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The Grand Master's Message

Brethren, to be elected by you to serve as your Grand Master and to represent you and the Grand Lodge of Virginia is truly an honor and a humbling experience; one I never anticipated. Before proceeding further, there are introductions and heartfelt acknowledgments I feel compelled to make.

First, I wish to present my loving wife, Billie. Her support for the past fifty-two years has never wavered. She has always been there for me and our family, through hell and high water at times, no matter where or when. We entered this Masonic journey together five years ago, and I would not want to be here tonight without her. I love you, Billie!

I would like to now introduce to you our son Todd, his wife Amy, and our grandchildren, Callie and Travis. They are truly God's gift to us.

Next, my brother Armand, and his wife Myra, no one could have a better brother or sister-in-law.

Also here, are our fifty-year friends, Bill and Margo Miller, from Afton, Virginia. We may not be blood kin, but we are family all the same.

To have Todd, Armand, and Bill stand with me tonight for my installation was a blessing from God.

No one could possibly travel the path to becoming Grand Master without the support of the following Brethren: the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers; our Team, the Guardians, and their wives, the Guardian Angels: my Lodge, Wytheville Fraternal No. 82; and my Widow's Son Chapter from Tazewell, the Sojourners.

A very special thank you to my installing Officers, Most Worshipful John R. Quinley, Most Worshipful James E. Litten, Right Worshipful Doyle L. Miller, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful James D. Cole, and Right Worshipful George G. Gregory.

Billie and I are so grateful and owe so much to every Past Grand Master



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and their wives. Especially Most Worshipful Louis K. "Kerry" Campbell and Marsha, Most Worshipful Wayne S. Flora and Mary Ann, Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. and Mary, Most Worshipful James E. Litten and Ann, Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook and Barbara, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, and Most Worshipful John M. Chambliss, Jr. and Judy.

We thank you so much for your love, support, and friendship. We have been truly blessed.

To say that I have prayed for divine intervention with the remarks I am about to present would be an understatement by any stretch of one's imagination.

My theme, **Freemasonry, A Tower of Strength**, sets the tone and is the very heart of my remarks tonight. The tower of strength being the very foundation of our Masonic Fraternity, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, formally con-

stituted on October 30, 1778.

A Masonic Fraternity consisting of men who possess qualities of strength, moral courage, capabilities and the belief in a Supreme Being. Masonic qualities require us each and every day to resist the negative forces continually at play against America and Freemasonry in today's world. For it is the men of the Blue Lodges of Freemasonry, a tower of strength, which support every other Appendant Masonic Body, that are in a position to make a difference in our Fraternity, communities and nation.

Depicted on my pin as the **Tower of Strength**, is the Jackson Ferry Shot Tower located in Wythe County. Built by Thomas Jackson, construction began shortly after the American Revolutionary War and was completed in 1807. Unlike most shot towers, which were constructed of brick, this tower was built of lime stone. The two-and-a-half-foot thick solid stone walls not only made the shot tower extremely strong, it kept its interior temperature cool and consistent, improving the quality of shot produced. One of only a few remaining shot towers in the United States, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 1, 1969.

History has been defined as the branch of knowledge that records the events of the past. A chronological record of past events of the Grand Lodge of Virginia has been and continues to be well documented. One only needs to go to our Grand Lodge website or visit our Museum and Library to experience our history.

The Grand Master's apartment is located upstairs in the Grand Lodge building. Across from the apartment is the Library and adjacent to them both is our Museum. To walk through the Museum, and observe the Past Grand Masters portraits and the artifacts acquired over the last two hundred and forty years, has and will always be a very humbling and emotional experi-

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Keep your fork!

The Grand Master's Message

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ence for me.

I have asked God on numerous occasions over the past five years just how I got here, and what I could do or say on behalf of our Fraternity to make it better. I believe His message to me was to request, if you do not remember anything else I say this evening, please remember this:

"It is not about me or the other Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It is about our Masonic Fraternity and its thirty-four thousand members."

We can certainly look at and relish our history, and we should. However, it is the current and future history of our Fraternity that transcends into what we currently are and what we are to become in the future. One thing has become abundantly clear. Our Grand Line can provide the resources our Brethren require to grow our Fraternity and be successful. However, only the Worshipful Masters, elected and appointed officers, and Brethren of our Masonic Lodges can make it happen.

Looking to my right, I see fifty-seven newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters. Each one, along with the elected and appointed Grand Line Officers, and Grand Lodge Committees is there for you, my Brethren, your Lodge, and our beloved Fraternity.

I have seen first-hand what exceptional leadership and communication within a Lodge can accomplish with the support of its members. Unfortunately, just the opposite takes place where one or more of the three is missing.

I submit to you there is no silver bullet to maintaining Lodge excellence or turning a Lodge around. The solution my Brethren, lies within each Lodge, it is defined by hard work and dedication. In the coming months, we will focus on leadership and communication training at our upcoming Division Leadership Conferences and through Subordinate

Lodge Officer Training (SLOT).

Brethren, I respectfully ask each of you to do the following for me and your Masonic Lodge in 2018.

- I: Replace yourself with a new Brother Master Mason.
- II: Create a Blue Lodge coin jar, fill it, and present it to your Lodge in November.
- III: Attend a Division Leadership Conference.
- IV: Support your Lodge officers, their projects and events.
- V: Visit other Lodges, within and without your district.
- VI: Bring your family, Lodge sweethearts (widows), and non-Masons to my Official Visits to your district.
- VII: Take advantage of the Grand Lodge website.

I want to share the following story, because I feel the moral applies to our Fraternity and its future as well.

Man and a Fork

There was a young man who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as he was getting his things "in order," he contacted his Pastor and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes.

He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like read, and in what outfit he wanted to be buried.

Everything was in order, and the

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Pastor was preparing to leave, when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him.

There's one more thing," he said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young man continued.

"I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The Pastor stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" The young man asked.

"Well to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young man explained, "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on, I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement.

She said in all her years of attending socials and dinners, she always remembered that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.'

It was her favorite part, because she knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie.

Something wonderful, and with substance!"

"So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand, and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?'"

Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork...the best is yet to come.'"

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death.

But, he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did. He had a better grasp of what heaven

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would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.

He knew that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the young man's casket, and they saw the suit he was wearing, and the fork placed in his right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over, he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him.

He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.


He was right. "So, the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come."

Brethren, I truly believe the same is true for each and every one of us and our Masonic Fraternity.

In closing, my Brethren, I ask that each of you reflect on the three obligations we have all taken in our journey to become Free and Accepted Masons. Ever mindful that one obligation never replaces another, but each builds upon the other.

Billie and I ask for your prayers as we travel in 2018 and are looking forward to our time together with each and every one of you.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to bless and guide our Masonic Fraternity in all that we say and do, and may God bless you, your families, and the United States of America.


 Gary Wallace Taylor
 Grand Master

Grand Master's Theme

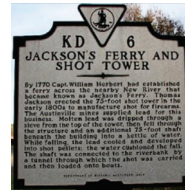
Freemasonry, A Tower of Strength

My theme for 2017-2018 is **Freemasonry, a Tower of Strength**. The tower of strength being the very foundation of our Masonic Fraternity. The Blue Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, formally constituted on October 30, 1778.

A Masonic Fraternity, consisting of men who possess the qualities of strength, capability, moral courage, and a belief in a Supreme Being. Masonic qualities required each and every day in order to resist the negative forces continually at play, against America and Freemasonry. For it is the men of the Blue Lodge of Masons, a tower of strength, that makes a difference and supports every other Appendent Masonic Body.

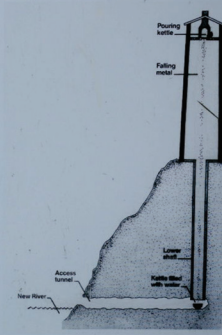
Emblem/Lapel Pin

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Shot Tower Historical State Park

Built and operated by Thomas Jackson in the 1800's, the Shot Tower was used to manufacture lead shot for muzzleloading shotguns and muskets. The Tower stands 75 feet high with a 75 foot shaft below. The lead needed a total fall of 150 feet to properly form the shot. A large kettle of water acted as a cushion and caught the shot at the bottom of the shaft. The shot was retrieved via a tunnel that came out at the river's edge. The Shot Tower has been designated as a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark.



Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor's Itinerary 2018

January

- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 26
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 28
- 10 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 25
- 13 Lodge Dedication - Acacia Lodge No. 16
- 19 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
- 20 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic District 19
- 26 Official Visit, Masonic District 11
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 8

February

- 2 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 31 and 32
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 36 and 56
- 10 Division Leadership Conference, Waynesboro
Springfield Lodge No. 217
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Grand Court Session, Order of the Amaranth, Williamsburg
- 17 - 20 Conference of Grand Masters of North America,
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 22 Wreath Laying, Mount Vernon
- 23 Division Leadership Conference, Norfolk
- 24 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News
Khedive Shrine, Potentate's Ball

March

- 2 Division Leadership Conference, Abingdon
- 3 Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke
- 9 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
- 10 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
- 12 Haymarket Lodge No. 313
- 14 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 15 Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
- 16 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 7 and 10
- 17 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond,
Official Visit, Masonic Districts 20 and 23
- 21 Army and Navy Lodge No. 306, Hampton
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 48 and 50
- 27 - 29 Grand Lodge of Tennessee

April

- 2 Vinton Lodge No. 204
- 7 Kazim Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 10 Henry Lodge No. 57
- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 33 and 34
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 14 Acca Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 18 Cave Spring Lodge No. 230, 70-Year Award, Roanoke
- 19 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 35A and 35B
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 14A and 14B
- 23 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219
- 25 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 28 Wreath Laying, Hollywood Cemetery

May

- 3 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
- 4 - 5 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 5 Kena Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 6 - 8 Grand Lodge of New York
- 9 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 12
- 18 Masonic Home Ambassador's Conference
- 19 Four Courts, Royal Order of Jesters, Alexandria
- 21 - 23 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star, Williamsburg
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 37 and 38
- 26 Manasseh Lodge No. 182, Strawberry Night

June 2017

- 2 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
- 3 15th Masonic District Memorial Service
- 7 Churchland Lodge No. 276
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 12 Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
- 13 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 14 Table Lodge,
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A, 1B, and 54
- 16 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery,
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 20 Summer Solstice, MAHOVA
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic District 40
- 23 Official Visit, Masonic District 41
- 26 Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 18

July

- 1 Annual Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Williamsburg
- 11 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 12 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 24
- 14 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 44 and 46
- 15-19 Imperial Shrine Session, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 2, 3, and 4
- 28 Annual Conclave, DeMolay, Newport News
- 30 Supreme Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Hampton

August

- 4 One-Day Conferral Class
- 8 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 9 James S. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 5 and 6
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A and 22
- 16 Bremond Lodge No. 241
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A, 15B, and 15C
- 24 Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 25 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 31 Hiram Club of Tidewater

September

- 1 Hiram Club of Tidewater
- 5 - 7 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 15 Widows Son's Conference, Tazewell
- 19 MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 20 Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201
- 21 - 22 Scottish Rite Conference, Smith Mountain Lake
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 47 and 49
- 29 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, 250th Anniversary

October

- 12 MAHOVA Board Meeting
Ocean View Lodge No. 335
- 13 Family Day, Masonic Home of Virginia
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 42 and 43
- 22 - 25 Grand Lodge of Georgia

November

- 3 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- 7 - 11 Grand Annual Communication

Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2018

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
**Kidd/Lupton	Salem	Feb. 22-24	22A, 22B, 24
William Dean Conner	Appomattox	Feb. 24	26, 27
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Mar. 5-7	38, 39
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	Mar. 8	12
Kenneth O. Shelton	Leesburg	Mar. 10	2
George Robert Marshall	Crewe	Mar. 10	26, 27
James Alfred Butts, Jr.	South Hill	Mar. 10	28
Charles A. Sinclair, Jr.	Fairfax	Mar. 16, 17	4
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	Mar. 24	7, 10
Wickham/Smith	Lexington	Mar. 24	20, 23
Boitnott/Myers	Newport	Mar. 26-28	40, 41
James Bolling Myers	Midlothian	Mar. 28, 29	16, 29
Campbell Area School	Rustburg	Mar. 26-29	21, 24, 25, 26, 37, 38
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windsor	Mar. 27-29	31, 32, 33
Willard D. Monk	Tazewell	Apr. 3-5	45
Fred D. Bowman	Front Royal	Apr. 7	3, 5, 6
C. Frank Hicks	Chesapeake	Apr. 7	36, 56
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Kempsville	Apr. 9	36, 56
Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.	Waynesboro	Apr. 13, 14	18, 19
C. A. Whitted	Scottsville	Apr. 16, 17	17, 18
Showalter	Radford	Apr. 25-27	40, 41, 42
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	May 7-9	57
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	May 12	8, 9, 11
Stewart Arthur Deem	Norfolk	May 12	35A, 35B
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	May 12, June 23	1A, 1B, 54
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	May 14-17	48, 49, 50
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 15-17	43
Sherman Montel Smallwood	Bedford	June 25-28	22A, 22B, 24, 25
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Suffolk	June 26-28	33, 34
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	July 18-21	15A, 15B, 15C, 16
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Aug. 21-23	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
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville^^	Oct. 28^^	7, 10
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion^^	Oct. 23-25^^	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland^^	Oct. 24-26^^	31, 32, 33
***Reid James Simmons Academy	TBD	TBD	TBD Statewide

** = Name Change

*** = New School

^^ = Not Available

^^ = Tentative Dates and Location

**** = To Be Determined

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

Grand Master's Biography

Gary Wallace Taylor was born in Norfolk, Virginia on July 17 the youngest of three children of Brother Armand Milton and Evelyn Taylor, Sr. He graduated from Granby High School in 1965. He is a graduate of Bluefield College with a Bachelors Degree in Management of Human Resources, and he obtained a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. He attended a one-year program at the Northwestern University Traffic Institute on Police Administration. He worked as an Installer Repairman with the C & P Telephone Company in Norfolk, before beginning his career in 1966 with the Virginia State Police, where he was involved with the State Police Academy in Richmond, Area 19 of the 3rd Division, Area 64 of the Safety Division, Headquarters of the 2nd Division, and Headquarters of the 4th Division before retiring as a Field lieutenant with thirty-seven years of service. He is a veteran of the Army National Guard.

Brother Taylor was made a Master Mason in King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 on March 1, 1977. He affiliated with Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82 on October 2, 1989, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2007 and 2010,



Grand Master
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and is currently the Treasurer. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 42 in 2011. He serves as the Child ID Coordinator for Masonic District 42. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2012 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master in November 2017.

He is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Also, he is a Life Member of Kazim Shrine Center and a member of

the Provost Guard and the New River Valley Shrine Club. He is a member of Wythe Royal Arch Chapter No. 51. He is a charter member of the Widows Sons Masonic R. A. Sojourners Chapter. Brother Taylor received the Legion of Honor from the International Order of DeMolay.

His professional and community involvement includes service on the Board of Directors of the Wytheville Habitat for Humanity, and Chairman of the Friends of the NRA Chapter in Wytheville, where he was selected as Volunteer of the Year for Southwest Virginia in 2009. He is a volunteer for the Agape Food Pantry in Wytheville. He is a member of the Virginia State Police Association and the American Association of State Troopers. He is the former Treasurer and current Division IV Representative for the Virginia State Police Alumni Association. He is a recipient of the Grand Master's 2011 Award of Excellence. He is also an active member and Deacon of Wytheville Baptist Church.

He is married to the former Billie Lynn Blankenbaker, and they have a son, Todd Milton Taylor, daughter-in-law, Amy Parrish Taylor, and two grandchildren, Callie and Travis.



Grand Junior Deacon's Biography

Jack Kayle Lewis was born on August 6 in Danville, Virginia. He is the son of the late Ben Barker and Violet Newton Lewis and grew up in the tobacco farming region of Pittsylvania County. He is a graduate of Dan River High School and continued his formal education throughout his adult working career. Jack is a 1978 graduate of Danville Community College, received his Bachelors Degree from Averett College and a Masters Degree in Sociology from Longwood College in 2002. He is also a graduate of the School of Police Command at Northwestern University and the University of Richmond's Executive Leadership Program.

Brother Lewis began his Law Enforcement career with the Danville Police Department in 1975 and was recognized by the Danville Jaycees as the Outstanding Officer in 1977. He joined the Lynchburg Police Department in 1978 and worked in every area of that department, attaining the position of Deputy Chief at his retirement in 2005, when he was selected as the Chief of Police in Apex, North Carolina. He retired from the Apex Police Department in January of 2013 and was honored by then Governor Bev Purdue with the Old North State Award and was the 2014 Inductee into the Town of Apex Hall of



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Fame. He is a Life Member of both the North Carolina Police Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Brother Lewis was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 29, 1980, in Kent Lodge No. 305 becoming the third generation of Lewis men in Kent Lodge, following his grandfather, Artwin S. Lewis, his father, Right Worshipful Ben B. Lewis, and has since been joined by his son John Benjamin Lewis, who currently serves as the Ju-

nior Deacon. He served as Worshipful Master in 1984, 1988, and 2013 and is currently the Lodge Secretary. He was a member of Marshall Lodge No. 39 from 1982 - 2001 and has been a dual member of Carter Lodge No. 323 since 2015. Brother Lewis is also a member of the Valley of Lynchburg, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite since 1981.

Brother Lewis was appointed by Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 38th Masonic District in 2014, and currently serves the 38th District as its District Educational Officer. Right Worshipful Brother Lewis was appointed by Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook as the Grand Junior Steward in 2017.

Brother Lewis and his wife, the former Barbara Faye Holland, were married on January 4th, 1976 and they have one son, J. Benjamin Lewis, who resides in Chatham with his wife Nikki and their two children, Charlotte Paige (Charley) Lewis and Jackson Bennett Lewis. Jack and Barbara live in the Spring Garden area of Pittsylvania County near where they both grew up, and there enjoy country living, collecting antiques, and their grandchildren. Brother Lewis has been a member of Kentuck Baptist Church in Ringgold, Virginia for over fifty years.

The true student realizes most of all that the taking of degrees does not make a man a Mason. A Mason is not appointed; he is evolved and he must realize that the position he holds in the exoteric lodge means nothing compared to his position in the spiritual lodge of life. He must forever discard the idea that he can be told or instructed in the sacred Mysteries or that his being a member of an organization improves him in any way. He must realize that his duty is to build and evolve the sacred teachings in his own being; that nothing but his own purified being can unlock the door to the sealed libraries of human consciousness, and that his Masonic rites must eternally be speculative until he makes them operative by living the life of the mystic Mason.

