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

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

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- Winter Issue November 1
- Spring Issue January 1
- Summer Issue May 1
- Fall Issue August 1

The Grand Master's Message

Dear Brethren, with this Fall issue of the Masonic Herald, Billie and I bring to each of you and your families our most heartfelt appreciation for the love and support so graciously bestowed upon us during my term serving as your Grand Master. I hope each of you know when you elected me, it truly was an honor of a lifetime.

By the time you read these remarks, fall will be in full swing. Frost will be on the pumpkins, and the trees here in Crockett's Cove, Wytheville, Virginia, will be beautiful beyond compare. Fall presents us with a kaleidoscope of colors and begins the season in which we offer thanks for our many blessings... faith, family, and our Fraternity.

My year as Grand Master will soon be ending. Before it does, there are a few things I wish for you to know.

Because of your hard work and dedication to our Fraternity, Freemasonry in the Commonwealth of Virginia remains "A Tower of Strength."

Leadership, open communication, and Lodge membership support continue to be the foundation required by every Lodge in order for our Fraternity to be successful, prosper, and grow.

Today, more than ever, our Fraternity offers what is needed in Virginia, the United States of America, and in reality, the World!

A real Mason is one who lives his Masonry every day. He loves his country and strives loyally to support institutions in our government, which are regularly constituted, just, and equitable. "To be a real Mason is not exactly the easiest thing in this life." He does not hesitate to go out of his way to aid an erring Brother, to minister to the needy, and endeavor to uplift the fallen.

He has time to lend an attentive ear to the story of a Brother out of work, a widow and orphan out of food, and renders prompt assistance with sympathetic understanding that inspires renewed hope and destroys discouragement.



Grand Master M. W.: Gary W. Taylor

He does well whenever and wherever possible, not counting the cost nor anticipating any type of award.

He always strives to be worthy of fellowship in our Masonic Fraternity and is not afraid of letting his light shine before men, with no fear of their judgment or censure.

He devoutly believes in God who is the Great Architect of the Universe; without that belief, he never would be permitted to become a Mason. He venerates Deity according to his own religious beliefs and accords every man the same right and privilege.

He does not claim to be a superior person to his profane neighbor, for he realizes that all men are his Brethren under the Fatherhood of God. He does, however, strive constantly to be better than his former self.

He believes in enlightenment and ardently supports education; recognizing the fact that ignorance enslaves, and that illiteracy, superstition, crime, and vice are its companions.

He desires all men to be free from oppression and tyranny, no matter under what guise...subtle or brazen... they may operate.

The Square and Compasses

The honor and privilege of wearing the Square and Compasses carries with it a most profound obligation. As Masons, each of us has a dual role in life. First, as an individual, second, as a Master Mason. As Masons, we carry the trust and reputation of our Fraternity with us each day. Demands are placed upon us, which distinguish us from others in our community. The Square and Compasses are an emblem of honor and stand for stability of purpose, our trust in a Supreme Being, a respect for Womanhood, loyalty to our Nation, obedience to the laws of our Country, and opposition to all forms of violence and hate.

In my mind, the following poem could very well define our Masonic journey, as we travel through a lifetime of service to our Fraternity.

"The Candle of Life"
A candle's but a simple thing;
It starts with just a bit of string.
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until, complete and snowy white,
It gives at last a lovely light.
Life seems so like that bit of string:
Each deed we do a simple thing;
Yet day by day if on life's strand
We work with patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives at last a lovely light.

You, your families, and our Lodge sweethearts have truly been that candle of life for Billie and me this year. We have been so blessed by your kindness and support and want each of you to know we will cherish our year with each one of you for the rest of our lives.

We, as a Fraternity, have so much of which to be proud, and its future rests in your capable hands, my Brethren. The Grand Line and Committees of the Grand Lodge of Virginia will always

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be there for you; but you, my Brethren, through your dedication, leadership, communication skills, and hard work will be the determining factor in our Fraternity's future.

I found the following story six years ago and have shared it with many of you in the past. It has never lost its impact on my heart and never will.

Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer, and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted. They were there all afternoon eating and smiling, but never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him the biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen."

Meanwhile, the old man, radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

As my term ends, only a few of my official visits remain. I have been honored to visit many of our Lodges and to make a number of special presentations; at the same time, enjoying every minute of my visits. A special thank you to Most Worshipful Kerry Campbell (2013) for saying it best, when it comes to our Masonic youth organizations, "Masonry's Youth - Masonry's Future." The youth truly are our future.

I would be remiss, if I failed to acknowledge the wonderful times enjoyed, not only with our youth but with our Appendant Bodies. The Potentate Balls, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Commandery, Shriner's International, Scottish Rite; all the special events this year were so very meaningful for us both.

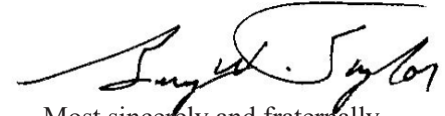
Many of our Lodges have been re-energized and its membership excited to be part of our Fraternity once again.

Thank you, my Brethren, for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master.

To each of my dedicated and loyal District Deputy Grand Masters, I thank you. No Grand Master could have a more dedicated and supportive group of Brethren. Billie and I have been truly blessed by each and every one of you and your families.

To our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Alan Adkins (1997) and your loyal and dedicated staff, thank you for all you have done and continue to do, not just for the Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Line, but for our entire Fraternity.

I pray that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will continue to bless and keep you, my Brethren, your families, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and our Fraternity, Commonwealth, and Country in the palm of his hand.



Most sincerely and fraternally,
Gary W. Taylor
Grand Master

Grand Master's Itinerary

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
- 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

240th Grand Annual Communication

Schedule for November 9 – 10, 2018

Committee On Work Schedule

All sessions will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend any and/or all sessions.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

7:30 P.M. — Exemplification of the Degree of Entered Apprentice

Thursday, November 8, 2018

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. — Exemplification of the Degree of Fellowcraft and Degree of Master Mason

Resolutions To Be Considered At The Grand Annual Communication November 9 – 10, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 18-01

This resolution would add a Standing Resolution to the Methodical Digest to present the Flag of our Country at the altar.

240th Grand Annual Communication

The 240th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 8:30 AM. The Grand Master's Address will be delivered after the opening of Grand Lodge.

As your Grand Lodge continues to seek ways to reduce costs in holding our Grand Annual Communication, the Public Ceremonies and award presentations will now be held on Saturday morning. The majority of our business items will be conducted on Friday.

Times for the Grand Lodge Committees will be announced on Friday morning, November 9, 2018. Delegates are urged to attend and inform themselves regarding pending matters.

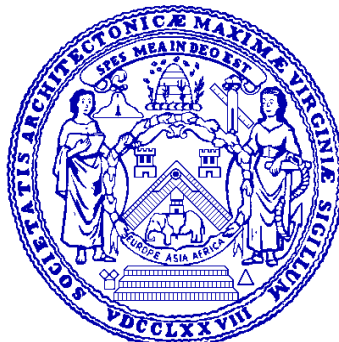
On Friday, November 9 at 12:00 PM, a luncheon will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Grand Lodge Banquet will be held for the Brethren and Invited Guests on Friday evening.

Resolutions will be considered during Friday's sessions. Election of Grand Lodge Officers will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning, November 10.

An open installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump that afternoon at 4:00 PM, with a reception to follow.

Resolutions to be considered in 2019 must be drafted in proper form as required by Section 1.16 of the Methodical Digest and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31, 2018.

There were two requests for fraternal recognition. Requests for fraternal recognition will be presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the following: the Grand Lodge of the State of Kosovo and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington (State).



Most Worshipful William Lee Holliday
Past Grand Master
1939-2018

William Lee Holliday was born in Richmond, Virginia, on April 16, 1939. His parents were William Conley Holliday and Rosa Brown Holliday, but was raised from the age of five by his father and the only mother he remembered, Betty Jean Holliday. He attended public schools in Norfolk and Portsmouth and graduated from Granby High School in 1959. He was employed by Jett and Company as an outside sales representative of building materials and retired after thirty-four years of service.

Brother Holliday was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Norview Lodge No. 113 on February 19, 1973, where he was a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1983. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 35-B in 1992. He was Grand Pursuivant in 1993 and Grand Marshal in 1994-1995 and was the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near Virginia. He was elected to the Office of Grand Junior Deacon in 1995, and served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 2000. He served as Grand Treasurer from 2005-2011.

