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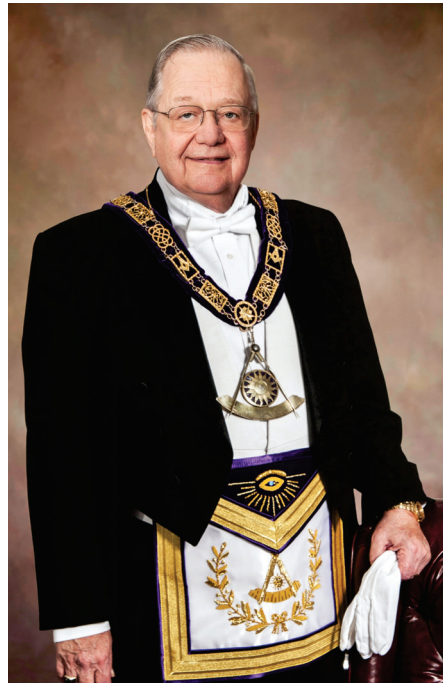
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The Grand Master's Message

Brethren – Greetings and best wishes, I hope everyone is in a good mood with winter behind us and that, like me, you are looking forward to Spring's weather. My journey to date as your Grand Master has been most enjoyable. I want to thank all of the Brethren for their support and generous words of encouragement on those occasions when we have met.

I have done my best to represent you and Freemasonry this year, and sincerely hope my efforts so far are living up to your expectations. In performance of my duties, I have been busy with several activities to date. In December and again in February, I was honored to be a part of an annual ceremony to place a wreath at the tomb of Brother and Father of our Country, George Washington. It was an honor and the most humbling experience to be a part of the ceremony. When I hear comments about how Washington was such a part of the history of our Nation, I must also stop and think how the virtues of Freemasonry most certainly played a role in the life of this great Statesman and Mason.



Grand Master
M.: W.: William Edward Hershey, Jr.

I also want to talk to you for a moment to the progress being made by the Committee on Masonic Education. I am very pleased with the progress we are making with our Lodge Education Programs and the opportunities being

worked on so hard by the Committee. I hope many of you were able to attend one or more of the nine Division Leadership Conferences (DLCs) hosted around the state this year. I believe our Grand Provost, Worshipful Paul Miller, and the Regional Provosts, did an excellent job explaining the Subordinate Lodge Office Training (SLOT) modules.

By now, if you have visited the Grand Lodge website, you are aware of other educational opportunities afforded you by our Grand Provost. Some of you may recall the Virginia Masonic University project to better educate our members. The University was charged to produce two other products in addition to the SLOT modules. The products I mention are the new Masonic Book Club and modules addressing the education for new Masons. Both products were designed to encourage the Brethren to continue their study of Freemasonry.

First, the Book Club: I hope that through reading about Freemasonry, the Brethren will come away with a deeper understanding of our Fraternity, this will be implemented shortly.

By participating in a discussion of the books they read, they can share their insights and be enriched by those of others. Likewise, there is a great deal of information available on the website written to educate and assist new Masons. To our Worshipful Masters these initiatives should provide you with excellent programs and tools to benefit your Lodge and enhance the education of all members of the Lodge, not just the officers. If any readers have questions about any of these initiatives, the Book Club or the New Member Training, please contact the District Educational Officer (DEO) and ask him about this material.

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Grand Master, Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr., after presenting the Grand Lodge of Virginia wreath inside the tomb of Worshipful Brother Washington.

The Grand Master's Message

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An action I undertook in November 2018, of which you may or may not be aware, was the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master for the Research Lodges. While we are still in what I will call the "shake out phase" of this initiative, Right Worshipful Marc A. Hone, District Deputy for the Research Lodges is doing an excellent job. I want to express my thanks to him and to the Masters of the Research Lodges for their cooperation and support as we begin to pull things together. I hope to have more to report as we continue to make progress during this "shake out phase." Watch for information about this initiative in the *Masonic Herald* summer edition.

There is another topic I want to share with you. I am speaking about the Proclamations to observe our Youth Groups in the month of April. Worshipful Joe Daigle, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth, is doing an excellent job to support Lodges with efforts to comply with this Proclamation. I issued this Proclamation because I am convinced that Freemasonry can make a positive impact on and contribution to our youth. It causes me concern that


while there are Youth Organizations, along the eastern part of the state; there is virtually no Masonic Youth Organizations west of Interstate 81. Does this mean that young men and women who reside west of Interstate 81 would not benefit from the practices of Freemasonry, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love? On the contrary. I believe this is unacceptable but also believe that by working together, we can make a change in this dynamic.

