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

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The Grand Master's Message

Dear Brethren, greetings from the Grand Lodge of Virginia and its Grand Line. As Billie and I sit on our front porch here in Crocketts Cove, summer is in full bloom in Wythe County.

Mowing has taken the place of plowing snow, and we are surrounded by all forms of new life. "Life Is Good" and you, your families, and friends have made it so for us. We realize we are three quarters through our Masonic journey and are so appreciative of the love and support we continue to receive.

My Lodge visits and our Official District visits have all been so very special. The generous donations to our Masonic charities by the Lodges, and you, my Brethren, truly exemplify the tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Today, more than ever, there is a need for the Cardinal Virtues of Freemasonry in our society and country; Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

I submit to you there is no other Fraternity in the world like ours. We believe in a Supreme Being, and are patriots, we pledge allegiance to the flag of our country,

stand up in support of, and respect for, our National Anthem, and the men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

I have been humbled and honored on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and you, my Brethren, to present wreaths at the graves of President George Washington, James Monroe, and General Douglas MacArthur, each a Master Mason, in honor of their service to our Nation. There are no words



Grand Master M. W.: Gary W. Taylor

to describe the honor afforded me in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, on behalf of you, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia. I encourage you, Brethren, to visit each of these sacred locations and to bring your families and fellow Masons with you.

Douglas MacArthur became a Freemason while serving as Field Marshal, in the capacity of military advisor, to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines.

On January 17, 1936, for only the second time in the history of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Most Worshipful Samuel Hawthorne, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, made General Douglas MacArthur a

Mason at Sight. Over six hundred Master Masons were present and watched in breathless silence.

After retiring from the Army for the second time, Douglas MacArthur made the following presentation about Freemasonry: "It embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man...

its requirements are the things that are right, and its restraints are the things that are wrong... inculcating doctrines of patriotism and brotherly love, enjoying sentiments of exalted benevolence, encouraging all that is good, kind and charitable, reprobating all that is cruel and oppressive, its observance will uplift everyone under its influence...to do good to others, to forgive enemies, to love neighbors, to restrain passions, to honor parents, to respect authority, to return good for



General Douglas MacArthur Memorial



General Douglas MacArthur

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evil, not to bear false witness, not to lie, not to steal – these are the essential elements of the moral law.”

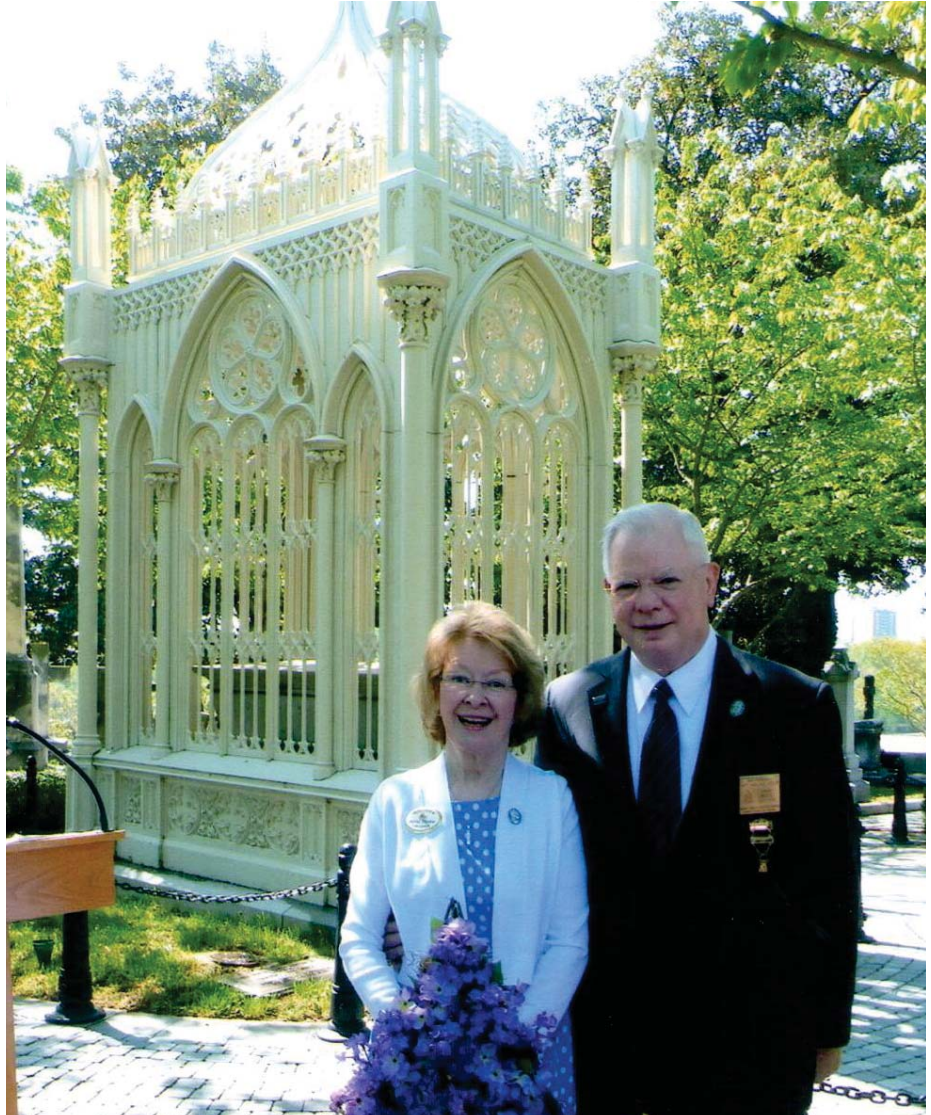
Saturday, October 13, 2018, is a date Billie and I hope you have placed on your calendar. It is Masonic Family Day. Bring your family and guests to experience Freemasonry in action. Meet the residents of the Crown Jewel of our Fraternity, our Masonic Home. Tour the Home, our Grand Lodge Library and Museum, and enjoy a tremendous parade. Lunch is provided free of charge. Arts and crafts, made by the residents, will be for sale. Games will be provided for the children.

You will see first-hand that Freemasonry is a Tower of Strength.

Remember, even when you are on the right track; you can get run over, if you just sit there.

Freemasonry is more than a Fraternity of men. It is more than an organization. It is more than Lodges of Masons working together with objectives, which are charitable and humanitarian; and it is more than a quest for Brotherhood. “Freemasonry is a way of life.”

It is a pattern for living, which challenges each individual Mason to walk, act, and live in such a manner that he will always be in search of becoming a better man...not better than someone else but better than himself.



Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor and Billie at the wreath laying in Hollywood Cemetery. President and Brother James Monroe's tomb is in the background.

In closing, my Brethren, I ask you to respectfully reflect on the three obligations each of us took on our journey to become Master Masons. Ever mindful that one obligation never replaces another; they build upon each other and should be used as a guide by each of us as Masons in our Lodges and our daily lives as we strive to become that perfect ashlar.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to bless you, your families, our Fraternity, and the United States of America.

Most sincerely and fraternally,

Gary Wallace Taylor
Grand Master

Grand Master's 2018 Itinerary

June

- 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, Masonic District 56
- 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 Statewide 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 22B
- 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
- 12 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

Obligation

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau

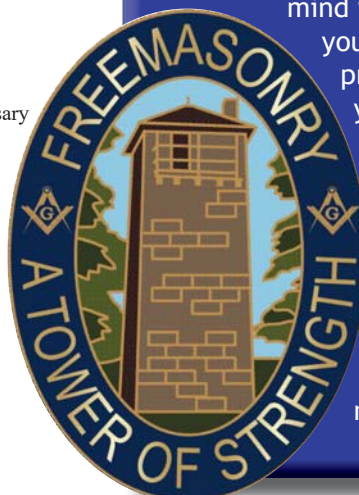
Not long ago, I completed the ritual requirements for the first section of the Master Mason Degree. I have only the second half of that degree to complete to earn my Warden's Certificate. I chose the word "earn" on purpose. To earn something is to receive payment or reward for an accomplishment, work performed, or service rendered. It is not a gift. Emphasis again on "work."