Brother Holliday held honorary membership in Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Mackey Lodge No. 69, Ruth Lodge No. 89, Corinthian Lodge No. 266, Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, Warwick Lodge No. 336 and Victory Daylight

Lodge No. 1778. In addition, he was an honorary member of the Hiram Club of Tidewater Virginia, Bethel No. 3, International Order of Job's Daughters, the Khedive Temple Fire Brigade, and Neptune Forest No. 141, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. He was a Life member of the Valley of Norfolk, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he served as Venerable Master and as Director of Work. He was a Past President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia. He was invested Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1981 and was coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1989. He served as the personal representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia for the Valley of Norfolk and was a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He held membership in Norview Royal Arch Chapter No. 62, Grice Commandery No. 16, Jesse Albert White Council No. 110 Allied Masonic Degrees, Khedive Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Hampton Roads Chapter No. 6, National Sojourners, and Heroes of '76, Yorktown Camp. He was a Charter member and Past Puissant Sovereign of Saint Thomas Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was a recipient of the Legion of Honor, International Order of DeMolay, the Odie R. Howell, Jr. Leadership Award, and the George Washington Distinguished Service Award.

Brother Holliday was active in the community with the Arrowhead Recreation Association, where for eleven years he served as President, Secretary, Commissioner, and Area Chairman as well as coaching Girls Basketball and Softball Teams. He was an active member of Somme Avenue Christian Church and volunteered at Lake Taylor Transitional Care Center.

He was married to the former Evelyn Matney for fifty-seven years, and is survived by two daughters; Angela Murphy (Mike Castro), Shelia Cando (David); grandchildren, Leslie Brown (Ryan), Christina VanLear (Lee), Hayley Cando and Liam Cando; brothers, James Holliday (Christina), Paul Holiday, Eugene Holliday (Gerri); sisters-in-law, Ann Fagan (Howard), Georgia Matney; brothers-in-law, Eddie Matney, William Blakely (Debbie); uncle, Lee Brown, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Rita Holliday.

Most Worshipful Brother Holliday was called to the Celestial Lodge above on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. A Memorial Service was held at the Norfolk Masonic Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, on Sunday, August 19, 2016, followed by a Masonic Memorial Service conducted by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



Most Worshipful William Lee Holliday
Grand Master, 2000

Mother Lodge Norview Lodge No. 113, Norfolk, Virginia
Born – April 16, 1936, Richmond, Virginia
Occupation – Sales Representative

Making Money th Taking the Mystery Out of Raising F

Right Worshipful Matthew T. Szramoski
Committee on Finance Chairman

Most Lodges in Virginia need to conduct fund raising activities to ensure they have adequate income to cover Lodge operating expenses and building maintenance costs. Degree fees and dues in most Lodges will not fully cover the annual operating expenses, let alone building improvements.

Fund raisers can be a viable option to balancing the Lodge budget. Unfortunately, there are many myths and mysteries in our Fraternity regarding what type of fund raisers can be held, how the money can be used, and many other questions.

The best place to start a discussion on Lodge fund raising is to know what is legal, and what is not. The **Methodical Digest** is the best place to start. Most of the law regarding fundraising can be found in Section. 2.11. This section states that no Lodge may solicit other Masonic bodies (including Lodges) in Virginia or any other Grand Jurisdiction without permission of the Grand Master. In short, you cannot ask another Lodge (or other Masonic bodies) to contribute finances to your Lodge's golf tournament, building fund, etc., without permission of the Grand Master. This includes on-line giving like GoFundMe sites. You must get permission from the Grand Master to solicit any funds from outside your Lodge. Several Lodges have violated this law in recent years asking for ad purchases in anniversary programs, emergency building repairs donations, and charity fund-raisers.

There is an important reason for this law. If Grand Lodge permitted every Lodge to solicit other Lodges for contributions, you might start receiving twenty to thirty requests a month for donations. It would be unmanageable. A Lodge is responsible for its own finances.

The Grand Master has allowed the Masonic youth organizations to solicit

subordinate Lodges to purchase advertising in their annual publications. Such solicitations will have a notice stating that it has been approved by the Grand Master. Any other solicitations received by a Lodge, which do not contain a line stating approval from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia should be considered illegal and should not be read or acted on in Lodge.

You can solicit contributions from your own membership for donations, ticket sales, etc. While you would need permission to send a "solicitation" to another Lodge to attend a fundraising dinner, it is not illegal to sell tickets to an event like this to both Masons outside your Lodge, as well as profanes providing you do not violate the no-solicitation rule. For example, you could stand up at your stated communication, announce the dinner and state tickets are available for members and visitors who would like to attend.

Until a decision was made by Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen (2008), it was illegal to hold raffles or other games of chance in a subordinate Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother Cohen established that if the proceeds are used strictly for charitable 501(c)(3) purposes (i.e., Masonic Home of Virginia, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls) Lodges may can conduct a raffle or other similar event. Lodges must also follow all state laws regarding these types of activities. In most cases, under state law, if you sell tickets outside of your Lodge or district, your Lodge will need to file paperwork to conduct charitable solicitation with the Commonwealth of Virginia and pay a fee. Make sure you know both Grand Lodge and state law, before conducting any game of chance.

By following all rules and laws, games of chance like a raffle can be very successful. If the Lodge makes an annual contribution to the three youth



groups' ad books, the Masonic Home, the Grand Lodge Museum and Library, or Scholarship Fund, these donations can be recovered by the game or raffle. This would free up funds in the operating budget to be used elsewhere. For example, if the Lodge contributes \$500-\$1,000 a year to 501(c)(3) charities, instead of taking it out of dues income or investments, utilize the proceeds from a raffle, and you have now freed up that \$500-\$1,000 to be used elsewhere. Lodges are 501(c)(10)'s, and funds from these events cannot be used to cover building expenses, membership services, etc. The only exception would be if a historical Masonic building has a foundation that was created as a 501(c)(3) to maintain it.

The Lodge should plan a fund raiser by taking the following steps:

1. Appoint a Lodge fundraising committee. Select members for the committee who are good organizers, promoters, and motivated. A careful selection of the members is critical for the success. Do not forget to look at members who are inactive, but may have the proper skill set and would be willing to help serve on a committee for a once a year activity.
2. Set goals for the committee. How much do we need to raise? For what purpose will the money be used, when? Are donations tax deductible or not? These goals need to be shared with the Lodge membership.

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3. Create a budget for the fund raiser. This is seldom done in Lodge fund raisers. Most Lodges have no idea what the actual cost is for a fund raiser. Often Brethren donate items and funds to cover expenses. While this is fine to do, every item used in the fund raiser should be in the budget and the resource that is paying for it, as well. This is the only way you can evaluate what is the return on your investment...how much did you make for how much you paid out.
4. Select a date and location. Will the event be at your Lodge? Will it be elsewhere? Does the date conflict with any major Masonic events? If the event is successful, try to keep it on the same date in successive years. Consistency will assist Brethren in planning for the event and create anticipation for it.
5. Promote the event with the membership; don't forget to invite the Lodge widows to participate. You will need to communicate the event with the Lodge membership for several months. Utilize all forms of communication, trestleboard, e-mail, phone calls, etc. Lodge widows will often be some of your best supporters, invite them as well!

Often goals and expectations are set too low. How many times have we seen Brethren cook all day for a spaghetti dinner for seven dollars per person to only net about two hundred dollars at the end of the night? If you break it down by the man hours, we often are making less than minimum wage. Plan smartly and make sure the profit made is worth the labor expended. A Lodge having one or two successful fund raisers is far better than constantly holding events that raise very minimal amounts.

Another important item to remember is to keep the "fun" in fund raising. If the Brethren and their families do not

leave the evening feeling happy and fulfilled (tired is OK!), it is time to pick a different event. People will not put their full energy and enthusiasm behind a fund raiser, if they do not feel motivated or excited about it.

Remember, failure is OK in fund-raising as long as you learn from it. If a spaghetti dinner does not raise the funds you needed, maybe a different meal selection or a totally different type of fund raiser would next time. Evaluate what went wrong and what went right each time you have a fund raiser. You can then make wise decisions on what direction to take next.

So, what are some fund raisers your Lodge can do?

1. Yard Sales – ask members to donate items for the sale. Mark prices appropriately. Folks come to these sales looking for bargains not Tiffany's prices!
2. Flea Markets – if permitted by your county or city, rent space out in your parking lot or Lodge building for vendors to sell their wares. They do the set up and clean up.
3. Dinners – be creative, instead of spaghetti or hot dogs and beans how about jambalaya or shrimp scampi? Your ticket price should cover the actual cost of the meal plus at least a 50% profit. Keep in mind, that in most Virginia counties and cities, if you open a dinner to the public you will need a Health Department Inspection. Someone on staff will need a food service license/food handler permit.
4. Gun raffle for charity – the winner will need to go through a Federal Firearms Licensed dealer and adhere to all state and federal laws, but it can be a great money maker. Pick something special like a Henry Master Mason edition rifle.
5. Super Bowl Sunday Subs – take orders and payment in advance and deliver subs within a ten mile radius during Super Bowl Sunday or

any other special event or on a holiday. You may accept tips, as well.