In an effort to address the situation, I have appointed a Commission to look at what can be done on the part of the Grand Lodge, the Lodges, and the Youth Organizations, and I believe with efforts on the Commission and with assistance from our Youth Leaders, we can turn this situation around. To head up this Commission, I have appointed Most Worshipful Louis Kerford "Kerry" Campbell (2012) to Chair efforts to see what can be done to examine both short and long-term actions to enhance current efforts to grow the establishment of Youth Groups in parts of the state where none exist. We have no shortage of youth. However, we are sorely lacking youth leaders willing to step up and cause change. I

believe with the assistance of Senior DeMolay, along with Jobies and Rainbows, who are Majority Members, there is something we can do to improve this situation. Most Worshipful Brother Campbell has had several progress meetings to date, and I hope to have more to report to you on his progress, when you receive the *Virginia Masonic Herald* summer edition.

In closing, just let me ask one more favor from you. I have had a number of comments from the Brethren regarding the lapel pin this year. I hope if you are wearing one, it will serve as a reminder to you of those words we heard when we became Master Masons, and that you make a concerted effort to live Friendship, Morality, and Brother Love in your daily life. I hope as I continue to travel across the Commonwealth, our paths will cross several times in the weeks and months ahead. God Bless all of you, and I hope to see you as we continue to spread Freemasonry around the state.

Thank you.


William Edward Hershey, Jr.
Grand Master

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Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr.
Grand Master

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

March 2019

- 12 SP & I Meeting
- 13 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meetings
- 15 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
- 16 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
Central Region, Order of DeMolay Observance
- 19 Mann Page Lodge No. 157
- 22 Official Visit, District 31
- 23 Scottish Rite Workshop, Richmond
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 & I Meeting
- 10 GLO & 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 & I Meeting
- 8 GLO & 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, Manasseh 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 & I Meeting
MAHOVA Residents Solstice Dinner
- 12 GLO & 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 & I Meeting
Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
- 10 GLO & 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, Districts 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 & I Meeting
- 7 GLO & 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 & I Meeting
- 11 GLO & 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 Wreath Laying, Arlington Cemetery,
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 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) |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 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. 20, 21 | 4 |
| C.S. Revell/B.D. Hudson | Newport News | Sept. 21-23 | 14 |
| L.N. Cridlin | Jonesville | Sept. 16, 17, 19 | 49, 50 |
| Edward Page Henry | Hopewell | Sept. 23-25 | 16, 29 |
| Lon Norman Dooley | Lebanon | Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 | 44, 47 |
| Starks/Baumgardner | Bland | Oct. 14-16 | 41, 42 |
| James Noah Hillman | Gate City | Oct. 14, 15, 17 | 48, 49, 50 |
| Joseph T. Stewart | Courtland | Oct. 23, 24 | 31, 33 |
| O.B. Omohundro | Gordonsville | Oct. 26 | 7, 10 |
| Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert | Marion | Oct. 28-30 | 42, 43, 44 |

****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

Masonry's Future Is Ours To Decide

Worshipful James Earl Hammond

There is a great deal of time and effort spent on the subject of the future of Masonry and what lies ahead for the Craft. Is Masonry applicable in today's society? What do we do about Masonic membership? How do we tap into the Millennial generation? Lots of questions. Lots of debate. Lots of answers. Some of the Brethren are optimistic. Others not so much.

I am optimistic about the future of Masonry, and if you will permit me to take a bit of your time, I will explain why. The answer, I believe, is a simple one, the future of the Craft. Like all things, people are attracted to greatness and those things that make them feel good about themselves. Those whom have a deep-seated attraction to Light, those who we want to approach the West Gate, are looking for those who already have it. They are looking at us; how we carry ourselves, how we approach life, how we handle adversity, how we mentor those around us, and our general outlook on life. We have to carry ourselves in a way that reflects the tenets taught through symbolism as we exemplify relief, truth, and brotherly love. We have to practice fortitude, prudence, temperance, and justice. We have to lift others up and make those around us better. We have to be that mentor leader. If we are just another guy using foul language and telling dirty jokes or talking imprudently about the girl who walks by, then we would not attract those we want to join this illustrious Fraternity. Now do not get me wrong, I am by no means perfect and have my moments, but we should always be traveling along that broad level of time using the common gavel to shape us into that perfect ashlar. Our character and the way we live our life will continue to bring those like-minded into this wonderful Fraternity.



