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# Mission and Vision Statement of The Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Virginia

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

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

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## The Grand Master's Message Is Freemasonry Hoodwinking Itself?

Who really knows what we stand for, and what we do?

We are indeed "A Force for Good" in this troubled world of ours. We are first and foremost a Fraternity of like-minded men. But who, outside of our Brotherhood, really knows us as well as they should, and as much as we would like?

Countless times, I have spoken about our gentle Craft and the tremendous amount of charitable activity that is at the core of our existence. As Masons, we continue to provide untold assistance to those in need in the communities we live in, around our great country, and throughout the world. Yet far too few of our fellow citizens, even neighbors and co-workers, really have a clear picture of what Freemasonry is all about.

With such lack of knowledge and understanding, the door is left open for suspicion (even contempt) to creep into their opinions. To a certain extent, that is human nature, and we cannot put the blame totally on the uninformed. We are, at times, our own worst enemy and that needs to change.

The prosperity and value of our Brotherhood is at stake. Over the past few decades, we have seen our membership rolls gradually, yet continually, shrink. Some have predicted that we have reached a leveling-out phase, and in fact, should see our numbers grow in the years to come. However, that will not happen on its own. A full-team effort will turn the tide, if we take a common-sense approach to outwardly communicate our message day-by-day, person-to-person.

**Who are we as Masons?**

We are men from diverse walks of life, from every profession you can imagine. We have untold numbers of Masons in our ranks, and those who have passed on before us, who are highly regarded for their legendary work and contributions throughout the world. Yet, within the Fraternity, we all meet



Grand Master M.: W.: V. Stuart Cook

as equals. Masons come from varied political ideologies, yet meet as friends.

We also come from a wide variety of religious beliefs and creeds, yet all believe in one God. Masons join the Brotherhood of their own free will, with no solicitation whatsoever.

Many of North America's early patriots were Freemasons. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and fourteen Presidents of the United States, including George Washington, were Masons.

A Grand Lodge pamphlet, *Who Are the Masons?* (readily available on-line or through the Grand Secretary's office) describes how the Masonic experience

encourages members to become better men, better husbands, better fathers, and better citizens. The fraternal bonds formed in the Lodge help to build life-long friendships among men with similar goals and values.

**The origins of Freemasonry's name.**

Masonry as we know it today is celebrating its 300th Anniversary this year. In 1717, the four major Lodges in England came together to form the Grand Lodge of England, from which all Grand Lodge Freemasonry in the United States derived. However, the origin of Masonry is much older and can trace its roots to the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries, when artisans and builders worked in guilds during the Middle Ages.

During that period in history, most workers were bonded to the owner of the land on which they worked, the so-called feudal system. "Free" masons were those workers who were not bonded, due to the special skills they possessed, which were deemed indispensable to the welfare of both Church and State.

For this reason, they were not placed under the same restrictions applicable to other workers and were "free" to pursue their labors, travel and to live their lives in a manner befitting their high value as skilled craftsmen.

The word accepted also has special meaning, and its connection with Freemasonry goes back to the days when Masons went through years of apprenticeship to learn the secrets of the builder's art from the Master of the Craft. They were required to demonstrate their ability as craftsmen, before becoming Fellows of the Craft, and able to travel and work on their own and thus become Accepted. Hence, the complicated words in the name of our Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The dues of every Master Mason in Virginia have supported the Home since 1977. The Home is a continuing care retirement community, meaning many residents live there independently in beautiful cottages and apartments.

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## The Grand Master's Message

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If we want to continue to attract good men to our Fraternity, we must display how proud we are to be Masons, and talk about what we do, like the philanthropic endeavors in which Masonry is involved on a daily basis.

The individual requirement of these workmen did not stop with their physical ability to ply their trade and demonstrate their operational skills. They were also bound by certain ethical standards of conduct in their personal lives and as a tradesmen. Today, as Freemasons, we are still bound by these ethical standards and risk losing the privilege of being Master Masons, if we violate civil or criminal laws of the land, or the laws, regulations or edicts of our Grand Lodge.

While speaking of losing our privilege of being Master Masons, you should always remember that being a Mason is a privilege, not a right. Over the years, many a member has been rejected for not being a man of good character when he petitioned. Some, unfortunately, have been expelled from Masonry due to their failure to remain men of good character. We are steadfast and uncompromising in this concept.

### Why care who knows about us?

Brethren, if we are to continue attracting worthy men into our Fraternity, they have to first have good reason to join. It has been my experience over the years that so many of our fellow citizens who are non-Masons have barely a clue as to who we are or what we are about.

We are doing a disservice to the Craft, if we continue to allow ourselves to be judged by the content of movies like *National Treasure* or *In Search of Oak Island*, or articles about devil-worshipping Masons, or speculation about where we hid the national treasures. Unfortunately, this is how too many people form their opinions about Masonry. Most citizens do not even know that a Shriner is first and foremost a Master Mason. If you doubt this level of knowledge about us, just ask a few of your non-Mason friends and listen to the responses that you get.

### Who causes the misconception?

We are all guilty to some extent. This fact came home like a thunderbolt on a recent trip to Omaha, Nebraska, to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. The Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, and I were boarding the plane to come home. We all were wearing our casual blue shirts with the Masonic emblem in bold print and in plain view. (A very handsome shirt, if I may say so.) As we boarded, a stewardess said, "that is a very pretty shirt and is the first time in a long time that I have seen the Masonic emblem anywhere." I thanked her, of course, but her comments continued to echo in my head... "The first time in a long time that I have seen the Masonic emblem anywhere!"

Brethren, what a shame it was to have this nice lady say to me that she had not seen the Masonic emblem dis-



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played or worn anywhere in a long time. She shined a spotlight on a real problem. Not only do Masons not talk enough about Masonry to others, we do not even care enough to wear our logo in public.

Think about it. How many of you wear your favorite hat or shirt with a logo, Titleist, Calloway, Bass Pro, Redskins, Ranger, John Deere, or countless other identities? Where is your hat with our logo or emblem? I bet it is in the closet waiting for the next Masonic function and not one that you wear on a daily or regular basis. Am I correct?

If we want to continue to attract good men to our Fraternity, we must display how proud we are to be Masons, and talk about what we do, like the philanthropic endeavors in which Masonry is involved on a daily basis. Those who are not Masons, and most likely never knew that you are a Mason, will begin to ask the correct questions, so you may engage them in a discussion about who we are and what we do as Masons. You just might realize that you are talking to a future Brother Mason.

The problem of membership could solve itself with us just being proud of being a Mason, and regularly showing that to the outside world.

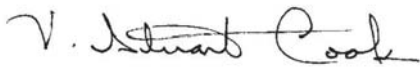
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The dues of every Master Mason in Virginia have supported the Masonic Home of Virginia since 1977. The Home is a continuing care retirement community. Many residents live there independently in beautiful cottages and apartments. The Home provides continuing care regardless of future care needs, and provides a wide array of services, including assisted living, physical therapy, as well as Alzheimer's support, and nursing care.

Brethren, we are all guilty of not proudly speaking enough about our great Fraternity and certainly guilty of not proudly wearing our shirts, hats, jackets, etc., with our Masonic emblem boldly displayed. Together, we can all change this, and I guarantee that there will be many good men who will ask you and me about Masonry and how they can become a part of our great Fraternity.



V. Stuart Cook,  
Grand Master



### Masonic Charities and Beneficiaries

Beyond its focus on individual development and growth, Masonry is deeply involved in helping people in need. The Freemasons of North America, through its various appendant bodies, contribute over \$2.5 million per day to charitable causes. This philanthropy represents an unparalleled example of the humanitarian commitment of our great and honorable Fraternity.

- Shriners Hospitals, twenty-two in all and we witness every day the great work being performed.
- The Scottish Rite "Ritecare" Childhood Language Centers, helping children with speech impediments.
- The Royal Arch, providing funding for research into a cure for Alzheimer's.
- Job's Daughters, supplying aids for the hard of hearing.
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon, support muscular dystrophy research and treatment.
- Royal Order of Amaranth, funding for research in to the cure of diabetes.

These few examples of Masons helping our fellow man are provided as a reminder of just what Masons do as members of our wonderful Fraternity. Every "Appendant Body of Masonry" has a charity that it supports and all members give freely to help those in need!



Masonic Home of Virginia,  
the Crown Jewel of Masonry



# Grand Master's 2016-2017 Itinerary

**July 2017**

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|--------|--|---------|---|
| 6      | Joppa Lodge No. 40                               | 8       | Official Visit, Masonic District 39                             |
| 7      | Official Visit, Masonic District 40              | 9       | Official Visit, Masonic District 29                             |
| 8      | Official Visit, Masonic District 41              | 13      | MAHOVA Board Meeting  |
| 9 – 12 | Imperial Shrine Session, Daytona Beach, Florida  | 15      | Official Visit, Masonic District 16                             |
| 12     | MAHOVA Board Meeting                             | 16      | Official Visit, Masonic District 17                             |
| 13     | Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum College  | 19      | Mann Page Lodge No. 157   |
| 14     | Annual Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Williamsburg | 21 – 23 | South Atlantic Shrine Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina |
| 18     | Varina Lodge No. 272                             |         | Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A, 15B, and 15C             |
| 21     | Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A, 1B, and 54 | 29 – 30 | Scottish Rite Conference, Portsmouth                            |
| 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

**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

**September 2017**

- 1 – 2 Hiram Club of Tidewater
- 7 Day Lodge No. 58

**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)
**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

## 2017 Division Leadership Conferences Thoughts And Lodge Junior Wardens

Right Worshipful William E. "Bill" Hershey, Jr.  
Grand Senior Warden

I believe we can all agree as to the necessity to "plan" regardless of the complexity of an event. In the next couple of paragraphs, I want to focus my message on the elected officers of the Lodge, particularly the Junior Wardens. Over the course of the years, since becoming an elected Grand Lodge Officer and for many years before, one of the more enjoyable, although time-consuming, events for me has been my attendance at the Division Leadership Conferences (DLCs). The DLCs have

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afforded me an opportunity to meet and become friends with Brethren around the state that I would never have had the opportunity to meet. This opportunity in itself has been more than enough reason for me to attend these conferences and to look forward to attending. Over the years, I have been privileged to witness many changes concerning the DLCs.

Thanks to efforts in 2016 on the part of our Grand Provost and the Information Technology Committee, there has been a marked improvement in the ability to analyze the attendance data for the various DLC locations. The implementation of survey capability last year (<http://dlc.vamasons.org>) in order to obtain feedback from attendees has, and will continue to improve the quality of the information shared with the Brethren, who attend the DLCs.

As your Grand Senior Warden, I was particularly pleased with the number of Junior Wardens I was able to meet and say hello to this year at the Counterpart Sessions. According to attendance records from the various locations, one hundred forty-six Brethren registered as Lodge Junior Wardens. This indicates that Junior Wardens were represented by just under fifty percent of the Lodges around the state. For those who attended the Junior Warden Counterpart Session, I hope my message provided information you will find useful as you advance through the chairs in your Lodge. I encourage everyone, in particular the Junior Wardens, to take advantage of the many useful publications listed on the Grand Lodge website as you prepare to become Master of your Lodge. Earning your Warden's Certificate now while you are Junior Warden and becoming aware of matters pertaining to the budget for your Lodge cannot help but make things easier for you when you ultimately arrive in the East.