6. Collect used cell phones - There are companies that will pay you \$5-\$50 each for used, but operating cell phones. Collect from family, friends, co-workers.
7. Host a Lodge golf tournament or sporting clays shoots. Both of these events can raise significant amounts of money and educate non-Masons about the Fraternity.
8. Sell Lodge T-shirts, polo shirts and other items with the Lodge name and Masonic emblem on them - Many local shirt makers will create these to order at a slightly higher price. The benefit is you do not have to keep a big inventory. Determine your cost from the manufacturer and add 25-35%.
9. And many more...

The only restriction on what you can do to raise funds for your Lodge is that it must not violate the Methodical Digest, state, or local laws and is in keeping with the moral and ethical teachings of our Fraternity. Be creative, be innovative and make some real money to help our Fraternity to become financially sound.

If you would like a member of the Committee on Finance to meet with your Lodge and discuss fundraising options or give a program on a variety of Lodge financial topics, including dues and fees, budgeting, etc., please contact Matt Szramoski, Chairman, Committee on Finance at 703-347-9549 or by e-mail at mszramoski@scottishrite.org.



Henry Masonic Rifle Winner

On Wednesday, June 20, 2018, Mrs. Marie Barnett, Grand Lodge Library and Museum Curator, drew the winning raffle ticket for the Henry Masonic Tribute Rifle. The drawing was held at the Grand Lodge office. The

winning ticket was number 0035, purchased by Most Worshipful James Edward Litten, (2016).

For all those Brethren who purchased a raffle ticket or made a donation on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Li-

brary and Museum, I wish to extend my most sincere appreciation.

A net total of \$9,398 was raised for the Library and Museum.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Gary W. Taylor
 Gary W. Taylor
 Grand Master

Freemasonry A State Of Mind

A quote from the President of the Masonic Charity Foundation, Connecticut: "I almost see Masonry as a state of mind. When I think of Masonry, I think of the Masonic values: charity, truth, love, and helping those in need. These Masonic values govern how you live your life day to day: your work life, your family life; how you spend your time, and how you interact with people.

To me, Masonry is all about kindness."

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: After reading the Ask Hiram response to this question in the Summer edition of the **Masonic Herald**, the Committee On Work feels it necessary to reply to this answer concerning the Charge at Closing.

It is the Committee On Work's firm belief the correct answer to the question should have been NO.

The Charge at Closing of the Master Mason's Lodge has long been considered the Master's Charge. It is the duty of the Worshipful Master to charge the Brethren of his Lodge to act according to the many lessons and obligations they have learned throughout their Masonic endeavors. This very important piece of ritual is also a requirement

to qualify for a Warden's certificate. If the Committee On Work introduces even a small change to the ritual, it leads to confusion within the Craft. It is the Master, and Master alone, who gives the Charge at Closing of the Master Mason's Lodge. It is the Master, and Master alone, who breaks the jewels and reverently closes the Holy Bible.

H. McGuire Edwards, Jr., Grand Lecturer
 Doyle L. Miller, Assistant Grand Lecturer

A Grand Find

Right Worshipful Matthew T. Szramoski

Freemasons treasure our heritage and value passing our teachings and history on to future generations of Brethren. All too often, historical Masonic artifacts have been lost or sold off to a scrap dealer.

As a collector of Virginia Masonic artifacts, I frequent antique shops and on-line resources like eBay looking for items of interest. While looking on-line, I discovered that the Past Grand Master jewel of Most Worshipful James Alston Cabell (1916), was for sale. Not wanting to see this item end up in a scrap pile to be melted for its gold value, I immediately contacted Most Worshipful John Quinley (2005), who serves as the President of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Library, Museum and Historical Foundation. Most Worshipful Brother Quinley was interested, but the Board did not have the funds to purchase the medal. The seller wanted \$4,950. The jewel was still in its original case, manufactured by E. H. Titmus, Jewelers and Opticians, Petersburg, Virginia.

Most Worshipful Brother Cabell was a distinguished Virginian both within and without the Fraternity. A member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, he was born on January 11, 1852. He was a successful attorney and spent all of his life in the Richmond area passing away on July 22, 1930. The Cabells were a distinguished family in Richmond. His father served as a Colonel in the Confederacy and served as chief of artillery in Mclaw's Division. James Alston Cabell was a graduate of the University of Virginia, served on the Richmond City council, was a member of the Sons



Most Worshipful James Alston Cabell's (1917) Past Grand Master jewel.

of the American Revolution, and the Richmond Athletic Clubs. He was very active in the community and served in many volunteer roles. Cabell would go on to be listed in "Who's Who in America" for several years. James married Ethyl Hoyt Scott, and they had five children. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in February, 1916.

I knew we had to raise the funds somehow. Working in development for most of my career, raising funds for various philanthropies, I put my giving hat on and thought about who to contact and what Lodges may help. I reached out first to my good friend and Brother, Worshipful Mike Bible of Alexan-

dria-Washington Lodge No. 22. I asked Mike if his Lodge would make a donation. He asked me to give him a day or two and that he would also reach out to a couple of other Lodges to see if they would assist. I then asked the Brethren of my Lodge, Mount Vernon No. 219 to make a contribution, which several Brethren eagerly agreed to do.

Worshipful Brother Bible called me back. His Lodge and several others would make donations. In addition, with only a few days left before the on-line auction ended, he had gone ahead and bought the jewel utilizing the "buy it now" auction feature. We now had the jewel, but needed to make sure we could reimburse Mike for the expense. Due to the generosity of several Lodges including Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, Cherrydale Lodge No. 42, Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64, Mount Vernon Lodge

No. 219, and Columbia Lodge No. 285, we were able to reimburse Worshipful Brother Bible and purchase the jewel.

At the March 10, 2018, Division Leadership Conference held at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, the jewel was presented to our current Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary Taylor for him to pass on to the museum. The jewel will now be preserved in perpetuity.

The Lodges that supported this effort are pleased to have saved a piece of Virginia Masonic history. Our effort shows what Brethren working together can accomplish.

District Alignment

Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr. (2015)
Commission Chairman.

It should come as no surprise to the reader that membership in our Lodges has seen a steady decline for several years. In fact; since the early 1980s membership in our Grand Lodge has seen a membership reduction in excess of fifty percent. Understandably, this reduction in overall numbers is most vividly reflected in our Lodges and districts, with some Lodges finding it necessary to surrender their Charter or consolidate with another Lodge in the district. The resultant success of Lodge merges has varied somewhat from district to district. In view of the decline in membership numbers coupled with other statistical data as pertained to our individual Lodges and districts, the Grand Master, earlier this year, appointed a Commission to examine this situation.

The Commission members included:

- Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll, Jr., Chairman
- Most Worshipful Wayne S. Flora
- Right Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr., Grand Junior Warden
- Worshipful Rhey M. Solomon

The Chairman added two additional Ex-officio members:

- Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins
- Right Worshipful Emmett M. Pate

In this review, the Commission consulted the **Methodical Digest** and examined a number of statistical documents. These statistical documents included the Lodge Annual Reports, District Leadership Conference attendance

figures, and the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit Report. The districts in all parts of the state were examined using the information contained in the aforementioned documents. After a detailed review, the Commission recommends a number of districts be combined. In addition, Lodges in some districts will be aligned with an adjoining district and the district to which these Lodges were assigned would be dissolved. The Commission briefed its findings and recommendations to the

Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers on August 9, 2016, and the recommendations of the Commission were accepted and approved by the Grand Master at that meeting. As required by the **Methodical Digest**, this action by the Grand Master was a part of his Address at the Grand Annual Communication. As required by our law, the Grand Master's Address was reviewed by the Past Grand Masters who agreed with the action of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master approved the following

realignment actions, effective as of this 2016 Grand Annual Communication and these actions will be implemented effective with the 2018 – 2019 Grand Lodge year:

- Combine District 1A with District 54 (residual district, District 1A)
- Combine 14A with 14B (residual district, District 14)
- Combine Districts 20 and 23 (residual district, District 20)
- Combine Districts 31 and 32 (residual district, District 31)
- Combine Districts 33 and 34 (residual district, District 33)
- Combine Districts 35A and 35B (residual district, District 35)
- Combine Districts 44 and 46 (residual district, District 44)
- Realign District 15C by moving Lodges in District 15C to District 15A, with the exception of moving Meridian Lodge No. 284 to District 15B, (residual district, District 15A).
- Realign the Lodges currently assigned to District 18 by reassigning the following Lodges to other districts, (this means there will no longer be a District 18).
 - Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50 to District 7
 - Widow's Son Lodge No. 60 to District 10
 - King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 to District 19
 - Alberene Lodge No. 277 to District 21

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The Grand Master approved the following realignment actions, effective as of this 2016 Grand Annual Communication, and these actions will be implemented effective with the 2018 - 2019 Grand Lodge year.

