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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

William Edward Hershey, Jr.
November 11, 2018
Installation Speech

Greetings and welcome to all who have made time this afternoon to attend this Installation Ceremony. I am grateful to you for making time to be with all of us today.

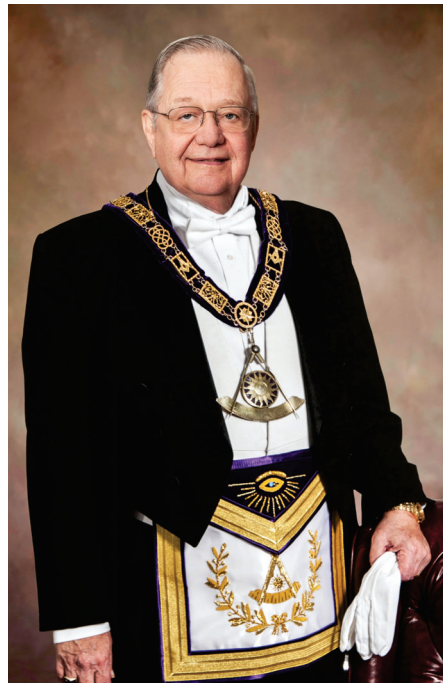
It would be a significant oversight on my part, if I began my address and did not express my gratitude to the many Brothers and their Ladies, who made this installation event possible. Thanks to those who performed our impressive Installation Ceremony. What a first-class performance.

Thanks to Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), our Grand Secretary, thanks to the Committee on Work and the Arrangements Committee, for all of their hard work during this Grand Annual Communication. Thanks to all of you who have given this Grand Lodge the benefit of your individual talents and dedication.

What an honor it is that you have bestowed on me tonight. Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

What is this organization that we call the Grand Lodge of Virginia? Well, it is a group of two hundred and ninety-eight Lodges with approximately thirty-one thousand members. But what do these Lodges do besides hold meetings once a month?

Well for starters, through the Grand Lodge, they support a Grand Lodge Scholarship program that recognizes deserving college applicants with awards of \$1,000.00 annually for four years to a number of scholarship recipients. As a result of the generous Brethren who support the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program, the program is currently enabled to donate up to \$16,000.00 worth of scholarships annually. These donations are on top of a commitment of up to \$65,000.00 per year for previously awarded scholarships.



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This figure does not include tens of thousands of scholarship dollars given annually by individual Lodges across the state.

Add to this, the Grand Lodge Blood Program. Masons can be proud of an annual donation of tens of thousands of units of blood across the state. Some may find it interesting to learn that the Grand Lodge Blood Program, named after Most Worshipful Seymour Jonas Levy, has been in effect since 1975.

The Grand Lodge also administers a Masonic Relief Fund, which provides

monetary assistance to Masons and their families for needs that may be caused by fires or an unfortunate medical emergency.

These activities, along with many others too numerous to list, testify to the fact that Virginia Freemasonry makes significant contributions of both money and time towards the relief of our Brothers and the communities where those Masons reside. Add the Masonic Home and the Masonic Home Outreach Program to our list of statewide endeavors, it is easy to see why Freemasons are proud of the benevolence of this Fraternity in which we are members.

A far more significant contribution made by the Fraternity is when Lodges are active in their respective communities and are working regularly and raising Master Masons. It involves taking already good men and making them better.

Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. What an impressive title, but it is more than just a title. When I look back on the list of Past Grand Masters, I cannot help but be impressed and at the same time very deeply honored to be a Mason. Our earliest Grand Masters were not only formidable individuals in their time, they were the men who virtually helped shape America during its initial years as an independent nation.

George Washington, although he declined being nominated Grand Master because of other duties, this Virginia Mason held the rightful recognition and title of "The Father of our Nation."

John Blair, our first Grand Master, was one of the best trained jurists of his day. He was a judge on the Virginia Court of Appeals and a Supreme Court Justice, who is said to have influenced the interpretation of the Constitution in a number of important decisions.

John Marshall, Grand Master, a Virginia Freemason. He was Secretary of



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State under President John Adams and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Edmund Randolph, a Virginia Freemason, Governor of Virginia, and the second Secretary of State and became the first United States Attorney General.

James Monroe, a Virginia Freemason, author of the Monroe Doctrine and was twice elected President of the United States.

The list could go on, but I think we can all agree these individuals were men of vision who possessed the drive that was necessary to make our young nation, the United States of America, a place to live where people could embrace what were essentially the tenets of Freemasonry. I am not comparing myself to these men, but as a Mason, I am deeply humbled that I can stand in their shadows.

America has changed since the establishment of our Grand Lodge in October 1778. Over the past two hundred and forty years, Freemasons have made significant contributions that have allowed America to become a great nation. Freemasons could foresee the need for change when change was necessary while not losing sight of what Masons refer to as the basic tenets of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

Our perceptions of things being done to change Masonry can sometimes put us into difficult positions when viewed by one who did not perceive those changes as being necessary. Frankly, my belief in the need for change has sometimes made me an object of criticism from those who did not share my views. I have often said, the only things we cannot change are the laws of physics. I see a parallel to the laws of physics in what I believe Freemasonry stands for. The laws of physics cannot be changed and what Freemasonry stands for likewise, in my opinion, cannot be changed.

What do we stand for, you ask? I think we can perhaps sum it up in the words that we refer to as the tenets of Freemasonry; friendship, morality, and last but not least, brotherly love.

During my tenure as Grand Master, I want to challenge every Master Mason to reflect on his obligations. I think we need to embrace those changes that may be necessary, but at the same time ask ourselves, if we are living up to our obligations as they pertain to friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

I hope that in the coming months, we will experience a growth in our membership numbers. A growth that will see a number of good men attracted to Freemasonry by the example, we, as Freemasons, set by our daily demonstrations of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

One often hears, "We tried that, and it did not work." What kind of plan did we have before we tried "it," and how talented was the leader who was in charge at that time?

Still others say, "If it is not broken, do not fix it." I would offer for your consideration that perhaps we have done it that way for so long, we do not realize "it is" broken.

I want to challenge our elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, our District Deputy Grand Masters and the Worshipful Masters to review things and, where appropriate, make changes.

Do not change what we stand for, but realize we need new ideas and innovative thinking to make our meetings more interesting and the idea of attendance more attractive.

Change the ways we operate to make our Lodges more positively visible in the community.

Changing the way we operate will involve the Lodge in more family-related events.

Maybe if you try "it" again, "it" will work this time.

Maybe "it" is broken, and we just do not see it.

In my opinion, Freemasons should strive to live up to their obligations by setting examples and being role models. To that end, I am asking all of my Brother Masons to set examples for our Youth to follow.

Setting such examples to our youth should and must be one of our goals. In an effort to achieve that goal, I am planning to undertake efforts in the coming months to examine what the Grand Lodge can do to assist our Youth Groups; the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls.

Just briefly, allow me to make mention of the role of the District Deputy Grand Masters. In the coming year, District Deputies will be given latitude and responsibility with regards to how they run their district. This latitude will be given with an admonition to demonstrate how our fraternal lessons are being taught and maintained for future generations of Masons within their districts and the Lodges for which they are responsible.

If we cannot promote and live the tenets of Freemasonry in our communities by emulating our ritual, then we are not a Masonic Lodge, we are a Masonic club.

As Grand Master, I will not be looking to build monuments to history, but rather to build Masons who understand our place in history and our individual responsibility to the future.

I mention this to emphasize that we are not celebrating the installation of a new Grand Master today. We are celebrating the continuation of our Fraternity. We are celebrating the values this Craft teaches men who join it, and we are celebrating those men who choose to live those values.

In closing, I want to say just a few things to the other members of tonight's audience. To the Past Grand Masters, I want to say, thank you for the examples you have set for the Craft over these

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many years.

To the Masons in the audience, I am challenging you to think about the obligations you took on your journey to become a Master Mason and ask yourself if you are living the tenets of Freemasonry; friendship, morality, and brotherly love on a daily basis.

To the ladies, and most especially my wife, thank you for all you do to support and, in some cases, just tolerate that Mason in your life. To my wife, there are no words I can think of that can possibly express my gratitude for all she has done to support me. I love you so very much.

Brethren, I am asking for something from each of you. Let us all make a commitment to examine the way we are doing business in our Lodges, to change the things that need changing, recognize things that cannot and should not be changed, and hopefully, we will have the wisdom to understand the difference.

For those staying until tomorrow, I look forward to seeing you later this evening and in the morning. For those who will be departing after this Installation Ceremony, I pray that the Supreme Architect bring you home safely, and for everyone assembled here this evening, I hope our paths will cross many times in the coming months.

God bless all of you, God bless Freemasonry, and God bless America.

Thank you.



William Edward Hershey, Jr.
Grand Master

Grand Master's Theme

What does the Grand Master's lapel pin represent?

With the help of several Brethren who possess skill that I am unfortunately short on, I designed my lapel pin for 2019. I wanted something that would quickly identify the wearer of the pin as a Mason, or one who believes in the principles of Freemasonry. Thus, the square and compasses are a prominent part of the design.