Manley P. Hall
The Lost Keys of Freemasonry

Observations on Change and Traditional Observance

Right Worshipful William E. (Bill) Hershey, Jr.

Deputy Grand Master

The plethora of sayings and clichés about “change” seem to be never ending. From the times of Gaius Petronius up through modern times, there have been, and I suppose there always will be, quotes addressing “change.” Yet, there are always those clamoring for “change,” which they believe will bring about positive results. There are those who adamantly profess, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” There are still others who say, “We need to get back to our roots.” Still others subscribe to the concept that organizations must change to remain relevant. I am sure we can all think of instances where any one of these positions on change could be viewed as being absolutely correct.

I recently came across an article in the December 2016 issue of a Masonic publication out of England called *The Square*. On page 59 of that publication was an article authored by Benjamin Williams. The title of the article was *Why Traditional Observance Slipped In Colorado*. While I am not at all conversant on the specifics of how Freemasonry is practiced in Colorado, I was drawn to read the article several times. As I read the article, I pondered the subject of “change.”

Brother Williams writes, “Traditional Observance Masonry is a movement in the United States that purports to restore Masonry to a place of excellence.”

I would offer for your consideration that to embrace this position one would have to concede that Freemasonry has lost its place of excellence. I strongly disagree with this premise. I do concede that Freemasonry does need to “change” some of the ways we do business to be considered relevant in the twenty-first Century. However, I do not believe that one can put the toothpaste back into the tube, which is what I view the traditional observance philosophy is attempting to do.

Brother Williams goes on to state;

“When the traditional observance movement first became known to me, like many others, I was an enthusiastic proponent. Here was something that seemed to promise the kind of Masonic experience that, as a new Mason, I had been looking for; candlelit Lodge rooms, ritualistic excellence, philosophical exegesis, and even incense. But what seemed worthy in intent, soon became overcompensated in execution. Additional elements to the ritual seemed hyperbolic and counterfeit, as if someone were attempting (to speak) with a voice not its own. To proceed solemnly into Lodge to dramatic effect with evocative music, and then stand on the sign of fidelity to await the Master’s stentorious declaration, became suddenly redundant and without purpose. It was ineffective and even comical.”

Brother Williams says, “Don’t get me wrong, there are elements of the so-called traditional observance movement worth keeping, or should we say exemplifying as practiced in the twenty-first century. The problem though, at least as evidenced in Colorado it seems, is one of pernicious self-aggrandizement, some abhorrent overcompensation that somehow creeps in. All of a sudden, Brethren take to believing they know what is best for the Fraternity. They begin to pronounce cure-alls with dictatorial zeal. They become Masonic Fundamentalists, zealots for an occultist religiosity that rusts the working tools of any truly observant Mason. Perhaps worst of all, they make themselves up to be professional Masons. Self-appointed, their avarice soon becomes evident.”

In the Grand Lodge of Virginia, we practice what is known as York Rite Masonry. The Grand Lodge and all regularly chartered Virginia Lodges function under the guidelines and rules as set forth in the *Methodical Digest*. The *Methodical Digest* states as follow:

Sec. 1.75(r). Committee on Work. This Committee shall be composed of the Grand Lecturer, who by virtue of his office shall be its Chairman, and the several Lecturers appointed in the manner herein set forth ... It shall be endowed with the functions of Custodians of the Work.

In other words, the Grand Lodge Committee on Work is the keeper of our ritual. The Committee is responsible for our ritual, catechisms, floor work, and ceremonies. I do not know how it could possibly be more clearly stated. Lodges do not have the authority to not follow or change any of its practices with regards to our ritual, our catechisms, our floor work, or our ceremonies, and still expect to operate under a Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Brother Williams closes his article with the following statement, “If you need a new name for what Freemasonry should be, chances are you are not practicing what Freemasonry is. Experience suggests all the elements worthy of traditional observance are not found in the darkened Lodge: they’re found in the Mason’s heart.”

I will close this article by stating that I am not opposed to “change.” Before we set out to make a change we need to answer some very basic questions about why the change is necessary. We also need to be able to list the benefits of making the contemplated change. Let me also clearly state that before any change can be made concerning our ritual, a request for review and approval must be submitted to our Grand Lecturer, who is ultimately responsible for this most important aspect of Virginia Masonry. I often say that the only things man cannot change are the laws of physics. Again, however, before we embark on that much needed change, we must be cognizant of the fact that you cannot put the toothpaste back in the tube.

Division Leadership Conferences 2018

There are many skills required to successfully handle expectations as an officer in your Lodge.

Some of the skills include: leadership, planning, communication, decision-making, team building, fiscal management, knowledge of Masonic precepts and law, cooperation, and willingness to discuss new ideas, naming just a few.

These skills are necessary as a Lodge officer and are essential for your Lodge's future success. The future is built by officers working cooperatively with the officers ahead and behind him to promote continuous progress, not just his year.

Think of the reach these skills can have. As current Lodge officers, you review the operations of the Lodge to work to improve the processes and committees that make the Lodge successful. The Past Masters can make a positive impact helping mentor upcoming Lodge officers. Brethren who may become officers in the future will find that they are building on the successes

Worshipful Paul A. Miller, Grand Provost of the past to make a stronger Lodge in the future.

So, where can these leadership skills be acquired?

The Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Committee on Masonic Education has developed a series of modules that provide guidance related to these types of skills, so the Brethren have the tools necessary for becoming successful Lodge officers.

The first modules address skills related to leadership and communication.

These modules will be provided to the District Educational Officers (DEOs) and Division Provosts, as the required curriculum for the Subordinate Lodge Officer Training, which will be provided by the DEOs in their Masonic districts. Contact your DEO to determine when the training is planned for

your district or Lodge and take advantage of the opportunity to refine these skills.

To introduce these modules, the themes of

leadership and communication will be the focus of the 2018 Division Leadership Conferences. Presentations of these subjects will occur in the opening session of the conferences, followed by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, wrapping up with counterpart sessions between the Brethren, Lodge officers, and Grand Lodge Officers.

Every Brother is encouraged to attend the Division Leadership Conferences, because we all play an important role in the leadership and success of our Lodges. Each Brother can take away the elements of leadership and communication, so he can apply them as an active part in the growth of his Lodge.

This is your 2018 Division Leadership Conference schedule:

Keyville - Friday, January 19, 2018

John Daniel Community College
200 Daniel Road, Keyville, Virginia 23947
6:00 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship
6:30 P.M. - Conference begins

Richmond - Saturday, January 20, 2018

Richmond Scottish Rite Temple
4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227
8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
8:30 A.M. - Conference begins

Waynesboro - Saturday, February 10, 2018

Bridge Christian Church
1275 Goose Creek Rd, Fishersville, Virginia 22939
9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
9:30 A.M. - Conference begins

Norfolk - Friday, February 23, 2018

Norfolk Masonic Temple
7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23505
6:00 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship
6:30 P.M. - Conference begins

Newport News - Saturday, February 24, 2018

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
65 Saunders Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601
8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
8:30 A.M. - Conference begins

Abingdon - Friday, March 2, 2018

Virginia Highlands Community College
100 VHCC Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210
6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship
7:00 P.M. - Conference begins

Roanoke - Saturday, March 3, 2018

Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite Temple
622 Campbell Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016
8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
8:30 A.M. - Conference begins

Warrenton - Friday, March 9, 2018

Location to be announced
597 Broadview Avenue, Warrenton, Virginia 20186
6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship
7:00 P.M. - Conference begins

Alexandria - Saturday, March 10, 2018

Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
1430 W Braddock Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22302
8:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship
8:30 A.M. - Conference begins

Hillman Award - Road Map to Success

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

“Never gonna happen.”

“Too complicated.”

“It’s never been done in this Lodge.”
Really? Think again.

Have your Lodge Wardens obtained their Certificates of Qualification (twenty-five points)? Has the Secretary submitted the required reports to Grand Lodge? Does your Lodge make its recommendation for District Deputy Grand Master each year? Did the Worshipful Master attend the Grand Master’s Official visit? Has the Master appointed a Lodge Instructor of Work, a Lodge Educational Officer, a Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador, a Lodge Blood Coordinator, and a Lodge representative to attend Grand Lodge? Does your Lodge contribute an average of \$3.00 or more per member to the Masonic Home of Virginia?

You may be surprised to learn that a positive answer to each of these questions means that your Lodge has completed several of the mandatory requirements for the James Noah Hillman Memorial Award. It was established in 1971 to recognize superior-performing Virginia Lodges. It rewards superior performance, not only on the part of Lodge Officers, but also the general membership of the Lodge. Since the work is being done, why not get credit for it and build on it for the future of the Lodge?

You may discover in the Hillman Award a way to stifle complaints about Brethren having nothing to do, dull meetings, and the same old Brethren doing all the work. It is worth a shot.

James Noah Hillman was born in Coeburn, Virginia, in 1883. He earned his A.B. and A.M Degrees at the College of William and Mary. Upon graduation, he took up teaching in the Wise County Public Schools, rising to the post of Superintendent. William and Mary awarded him the honorary degree



Most Worshipful James Noah Hillman (1938)

of Doctor of Laws.