Likewise, an obligation is work. In each degree, we as Masons took upon ourselves an obligation. There are all manner of analogies one could make - the added tasks or chores we are asked to perform as children in a family, the increasing complexity of schoolwork, as we advanced through the grades, and the increasing responsibilities given us, as we are promoted at work.

The word obligation comes from the Latin word obligatus, meaning bound. In obligatus, we find a form of the root word, ligare, a verb, which means "to bind." When I obligate myself, I am being bound to something or someone. Our obligations bind us in two ways, to Freemasonry and to each other. Likewise, an obligation requires work. If it were easy, it wouldn't be an obligation, it would be a favor or some form of "if you can..." Instead, we solemnly agree to "I will..."

Self-reflection of the nature of a New Year's Resolution, when done properly, is often uncomfortable as we acknowledge our human foibles but also cathartic and uplifting, as we commit to a renewal of our human responsibility.

With the beginning of summer, we have but five months left in this year. However, there is sufficient time remaining for you to whisper in your own ear, remind yourself of your errors, and commit to your own reformation. Will you join us at practice, at Lodge, at our breakfast? Will you come and help with degree work, or perhaps sit on the sidelines and be a living example of the "brotherly love and affection" that our obligation requires of us? Are you willing to take on the task of an officer's chair? Can you coach ritual? Are you a whiz-bang cook, a king of pancakes and bacon? All talents are valuable, Brethren, and none will be turned away.



Retiring Secretaries

For the Masonic Year 2018

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

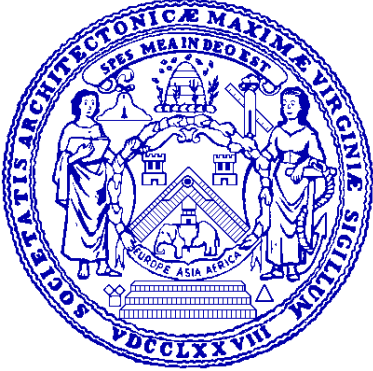
This year we welcome fifty-five new Lodge Secretaries. We say “thank you” to those Secretaries, who have either retired or asked to be replaced. In the subordinate Lodge, one of the most important offices is that of Secretary. This is true because the member who serves in this office usually continues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

The following Brethren served from ten to forty-two years as Secretary:

- Daniel W. Thompson, Fredericksburg No. 4 15 years
- Victor A. Shumaker, Williamsburg No. 6 12 years
- Wayne B. Wenger, Rockingham Union No. 27 15 years
- James D. Crews, Sr., George No. 32 18 years
- James R. Pleasants, Donovan No. 75 10 years
- T. Dudley Myers, Ruth No. 89 11 years
- William W. Jones, Faulkner Memorial No. 91 21 years*
- Elwood G. Ball, Jr., Heathsville No. 109 10 years
- Edward S. Wilkerson, Prince George No. 115 16 years
- Frank L. Bryant, Jr., Taylor No. 117 26 years
- L. Weldon Dinkel, Melrose No. 139 15 years
- Joseph H. Reich, Jr., Mountain No. 140 21 years
- James R. Bowyer, Sr., Mentow No. 180 18 years
- David L. Bays, Hillsville No. 193 14 years
- Donald L. Garlock, Cave Spring No. 230 10 years
- Kenneth B. Franklin, Pocahontas No. 240 42 years
- Russell F. Dingus, Clinchfield No. 256 18 years*
- Lester E. Prince, Suthers No. 259 33 years
- Kenneth J. Flanary, Clinchport No. 267 10 years

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

- Paul A. Miller, Norfolk No. 1
- Charles R. DeRemer, Kilwinning Crosse No. 2-237
- Ralph E. Bartley, Petersburg No. 15
- Glenn H. Jones, Millboro No. 28
- William R. Bond, III, Widow’s Sons’ No. 60
- Stuart M. Bain, Pleasants No. 63
- Richard A. Banker, Hudson-Morris No. 80
- John J. McClelland, Urbanna No. 83
- David A. Silsley, Valley No. 93
- James E. Kickler, Arlington No. 102
- Kenneth H. Hackenbracht, Mt. Jackson No. 103
- Jeffrey F. Goff, Rockfish No. 108*
- Clinton K. Good, Olive Branch No. 114
- Alvin D. Reid, Chase City No. 119*
- Brett W. Shifflett, Ashlar No. 125
- Paul W. Lockhart, Mt. Carmel No. 133
- Kenneth R. Chumley, Lafayette No. 137
- Jason D. Taylor, Dewitt Clinton No. 141
- Jonathan M. Mills, Fidelity No. 173
- Charles S. Janeway, Martin’s Station No. 188
- Robert E. Simpson, Lee No. 209
- Edwin H. Glazener, Morotock No. 210
- David R. Conner, Lynnhaven No. 220
- James S. Osborne, Stuart No. 224
- Charles T. Davidson, William King No. 227
- Arville J. Dingus, Castlewood No. 231
- Joseph K. Goodman, Pythagoras No. 239
- Steven G. Young, Bremond No. 241
- Christopher S. Brown, Lebanon No. 251
- David J. Miller, Cochran No. 271
- Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., Alberene No. 277*
- Christopher R. Chrzanowski, Columbia No. 285
- Richard T. Simms, Ivor No. 291
- Gregory L. Stover, Elbert Munsey No. 298
- Michael G. Towler, Campbell No. 316



*deceased

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

Wreath Laying

A wreath laying ceremony honoring Most Worshipful Edmund Jennings Randolph (1787-1789) will take place at 1:00 PM at the Cunningham Chapel Parish, Episcopal Church in Millwood Virginia, Saturday, September 29, 2018. The event will be open to the public, and Brethren are encouraged to invite family and friends. The event has been organized by Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 with the participation of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Richmond Lodge No. 10, and Treadwell Lodge No. 213.

Most Worshipful Brother Randolph was raised in Williamsburg



Most Worshipful Edmund Jennings Randolph (1787-1789)

Lodge No. 457 (under a Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England), now Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. He was a founding member of Richmond Lodge No. 10. During his term as Grand Master, he authorized the building of Masons Hall in Richmond, Virginia, which became the home of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1786, until moving in 1870. Most Worshipful Edmund Randolph served as Governor of Virginia from 1786 to 1788, staff officer for Brother and General George Washington during the American Revolution, and as the first Attorney General under Washington's first term as President.

Among all the 400,000 or so words in our magnificent English language no other one is more difficult to define, or has behind it a more complex history, than word itself. Thus, and to use two examples at random, the ancient Greeks had it as 'rhetor', which denoted a speaker, and from which we have rhetoric' and rhetorician; and the Latin-speaking peoples had it as 'verbum', from which we have verb, verbal, etc. It found its way into nearly all of the European languages. In those many countries and through these many centuries, it has always had something to do to denote speech. A word is a unit of speech. With a meaning so fundamental it came inevitably into use for many other purposes, poetic, allegoric, symbolic, emblematic, philosophic. The Fourth Gospel begins with "In the beginning was the Word." The prophet began with, "The word of Jehovah." Theologians describe the Holy Bible as "God's Word." It is a sign of veracity, as in the phrase, "gentlemen do not doubt each other's word." It means a body of knowledge, as in the sentence, "The Word Was Lost." It stands for news, as in "I have received word from him recently." It is a secret password. It may be used as a test, as in shibboleth and sibboleth.

Fifty Words In Freemasonry, Iowa Committee on Masonic Education

Making of a Perfect Ashlar

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

The Grand Lodge confers just one Perfect Ashlar Award on a Virginia Mason each year. It recognizes outstanding service to Masonry by a Brother, who has never held the office of Worshipful Master.

Most Worshipful James Edward Litton (2016) conferred the Perfect Ashlar Award on Brother Seymour Harold Kern in 2016. Brother Seymour became a resident of the Masonic Home of Virginia April 2017.

Brother Kern was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 22, 1961. While learning his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft catechisms, he realized that he was simultaneously learning the questions, as well as the answers. Accordingly, he soon found his niche in Masonry teaching candidates their catechisms. He has taught nearly every candidate in Covington Lodge No. 171, since shortly after his raising.