I know I may stir a little controversy here, but we have to be willing to talk about being a Mason; be willing to tell others during regular conversation that you are going to a meeting tonight; be willing to tell others how Masonry has impacted you and how being around your Brothers has made you better; be willing to discuss how the Craft augments your faith and has not replaced it. Help dispel the rumors, the talk of a cult, that we desire to take over the world, and that we hide some great physical treasure. We are bound not to advertise or recruit, but we are not sworn to avoid talking about how great Masonry is to each of us. When people see how passionate you are when you talk about this esteemed body, then you will draw them into the Light.

We need to keep their interest. It has been well discussed that today's society has so many ways to occupy our time. Kid's events, electronic media, sports, work, etc., all place demands on our time. Masonry is about taking the man and helping him become better. We need to do just that. We do not do that by having sandwiches, opening the stated meeting, paying the bills, and trying to be done in an hour. People are just not going to keep carving

out time in their lives for that. Again, it comes down to us. We need to have good speakers who leave us with something when we walk out of the meeting. We need to educate ourselves on symbolism and allegory, so we can engage in stimulating conversation. While our meetings do not need to be three hours long, they do need to have substance and give our members something to make them want to return.

If we do all this, Masonry will take care of itself. Its precepts and tenets are eternal. They will always hold value and draw in those who seek Light and to be better. We need to raise the bar; as tough as that is to say. Want to attract the Millennials? Then do these things. We can see they are searching for ways to make the world a better place. They are passionate. They want to be better. We can show them through Masonry you can make the world better; by making ourselves better, we build a better society. It is not through occupying this or that. It is about finding truth, and having the integrity to live in the right and to avoid the wrong. I humbly challenge us all to live our lives in a way that draws others in. We all have the Light in us. We all can hone ourselves into better Masons day by day, little by little. The greatest truths as we all know, are often the simplest. This is why I believe our future is so bright, because it is simply up to us.



Seaboard Lodge No. 56

Brother Eric J. Fierst

On the evening of Wednesday, May 20, 1868, thirteen Master Masons met for the purpose of forming a new Masonic Lodge in Portsmouth, Virginia. Seven months later the Grand Lodge of Virginia officially granted the Charter on December 15, 1868, and the name Seaboard Lodge No. 56 was permanently etched into our history books. One hundred fifty years later, Masonry is still going strong in this Lodge, as it just recently celebrated a milestone anniversary that very few achieve.

Seaboard Lodge No. 56 celebrated its 150th anniversary with a plated dinner at their Lodge in Portsmouth, Virginia. There were over one hundred people in attendance including Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. Most Worshipful Brother Hershey's speech on the history of Seaboard Lodge and its adherence to Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love overcame the historical prejudice of the past, as it does today.

Attendees were greeted by their Master of Ceremonies, Brother Eric J. Fierst. Before starting the events planned for that evening, Brother Fierst called everyone's attention to the historical artifacts and other items of Masonic significance on display. There were tables laid out with a collection that could be found in a Lodge deeply rooted in history. The items on display included Lodge owned artifacts and prized items from personal collections. Some of the highlights include two bound books containing the *Proceedings* from Grand Lodge from 1778 through 1868, presented by Seaboard's first Worshipful Master, Dr. Charles McAlpin, a 14k gold Past Master's jewel from 1909, a leather wallet from its 50th anniversary, its one hundred and fifty year old Charter, and the most highly anticipated items on display were the original officer's jewels, which were cast from gold collected and donated by the Lodge's



Mt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Jr. presenting Seaboard Lodge a Grand Lodge plaque in recognition of the 150 year anniversary to Wor. Richard K. Williams.

members in 1869.

Shortly after receiving their Charter, the members of Seaboard Lodge commissioned the creation of their officer's jewels to Wood & Sherwood. They took delivery of the jewels in April of 1869. Melville Wood, who was residing in New Bern, North Carolina, was a northerner, who had taken advantage of business opportunities in the southern states following the war. His partner, Calder S. Sherwood, was a member of Seaboard Lodge and would later serve as the fifth Worshipful Master of Seaboard in 1877 and 1878. Together, they opened jewelry stores in Portsmouth, Virginia and New Bern, North Carolina. Wood and Sherwood ended up parting ways. Sherwood became the sole owner of the Portsmouth business changing the name to C. S. Sherwood. Sherwood would become one of the most prominent jewelers in Portsmouth; ultimately Seaboard's first known artificer in gold and other precious metals.