Brother Hillman held the Office of Grand Master of Masons in 1938 and that of Grand Secretary from 1944 through 1958. Viewed as a preacher without a parish, his topic was Freemasonry. The Award honors his lifetime of dedication to Masonic education and participation.

The Award’s requirements clearly require a team effort. Five or more members at a time must make three visits to, or host three events for, three Youth Organizations, preferably Masonic, but also such groups as Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H, or other civic or church related youth groups.

The Lodge must host visits from the District Educational Officer and District Instructor of Work and provide an official reception for the District Deputy Grand Master.

In addition to those “Administrative” mandatory requirements, an applicant for the Award must earn one hundred points each in Ritual, Masonic Education, Administration, Charity, Family and Community Service.

Under “Ritual,” Brethren can earn

points for their Lodges by learning Degree lectures, attending District Ritual Schools, participating in Degree conferrals, learning and delivering the Master Mason’s Catechism, earning Silver (fifteen point) and Gold (twenty point) Proficiency cards, and having the ability to conduct the funeral service (first time this year, fifteen points; otherwise, ten points).

For “Masonic Education,” The Lodge earns ten points for having the District Educational Officer present a Masonic Education Program and for each additional education program up to five. Twenty-five points go to a Lodge having four or five line officers attend the Division Leadership Conference, as well as for having at least five members attend another Lodge and present a program. Individual Brethren can earn their Lodge ten points for each Correspondence Course completed as a member or as a line officer.

“Administration” achievements include Grand Lodge attendance by one or two Progressive Line Officers (five points each), the Treasurer and Secretary (ten points each), and two or more appointed officers (five points).

Each fraternal visit earns the Lodge ten points. Such a visit to another Lodge with at least five members counts as a fraternal visit, but must be separate from the mandatory program visits, and only two visits to a single Lodge may be counted. Keeping suspensions down can earn points and gaining up to five affiliations (five points each) and restorations (five points each, no limit) earn points. Raise up to five new Master Masons, five points each.

Finally, for “Charity, Family, and Community Service,” your Lodge gets ten points each for a program from its District Masonic Home Ambassador and District Blood Coordinator, plus

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escalating points for actually participating in the Grand Lodge Blood Program. Presentation of up to two Community Builder's Awards net ten points each. So do hosting up to three family events, five or more members hosting visiting/hosting up to three Masonic youth organizations, and recognizing an Eagle Scout or similar high achievement youth award.

Better yet, if three or more members participate in one or two community-oriented public service programs such as sponsoring a youth athletic team or Scout Troop, conducting Child IDs, or a Blood Drive, the Lodge gets twenty-five points each.

How many of these activities does your Lodge already conduct out of habit, a sense of obligation or just plain inertia? Now download the form at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4Pt-zaELp8fvRVp1bjhINDU0Zzg/view>. Surprised? Looks like your Lodge may be more of a temple of living stones than you thought. Those fraternal visits sound like fun. There's actually stuff for the Blood Coordinator, Masonic Home Ambassador, Lodge Educational Officer, District Instructor of Work, and District Educational Officer to do. You have more reason than ever to get Brethren to attend Divisional Leadership Conferences and Grand Lodge.

Now, you have not only the road map to the Hillman, you have valuable contributions that the youngest Master Masons can make to the quality of your Lodge, you have programs at your stables, you're making your Lodge known in the community, and friendships in your Lodge can develop, deepen, and flourish.

The James Noah Hillman Award five qualifying "Sections" are identified as follows:

I. Activities (all parts of this Section are mandatory)

- II. Ritual
- III. Masonic Education
- IV. Lodge Administration
- V. Charity, Family and Community Service

Your Lodge, now more than ever, may "exhibit program excellence by undertaking various activities that support, enhance, and build this great Fraternity by meeting minimum prescribed requirements, as well as participating in additional activities that achieve a superior performance level," as stated in the application form.

James Noah Hillman Award 2017 Recipients

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Acacia Lodge No. 16
Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
Poquoson Lodge No. 49
Henry Lodge No. 57
Naomi Lodge No. 87
Spurmont Lodge No. 98
Melrose Lodge No. 139
Berkley Lodge No. 167
Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
Manassah Lodge No. 182
Kempsville Lodge No. 196
Forest Lodge No. 245
Cedar Bluff Lodge No. 260
Mountain Home Lodge No. 263
Churchland Lodge No. 276
Frank P. Moncure Lodge No. 279
Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
Willis V. Frentress Lodge No. 296
Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Hay Market Lodge No. 313
Richlands Lodge No. 318
Ocean View Lodge No. 335
Catawba Lodge No. 342
Patriot Lodge No. 1957

The road to the Hillman Award includes choices, commitments, and ef-

Family Day Fun



This year's Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia saw the first ever Corn Hole Tournament, which was won by Worshipful Terry W. Woo (left) and Brother Jeremy A. Roland (right), who are both members of Westhampton Lodge No. 302.

fort, but all enhance the Masonic experience. It delineates the responsibilities of Lodge and District officers and provides opportunities for new members to actively participate in Lodge activities and draws them into sharing in the Lodge's success. Even if the effort to obtain the Award falls short, the attempt itself improves the Lodge. There's always next year.

Meanwhile, sticking to the Hillman road map puts meat on the bones of Freemasonry's generous conferral of titles, appointments, and offices. The form's requirements provide many goals and activities worth accomplishing for their own sake.

Good luck.



Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street
 Richmond, Virginia
 November 11 - 12, 2018

Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook, Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

OFFICERS
GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA
2016 - 2017

MOST WORSHIPFUL VERNON STUART COOK	Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY WALLACE TAYLOR.....	Deputy Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM EDWARD HERSHEY, JR.	Grand Senior Warden
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WORSHIPFUL THOMAS ALEXANDER CLARK, JR.	Grand Marshal
WORSHIPFUL J. THOMAS WADKINS, III	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BARRYE LANE ABSHER.....	Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HOEN McGUIRE EDWARDS, JR.	Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DOYLE LEE MILLER	Assistant Grand Lecturer
WORSHIPFUL PAUL ALAN MILLER	Grand Provost
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS EDWARD LASHER.....	Grand Pursuivant
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL EMMETT DUNN	Grand Purveyor
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LINWOOD RAY SPEARS	Grand Senior Steward
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JACK KAYLE LEWIS.....	Grand Junior Steward
BROTHER DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.	Grand Organist
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
WORSHIPFUL GEORGE SANCHEZ ALCARAZ.....	Grand Tiler

OFFICERS EMERITUS

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR. Deputy Grand Secretary

The Grand Master proceeded to open the 239th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook, as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, P.G.M.

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges that qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2018, if the awards are available.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Jacob Homer Hatten, Jr., a member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful William Joseph Schaffer of Indian River Lodge No. 252.

During Friday morning's session, Most Worshipful Brother Cook recognized his distinguished guests and the Past Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia.

The Report of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia was presented and approved. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2018 was presented and approved.

Friday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois, the Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan, the Grand Lodge of the State of Andres Quintana Roo (Mexico), the Grand Orient of the State of Mato Grosso, the Grand Orient of the State of Parana, the Grand Orient of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, and the Grand Orient of the State of Santa Catarina." This resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful James Dean Cole and adopted.

The Grand Master accepted a motion to elect Brother Gary E. Hutchinson and Brother James Allen McAllister as a Trustee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia to replace Right Worshipful Ronald Leroy Carter and Worshipful John Irvin Long. The motion passed as presented.

Committee meetings were held at 3:30 P.M., and a banquet for the delegates and distinguished guests was held on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 11, 2017.

The John Blair, Jr. Award was presented on Saturday to Most Worshipful C. Michael Watson, Grand Secretary of Ohio, to Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora of Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, and Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263. In addition, the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Most Worshipful Clifford Alan Parker of Warwick Lodge No. 336 and to General Douglas MacArthur (posthumously).

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Masonic Districts 22A and 22B by Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young, Executive Officer in Virginia. Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, also presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. Resolutions 17-01 through 17-02 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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WORSHIPFUL GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
WORSHIPFUL PHILIP GENE GODWIN.....	Grand Chaplain
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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Right Worshipful Harris Trail Luscomb, III, and Right Worshipful Steven Wayne McGowan.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 241 Lodges represented with 835 registered by the Committee.

A motion was entertained and passed to pay the bills of this Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2018, unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers was held at 4:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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Summary Of Resolutions Presented At 2018 Grand Annual Communication

RESOLUTION NO. 17-01 – ADOPTED

This resolution would change Section 2.19 of the Methodical Digest to increase the annual per capita from thirty-three dollars (\$33) to forty-two dollars (\$42); to increase the Scholarship Fund from forty cents (.40) to ninety cents (.90) annually per member; and to implement fifty cents (.50) per member for the Grand Lodge Library, Museum & Historical Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-02 – REJECTED

This resolution would change Section 2.125 of the Methodical Digest to clarify under what circumstances a withdrawal of membership from a Lodge will not be permissible, i.e. in instances where a Brother is under civil, criminal or Masonic charges, a demit by the Lodge could not be granted.



Grand Annual Co



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook presenting his Address to the Brethren.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook placing a rose on the Altar in memory of all deceased Brethren.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook thanking Robert E. Cook, Worshipful Master of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 for coming up Grand Lodge.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook recognizing members of his Team, The Deputies.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook presenting the Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence to Right Worshipful William J. Schaffer.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook presenting the John Blair, Jr. Award to Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins.