I chose a blue background, not only to symbolize the Blue Lodge, but also because the color blue signifies many other things. It symbolizes trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, truth, and faith. It is viewed as a non-threatening color that can be seen as conservative and traditional. Blue calls to mind feelings of calmness or serenity. It is often described as peaceful, tranquil, secure, and orderly. Blue is often seen as a sign of stability and reliability. All of these relate to attributes that are the hallmark of a Master Mason.

To further adorn the square and compass and the blue background, I chose to surround it with a gold wreath. The history behind wreaths dates back thousands of years. It is one of the most common symbols used to represent a c h i e v e -

ment. In Greece at the Pythian Games, the victors were rewarded with laurel wreaths. In the Greco-Roman world, wreaths represented a person's occupation, their achievement, status or rank. The wreath was a symbol of excellence in literature, arts, and education.

Displaying a wreath is said to be a symbol of welcome to all visitors and invited guests. Thus, the wreath also alludes to Freemasonry being open to all men, who are worthy and well qualified and seek the light that can be found in Freemasonry.

At the bottom, I have placed the Forget-Me-Not flower. It is a symbol of Freemasonry surviving in times of hate, peril, and persecution. It is a symbol of the strength and fortitude of Freemasonry.

Surrounding the square and compasses are the words, "Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love." For these words are spoken in every Lodge to every man who becomes a Master Mason.

I placed these words on my lapel pin with the hopes they would constantly remind the wearer to be mindful of the tenets of Freemasonry and practice these virtuous words towards all mankind in his daily life.



Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. Itinerary 2018-2019

January 2019

5 Kena Shrine, Installation of Officers
 8 SP and I meeting
 9 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 14 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
 19 Acca Shrine, Installation of Officers
 23 Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No.1752
 25 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
 26 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
 28 Meridian Lodge No. 284

February 2019

9 Division Leadership Conference, Waynesboro
 12 SP and I meeting
 13 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 14 Grand Court of Virginia Order of Amaranth, Portsmouth
 22 Wreath Laying, Mount Vernon
 George Washington Birthday Celebration, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

March 2019

1 Division leadership Conference, Norfolk
 2 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News
 Acca Shrine, Potentate's Ball
 Clifton Forge Lodge No.166
 5 Division Leadership Conference, Abingdon
 8 Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke
 9 SP and I meeting
 Ruth Lodge No. 89, 150th Anniversary
 12 GLO and MAHOVA Board Meetings
 13 Cochran Lodge No.271
 14 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
 15 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
 16 Mann Page Lodge No. 157
 19 Official Visit, District 31
 22 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond
 23 Official Visit, District 11
 29 Official Visit, District 8
 30 Official Visit, Districts 7 & 10

April 2019

2 Reserved
 5 Official Visit, District 12
 6 Wreath laying, MacArthur Tomb, Norfolk
 Official Visit, District 35
 9 SP and I meeting
 10 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 11 Lake Drummond Lodge No.178
 12 Official Visit, Districts 36 & 56
 13 Official Visit, District 33
 16 Temple Lodge No.9, 150th Anniversary
 18 Ian M. Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
 19-21 Reserved
 24 Reserved
 26 Official Visit, District 14
 27 Official Visit District 17
 28 Wreath laying, President Monroe, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond

May 2019

2 Tuckahoe Lodge No.347
 3-4 Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville
 7 SP and I meeting
 8 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 10 Official Visit, District 57
 11 Official Visit, District 29
 13 Washington and Henry Lodge No.344
 Ladies Oriental Shrine, Richmond
 18 MAHOVA Ambassadors Conference
 Strawberry Festival, Manassah Lodge No.182
 19-20 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of Eastern Star, Hampton
 24-27 Reserved
 31 Official Visit, District 20

June 2019

1 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Luray
 2 Districts 15A & 15B Memorial Service
 7 Official Visit, District 9
 8 Official Visit, District 16
 10 Hay Market Lodge No. 313, Past Master's Night
 11 SP and I Meeting
 MAHOVA Residents Solstice Dinner
 12 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 14 Official Visit, Districts 37 & 38
 15 Official Visit, Districts 22A & 22B
 21 Official Visit, District 24
 22 Official Visit, District 25
 28 Annual Assembly Rainbow for Girls, Williamsburg
 29 Official Visit, Districts 5 & 6

July 2018

1-4 Imperial Shrine Session, Nashville, Tennessee
 5-7 Reserved
 9 SP and I Meeting
 Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
 10 GLO and MAHOVA Board Meetings
 11 Annual Session, Job's Daughters, Ferrum
 12 Official Visit, Districts 42 & 43
 13 Official Visit, District 39
 19 Official Visit, Districts 2 & 3
 20 Official Visit, 1A & 1B
 26 Official Visit, Districts 15A & 15B
 27 DeMolay Annual Conclave, Newport News

August 2019

2 Official Visits, Districts 47 & 49
 3 Official Visit, District 44
 6 SP and I meeting
 7 GLO and MAHOVA Board meeting
 Midlothian Lodge No. 211
 8 James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
 9 Official Visit, District 40
 10 Official Visit, District 41
 16 Official Visit, Districts 48 & 50
 17 Official Visit, District 45
 18-21 Scottish Rite Biennial Session, Washington, DC
 23 Official Visit, District 19
 24 Official Visit, District 21
 26 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219
 30 Official Visit, District 27
 31 Hiram Club of Tidewater

September 2019

5 Berkley Lodge No.167
 6-7 Reserved
 10 SP and I meeting
 11 GLO and MAHOVA Board meetings
 12 Lynnhaven Lodge No.220
 14 Richmond Randolph Lodge No.19
 16-22 South Atlantic Shrine Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
 25 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
 26-29 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, Newport News

October 2019

3 Acacia Lodge No.16
 5 Official Visit, District 4
 6-9 Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Charleston, West Virginia
 11 MAHOVA retreat
 12 MAHOVA Family Day
 17 Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
 18 The Patriot Lodge No. 1957 and Henry Lodge No. 57

November 2019

4 Fredericksburg Lodge No.4
 6-10 Grand Annual Communication



Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2019

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
Kidd/Lupton	Salem	Feb. 21-23	22A, 22B, 24
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Mar. 4-6	38, 39
George Robert Marshall	Keysville	Mar. 9	27
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	Mar. 14	12
Charles A. Sinclair, Jr.	Haymarket	Mar. 15, 16	4
Kenneth O. Shelton	Ashburn	Mar. 23	2
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	Mar. 23	7, 10
James Alfred Butts, Jr.	South Hill	Mar. 23	27
Wickham/Smith	Clifton Forge	Mar. 23	20
Boitnott/Myers/41st District	Narrows	Mar. 25-27	40, 41
Campbell Area School	Rustburg	Mar. 25-28	21, 24, 25, 37, 38
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windsor	Mar. 26-28	31, 33
James Bolling Myers	Midlothian	Mar. 27-28	16, 29
Willard D. Monk/45th District	Tazewell	Apr. 2-4	45
Fred D. Bowman	Front Royal	Apr. 6	3, 5, 6
Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.	Waynesboro	Apr. 12, 13	19
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	Apr. 13, May 11	1A, 1B
C. Frank Hicks/36th District	Chesapeake	Apr. 13	36, 56
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Kempsville	Apr. 15	36, 56
C. A. Whitted	Scottsville	Apr. 15, 16	17
Showalter/40th District	Blacksburg	Apr. 24-26	40, 41, 42
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	May 6-8	57
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	May 11	8, 9, 11
Stewart Arthur Deem	Norfolk	May 11	35
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 14-16	43
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	May 27, 28, 30	48, 49, 50
** James Revere Bowyer, Sr.	Bedford	June 24-27	22A, 22B, 24, 25
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Portsmouth	June 25-27	33
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	July 17-20	15A, 15B, 16
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Aug. 27-29	44, 47
William Edward Ray, Sr.	Herndon^^	Sept. 13, 14^^	4
C. S. Revell/B. D. Hudson	Newport News^^	Sept. 16-18^^	14
L. N. Cridlin	Jonesville^^	Sept. 16, 17, 19^^	49, 50
Edward Page Henry	Petersburg^^	Sept. 23-25^^	16, 29
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland^^	Oct. 7-9^^	41, 42
James Noah Hillman	Gate City^^	Oct. 14, 15, 17^^	48, 49, 50
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon^^	Oct. 14-16^^	44, 47
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion^^	Oct. 21-23^^	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland^^	Oct. 23-25^^	31, 33
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville^^	Oct. 26^^	7, 10

****Reid James Simmons Academy TBD TBD Statewide

** = Name Change

^^ = Tentative Dates and Location

*** = New School

**** = To Be Determined

^^^ = Not Available

NOTE: Always verify the date(s) and location of any school you are planning to attend.

E. Tyree Mountcastle School locations: Chickahominy, Mann Page, and Williamsburg.

Tentative Schedule to be updated at Grand Lodge Session

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Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. 174th Grand Master

William Edward “Bill” Hershey, Jr., was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended public school, graduating from Peabody High School. He is a graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1962, attended Officer Candidates School in 1966, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in January 1967. Immediately upon graduation, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a platoon leader with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. Subsequent to his Vietnam tour of duty, he served in a number of both Command and Staff positions. After twenty-three and a half years of military service, he retired in May 1986, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the recipient of numerous military decorations including the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. Upon retirement from the military, he began a second career in the field of Information Technology and Information Assurance, initially employed by the Quest Research Corporation, where he served as a program manager. He later joined CACI in 1998, as a program manager, where he worked until retirement in January 2008.