Those Brethren who attended the DLCs in Abingdon, Alexandria, Roanoke, and Warrenton experienced changes in event locations or times. The Grand Provost would be particularly interested in your feedback and suggestions regarding these changes. I encourage all of the Brethren who attended the DLCs this year to consider logging on to <http://dlc.vamasons.org>, and share your thoughts. As I travel around the state, I am encouraged by what I see in the way of Masons working diligently to insure Masonry remains a "Force for Good." I hope to see many of you in the coming months and more particularly, perhaps at Masonic Family Day in October or at the Grand Annual Communication in November.

## Division Leadership Conference

Worshipful Paul A. Miller  
Grand Provost

It is a fact that planning and preparation are essential skills to master to lead effectively.

We expect leaders to have a clear vision of their goals, definitive plans to reach those goals, and the necessary preparations to assure the greatest possible success for their efforts. The same expectations apply to our efforts to be good leaders, mentors, and coordinators within Masonry.

As Lodge Officers, Committeemen, District Officers, Grand Lodge Committee Members, etc., we add to the success of our efforts when we plan and prepare to work to fulfill these roles.

This includes: planning to present a positive leadership image for the Lodge and district. Planning to participate in events that will make us better informed. Planning to make effective use of the skills of the Brethren around us.

Preparing to be the best officer possible. Preparing to be knowledgeable about Freemasonry, so we can be mentors to others. Preparing ourselves to know our Lodge officers and District team to learn and to share ideas with them.

One sure step is being well-prepared by attending the Division Leadership Conference in your area. Division Leadership Conferences are events that give you the chance to learn more about Lodge leadership, coordinate with the Grand Lodge Officers, and develop relationships with other Lodge officers and the District team.

Make a reminder on your phone, write it on your calendar, put the schedule in your trestleboard, and encourage your Lodge officers and District officers to attend. Remind all your Brethren that these conferences are for every Mason, whether an officer or not. We can all benefit from this opportunity to associate with our Brethren. With some planning and preparation, we can certainly improve ourselves in Masonry.

# Elkview Project

Worshipful Jason D. Matchett

Recently, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 worked on an initiative to purchase, fix up, and deliver a vehicle for a family in Elkview, West Virginia. The Elkview region suffered devastating flooding in June of 2016, a tragedy from which it has yet to recover.



This past February, Worshipful Martin and I delivered a van to the family in Elkview. We also rented a U-Haul trailer to assist in the transport of a donated washer, dryer, and two beds. It was an eighteen hour, eight-hundred-mile adventure full of all kinds of emotions.



The area along the Elk River is still a disaster. We saw houses with watermarks on the second floor (with people still living in the houses), foundations with the home gone, roads and bridges washed away, and endless piles of rubble. We saw empty parking lots where businesses that employed the residents used to stand, and more piles of rubble.

We stopped in Clay, West Virginia, to drop off the beds, washer, and dryer at the local collection facility. The collection center was on the first floor of Clay Masonic Lodge. Coincidence?



However, there are other shining lights as well. There is hope in the midst of the devastation, and there are people who are making a difference. The principal of the local elementary school, is one such person. It is evident that she acts as a mentor to all of the students (two elementary schools are sharing the same space) and to their parents. She is coordinating support efforts, keeping the children clothed and fed, as well as



helping families find alternative housing, and jobs and financial aid. She is an amazing woman. She shared with us that the suicide rate is extremely high (the community lost four parents so far in 2017), not to mention the frequency of child abuse being reported.

Still, there are many without hope. Another shining star is, Miss Holli, the single mother to whom we donated the van. She showed up with her thirteen children all crammed into a minivan. They burst out of the minivan with ex-



citement at the sight of what we had brought. Some ran to the van to touch it, some just froze, and stared. Miss Holli introduced all of the children to us. Three of them are her biological children. The rest she introduced as nieces and nephews. They were all very well behaved, polite, clean, with their hair and teeth brushed. Anyone with children knows that this is a feat of monumental proportions at eight o'clock in the evening, especially on a Saturday night.

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Miss Holli was shaking with excitement as she explained that she could not sleep the night before, that the kids woke up, and before they asked for breakfast, they wanted to know how many hours until the van arrived. A few of the older children had tears in their eyes as Mara, the lady coordinating this effort, let them know she had clothes and food for them. No less than a dozen times Martin and I got a huge hug from Miss Holli while she kept repeating how grateful she was and how much of a difference this was going to make for them.

There is no doubt that this service project has made a huge difference in many lives, including all that have contributed to it. There is also no doubt there is much left to do. We still have a seven-hundred-dollar deficit to make up as a result of this project. Thank you to all who have contributed. We would also like to reach out to the Lodges in the Elkview area to see how we can help with their support efforts. If you are willing to help coordinate that effort, please let me know:

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One final note, this project had a profound effect on each of us that contributed to this worthy cause. There is so much that each of us can do at the local level to make a difference.

## The Youth of Masonry

Brother Kenny Caviness

Think about the future of Masonry and its appendent bodies. Our future members and leaders, for the most part, come from our youth groups; DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls. You should be a part of their learning and mentoring. How else will they gain the knowledge of what Freemasonry is about? This means we should be at their meetings, attending dinners, fund raisers, fun activities, and wherever else we are needed and can attend.

Every one of us says we want to help the Masonic Youth, and we should help. But you may wonder how you can help. Well, here are some ways you can.

One of the first things you can do is attend a youth group meeting. This lets the youth know you care, that you are interested in what they do, and show them they are important to you. Other ways to help is to attend an event that they are having. This also shows them your support. Promote the youth groups by checking with other Masons to see if they have children of proper age and encourage them to get involved. Ask the Bethel, Chapter, or Assembly for help in the Lodge with any outreach your Lodge does in the area or present a program to the Lodge. Invite them to dinners, programs, and open installations at the Lodge that they can see, which gives them more insight to what

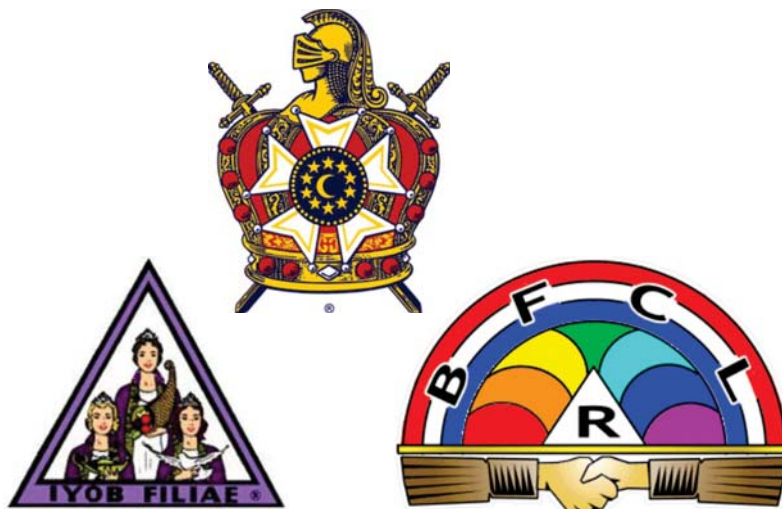
we do. Any support we give is worth more than you will ever know.

We talk all the time about the Masonic Family to which we all belong. Is it not time to show just how important it really is to us and to them by getting out and becoming a part of the lives of our youth? If you do, you will be changed forever for the good.

Opening your Lodge and providing financial support is awesome, and I thank you for what you do for the Masonic Youth. However, there is more you can do by becoming an active part of a Masonic Youth group. Your life will be rewarded, as well as the lives of each youth. The things that the youth need to see and learn, can only be passed down from strong adult influences on their lives. As members of the Masonic Order, we are to provide this for every person we meet. Brethren, there is more to this than carrying a dues card.

You owe it to yourself to find a Bethel, a Chapter, or an Assembly and become an important part in the leaders of tomorrow's lives. They, in turn, will become a part of life that you will not be able to live without.

**Note:** Brother Caviness is a Past Associate Grand Guardian, Virginia Job's Daughters Midlothian No. 211.



# Over 45,000 Miles ...

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau

The Spring 2015 Virginia Masonic Herald ran an article about the Traveling Gavel of Transportation Lodge No. 337. Then, just over a year in transit, the Gavel had been to barely a dozen states. Since then, the Gavel has traveled over thirty-thousand more miles, including Alaska and Hawaii. Fewer than a dozen states remain to complete its fifty-state sojourn.

Like any vacation, each stop and visit is memorable in some way, but certain destinations stick with you. Here are some of the most memorable stops since the previous article in Spring 2015.

In June 2015, the Traveling Gavel was hosted by Columbian Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts. The Lodge's Secretary, James Howard, took advantage of a singular event to put the Gavel in the spotlight. In mid-June, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts participated in the ceremony to return the original cornerstone to the Massachusetts State House. This is the same cornerstone first laid by Grand Master



Traveling Gavel in center, sponsor Wor. James Howard on left, with red beard and sunglasses.



Part of the Masonic assemblage in front of the Massachusetts State House.

Paul Revere, Governor Samuel Adams, and noted American architect Charles Bulfinch (on July 4, 1795). After 1818, Bulfinch also worked on the rebuilding and expansion of the United States Capitol, which had been burned by the British during the War of 1812.

For July 2015, the Traveling Gavel went coast-to-coast and was hosted by Santa Monica-Palisesades Lodge No. 307 and then Senior Warden Greg Cherry. In addition to the usual Masonic functions, stated meetings, degree work, appendant bodies, and other meetings, the Gavel also got to play "tourist" at the Santa Monica Pier and the Golden Gate Bridge. Santa Monica also boasts the largest Masonic cemetery in California, and the Gavel went with a Lodge work crew to place flags.

Hiram Lodge No. 52 of Forsyth, Montana was the host Lodge for September, with the Traveling Gavel handled by then District Deputy Lewie Fletcher, who had seen the Gavel at Cheyenne Lodge No. 1 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in October 2014. Right Wor-



Gavel at Golden Gate Bridge.



Gavel at Masonic Cemetery section, Santa Monica.

shipful Fletcher used the Gavel at the installation of officers for Powder River Lodge No. 135 in Broadus, Montana, by dispensation held at a private ranch.

Hiram Lodge also took the Traveling Gavel to Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, for a Master Mason Degree.

Idaho Lodge No. 1, Boise, Idaho, hosted the Traveling Gavel in November 2015, with then Worshipful Master Levi Billman center with Gavel. Visiting other Idaho Lodges, including Ionic



Wor. Mike Capra, Powder River Lodge No. 135, Broadus, MT

Lodge No. 82 in Cascade, Placer Lodge No. 3 in Horseshoe Bend, and Silver City Lodge No. 13 in Homedale, where the Gavel picked up the nickname, "Thor's Hammer." At Oriental Lodge No. 60 in Boise, the Gavel was used by the first repeat Master in ninety-eight



Moose Jaw Lodge, Worshipful Master with Gavel.

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Idaho Lodge No. 1, Wor. Levi Billman with Gavel in center.

years.

The Traveling Gavel returned home to Transportation Lodge No. 337 for December 2015 and was at twenty-eight events over the month, including Lodge stated meetings and installations, Royal Arch, and the Masonic Herald Publications Board quarterly meeting.

Significant travel in 2016 included a visit to Kenai Lodge No. 11 in Kenai, Alaska. A Past Master there, Ken Owens, had heard about the Gavel from his son, who is an airline pilot working out



Transportation Lodge No. 337 December Stated 2015, author in center with Gavel.

of Omaha, Nebraska. The son saw the Gavel when it visited Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in May 2014. Ken Owens tracked me down and secured a spot on the Gavel's schedule.