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Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook presenting the Perfect Ashlar Award to Brother Jacob H. Hattan, Jr., of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, accompanied by Worshipful Robert E. Cook.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook with the Potentates from Acca, Kazim, Kena, and Khedive.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook with Virginia's Masonic Youth Leaders.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook receiving his Past Grand Master's Certificate from Most Worshipful William T. Ellison, Jr.



Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook receiving a plaque from Simon R. LaPlace, PGM, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.



The 2018 Grand Lodge officers taking their obligation during the Installation Ceremony.

Duly and Truly Prepared

Brother Zach Y.. Twyford



When the Worshipful Master of Atlantic Lodge No. 2 first assigned me the task of writing a Masonic paper, I wondered, "Why?" What's the purpose? What significance would it hold for me?" But, as I am studying my Fellowcraft manual, the reason became quite apparent. "As such, he is a workman whose duty is to invent, create, and achieve and thus to express his own genius and individuality."

As I began to reflect on what my topic might be, one question continued to enter my mind; is one duly and truly prepared? How can one be duly and truly prepared for something they know little to nothing about? But, as I began to learn the teachings and philosophy of Freemasonry, I, as most of us do, started to make correlations between the art and other things we may have been privy to in life. For some, it might have been the Boy Scouts, for others the military, or possibly church organizations. For each man, it is as individual and unique as the man himself. I found my similarities in the ancient art of surfing.

Now, you're probably wondering, what do skeezy, sunburnt stoners have to do with Masonry? What do men who abandon all responsibility at the drop of a hat to chase waves have to do with the upright men of Masonry? Yet, it has an allusion. To the real surfer, the true watermen, we know these rumors to be false. For those on the outside know not truly what lies within.

As we sit right now in this peaceful blue sanctuary, surrounded by men with the same endeavor in mind, so does the humble surfer patiently wait in the vast blue ocean for the gifts which God may bestow upon him. Surfing takes perseverance, mental and physical dedication. After hours and hours and days and months of practice and repetition, has one achieved the act of merely standing up. Then, and only then, can he truly begin his journey through the ancient art,

where its meaning becomes something special and different to every man, just like the grains of sand that adorn our shores. Over three thousand years ago, Polynesians began riding the swells of the ocean. A sport of kings, it was reserved for the highest class of men. Men who developed their own prayers, board shapes, worked with wood, and navigated the beaches. Beaches where only a select few could surf for fear of punishment and possible death. Three thousand years later, the sport is no longer reserved for royalty. All men have the right to enjoy this wonderful, mystical place we call the ocean, but only those who seek and attain further knowledge can truly call themselves watermen. In the great sea, every man is equal, yet there still remains a hierarchy based not upon who he is or what he has, but rather the wealth of knowledge he possesses. A wealth of knowledge only gained through experience and dedication, and a never-ending desire to gain understanding of our oceans and the way they work.

Men of the ocean have always relied on the sun, moon, and stars to help guide their vessels. They were great astronomers, and by charting and plotting their courses, they became great mathematicians as well, making it possible for any man to travel a safe passage to a place that was once unknown. Surfers still use these tools to determine when and where the best swells will arrive,

allowing us to be properly prepared for the conditions, which we may face.

Life, like the ocean, can be unpredictable, and the waves we ride resemble the days of our lives in which no two will ever be the same. We take what we are given from our Almighty Creator and ride every wave with pleasure. For each day of life is a gift and is to be enjoyed as such. Sometimes, we are faced with large and dangerous surf; that reminds us of the grave consequences in which the truly unprepared may suffer. However, surfing is a brotherhood created by a common bond, and we are taught to always aid and assist all those who may be distressed in the rough waters, which they cannot face alone. Though it is a brotherhood, surfing is a singular act you must perform alone. Every man goes about it in a way that specifically enriches his experience, and at the same time, still shares it with all who surrounded him. Taking joy in the great rides of others and acknowledging them for doing such is one of the great cornerstones of surfing. Giving and sharing waves is a surfer's form of charity, spreading the love, and stoke to all;. The sole purpose is to enjoy the time you have in the water. The thing most desired by surfers is to get barreled by a wave. It means to get completely covered by the wave, to be completely surrounded by water. Some call it being shackled, others the green room, or the glass cathedral; all alluding to the form of a building. A building not made with hands. Only by the blessings of our Creator do all of the conditions come together to bring us such joy. As surfers, our responsibility is to be prepared. A culmination of everything we've ever learned performed in one single act. Just as the tide ebbs and flows; so, does life, as we patiently wait in the vast sea for the things we so much desire.

MSA Request

Charge At Closing

... Remember ... you have solemnly bound yourselves to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance. ... These generous principles are to extend further; every human being has a claim upon your kind offices; do good unto all... and may the God of peace and love delight to dwell with and bless you.

Dear Brethren,

We have received information from the Masonic Service Association (MSA) concerning the devastation suffered by Puerto Rico due to recent hurricanes, and a Disaster Relief Appeal received from the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico. Should you have any questions, please contact MSA directly at the contact information provided.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Alan W. Adkins,
Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico has asked Masonic Service Association to issue a Disaster Appeal due to the damage caused by Hurricane Maria.

The Disaster Appeals for Texas and Florida are still in effect.

Thank you for your efforts and joining Masonic Service Association in our prayers for the Brethren and families of the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida.

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Road Runners

Right Worshipful David W. Murray



Earlier this year the Secretary of Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 sent me a preliminary report for my upcoming Official Visit as District Deputy. One of the items that caught my eye was the number of Lodge fraternal visits. They had racked up fifty-one fraternal visits in the past year. That was interesting since their membership was only listed as ninety-seven. I had heard the term Road Runners mentioned in Lodge, and I knew it was a group of Lodge members who traveled to other Lodges outside the district. I spoke with the chairman of that group, Brother Jack Van Leliveld, and he told me the Road Runners was the brain child of Right Worshipful Steve Andersen. Brother Jack was asked to create a schedule and facilitate visits to Lodges outside the district each month. This committee has continued since 2012. Last year, the Road Runners had fourteen scheduled visits, which totaled approximately one thousand three hundred miles. The remaining fraternal visits are what he considered unofficial Road Runner events and visits within the district.

I asked Brother Jack about some of the most memorable visits. The first he mentioned was the November 2015 visit, when ten Brethren visited Manchester Lodge No. 14, and the Master of Chickahominy Lodge, Worshipful Bo Bohannon, presented his father, Whit-

ney Bohannon, with the Seventy-Year Masonic Veterans Award. Another was their visit to Reedville Lodge No. 321, in the Fall of 2016. He contacted the Master, Worshipful John Courtney, and informed him they were coming and asked if there was an interesting sight he would recommend for them to see prior to coming to the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Courtney arranged a visit to the Omega Protein Processing Plant in Reedville, and the nine Brethren, who were traveling, had a fine time. The group always tries to add a visit to a site or do something interesting when they visit a new area, and this field trip was a good as it gets, Brother Jack informed me.

The Brethren of Chickahominy Lodge recently recognized Brother Jack for his efforts and success of the Road Runner program, when they presented him with his own customized traveling apron.

Chickahominy Lodge has regular visitors from interesting places. In many cases, those visitors are reciprocating visits or responding to the good things they have heard from Brethren about Chickahominy Lodge No. 286. So, if you keep your eyes peeled and your ears open, you just might get a chance to see some Road Runners from Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 in your Lodge.

150th Anniversary Morotock Lodge No. 210

Brother Bernard Jones

Danville celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Morotock Lodge No. 210. It was initially nothing more than a group of valiant men of the community, some being Masons, who banded together to aid, support and protect Danville from the carpetbaggers from the North and others with less than scrupulous ideas at the close of the Civil War. This group formed to help rebuild Danville, but to do it in a prideful way.

Nearly all of these men were prominent members of society at the time. As they continued to work together in unity, they realized they wished to form a more permanent and sacred bond. As many of these men were Masons and members of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122, they decided to form their own Lodge to commemorate, as well to perpetuate, their unity. Morotock Lodge was granted its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia on December 12, 1866.

William Sutherlin presented the Lodge its first set of Masonic jewels that represented each of the officers within the Lodge. While many know the name of William Sutherlin and his history in Danville, there were several other leading men over the early, formative years of the Lodge that were key figures within Danville also.

Both Richard Warner Peatross and Lindsay Mayo Shumaker were judges in Danville. Peatross was a long time Circuit Court Judge for Danville and Shumaker was the first Federal Judge appointed to the area after the Civil War. George Cabell served Danville not only as a City Councilman for many years but the area at large also as a U.S. Congressman for twelve years. James Schoolfield was not only one of the founding fathers of Riverside Cotton Mills, later to be known as Dan River, Inc., but also served as a member of the House of Delegates for many years.

Alexander Berkley Carrington, the Carrington Pavilion has his namesake, but he was a large man within the community long before this honor. He was Chairman of the Danville City School Board, long serving chair for both the Danville Memorial Hospital and Hughes Home, and served on the Board of Directors for the State Chamber of Commerce for decades. He was also a key figure within Dibrell Brothers Tobacco near the turn of the century and helped make it the leading tobacco company in the state of Virginia.