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- Realign the Lodges currently assigned to District 26 by reassigning the following Lodges to other districts, (this means there will no longer be a District 26).
 - Farmville Lodge No. 41 to District 27
 - Cumberland Lodge No. 283 to District 27
 - Monroe Lodge No. 301 to District 25
- Realign the Lodges currently assigned to District 28 by reassigning the following Lodges to other districts, (this means there will no longer be District 28).
 - Chase City Lodge No. 119 to District 27
 - Widow Son's Lodge No. 150 to District 29
 - South Hill Lodge No. 297 to District 27
 - Twin River Lodge No. 338 to District 37

Additionally, five Lodges were identified to be realigned to an adjoining district and are identified as follows:

- Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 to District 1A
- Mountain Lodge No. 140 to District 22B
- Virginia Lodge No. 177 to District 29
- Herndon Lodge No. 264 to District 2
- Cochran Lodge No. 271 to District 4

As stated earlier, the Grand Master included information about the Commission as a part of his Address at the Grand Annual Communication. Additionally, realignment information provided by the Grand Master in his Address was provided to the District Deputy Grand Master's nominees at the District Deputy Grand Masters Conference this past September. Similarly, re-

alignment information was provided to the Lodges when the Executive Order, pertaining to the nomination of District Deputies for the year 2019, was disseminated.

In closing, let me give you some additional information regarding what the impact will be on the districts and Lodges identified in this Article. The total number of Masonic Districts was

reduced from fifty-seven to forty-six. Districts that use the "Lodge Rotation" practice to identify a District Deputy Grand Master, an adjustment will be necessary. **Note:** This report has been updated to reflect additional changes approved by Most Worshipful Cook (2017) and Most Worshipful Taylor (2018).

Hopefully, the actions taken implementing the Commission recommendations will lessen the burden on the districts in a number of ways. First, it will reduce the burden to identify candidates to fill a position on the District Team and thereby allow the Lodges to use that talent at the Lodge level. For districts that had fewer Lodges and lower membership numbers the burden of frequently identifying a candidate for District Deputy will be lessened. This same benefit will result in those instances where Lodges were assigned to an adjoining district. These District Alignment actions will result in questions from the Lodges. Please start the question process by directing your questions to your District Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Lodge Officers will work diligently to answer those questions and insure the District Deputies are a part of the process as we respond to the changes addressed in this article.

Realign District 15C by moving Lodges in District 15C to District 15A, with the exception of moving Meridian Lodge No. 284 to District 15B, (residual district, District 15A).

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Realign the Lodges currently assigned to District 26 by reassigning its Lodges to other districts, (this means there will no longer be a District 26).

Realign the Lodges currently assigned to District 28 by reassigning its Lodges to other districts, (this means there will no longer be a District 28).

The Remarkable Journey

Mary Louise Brown, St. Louis, Missouri

In 1836, William Mitchell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, signed a document appointing Josiah Perdue to the position of District Deputy Grand Master of District 9 in Cumberland County in Virginia. The document was designed to be folded to create its own envelope, allowing Mitchell and Grand Secretary, Dr. John Dove, to address it to the Lodge in CaIra, Virginia and mail it to Perdue "In Haste."

Josiah and Virginia Perdue owned about two-hundred and seventy acres in Buckingham County, in addition to his position as a Mason, he was active in local politics. About 1847, eleven years after his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master, the Perdues and their ten children joined the tide of migrants to Missouri to take advantage of affordable land. His Masonic credentials were among the papers and household belongings that Right Worshipful Brother Perdue carried with him to Missouri. He died in his adopted state in 1859, the cause of his death and the location of his grave-site are unknown. Over the next four generations, the document was safeguarded by Perdue descendants, finally landing in the hands of three of Josiah's great-great-grandchildren, Jana H. Pulley, James Trig Perdue Brown, and Mary Louise Brown.

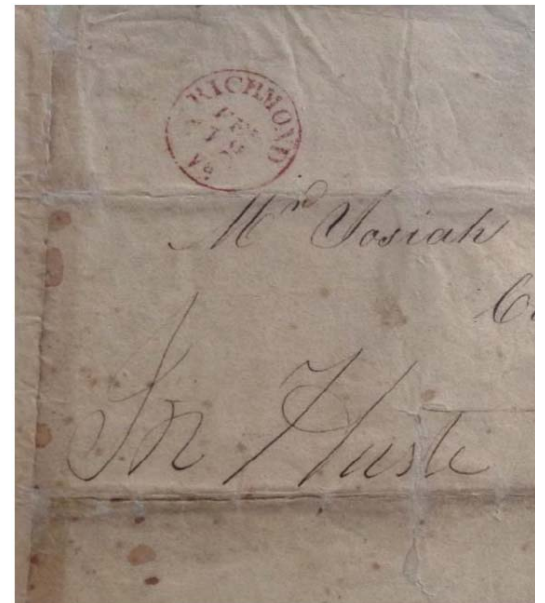
We should use the term safeguarded very loosely. After one hundred eighty-two years, the document was in tatters. Years of folding and unfolding had caused the creases to give way and the document was literally in pieces. It was generally soiled, particularly on the outer envelope side. To add insult to injury, a well-meaning descendant had applied pressure sensitive tape to repair the fragile document several decades ago. Over time, this adhesive had permanently stained the nineteenth century paper in two dark brown strips. There

were several losses of paper along all the edges. This Masonic document was so brittle and fragile that it could not be unfolded without further damage. Putting it on exhibit was out of the question.

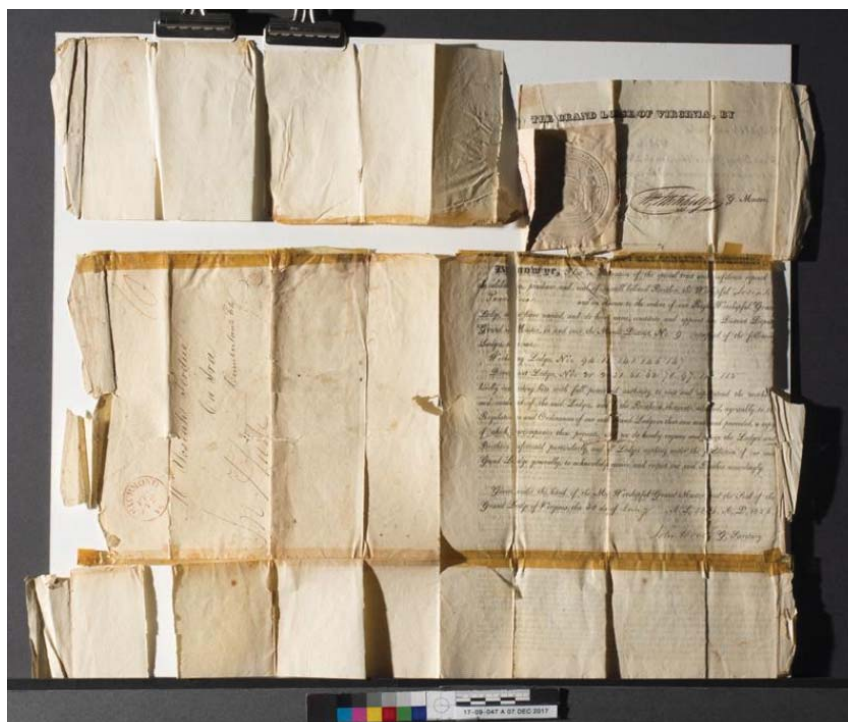
Fast forward to 2017, when the three Perdue descendants formed a partnership with the Library and Museum Board of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to underwrite the cost to have the 1836 document treated by Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services, Kansas City, Missouri.