Legally blind since birth, Seymour's first ambition was to join the FBI as a technician. But he could not drive, so he found employment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Gathright Dam near his home place in Allegheny County. The Corps promised him transportation to and from work, a promise it kept to Seymour for thirty years.

Seymour has plenty of tips for those who would teach the catechisms. How did he keep the candidates diligently learning? Since Seymour could not drive, he had them come to his house where he fed them—TV Dinners. Feed them, and they will come. “We laughed and had fun,” he says.

Every session opened with a prayer, as every great and important undertaking should.

First off, Brother Kern had the candidates drive him to the Lodge. There Seymour started at the West Gate and took his charges through the entire ritual for each catechism he taught. At each step in the initiation and passing, Seymour matched the catechism lesson



Brother Seymour Harold Kern

to each event, from the knocks, through each circumambulation, to the obligation, and the working tools. As Brother Kern points out, “How could they possibly understand the catechism unless they could match it to the ritual they had gone through mostly blindfolded?”

Seymour made sure he took an interest in each of his pupil's lives. He asked about their hobbies, learned the details about their children, how they liked their jobs, how they met their wives, whether they hunted. “I learned everything I could about them. It made them feel comfortable. It was kind of like being a psychiatrist,” he says.

He also used a pocket dictionary with a pronunciation key to show the candidates ritual words they might not understand and find hard to pronounce. “It helps them learn better, if they know what the words mean and how to say them,” he observes.

Brother Kern also points out that he always tried to make a good impression on his candidates' wives. “That made sure their families supported their Masonry. I told them not to use Masonry as a substitute for church. Do not put Masonry ahead of your church, your family, or your work.”

“I also told them, ‘you are going to hear a lecture, but you do not have to learn that.’”

Brother Seymour also has observations on how the Lodge treats new candidates. “I made sure they knew to step off on which foot for each degree. Do not scare them. Prepare the scene. People on the street try to scare them. If they are scared, you cannot teach them. You have to keep people from being embarrassed.”

Brother Kern retains one pet peeve: “When the candidate is called to the East, the Senior Deacon should wait. Instead, when the lecture's over, we tell the man, ‘take your seat with the Brethren.’ I always thought that was the rudest thing. The Deacon should wait and escort him. He does not know about breaking the plane.”

Only Brethren who have never served as Worshipful Master are eligible for recognition as a Perfect Ashlar. Asked why he never assumed the East, Seymour replies, “I could not see to introduce people. I could not set the jewels right on the altar.”

Through his years of teaching catechisms, Brother Kern gained deep friendships, brotherly love and affection, as well as admiration and respect for his dedication, kindness, and persistence. Accordingly, Covington Lodge campaigned hard for his recognition. In 2015, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. awarded him the Grand Lodge Certificate of Merit. To the Brethren of Covington Lodge, this was not good enough. They nominated Brother Kern again in 2016.

As he adjusts to life at the Masonic Home, Brother Kern attends weekly ritual school there. He continues to teach and, more especially, to exemplify, the tenets of the Craft contained in its catechisms. This includes making new friends through his friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

The Ashlar

Worshipful Aaron S. Zeno

We know what an ashlar is. For the Operative Mason, a rough ashlar is a stone fresh cut from the quarry; a perfect ashlar is a stone that has been shaped and polished and ready for the builder's use.

We know where the Ashlars are found in the Lodge. Most Masonic Lodges have two ashlars: a rough ashlar which is located at the base of the East on the side of the Senior Deacon and a perfect ashlar located at the base of the East on the side of the Chaplain.

But, the ashlars, as is the case with virtually everything in a Lodge, have a deeper meaning that goes beyond its physical description, and it is this symbolic meaning that is most important.

The two ashlars taken together represent progress from darkness to light (from the North East to the South East), from ignorance to knowledge, from wickedness to virtue. When a candidate first enters a Masonic Lodge, he is said to resemble a rough ashlar. We are confident, relying on the recommendation of his vouchers and the report of the Investigating Committee, that he is a good and moral man. However, he knows little about our Fraternity, its history and philosophy, its protocol and traditions, and so from a Masonic perspective, he is unprepared for the builder's use.

Each Masonic degree has a theme and is an allegory about life itself, which teaches a lesson that helps to transform the candidate, so he becomes



worthy of the title Master Mason. As he progresses through the degrees and internalizes its lessons, his moral character is polished and perfected. As he reflects on the obligations, he shapes his conduct and behavior in accordance with Masonic values. It is through this process that each of us metaphorically moves from a rough ashlar to a perfect ashlar. It is in this way that the Fraternity begins the process of taking good men and making them better.

Just as the Operative Mason shaped the stones from the quarry to build a physical edifice, so as Speculative Masons, we take the symbolic stones, which are the teachings of Freemasonry, to build our moral edifice and spiritual Temple.

We live in a rapidly changing world. To keep up and be successful one requires continuous learning. Freemasonry believes in universal and unchanging

values, but we also know that perfecting our character also requires continuous learning. We are taught to make a concerted effort to improve ourselves and advance in Masonic knowledge. Thus, we never stop our search for truth; we take seriously the teachings of brotherhood and brotherly love, and we seek to be mentors and role models.

I would like to conclude with a poem written in 1924, by Mary Brooks Picken in "Thimblefuls of Friendliness."

Stepping Stones
"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And just plain folks like you and me,
Are builders for eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and book of rules,
And each must make ere life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

It is clear which way we are inclined as Masons to use our tools. We see as our duty not just to improve ourselves, but also to improve our communities, and in some small way, to try to improve the world. We seek to build not to destroy, to raise up not to tear down, in short, to make things better not worse.

DEO Presentation Program Paper

Five Keys to Good Communications

Brother Stewart Robinson

Everyone agrees that communication is critical to their success. It is particularly true in volunteer organizations.

Below are five suggested principles for communication in Blue Lodges and other Masonic appendant bodies. Whether a Brother chooses to attend regularly or not, we need to provide him with the information he needs to make the decision to participate in any given activity.

Value communications

Often Brothers say “Communication in this Lodge is not good.” What they usually mean is they would like to have been involved in a function they did not know about. The cost of these incidents can be an apathetic membership and waning attendance at meetings and events.

Addressing this issue requires Lodge leadership to translate their belief in communications into behaviors that say: “We want you here to participate in the Craft.” Communication does not happen, because we feel it should. It takes commitment on the part of the organization and the individuals entrusted with the responsibility.

Two practical ideas to consider:

A) That a Brother be appointed to a position whose primary responsibility is to provide communications with the membership, and,

B) Create a budget for communications expenses. Not only do these two steps provide a process for the communication function, but they signal to the membership their leadership is serious about clear and timely communication. (Some bodies already utilize these strategies to good effect.)

Communication responsibilities usually fall to the Secretary. The Secretary’s position, however, is one with many administrative duties. In a volunteer organization like ours that can mean communications are not prioritized. The Communications Officer works closely

with the Secretary and the Master and should be included in planning sessions for any events about which the general membership needs to know.

A budget need not be large. There are many free or inexpensive methods of getting information out. The appearance of a communications line on budget documents is almost as important for what it says about leadership’s intentions.

Plan for communications

At the beginning of each Masonic year, there is often an opportunity for the incoming Master and his officers to create a plan for their tenure. This is the perfect opportunity to create a communications plan.

Starting at the most fundamental level, the plan should include what information should be communicated and to whom. This is not always obvious. Contact information for officers and membership may be subject to some reasonable restrictions. Event information should generally be as transparent as possible. The Virginia **Methodical Digest** offers advice in this area and Lodge officers should review it prior to publishing communications to the membership or public.

Many Lodges have newsletters and opportunities within meetings for Brethren to talk about upcoming events. There are other means such as phone trees that are sometimes employed. The dedicated Communications Officer may suggest still other means.

Be Inclusive in your communications

Newsletters are often published solely by e-mail. This is immediate and cost effective but does not reach Brothers, who do not have access to on-line devices. Being inclusive simply means informing as many Brothers as possible.