These early members of Morotock Lodge were the faces of the community and were influential in its growth over the years to become a focal point of leadership in the community. As time went on, so did Morotock. Not only did Morotock continue to have men serve as City Councilmen, such as Vernon Wilkerson, it had men who ran businesses and doctors' offices in town and provided many various services for the citizens of Danville.

While Morotock Lodge has seen its share of struggles over the years as all good and righteous civic organizations have, members are still very active in many walks of life as educators, business owners, police officers, and medical workers, along with the activities that the Freemasons support.

Each serves his community with pride. They are at the forefront of what each hopes to be a Renaissance of Freemasonry in this community. Membership and participation is once again on the rise, and the ability to do even more good for the community continues to present itself. As Danville once again rises with all the great projects from the River District to the entire the city, Freemasons will be there to support and provide the help to once again prove the greatness of the city of Danville.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Barry A. Crane, Wor. L. Seth Gunter, and Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook (2017).

Masonic Veterans



L-R: Wor Bob Rathbun, Bro. Sidney L. Berz, Wor. Gerald A. Anderson.

Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 received notification from Grand Lodge to present on behalf of Fraternal Lodge No. 53 to Brother Sidney Leon Berz his Seventy-Year Masonic Veterans Award. Worshipful Brother Rathbun of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 contacted Brother Berz and was accompanied by Brethren from Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, presented Brother Berz his Seventy-Year Masonic Service Award.



L-R: Wor. Bob Rathbun, Bro. James Kiphart, his wife Eileen Kiphart, and Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook (2017).

Brother Kiphart was presented his Sixty-Year Masonic Veterans pin by Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook (2017) during his Official Visit to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220.



Worshipful John W. Harrington (second from the right) received his Fifty-Year Masonic Veterans certificate and pin on September 22, 2017, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Masonic Home of Virginia, following the Friday Ritual Class. Making the presentation was Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary (left). Also present for the ceremony were Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook (2017) (right), Worshipful William F. Graeter (second from left). Brother Harrington is an honorary member of Westhamp-ton Lodge No. 302 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1973. Brother Harrington is a resident of the Masonic Home of Virginia and celebrated his 100th birthday earlier in the month.

History has been defined as the branch of knowledge that records the events of the past. A chronological record of past events of the Grand Lodge of Virginia has been and continues to be well documented.



Right Worshipful Harvey L. Fleshman (second from the right) received his Fifty-Year Masonic Veterans certificate and pin on September 7, 2017, in the Fellowship Hall, United Methodist Church, Louisa, Virginia, prior to the stated communication of Day Lodge No. 58. Making the presentation was Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook (2017), Grand Master (right). Also present for the ceremony were Right Worshipful Karl E. Hawk (left) and Right Worshipful Robert E. Simpson (second from left). Brother Fleshman served as Worshipful Master in 1969 and 1987 and as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 10 in 1972. Brother Fleshman is a Life Member in Perpetuity and holds honorary membership in four Lodges. Brother Fleshman has not missed a stated communication for fifty years. Quite an accomplishment!



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Grow Old with Our Masonic Youth

Right Worshipful Benjamin F. Hill

Robert Browning, an English Poet of the Victorian age, famously said: "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be..." But I say grow old with our Masonic youth groups and grow in friendship.

We look to today's youth to continue to build our great nation, to make its society good and noble, and to understand their responsibility. Today's youth is far better informed and more intellectually influenced at much earlier ages than any generation in history. We must exercise spiritual and moral leadership for the benefit of our Masonic youth organizations, or that privilege and opportunity will be lost to us forever.

We Masons profess to be leaders of our nation, physically, morally, and spiritually. We must be conscious of, and responsible for, the development of our Masonic youth organizations. I know of no field of activity in which Masons could be better employed than promoting institutions whose aim is to develop the moral and spiritual life of our Masonic youth.

Unless young people are properly influenced and guided, there is no ground for hope of Freemasonry to be the thing we cherish dearly. This is why real dedicated leadership of our Masonic youth is so vital to us. Freemasons, individually and collectively, as members of Symbolic Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Knights Templar Commanderies, and Scottish Rite Valleys, have a unique opportunity to supply that leadership by actively providing sponsorship and support of our Masonic youth.

DeMolay International enables young men to master their own skills of leadership, self-reliance, and responsibility. Each DeMolay Chapter is organized to function in such a manner that the individual members plan their own

social, athletic, civic, and fund-raising activities, and thus learn firsthand the lessons of responsible citizenship. Standing in the background and ready with a friendly word of advice and other assistance when needed, are the adult Masonic Advisors who do just that, advise. Advisors are Masons who give freely and voluntarily of their time and talent because of their interest in the youth of their communities. As a reward, the Advisor receives the personal satisfaction of seeing "his boys" grow into manhood and take their rightful places of leadership.

To become an adult DeMolay leader, just complete a sign-up form. Men and women ages twenty-one and older are eligible to be adult advisors. No Masonic connection or relation to a DeMolay is required. Each Chapter must have at least three Master Masons on the advisory council. The adult volunteer position of Chairman of the Advisory Council must be filled by a Master Mason. Interested adults must pass a background check and application process requiring three references. Before becoming an Advisor, an applicant must complete the three-hour DeMolay Advisor Development (D.A.D.) Training Program.

To become an adult Rainbow leader, just complete the sign-up form. Men and women ages twenty-one and older are eligible to be adult advisors, if they are one of the following: Master Mason, Majority Rainbow Girl, Member of Eastern Star, White Shrine, or Amaranth, parent, grandparent, or guardian of an active or Majority Rainbow Girl

Each Rainbow Assembly must have at least two Master Masons on the advisory board. Interested adults must pass a background check and application/approval process and complete a Youth

Protection Training Program.

Our Masonic youth organizations not only need our support, but deserve it as well. DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and International Order of Rainbow for Girls have been instrumental in forming good character and instilling good citizenship in young people for many years. Judging from the current state of affairs, Masonic youth organizations serve a critical role that is all too often under supported by us.

I urge each Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Valley to sponsor a program by one of our youth organizations. If there is a youth organization located in your area, ask them to make a presentation, exemplify a degree, or otherwise participate in some of your Masonic functions. The exemplification of the DeMolay Degree, which includes a dramatic presentation of the final trial of the last Grand Master of the Ancient Templars, Jacques DeMolay, would be an excellent program. The presentation of the Flower Talk at one of our functions would also be an excellent choice. Programs by the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls are also good subjects for youth programs.

Similarly, I urge each of you to attend a meeting of one or more of our youth organizations as a body. Offer to reciprocate by presenting a program or presentation. I speak from experience when I say that the youth you visit will be thrilled by your appearance.

Your help is needed, whether it be financial assistance or time of service with one of these youth groups every Virginia Mason should give something to support the leaders of our future. Our Masonic youth programs are reliant on quality volunteers to keep their programs strong.

What You Can Do To Promote Freemasonry

Worshipful Paul A. Miller
Grand Provost

Adapted from The Question of Solicitation

We are each responsible for helping the public have a positive opinion of our Fraternity and encouraging good men to become better men.

We build positive opinions in others when we are good examples of the kind of behavior compatible with our Masonic teachings. Acting in accordance with Masonic principles encourages the public to make a positive connection with our Fraternity.

Showing pride in Freemasonry is another way to build a positive connection with others. Wearing Masonic clothing and rings, displaying Masonic emblems on our vehicles, and being prepared to discuss Freemasonry with curious members of the community are great ways to promote a positive image of the Fraternity.

In addition, we must be prepared to do what we can to encourage good men that we know to consider becoming Freemasons.

Our long-standing tradition of non-solicitation for membership has led to the misconception that we cannot approach or encourage good men to become Masons.

But there is a considerable difference between solicitation and encouragement.

Solicitation is a pressing or urgent request of another for action, often involving compulsion or intimidation.

Encouragement involves providing sufficient information and knowledge in order for a person to make an informed decision without coercion or pressure.

Our tradition of non-solicitation should not be interpreted as a prohibition against discussing Masonry with others. We should feel free to do so, and particularly with someone who has ex-

pressed an interest in our Order. Neither should we be hesitant about encouraging the interest of someone considered to be a potential suitable applicant.

A Mason need not remain silent if a non-member expresses an interest in Masonry or asks about the nature or objectives of the Order, its history, philosophy, or its activities. He may explain the qualifications required, or the application procedure, should the situation warrant. If the non-Mason indicates an interest in further information, it should be explained that no invitations are extended by Masonry, but assistance and information are readily available. The first step might be to provide the pamphlet **For Your Information**, which is one of the links at the end of this article.

Neither does the rule of non-solicitation prevent us from initiating a proper discussion on Masonry with someone considered to be a suitable candidate. There is no objection to determining his attitude or interest in such a manner that we do not solicit his membership. Examples of this kind of approach would be: "Jim, I'm surprised that you have never shown an interest in becoming a Freemason," or "Dave, what do you know about the Freemasons?" Open questions like these can lead to a general discussion about the Craft, and hopefully lead to an expression of interest on the part of the non-Mason. After these discussions with non-Masons, if they have not specifically asked to join, then we should leave them with information for consideration to make a decision on their own. We may later remind him, but only once, that we are available if he has further questions. He should then be left to make his own decision or ask questions.

In each situation, the circumstances of the conversation and the relationship with the potential candidate can dictate

what might be taken as persuasion. At all times, we must remember that the future situation is much brighter for all concerned when the candidate can say with sincerity that he has approached Freemasonry of his own free will and accord.