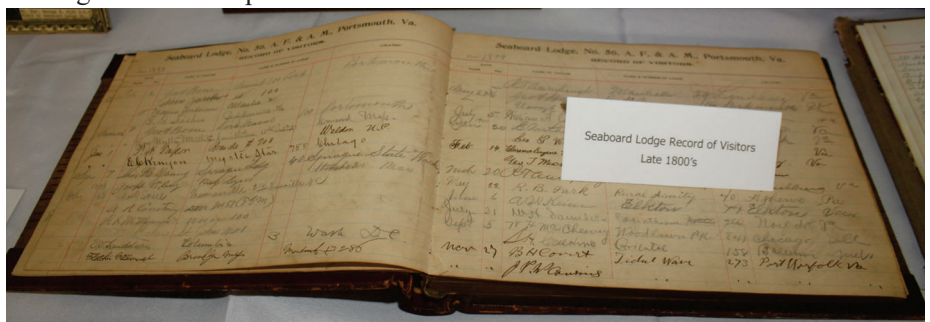
Mr. Wood was actually the goldsmith that created the fine gold officer's jewels. Each jewel mold was carved by hand and cast from gold donated by the members of the Lodge. They are truly works of art and treasured by the Lodge.

Brother Fierst again welcomed all in attendance, lead the attendees in pledging allegiance to our great nation and then turned the evening over to Seaboard's Chaplain, Right Worshipful R. Kirk Culpepper, who blessed the meal. Following dinner, Right Worshipful John D. Underwood, Sr. made a presentation, which had been written by Right Worshipful Raymond Soltis, on the state of affairs in Portsmouth, Virginia following the Civil War, and when Seaboard Lodge was formed

After the end of the Civil War, both Union and Confederate soldiers returned to their homes, trying to pick up the lives they left behind. The Confederate soldiers from Portsmouth, Virginia, returned home to find a city under military control. Congress had passed the Reconstruction Acts, which placed ten Confederate states under military control and grouped them into five military districts. President Johnson appointed General Schofield to serve as the military governor of Virginia and the First Military District.

During this occupation, the city of Portsmouth had a surge in population with the presence of the Union soldiers, many of whom eventually decided to

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Seaboard Lodge's visitors book from the late 1800s.

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relocate their families to the area. The Union soldiers that were Freemasons and now called Portsmouth home, visited and eventually joined Portsmouth Masonic Lodges. The surge in population also grew Masonry in the area. This rapid growth in the area and especially in Masonry had both positive and negative consequences. The time immediately following the Civil War was a time that the nation was still divided and being led by great influencers on both sides, pushing their personal agenda.

With Reconstruction underway in Portsmouth, any man that had served or sympathized with the Confederacy was ultimately barred from employment in the shipyard and many other prominent positions within the city and state government. This discrimination also worked itself into our Lodges and gave rise to men being denied access to Masonic rites and benefits. It was not that reconstruction or reconciliation itself was bad. It was the ensuing negativity caused by some of those key influencers that led to discrimination and

maintained the divide.

Seaboard Lodge No. 56 was formed by men who wanted a different Masonic experience. They wanted a return to the Masonry they left behind during the war. Seaboard was not a "Confederate" Lodge, but a Lodge that would assist in ridding memories of regret and bitterness. These thirteen Masons seized the opportunity to create a structure of unity and brotherhood, a diverse group of men with different life experiences, views, and occupations. By trade, these men were machinists, carpenters, a lawyer, doctor, druggist, and mayor. Within Masonry, they were all equal, accepting, and ready to heal the Craft and the nation.

These original thirteen men formed the foundation. Seaboard Lodge's foundation deriving stability from strength, unity, and brotherly love, the original Brothers. That history and heritage is still alive and well today. As they celebrate the Lodge's 150th year in Masonry, they are looking forward to the next one hundred and fifty years while never losing focus of those who paved the way before them.



L-R: Bro. Erice J. Fierst, Mt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Jr., and Wor. Richard K. Williams.