In April 2016, the Gavel was hosted by Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, Indiana. A chance encounter with an Indiana Mason visiting a Virginia Lodge for his brother's Master Mason's degree led to that arrangement. Likewise, a Rhode Island Mason in Virginia for work picked a Lodge at random to visit and, because I was part of the examining committee for this visiting Brother, was able to secure his aid as Senior Warden



Monitor Lodge No. 197 installation at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

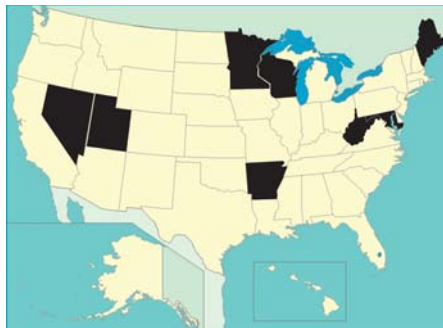


December Stated Warwick Royal Arch Chapter No. 80.

for the Gavel to visit Franklin Lodge No. 20 in Westerly, Rhode Island, in May 2016. In addition, Worshipful Aaron Zeno of Warwick Lodge No. 336, and Brother James Longstreet of Transportation Lodge No. 337, and I drove to the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

In September 2016, the Grand Master of Masons in South Dakota, Most Worshipful Michael Rodman, personally received and took the Gavel to the Re-dedication Ceremony at Mount Rushmore. Ironically, a Virginia Mason on vacation in South Dakota for that event, Right Worshipful William Overby, of Warwick Lodge No. 336, was shocked to hear Newport News mentioned as the home of the Gavel used for the ceremony.

At Virginia's Grand Annual Com-



Valley of Newport News December Stated.



December quarterly Virginia Masonic Herald Board meeting.

munication in November 2016, through the assistance of Most Worshipful William Franklin Purdue (1991), I was introduced to the Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Right Worshipful John Marinucci, who agreed to have his Mother Lodge, Union Lodge No. 7 of Dover, Delaware, host the Gavel for March 2017.

As of the writing of this article in early April 2017, there are only eight states remaining to secure: Arkansas, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Brethren, I need help with these. Do you have family or business contacts in these states? If so, please pass your leads to me at [bcroteau.mason@gmail.com](mailto:bcroteau.mason@gmail.com).

...the Gavel has traveled over thirty-thousand more miles, been to both Alaska and Hawaii, and has fewer than a dozen states remaining to complete its fifty state sojourn.

# An Examination of the Ancient Landmarks

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

The subject of the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry reveals the Craft as less than monolithic. The quest for the particular themes, characteristics, elements, beliefs, principles, and requirements that render Freemasonry not only valuable, but unique have aroused the passions of Brethren, both learned and unlearned, for centuries.

No less an authority than author and Blue Friar, Illustrious S. Brent Morris, 33°, has stated:

“There is a naïve satisfaction in having an absolute list of guiding principles, and a childlike comfort in being able to assert, ‘These constitute the Landmarks ... in which it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make the least innovation.’ However, naïve satisfaction and childlike comfort should not be the guiding forces of Freemasonry as it prepares to face the rigors of the twenty-first century.”<sup>1</sup>

The website of the Grand Lodge of Virginia<sup>2</sup> includes a list of landmarks prepared by famous Masonic author, Albert Mackey, in 1858. It is instructive to hear what he includes on his list of the twenty-five principles or Landmarks of Masonry on pages 14-15 of this issue.

Clearly, some of these Landmarks have been modified over time.

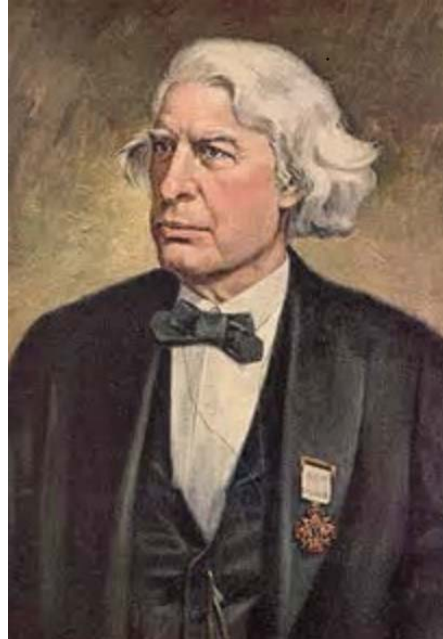
Examples abound. Under certain conditions, a Virginia Lodge may confer the degrees not only on a member of another Lodge, but also on a member under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge.<sup>3</sup>

The right of visitation is subject to a member’s right to object.<sup>4</sup>

The Grand Lodge version of Mackey’s Landmarks omits his final words:

“These constitute the landmarks, or as they have sometimes been called, ‘the body of Masonry,’ in which it is not in the power of man or a body of men to make the least innovation.”<sup>5</sup>

Nevertheless, Virginia’s version of



Brother Albert Galatin Mackey.

The Constitutions of Masonry provides for the adoption of “local ordinances and new regulations...provided always, that the Ancient Landmarks be carefully observed.”<sup>6</sup>

The *Methodical Digest* recognizes the Grand Lodge’s “paramount obligation of preserving the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry,”<sup>7</sup> that “The only limitations [on the authority of a Master of a Lodge] are those imposed by Masonic law, the Ancient Landmarks and his sacred obligations.”<sup>8</sup>

Perhaps the diligent reader has already begun his own exploration of the *Methodical Digest*, has already jumped ahead to discover on his own just what Ancient Landmarks have been adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia.

“After all, [willful] failure to comply with” the requirement that a Mason “must...observe the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry...shall constitute a Masonic offense.”<sup>9</sup>

Still looking? Anxiety gnaws as the reader hunts for the very rules and principles with which the diligent and faithful Brother must comply to avoid

the humiliation and embarrassment of a Masonic trial.

Eureka! Here’s a list in the Standing Resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on February 13, 1935:

“Its ritual is fundamentally in accord with the Ancient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft. This involves:

- (a) Monotheism;
- (b) The *Volume of the Sacred Law*, a part of the furniture of the Lodge;
- (c) Secrecy;
- (d) Symbolism of the operative art;
- (e) The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason;
- (f) The legend of the Third Degree.

It makes Masons of men only.

It is non-sectarian and non-political: i.e., that its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and moral.”<sup>10</sup>

But, wait. “Those principles apply to the application for fraternal recognition by a foreign Grand Lodge.”<sup>11</sup>

So, it appears that the Grand Lodge of Virginia has not formally adopted a list of Ancient Landmarks as its own.

And that may very well be an exercise consistent with the Masonic teaching of the Pillar of Wisdom.

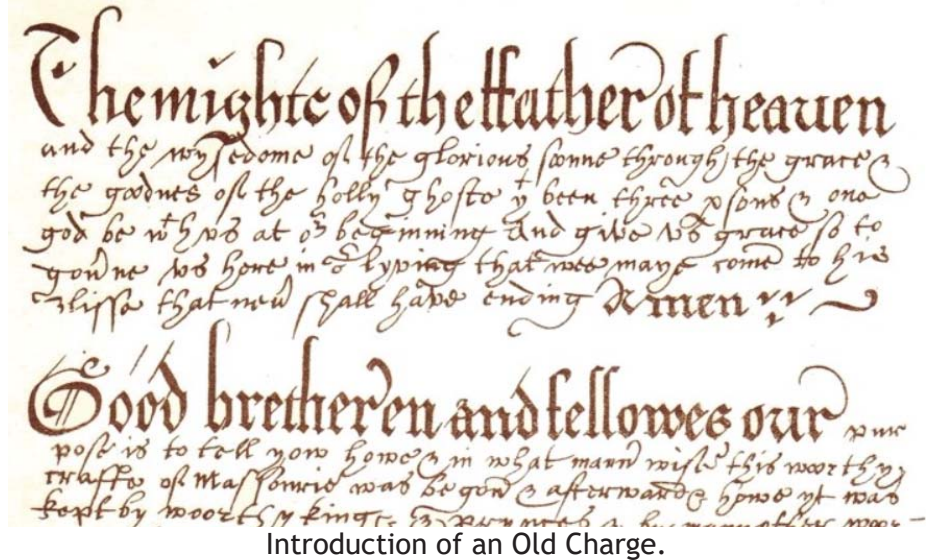
Let us return then, to Brother Morris’ take on the situation:

Albert Gallatin Mackey is one of the best-known American authors on Freemasonry. What is less well-known is that his creative genius often overshadowed his quest for historical accuracy and truth. In 1858, Mackey invented his list and foisted it upon an unsuspecting American Craft. Soon after, there was a headlong rush by “scholars” to create lists of Landmarks and thus fill in what they perceived as a nagging gap in Masonic tradition. Right behind these creative writers came the Grand Lodges,

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each trying to outdo the other in adopting the “true” list of fundamental Landmarks of Freemasonry.

These enterprises resulted in nothing less than confusion in the Temple. Of the American Grand Lodges, thirteen have adopted no formal list, five rely upon the Old Charges, ten have produced their own lists (ranging from seven to thirty-nine Landmarks), eight use Mackey by custom, and only thirteen have formally adopted his tabulation.

The United Grand Lodge of England, the source and origin of all Freemasonry, has never seen fit to adopt any formal enumeration and in particular has never endorsed Mackey’s list, and our English Brethren seem none the worse for it.<sup>12</sup>

Other considerations come into play. Freemasonry works hard these days to deny that it is a religion, to downplay secrecy (a “Fraternity with secrets, not a secret society”), to emphasize its openness to all sincere believers, and “make good men better.”

We are first prepared to be Masons in our hearts. We then proceed, of our own free will and accord, to pursue a life of Masonic education, which can lead down many roads, and result in diverse friendships with men who would oth-

erwise remain at a perpetual distance. Always, we hope, guided by the high principles of our obligations, lectures, symbols, and life-long struggles, to subdue our passions.

Thus due discretion, common sense, and inflexible fidelity to the Craft help perpetuate the bonds of the Mystic Tie, where each Brother is a Mason in his own heart of hearts, for life.

As, with the help of Brother Morris, we deepen our appreciation for our Grand Lodge, which continues to preserve us from yet another fraternal morass:



Seal of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

“A Landmark should be something so fundamental, so basic to the fabric of Freemasonry, that any deviation merits immediate condemnation.” Mackey’s creation fails this test rather miserably. There is no reason to analyze each of his landmarks; a few particulars should suffice. For example, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina not only does not recognize the prerogative of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight (Mackey’s Landmark number 8), but also does not recognize any Mason made by this method, regardless of whether he may belong to a regularly chartered Lodge. Yet we still maintain fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Several of the regular European Grand Lodges we recognize use a Grand Masonic Word different from Maryland, thus effectively negating the Mackey’s first landmark, the modes of recognition.

Freemasonry recently has come under increasingly vicious attacks from narrow-minded religionists. One of the frequent accusations made against our gentle Craft is that we are a “secret society” with all of the vague connotations of unknown evil that charge carries.

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# The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry

Based upon the work of Mark A. Slaw

We have all heard about the Landmarks of Freemasonry. Indeed, in the charge at the end of the Degree of Master Mason, we are told that, "The Ancient Landmarks of the Order committed to your care, you are carefully to preserve and never suffer them to be infringed, or countenance a deviation from the established usages and customs of the Fraternity." But these Landmarks are not clearly spelled out and, indeed, our Grand Lodge has never officially adopted a list of Landmarks.