Abby Schleicher, under the supervision of Tom Edmondson, pursued a treatment plan that included several major steps. She addressed the general soiling on the document with erasers and sponges and used special chemical solvents to remove the unsightly brown tape stains. A humidity chamber relaxed the folds that had become al-

"This is the story of a document that was lost and then back home. History is too fragile to be lost. Right Worshipful George... Treasurer, Library



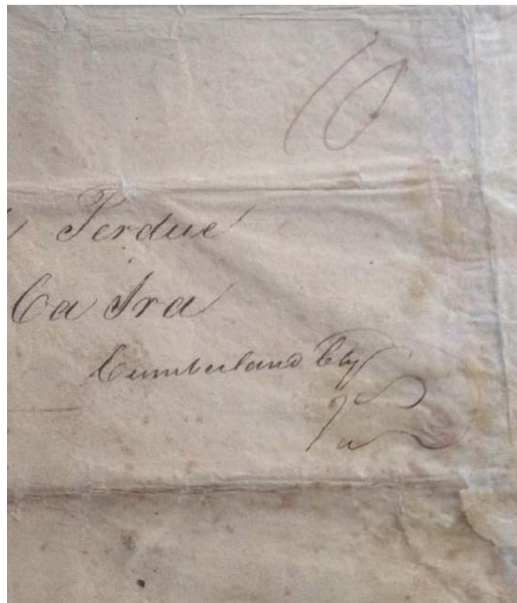
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Before treatment photo courtesy of Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services.

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 George W. "Bill" Thomas, Jr.
 Library and Museum Board

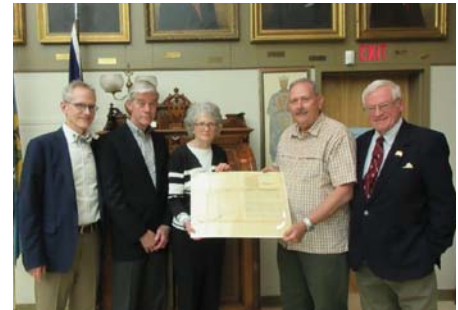


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most permanent over decades of being folded into a small envelope. Finally, Ms. Schleicher painstakingly mended all the tears and missing pieces in the document by applying Japanese paper mending strips with wheat starch paste. Smaller holes were filled with a pulp blend to match the original paper. In all, Josiah Perdue's document was in Kansas City five months.

Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services had carefully restored the document to its original appearance. The original signature of Most Worshipful William Mitchell, Jr. (1834) is still strongly visible next to the great seal. Right Worshipful (Dr.) John Dove's signatures are still intact and legible in two places. Housed in a polyester sleeve, the document can now be carefully turned over to read the detailed responsibilities of a District Deputy Grand Master printed on the back.

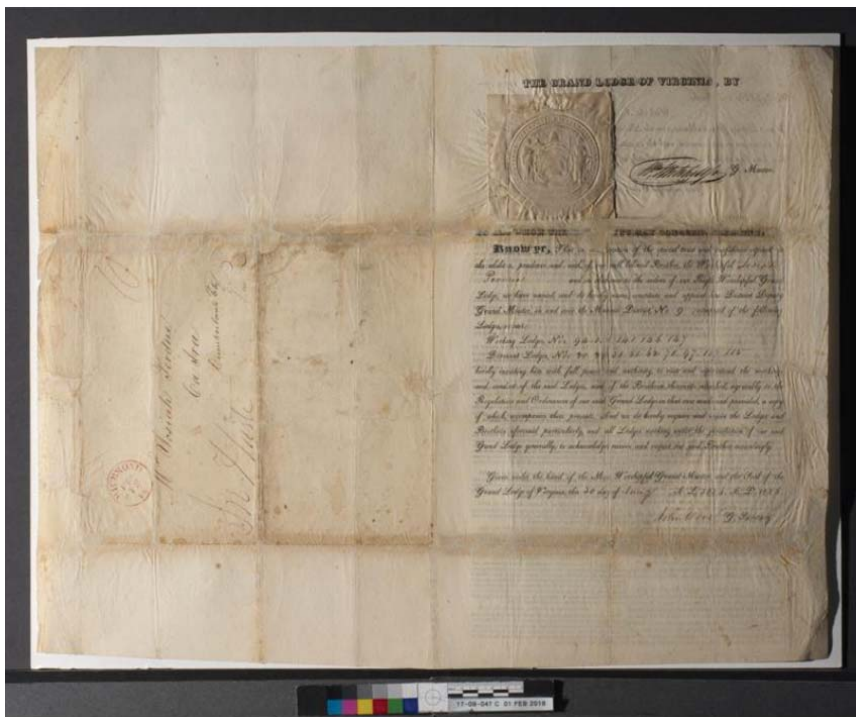
On May 2, 2018, two of Josiah Perdue's descendants, J. Trig Perdue Brown and Mary Louise Brown, along with her husband Elbert Williams, traveled to the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Richmond, to present the document to the Library and Museum. Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful John R. Quinley (2005), President of the Library and Museum Board, Right Worshipful



L-R: J. Trig Perdue Brown, Elbert Williams, Mary L. Brown, Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley, and Rt. Wor. William Thomas.

George W. "Bill" Thomas, Treasurer of the Library and Museum Board, and Marie Barnett, Librarian and Museum Caretaker accepted the document on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Over lunch at the Masonic Home, the group discussed the long history of the Masons and the Grand Lodge of Virginia in particular. The wonderful historical collection at the Grand Lodge preserves materials giving us a window on that past. Now the collection also includes this well-traveled document, originating in Richmond and returning home after a remarkable two thousand-mile trip to western Missouri and back again one hundred eighty-two years later. Indeed, history, like this document, is too fragile to be left to chance.



After treatment photo courtesy of Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services.

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This is the fact associated with prostate cancer; it is a disease that affects men on a large scale. That is why the Brethren of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 has teamed up with ZERO over the past three years, the leading national non-profit organization with the mission to end prostate cancer, to raise funds aimed at neutralizing this horrible disease.



L-R: Bro. Rick Cady, Rt. Wor. Adam Duncan, Bro. Glenn Amodeo, Wor. Antoine Charles

On the Saturday before Father’s Day, the Brethren of Andrew Jackson participated in the ZERO Prostate Cancer Run-Walk in Crystal City, Virginia. As a gold sponsor of this event, the Lodge tent was awarded very visible real-estate. The Brethren of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 distributed Masonic literature throughout this



L-R: Bro Mark Franklin, Wor. John Aakeerson, Bro. Glenn Amodeo, and Wor. Dennis Duston.

event.

In addition, a large number of the Brethren and their loved ones participated in the 5K race and other events. Prostate Cancer can be eradicated, and the Brethren of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 have joined the fight aiming at doing just that.

Traveling to be One

Are you thinking about advancing through the Chairs? As Master, you are responsible for the Masonic well-being of your members. To create a stable Masonic environment of Masonic knowledge, speakers, family activities as well as good rules of propriety will be your responsibility. It is not an easy task that lies ahead. Join us by partici-



pating in a program designed to “Plan your Year” in preparation for the Master’s chair. This will be an opportunity for discussion and instruction for planning your year as Worshipful Master. It is intended to assist the incoming Officers in planning and executing their terms to lead by the example of Brotherly love and affection.

“Planning Your Year as Worshipful Master”

Friday November 9, 2018

After Grand Lodge convenes, and Committee meets in the Lodge Services meeting room.

Please contact Lodge Services, if you would like to attend, seating is a premium and needs to be reserved.



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**TO: District Deputy Grand Masters
Subordinate Lodge Secretaries**

The delegates to the 2017 Grand Annual Communication voted and approved Resolution 17-01 pertaining to Section 2.19, Dues of Subordinate Lodges. The resolution becomes effective January 1, 2019 and will be payable with the 2019 Annual Return in January 2020.

The new amounts for Grand Lodge dues and assessments are broken down as follows:

	Effective 1-1-12, Billed <u>1-15-13</u>	Effective 1-1-15, Billed <u>1-15-16</u>	Effective 1-1-019, Billed <u>1-15-20</u>
Grand Lodge	33.00	33.00	42.00
GWMNM	1.00	1.00	1.00
Masonic Home	3.00	10.00	10.00
Scholarship Fund	.40	.40	.90
DeMolay	.20	.20	.20
Job's Daughters	.20	.20	.20
Rainbow for Girls	.20	.20	.20
Library & Museum	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.50</u>
Total	<u>38.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>

Just as a reminder, the subordinate Lodges usually collect dues in advance of the new year and the Grand Lodge office has always billed and collected after the completion of a year.

Please contact the Grand Lodge office with any questions you may have about the changes in dues or about proposed changes in Lodge by-laws. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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Awards and Certificates



L-R: Bro. James Brinkley, Bro. Allen Haynie, Rt. Wor. David Murray, Wor. Wray Emerson, Kathie Murphy, Victor Shandor, Carrie Dayton, Larry Cheney, Katie Crowell, Kathy Cheney, Bro. James Richardson, Pam Neale, Wor. Page Neale, Bro. Sewell Rowley.

The officers and members of Yorktown Lodge No. 205 were pleased to present a Community Builders Award to the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. (YFPE). The presentation was made by Yorktown Lodge officers at the York County School Board where York County School Board, and the School Superintendent also attended.