Right Worshipful Joel T. Bundy

The Order of DeMolay is open to young men between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one. This provides eight years to learn the ritual, chair a committee, hold office, master public speaking, develop your leadership skills, and enjoy the fun and fellowship DeMolay offers. As a DeMolay adult advisor, it occurred to me that most boys are not exposed to DeMolay until high school, when their wider circle of friendship presents the opportunity to join. Most DeMolays enter college or military service right after high school. We are now talking three to four years in which to be elected to office in a Chapter, and for a lucky few, to serve in a state office, even State Master Councilor. Those very few who serve as International Master Councilor or International Congress Secretary most certainly started at thirteen and held an office right away. It is a very brief period of time to achieve their goals.



Masonry, on the other hand, is available as early as eighteen, and has no majority. You are a Freemason for your entire life. With luck, you can be in your seventies or even eighties and still be active in the Lodge. Those who join at thirty or even forty can still enjoy three or four decades of service. That is ten



times as long as in DeMolay. In dealing with the immediate concerns of running a Lodge, we overlook just how long the gift of Masonry is. So, what shall we do to fill that time?

I would hope every Mason intends to be an active one. What is the point, after all, of investing all that time if you don't take advantage of it? Let's say you hit the ground running, attending Lodge School and being active in the degrees. You serve as Marshal, Chaplain, or Steward. Soon you are elected Junior Deacon, and within the span of five to seven years, you have served as Worshipful Master. You have done everything possible in the Blue Lodge, right? Wrong. Now that you have held every chair, you still want to contribute. You become a coach and teach the catechisms. You spend time mentoring and sharing the knowledge you have gained. You complete the Correspondence Courses and deepen your knowledge of the Craft. The opportunity may come to serve as Treasurer or Secretary, perhaps you are chosen Lodge Instructor of Work, or Lodge Educational Officer. Within ten years, you are a fixture within your Lodge, one of those wise old Past Masters, who so intimidated you when you first joined.

So, what else is there for an eager Craftsman? You joined the Royal Arch



as Senior Deacon, because only getting part of the story from a Provisional Lodge wasn't good enough. Now, you are a Companion and have learned the legends of the Royal Arch. You are active in your Chapter and serve as High Priest. You perfect your role as Right Worshipful Master and confer the Past Master's Degree on new Senior Deacons in your district. You find fellowship in the Chapter and devote ten years of your life here as well, rounding out your Masonic knowledge.

Let's assume you are a Christian and want to go further in the York Rite. You join the Commandery and are Knighted. Again, you invest more than a few years and advance through that line. In some states, you do the same in the Council Degrees. You have experienced all that York Rite Masonry offers.

But what of the "College of Masonry?" You have heard of the mysterious 33rd Degree Masons, who rule the world. You submit a petition for the Scottish Rite and experience the fire hose of twenty-nine Degrees over a very long weekend. You find that the Scottish Rite is for Masons who read: *The Mirror from your Valley*, the *Scottish Rite Journal* from the Supreme Council, and books upon books by Albert Pike and others. You dare to explore *Morals and*

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Dogma, and even learn something from Pike's tightly written prose. You tackle the Master Craftsman series, and long for the simple days of the Symbolic Lodge Correspondence Courses (there are four). You begin to understand why we call it the "College of Masonry." Undaunted, you learn a part for one, then two or three degrees. You develop deeper friendships with your Degree Teams with whom you spend so much time. You find you actually begin to understand the lessons of each degree, having rehearsed it so many times. You are appointed an officer and one day preside over one the bodies of your Valley. After ten or more years, you have learned much and been recognized and rewarded for your involvement in the Scottish Rite.