Brother Hershey was raised a Master Mason in Hay Market Lodge No. 313 on January 30, 1976, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity, honorary member, and Secretary Emeritus. He served



Grand Master

M.: W.: William Edward Hershey, Jr. as Worshipful Master in 1986, and as Secretary from 2003 to 2010. He is also a member of Edward H. Cann Daylight Lodge No. 1752, where he has served as Secretary since 2012. He was District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 58 in 1991 and was honored with the Outstanding District Deputy Award. Brother Hershey was Masonic Home Ambassador from 1987 to 1989 and again in 1994. He was Administrative Assistant in 1999 and is currently the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of India, near Virginia. He was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence from 1992 to 2014, and was the Chairman of the

Grand Lodge Committee on Membership from 2008 to 2014. He has served both as a member and as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Strategic Planning and Implementation. Brother Hershey received the John Blair, Jr. Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2008. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2014 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master in November 2018.

Most Worshipful Brother Hershey is a member of the Valley of Alexandria, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2009 and is also a member of the Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club. He is a Life Member of Walter Reed Chapter No. 303 and James Monroes Chapter No. 549, National Sojourners and Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76. He holds membership in Acca Shrine Center, where he is a member of the Directors Staff. Prior to joining Acca Shrine Center, he was active in Kena Shrine Center where he served two terms as Trustee, President and Secretary of the Oriental Band, and Chief of the Kena Aide Corps.

Brother Hershey is married to former Margaret Michele Arlof. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Margaret Louise Petrizza, Michele Rene Hershey, and Theresa Lynne Lewis. They have two grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. They make their home in North Chesterfield, Virginia.



Grand Junior Deacon's Biography

Gary Dwight Huffman was born on May 6, 1964, in Roanoke, Virginia. He graduated from Northside High School in 1982, and attended Virginia Western Community College and Radford University to pursue a degree in Business Administration. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and holds accreditation from the Professional Career Development Institute of Atlanta, Georgia.

In July 1986, he began his career with the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department, where he worked his way through the ranks and served in the position of Fire Marshal for ten years prior to his retirement on June 1, 2014. During his Fire Services career, he attended the Law Enforcement Academy through the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and served two terms as President of the Virginia Fire Prevention Association.

Brother Huffman was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 21, 1999, in Vinton Lodge No. 204, where he served as its Worshipful Master in 2015. He is also a member of Boone Lodge No. 247. He was Grand Purveyor in 2011, Grand Tiler in 2015, and Administrative As-



Rt. Wor. Gary Dwight Huffman
Grand Junior Deacon

sistant to the Grand Master in 2018, and was elected to the Office of Grand Junior Deacon in 2018. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia, near Virginia.

Brother Huffman is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and holds membership in the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is a member of DC Shanks Royal Arch Chapter No. 31, Bayard Commandery No. 15, Knights Tem-

plar, and Kazim Shrine Center, where he has served as Unit Captain and Secretary-Treasurer in the Provost Guard Unit. He served as Chief of the South Atlantic Shrine Association for Provost Guard Units. He served as Unit Captain in the Mystic Pirates and holds membership in the Roanoke Valley, Clifton Forge, Giles County, and Lynchburg Shrine Clubs. In addition, he holds honorary membership in the Acca, Oasis, Sudan, Khedive, Omar, and Hejaz Shrine Centers. He serves on the Greenville, South Carolina Shriner's Hospital Board of Governors and is the Chairman of the Building and Equipment committee.

In his professional life, he held membership on the Code Development Committee of the International Fire Chiefs Association and twice received the Governor's Award for Fire Service Excellence. In addition, the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department twice recognized him with the "Firefighter of the Year Award." Other commendations and awards were the Fire Safety Commendation Award from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a Fire Service Award from the local Jaycees Chapter.

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

Manley P. Hall
The Lost Keys of Freemasonry

Gold and Silver Card Requirements

1. Open a Master Mason's Lodge, taking all parts, including
 - a. Use of Stewards to assist Deacons
 - b. Word right
 - c. Word wrong on left and right
 - d. Master's and Chaplain's opening prayers
 - e. Pledge of Allegiance
 - f. Ballot on Petition for the Degrees
 - g. Labor to refreshment
 - h. Refreshment to labor
 - i. Dispense with the Master Mason's Lodge to open Entered Apprentice Lodge
2. Open an Entered Apprentice Lodge, taking all parts, including:
 - a. All parts in conferring the degree
 - b. All prayers
 - c. Entered Apprentice Lecture and Charge
 - d. Entered Apprentice Catechism
 - e. Voice Vote on Proficiency
3. Close the Entered Apprentice Lodge, taking all parts
4. Open a Fellowcraft Lodge, taking all parts, including
 - a. All parts in conferring the degree
 - b. All prayers
 - c. Senior Deacon's Lecture, Receiving in the East in the Degree of Fellowcraft
 - d. Fellowcraft Charge
 - e. Fellowcraft Catechism
5. Close the Fellowcraft Lodge, taking all parts
6. Resume Labor in the Master Mason's Lodge, taking all parts, including
 - a. All parts in conferring the Master Mason's Degree, first Section (including Resolution of 1968)
 - b. All parts in conferring the Master Mason's Degree, second Section (including Funeral Ode)
 - c. All prayers
 - d. Master Mason's Lecture and Charge (Including Resolution of 1924)
 - e. Master Mason's Catechism
7. Close the Master Mason's Lodge, taking all parts, including
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - b. Charge at the altar
 - c. Master's and Chaplain's closing prayers

Silver Card requirements are the same as for the Gold Card except only one of the major lectures is required and only one charge.

**Leaders who see themselves
as teachers are typically
the most successful.**

**D Brook Cunningham
Past Grand Master - Arizona**

**We do not join the Masons,
we become Masons.**

**Jack Butler
Past Grand Master - Iowa**

Division Leadership Conferences 2019

Date	Location	Address
January		
1/25/19 - Friday	Keysville	Site Coordinator: Right Worshipful Lonnie Godfrey John Daniel Community College 200 Daniel Road, Keysville, Virginia 23947 6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship 7:00 P.M. - Conference begins 9:15 P.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
1/26/19 -Saturday	Richmond	Site Coordinator: Worshipful James Hardee Richmond Scottish Rite Temple 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship 9:30 A.M. - Conference begins 11:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
February		
2/9/19 -Saturday	Waynesboro	Site Coordinator: Worshipful Kenny Dameron Bridge Christian Church 1275 Goose Creek Road, Fishersville, Virginia 22939 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship 9:30 A.M. - Conference begins 11:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
March		
3/1/19 - Friday	Norfolk	Site Coordinator: Right Worshipful Ralph Clark Norfolk Masonic Temple 7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23505 6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship 7:00 P.M. - Conference begins 9:15 P.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
3/2/19 -Saturday	Newport News	Site Coordinator: Right Worshipful Woody Brown Scottish Rite Masonic Center 65 Saunders Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship 9:30 A.M. - Conference begins 11:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
3/8/19 - Friday	Abingdon	Site Coordinator: Right Worshipful Eric Skeens Virginia Highlands Community College 100 VHCC Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210 6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship 7:00 P.M. - Conference begins 9:15 P.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
3/9/19 -Saturday	Roanoke	Site Coordinator: Right Worshipful H. Lee Arritt Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite Temple 622 Campbell Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship 9:30 A.M. - Conference begins 11:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
3/15/19 - Friday	Warrenton	Site Coordinator: Worshipful Jim Kraut Our Saviour Lutheran Church 6194 Dumfries Road, Warrenton, Virginia 20187 6:30 P.M. - Registration and Fellowship 7:00 P.M. - Conference begins 9:15 P.M. - Counterpart Sessions end
3/16/19 -Saturday	Alexandria	Site Coordinator: Worshipful Peter Terrill Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple 1430 W Braddock Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 9:00 A.M. - Registration and Fellowship 9:30 A.M. - Conference begins 11:45 A.M. - Counterpart Sessions end

Worshipful Gerald L. Frey

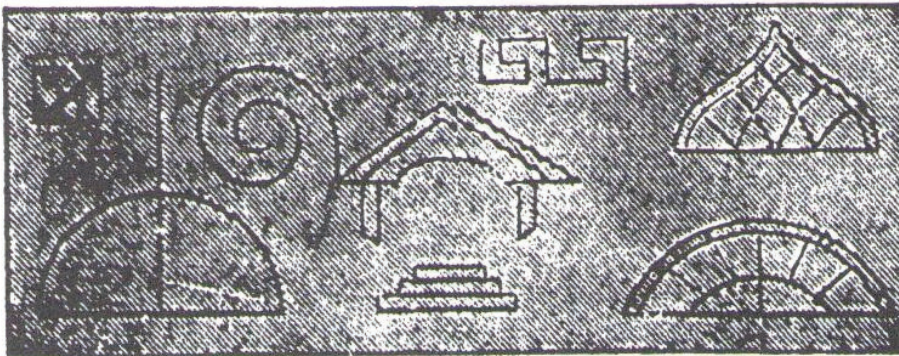
Within Lodge today, we use the term trestle-board to indicate a calendar or schedule of activities or events for the Lodge.