Alternatives to e-mail do not have to be expensive. Costs for postal delivery can be reduced through bulk mailing

permits and expands the available audience. So-called robo-calls are quite inexpensive and websites exist that allow you to do your own recording. While the usual automated call can be seen as a nuisance, hearing a known Brother’s voice reduces the likelihood of a hang-up. (Automated calling should be used sparingly as most systems provide an option for Brothers to have their names removed from the calling directory.)

Communicate everything

This is the who, what, when, where, and why section. Simply put, make no assumptions. “The Regularly Scheduled Communication is at the Lodge this Monday” may be sufficient for veteran Brothers, but not for new Brothers, those who have been inactive, or visiting Brethren. Dates, times, addresses, any important agenda items, and whether a meal will be provided are all things he might need, or like, to know. Any other optional information, such as expected dress, may also be appreciated.

Provide for two-way communication

Letting people know what is happening in the Lodge is only part of the communications process. Whatever the method of getting the message out, there should also be a means of receiving feedback from the membership. E-mail and social media are good for this as each provides a means of response. Printed documents such as newsletters should provide contact information for relevant personnel such as Lodge officers and coordinators of events described within the publications.

A membership that feels valued by its leadership and is fully informed about its activities, has an opportunity to make its views known, is an active membership. An active membership is one that feels good about the organization and is visible within the community. An organization that is active in its community thrives.

Ask Hiram

Is it proper for the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, when closing a Master Mason's Lodge, to ask the Brethren of the Lodge to recite the Closing Charge with him?

ANSWER: The Worshipful Master rules and governs his Lodge while maintaining peace and harmony, so as long as the Worshipful Master believes this is not affecting the peace and harmony within his Lodge, he has every right to do this.

Can the Master remove a Brother of the Lodge for known bad character when requested by member(s) of the Lodge?

ANSWER: We inquired of our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Adkins. His response was, "I have reviewed the Methodical Digest extensively without success. Also, I consulted with a member of the Code Commission, who confirmed my findings. The Worshipful Master rules and governs his Lodge while maintaining peace and harmony. I suggest this Brother or Brethren meet with the Worshipful Master and express their concern(s). If enough Brethren speak to the Worshipful Master, then he can talk to the Brother about their concerns.

During the Civil War, which future President of the United States gained "fame" during the Battle of Antietam?

ANSWER: Sergeant (later Major) William McKinley of Ohio became the first man of any commissary department to provide a hot meal for troops on the front lines during any battle. At the close of the Civil War, on May 1, 2, and 3, 1865, in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, McKinley received the three Degrees of Freemasonry.

Can Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts help with ritual in the Lodge or is it confined to Master Masons?

ANSWER: The Committee on Work has stated specifically "NO." All degree work will be performed by Master Masons.

A question regarding the ability of the Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master, having the privilege or right to close a Lodge without going through the full ritual. Is this permitted? If so, under what circumstances?

ANSWER: The Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master, like everyone else who sits in the East on the closing of the Lodge is required to use the full ritual. However, the Grand Master, and only the Grand Master, can have the reading of the minutes of the Lodge suspended till the next stated meeting, as long as a copy is sent to him via the Grand Lodge. Reference Section 1.42 of the **Methodical Digest**.

Can a Prince Hall Mason be brought to a stated communications of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia? If so, what are the guidelines to be followed?

ANSWER: The answer to your question has two answers: 1) if the Brother is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F & A.M., Inc. (also, the Prince Hall of America Grand Lodges of Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Maryland, Illinois, and Alaska), then he may attend our Lodge meetings, and 2) if the Brother is a Prince Hall Mason, but not a member of one of the previously mentioned Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges, he may not attend a Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia

Lodge meeting.

I was recently asked by a senior Lodge member of how many degrees the compasses are to be spread when properly displayed on the Holy Bible during an open Lodge meeting. I thought about this and answered there is no one answer. In fact, the compasses are spread such that the points of the compasses are aligned with the square. Depending on the size of the square and compasses used, the angle would change. The Worshipful Brother was not satisfied with my response. Is there a specific angle that the compasses are spread when properly displayed on the Bible during an open Lodge meeting? I can find nothing in my research that specifies an angle.

ANSWER: Brother Hiram searched and determined that a definitive answer was not to be found. Next, he asked the Assistant Grand Lecturer who stated, as long as the "points of the compasses are spread such that the points of the compasses are aligned with the square," they are correctly set and this is what the Committee on Work teaches. He added he had never heard of any specific degree requirement. I would be curious to find out what your Worshipful Brother states it is, and where the source of his comment can be found.

What is the Virginia history of the Symbolic Lodge and the Royal Arch Degree?

ANSWER: Virginia's first Royal Arch Degree was conferred in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, on December 22, 1753. Brother/Companion Simon Frazier, "an instructor in the latest methods of military science and tactics," presided as Grand Master "of a Royal Arch Lodge," and three candidates were "Raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason."

George Washington's Early Initiation

Brother G. Mark Walsh

Brother and President George Washington was initiated an Entered Apprentice in 1752 at the age of 20. The age of majority at that time was 21, and it seems unusual that he was permitted to commence his Masonic journey earlier than most. Some have questioned this initiation and indeed questioned whether Washington could have even been a Mason, and their argument might appear to have merit...unless he was a Lewis.

To be a Lewis, Brother Washington would have to be the son of a Mason. Quick searches have found no references to his father, Augustine Washington, who died in 1743, being a Mason. Either we have a "time immemorial" Lodge, or yet another piece of Masonic history has been lost to the "mists of time." Yet Paul Johnson, author of **George Washington: The Founding Father**, writes "Washington became familiar with the externals of Masonry as a boy..." If that is the case, then he may very well have been considered, in Colonial times, as a Lewis.

But what is a Lewis? The writings of Albert Mackey as found in **Masonry Defined** gives the following information under Article 559:559 - What are the privileges of a Lewis or louveteau?

The words Lewis and louveteau, which, in their original meanings, import two very different things, have in Masonry an equivalent signification - the former being used in English, and the latter in French, to designate the son of a Mason. The English word Lewis is a term belonging to operative Masonry, and signifies an iron cramp, which is inserted into a cavity prepared for that purpose in any large stone, to give attachment to a pulley and hook, whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height and deposited in its proper position. In Virginia, the Lewis has been adopted as a symbol of Freemasonry, in the English ritual, it is found



Computerized age regression software led to the creation of this model of Brother Washington at age 19, close to what he may have looked like at the time of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice with Fredericksburg Lodge in 1752.

(Photograph courtesy of Mount Vernon)

among the emblems placed upon the tracing-board of the Entered Apprentice and is used in that degree as a symbol of strength, because by its assistance, the operative Mason is enabled to lift the heaviest stones with a comparatively trifling exertion of physical power. Extending the symbolic allusion still further, the son of a Mason is in England called a Lewis, because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his father, or, as Dr. Brother George Oliver has expressed it, "to bear the burden and heat of the day, that his parents may rest in their old age, thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy." By the constitutions of England, a Lewis may be initiated at the age of eighteen, while it is required of all other candidates that they shall have arrived at the more mature age of twenty-one. The Book of Constitutions had prescribed that no Lodge make "any man under the age of twenty-one years, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy." The Grand Lodge of England,

in its modern regulations, has availed itself of the license allowed by this dispensing power, to confer the right of an earlier initiation on the sons of Masons.

Ten years earlier, in the 1929 edition of **Masonry Defined**, Article 124 on the term "Lewis" concludes with: In this country, where the symbolism of the Lewis is unknown, no such right is recognized. It is, however, probable that the custom formerly existed, derived from England; and it has been attempted ... reasonably enough, to explain the fact that Washington was initiated when he was only twenty years and eight months old."

It appears some share the opinion Brother and President Washington was in fact a Lewis. This would likely mean that Augustine Washington, land owner, tobacco planter, slave owner, militia officer, and stalwart Anglican may have also been a Mason. With Masonry in Virginia commencing (without a constitution) as early as 1729 in Norfolk, there were opportunities for the elder Washington to have been a Mason and passed this on to his son and fifth child. This explains the apparent early initiation of George Washington at the age of twenty but does require further research to confirm this idea of his being a Lewis and therefore entitled to special privileges.