The YFPE is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization established in 1994 by local volunteers for the purpose of strengthening the public schools in York County. Their mission statement is to support public education in York County by developing resources to encourage educational innovation, promote and recognize excellence, and address the needs of students, faculty and staff of the York County School Division. They serve collaboratively with businesses and community members as an independent 501(c)(3) organization to raise funds to benefit students and teachers through grants for projects, continuing education, scholarships, career education, and many more initiatives to benefit the school system. The membership of Yorktown Lodge No. 205 recognizes the countless hours spent by the volunteers of the York Foundation for Public Education to accomplish their goals and meet their mission statement.



L-R: Wor. Brian M. King, Mr. Bryce Cook; Bro. Mark A. Boughner; Wor. Daniel E. Froggett; Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds; Miss Tsedal Tshome, and Rt. Wor. Michael R. Aulicino.

Brethren of Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349, participated in the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's (SFA) annual awards ceremony. The Lodge endowed the SFA with six hundred thousand dollars to create two memorial scholarships in honor of Most Worshipful Henry Knox Field (1917) and Right Worshipful Walter S. Downs. Two scholarships will be given each year for the next two decades.

The recipient of the Walter Scott Downs Memorial Scholarship, Bryce Cook will attend the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he will be a Cadet in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. The recipient of the Henry Knox Field Memorial Scholarship, Tsedal Tshome, will attend American University to study International Business.


The 2018 student recipients show great potential for the future. Both recipients are outstanding representatives of the Alexandria community.



L-R: Wor. Dave Conner, Wor. Bob Rathbun, and Bro. Carl.

Worshipful John Brown and Brethren from Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 helped sell concessions as a community service project at Lynnhaven Baseball's "Battle of the Beach" PONY (Protecting Our Nation's Youth) youth baseball tournament at Trant Field in Virginia Beach. Proceeds from concession sales helps defray the cost of lighting the field's three baseball diamonds, which operate year-round.

Organized in 1951, PONY baseball organizes youth baseball and softball leagues and tournaments for boys and girls. Over five hundred thousand players annually play in over four thousand leagues throughout the United States, and over forty countries world-wide. Since 1962, Lynnhaven Baseball has averaged seven hundred and fifty to eight hundred players a year. During its fifty-six-year history, some thirty-five thousand youths have passed through the dugouts; a significant feat for a non-profit, all volunteer organization.



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L-R: Bro. Forrest Lee "Mackie" MacDowell, Mt. Wor. Gary W. Taylor, Bro. Forrest C. MacDowell, and Rt. Wor. Ernest G. Savage.

During his Official Visit to the 12th Masonic District, Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor and Lady Billie were warmly received. The Grand Master was honored to present Forrest Cleland MacDowell, age ninety-two, with a 70-Year plaque, saying, "there are not too many of these floating around." Brother MacDowell commented, "the only bad thing about receiving the plaque was you had to live so long to get one." Accomack Lodge No. 243 was beautifully decorated, and a bountiful feast was provided, including clam fritters; a specialty of Right Worshipful Brother Savage. Seventy-seven attended the event, which included Masons, their families, the Grand Senior Deacon, and several appointed Grand Lodge Officers.



Rt. Wor. Ronald Eugene Heald receiving his 50-Year Masonic Veteran Emblem from Mt. Wor. George Harry Chapin (1999) at Springfield Lodge No. 217.



Worshipful C. Nicholas Bragg and Brother Kent Schlüssel Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 presented certificates from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia to five Eagle Scouts. A donation was also made by the Lodge to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Lodge members are proud of the achievements of our youth and thank them for their hard work in making our community a great place to live.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Jack K. Lewis, Bro. William J. Wallace, Jr., Billy Wallace, Rt. Wor. Ronny L. Lewis, Back L-R: Wor. Emmett Dalton, and Rt. Wor. Harry L. Reynolds, II.

Brother William J. Wallace, Jr. a faithful member of Anderson Masonic Lodge No. 258, was recognized for his thirty plus years of service with a Certificate of Appreciation in acknowledgment of the many roles and positions he has filled. He is highly respected by all the Lodge members. Brother Wallace has also served as a coach and mentor for the Lodge, always willing to share his knowledge and experience.

The certificate, presented by Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis, Grand Junior Deacon, and Right Worshipful Ronny L. Lewis, was an outward sign of the deep respect and love all of our Brothers have for him. Brother Wallace's son, Billy Wallace, a Virginia State Trooper, stood beside him.



Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 hosted a "Bring a Friend Breakfast" held at the Rosebrook Inn in Stanardsville. Forty-two attended. Brother Michael Payne, Senior Warden of Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50, organized and emceed the event. Right Worshipful Michael Ray Skeens, greeted the Brethren, their wives, and guests. Right Worshipful William R. Bond, III gave a brief talk on "What Freemasonry Is." This event is the fourth "Bring a Friend Breakfast" that has been held in the 18th Masonic District. Three out of the four Lodges in the district were represented, as well as several outside the district. Nine petitions were requested by men that attended.



Worshipful C. Nickolas Bragg of Widow's Sons' Masonic Lodge No. 60 and Scholarship Committee Chairman, Brother Jason Pattison, presented a total of \$4,000 in Scholarship Awards to four local high school students. Scholarships were awarded based upon their academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, the quality of their answers on the scholarship application, and their Masonic ties. We are proud of the distinguished achievements of our area youth and delight in promoting their educational advancement in our community.

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L-R: Bro. Dan Fink, Bro. Rick Paul, Rt. Wor. Joe Vincent, Bro. Kevin Rudd, Bro. Duane Cunningham, Wor. Jeremy Kerber, Wor. Al Haddix, Wor. William Raymond, and Bro. David Henry Wheat.

Midlothian Lodge No. 211 celebrated, "Don Ho" night at the Senior Wardens night. Brother David Wheat, our newest Master Mason, was raised on Monday and was dressed in his Hawaiian shirt for his first official Masonic stated meeting.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Gene Stirewalt, Wor. Chad Corns, Mt. Wor. James Litten, and Wor. Raymond B. Rakes.

Worshipful Raymond B. Rakes of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 in Stuart was presented his 50-Year Veteran Award by Most Worshipful James E. Litten (2016). Worshipful Brother Rakes was Master of Mountain Home Lodge in 2003. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Hawthorne Lodge No. 753 in Hawthorne, California, April 30, 1968 and affiliated with Mountain Home Lodge in 2003.



L-R: Mt. Wor. James E. Litten, Bro. Harry L. Litten, Rt. Wor. Ron Fisher.
Back: Wor. Chad Corns.

Mountain Home Lodge No. 263, in Stuart, honored Brother Harry L. Litten with his 50-Year Veteran Award at the stated communication. Harry's blood brother, Most Worshipful James E. Litten (2016), conducted the open ceremony with a good turnout of Brethren, family, and friends. Right Worshipful Ron Fisher, Associate Grand Marshal, assisted in the ceremony. Harry was raised a Master Mason July 11, 1968 in Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103 and affiliated with Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 in 1990.



Worshipful Bennie E. Bough receiving his 60-Year Masonic Veteran Emblem from Right Worshipful Romeo S. Arquines at Springfield Lodge No. 217.

Purdie Lodge No. 170 and Ivor Lodge No. 291 held a joint Community Builders Award Banquet at the Windsor Ruritan Building. Community Builders Awards are presented to non-Masons in recognition of outstanding service to their community. The award was given, and heartfelt gratitude expressed for significant efforts towards making their community a better place to live.

Purdie Lodge No. 170 presented their Community Builders Award to Kim W. Garrett. She has been very active in the Windsor Woman's Club and has served as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for seven years. Kim has worked to help make the Windsor Community Center become a reality. She also volunteers her time at the Isle of Wight County Fair.

After a great dinner, Ivor No. 291 presented the Community Builders Award to Chad Griffin Brock. He was recognized for his many years of community service in many different areas around Ivor and Southampton County. Three scholarships (Hannah and Sarah Faison and Cameron Bruce) were also presented to students continuing their higher education.

Purdie Lodge No. 170 also presented two scholarships to graduating high school seniors Haleigh Andrew and Spencer Scott. Eagle Scout, William Fuller was presented with a letter and certificate from Grand Master, Gary W. Taylor, for this accomplishment.



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Grand Lodge of Estonia

Right Worshipful Donald L. McAndrews

On May 5, 2018, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Estonia in Tallinn, the capital city. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, at its 2016 Grand Annual Communication, formally recognized the Grand Lodge of Estonia at their request.

In 2015, I was privileged to preside over the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia. In September 2015, I took a group of nineteen people to Dublin to attend its Supreme Grand Chapter. In arranging various tours during the fifteen days in Ireland, I became good friends with the Irish Freemason who made the arrangements for me. As a result, Worshipful Ken Power and his wife Debbie have continued to visit back and forth with my wife Suzanne and me since that time.