The example in the *Presentation Volume* (page 68) is more in line with a true trestle-board. This illustrates a series of complex geometric shapes whose proportions do not change by increasing or decreasing their scale (a Fibonacci spiral, a half circle halved [including a fourth part of a circle], angular border tessellation, an awning with a round

While often over looked, marketing trestle-board-sketches or, more accurately, formal diagrams of the building, were produced and used long before the workmen arrived, or the work site even prepared. These well-made drawings and illustrations were used to sell the project to the patrons: clerics, elders, merchants, and nobles (the investors). These plans, once the project was approved, were then used to show the lead workmen the project as a whole, and for clarification as they worked on



Cubit “standard” unit of measurement approximately twenty-one inches.

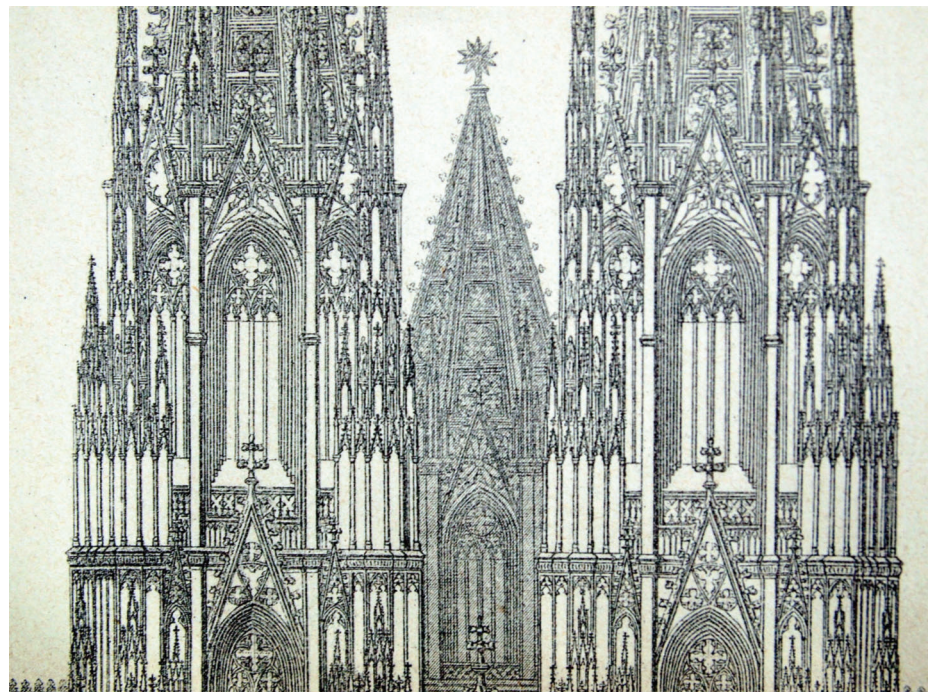


Presentation Volume trestle-board.

headed or stilted arch, pedestal or step configuration, segmented arch window or lattice, and a segmented ogee arch window or lattice). Even this simple trestle-board with just eight examples would have served for a multitude of architectural elements in a building.

As a device, there were likely two, probably several more, trestle-boards used by an operative Mason.

A distinction between a trestle-board and a tracing-board can be made for historic clarification. However, the rule of expediency routinely appears to be used by the Master Builders of the middle ages. Great window frames, glass designs, and screens were placed on the floor (tracing-board) then became part of the final product with minor modifications, such as inlay floors. The lines between trestle-board and tracing-board blurred on occasion.



Trestle-board (1248) of the cathedral in Cologne, Germany.

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the structure's individual components. One of the finer examples of this sort of trestle-board or tracing-board is of the cathedral in Cologne, Germany.

One of the first things that happens on all construction sites is the workmen discovering the order of things. Who is the boss, who is the lead, who is ... Today, we take for granted the items on a construction site. However, we should remember that the standards we consider mundane are a recent development. Measurements were often called by the same name but varied widely in length.

A brief background might be of benefit in looking at the issue of measurement and standards. From the time of Noah, a "standard" unit of measurement was the cubit, the distance from the elbow to the middle finger, approximately twenty-one inches. This measurement was further divided for finer measurements into: one-half cubit, palm (royal palm), digit, etc. As a standard it was deeply flawed due to differences in our physical measurements from person to person. The Greeks and Romans also used the foot, inherited from the Egyptians.



Trestle-board marked out on a light plaster panel by the Master.

Each of these standard measurements were based upon the physical lengths of a human frame. Anatomically this would have to be from a single person. We vary too much to be standard.

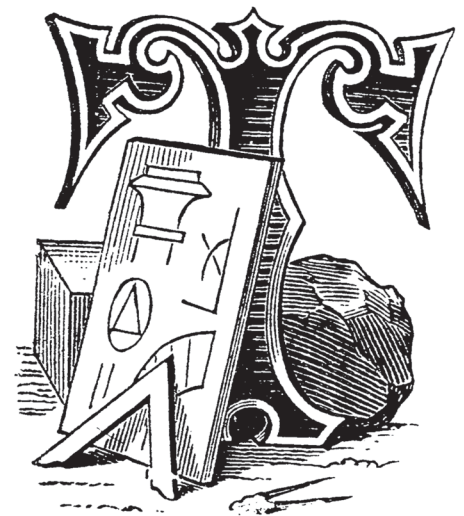
Most likely the first and foremost trestle-board on building sites was the measurement trestle-board. Typically, a large stone or wooden wall was placed in the common area of the construction site and the projects measurements were marked on it as the standard. From the Egyptian, Greek, and Roman examples we know these measurements were cut into the stone, often with a line at the beginning and the end of the measurement to be standard. This would be done with the cubit, inch, foot, palm, etc. These were the project measurements standards. As the craftsman arrived they would make and adjust their tools to measure in accordance to the project "standard."

To put a finer point on the topic, there were no standard measurement options, only estimates or approximations, therefore measurements can and do vary rather significantly from cathedral to cathedral, castle to castle, etc., however rarely on a particular project. It is here that the phrase, "who can best work and best agree," has a profound significance. The agreement of the project "standards" allowed the structure to be erected accurately.

Once these standards of measurements were in place and tools adjusted, the designs would begin to be brought out by the master of the site. Conjecture has it these were marked out on a light plaster or wooden panel for the workmen to understand how the footings, arches, columns, etc., were to be laid out and constructed. On other occasions, the plans were drawn directly in the earth or on the stone floor of the structure. It is easy to imagine that once an element of a project was completed the trestle-board might be reused

or even incorporated into the structure itself. Several such stone trestle-boards became part of areas of access, not common areas or areas of prominence. This location allowed the workman to easily access the needed measurements and common design elements, even after the structure was completed.

Perhaps one of the most perplexing items to contemporary construction professionals is the lack of logistical elements in the thousands of years of preceding projects. While a list is not a trestle-board, lists of materials, and contracts can be found in church archives, mayoral records, tax listings, etc. From some of these records, it is clear that delivery, quantity, and quality delays or anomalies were routine. Some things do not change.



This explanation of the trestle-board has not been put forward to change the language of the Lodge, but to provide an understanding of its vaunted history and heritage to the operative and speculative Craft we have in our care. Understanding our Fraternity is a measurement we should ever verify for its accuracy.

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Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street
 Richmond, Virginia
 November 9 - 10, 2018

Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA
2017 - 2018

Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor	Grand Master
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Right Worshipful Warren Douglas Nuckols	Grand Marshal
Right Worshipful Ronald David Fisher	Associate Grand Marshal
Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
*Worshipful Philip Gene Godwin	Grand Chaplain
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Right Worshipful Scott Lyons Fielding	Grand Junior Steward
Brother Donald Francis Moro, Jr.	Grand Organist
Worshipful Samuel Moseley Jones	Grand Physician
Right Worshipful Hobert Ross Bolling, Jr.	Grand Tiler
*Worshipful Brother Godwin passed away on October 31, 2018.	

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Right Worshipful Edward Cleveland Barden, Jr.	Deputy Grand Secretary
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 240th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, P.G.M.

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges that qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2019, if the awards are available. The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Daniel Peyton Yancey, a member of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Donald Franklin Strock of Virginia May Lodge No. 38.

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

The Report of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia was presented and approved. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2019 was presented and approved.

Friday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington (State)." This resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful William Franklin Perdue and adopted. The Grand Master accepted a motion to elect Brother Michael Edward Butler, Jr. as a Trustee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia to replace Right Worshipful Charles Overton Franck, Jr. The motion passed as presented.

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

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 10, 2018.

The John Blair, Jr. Award was presented on Saturday to Most Worshipful John Fitz Gordon, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire, and Worshipful Ross Christof-fer Morland, Past Master of Lee Lodge No. 209. In addition, the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell. The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia by Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young, Executive Officer in Virginia. Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, also presented the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Right Worshipful Lokie Leo Voight.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. Resolution 18-01 was acted upon with the result as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful Roy Braxton Henderson, Jr. Right Worshipful Frank Lewis Wright, Jr., and Worshipful Samuel Moseley Jones. The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 233 Lodges represented with 789 registered by the Committee.