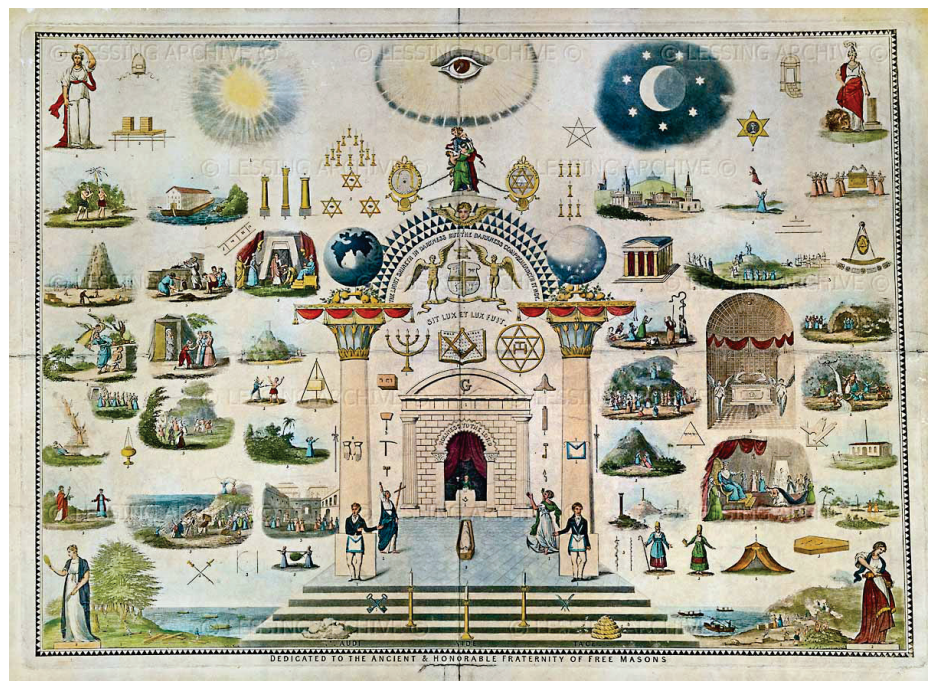
You find yourself drawn to our most well-known and colorful appendant body, the Shrine. The Shriners Hospitals are the crown jewel of Masonic charity. More than that, you enjoy being active in a Unit, you spend time together, travel together, compete together. You are elected to lead your Unit and find the leadership and organizational skills you developed in the Symbolic Lodge still come into play. You devote a few more years of your life to this endeavor.

Active membership and participation in these various bodies have served

you well. The career I have laid out is available to any Mason who invests his time, talents, and energy. But there are other aspects of our Craft I have not yet touched on: Research bodies in each organization; exclusive, invitation-only opportunities you find extended to you once you have distinguished yourself; District, Grand, and Supreme offices bestowed on a select few of you. Holding these offices does not make you better or wiser than those who have not held them, you were simply in the right place at the right time to be given the

opportunity of further service.

So, if you add up all the years I have listed, you will find the total closer to fifty than thirty. But, at no point did I say each journey is independent of the others. A well-traveled Mason manages his time wisely, he may focus on one more than the others, especially while in a position of leadership. If you invest your time wisely and are sensible enough to buy a life membership in each at the earliest opportunity, you can be active in all and not sacrifice every single hour of your leisure time. View your Masonic career as a marathon, not a sprint. As a final admonition to you, my Brethren, never forget where it all began. Never be so involved in any of our wondrous appendant bodies that you overlook the one body that makes it all possible. Support your Symbolic Lodge. Do not be away for so long that no one can remember who you are. When you reach the third step of life, having planned your Masonic journey well, you will enjoy many happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.



Wreaths Across America



International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Virginia from around the state participated in Wreaths Across America.

Hello, my name is Kensley Jeffries, and I have the distinct honor of being able to represent the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Virginia as their Grand Worthy Advisor. This year in Virginia Rainbow, we are doing a multitude of service projects alongside raising money for our statewide charity project, the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation.

In December, girls from around the state of Virginia participated in Wreaths Across America. In the past, we have all gone to the Arlington National Cemetery to help, but this year, we asked the girls to volunteer at a cemetery closest to them. This allowed the girls to make an impact in their hometown and spread the word about who we are. While help-

ing with Wreaths Across America, we fluffed wreaths, fixed bows, counted and placed wreaths at the end of the rows, and then, after a ceremony honoring our fallen soldiers, we placed the wreaths on the graves and thanked the soldiers for their service.

We have also completed another state service project, care packages for the Homeless. Throughout the year, we have been collecting toiletries, clothes, scarves, gloves, hats, and shoes to create care packages for the homeless. Also, in December, we gathered at Fox Hill Central United Methodist Church and made one hundred lunches. These lunches included two sandwiches, an egg, crackers, and dessert. After the lunches were made and the care pack-

ages were put together, we went to a parking lot in Hampton, Virginia, and passed them out to those less fortunate. It was amazing to be able to help those in need and spread a little bit of holiday cheer so close to the holidays.

The rest of the Grand year in Virginia Rainbow is going to be very busy. We have our Grand Charity Dinner to raise money for the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation on March 23, so please be on the lookout for when we start selling tickets. We also have our ROC Solid build set for June 8, where we will be building a playground for a child battling cancer. I hope to see you all during our travels. Always remember to be beautiful, be unique, be original, be creative, but be nothing less than yourself.