So, what are Landmarks, and why are they important?

They are said to be the foundation on which Freemasonry stands, having existed since time immemorial. In other words, they are the core beliefs that define us and cannot be altered, repealed, or removed without doing major damage to the Fraternity.

Landmarks are supposed to be principles on which all Masons would agree. Unfortunately, Masons and Grand Lodges have not unanimously agreed which items should be included on the list of things that are "universal, and cannot be altered, repealed, or removed."

However, there have been a number of lists of Masonic Landmarks. One of the most well-known was prepared by a famous Masonic author, Albert Mackey, in 1858. It is instructive to hear what he includes on his list of the twenty-five fundamental principles or Landmarks of Freemasonry.

1. The modes of recognition.
2. The division of symbolic Masonry into three Degrees.
3. The legend of the third Degree.
4. The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Mas-



ter to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.

7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding Lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
9. The necessity of Masons to congregate in Lodges.
10. The government of the Craft, when so congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled.
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft and to instruct his representatives.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his Brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
14. The right of every Mason to visit



and sit in every regular Lodge.

15. No visitor, unknown as a Mason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.
16. No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge nor give degrees to Brethren, who are members of other Lodges.
17. Every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. Qualifications of a candidate are that he shall be a man, un-mutilated, free born, and of mature age.
19. A belief in the existence of God.
20. Subsidiary to this belief in God, is the belief in a resurrection to a future life.
21. A "Book of the Law," for example, the Holy Bible, shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.
22. The equality of all Masons.
23. The secrecy of the Institution.
24. The foundation of a Speculative Science, for purposes of religious or moral teaching.
25. Landmarks can never be changed.

Although the Grand Lodge of Virginia has not adopted these twenty-five Landmarks, they are substantially in accordance with our practice and teaching.

Although various Grand Lodges have disagreed with one or another of the Landmarks on Mackey's list, they all have agreed to three Landmarks, and these are incorporated into the standards of recognition adopted by the Conference of Grand Masters to evaluate the regularity of a Grand Lodge.

As you know, each year the Conference of Grand Masters receives requests from various "new" Grand Lodges seeking recognition, and the Conference makes recommendations,

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which are generally followed by our Grand Lodge, as well as most other Grand Lodges.

The first standard of recognition is “Legitimacy of Origin.”

The second, is “Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.”

Finally, the third is “Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks specifically, a Belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.”

Of course, we are concerned about more than just the organizational structure of Freemasonry and how Grand Lodges are organized, so we need to consider also what might be called the personal Landmarks of a Master Mason.

These are the moral lessons and fraternal obligations taught in our ritual and which must ultimately reside in our hearts. These Landmarks should guide our thoughts, words, and actions, and define for us what it means to be a Freemason and how to act like a Master Mason.

You remember that Grand Lodge asked each subordinate Lodge to consult with the Brethren and identify the ten attributes they believed best defined the behavior of a Master Mason. These Lodge submissions were tallied



and integrated, and there was substantial agreement on the ten attributes, or Landmarks.

What were these ten “Landmarks?” They were that a Mason:

1. Believes in a Supreme Being
2. Has Moral Values
3. Exemplifies Honor and Integrity
4. Believes in the Brotherhood of Man
5. Fulfills Masonic obligations
6. Practices Charity
7. Exercises Brotherly Love
8. Is committed to Family
9. Demonstrates Patriotism
10. Supports Widows and Orphans

We start with the view that morality must be grounded in a belief in a Supreme Being, that there must be something to which we answer that is greater not only than ourselves, but greater than our Fraternity as well.

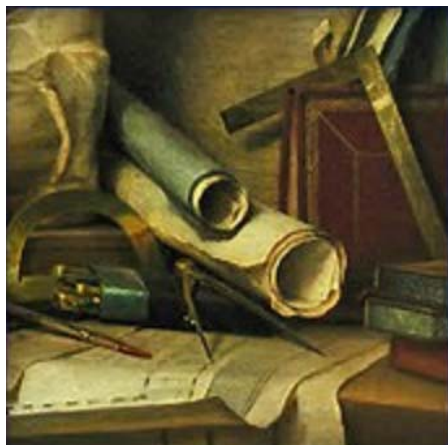
Critical to our Brotherhood are the obligations we take on with respect to each other – from keeping a confidence and providing advice and guidance, to more tangible and material support. These obligations extend to the wives and widows, children and orphans, of our Brethren. We are religious and patriotic, but our Lodges are non-sectarian

and non-political.

There is more. We seek to be virtuous and honorable men. We believe that every human being has a claim upon our good offices, and we see it as our duty to assist in making the world a better, more loving, and more compassionate place. So, we search for truth, we support justice, we show toleration, and we act charitably.

In my view, these are a few of our personal Landmarks, some of the things that distinguish us from other social clubs or societies, and what makes our Fraternity so special and makes Freemasonry a force for good in the world.

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/about/ancient-landmarks-of-masonry>



## Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21...

Worshipful Jason C. Trenary

Freemasonry is in general described as an all-male Fraternity, and our home in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 has been in existence in Winchester since 1768. The year 2018 will mark our two hundredth Anniversary. We have a rich heritage of community service that we work industriously to live up to. Many distinguished men have been counted as members among us, including the twenty-fifth President of the United States, William McKinley, and Virginia Governor and Senator, Harry F. Byrd, Sr. Our Lodge was established sixteen years after the founding of our city and eight years before the birth of the United States of America forged by the ratification of Declaration of Independence. Our organization prides itself on the benevolent tenets of Faith, Hope, and Charity and endeavors to faithfully forward the universal values of brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These generous principles define who we are as men and Freemasons and guide who we strive diligently to be together.

Our Lodge has partnered with numerous area businesses in our community in support of public education. Specifically, we join in solidarity with a

... a quote from Dr. Steve Maraboli, author of *Life, The Truth, and Being Free*, "Make a pact with yourself today to not be defined by your past. Sometimes the greatest thing to come out of all your hard work is not what you get for it, but what you become for it."



Community Cornerstone Award of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21

simple and plausible goal in mind. This goal is the recognition of those among who have a giving heart, empowering charisma, and motivational energy to change the lives of our children. We can all look back in our own lives and distinctly remember that one teacher who set us on a different path. They were the game-changers and difference-makers in our progress. They made a lasting impact on what we have become. We all recall a teacher who challenged us



L-R: Lady Traci Trenary and Worshipful Jason C. Trenary

to think differently and who dared us to dream big. We also remember those who cared about us and who went above and beyond what was asked to make sure we had a secure environment to learn in or a trusted friend to whom we could talk. These impassioned qualities are not measured by test scores. They are measured in the true success stories of the productive adults that educators help to nurture and grow.

I am a business man, and I honestly had not crossed paths with anything involving education since I graduated from Shepherd University. This all changed in 2015, when I sent my first daughter, Taylor, to Stonewall Elementary School. My wife, Traci, and I took a dive head first into the foreign environment of the PTA and began to realize that there were some serious obstacles facing parents, students, and teachers in today's public schools. There were also social and economic challenges that had



L-R: Dr. David Sovine (Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools), Vicki Lewis (Community Builders Award Winner), Shelly Lee (Community Builders Award Winner), Wor. Jason C. Trenary, and Dr. Jason Van Heukelum (Superintendent of Winchester Public Schools)

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Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
Community Cornerstone Award  
Winners

to be overcome daily in the classroom, but one striking observation stood out above these factors to us both. It was the repeated selfless acts of kindness and love that our daughter's kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Joy Melvin, showed to her students.

She made a regular habit of going the extra mile to see her students through to success, and she was often digging into her own pockets to purchase items or to support educational programs that she felt would help her students learn. Mrs. Melvin inspired us as parents much in the same way that she inspired our daughter as a student.

We decided we had to do something. We had to seek out the unsung heroes of education in our local neighborhoods and recognize them for the amazing things they were accomplishing. We drew upon the thoughts of having them anonymously nominated by their students, students' parents, and faculty peers. We would share those impactful stories. We would recognize them for their quiet yet stellar greatness and hopefully find a way to raise enough money in the process that we could fund the immediately tangible things that matter to them.

It seemed like an unrealistic dream,

but out of this dream sprang a defined cause and along with it, an imperceptible core of dedicated citizens, Freemasons, community sponsors, and faculty members who worked tirelessly over a span of eighteen months to see it through to fruition. Tonight because of their support, generosity, and kindness, we have made this dream into a reality. The members of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 cannot thank you enough.

Educators, this night is for you. It is a celebration of you, the sometimes thankless hard work you put in, and the impact you have on the lives of future generations.

If I could summarize a theme for this event in one phrase, it would be this: "effective teachers teach students, not subjects." It is a quote of Dr. Mary Bowser, the Director of Professional Licensure and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the Shenandoah University School of Education and Human Development.

Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
Community Cornerstone Award  
Winners:

Vicki Lewis,  
Bass-Hoover Elementary School  
Joshua Benton,  
James Wood Middle School  
Bill Hall,  
Sherando High School

Grand Lodge of Virginia Community  
Builders Award Winner:  
Vicki Lewis

Let me leave you with a quote from Dr. Steve Maraboli, author of *Life, The Truth, and Being Free*, "Make a pact with yourself today to not be defined by your past. Sometimes the greatest thing to come out of all your hard work is not what you get for it, but what you become for it."

## Masonic Veterans



L-R: Rt. Wor. Candenquist, Bro.  
Baker, and Wor. Trenary.

Right Worshipful John Parker Westervelt, Right Worshipful Arthur Candenquist, and Worshipful Master, Jason Curtis Trenary presented a 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award to a member of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, Brother Leary Green Baker at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg.

It took three months to track Brother Baker down. He is a military veteran, and he was present when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He is a devout family man and has three wonderful daughters, who live across the country and who assisted me in making the presentation happen. He was born in 1921. He is ninety-six years old and is in great health. He commented that his father was also a Freemason, making him a Lewis.



L-R: Bro. Larry W. Dalton,  
Wor. Buddy C. Rorer,  
Rt. Wor. Ellis W. Lambert, Sr.,  
and Wor. Brian J. Murray.

Worshipful Buddy C. Rorer of Campbell Lodge No. 316, receiving his 60-Year Masonic Veteran Award from Right Worshipful Ellis W. Lambert, Sr. Worshipful Rorer is a WWII veteran and served as Worshipful Master in 1969.

## A New Master Mason's Speech

Brother Benjamin Short

**Editor's note:** This impromptu speech was heartfelt, unrehearsed, serious, thought provoking, and yes, a bit abrasive.

Brethren, I am a new Mason, not even a year has passed since I was raised, which gives me a unique perspective, but not an unfounded one. I am experiencing things, like a child on his first day of school. I am eager to learn and excited for my new friends and teachers that I will meet and get to know. But not unlike that child, the excitement is fading and reality and complexity is setting in. I am slowly starting to realize that not everything I was told about Masonry is true.

Before I even petitioned the Lodge, I took serious considerations to becoming a Mason. My grandfather and my uncle are currently members, and I had always been curious about it. In my life, I have serious ambitions for changing the world.

I devoted many hours to community service outreach, preaching about helping thy fellow man, and doing everything I could to organize groups with the same ambitions.

With many failures with organizing such groups, I was asked to look into a club or organization which already had an establishment and that maybe my frustrations of trying to keep a foundation firm and growing would be resolved.