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NOTE: printed versions of the **For Your Information** brochure and the **Petition Form** are available from the Grand Lodge office. Ask your Lodge Secretary for copies of them.



L-R: Rt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, Brother Knapp, Mt. Wor. William F. Perdue (1991), and Rt. Wor. D. R. Carter.

Brother Knapp received his Fifty-Year Anniversary certificate, pin, and card at the stated communication of Meridian Lodge No. 284.

50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between August 12 and November 20, 2017

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Masonic Awards



L-R: Wor. Jason C. Trenary, Bro. Eduardo J. Lopez, Bro. Harold F. Madagan, Jr., Amy M. Haines, and Bro. Graham S. Knight.

Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 presenting a Fifty-Year Masonic Veterans pin, dues card, and certificate to Brother Harold F. Madagan, Jr., at his home in Winchester, Virginia. Brother Madagan was raised in 1967.



L-R: Wor. David E. Rush and Brother Vernon O. Mills.

Brother Vernon O. Mills received his Seventy-Year Masonic Veterans plaque from Worshipful David E. Rush.

Brother Mills had a distinguished naval career and served on the Atlantic Fleet Admirals staff. He became a member of Willis V. Fentress No. 296 and was later elected to honorary membership in the Lodge. He is an active member and attends when not taking care of the love of his life Jean. Brother Mills has the nickname of "Gabby" and has enlightened the Lodge on numerous occasions with many interesting stories or as naval folk would say "sea stories."



L-R: Bro. Shirley Albright, Bro. Benny Albright, Rt. Wor. Bill Parks. Back Row: Bro. Hank Via, Rt. Wor. Jeremiah Walker, Rt. Wor. Jim Eller, Bro. Pat Wirt, and Rt. Wor. Glen Perry.

Recently, the Brethren of Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166 visited Brother Benny Albright to present him his Sixty-Year Masonic pin. Brother Albright passed away October 15, 2017.



Forest Lodge No. 245 presented Bedford County Sheriff's Office Deputy James Kirkland the Community Builders Award. Worshipful Ed Schwabe, and Brother Berry Willis made the presentation to Deputy Kirkland, recognizing his dedication to the sheriff's office, his passion for educating the public on timely topics, such as 'active shooter,' and his commitment to the safety of all citizens of this county.




Worshipful Johnnie W. Brame of Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 presented Brother James Herbert Smith his Fifty-Year Veterans certificate and pin. He said he was ninety-two years old and "doing well for my age."



Brother Jack Roach receives his Masonic Veterans award.

Right Worshipful Phillip Cheek and Right Worshipful Don Sexton presented Brother Jack Roach his Fifty-Year Veterans pin and certificate at his residence near Jonesville on behalf of Occoquan Lodge No. 310. Brother Roach's wife Dorothy, friends, and family were in attendance.



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Brother Elmer F. Cocke was presented with his Seventy-Year Masonic Veterans Award during a ceremony at Anderson Lodge No. 258, Worshipful Johnny Adkins presented Brother Cocke with his award. Brother Cocke was surrounded by numerous Brothers during the ceremony.



L-R: Bro. Fred Harville, Bro. Maynard Case, Wor. Ralph W. South, Bro. Earl Moore, and Bro. Wayne Yeatts.

Worshipful Ralph W. South was honored with his Fifty-Year Masonic Veterans Award in Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122. Worshipful Brother South was born in Schoolfield, Virginia, and graduated from George Washington High School in 1957.

Worshipful Brother South worked as a sales representative for a metal cutting tool and dye supplier. He was also a basketball referee in the Atlantic Coast Conference and other Division One Conferences for forty years.

Worshipful Brother South served as Worshipful Master of Morotock Lodge No. 210 in 1973 and 2013.



At a recent meeting of the Anderson Masonic Lodge No. 258 in Gretna, Right Worshipful Wayne Andrews was recognized for Fifty-Years of continuous service to the Masonic Order by Right Worshipful Ronny Lewis.

During his five decades of service, Right Worshipful Brother Andrews held various leadership positions including serving as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 38th Masonic District in 2015. Currently, he is the Treasurer for Anderson Lodge No. 258, and the Chapter No. 118 OES.

Right Worshipful Wayne Andrews was raised in the Markham community seven miles east of Gretna. He grew up on a tobacco farm and attended Zion United Methodist Church.

In 1961, he graduated from Chatham High School, where he played on both the baseball and basketball teams. Post high school, he served six years in the National Guard.

In 1966, he married Carolyn Atkinson of Gretna. Together they raised two boys and enjoy four grandchildren. Since 1966, the Andrews family have been members of First Baptist Church in Gretna.

Right Worshipful Brother Andrews working career was at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He retired in 2002 as an Area Manager for Goodyear, after thirty-six years of employment.



L-R: Wor. Seth Gunter, Bro. Gus Dolianitis, Bro. Steve Doliantis, and Rt. Wor. Barry A. Crane.

Brother Steve Doliantis was presented with a Fifty-Year Masonic Veterans Award at Morotock Lodge 210. Brother Dolianitis owned the Plaza Restaurant on Loyal Street and is an active member of St. Peter Greek Orthodox Church in Danville. The award was presented by Right Worshipful Barry A. Crane.



L-R: Rt. Wor. David H. McPeak, Bro. Thomas F. Hannifan, Wor. Erby C. Simpkins, and Rt. Wor. Ronnie Shumaker.

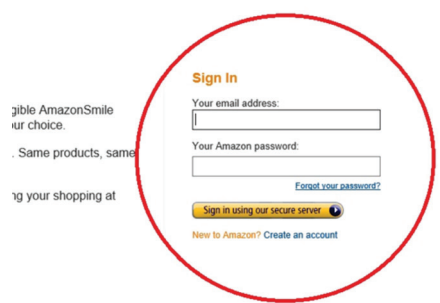
Worshipful Brother Simpkins received his Sixty-Year Veterans Award and pin from Grand Lodge during Snowville Lodge No. 159 stated communications. Worshipful Erby C. Simpkins, at age eighty-eight, he is still active in the Lodge.



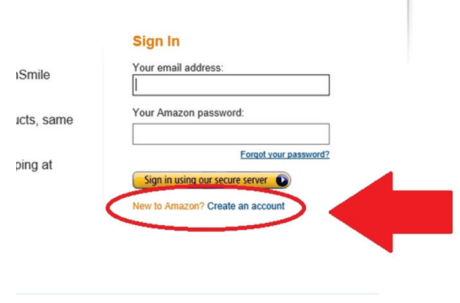
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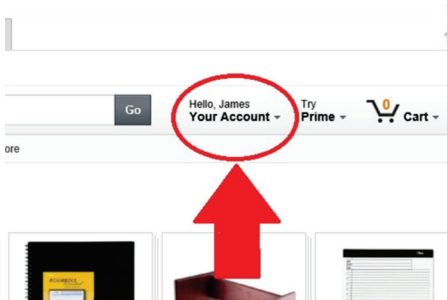
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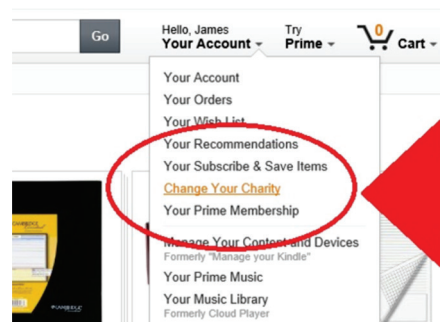
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Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton, Development Officer

As we start off the New Year, let's remember the folks cared for by our Masonic Home, whether it is the two hundred residents on Masonic Lane or the recipients of the Outreach Program in their own homes throughout Virginia. The holidays have been a great time for thinking about the residents and perhaps visiting the Home more often than usual. Beginning with the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony by our new Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor, and culminating with the Christmas Pageant and Candlelight Dinner, the residents have enjoyed many special activities.

If you haven't been to the Home lately, you should invest a small amount of time to visit this great community, full of vibrant Masons, their wives, and widows. You will be greeted warmly by residents who will be happy to see you and talk with you. For these people, your presence probably means more than any present you could ever offer. When you visit, reflect on the meaning that sharing your time communicates to others. It creates a wonderful human moment that everyone should experience.

In addition to visiting the Home, there are many ways to demonstrate support of your fellow Masons and their wives and/or widows. A Mason's

gifts made to the Home count toward a Lodge's participation in the Morlock and Stokes Awards and also assist the Home's operations and its Outreach Program. Individuals should also consider becoming a continuing monthly donor via our credit card program or auto-deduction from a bank account. Numerous Brethren prefer to donate this way and are amazed how quickly these gifts add up. Since the Masonic Home is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donors receive a tax deduction, residents receive care at the Home, and Outreach recipients receive care in their homes, all from generous gifts. Truly a win-win situation!

Additionally, one overlooked opportunity to support the Home actually allows donors to multiply the impact of their gifts. Many employers in Virginia offer Matching Gift Programs. These companies offer this benefit as part of their charity outreach efforts and as a method to motivate their employees to give to community causes. The programs work by having employees document to their employer that a gift was made, whereupon the company (employer) then sends a "matching gift" to the charity, in this case, the Masonic Home.