After the fall of the USSR and the freeing of the Baltic States, the emerging Masonic Order in Estonia founded its own Grand Lodge in 1995. Thirteen years later, Worshipful Ken Power was invited to assist in the founding of its Grand Chapter. He traveled from Ireland to Estonia and is credited with being one of the founders of that Grand Chapter.

The Chapter meets quarterly and Worshipful Brother Power flies to Estonia for all its meetings. In 2010, he assisted in founding an English-speaking Emulation Lodge commemorating the defunct Hackney Brook Lodge of London. For his assistance and support, he received the Grand Lodge of Estonia's Order of Merit First Class.

It was Worshipful Ken Power who suggested that the Grand Secretary in Estonia should formally request mutual recognition with the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Since we regularly visit Ireland, and the flights from Dublin to Estonia are quite reasonable, I decided to go this year, while I am a District Deputy Grand Master. I received an email



L-R: Bro. Rivo Sinijarv, Bro. Ryan Jenkins, Wor. Ken Power, and Rt. Wor. Donald McAndrews.

from the Grand Secretary of Estonia saying how excited they were, I was the first American to visit Estonia's Grand Lodge.

We flew from Dublin to Tallinn and attended a wonderful banquet for visiting dignitaries and their wives held at the modern Masonic Temple building just a short walk from the old Medieval walled city.



The Grand Lodge Communication was too large for the Masonic Temple, so it was held at the House of the Blackheads in the old Medieval city, a building acquired by that organization in 1517. One of the upper rooms in this magnificent building was set aside for visiting foreign dignitaries and supplied

with hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks. It was a relaxed setting, where I chatted with Grand Masters and Officers from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Greece, and other jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of Estonia convened with a procession and presentation of all the visiting foreign dignitaries individually to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Estonia.

I was thrilled to see the conferral of the Royal Arch Degree at Hackney Brook Dependable Royal Arch Chapter. After Chapter, we retired to the dining room for a delicious festive board, wine, speeches, and toasts. Tuesday night was equally exciting when Hackney Brook Lodge No. 14 conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on three candidates. This was followed with another outstanding festive board and more speeches and toasts.

Freemasonry is such a wonderful organization. Without it, I would never have traveled as I do or made the many friends that I have around the world. God bless Freemasonry.

50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between May 14, 2018 and

FIFTY-YEAR VETERANS

Bro. Harold Arthur Thomson, Jr.
Bro. Larry Grant Hall
Wor. George Henry Brooks
Wor. Thomas Allmand Berry
Bro. James Robert Fitch
Bro. Lawrence Early Strickland
Bro. Bruce Wayne Bowman
Bro. Randolph Kenneth Hudgins, Jr.
Bro. William Beverly Gates, III
Bro. Wayne Trivette Horne
Bro. Waverly Carroll Marshall
Bro. James Harold Rowe
Bro. Charles Edward Entrekin
Bro. Cyril Eugene Kramer
Bro. Vernon Earlie Etheridge
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Bro. Thomas Leonard Oliver, Sr.
Bro. Dave Andrew Weeks, Jr.
Wor. John Russell Aylor
Bro. Edwin Carrol Pence
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Bro. Kenneth Eugene Rosenbaum
Bro. Freddie Lee Hensley
Bro. Buddie Albert Hollie
Bro. Harold Rothwell Coverstone
Bro. Donald Kenneth Flinchum
Wor. John Arthur Robins, Jr.
Wor. Joe Morris Combs
Bro. Harry Robert Welch
Bro. James David Eaton
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Rt. Wor. Raymond Douglas Steele
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Rt. Wor. Fred Arthur Meyer
Bro. John Hoagland Gallup
Bro. James Nathan Lowe
Bro. Richard David Bartholomew
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Bro. Oscar Willie Kennedy, Jr.
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Bro. Thomas Bernice Dedmon, Jr.
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Rt. Wor. Samuel Frank Stone, Sr.
Rt. Wor. Claude Thurman Parker
Rt. Wor. Lud Lorenzo Spivey
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Bro. Harry Lee Litten
Rt. Wor. James Leroy Jackson
Bro. James Walter Lucas
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Wor. Charles Edgar Hogge
Bro. Arthur Edwin Johnston
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Bro. Rodney Clark Thomas
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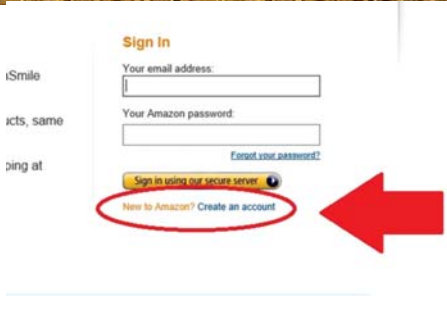
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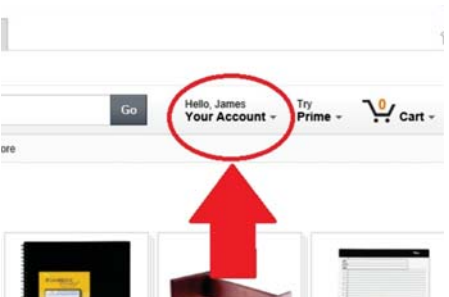
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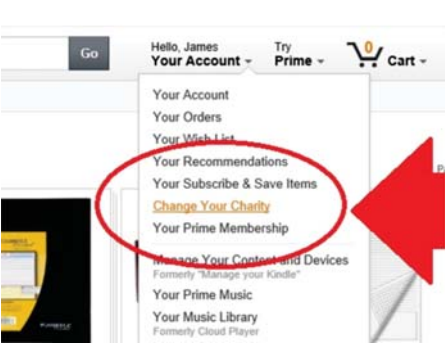
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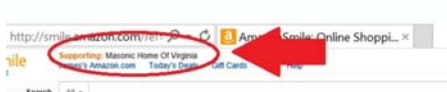
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Lodge Recognition Takes a Giant Step Forward

Right Worshipful Terry E. Hilton,
Development Officer

One of the great things about the Masonic Home is the continued support we receive from many of the Masons in Lodges scattered across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Because this funding is so critical to our success, we want to properly recognize this expression of care and give proper thanks for it to all the Brethren.

Over the years, we constantly search for new methods to recognize Lodges for their support in ways that allow our residents to be made aware of this generosity. Rarely do our residents fully realize the specific source of the funding used to keep the Home operating and provide the activities, which enhance their daily lives. Recently, we developed a new method to publicly acknowledge Lodges for generous gifts to the Masonic Home.

This new program is called Adopt-a-Date. This is not to be confused with

our longstanding Adopt-a-Resident program in which Lodges “adopt” a resident and build a supportive relationship with that person. Adopt-a-Date is an opportunity for a Lodge to make a gift and target a specific resident activity with that money.

As an example, ABC Lodge can designate financial support for a specific activity, such as a birthday, watermelon social, a special meal, a trip, etc. At the activity, it will be announced that ABC Lodge has sponsored the event and a sign will be placed in the room acknowledging the sponsor. The monthly **MAHOVA News**, the resident newsletter, will include a list of all Lodge sponsors for that month. In addition to this Lodge recognition, the residents will sign a nice thank you card, which is then sent to the Lodge. This communication back to the sponsoring Lodge should be well received by the Breth-

ren, who can see how their generosity has been put to work. This is definitely a win-win situation for everyone.

Lodges, or even individual Masons, can choose to sponsor from the following list of sponsorships currently available:

- Birthday or watermelon social- \$100
- Dinner and a Movie- \$150
- Day trips- \$250
- King and Queen Coronation- \$250
- Special lunches and dances- \$500
- Special trips/events- \$1,000

Lodges anywhere in Virginia can participate in this new program and receive recognition even if they are too far away to regularly visit the Home. Any Lodge can join the Adopt-a-Date program by contacting the Development office. Several sponsorships have already been taken, so call 1-800-262-4644 to see what events are still available to ADOPT.

Masonic Family Day for All on October 13

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Masonic Home will again be hosting Masonic Family Day on Saturday, October 13th. This is a great opportunity for Masons and their families and friends to visit the Home and stroll over some of the ninety acres that over two hundred residents call Home.

The day starts early with free coffee and donuts in front of the Grand Lodge building, where visitors can tour the Library and Museum. As a special treat this year, Most Worshipful Gary Taylor and his wife Billie will welcome guests to the Grand Master’s apartment inside the Grand Lodge building. All attendees at Family Day are encouraged to

stop by and visit with the Grand Master and his lady.