So, I naturally looked at Freemasonry and what it was about and what it meant to be a Mason. From the beginning, I was enchanted with the thought of being a part of not just a group or a club, but a brotherhood of men, who had a long and interesting history and deep roots in charity and making good men better. I thought to myself that this is exactly what I wanted. This is where I was always meant to be, and to think, it was always under my nose. What more could you ask for in a fateful sign? As

the old saying goes, "...be careful what you ask for."

I got the last and the most prominent motivation into becoming a Mason when I received the news that for the first time, I was going to become a father of a boy. I wanted to start leading a life fit for someone worthy enough to teach and lead a child into becoming a man. I wanted my son to see not just me as an example, but also the men with whom I surrounded myself.

Every step I take in Freemasonry, I take seriously and consider them to be life-changing moments. Every degree feels like graduation for me, and with every degree, I am excited for the candidate.

I also see a lot of things that are not the way of Masonry. I see a lot of people not taking it as seriously as I do. So I am left to ask myself, Am I the fool or are they? Are my aspirations childish? Am I dreaming too big? Every time I look at my young son, the answer is "no!" I do not care what others think, I do not care if I am the minority in my thinking, I do not care if I am laughed at, or scoffed at. I set out to change this world and that is what I am going to do and starting here at home and in my Lodge.

I am going to make the stories true; I am going to make that square and compasses on my ring mean something even more. I want it to mean something to the rest of the world. You can still have your conspiracy theories and rumors about Freemasonry, but I want the majority to look at these symbols and recognize it as it should be. A Fraternity of men who dared to be different and driven by the determination of their ideals and beliefs, driven by passion and united as Brothers.

This is why I became a Mason; this is what I want my son to see and become one as well. I want him to see how proud I am to be a Mason. At some point in our children's lives, they will

look at the life we handed them. I do not want to build something good for me, but great for the future of everyone. We sure as heck do not get there by focusing on things that do not matter, like one word missed in a catechism, or there better be food when I come to Lodge, or how long a stated meeting lasts.

I will come dressed for business because I mean business. I will still get goosebumps when I hear the Paul Revere Charge (Closing Charge equivalent). I will make a serious and conscious effort to not just be present at my Lodge, but to be a staple and an asset to it.

Honor is not just something that belongs in a slogan or a meme on Facebook; it belongs in our hearts and minds. From the day I submitted my petition, this became a way of life for me. I know in my heart that if I or any Mason treats it indifferently; it will not be a participation in, or the growth of Freemasonry, but its death.

Is this not what we said Freemasonry is? Is this not what we sought out to do? Why Freemasonry and not a Moose Lodge or Rotary Club? I once received some good advice from a Brother who hit it right on the money when he said, "It is not so much what you have done that means anything, so much as what you are going to do."

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## Public Relations, Social Media, and Information Technology Policy for the Average Brother

Brethren, you may have heard the new Grand Lodge Social Media, Public Relations and Information Technology Policy has been released. To assist the subordinate Lodges with communicating the overall objectives of the policy, the Committee created this document to highlight the important aspects of what this policy means to you.

Why a policy? As with many large organizations, the Grand Lodge of Virginia has assembled a policy (with review of several other Grand Jurisdictions' policies) to set standards, share its expectations and guide the Craft to implementing best practices. It also establishes a base for action in cases of exceptional conduct violations.

1. Do not do stupid stuff. Social media induces many people to share, potentially beyond reason or good taste. Please think before you share things that cast a negative light on Freemasonry, your Lodge, or yourself. Examples include drinking alcohol in aprons or in a visible Lodge, sharing pictures of Masonic ritual, etc. It does not matter if it is already on the Internet. You are responsible for what you post, share, and distribute.

2. No Ritual on Social Media or Information Technology that is not written. Virginia keeps its ritual very inter-personal with many portions solely mouth-to-ear. Ritual not written (as in the Presentation Volume) cannot be shared using information technology. This includes not practicing catechism or learning a lecture over Skype, Google Hangouts, or FaceTime. The Grand Lecturer permits words and short phrases to be passed over a phone/cellphone only (intended for clarification or when stuck). If you have a question regarding what can be shared, please consult with your District Instructor of Work or a member of the Public Relations or Information Technology Committees.

3. No video/audio recording or pictures in a tiled Lodge. Tiled Lodges are a place of respect and trust, enough so to have an armed guard at the door, the ever vigilant Tiler. The actions within a tiled Lodge must not be filmed, recorded,

Right Worshipful Andrew P. Spencer or "streamed." The Master may allow for carefully framed still photographs on an award presentation in the East, though taking the photo after the meeting is greatly preferred.

4. Use of smart phones in Lodge is generally disrespectful. When attending a stated or called communication, nothing conveys boredom and disinterest more than Brethren enthralled to a gadget. Your attention and focus should be the topic of discussion, program, or Master. With the permission of the Master, smart-phones may be used for checking/updating your calendar, jotting notes or looking up reference material, such as in the Methodical Digest or Lodge by-laws.

5. You Are Responsible for Your Social Media and Information Technology Actions. As a Master Mason, you have taken three obligations linking you and your actions to the Craft. Please refresh yourself on the Entered Apprentice's Obligation you took ["Write, ...unlawfully obtained"] and that of the Master Mason ["Nor speak evil..."]

6. Worshipful Masters are Responsible for What is Done in the Lodge's Name. Though a Brother may run the website, social media group, or page, or even donate the web-hosting to the Lodge, the Master is responsible for what is done in the name of the Lodge (even if not computer savvy). To that point, the Master and Secretary annually sign the policy and return the signature page to the Grand Lodge acknowledging review of its contents. Please do not take actions that may embarrass the Master or your Lodge, for it is they to whom the Grand Secretary or Committees on Public Relations or Information Technology will reach out to.

7. Help Is Available. The Public Relations and Information Technology Committees are available for consultation and help, just ask.

8. Check Before Sharing a Brother's Health Status. Social media and e-mail offer an easy way to notify the Brethren of someone in need, in distress, or coordinate thoughts and prayers. Any sharing must be done with the consent of the

individual or his family. Many keep the condition private or are not ready for the world to know. Please do not assume, but check on the individual's desires.

9. Do Not Share Pictures of Identifiable Children Under 13. The Federal Government has very specific rules for collecting and sharing information of children under 13. Parents and other groups may choose to share and post, but obtaining, storing and tracking individual permissions is a task beyond this Grand Lodge. So in pictures of children, such as at a Child ID, take the photograph so as not to see the child's face. Large public group shots are allowable, so long as the child is not identified. [Note: the Child ID Program is excluded from this limitation, as they are fully compliant with applicable requirements.]

10. Some News Stories are Better Consulted First. Every Lodge shares public relations for events (e.g., fund raisers, scholarship awards, Boy Scout events, Veteran Awards, officer installations). Those that go beyond this event-based story, such as the history of Freemasonry, should consult the Public Relations Committee first.

11. Good Counsel. We each may need to be on one end or the other of a "whisper good counsel." Text message, Tweet, or Facebook posts are not the best way to convey sensitive or nuanced content. Some things are best done in person.

12. It is not Rocket Science. Doing the right things with social media and Information Technology is not rocket science; it takes a moment of calm and rational thought to assess "is this the right thing to do?" In the case of inappropriate posts or sharing, effort will be made to aid a reformation in the Brother or Brethren. Please do not put yourself into a situation where personal pride or impulse conflicts with your obligations.

Assistance, clarification, and indeed the ability to provide feedback may be received by e-mailing [pr@grandlodgeofvirginia.org](mailto:pr@grandlodgeofvirginia.org) or [it@grandlodgeofvirginia.org](mailto:it@grandlodgeofvirginia.org).

# 50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between February 8, 2017 and May 15, 2017

## FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Andrew Maurice Fekete  
 Bro. Thrasylvoulos Teddy Maroulis  
 Bro. George Harden Edwards  
 Bro. William Fitzhugh Richards  
 Bro. Ralph Allen Hicks, Jr.  
 Bro. James Mckinney Wilhour  
 Bro. Charles Leonard Trigger  
 Wor. Arthur Franklin Packard, Jr.  
 Bro. Charles Alfred Sanders  
 Bro. Charles Phillip Leap  
 Rt. Wor. Peter Michael Miller  
 Bro. Hugh Jett Coleman  
 Bro. William Osborne Williams, Sr.  
 Bro. Maurice Beasley Duling  
 Wor. Robert Preston Morris  
 Bro. James Linton Griffith  
 Rt. Wor. Jerry Raymond Raines  
 Bro. George Edward Webb, Jr.  
 Bro. William Edward Morris  
 Bro. Gerald Lindon Akers  
 Bro. Robert Joe Phelps  
 Wor. Clyde William Tate  
 Most Wor. Wayne Sawyer Flora  
 Rt. Wor. Jack Robert Golightly, Sr.  
 Bro. Henry W. Johnson, III  
 Bro. James William Jay  
 Bro. Clarence Abbitt Newton  
 Wor. Robert Joseph Campbell  
 Bro. Lewis Jason Ross  
 Bro. Roy Ellis Hopkins  
 Wor. Charles Stapleton Rosson  
 Bro. George William Estes  
 Bro. Donald Gregory Mutersbaugh, Sr.  
 Bro. Billy Lou Cunningham  
 Bro. James John Corbett  
 Wor. James Harold Brooks  
 Bro. Jack George Klepfel  
 Bro. Harold Morgan Taylor  
 Wor. Elvin Glenn Baynor, Jr.  
 Bro. Durwood Wayne Williams  
 Bro. John Lance Bowden, Jr.  
 Bro. William Lee Carter  
 Wor. Elmer Lee Russell  
 Bro. William George Childress  
 Bro. Hubert Andrew Davenport  
 Bro. Richard Aldo McKinley  
 Wor. Melvin Marable Baugh, Jr.  
 Bro. William Carter Thompson, Jr.  
 Bro. Fred Warren Harville  
 Bro. John Durvin Tucker  
 Bro. Thomas Nelson Rosser  
 Bro. William Lee Andrews, Sr.  
 Bro. Raymond Alexander Pendleton  
 Wor. George Albert Smith  
 Bro. RonKeith Kirtley  
 Bro. James Edward Bland, Sr.  
 Bro. William Frederick Witt, Jr.  
 Wor. Gerald Edwards Whitley  
 Wor. William Joseph Moore Holland, III  
 Bro. Danny Ray Brown  
 Bro. Donald Lee Campbell, Sr.  
 Bro. John Kimmel Allman, Jr.  
 Bro. Gene Waddell Craft  
 Bro. Curtis Wayne Kelly  
 Bro. Jackie Paul Morefield  
 Bro. Clifton Cross Molleen  
 Bro. James Luther Hottel  
 Bro. William Clark McCalla, II  
 Wor. Robert Edward Epperly  
 Wor. Robert John Rohrbach  
 Bro. Donald Allen WRT.  
 Bro. Thomas Mitchell Hudson  
 Bro. Gerald Gibson Robertson  
 Bro. Daniel Albert Higgins  
 Bro. Richard Arvil Gibbs, III  
 Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4  
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 St. Tammany Lodge No. 5  
 Hoge Lodge No. 8  
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
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 Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17  
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 Wor. William Hansel Laster  
 Bro. Owen Price Mills  
 Bro. William Earle Spruill, Sr.  
 Bro. Charles Irvin Horrell  
 Bro. John Henry Meyers  
 Bro. Vernon George Ricker  
 Wor. Carl Woody Dudley  
 Bro. Ben Valden Mullins  
 Bro. Thomas Lynn Pierce  
 Bro. Eddie Nicholas Marion  
 Bro. James Addison Martin, Jr.  
 Bro. Steve Constantin Dolianitis  
 Bro. Thomas Moses Ferebee, Jr.  
 Bro. Kenneth Gentry Johnson  
 Bro. Robert Frank Wetherbie  
 Bro. Elwood Bradford Paschal  
 Bro. Earnest Earl Marrow  
 Wor. George Laban Marion  
 Wor. Homer G. Osborne  
 Bro. Jerry W. Clark  
 Wor. Robert Walter Burnett  
 Bro. Benjamin Ernest Presson  
 Wor. Willard Earl Hamm  
 Wor. Roy Jackson Love  
 Bro. Randall V. Herndon  
 Rt. Wor. Thomas Wayne Andrews  
 Wor. Thomas Alfred Slate  
 Bro. Alfred William Waddell  
 Bro. Dwight Craze Schaubach  
 Rt. Wor. James Albert Herdle  
 Bro. William Miller Holland  
 Bro. Leonard Thomas Newbern  
 Wor. Frank Roosevelt Conner  
 Bro. Clifton Paul Campbell  
 Bro. Earl Van Wayne Gillenwater  
 Bro. William Delzell Beane  
 Bro. Samuel Coakley Tignor  
 Bro. Carl Vincent Bobrosky  
 Bro. Walter Bassit Eubank  
 Bro. James Howard Smith, Jr.  
 Wor. Walter Clifford Wood, Jr.  
 Bro. William Michael Rutherford, Sr.  
 Bro. Harvey Jackson Allen  
 Wor. John Robert Tiller, III  
 Bro. James Herbert Smith  
 Bro. James Eldon Mills, Jr.  
 Bro. James Elton Wilson  
 Bro. William Schlegel Wood  
 Bro. Kenneth Willis Hoppe  
 Bro. Ben Patrick McFall, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Claude Thomas Fifer, Jr.  
 Bro. Russell Earl Hobson, Jr.  
 Wor. Dallas Lee Giles  
 Wor. Charlie Thomas Crane, Jr.  
 Bro. Fred Ralph Hoffman  
 Bro. Donald Scott Kinkade  
 Bro. Earl Johnson Gray, Jr.  
 Bro. Robert Eugene Luther  
 Bro. Edward Gray Weatherly, Sr.  
 Bro. Carl Mervin Arnold  
 Bro. Walter June Townsend  
 Bro. Rodney Haynsworth Word  
 Bro. Charles Jerry Mouser  
 Bro. Kenneth Abbott Raymond  
 King Solomon's Lodge No. 194  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
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 Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199  
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 Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201  
 Big Stone Gap Lodge No. 208  
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 Henry Clay Lodge No. 280  
 Columbia Lodge No. 285  
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 South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349  
 Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982

## SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. George Irwin Crispin, Jr.  
 Bro. Martin Unger  
 Bro. Stanley Allen Jacobson  
 Bro. Edward Leroy Fournier  
 Bro. Curtis Franklin Powell  
 Wor. Carter Gilmore Wells  
 Wor. William Thomas Nuttall  
 Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4  
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 Botetourt Lodge No. 7

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Bro. Victor Charles Anderson	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Wor. Norman Page Lowry	Petersburg Lodge No. 15
Bro. Lyle Carlos Mutter	Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
Bro. Jesse James Curry, Jr.	Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17
Bro. James Edwin Turner	Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27
Bro. Robert Samuel Thomas	Millboro Lodge No. 28
Bro. Billie Jack Frazier	Catlett Lodge No. 35
Bro. Graham Wilson Darden	Virginia May Lodge No. 38
Bro. Jack Wayne Seltz	Virginia May Lodge No. 38
Bro. George Russell Haymaker, Jr.	Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
Bro. Robert Edward Culpepper	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
Bro. Carliss Montgomery Fox	Henry Lodge No. 57
Bro. John Curtis Mayers	Henry Lodge No. 57
Wor. Harold Oliver Nofsinger	Pleasants Lodge No. 63
Bro. Scott Allen	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Bro. Arthur Frank Cochran	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Wor. Asa Richard Talbot	Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74
Bro. Lawrence E. Dean	Naomi Lodge No. 87
Wor. Ted Coomer	Coeburn Lodge No. 97
Wor. Ralph Joseph Smith	Liberty Hall Lodge No. 104
Bro. Ralph Hamilton Elliott	Capeville Lodge No. 107
Rt. Wor. Edgar S. Sturgis, III	Capeville Lodge No. 107
Bro. Robert Melver Haley	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122
Bro. Frank Herbert Couch, Jr.	Henrico Union Lodge No. 130
Bro. James Mason Triplett	Lafayette Lodge No. 137
Bro. John F. Ewell	Unity Lodge No. 146
Bro. Gene McEathron	Unity Lodge No. 146
Bro. Carlton Lee Cutchin, Jr.	Franklin Lodge No. 151
Bro. James Elmer Davis, Jr.	Staunton River Lodge No. 155
Bro. George Robert Smith, Jr.	Craighill Lodge No. 160
Bro. Charles Ben Albright	Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166
Bro. Donald Paul Alexander	Berkley Lodge No. 167
Rt. Wor. Daniel Morris Pearson, Jr.	Ashland Lodge No. 168
Bro. Edgar John Brock, Jr.	Purdie Lodge No. 170
Bro. Albert Brubaker Sawyer, Sr.	Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
Bro. Bernard Alfred Moles	Chamblissburg Lodge No. 179
Bro. Everett Edwin Backe	King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
Bro. Joe Lee Giles	Clinchport Lodge No. 267
Bro. Alec Patton Taylor, Jr.	Clinchport Lodge No. 267
Rt. Wor. Lawrence D. Brent, Jr.	Cochran Lodge No. 271
Bro. Willie Peyton Stargell	Alberene Lodge No. 277
Wor. William Russell McShea	Columbia Lodge No. 285
Bro. Rayford Spiller	Columbia Lodge No. 285
Rt. Wor. Lucian Felton Draper, Jr.	Boykins Lodge No. 287
Bro. James Ashton Puryear	South Hill Lodge No. 297
Bro. Joe Brantley Owens	Concord Lodge No. 307
Wor. Russell Everett Thompson	Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Wor. Norman William King	Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Wor. Buddy Carol Rorer	Campbell Lodge No. 316
Wor. Stanley Irving Goldsmith	Campbell Lodge No. 316
Bro. Robert McDonald Surry	Warwick Lodge No. 336
Bro. Arthur Welmon Shifflett	Warwick Lodge No. 336
Most Wor. William Franklin Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
Bro. Louis Joseph Richman, Jr.	Transportation Lodge No. 337
Bro. Jack Jeffery Cooper	South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
Bro. Artwell Lee Pierce	South Norfolk Lodge No. 339
Bro. Charles Edward Drinkard	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344

### SEVENTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Alex B. Atkins	Botetourt Lodge No. 7
Bro. Dewitt Frederick Cupp	Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27
Wor. Charles Thomas Anderson	Henry Lodge No. 57
Bro. Emerson L. Harrison	Clinton Lodge No. 73
Wor. Otha George Taylor	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122
Bro. Henry Wilson Addington, Jr.	Unity Lodge No. 146
Wor. Philip Thomas McIntire	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
Bro. Howard Franklin Boone	Castlewood Lodge No. 231
Bro. Bert Clarence Wood, Jr.	Columbia Lodge No. 285
Bro. Vernon Ogden Mills	Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
Bro. Sherrod Bell Clarke	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Bro. Claude Norman Woodson	Campbell Lodge No. 316
Bro. James Walsh Evans	Ocean View Lodge No. 335

## King Solomon's Lodge

Right Worshipful Goldie Wilson Tomlin, Jr.

Right Worshipful Robert L. Vess drafted a design for a sign for King Solomon's Lodge. The plan was presented to Brother Goldie W. Tomlin, Jr., and they finalized details and worked to obtain price quotes.



The Lodge broke ground for the sign in September, 2013. The blocks were purchased and work began. Right Worshipful William F. Baskerville provided support and paid the labor of two block masons to assist with the columns and frame work. The blocks were installed over re-bar reinforced concrete and back filled with concrete.

A black granite stone finished to six feet by four feet three inches, four and one half inches thick was ordered to be cut and prepared by Right Worshipful Robert A. Clore. Brother Clore is a prominent stone writer living near Barboursville. He cut and engraved the stone to the specifications as agreed to by the Lodge.

At the time of erection, the Brethren had donated enough to cover the costs. Right Worshipful Brother Clore donated a sizable amount of money and time. He along with Right Worshipful Brother Baskerville, Right Worshipful William T. Woodson, Jr., Worshipful David T. Simpson, and Worshipful Master Goldie Tomlin, Jr. placed the sign on the support block base and secured it.

The sign secured, Right Worshipful Brother Baskerville and Worshipful Brother Tomlin began the process of facing the columns with stone purchased and paid for by donations from the Lodge Brethren. The two columns were capped with two feet square by two inch thick black granite pieces donated by Right Worshipful David Allan Carl. King Solomon's Lodge dedicated the sign at their stated meeting, September 10, 2014, with a narrative written by Right Worshipful Harlan E. Phelps.

Site plans required the installation of a stone wall placed in a horseshoe design to accommodate the lay of the land at the sign. The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board approved the landscaping surrounding the stone wall. All stone purchased was again paid for by donations from the Brethren of the Lodge. The work was performed by both Baskerville and Tomlin. The entire cost of the sign was covered through donations, and no cost incurred to the Lodge. A time capsule was placed in the vault of the column. The black granite caps were installed and sealed to the columns. The time capsule is to be opened at the two hundredth Anniversary of the Lodge in 2064.

A solar lighting system illuminates the sign after dark.

# Centenarian Mason

Worshipful Ross C. Morland

Prior to his Official Visit to Lee Lodge No. 209 in Waynesboro, Virginia, on January 12, 2017, Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, the 172nd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, visited the home of Brother Cecil Percy Balderson. At the age of one hundred and four, he is one of the oldest Masons in good standing in Virginia or the nation. Brother Balderson received his Masonic Degrees in Temple Lodge No. 676, in Charlotte, North Carolina, as follows: Entered Apprentice on January 6, 1949; Fellowcraft on January 20, 1949; and Master Mason on February 3, 1949. He is a proud sixty-eight year Masonic Veteran. He affiliated with Lee Lodge No. 209 on May 8, 1969, and was made an honorary member on March 11, 1999.

Brother Balderson was born in Warsaw, Virginia, on October 12, 1912. To put that into historical perspective, that same year New Mexico and Arizona gained statehood, the Titanic sank, the Red Sox built Fenway Park, and Woodrow Wilson won the presidential election over William Taft.

In addition to being one of the oldest living Masons, Brother Balderson holds the distinction of being the oldest living Virginia Tech alumnus. He attended the University from 1932 to 1934 and served in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Company H. On September 24, 2016, Brother Balderson was recognized for his achievements at Lane Stadium during the half-time of their homecoming football game.

After college, he worked as a sales representative for Texaco and the Balcrank Corporation. He later bought the Central Virginia Oil Company and retired in 1977. He was married to Violet, for 71 years. She passed away in 2007. Brother Balderson remains indepen-



L-R: M. W. Alan Wayne Adkins (1997), Brother Cecil Percy Balderson, with Grand Master V. Stuart Cook

dent, but receives daily assistance at his Waynesboro home. He has a very sharp wit, a great sense of humor, and considers himself to be a “pretty darned good” harmonica player. Taking up the instrument when he was just five years old, means he has been playing it for nearly a century.

