5/26	Eunice Barnes	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/26	Mary Clements	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
5/30	Gardner Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
June		
6/1	Ersell Brinser	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/2	Shirley Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
6/3	Penny Cowne	Manasseh Lodge No. 182
6/4	Mildred Ammons	Warwick Lodge No. 336
6/8	Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
6/9	Albert Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
6/11	Gordon Kirby	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
6/11	James Walker	Varina Lodge No. 272
6/16	Lansing Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
6/16	Ernest Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
6/16	Richard Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/21	Virginia Lancaster	Temple Lodge No. 9
6/22	Curtis Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
6/23	Catherine Murray	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
6/25	Charles Goens	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
6/27	Anna Sherrod	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/28	Rebecca Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
6/30	Florine Johnson	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
April		
4/3/1954	Jim and Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
4/17/1944	Harold and Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/19/1958	Robert and Jean Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
4/22/1950	Joseph and Barbara Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
4/24/1948	Bunion and Myrtle Bussey	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
4/27/1946	Robert and Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
May		
5/16/1961	Albert and Jean Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
5/20/1950	Ernest and Martha Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
5/21/1955	John and Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
5/22/1998	David Jenkins and Evelyn Harding	Babcock Lodge No. 322
5/25/1968	Curtis and Nancy Harver	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
June		
6/2/1951	Richard and Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
6/10/1961	Ed and Paula Swansey	Manchester Lodge No. 14
6/14/1947	Norwood and Jean Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
6/17/1950	Charles and Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
6/21/1952	James and Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
6/22/1963	C.G. and Sue Grizzard	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
6/26/1948	McClellan and Betty Burgess	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
6/29/1956	Blaine and Rebecca Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
6/29/1957	William and Gloria Martin	Sandston Lodge No. 216

New Resident

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
November		
11/16/2016	Frances Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
December		
12/21/2016	Craig Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
12/22/2016	Lillie Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
January - 2017		
1/3/2017	Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
November		
11/14/2016	Norman Goodman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
11/14/2016	Walter McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
December		
12/4/2016	Jane Barnes	Richmond Lodge No. 10
12/12/2016	Sylvia Matthews	Bremond Lodge No. 241
12/21/2016	Maureen Doggett	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
12/22/2016	Claude Fitz	Sandston Lodge No. 216
January - 2017		
1/21/2017	Norma McCullough	Babcock Lodge No. 322



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Residents wrap packages for a local charity.



Residents acting in the Christmas pageant.



Residents Priscilla Sensabaugh and Robert Young ready for the Christmas Pageant.



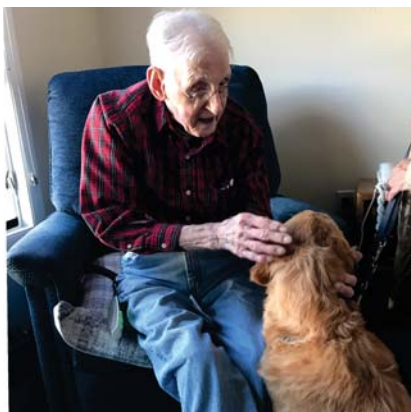
Residents enjoying a trip to Graves Mountain.



Residents feast during a trip to Graves Mountain.



Students from a local elementary school sing for the residents.



Resident Robert Banton enjoys a friendly service dog.



Residents and staff join the Walk to End Alzheimer's.



Resident Luther Zirkle painting.

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