Guests are also invited to tour the Masonic Home and mingle with the residents. This is a perfect time to renew old friendships with Lodge members, their wives or widows who now live at the Home. There will be activities for the children, including a bounce house that is always very popular. Several Masonic groups and the Home’s residents will operate various concessions, where handmade clothing, food, and memorabilia can be purchased.

One of the highlights of Masonic Family Day is the parade. Various Masonic groups bring an assortment of vehicles for the Parade that might include:

tractors, Shriners’ hillbilly wagons, mini trucks, and even a boat! The Widows Sons also bring a large contingent of motorcycles. Masonic youth groups are always present to show their support for the Masonic Home and the Fraternity in general.

After the Parade, everyone is invited to enjoy a free smoked BBQ lunch prepared on-site by the Brethren from Amelia Lodge No. 101.

In short, the entire family of Virginia Freemasonry is having a great get-together. Please make plans to join us on October 13th at YOUR Masonic Home at 500 Masonic Lane, just outside the Richmond city limits.

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 May 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

Honor/Memorial Name	Donor	Honor/Memorial Name	Donor	Honor/Memorial Name	Donor
Thomas F. Andrews	Thomas W. Andrews	Thomas M. Holder	Nancy M. Holder	Brian K. McDilda	Franklin Lodge No. 151
Alex B. Atkins	Botetourt Lodge No. 7	William L. Holliday	William F. Perdue	Clara H. Meadows	Nancy M. Holder
Johns W. Bailey	James E. Trent		John R. Quinley	Irving G. Meadows	Nancy M. Holder
Marvin R. Beacham	Karl W. Wesseler		Virginia Phipps		Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Allen T. Bland	Franklin Lodge No. 151		MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		Bethel No. 51 Midlothian Job's Daughters
Harold W. Bohannon	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286		Reese E. Carroll	Roland L. Miller	Botetourt Lodge No. 7
John F. Bohr	Varina Lodge No. 272		Wordell J. Davis	Richard W. Morton	Warwick Lodge No. 336
William R. Bradford	Warwick Lodge No. 336		George and Connie Chapin	Marian K. Mundie	Ryland V. Mundie
Ersell Brinser	Midlothian Lodge No. 211		Robert M. Hall	Nancy McCray Nigro	Lawrence Nigro
	Edwin G. Willeman		Milton P. Wilson	Arvid O. Nopson	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Bradford F. Burnett	Meridian Lodge No. 284		Paul S. Bollinger	James E. Palmateer	Day Lodge No. 58
Woodson O. Butler	Midlothian Lodge No. 211		Gloria White	Edwin E. Puckett	Michael A. Colley
Jack R. Byrd	Nansmond Lodge No. 77		Ladies of the Scottish Rite	Charles B. Quade	John B. Quade
Howard Cannon	James L. Cannon		Jimmy C. Willis	Samuel Richardson	Doug V. Jones
Harold K. Carney	Harold K. Carney		Willie W. Salih	Robert N. Romanac	James F. Dickerson
James D. Cole	Paul E. Clark		Stuart and Barbara Cook	Thomas C. Runnett	James F. Dickerson
Charlene Crouch	Montrose Chapter No. 176, O.E.S.		Robert S. Young	Woodrow W. Sanders	Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Dale City Lodge No. 819		James D. Cole	Howard M. Sobel	William E. Hershey
	Mineral Lodge No. 311		David L. Armistead	Robert S. Speight	McAlister Lodge No. 185
Marion E. Dawson	William E. Hershey		Eddie N. Matney	Roger C. Spencer	Purdie Lodge No. 170
George T. Delp	Old Town Lodge No. 68		Clifford C. Grotz	Charles F. Sutphin	Warwick Lodge No. 336
Ruth Dowdy	Montrose Chapter No. 176, O.E.S.		Joyce Greenwood		William J. McMahon Lodge No. 303
Raleigh Duke	Waddell Lodge No. 228		Moring E. Gravitt	Lloyd B. Sydnor	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
Edward J. Edmondson	David Knox		Lankford D. Malbone	James T. Vaughan	Joppa Lodge No. 40
	Spectrum Sound, Inc.		Michael D. Scott	Charles Webber	Charles E. Webber
Gerald L. Elks	Franklin Lodge No. 151		Robert F. Head	William Whitt	George and Connie Chapin
William T. Ellison	Alan K. Webster	Herbert E. Ing	Carlton L. Gill	Dennis A. Wilt	Tom Meyer
Dorothy Fulcher	William M. Snow	Ruth Irving	George and Connie Chapin		DLA Analytics Center of Excellence
	Catherine Shearin	Douglas L. Jordan	Montrose Chapter No. 176, O.E.S.		Mark Duffee
Virginia Gibbs	Alan W. Adkins		Herndon Masonic Lodge No. 264		Robert C. Coffey
David N. Goodwin	James F. Dickerson	Donald K. Keel	William E. Hershey		David A. Brown
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James H. Hamilton	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220	Seymour H. Kern	Mineral Lodge No. 311		Carl Levander
John Harrington	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class	Seth T. King	Christopher Montgomery		Moring E. Gravitt
	Massey Builders Supply Corp.	Charles L. Klebert	Warwick Lodge No. 336		Terry F. Hilton
Curtis Harver	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		Diane Weber		Terry F. Hilton
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Linwood L. Holbrook	Jeffrey S. Holbrook	Lucy Lamp	Charles Isbell	Edward M. Woodward	Trishia L. High
		Aubrey Lankford	Gerald W. Osborne	Elizabeth Yeatts	Independent Lodge No. 138
		James B. Lefever	Franklin Lodge No. 151		Montrose Chapter No. 176
		Daniel L. Levin	George and Connie Chapin		
		Charles K. Lindsey	George and Connie Chapin		
		William R. Little	Midlothian Lodge No. 211		
		Jean McCuiston	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286		
			Montrose Chapter No. 176		



Masonic Home of Virginia

Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
October		
10/3	Donald Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/3	Charles Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
10/6	Annie Davis	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
10/11	Robert Young	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
10/13	Florence Edmonds	John Blair Lodge No. 187
10/15	Anne Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
10/17	Theodore Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
10/22	Paula Swansey	Manchester Lodge No. 14
10/22	Freddie Throckmorton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/23	Richard Andrews	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/23	David Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/28	Gloria Hall	Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345
10/29	Lloyd "Tom" Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
November		
11/4	Catherine Busbee	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/4	James Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
11/8	Thomas Spain	Southside Lodge No. 191
11/9	Judith Burcham	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
11/9	Betty Lide	Broadwater Lodge No. 71
11/18	Margaret "Peg" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
11/23	Gordon Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/24	Helene Peters	Sandston Lodge No. 216
11/25	Hazel Woodward	Joppa Lodge No. 40
11/29	Charlotte Martin	Oriental Lodge No. 20
December		
12/4	Betty Klotz	Chester Lodge No. 94
12/5	James Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
12/6	Arthur Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/6	Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
12/7	Joyce Beninghove	Varina Lodge No. 272
12/8	Roy "Hank" Lythgoe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/9	Judith Houchens	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
12/15	Patrick Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
12/18	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/19	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
12/24	Wordell "Woody" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
12/24	Nellie Marano	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
12/25	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/28	Ed Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
12/28	Beatrice Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
12/31	Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
October		
10/7/1960	Donald and Anne Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
10/11/1958	David and Shirley Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
November		
11/12/1955	Leon and Dolores Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
11/18/1956	James and Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
December		
12/19/1975	Richard and Georreen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
12/19/1975	John and Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
12/21/2005	William and Dolores Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
12/21/1984	Gardner and Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
12/22/1956	Chester and Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
12/24/1953	Thomas and Ann Spain	Southside Lodge No. 191
12/26/1951	Arthur and Cora Lee Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
May		
	NONE	
June		
6/25/2018	Blanche Feitig	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
July		
7/11/2018	William Holliday	Norview Lodge No. 113
7/18/2018	Annis Hatcher	Boone Lodge No. 247

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
May		
5/1/2018	Steven Sanford	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
5/1/2018	Deborah Sanford	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
5/7/2018	Donald Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
5/7/2018	Anne Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
5/21/2018	Joris "Bruce" Catron	Dupont Lodge No. 289
June		
6/6/2018	Marshall Messimer	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
July		
7/31/2018	Chester Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
7/31/2018	Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10



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Resident Ersell Brinser at Midlothian Lodge for her 102nd Birthday.



Residents Catherine Busbee and Doris Grotz serving donuts.



Residents dressed up for the Sock Hop.



Resident Gloria Hall enjoying a pet therapy visitor.



Resident Bingo!



Resident Nancy Lee Martin at the Sock Hop.



Resident Social.



Jim Golladay and Jack Lewis helping serve the Solstice Dinner.



Residents Ken and Gerri Morton enjoying Solstice Dinner.

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