At the end of their visit, Most Worshipful Brother Cook presented Brother Balderson with his lapel pin and one of his challenge coins. Very grateful for the visit and gifts, he thanked the Grand Master and remarked this had been one of the highlights of his year.

# Masonic Veteran



L-R: Rt. Wor. Paul M. Pruitt and Rt. Wor. Barry A. Crane.

Right Worshipful Paul M. Pruitt was presented the 50-Year Masonic Veterans pin and certificate by Right Worshipful Barry A. Crane.

Right Worshipful Brother Pruitt is a Past Master of Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24. He is also active in the Morgan-Johnson Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, where he is a Past Worthy Patron.

Right Worshipful Brother Pruitt earned a Gold Card. Gold Card holders must know all the work for each degree, plus the lectures, and charges.

Right Worshipful Brother Pruitt taught Masonic catechisms to numerous Freemasons in Pittsylvania and Danville counties. He has helped several Master Masons learn the required work to become the Worshipful Master of a Lodge.



L-R Front: Bro. Kent Morris, Bro. J. R. Peek, Bro. Bob Carner, Bro. Ronnie Brumfield, Bro. Allen Cruise.  
L-R Back: Bro. Jerry Palmer, Bro. Dale Osborne, Bro. Nick Osborne, Bro. Reggie Stephens, Bro. Tony Eaton, Bro. Barry Williams, and Bro. Rick Stafford.

Brother Bob Carner is a 70-Year member of Eggleston Lodge No. 309. He lives in McCoy, Virginia, and has only missed three stated meetings in those seventy years.

## Wearing Freemasonry Proudly for Sixty-Years

Right Worshipful Patrick C. Murphrey

On March 2, 2017, Most Worshipful William Franklin Perdue (1991) was presented with the Sixty-Year Masonic Veterans emblem and certificate. The Grand Secretary (who was also Most Worshipful Brother Perdue's nominee for Grand Junior Deacon), Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) conducted the ceremony with the prayers given by Most Worshipful James D. Cole (2001), one of Most Worshipful Brother Perdue's Masonic grandsons. Most Worshipful Brother Perdue was presented by his former Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master and other Masonic grandson, Most Worshipful Clifford A. Parker (2002) and Worshipful F. Stuart Whitehead, Past Master of Mariner Lodge No. 215. The Sixty-Year Masonic Veterans emblem was pinned on Most Worshipful Brother Perdue's lapel by his wife Molly. The accompanying certificate was presented by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook.

In attendance was Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. (2010), who served alongside Most Worshipful Brother Perdue in 1981, when they both served as District Deputy Grand Masters. Also in attendance was Right Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, who served as one of Most Worshipful Brother Perdue's District Deputy Grand Masters in 1991, along with Worshipful J. Thomas Wadkins, III, Administrative Assistant; Worship-



L-R: Mt. Wor. William F. Perdue (1991), Molly Perdue, and Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook, Grand Master.

capacities in addition to his service as the 147th Grand Master in 1991. Most Worshipful Brother Perdue served as Worshipful Master of Mariner Lodge No. 215, in 1969 and District Deputy Grand Master of District 14B in 1981. He served as Grand Chaplain in 1983 and as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Propositions from 1985 to 1987. He served as Grand Secretary from 1994 to 1997 and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on History from 1998 to 2010. He was recognized for his service with the George Wash-



L-R: Mt. Wor. William E. Rorer, Jr. (2010), Mt. Wor. James D. Cole (2001), Mt. Wor. Clifford A. Parker (2002), Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook (2017), Mt. Wor. William F. Perdue (1991), and Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins (1997).

ful Thomas A. Clark, Grand Marshal; and Right Worshipful Thomas E. Lasher, Grand Pursivant, Right Worshipful Patrick C. Murphrey, and Right Worshipful David W. Murray.

Most Worshipful Brother Perdue was made a Master Mason on March 23, 1957, in Warwick Lodge No. 336. In his sixty-years as a Master Mason, Most Worshipful Brother Perdue has served in many

ington Distinguished Service Award in 2001. Also, active in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Most Worshipful Brother Perdue served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia as Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia from 1998 to 2015. He was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1991, coronated a 33 Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1997, and invested as a 33 Degree Grand Cross of the Court of Honour in 2015.

As Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Perdue's theme was "Wearing Freemasonry Proudly," and he has been doing just that for the past sixty years.



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# Ersell Travis Brinser One-Hundred Years Young

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton  
Ersell Travis Brinser, was born June 1, 1916. Ersell was married to Foster E. Brinser for fifty-nine years and they had two children. Brother Foster served in the US Army from 1942-1946. He was a fifty-year Mason, from Manchester Lodge No. 14. He passed away on April 13, 1996.

Ersell has resided at the Masonic Home for nearly twenty years. She has crocheted many American Flags for different Lodges in the area.

Ersell was one hundred years young last June. Several Masonic Home Ambassadors raised funds to get a Ray of Light on the Symbol of Light at the Home for her and presented it to her March 4, 2017, after the Richmond District Leadership Conference.

Worshipful Joel T. Bundy attached the plate to the Symbol of Light and showed it to Ersell. She was quite pleased, completely surprised, and genuinely honored to receive this outstanding gift.



Right Worshipful Jeff Roland has been calling her every night on his way home from work for many years. He is a true champion of Masonry for doing this. Worshipful Joel Bundy arranged for the reception, and many Masonic Home Residents enjoyed the festivities. Be sure and congratulate Ersell the next time you see her. She has her name on "the bulletin board," as she calls it. It was truly a great day for Masonry, the Masonic Home, and most of all, for Ersell.

Brethren, this represents one of my greatest thrills since becoming a Masonic Home Ambassador.

# 60-Years



L-R: Wor. James S. Wright and Mt. Wor. Frederick G. Martin, III (2003)

Worshipful James S. Wright receives his 60-Year Masonic Veteran's award and pin from Most Worshipful Frederick G. Martin, III (2003), both of Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344.

# Veteran Appreciation

November 23, 2016, Petersburg Lodge No. 15 prepared a Thanksgiving Dinner for our soldiers training at Ft. Lee. For many of these soldiers, this was the first time they had been away from home on the Thanksgiving holiday. The ninety-plus soldiers enjoyed a traditional dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. Much of the food was donated by the local Martin's Supermarket and Sam's Club. The dinner was prepared by Masons from Petersburg Lodge No. 15 assisted by Masons from every Lodge in Masonic District 29 and their families. Also, assisting with the meal were members of Alpha Chapter No. 1 OES, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. Worshipful Tom Colletti said,

Right Worshipful F. Edward Pearson, II



"This was our second Thanksgiving for our Troops, and it is a small thing to offer our military, who give so much to our country."



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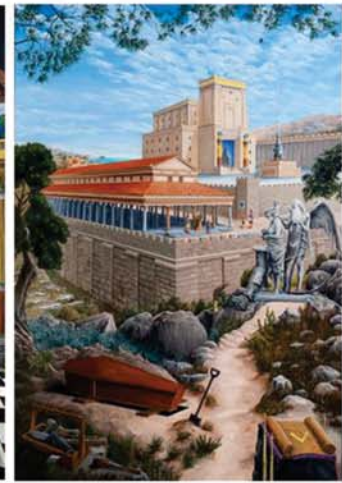
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## A Stronger Bond to the Masonic Home of Virginia

Worshipful Stephen L. Young

Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits* inform us that we are motivated by four needs: to live, to love, to learn, and to leave a legacy.<sup>1</sup> Here are a few suggestions to help you move closer to meeting these internal motivations and meet your Masonic obligations.

How do donors select a cause worthy of their time, talents, or treasures? Most of us support a cause due to a connection. Once we have identified a worthy cause, we want to know that a high percentage of our gifts directly benefit the cause selected. To confirm that the Masonic Home is operated to the highest ethical and financial standards, ask your Lodge or District Masonic Home Ambassador any additional questions you may have.

As Virginia Masons, we have a connection with the Masonic Home. We are frequently reminded that we became Master Masons "to be better enabled to... contribute to the relief of distressed Brother Master Masons, their Widows, and Orphans." Forming a stronger bond with the Masonic Home, may help us be more successful in meeting our Masonic obligations.

Suggestion one: visit your Masonic Home. With one visit, you will gain detailed knowledge of the facilities, staff, and residents. You will learn that the Masonic Home is indeed the "crown jewel of Masonry." Also, note the cottages of the Masonic Village before you go inside.

At the Masonic Home's main entrance, you will be greeted by staff and asked to sign the visitor log. You have the option to view donor recognition displays, such as the Tree of Life and the Symbol of Light, examine a gallery of donor portraits, stroll through residential areas, where you will see the library, nooks for reading, socializing

or playing games, even try out equipment in the fitness center. Proceed to the chapel and spend some time in quiet contemplation. You might then pause at the World War II memorial, erected to honor all who served in that war. In favorable weather, you may spend time enjoying the Waverly Peers Crouch Memory Garden, the Gallery Garden, and the walking paths through the beautifully landscaped grounds.

If the timing is right during your tour, you are welcome to dine with the residents. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily. Diners choose between two entrées and three to four sides, or may have a sandwich made to order or try the salad bar. Meal tickets are nine dollars, and your satisfaction in the meal and the companionship is guaranteed.

Or try attending Masonic Home Family Day, a full day of festivities: a parade, live bands, free BBQ, crafts, food, and information booths each October. The grounds are full of visitors, residents, and Grand Line Officers of many bodies, all participating in this special day.

Suggestion two: join with members of your Lodge or an appendant body to adopt a Masonic Home resident. A brief email to Joelle Schwartz (jschwartz@mahova.com) starts the process. Adopting a resident includes sending greeting cards on holidays, small gifts, birthday cards, and other ways to say, "we are thinking of you." This is another method to meet your obligations and think how much it gladdens the hearts of resident.

The *Seven Habits* books express giving from one perspective; in Masonry, we have heard similar descriptions from a different point of view. In *Before Believing*, Emmylou Harris expresses lending a helping hand from another outlook:

"How would you feel if the world was falling apart all around you?

Pieces of the sky were falling in your neighbor's yard but not on you.

Wouldn't you feel just a little bit funny, thinking maybe there's something you ought to do?"<sup>2</sup>

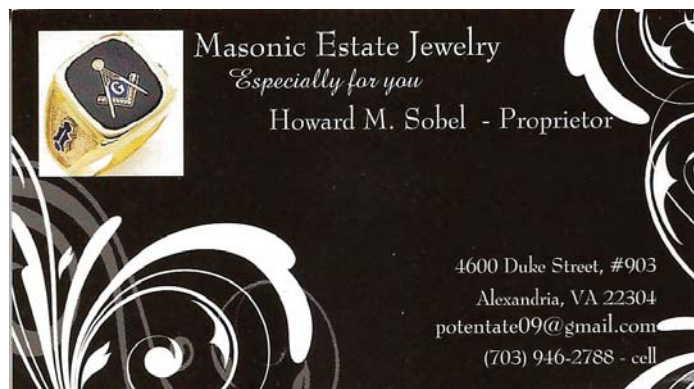
Residents of the Masonic Home may not feel as if pieces of the sky are falling in their yards, but even so, many will appreciate your support and encouragement.

If you follow either recommendation, your ties to the Masonic Home will be strengthened. It will really feel like your Masonic Home, because in addition to that Masonic connection, you will develop a personal bond through your actions. You have taken another step toward improving yourself in Masonry, and toward improving the Masonic Home.