Arlington National Cemetery Masonic Burial Team

Right Worshipful Michael P. Bible

One of the most beautiful and meaningful services we pay to a departed Brother is the Masonic funeral service. This is especially true when we honor our departed Brethren that served our country, many in harm's way.

Masonic District 54 maintains a group of Brothers, who conduct Masonic funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery. These services are usually requested of our Grand Lodge by other Grand Jurisdictions whose members were being transferred to Arlington National Cemetery for burial. Unfortunately, many of the members who conducted those services moved or, because of health issues, no longer participate, and the group disbanded.

At the 2018-2019 District Deputy Grand Master's Conference, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) asked if the newly consolidated District 1A, could form a group of Brethren to perform these important services. I am pleased to announce the Arlington National Cemetery Masonic Burial Team



This pin pays homage to the badge worn by those chosen few who guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, day and night, rain or shine... and snow. The center has the broken column, known as a symbol of unfinished work and a reminder of our mortality, adorned by a plain square and compasses.

is once again active.

Right Worshipful Barry E. Constant has agreed to serve as Director and has met with representatives from Arlington National Cemetery. He has even recruited a Brother, who served at Arlington National Cemetery as Chief of Staff, to serve on the team. Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42 has generously donated the funeral kit and another case of white aprons and gloves. Worshipful Mike A. Huff designed the pin that the members of the Funeral Team will wear.

We are honored to perform these services for those who served to protect the freedoms we hold precious, those freedoms that make us Americans. If you are able to attend daytime Masonic services at Arlington National Cemetery and would like to join the Arlington National Cemetery Masonic Burial Team, please email Right Worshipful Brother Constant at: bconstant@verizon.net.

Beneath the Silent Sod

Beneath the silent sod his mortal coil,
A man, a Mason, rests at last. No more toil.
The working tools from his grasp are gone. No more
His voice the Lodge will hear, he is no more
The ritual coach to see. His soul does wing
Towards Heav'n's reward, the Master's choir does sing,
"Good man and true, hear thou the crystal tone
Of Gabriel's trumpet sound." The golden throne
Awaits; your lambskin shines, a beacon bright
For Brothers yet to come. At Lodge tonight
In sorrow all will hang our heads. "Well done,
Thou faithful servant, you've won the rising sun."

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau

Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 - 250th Anniversary

Worshipful Jeffrey Burcham

Masons from across the Commonwealth of Virginia and around the country gathered to join in celebrating the 250th anniversary of Freemasonry in Winchester, Virginia. Led by Worshipful Michael M. Neese and his officers, the Brethren of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, hosted a number of events in honor of this auspicious occasion. The festivities began with tours of the Lodge Room and its distinctive frescoes. Afterwards, the Brethren and guests walked to the Taylor Pavilion for a special musical presentation led by Brother Ryan E. Keebaugh, a member of the Lodge and a professor of music at Eastern Mennonite University. The Temple was then opened to the public, who assembled in the Lodge Room for a special presentation by Worshipful S. Brent Morris, world-renowned historian and author, who spoke on the origins and evolution of "The Mason's Word."

The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet room for a Table Lodge. Some seventy-eight Masons were served a delicious prime rib dinner by the Brethren of Treadwell Lodge No. 213, and after a brief overview of the history of the Lodge by Worshipful Jeffrey G. Burcham. Worshipful Brother Neese called upon Right Worshipful Terry R. Shaffer, District Deputy Grand Master, to introduce the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor (2018). Most Worshipful Brother Taylor then recognized the many Grand Lodge Officers in attendance, including Right Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary (1997), Right Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, Grand Senior Deacon, Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis, Grand Junior Deacon, Right Worshipful Warren D. Nuckols, Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Gary D. Huffman, Admin-



L-R: Mt. Wor. Gary W. Taylor and Wor. Michael M. Neese.

istrative Assistant to the Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brother Taylor also took time to recognize several distinguished visitors, including:

Most Worshipful Gearl G. Raynes, Past Grand Master of Masons in West Virginia, and Most Worshipful Lloyd E. Davis, Past Grand Master of Masons in Utah and an affiliated member of Freedom Lodge No. 118 in Lovettsville, Virginia.