Further evidence of Brother Washington being a Lewis is the fact that, as above, where it is stated that, "a Lewis may be initiated at the age of 18..." he was not raised until 1753, when he had attained the age of majority. We also need to remember that, although in "this country, the symbolism of the Lewis is unknown," Brother Washington's initiation occurred in Colonial times, when Lodges were constituted by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland. Augustine Washington's Lodge may well have been familiar with "the symbolism of the Lewis."

Washington's Masonic Correspondence

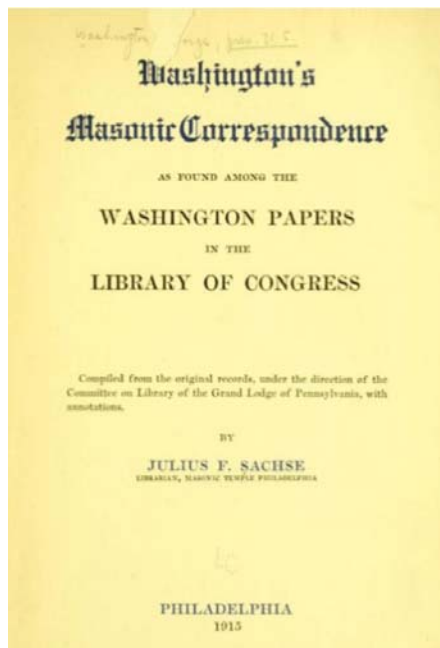
Brother G. Mark Walsh

When many still refuse to see our first President as he was, that is, as a Master Mason, it behooves our Fraternity to equip themselves with the relevant knowledge, not to debate (for we are cautioned not to do this in the Master Mason's Charge), but to satisfy ourselves that this man was no fraud, indeed he remains one of the best examples for emulation for all Masons. **Washington's Masonic Correspondence** belongs in the library of all Masons.

This work has fifteen different examples of correspondence, that being letters and replies to and from Worshipful Brother Washington and Watson and Cassoul; Alexandria Lodge No. 39 (later No. 22), Virginia; King David's Lodge No. 1, Newport, Rhode Island; St. John's Lodge No. 2, Newbern, North Carolina; Prince George Lodge No. 16, Georgetown, South Carolina; the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; the Grand Lodge of Georgia; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and G. W. Snyder. Of interest are seventeen illustrations largely of individuals and the letters themselves. They are all true to the 1915 first edition and demonstrate the interest nearly one hundred years ago in the dissemination of accurate and authentic information on Brother Washington.

The correspondence covers the period of 1782 to 1798. In it, we see Brother and General Washington, as well as Brother and President Washington. A well-written introductory chapter, **The Masonic Correspondence of Washington**, gives an excellent description of Washington's attention to detail and use of his aides in maintaining his correspondence. A seminal paragraph that is as important today as it was in 1915 reads in this introduction as follows:

"A careful study of this correspondence so carefully cherished by Wash-



ington puts an entirely new phase upon Washington's connection with the Masonic Fraternity, and his esteem of Freemasonry."

Herein lies the rub. It is not enough to read these letters. What is required is careful study. In his undated reply to the April 30, 1791 letter from Prince George Lodge No. 16, Georgetown, South Carolina, Washington openly declares his connection to Freemasonry, "assuring the Fraternity of my esteem, I request them to believe that I shall always be ambitious of being considered a deserving Brother." But Brother Washington is not always that open, and sometimes obliquely returns a sentiment offered for health and prosperity. In so doing, though, he may be giving the reader something to think about. When one correspondent speaks of greeting him with "three times three," we might immediately jump to the conclusion that what is being discussed here is Grand Honors. Yet we know that the number nine has significance in Royal Arch Masonry and are left to do more research on the writer and the relationship to Brother Washington. (Could this lead to the confirmation of

Brother Washington as having received the Fourth Degree?)

There might appear to be mere trite formality in many of the letters, with wishes for health and prosperity in this life and comfort and the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe in the next life. Washington frequently returns those wishes, and while the reader may gloss over these statements, we might be reading a clue to one of the major differences between late eighteenth-century Freemasonry and the Craft today. What if consideration of the next life was a major part of Washington's Masonic journey, or that of any good late eighteenth-century Master Mason? It is necessary for us to carefully consider every letter, examining every turn of phrase, for in this book we have a set of letters to and from Masons, many of whom were Revolutionary War veterans and could have addressed Brother Washington differently but specifically chose their words within the context of the understood Masonic language of the day.

The reader needs to further examine the concepts found in this collection and put them into the context of our current Masonic practice. We believe in the immortality of the soul, speak of the passing of a Brother as his being called from labor to rest, laying down his tools, and so on. Perhaps we would do well to wish each other comfort and blessings, not just in this life, but in that house not made with hands.

Read about the Watson and Cassoul apron, Lodges inviting, preparing for, or commenting on Washington's visits. Understand George Washington the Mason through his own words and those of his contemporaries. Most importantly, carefully study George Washington the Mason. Thus, begins the process of emulation, and the significant improvement of our lives as men and Masons. It will not be necessary to debate anyone.

The Importance of L

Right Worshipful Roger W. Peak

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

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

With the catechism learned, it is important to gain a better understanding of the ritual. A good place to start is to review the set of three booklets (**The Degree of Entered Appren-**

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1. **The Secretary's Manual** contains guidance for Lodge Secretaries.
2. Annually, the **Proceedings** of the Grand Annual Communication are published.
3. **The Manual for Masonic Trials** contains the procedures for conducting a trial for a Brother charged with a Masonic offense.
4. **The Virginia Masonic Herald** is mailed to Virginia Masons several times a year.

ice, The Degree of Fellowcraft, The Degree of Master Mason and More Light in Masonry) you received when the first three degrees were conferred. In addition, study the information in the **Entered Apprentice Educational Proficiency Manual, Fellowcraft Educational Proficiency Manual, and Master Mason Educational Proficiency Manual** to better understand

the ritual and basics of the subordinate and Grand Lodges. Finally, you gain increased understanding by reading information such as the responsibilities of a Master Mason that are discussed in the **Mentor's Manual**.

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

A Petition for Degrees is read for the first time. Your Worshipful Master asks you to be a member of the Investigating Committee, so you read **For the Investigating Committee** to gain more information on preparing for the

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Leadership Training

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visit. You also take a copy of **Taking the First Step and Questions and Answers for the Postulant** to give to the candidate to help him prepare for the initiation.

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

A few months pass, and you now aspire to be elected Junior Deacon and eventually serve as Worshipful Master of your Lodge. You prepare by reading and studying the **Suggested Minimum Steps for Lodge Officers**. You also read **Master Masons and Prospective Lodge Officers** and **A Primer for Junior and Senior Deacons** and begin completing the exercises in **The District Education Officer's Manual for Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers** and comparing your answers with the suggested Answer Set.

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

Now, you have been elected and in-



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

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

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This refers to over forty publications that are available for our benefit to help us become better members, officers, and leaders. Many of the publications mentioned are available from the Grand Lodge of Virginia website (grandlodgeofvirginia.org). Those that are not available for download, may be requested from your Lodge secretary. All Masons are encouraged to make use of these publications. Share the information with other members, and most important, act on the information. The information in these documents does no good, if they lie dormant on a shelf or in a file cabinet.

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

The Traveling Gavel

How can I summarize over four years of work, worry, and wonderment in a single article? How do I express the appreciation, admiration, and astonishment of what twenty-seven host Lodges have done with Transportation Lodge's Traveling Gavel over a twenty-eight-month period of travel? How do I describe the 65,467 miles of travel over the entire fifty-two-month period, from sponsoring Lodge to sponsoring Lodge to sponsoring Lodge, and not counting all the side trips made by the sponsoring Lodges?

December 2016 - Kansas



DeSoto Lodge No. 40 stated, DeSoto, KS.



Valley of Lawrence SMJ, Lawrence, KS.

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau

I owe inestimable thanks to the host Lodges, the caretaker of the Gavel, and the travel entailed in the effort. Of these Lodges, one person stands out as having gone above-and-beyond, Worshipful Terrance M. Shaffer, who hosted the Gavel for Anoka Lodge No. 30, Anoka, Minnesota. Thank you, Brother, for all you did.