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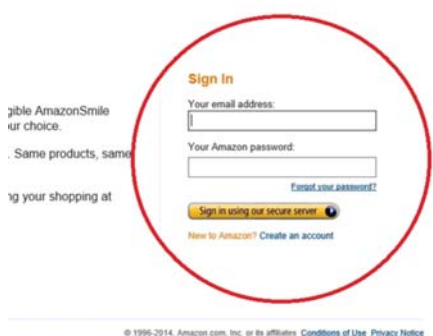
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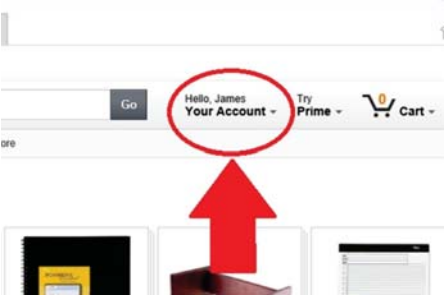
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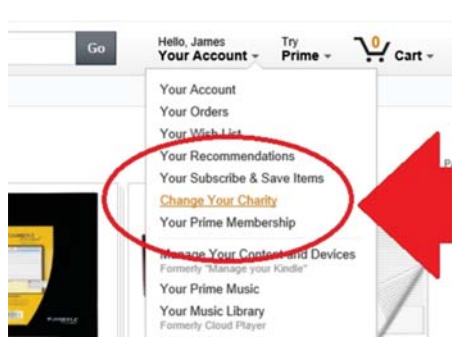
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## Masonic Home of Virginia 2017 Budget Information

The Masonic Home of Virginia derives not only its name, but also essential support from the Masons of Virginia. For that reason, it is important to have our Brethren understand the finances of their Home.

In 2017, the Masonic Home is budgeted to spend \$13.4 million dollars to provide care for two hundred residents. The capital budget is an additional half million dollars. Both budgets are approved by the Board of Governors and the actual results, compared to budget, are reviewed monthly by the Board and audited annually by an independent CPA firm. Each operating budget dollar spent can be broken down as follows:

- 53 cents - will be spent on health care expenses; the cost of nurses, professional care staff, medicine, and other direct healthcare for residents.
- 15 cents - will go for food service, dining staff and food for the residents.
- 13 cents - is for administrative expenses of the Home, such as accounting and professional fees, admissions, administrative staff, and human resource management.
- 11 cents - will be used for building maintenance, including the upkeep of the cottages.
- 3 cents - will pay for environmental services, which used to be called housekeeping staff, that is, the cost of staff and supplies to keep the residents' rooms clean and safe.
- 2 cents - is budgeted for resident services and activities, including the transportation, entertainment, and other daily activities for residents.
- 3 cents - will be used by the Development Office, including two full time positions, who raise contributions and maintain Lodge and donor giving records and who report information to the Lodges through our fraternal relations efforts and Ambassador programs.

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

It is very important to note that while the entire budget is spent to help our residents, the vast majority of all expenses are paid for direct resident support, with a combined sixty-eight cents of every dollar spent being used for healthcare and feeding our residents. It is MASONIC care in a wonderful HOME for our Brethren, their wives, and widows. The budget also includes over \$135,000 that will be spent to provide in-home care for Outreach Program recipients in every corner of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

GREAT, now from what sources do we get the money?

- 57 cents - comes from current gifts and investment income from previously donated gifts.
- 41 cents - are monies from residents, either from payments made at admission, or from those currently paying their own way.
- 2 cents - of every dollar comes from the current Grand Lodge assessment of \$10 per Mason.

At the beginning of 2017, about 55% of the Home's residents were in the Cornerstone Program, meaning they could not entirely pay their own way. The difference was made up by the gifts of Brother Master Masons, their families, and other friends of the Home.

So as you can see, the Home works only because Masons give.



## New MaHoVa Development Officer

Effective May 1, Right Worshipful Terry Hilton will begin serving as the new Development Officer of the Masonic Home.

Terry has a stellar record of supporting the Masonic Home, serving as District Masonic Home Ambassador since 2009, and currently serving as District Deputy Grand Master for District 16, and as Worshipful Master of Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity of Midlothian Lodge No. 211.

Terry's extensive professional background includes excellent business, sales, and customer relations experience in a variety of situations and service as President of two companies. His experience as a proven business executive responsible for managing multiple client relationships will serve him well in his role well as our Development Officer.

Individual Masons, Lodges, and District Officers may contact Right Worshipful Brother Hilton to discuss opportunities to support the Home or for an educational program. He may be reached toll-free at 800-262-4644, Extension 76707.

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## 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 February 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

Honor/Memorial	Donor Name	Honor/Memorial	Donor Name
Anne O'Brian	Franklin Lodge No. 151	James W. Rowland	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
Ashley L. Garrett	Nancy M. Holder	Jane Branch	Franklin Lodge No. 151
Barbara Thornton	Nola Atkins	Jean Stublen	Mary A. Flora
Becky Lewis	Edwards Lodge No. 308	John Blair	Frederick R. Dixon
Betty Stinson	Gregg & Bailey, PC	John Dove	Frederick R. Dixon
	Lawrence M. Barnes	John H. Givens	Newport Lodge No. 261
	Terri Larson	John J. Nunn	Old Town Lodge No. 68
	F. D. O'Brien	John R. Heil	Lee Lodge No. 209
Billy R. Wills	Lawrence Transportation Systems	John W. Litten	Donald J. Kerr
	Kazim Fire Brigade	Joseph G. Sanders	Clifford A. Parker
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	David J. Layman		Anita Healy
	James D. Robinson	Luther A. Zirkle	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
	Philip L. Weaver		Robert Morris Chapter No. 150, O.E.S.
Carl O. Atkins	Carl O. Atkins, Jr.		Stuart C. Andrews
Carol Friis	Boykins Lodge No. 287		Terry F. Hilton
	Montrose Chapter No. 176, O.E.S.		John I. Long
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	Stella N. Paxton	Myra Knowlton	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
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Clara H. Meadows	Nancy M. Holder	Percy A. Ford	George W. Field
Clyde M. Perry	Daniel H. Surface	Philip G. Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
Denise Cottrell	Jerry M. Cottrell	Rador W. Vanden	Hunter's Lodge No. 156
Dennis R. Cable	Sandston Lodge No. 216	Robert D. Holt	Purdie Lodge No. 170
Edwin E. Wade	Cabell Lodge No. 328		Ivor Lodge No. 291
Elroy C. Leonard	Mackey Lodge No. 69	Robert L. Quinn	Mary A. Flora
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Foy A. Greenwood	Nansemond Lodge No. 77	Roy A. Myers	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
Franklin A. Bonnewell	Nansemond Lodge No. 77	Roy C. Wilder	Nansemond Lodge No. 77
Fred M. Morgan	Day Lodge No. 58	Shirley A. Warfield	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
Garland R. Ellington	Joppa Lodge No. 40	Stephen L. Thacker	Lee Lodge No. 209
Gerald L. Morgan	Oriental Lodge No. 20	Steven Goens	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
Glenn E. Gray	Nansemond Lodge No. 77	Thomas M. Holder	Nancy M. Holder
Harry B. Ervin	Bayside Lodge No. 218	Vance Hughes	Lee Lodge No. 209
Harvey E. White	Doris R. Gibson	Walter D. Marshall	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	Sue Schiller	Walter Mason	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
Henry G. Parker	Mary A. Flora	Walter R. Carpenter	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Herbert A. Read	Piedmont Lodge No. 152	Wesley F. Wills	Franklin Lodge No. 151
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Irma R. Thornhill	Joseph F. Long	William J. Cannon	Mary A. Flora
Irving G. Meadows	Nancy M. Holder	William O. Gilbert	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
	Nancy M. Holder	William R. Black	Nansemond Lodge No. 77
J. W. Pierce	Patrick Wilson		
Jackie L. Sparrow	Joppa Lodge No. 40		
James D. Figley	Stanley Construction Company, Inc.		
	Phyllis Bolton		
	Jerome Kaven		
	Gary Wachs		

# Masonic Home of Virginia

## Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/1	Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
7/5	Harold Garland	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
7/5	Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
7/6	Barbara Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
7/7	Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No. 89
7/7	James Wright	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
7/9	Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
7/9	Annis Hatcher	Boone Lodge No. 247
7/10	Mary Duncan	Fork Union Lodge No. 127
7/10	Dorothy Ellis	Skidmore Daylight Lodge No. 237
7/11	Becky Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/13	John Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
7/22	Tom Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
7/24	Eleanor Curtis	Northside Lodge No. 292
7/24	Priscilla Sensabaugh	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
7/29	Herbert Chappell	Babcock Lodge No. 322
7/29	Nancy Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/30	John Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
7/31	Helen Lape	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
<b>August</b>		
8/4	Betty Goodman	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/6	Walter Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/7	Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/7	Evelyn Harding	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/9	Jean Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
8/10	Dolores Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
8/11	Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
8/14	Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
8/16	Jean Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
8/17	Lois Payne	Central Lodge No. 300
8/19	Steve Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
8/19	Myrtle Bussey	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
8/19	Harry Jones	Franklin Lodge No. 151
8/20	Marjorie Winter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
8/23	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
8/23	James Palmer	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/24	Virginia Yeatts	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
<b>September</b>		
9/1	Mable Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
9/2	Leon Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/3	Barbara Wilkinson	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
9/6	John Harrington	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
9/8	Patricia Heald	Cabell Lodge No. 328
9/8	Stella Paxton	Kempsville Lodge No. 196
9/9	Robert Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
9/12	Cora Lee Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
9/16	Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
9/17	Paul Canter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
9/17	Jack Williams	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163
9/21	Phyllis Rowe	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
9/25	Agnes Cash	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/26	Sandra Butler	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/26	Helen Duke	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
9/28	Helen Melton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/29	Mary Thompson	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199

## Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/14/1984	Steve and Becky Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/17/1954	Craig and Lillie Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
7/19/1959	Philip and Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
7/28/1978	Tom and Valerie Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
<b>August</b>		
8/10/1957	Ed and Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/15/1964	Woody and Peg Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
8/17/1963	John and Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
<b>September</b>		
9/3/1988	Cliff and Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
9/27/1997	Tom and Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

## New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
2/13/2017	Philip Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
2/13/2017	Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
2/27/2017	Sandra Butler	Manchester Lodge No. 14
<b>March</b>		
3/27/2017	Donald Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
3/27/2017	Emily Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
<b>April</b>		
4/24/2017	Woody Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
4/24/2017	Peg Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
4/25/2017	Tom Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
4/25/2017	Valerie Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
4/26/2017	Charles Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
4/26/2017	Althea Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54

## Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
2/9/2017	Betty Stinson	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
2/16/2017	Rose Mills	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/16/2017	Luther Zirkle	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
<b>March</b>		
3/11/2017	Carol Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
3/24/2017	Barbara Thornton	Sandston Lodge No. 216
<b>April</b>		
4/16/2017	Lansing Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
4/16/2017	Beatrice O'Connell	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
4/29/2017	Norwood Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

# Masonic Home of Virginia



Easter Egg Hunt with kids from a local daycare.



Dinner and a movie is a special event.



Residents enjoy the Sing Along.



Residents Kaufman and Burton chat during the St. Patrick's Day Social.



Resident Robert Young. Finder of the hidden groundhog.



Residents at the St. Patrick's Day Social.



Resident Annis Hatcher enjoys a therapy pet visit.



Resident Jack Golightly receives his 50-Year pin.



Resident Frances Bailey dancing at Dance Club.

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