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

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2019, unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

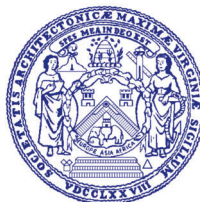
The Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers was held at 4:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr., gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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Summary Of Resolutions Presented At 2018 Grand Annual Communication

RESOLUTION NO. 18-01 – ADOPTED

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



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Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor placing a rose on the Altar in memory of all deceased members.



Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor presenting the Grand Master's Address.



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins presenting the Grand Master a plaque on behalf of the Masonic Service Association.



The Grand Master presenting Most Worshipful Louis K. Campbell the George Washington Distinguished Service Award.



The Grand Master recognizing Brother Daniel P. Yancey, Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 as the 2018 Perfect Ashlar recipient.



The Grand Master recognizing Outstanding Worshipful Masters with an Award of Excellence.

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Grand Master recognizing Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and Mentow Lodge No. 180 with Gift of Life Awards.



Grand Master with the Potentates of Acca, Kazim, Kena and Khedive Shrine Temples.



Grand Master receiving a plaque from Right Worshipful George D. Seghers, Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor presented Most Worshipful John F. Gordon, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire, the John Blair, Jr. Award.



Grand Master with the DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters youth leaders.



Grand Master presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Advertising Information

The Grand Lodge of Virginia permits commercial advertisement(s) in the Herald. This advertising helps offset the costs of publishing and distributing the Virginia Masonic Herald. All advertisements are approved prior to publishing by the Grand Master or by approved guidance from the Grand Master.

The advertisement rates are:

Full Page	\$750
1/2 Page	\$500
1/3 Page	\$350
1/4 Page	\$250
Business Card	\$80

If a person or organization runs an ad in four (4) consecutive issues then a discount is given, the cost will be three

times the amount for the ad plus half of another ad, e.g., 1/2 page ad for four issues would be \$500 + \$500 + \$500 + \$250 = \$1,750 versus \$2,000.

All advertisements must be acceptable and within good taste to all Masons and portray good wholesome Masonic values.

Any advertisement material must be in camera ready form. It must be submitted on or before the publication's deadline.

Digital submissions must be 300 dpi, PDF, and 10 % larger than the space to be filled.

All advertisement bills must be paid to the Grand Lodge office prior to them being placed into an issue. No advertisements will be placed in the Herald after the submission deadline has passed.

Advertisements for alcohol, nicotine, drug related, or sexual items, etc., will not be considered for publication. Un-Masonic advertisements will be rejected.

Masonic Herald Deadlines

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

A **Mini-Publications Guide** is available with additional information for advertising in the Virginia Masonic Herald on the Grand Lodge of Virginia's website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4Pt-zaELp8fvNWxUYUdOV3k0T0U/edit>

DeMolay Introductions



The outstanding DeMolays of Virginia taught the International Master Counselor (IMC) that one of the best ways to start off a conclave is to sep-

arate chapter members and introduce them to DeMolays they have never met. While IMC Avery Brinkley was at the Virginia Conclave, he echoed the lessons of brotherhood that were evident

throughout the weekend. He said, "No matter the distance you travel, whenever you find a group of young men that have knelt at our shared alter and dedicated themselves to the ideals of DeMolay, you will find shelter and family in our brotherhood."

That monumental weekend included more excitement than anyone could control and not nearly enough sleep. The opening of Virginia Conclave challenged the idea that DeMolay is a brotherhood of Chapters, but instead is simply a global brotherhood of good young men determined to become great men. Once they created bonds with their Brothers from other Chapters and cities, an atmosphere of comradeship unlike any other blossomed. The IMC thanks Virginia for being Brothers, and showing that our family is far more connected than we knew.

Charity

Recently, Craighill Lodge No. 160 received a bequest for \$100,000 from the Estate of Matsue Y. Dewese, widow of the late Brother George E. Dewese, a member of Craighill Lodge. Matsue and George met through a mutual Masonic friend in the Army, while George was serving in Japan. The check was presented by Most Worshipful Jim Cole (2001), Lodge Trustee, who had received the gift on behalf of the Lodge from the Estate's Executor. Mrs. Dewese's intent was to establish an endowment to support the Lodge because the Brethren had been so supportive and hospitable to her and her late husband.



L-R: Wor. Henry L. Bryant and Mt. Wor. James D. Cole.

The cornucopia is a symbol of plenty. Usually the jewel of the Stewards, whose early functions were to provide "plenty" of refreshment. The Greek god Zeus was nourished from the horn of a goat. In gratitude, the horn was placed as a constellation to forever pour what was desired. The "horn of plenty" or the cornucopia is thus a symbol of abundance.

*Pocket Encyclopedia of
Masonic Symbols*

Leading the Way

Worshipful Paul A. Miller, Grand Provost

The Division Leadership Conferences are held each year in nine locations around the state in an effort to promote leadership skills, provide networking opportunities, and encourage preparation to be a Lodge officer.

The division leadership conferences focused this year on leadership and communication.

Twenty-eight Lodges has all of their line officers at one or more of the conferences:

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
Poquoson Lodge No. 49
Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
Chester Lodge No. 94
Mann Page Lodge No. 157
Berkley Lodge No. 167
Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
Monitor Lodge No. 197
Yorktown Lodge No. 205
Lee Lodge No. 209
Bayside Lodge No. 218
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
William King Lodge No. 227
Indian River Lodge No. 252
Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
Herndon Lodge No. 264
Corinthian Lodge No. 266
Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274

Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
William J. McMahan Lodge No. 303
Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Ocean View Lodge No. 335
Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349
Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353
Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778

The following twelve Lodges had all of their elected officers:

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Mann Page Lodge No. 157
Berkley Lodge No. 167
Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
Lee Lodge No. 209
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
Herndon Lodge No. 264
Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296
Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353

I congratulate each of these Lodges for their initiative. I encourage every Lodge to attend the conferences in 2019. All officers should attend the conferences, and all Brethren are welcome to attend and improve themselves in Masonry.

The Master Mason

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau

“To wear the Square and act upon it in all your daily deeds; to meet all men upon the Level and judge them in accordance with the Compasses of Truth and Charity; to be loyal to the Order and Master of yourself. To Travel ever Eastward from the feeble Light of an Entered Apprentice toward the glorious Light of Wisdom; and finally, to be prepared for the final Password giving entrance to the presence of The Grand Master of the Supreme Order of the Universe.”

I found this prayer-like quote in my search for material for this working tools article. It reads much like a charge – an admonition of what a Master Mason should be and do throughout his life. As such, it serves as a reminder of our obligations, all those “I will’s” and “I will not’s”... It brings to mind the lessons of the working tools as presented in all three degrees.

“All the implements of Masonry indiscriminately...” These words open the description of the working tools article to a new Master Mason. As such, they encompass the quote above. They are intended to remind the Brother of the earlier degrees, to bring to mind the lessons and allegories and metaphors on which the selection of the tools is built. The next line, “...more especially the trowel,” focuses our intent on a working tool not previously discussed.

The trowel is a simple tool, one easily adapted to uses other than a stonemason’s work. It is likely there is a “chicken or the egg” argument in attempting to determine for which purpose a trowel was first developed. Let us consider some of the more obvious uses.

My wife loves to garden, often using a small hand tool sometimes called a trowel. With it she plants flowers and weeds the flower beds. For planting, the sharp edge and point of the trowel



prepares a place, the specific spot in the garden, by piercing the soil and removing excess dirt to make room for the new plant. She also uses it for weeding, again utilizing its sharp edge and point to excise stray growth from the garden area. The trowel, like the archaic Entered Apprentice tool, the chisel, aids in removing the unwanted, but the trowel also aids in adding the desired.

A traditional stonemason uses a trowel for its simplest purpose, to add something to a larger whole. Operative Masons use a trowel “to spread the cement which unites a building into one common mass or whole.” Unlike the fitted stone work of the Aztec temples or Egyptian pyramids, European stone masons employed cement as the glue that held together individual blocks of stone. Early Mesopotamians began using cement around 3000 BCE, and the Romans independently improved upon and perfected it. When used specifically as mortar, as opposed to concrete, cement chemically and physically binds to the stones or bricks between which it is employed. This is an important concept, which will be mentioned again later.

In the years before computer-aided design, auto makers would transfer their paper designs for new cars into

three-dimensional clay models. Like the gardener’s tool, the trowel-like implement used by those modelers allowed both the addition of new material (more clay) and removal of excess (trimming the surface). It is useful to notice that the auto maker’s employment of this type of trowel is a substantially greater fine motor skill level of work. The creation of a clay model of an automobile necessarily assumes some basic form-and-function that enables the skilled modeler to work only on finishing touches.