January 2017 - Iowa



Black Hawk Lodge No. 65 stated, Cedar Falls, IA.



Black Hawk Lodge No. 65, Installation of Officers.

April 2017 - Washington



Verity Lodge No. 6, Kent, WA, hosting district meeting, with Most Worshipful Jim Mendoza, Grand Master of Masons in Washington (center).

The numerical summary is easy, note the events, make tick-marks on paper, and count the marks... But mentally grasping the enormity of it, the effort involved, and the embracing of the mission of the Traveling Gavel is a different matter entirely. Statistics are fascinating, but the numbers are less important than the impact on the Brethren in attendance, the Brothers for whom the Gavel was wielded in degree work, and the other organizations who participated, Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Widows Sons Motorcycle Club, DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's

February 2017 - New York



Allied Lodge No. 1170, New York, NY.



Allied Lodge No. 1170 Table Lodge, New York, NY.

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Gavel Comes Home

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Daughters.

The numbers speak for themselves:

- Entered Apprentices initiated – 10
- Fellowcrafts passed – 9
- Master Masons raised – 9
- Stated communications – 83
- Other meetings – 34 (includes above-mentioned organizations, ritual schools, Lodge officer installations, and others)
- Grand Master visits to above – 8
- Used at a Grand Lodge meeting - 5

June 2017 - Wisconsin



Most Worshipful Donald W. Hensiak with Gavel.

At the heart of this project is the love for Freemasonry shared by Masons across the United States, as expressed in the faces of the Brethren in the numerous photographs shared by the Lodges.

August 2017 - Illinois



Most Worshipful Anthony R. Cracco, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, at Barrington Lodge No. 522, Barrington, IL 150th Anniversary Rededication.

March 2018 - Minnesota



Most Worshipful John Studell visits Anoka Lodge No. 30, Anoka, MN.

April 2018 - Maryland

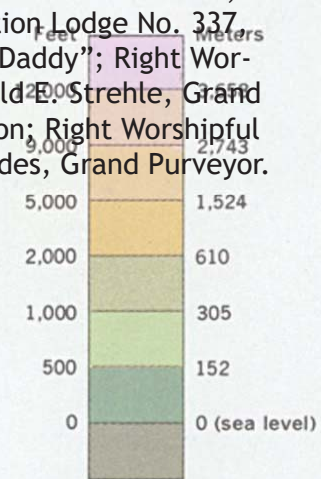
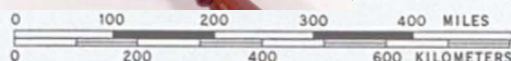


Traveling Gavel's final visit, at St. Alban Birmingham Lodge No. 233, Beltsville, MD, in the center: unknown; Worshipful Joseph D. Myers, Transportation Lodge No. 337; Most Worshipful William Franklin Purdue (1991); Worshipful Brian R. Croteau, Transportation Lodge No. 337, "the Gavel Daddy"; Right Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, Grand Senior Deacon; Right Worshipful Philip N. Rhodes, Grand Purveyor.

January 2018 - Maine



Preble Lodge No. 143, Sanford, ME stated. Note: Brother Edward Preble, after whom the Lodge is named, was a naval officer during the American Revolution and commanded the USS Constitution during the Barbary Wars of the early 1800s.



Sailing into Our 2018 Rainbow Port of Call

With the changing of the seasons, the “Sail into Rainbow” grand year is quickly reaching its final port of call. The voyage has been a great success, and the crew has been working hard. All hands have been on deck preparing for our final events. There is much to do to organize our Grand Assembly and Supreme Assembly.

Virginia Rainbow Girls travelled to Maryland to attend their Grand Assembly. It was held in a suburb of Baltimore and the theme was “Hike your Trail with Maryland Rainbow.” It was a chance to meet new friends and learn more about Rainbow. Other states have different programs and their own unique traditions. We had a lot of amazing food, went to a dance, and made many wonderful memories.

In April, ritual competitions were held in Richmond. Girls competed in many categories according to their age in group and individual competitions. This was an opportunity for the girls to really practice and perfect their rit-

Olivia Whitehouse, Grand Worthy Advisor ual. The winners will be announced at the banquet at Grand Assembly. Many Assemblies have also been cleaning up their communities through our Adopt-a-Spot service project.

As Grand Worthy Advisor, I have done some traveling on my own. I have tried to visit all the Assemblies around the state and attend some of their local events. It gives me a chance to really visit with the girls and get to know them better. They have all been so welcoming, and it is one of my favorite parts of the job. I went to a Cinderella dinner and dance in Fredericksburg, where we dressed up, watched the movie, and ate spaghetti. Manassas was the destination for a “Mystery Dinner” where what you ate was truly a surprise. I dropped into Springfield for a stated meeting and celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with Richmond Assembly. Norfolk Assembly invited me to observe Rainbow Sunday with them and we attended church and had lunch together.

Still ahead is the spring charity dinner “Rainbow Regatta,” which will be held in Hampton. The money raised will be for The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, our charity this year. In June, girls from around the state will come together to participate in Clean the Bay Day. We will be volunteering at Fort Monroe.

One of the big focuses of the year has been preparing for Supreme Assembly. It is a huge honor to have my hometown of Hampton hosting this event. We have been working hard to raise money to support this project and help our girls attend. All of the assemblies have been organizing their own fundraisers and many of you have supported these efforts. We greatly appreciate it. When the date arrives, there will be plenty of opportunities for our Masons to volunteer. We will need everyone to make this event a huge success and hope to see all of you there. We thank you for all of the support you have shown the Rainbow Girls over the years.



Community Builders Award

Brother Wes Latchford

Worshipful John Allen Brown and the Brethren from Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 Virginia Beach, presented the 2018 Community Builders Award to Clay and Kathi Culbreth, founders and operators of Soap Chips, a non-profit that offers showers to the homeless in Hampton Roads.

Up and running since March 2015, the non-profit's four-stall portable shower trailer is parked most often at People in Need (PiN) Ministry on 15th St. and Baltic Avenue in Virginia Beach, where the homeless are welcome to take private showers on most Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. While they have not kept count of the overall number of showers since they started, they average about fifty to sixty showers a weekend. The trailer has also served the homeless communities in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and



L-R: Worshipful John Brown of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 presents the 2018 Community Builders Award to Clay Culbreth, founder and operator of Soap Chips.

on the Peninsula.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia's Community Builders Award is designed to recognize and show our appreciation for outstanding community-oriented achievements of non-Masons, who reside and work in our cities and towns. There are many hard-working, dedicated men and women in our communities, who have served others with no expectation of reward. We should continue with renewed vigor to search them out and show them that we are proud of their good works, that we are happy that they are personally instrumental in making and building our communities into a better place for all people to live, work, and play.

You can learn more about Soap Chips at <http://www.soapchips.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Soapchips/>.



Clay Culbreth (center right) and volunteers with Soap Chips. Clay and his wife Kathi (not pictured) are the founders and operators of Soap Chips, and were recipients of the 2018 Community Builders Award, presented by Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220.

Cultivating Kindness

Caitlyn Joseph

Miss Virginia Job's Daughter, 2017-2018

I am honored to represent our State as Miss Virginia and share our beautiful organization with the other Masonic Bodies here, and in other states. I look forward to attending the Red Rocks 2018 Job's Daughters International Supreme Session in Layton, Utah, this July, and show them the best of what Virginia Job's Daughters has to offer.

Since I was ten years old, I have been a part of Job's Daughters, when I was initiated in 2011. I will forever be grateful to the Daughter, who introduced me to our Order. It has opened a new world of sisters, friends, Masonic Family, and learning opportunities that I will cherish my entire life. Job's Daughters has taught me the true meaning of servant leadership, respect for myself and my country, and a life-long spirit of giving back to my community. Job's Daughters has been a valuable tool to help me plan for a future that is bright and forward-thinking. With the help and support from our entire Masonic Family, I know that every Virginia Job's Daughter will succeed and grow and meet their goals in life.