Over 65% of the Fortune 500 companies offer a matching gift program. Masons or their wives, who work for GE, Apple, PepsiCo, HP, Ford, or Exxon-Mobil, already have this option. Dominion Energy is another fine example that has such a program and will either match or double the employee's donation for those who also volunteer their time. Many small companies also offer this benefit as their way to give back to the communities where their employees work and live.

The secret is that a Brother or his wife must first inquire with their employer as to whether the company has a Matching Gift Program. This can begin with the employee contacting the Human Resources department of his or her employer. Most offer an easy form to complete and a fairly simple process which will make a difference for a Brother, his wife or widow.

We can all do something good for our residents here at the Home or for the recipients of our Outreach Program, who reside throughout Virginia. Whether it is a personal visit or a contribution, both "gifts" are welcome and greatly appreciated. Our Masonic Home depends on the Masonic Fraternity of brotherly love that gives each of us a proud feeling that we are living out our obligation to help others in need.

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 August 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

Honor/Memorial	Donor Name	Honor/Memorial	Donor Name
Samuel T. Atkinson	George and Connie Chapin	Nathan M. Barrey	Sandston Lodge No. 216
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Nathan M. Barrey	Thomas E. Jacobs		Mackey Lodge No. 69
Margaret Bible	Treadwell Lodge No. 213	Dallas C. McWaters	Lynchburg Valley Scottish Rite
Mary Bierman	Lisa Wolfe		Bayside Lodge No. 218
Claude W. Blake	Billie Byerley	Clara H. Meadows	Wick R. Harlan
Keister M. Blanks	Raymond Kasey	Haney Mottley	Nancy M. Holder
Harold W. Bohannon	Warwick Lodge No. 336	William T. Nuttall	Morgan D. Howard
	French Lodge No. 270	James C. O'Shields	Botetourt Lodge No. 7
	Winston Barnes	John W. Parsons	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	John W. Pierce	Elwood B. Paschal	Old Town Lodge No. 68
	MAHOVA Woodshop		Wayne S. Flora
	Holley R. Walling	Harlan E. Phelps	Bayside Lodge No. 218
	John W. Shipley		Meredith W. Biby
	Dorothy M. Barrey		James E. Pace
	Larry E. Goff		Alberene Lodge No. 277
	Paul S. Bollinger		Goldie W. Tomlin
	James O. Herring		Rebecca Pence
	Burford J. Meredith		Rockfish Lodge No. 108
	Varina Lodge No. 272		George and Connie Chapin
	James B. Knapp		Hoen M. Edwards, Jr.
	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		Frank E. Spencer
	David A. Brown		William F. Baskerville
	Milton P. Wilson	James R. Pleasants	Donovan Lodge No. 75
	Terry F. Hilton	Charles L. Ponton	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Russell F. Jeffries	Edwin E. Puckett	Terry F. Hilton
	William E. Hershey, Jr.	Edwin H. Ragsdale	John I. Long
	Purdie Lodge No. 170		John W. Shipley
	George R. Brown		Richard P. Willis
	Warwick Lodge No. 336		Varina Lodge No. 272
	Old Town Lodge No. 68		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
	Milton P. Wilson	John A. Rayhill	Morgan D. Howard
	Warwick Lodge No. 336	George A. Riffle	Bayside Lodge No. 218
	Masters and Warden Association 15A, B and C Districts	Dakota Rigsby	Harvey L. Fleshman
	Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178		Mineral Lodge No. 311
	James D. Baker		Murray Lodge No. 175
	Hunter's Lodge No. 156	Shirley Roberts	Ray D. Shores
	Day Lodge No. 58	Wayne A. Robison	Terry F. Hilton
	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865	James M. Searce	Alan W. Adkins
	Morgan D. Howard	Judy Searce	Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22
	Terry F. Hilton	Martin S. Schuman	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
	J. J. Friis	Neil Schwartz	Terry F. Hilton
	Terry F. Hilton	Robert E. Scouse	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
	David Crews	Bernice Selph	Montrose Chapter No. 176
	David A. Brown	Charles W. Seward	Terry F. Hilton
	Alan W. Adkins	Ronald E. Sharpe	Murray Lodge No. 175
	Virginia Swimming	Harold L. Shaw	Varina Lodge No. 272
	Mary R. Bollinger	Arthur W. Shifflett	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	John D. Campbell	Gladys Simmons	Hilda Thomas
	Raymond A. Bigam	Tommy Skeens	Wayne S. Flora
	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982	Sherman M. Smallwood	Morgan D. Howard
	Brandermill Swim Team	William W. Smith	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Bruce D. Black	Thelma Sturgis	Daniel L. Rose
	Linda Iverson	Edward J. Turner	C.F. Shuler Lodge No. 74
	Kempsville 173 O.E.S.	Lewis C. Vasser	David A. Brown
	Terry F. Hilton	James W. Walker	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
	Varina Lodge No. 272		John W. Shipley
	Purdie Lodge No. 170		James O. Herring
	John R. Wigglesworth		Paul S. Bollinger
	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212		Andrew B. Jones
	Bull Run Quarry Assembly		Varina Lodge No. 272
	Donovan Lodge No. 75		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
	Varina Lodge No. 272		Timothy Lewis
	Herman Thomas		Amec Foster Wheeler
	Terry F. Hilton	William W. Walton	Spurmont Lodge No. 98
	Morgan D. Howard	Alexander D. Watson	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Hunter's Lodge No. 156	Alvin M. Wilkin	G. C. John
	Sandston Lodge No. 216	Ard Wollett	Varina Lodge No. 272
	Terry F. Hilton	Nancy Woodrow	Raymond Kasey
	Franklin Lodge No. 151	Claude N. Woodson	Campbell Lodge No. 316
	Helen L. Payne	James E. Worrell	McAlister Lodge No. 185
	James O. Herring		Mills H. March
	Thomas W. Andrews	Ernest A. Wright	Babcock Lodge No. 322
	Campbell Lodge No. 316	Walter W. Young	Terry F. Hilton
Wayne D. Golden			
Moring E. Gravitt			
William L. Grubbs			
Joseph E. Hall			
Audrey Hargrove			
Robert A. Harris			
Malcolm R. Holley			
James C. Hudgins			
Harry J. Jackson			
William M. Jackson			
Douglas V. Jones			
John K. King			
Hugh A. Latimer			
Rick V. Lewis			
John I. Long			
Charlie G. Lupton			
William D. Martin			
Joseph T. Mason			

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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January		
1/3	Voncile Baughman	Sandston Lodge No. 216
1/4	Carolyn Allen	Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91
1/6	Samuel Anaya	Arlington-Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
1/7	Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/8	Dolores Ridings	Transportation Lodge No. 337
1/11	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113
1/12	Roland Scott	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/15	Jimmie Lucas	Edwards Lodge No. 308
1/18	Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
1/19	Richard Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
1/21	Joyce Burgess	Richmond Lodge No. 10
1/22	James McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
1/23	Emily Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
1/23	Mildred Johnson	Dupont Lodge No. 289
1/25	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26	Donald Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
1/26	Lois McCarn	Northside Lodge No. 292
1/26	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27	Blaine Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
1/27	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
February		
2/1	Joan Setliff	Barboursville Lodge No. 112
2/9	Robert Gadoury	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
2/11	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
2/13	Fay Gardner	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/14	Jean Johnson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/14	Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
2/15	McClellan Burgess	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
2/19	Betty Burnette	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
2/23	Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/25	Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
March		
3/2	James Fox	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
3/4	Betty Gillie	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/5	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/5	Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
3/6	Georgeen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
3/7	Althea Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
3/14	Bertha Lilly	Sandston Lodge No. 216
3/18	Patricia Graves	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
3/22	Betty Burgess	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
3/23	Martha Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/23	Irene King	Virginia Lodge No. 177
3/24	Kenneth Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
3/24	Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/26	John Pierce	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
3/28	Jean Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/29	Virginia VonGemmingen	Babcock Lodge No. 322
3/30	Charles Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January		
	None	
February		
2/11/1961	William and Evelyn Holliday	Norview Lodge No. 113
2/20/1971	Patrick and Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
March		
3/5/1949	Donald and Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
New Resident		
Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/2/2017	William "Frank" Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
8/2/2017	Mary "Molly" Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
8/14/2017	Judith Burcham	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
September		
9/5/2017	Kenneth Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
9/5/2017	Jerrell "Jerri" Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
9/25/2017	Bernard Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
9/25/2017	Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
October		
10/3/2017	Horace Dowdy	Varina Lodge No. 272
10/9/2017	Betty Klotz	Chester Lodge No. 94

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/2/2017	James Walker	Varina Lodge No. 272
8/11/2017	Harold Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
8/18/2017	Nathan Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
September		
9/13/2017	Edwin Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
October		
10/3/2017	Eunice Barnes	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/3/2017	Annie "Ruth" Bracken	Bayside Lodge No. 218
10/6/2017	Jack Williams	Williamson Road Lodge No. 163



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Residents enjoy the Dating Game program.



Residents 2017 King and Queen. Ed and Paula Swansey.



Resident John Harrington receiving an honorary Widows Sons vest for his 100th birthday from Gary Taylor.



Residents enjoy lunch on a trip to Graves Mountain Lodge.



Residents head to Graves Mountain Lodge.



Residents enjoy the Crab Feast.



Resident Jack Golightly playing the guitar with the music therapist.



Crab Feast.



Residents Shirley and David Armistead at the dance.

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