When Renaissance artist Michelangelo created the amazing painted finish-work of the Sistine Chapel ceiling, he employed a form of painting called “fresco” that used wet plaster already colored by paint pigments. By applying wet plaster, by specific color, the artists were able to achieve a long-lasting masterpiece. To have attempted to paint on wet plaster was double work, applying plaster then going back to paint, and would have smeared the colors and removed some of the plaster. To paint over the dry plaster was also double work and the paint would not have adhered to the plaster for very long. The tool of choice? Why, a trowel, of course. The fresco artist used many of the same fine motor skill abilities as the later auto modeler, but to an even higher level of artistry. In addition to shape and size, the fresco artist must also match colors from pigmented plaster mixed at different times. The work is also very weather and climate dependent. If the air is too dry, the plaster dries too quickly on the artist’s palette, as well as on the wall or ceiling, and so the batches have to be smaller thereby making color matching more difficult. If the climate is too humid, the plaster does not dry quickly and could fall off the walls or ceiling. Going beyond the skills of the

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auto modeler and far beyond those of the gardener, a fresco artist must be constantly assessing multiple factors to ensure a truly beautiful result.

A Master Mason uses the trowel to “spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers...” Thus, the allegory to the stonemason’s trowel. We enter Freemasonry as individuals, each of us the result of our upbringing and our experiences, as well as our setting-aside of harmful or useless experiences. Sometimes we are something other than just “from whence we came.” The lesson for the individual Master Mason is that it takes work to find the joining, the bindings, that enable Brothers of disparate backgrounds to unite without contention, or at least to set those contentions aside, working toward that creation of a “sacred band or society.”

Many of us have experienced individuals in the workplace with whom we just cannot get along. In our younger years, we might have changed jobs to avoid a particular individual, only to discover that every workplace has at least one such person. After working for a few years, many of us realize, “I do not have to like the person, I only have to work with them.” And so, our thinking shifts. A Masonic Lodge is no different, which is why the lessons of Freemasonry are all the more important, and why we are reminded of them with every charge at closing in a Master Mason’s Lodge. “Forget not the duties,” Brethren, to which you have “solemnly bound yourselves.” “Be ye all of one mind” directly relates to that “temple of living stones” phrase from the Master Mason working tools.

Finally, the trowel in the hands of the Master of the Lodge employs all the methods previously described. Being Master of a Lodge is not like being a



teacher in charge of students, a supervisor of a work crew, or the commander of a military unit. Differently than any of these other organizations, a Masonic Lodge completes its tasks, attracting and screening candidates, conferring degrees, maintaining a facility, educating its members, and otherwise conducting the business of the Lodge. Through the cooperation and assistance of the Brethren, not the commands or direction of the Master. To the Master of the Lodge, the trowel is a multi-faceted tool.

Preparing a place in a Lodge for a new member is a little like preparing a spot in the garden for a new plant, and it can also resemble the stone mason’s efforts to add more stones to an existing wall. When animosities arise between Brethren, the Master must wield the trowel to spread more brotherly love and affection in the same manner as spreading mortar be-

tween uneven blocks of stone. If necessary, in the hands of the Master of the Lodge, his metaphorical trowel can be used to excise a “weed.” Inheriting a well-run Lodge often requires minimal effort to maintain. As the auto modeler trims and smooths and shapes, so does this Master. When a committee needs to be formed, the Master “matches tints” just as the fresco painter, carefully selecting the complementary and contrasting personalities or working styles to ensure the desirable end results.

Three separate programs review the various working tools of Freemasonry, the twenty-four-inch gauge, common gavel, and chisel of the Entered Apprentice; the square, level, and plumb of the Fellowcraft; and the trowel of the Master Mason. Different tools are best employed on different tasks, and some are more versatile than others. None, however, is more versatile than the trowel. In the hands of a skilled Master Mason or Master of a Lodge, the metaphorical trowel can create, repair, and renew. We are charged with its careful use – to guard against excess of zeal; to wield it with accuracy; to avoid its use with animosity or any emotion other than the loving regard from Brother to Brother. Every Master Mason, and most especially a Master of a Lodge, should be responsible to his Brethren, to himself, and, in his devotions to Deity, for his actions with the Master Mason’s trowel.



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Virginia Rainbow Plans

Kensley Jeffries, Grand Worthy Advisor



I have the honor of being able to represent the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Virginia as their Grand Worthy Advisor. This year we are focusing on strengthening and empowering our girls to be confident and not to give into what society may say, because they are beautiful in every way, shape, and form just by being themselves. Our motto is “be beautiful, be unique, be original, be creative, but be nothing less than yourself.” It is important, especially in today’s society, to remind our youth they do not have to fit into another person’s definition of beauty, because they are perfect just the way they are; which is why our theme this year is, “uniquely beautiful, uniquely you.”

Our statewide charity project is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. I had never known the seriousness that went along with diabetes until recently when my uncle passed away from the toll that it took on his body. Diabetes is no longer rare in America, and hopefully this year, we will be able to help raise enough money to be able to help find a cure for diabetes. So, not only will we help those facing diabetes, but also to prevent others from going through the day-to-day challenges they may face. We will also be participating in Wreaths Across America, helping ROC SOLID, an organization that builds playgrounds for children battling cancer, and creating care packages for the homeless.

Since this Grand Year has started, we have been very busy. We had the honor of hosting Supreme Assembly in

our own backyard of Hampton, Virginia. We were so incredibly excited to be able to put on Supreme Assembly and to meet many new sisters as they traveled to be with us. We also had a beach fun day, played games and even had a sand castle competition between the Assemblies. We also enjoyed planning and looking forward to our Rainbow Retreat for some games and fellowship at the end of September.

We have a very busy year ahead of us in Virginia Rainbow making lasting memories and friendships. I cannot wait to meet all of you during my travels and making many new friendships within the Masonic Fraternity. Always remember to be beautiful, be unique, be original, be creative, but be nothing less than yourself.

**The arrogance of age must submit
to be taught by youth.**

Edmund Burke

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, sold off to a scrap dealer, or simply lost.

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 one day, I discovered that the Past Grand Master Jewel of Most Worshipful James Alston Cabell, who served as the 74th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 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 R. Quinley (2005), who serves as the President of the Grand Lodge 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 would spend 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 McClaw's Division. James Alston Cabell was a graduate of



Most Worshipful
James Alston Cabell (1916).

the University of Virginia, served on the Richmond City council, was a member of the Sons 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 Michael P. Bible of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

I asked Worshipful Michael P. Bible if his Lodge would make a donation. He asked me to give him a day or two, and 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 Lodge No. 219, to make a contribution, which several Brethren eagerly agreed to do.

Worshipful Brother Bible called me back a day later with great news, his Lodge and several others would make a donation. 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 Worshipful Mike Bible 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, Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349, 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 the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary W. 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.

**It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity
that great things are achieved, but by reflection,
force of character, and judgment.**

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Masonic Awards



Our December meeting was very special, the Annual Oyster Dinner. We presented our Community Builders Award to the Dance family and friends, which was presented by Right Worshipful J. T. Holloway, Jr. and Worshipful Kenneth Jessup.

Our Oyster Dinner was furnished and prepared by the Dance family and friends. Three generations of the Dance family are active members of Blandford Lodge No. 3. These members are Brother W. F. Dance, Brother Marlon Dance, Brother Forrest Dance, and Brother Walter Dance, V. The Dance family and friends prepared and served the delicious dinner. They are very generous with their time and all proceeds went to our annual scholarship fund raiser.



Right Worshipful Edwin Hardin Glazener, second from the left, received his 50-Year Masonic Veterans award at Morotock Lodge No. 210. Right Worshipful Harry Lea Reynolds, II, far right, presented Right Worshipful Brother Glazener with his award. Right Worshipful Edwin Glazener was accompanied by Worshipful L. Seth Gunter, and Worshipful Bernard D. Baker, Jr..



Rt. Wor. Harry Lea Reynolds, II, Mayor Keith Shelton, and Wor. Emmett G. Dalton, Jr.

Gretna Mayor Keith Motley received the Community Builders, Award from Anderson Lodge No. 258. The Community Builders Award is the highest honor the Grand Lodge of Virginia can present a non-Mason.

Worshipful Emmett Dalton said, "Mayor Motley was a logical choice," pointing to his involvement in nearly every Gretna and Pittsylvania County event. Mayor Motley was a founder and secretary-treasurer for the Gretna Pace Club, the Miss Pittsylvania County Pageant, Gretna's yearly parades, the Old Timer's Jubilee, the American Heart Association, and other local events. He is also a deacon at First Baptist Church Gretna.

Mayor Motley served on Gretna Town Council from 1998-2012, as a councilman and vice mayor. Mr. Motley has been mayor since 2012 and plans on seeking another term in office.

Mayor Motley has been the admissions director at Gretna Health and Rehab Center for twenty-two years.



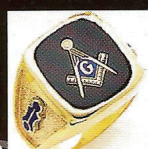
L-R: Wor. Kirk M. Seay, Bro. Robert C. Jones, Rt. Wor. Samuel L. Bateman.

Brother Robert Cecil Jones, received his 60-Year Masonic Veterans Award in Stonewall Lodge No. 200.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Jack Compton, Bro. Tim Carico, Mt. Wor. Gary Taylor, Rt. Wor. Phillip Lane, and Rt. Wor. Larry Moore.

During his Official Visit to the Masonic 47th and 49th Districts, Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor spent some time with fellow Widow's Sons, the Boaz Brothers Chapter. Most Worshipful Brother Taylor is also a Charter Member of the Widow's Sons Sojourners Chapter.