The theme for my term this year is "Cultivating Kindness." We all are bombarded with conflicting messages, hurtful rhetoric, callous acts, and distressing news. Kindness is a virtue, which has no cost but is extremely valuable when it is offered to us. Kindness can be shared, donated and given with no detriment to the owner, and everyone benefits. One small act of kindness can change someone's situation, outlook, or life in ways you might not be aware. Share a kind word, act, or thought with someone today. Start a wave of paying it forward to others. It could be the catalyst that changes the world, and it could start with you.

My Service Project this term is making blankets for sick and hospitalized children and those in the Virginia Fos-

ter Care system through Project Linus. Project Linus National Headquarters is in Belton, Missouri and was started in 1995 in the Denver area. Project Linus helps direct and orchestrate the activities of local state chapters located across the United States. With busy chapters in all 50 states, Project Linus continues to grow and spread love and kindness. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might need a big hug. I want to spread kindness, love, and hugs to children everywhere, and let them know that Job's Daughters cares for them.

Our Bethels have been busy fundraising, gathering donated supplies of fleece and collecting completed blankets from loving "Blanketeers," who have been taking their time to make blankets for us. Statewide, our Bethels have been holding "Blanket Parties" to provide more blankets to donate, as well. We currently have over seventy-five blankets completed and supplies

to make many more and our "blanketeers" are still busy at their homes working to help us out too. Even our "Bees" (8-9-year-old Jobies to Be) are working hard at our state events for our cause. I am proud and grateful for the hard work Virginia is doing and continues to do in support of this act of kindness for others. I would like to send a special thank you to all our Virginia Bethels and Mom Sharon Sampsell, Mom Judy Burl, Mom Gabriela Conrad-Distasio, Mom Shanae Hill, Dad Ronald Grimm, Mom Lori Grimm, The Grimes Family, Mom and Dad Roland Bailey for all their loving help in making blankets and donating supplies.

If you wish to donate finished blankets, fleece, or supplies, please contact Caitlyn Joseph at Bethel 55 at Bethel55va@gmail.com.

I look forward to traveling our State and beyond to represent Virginia Job's Daughters and hope to meet you on the road and share a kind word with you.



L-R: Mom Missy Neff, Grand Guardian Gabriela Conrad-Distasio, Dad Rodney and Mom Erin Edmonds, Mom Christina Joseph, Mom Kathy Meldrum, Mom Shanae Hill, Mom Monica Hornauer and Bethel Guardian Mom Nicole Shaw-Hall. Job's Daughters pictured, Amanda, Alyssa, Caitlyn, Alexis, Lizzie, Amethyst, and Kelsea.



You are invited to the
94th Annual
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September 20-22, 2018

To be held at

Smith Mountain Lake Resort

Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

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September 1, 2018

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Awards and Certificates



L-R: Wor. Thomas F. Hannfin and Bro. Herman A. Bowers.

Several members of Snowville Lodge No. 159 met to confer the Fellowcraft Degree and then raise to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Brother Herman Alfon Bowers. Brother Bowers is eighty-three years old and is suffering from terminal cancer of the kidneys, which have invaded the aorta of his heart. He previously managed to withstand the rigors of having the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred on him at Snowville Lodge, but his failing health prevented him from having the other degrees conferred on him in Lodge. Therefore, with the permission from the Grand Master and with instructions from the Grand Lecturer, we went to his home and completed the degrees in order that he could become a Master Mason before he succumbs to his disease.



Worshipful Robert C Duncan, along with wife Anne, received his 50-Year Masonic Veteran Award from Right Worshipful Roscoe D. Call at the annual Founders Day Dinner at William King Lodge No. 227 in Saltville.



Presented to Colonial Heights Sam's Club
For their continued support of Petersburg Lodge No. 15,
Thanksgiving dinner for soldiers.
"Because not everyone gets to go home for Thanksgiving."



At the raising of Brother Daniel Reyman at Suffolk Lodge No. 30 were his father and two brothers. Also, Brother Pat Suttle and his son. Freemasonry in Virginia is truly a father and son institution.



L-R: Bro. Marlon Dance, Bro. Walter F. Dance, V, Bro. W. Forrest Dance, and Bro. Walter F. Dance, III.

At Blandford No. 3's April's stated, Brother Walter Forrest Dance, III, received his 60-Year Masonic Veterans Award He was escorted to the East by sons, Brothers W. Forrest and J. Marlon Dance and grandson, Brother Walter F. Dance, V. His grandson had the honor of attaching the Sixty-Years emblem onto his grandfather's lapel. The Sixty-Year ceremony was performed by Worshipful J. Bruce Catron.



During his Official Visit to Amelia Lodge No.101, Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Wallace Taylor, presented Right Worshipful Leonard S. Hughes with a Certificate of Merit for service to Masonic District 27.

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THE GRAND LODGE FOUNDER'S TABLE LODGE

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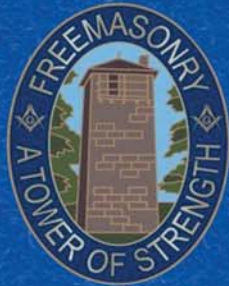
Honorable Guest:

***M. W. Grand Master
Gary Wallace Taylor***

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Agenda

- Meet & Greet (2:30pm)
- 3 course meal
- Historic Table Lodge
- Guest Speaker

Saint Tammany Lodge No.5

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Awards and Certificates



Most Worshipful Donald M. Robey (1987) receives his 50-Year Masonic Veteran Award from Most Worshipful George B. Dungan (2007) at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.



L-R: Wor. John P. Dameron, Wor. B. Robert Searce, and Rt. Wor. Harry Lea Reynolds, II

Worshipful John P. Dameron presented Worshipful Brother Searce his 50-Year Masonic Veteran Award at Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122.



L-R Back: Wor. Steven A. Urban, Wor. Brian R. Croteau, Front: Wor. Malvin E. Moore and Wor. Tom Bryant.

Transportation Lodge No. 337 presented a 60-Year Masonic Veteran award to Worshipful Malvin E. Moore. Right Worshipful John N. Malliarakis presented the award.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Woodrow L. Brown and Bro. James E. Jones, Jr.

Seaboard Lodge No. 56 proudly presented the 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award plaque to Brother James Emmett Jones, Jr. with an audience of family and friends. Right Worshipful Woody Brown officiated the ceremony and spoke about some of his early memories in Masonry and how Brother Jones mentored him when he was a young Mason. Brother Jones then took the floor and spoke to all in attendance about how proud he was to be a Mason and some of the best memories in his life were when he was surrounded by Brother Masons.



Right Worshipful Austin Jones receiving his 70-Year Plaque.



L-R: Rt. Wor. David W. Cassell and Rt. Wor. Paul Ishihara.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Patrick B Miskill, Rt. Wor. Tully E. Carr, Bro. Roscoe W. Graham, and Rt. Wor. Alton R. Lassiter.

At Owens Lodge No. 164 Brother Roscoe William Graham received his 70-Year Masonic Veteran plaque from Right Worshipful Tully E. Carr. Brother Graham was presented in the East by Right Worshipful Patrick B. Miskill and Right Worshipful Alton R. Lassiter. Brother Graham thanked the Brethren for the blessings of friendship and brotherly love through the years.