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Masonic Awards



The members of Yorktown Lodge No. 205, their families, Tidewater DeMolay, and Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 39, marched in the Yorktown 4th of July Parade. There were many patriotic citizens along the way cheering and saluting as we marched by with our flag. We look forward to expanding our participation and making this an annual



Brother Leonard H. Brooke and Brother Bruce I. Longman attended the 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award for Brother Hyman Brooke. What a great day for Freemasonry, together they represent one hundred and twenty years.



Worshipful James A. Solomon of John A Lejeune Lodge No. 350 (left) presented Brother Richard T. Spooner (right) his 70-Year Masonic Veterans Award plaque.



L-R: Phyllis, Rt. Wor. Clifford C. Grotz, Jr., Wor. Kenny L. Jessup, and Rt. Wor. Tommy A. Hammond.

Blandford Lodge No. 3 presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Right Worshipful Clifford C. Grotz, Jr., one of the most beloved, well known members of Virginia Masonry. While his home Lodge is Blandford No. 3, he belongs to many of the Lodges in Masonic District 29. He is also a member of another ten Lodges throughout the state. Right Worshipful Brother Cliff is not just a joiner, before he moved to the Masonic Home, he actively visited, participated, and served in these Lodges. He has been a Mason his entire adult life; he has also found the time to sit in some of the Grand Lodge Chairs.

Blandford Lodge No. 3 rallied the troops, along with his daughter and grandson, and paid him a visit. We wanted to show our appreciation and remind him he is always in our thoughts and prayers and will not be forgotten for all he has done for Masonry.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Stan R. Katz, Wor. Cliff H. Gregory, Bro. Karsten A. Gregory, Bro. Ephraim Steinberg, Rt. Wor. Al A. Dranoff.

A 70-Year Masonic Veteran Award plaque was presented to Brother Ephraim Steinberg which took place at his home. He is 98, and he plans to continue attending our Lodge meetings. Bother Karsten Gregory, the newest Master Mason, stands next to Brother Ephraim Steinberg, the oldest Master Mason of Fraternal Lodge No. 53.



Highland Springs High School's football team has won three straight Division Five State Championships (2015-2017). Babcock Lodge No. 322 has made several financial contributions to support the team. Also, the Lodge presented Coach Johnson with the Community Builders Award. Coach Johnson has demonstrated a positive influence at Highland Springs High School.

Several officers of the Lodge visited the team to make the presentation. The officers presented a gift of \$2,140.00 to the football team. This gift was directed to the athletic boosters in buying championship rings for the players, coaches, and team personnel. A large portion of the Lodge's gift was raised by the members with a barbecue sale this past spring.

Memory is the
treasury and
guardian of
all things.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Tribute to Masonic Home Ambassadors

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton, Development Director Masonic Home

As we look forward to the new year, we need to remember that the Grand Lodge of Virginia has just gone through a re-districting process that merges some districts and eliminates others. As part of this process, we want to keep in mind and show appreciation for those District Masonic Home Ambassadors, who have worked long and hard to support the Masonic Home in the Lodges in their district.

There are nine District Masonic Home Ambassadors (DMHA) who will be retiring due to the changes. Some are fairly new, while others have been with us for a long time. For example, Right Worshipful Russ Snodgrass from District 18 has been very active in many areas of Masonry and is particularly known for his good work talking about and promoting the Masonic Home.

Right Worshipful Richard Madson, Jr. was actually the District Deputy Grand Master this year in District 34 while also serving as DMHA. Right Worshipful William F. Overby has served the Newport News area for many years, while supporting the Home. Right Worshipful Glenn Jones is famous for his work in Covington and Clifton Forge District 23. Right Worshipful Brother Glenn is always quick to say yes when it comes to working for the Masonic Home. These fine men and the others all deserve a big pat on the back for the time and effort they have put in to keep the Home “top of mind” over the years.

The following list recognizes these hardworking Brethren. If you see one of them, please share your appreciation for their fine work to support our Masonic Home. Thank you, District Am-

bassadors.

District 14-B

Rt. Wor. William F. Overby

District 15-C

Wor. John L. Fetty, Jr.

District 18

Rt. Wor. Russell G. Snodgrass

District 23

Rt. Wor. Glenn H. Jones

District 26

Rt. Wor. George S. Williams, Jr.

District 28

Rt. Wor. Cephas L. Garner, Jr.

District 32

Rt. Wor. Dwight D. Hazard

District 34

Rt. Wor. Richard O. Madson, Jr.

District 54

Rt. Wor. Robert White, III

Help, Aid, and Assist

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

As Freemasons, we assume several obligations to relieve a Brother's distress, to heal dissensions, to restore peace and harmony, to do good unto all, to go out of our way to help, aid, and assist distressed worthy Brothers.

But when troubles arise, when distress strikes, when we lose loved ones, suffer financial reverses, when illness strikes us down, have we any basis to complain, if we withdraw from our Brethren, skip Lodge, and lick our wounds in isolation? Given our knowledge that we all assume the same obligations, vows, promises, and oaths; given the duties we share; and given the lessons of our degrees, have we, as Freemasons, the right to hide from our Brethren in times of trouble?

Rescue workers quickly learn that they not only have to treat the injuries

and illnesses they confront among their patients, but also must deal with the embarrassment, vulnerability, shyness, and denial that go with sudden illness and injury. While rescuers love to help those in distress, experience teaches them that they must win the trust of their patients to enable them to express the full extent of their symptoms. Otherwise dangerous and life-threatening conditions may be hidden from rescuers, hampering them in dealing effectively and successfully with their patients.

Fundamentally, then, how can we expect our Brethren to come to our aid in times of distress, if we conceal our troubles, if our faith in our Craft fails to compel us to give our Brethren the chance to fulfill their obligations? How often do we complain of a Brother's absence only to discover that he's been

suffering some crisis that each of us would be ever ready and willing to go out of our way to relieve?

Brothers who have called upon their Brethren in times of illness or grief, loss or heartbreak, and receive, the relief that fraternal love and affection compel, may and should find their ties to the Craft strengthened, sealed, and validated.

Thereafter, as beneficiaries of brotherly relief they, too, become ever more ready, willing, and able to go out of their way to the aid and assistance of distressed Brother Master Masons.

Thereby does the mystic tie flourish, continue, and perpetuate itself. Thus, does our Freemasonry remain a treasure beyond price. Only by making our troubles known will our Brethren have the opportunity to fulfill their obligations.

Appreciating our Masonic Home Ambassadors

Right Worshipful Joel T. Bundy, MD

The Masonic Home Ambassador Program was established in 1983 to develop and maintain a relationship between the Lodges and the Masonic Home. Over the years, the Ambassadors have shared information about the Home, given countless Lodge talks, and raised millions of dollars in support of our Masonic Home.

It has been my great pleasure to work with the Ambassadors since becoming Chairman of the Ambassadors Committee. Many of you probably know your Lodge or District Ambassador and may even help him when he is working on the Morlock award donations, organizing a visit to the Home, or putting together a special event. Among other things, Ambassadors set up ice cream socials, birthday parties for residents, watermelon festivals, and holiday parties where the Lodge Brethren can come together with the residents and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

Perhaps the biggest event for the whole year is Masonic Family Day. This year, the weather was perfect and brought out a nice crowd that made for a rousing success. As most of you know who have ever attended, the highlight of the day is the big parade. This year the Grand Master and his wife Billie rode in a giant pirate ship that was easily the biggest entry in the parade lineup. The Shriner's, Royal Arch, Commandery, Widows Sons, Eastern Star, and our Masonic Youth were all part of the big parade! The barbecue cooked by Amelia Lodge No. 101 was once again the best free lunch you ever had, and the ice cream and donuts helped make sure that no one went home hungry. Add to this the wonderful fellowship with each other and the residents, and everyone left knowing what Masonry is all about.

Another big job for the Ambassadors is to educate Lodges on the Outreach



Program. This program was started in 2001 by Most Worshipful Jim Cole (2001) to extend the benefits of the Masonic Home care to those who choose not to move to the Masonic Home. This has been a terrific way to provide in home care for Masons and/or their wives who just need a little help managing health issues. Your Ambassador can certainly put you in touch with our



L-R: Rt. Wor. Joel T. Bundy and Ersell Brinser, age 102.

Admissions Coordinator, if you want to learn more about how this program may help you or someone you love. There is no charge for the basic services offered by the Program.

Ambassadors are also charged with the duty of keeping the Lodges informed about what is happening at the Home. The *Masonic Home of Virginia on My Mind* newsletter is sent to Ambassadors to help hit the high points of activities that may interest members in your Lodge. Lodges are also encouraged to earn the Morlock award annually, which only requires a \$5 gift to the Home from 15% of the Lodge's Brethren. This helps everyone be a donor in support of the Home. Did you know that about half of our residents depend on gifts from Masons across the state to help cover their expenses? Thank you for helping them!

Funds are raised in other ways to help our residents, such as the James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, which is promoted and supported by Ambassadors in Lodges across the Commonwealth. All proceeds benefit the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Without a doubt, one of the largest groups of unofficial Ambassadors is otherwise known as the Widows Sons Riders Association. Beginning about ten years ago, they have continuously provided support by visiting with the residents, making gifts to the Home in so many ways, and serving the Home with many hours of labor each year at Family Day. Please share your appreciation for this very important group of Brethren and ladies from Chapters across the state who give tirelessly to help the Masonic Home.

Thank you for your support of our Masonic Home, the Crown Jewel of Masonry in Virginia.

Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgments of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

Honor/Memorial	Donor Name	Honor/Memorial	Donor Name
Alan W. Adkins	Evelyn Holliday	James G. Howcroft	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865
Harry D. Akers	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82	Leonard Hughes	David A. Brown
David L. Armistead	Evelyn Holliday		Amelia Lodge No. 101
James H. Ash	James O. Ash	Jon D. Jenkins	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
Leland E. Bassett	Western Branch Lodge No. 189	Wieland C. Johnson	Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865
Howard R. Baugh	Eureka Lodge No. 195	Doug V. Jones	Terry F. Hilton
Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982	Terry F. Hilton	Gordon E. Jones	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
Clarence W. Bradford	Warwick Lodge No. 336	Samuel Jones	Fairfax Family Practice
James W. Burton	Varina Lodge No. 272	David E. Joyce	Virginia May Lodge No. 38
Lois S. Butler	Montrose Chapter No. 176	Howard N. Koiner	Eureka Lodge No. 195
Harold K. Carney	Warwick Lodge No. 336	Paul W. Lanier	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Noah C. Carr	James O. Ash		William E. Hershey
Raymond W. Chatham	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212	Harold L. Leonard	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
Lawrence J. Chisholm	Eureka Lodge No. 195	Winston E. Marchman	Joseph F. Thornton
James D. Cole	Evelyn Holliday	Lolean Matthews	Montrose Chapter No. 176
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	Sidney T. Burcham	Arthur L. McJunkin	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
	Lynchburg Valley Scottish Rite	Clara H. Meadows	Nancy M. Holder
	James B. Bays	Robert N. Monroe	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Thomas D. Custalow	Evelyn Holliday	Thomas W. Moss	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
Donald N. Davies	Goochland Professional Firefighters	Joseph M. O'Dell	Piedmont Lodge No. 152
John W. Deputy	Evelyn Holliday	Mable Paschall	Maxine Watson
Frederick Dixon	Vivian Dixon	Marcia Perry	Joel T. Bundy
Patrick W. Dolby	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	Bill Peterson	Joel T. Bundy
George B. Dungan	James O. Ash	Harlan E. Phelps	Peter R. Thorsen
Don A. Evans	David R. Evans	John W. Pierce	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
Wayne S. Flora	Kempsville No. 173 O.E.S.	Kathleen B. Plyler	Montrose Chapter No. 176
	Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178	Paul M. Pruitt	Thomas L. Nicholson
Johnnie B. Foster	Luther L. Jones		Richard G. Motley
	Wayne S. Flora	Bruce A. Richardson	George S. Davis
	Pearl Grantham	Mills G. Rollings	Joel T. Bundy
Lloyd Gillespie	Warwick Lodge No. 336	Charles F. Shuler	Lucy F. Lamp
James B. Godwin	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18	Thelma Sturgis	Emory H. Merryman
Philip G. Godwin	Terry F. Hilton	Benjamin Taylor	Pamela Rose
Charles H. Goens	Babcock Lodge No. 322	Leland G. Tippet	Terry F. Hilton
	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18	Charles F. Vealey	William E. Hershey
	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class	James L. Wade	Kim Vealey
	Evelyn Holliday	George E. Webb	Varina Lodge No. 272
Graham Funeral Home	Evelyn Holliday	Aubrey C. Whitlow	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
Harold G. Gravatt	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	William H. Wilkins	Varina Lodge No. 272
Louis H. Gray	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220	Dennis A. Wilt	French Lodge No. 270
Ann M. Hale	Old Town Lodge No. 68		Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church
James D. Hardison	Western Branch Lodge No. 189	Kennard A. Young	Jane Howard
Leona M. Hayden	William E. Hershey	Beverly C. Yowell	James B. Kennedy
Leon E. Headley	Evelyn Holliday	John L. Zeiders	Raymond A. Bigam
Ronald E. Helms	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18		Robert N. Appleby
Benjamin F. Hill	Joel T. Bundy		Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
Terry F. Hilton	Norfolk Lodge No. 1		Kathleen Booska
Mark H. Hodges	Varina Lodge No. 272		Bruce D. Black
William J. Holland	Franklin Lodge No. 151		Dewitt Clinton Lodge No. 141
William L. Holliday	Jennifer Dawson		Chesterfield Police
	Frederick L. Brown		Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
	Wilbur Todd		Waddell Lodge No. 228
	Patricia Spruill		Warwick Lodge No. 336
	Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies		
	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274		
	Wayne D. Golden		
	James H. Pate		
	James F. Palmer		
	Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778		
	Howard Fagan		
	Charles E. Hinson		
	John W. Deputy		
	Shepherd W. McClenny		
	Khedive Shrine Temple Units and Clubs		
	Robert M. Cannon		
	Carlton L. Gill		
	Patrick H. Suttle		
	James A. Holliday		
	Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies		
	Wayne S. Flora		
	Alan W. Adkins		
	Thomas C. Kaufman		
	Barbara M. Wilkinson		
	William E. Hershey		
	Louis K. Campbell		
	Michael D. Johnstone		
	Warwick Lodge No. 336		
	Hiram Club of Tidewater		

Masonic Home of Virginia

Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January		
1/3	Voncile Baughman	Sandston Lodge No. 216
1/4	Barbara Borkey	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
1/6	Samuel Anaya	Arlington-Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
1/6	John Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/7	Elizabeth Bohannon	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/8	Dolores Ridings	Transportation Lodge No. 337
1/11	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113
1/12	Roland Lucas	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/15	Jimmie Lucas	Edwards Lodge No. 308
1/15	Richard Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
1/18	Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
1/19	Richard Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
1/21	Joyce Burgess	Richmond Lodge No. 10
1/22	James McDonough	Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
1/23	Emily Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
1/23	Mildred Johnson	Dupont Lodge No. 289
1/25	Donald Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
1/25	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26	Donald Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
1/26	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27	Blaine Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
1/27	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/29	Lois McCarn	Northside Lodge No. 292
1/31	Frances Walton	Richmond Lodge No. 10

February

2/1	Joan Setliff	Barboursville Lodge No. 112
2/8	Richard Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
2/9	Robert Gadoury	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
2/11	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
2/13	Fay Gardner	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/14	Jean Johnson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
2/14	Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
2/15	McClellan Burgess	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
2/19	Betty Burnette	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
2/23	Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/24	Marshall Messimer	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
2/25	Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20

March

3/2	James Fox	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
3/2	Chester Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
3/5	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/5	Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
3/6	Georgeen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
3/7	Althea Hinson	Elmer Timberland Lodge No. 54
3/12	Steven Sanford	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
3/18	Patricia Graves	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
3/22	Betty Burgess	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
3/23	Irene King	Virginia Lodge No. 177
3/24	Kenneth Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
3/24	Lillian Yearwood	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/26	John Pierce	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
3/28	Jean Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January		
	none	
February		
2/18/1984	Richard & Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/20/1971	Patrick & Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
March		
3/18/1964	John & Charlotte Martin	Oriental Lodge No. 20

New Resident

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
	none	
September		
9/11/2018	Richard Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
9/11/2018	Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
October		
10/1/2018	Richard Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
10/1/2018	Linda Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
10/17/2018	Barbara Borkey	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
10/31/2018	Robert Boggs	Manchester Lodge No. 14

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/2/2018	Helene Peters	Sandston Lodge No. 216
September		
9/5/2018	Mabel Paschall	Meridian Lodge No. 284
9/14/2018	Charles Goens	Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18
October		
10/11/2018	Donald Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/27/2018	Martha Kersey	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/28/2018	Myrtle Bussey	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
10/31/2018	Bertha Lilly	Sandston Lodge No. 216
10/31/2018	Philip Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982



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Residents waiting for lunch at Michie Tavern.



Residents having lunch at Michie Tavern.



Residents Ed Swansey, Becky Lenhart, and Jean Colby enjoying the view at Carters Mountain.



Residents Judy Burton and Jim Palmer at Dinner and a Movie.



Residents Peg and Woody Davis 2018-2019 King and Queen.



Residents Florence Edmonds and Evelyn Harding making pine cone bird feeders.



Grand Master's Official Visit to District 15.



Resident Pat Graves showing her acting skills with Barksdale Theater.



Resident David Jenkins holding the first shirt he wore as a premie.

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M.W. William F. Perdue (1991), M.W. Alan W. Adkins (1997), M.W. George H. Chapin (1999),
M.W. James D. Cole (2001), M.W. Clifford A. Parker (2002), M.W. Frederick G. Martin, III (2003),
M.W. John R. Quinley (2005), M.W. Glover H. Jones, III (2006), M.W. George B. Dungan, Jr. (2007),
M.W. Edmund Cohen (2008), M.W. John M. Chambliss, Jr. (2011), M.W. William T. Ellison, Jr. (2012),
M.W. Louis K. Campbell (2013), M.W. Wayne S. Flora (2014), M.W. Reese E. Carroll, Jr. (2015),
M.W. James E. Litten (2016), and M.W. V. Stuart Cook (2017).