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 Bro. Thomas Rupert Coppedge, Jr.
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 Bro. John Blaine Blubaugh
 Bro. Jonathan Paul Worley
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 Wor. Thomas Wilson St Clair
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 Bro. Donald Arthur Cherrix
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 Bro. Roby Edward Weaver
 Bro. James Richard Collins, Jr.
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 Wor. Raymond Branscom Rakes
 Bro. Eugene Gary Moorefield
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 Bro. Fred Mason Cole
 Wor. John Randall Warren
 Wor. James Jackson Roberts, Jr.
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 Bro. Donald Wayne Watlington
 Wor. Milton Hunt Adair, Jr.
 Bro. George Milton Dean
 Wor. William Long Tolson, III
 Bro. Raymond Holly Wilkins, Jr.
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 Bro. William George Lee
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SIXTY-YEAR VETERANS

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 Bro. Walter Forest Dance, III
 Bro. Clarence Bailey Jones
 Bro. Norris Earl Jones, Jr.
 Wor. William Lancaster Ball, Jr.
 Bro. Jerald Fleming Moore
 Bro. Marvin Edson Williams, Jr.
 Bro. Charles Sidney Oakey
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 Bro. John Elwood Boswell
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 Wor. Clyde Monroe Reece
 Wor. Malcolm Bray Young
 Bro. Robert Cecil Jones
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 Bro. Lloyd Arnett Gillespie
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 Seaboard Lodge No. 56
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 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
 Clintwood Lodge No. 66
 Old Town Lodge No. 68
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 Courtland Lodge No. 85
 Ruth Lodge No. 89
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 Fork Union Lodge No. 127
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 Ashland Lodge No. 168
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 Stonewall Lodge No. 200
 Springfield Lodge No. 217
 Churchland Lodge No. 276
 Ivor Lodge No. 291
 Central Lodge No. 300
 Monroe Lodge No. 301
 Victoria Lodge No. 304
 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
 Richlands Lodge No. 318
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 Floyd Lodge No. 329
 Warwick Lodge No. 336
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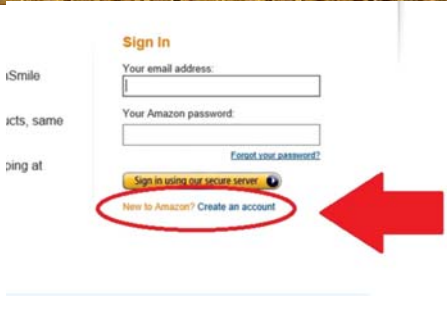
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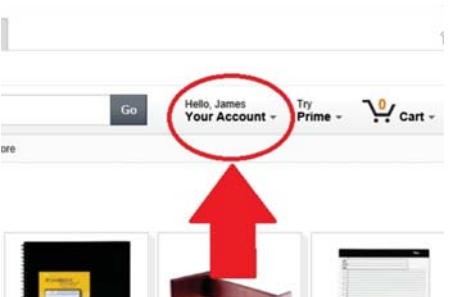
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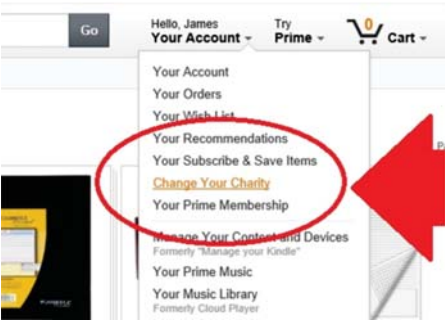
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Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton,
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During the Campbell Area Masonic School held at Mackey Lodge No. 69, Right Worshipful Frank Garland Laine, III was both surprised and honored to receive a certificate and brass plate indicating that a very generous gift had been made to the Masonic Home in honor of his years of service to the Lodges in Masonic District 25. In making the presentation, Right Worshipful Matt Reedy, District Deputy Grand Master for District 25 also noted Right Worshipful Laine's service as District Education Officer and District Deputy Grand Master (1988). The presentation was attended by almost one hundred Masons.

The certificate's wording, outlined in part below, was very meaningful and can be instructive as an example of how other active Masons could be honored by their friends and Brethren. As Brethren, we want to recognize those who have helped build our Fraternity and who continue to help others.

WHEREAS, the 25th Masonic District throughout our Mason-

ic history has supported the Masonic Home of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the character displayed in accordance within our tenets are reflected in your life;

WHEREAS, we, your Brethren, recognize your unselfish contribution to Freemasonry, to our Ritual Lectures and the Supreme Code of Brotherhood

under the Fatherhood of God and mankind;

WHEREAS, we, your Brethren, honor your leadership and commitment to the Craft;

WHEREBY, we are honored to place the name of Right Worshipful Frank Garland Laine, III

On "The Ray of the Light" plaque at the Masonic Home of Virginia.



This wording was created by Right Worshipful Aubrey Howard Mason, Jr., also well known for his labors in Freemasonry. Each Lodge in District 25 and the Master Masons Association joined in supporting this gift.

As evidenced here, the Symbol of Light at the Masonic Home is a terrific way to honor or memorialize a Brother, a Lodge, or even a family member while also supporting the Masonic Home.

Any Mason interested should contact the Masonic Home's Development Office toll free at 800-262-4644.



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Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgments of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period February 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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Thomas E. Carver	Brian R. Wilson	John N. Huber	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865	Timothy L. Runion	Mount Jackson Lodge No. 103
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	Charles A. Cheeseman		Gia Owens		Manchester Chapter No. 53 OES
	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220		Milton P. Wilson		Stewart Allen
Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199	The Patriot Lodge		Pamela Putney	Helen Sofianek	Terry Garrett
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	Oriental Chapter No. 30 O.E.S.		Joseph Riding	David I. Vincent	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
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Masonic Home of Virginia

Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
July		
7/1	Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
7/4	William Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
7/5	Harold Garland	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
7/5	Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
7/6	Barbara Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
7/7	Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No. 89
7/8	Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
7/9	Annis Hatcher	Boone Lodge No. 247
7/10	Mary Duncan	Fork Union Lodge No. 127
7/10	Dorothy Ellis	Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353
7/11	Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/13	John Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
7/22	Tom Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
7/24	Eleanor Curtis	Northside Lodge No. 292
7/24	Priscilla Sensabaugh	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
7/26	Horace Dowdy	Varina Lodge No. 272
7/29	Herbert Chappell	Babcock Lodge No. 322
7/29	Nancy Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/30	John Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
7/31	Helen Lape	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
August		
8/4	Elizabeth Goodman	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/6	Walter Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/7	Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/7	Evelyn Harding	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/9	Jean Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
8/10	Dolores Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
8/11	Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
8/14	Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
8/16	Jean Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
8/17	Lois Payne	Central Lodge No. 300
8/17	Frank Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
8/19	Steve Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
8/19	Myrtle Bussey	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
8/19	Harry Jones	Franklin Lodge No. 151
8/20	Marjorie Winter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
8/23	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
8/23	James Palmer	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/24	Virginia Yeatts	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
September		
9/1	Mable Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
9/2	Leon Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/8	Patricia Heald	Cabell Lodge No. 328
9/8	Stella Paxton	Kempsville Lodge No. 196
9/9	Robert Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
9/12	Cora Lee Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
9/16	Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
9/17	Maurice Beachum	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
9/17	Paul Canter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
9/21	Phyllis Rowe	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
9/22	Omer "Larry" LaRochelle	Bedford Lodge No. 244
9/23	Jerrell Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
9/25	Agnes Cash	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/26	Sandra Butler	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/26	Helen Duke	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
9/28	Helen Melton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/29	Mary Thompson	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
9/30	Conwelsey "Ruffner" Simmons	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
July		
7/14/1959	Steve & Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/17/1954	Craig & Lillie Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
7/19/1959	Philip & Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
7/28/1978	Lloyd "Tom" & Valerie Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
August		
8/1/1980	Kenneth & Jerrell Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
8/10/1957	Ed & Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/15/1964	Woody & Peg Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
8/17/1963	John & Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
8/27/1960	Gordon & Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/28/1980	Bernard & Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
September		
9/3/1988	Cliff & Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
9/26/1959	Frank & Molly Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
9/27/1997	Tom & Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
February		
2/11/2018	Jean McCuiston	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
2/16/2018	Hattie Crebbs	Waddell Lodge No. 228
March		
3/5/2018	Irma Tunstall	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
3/25/2018	Thomas Carver	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
April		
4/10/2018	Dorothy Fulcher	Oriental Lodge No. 20
4/11/2018	Charles Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
February		
None		
March		
3/12/2018	Theodore Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
3/12/2018	Beatrice Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
3/27/2018	Seymour Kern	Covington Lodge No. 171
April		
4/4/2018	Frances Walton	Richmond Lodge No. 10
4/20/2018	John Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
4/20/2018	Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14



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Valentine's Dance.



Talent Show performers.



L-R: Betty Klotz, Betty Burgess, Betty Long, and Dolores Reinhold at the Talent Show.



St. Patrick's Day Social.



William and Dolores Reinhold.



L-R: Leon Headley, John Deputy, and David Armistead at the Talent Show.



Card playing.



Coffee and Donuts Social.



Voncile Baughman (Resident) and Mark Mumford (Staff) enjoying a pet visitor.

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Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor presenting the wreath for General (Brother) Douglas MacArthur.