The Grand Master commenced his remarks by noting the historical significance of the milestone achieved by Winchester Hiram Lodge, noting it is one of the oldest Lodges in the United States. He then proceeded to recognize three 50-Year Veterans, Right Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., Worshipful Larry A. Renner, and Brother Thomas L. Bucher. Most Worshipful Brother Taylor also presented an honorary membership card to Right Worshipful Raymond D. Steele, who had been previously honored as a 50-Year Masonic Veteran by Spurrmont Lodge No. 98.

The Lodge received a number of special gifts including new table place mats from Worshipful Leslie H. Flowers, who also presented the Lodge

with a United States Flag flown over the State Capitol in Richmond on the day of the Lodge celebration; a hand-carved plaque from St. Brye's Lodge No. 5676 in Uddington, Scotland, commemorating its 250th anniversary, presented by Right Worshipful Charles A. Bennett, Jr.; and a plate from William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania commemorating its 150th anniversary, presented by Right Worshipful Emory H. Merryman, Jr. of Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74.

Worshipful Brother Neese then gave the Grand Master a silver coin that had been struck to commemorate the Lodge's anniversary and tendered the gavel to the Grand Master, who thanked the Lodge for the many courtesies and hospitality extended to him, and for the delightful meal. He then presented the Lodge with a 250th anniversary plaque from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and spoke on his theme, "Freemasonry, A Tower of Strength," noting that Winchester Hiram Lodge has been a tower of strength for two and one-half centuries, including the years of the American Revolution and the Civil War.

The evening concluded as it began, with enthusiasm and a genuine sense of Fraternity. The Lodge has enjoyed a long and rich history: founded prior to the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States; surviving the lean years of the Revolution and the tragedy of the Civil War; including William McKinley, 25th President of the United States, a former Governor and two United States Senators as members, blessed with a beautiful building and Lodge room, and populated by men of impeccable character, who daily exemplify the teachings of the Craft. There is little doubt that Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 will continue to thrive and stand for centuries to come.

Consider the Compasses

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

It is not a working tool and only briefly mentioned, yet it is universally recognized. Yet the Masonic Compasses outperform every other Blue Lodge symbol with the possible exception of the Square.

Consider its brief appearances on the Masonic stage. The first touch the Candidate receives comes from the Compasses. It hurts.

Upon acquiring light, the Candidate learns the Compasses is one of the “Three Great Lights of Masonry,” its function described as delineating the bounds of our wants and behaviors towards all humanity, but most importantly a Brother in Masonry.

At the door, the Candidate learns that the points of the compasses are sharp indeed, capable of inflicting pain. That pain reminds the Candidate of the punishments that await him should he violate his sacred obligations.

The Compasses also outline the place where the most sacred holdings of our Fraternity, Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly love, live and receive nourishment.

Further, the Compasses control and determine the amount and quality of light the Candidate receives as he passes through the three degrees. At first, the Compasses lay beneath the Square, then obscure one side of the Square while exposing the other, then finally lie upon the Square, allowing it to shine fully.

The Compasses enable the Master to circumscribe or draw a perfect circle. A circle surrounds a point within the Lodge and separates the two parallel lines that abut the Compasses. There is represented within every regular and well-governed Lodge a certain point within the Circle, embordered by two perfect parallel lines, representing the Holy Saints John. On the top rests the *Book of Constitutions*.

In going round this Circle, Brethren necessarily touch upon these parallel lines, as well as the *Book of Constitutions*. While a Mason keeps himself cir-

cumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible he can materially err.

Without the Compasses to draw the Circle, that elaborate, central Symbol, known as the Circumpunct, could not be assembled or imagined in our Lodges.

The Compasses function without description in the ritual of its operative function as a working tool. It inflicts pain, reminds us of our obligations, forms part of the circumpunct, controls the Light received in each of the degrees, and sets the boundaries of our behavior.

Of interest, English Logic Ritual includes the Compasses as one of the Working Tools of a Master Mason. They, “enable him with accuracy and precision to determine the limits and proportions of its (the intended structure) several parts... [the Compasses] remind us of [the Almighty Architect’s] unerring and impartial justice, for, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, He will most assuredly reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disregarded His divine commands.”¹

While the Compasses may not be one of the working tools, it does remind us of our obligations, of our Masonic beliefs, and of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. This makes it a really hard-working tool indeed.

¹ Maclean, John, Logic Ritual Association, (Lewis Masonic, Rev. Ed. 2016



The *Book of Constitutions*

Right Worshipful William A. Parks Jr.

How many have ever picked up the Grand Lodge of Virginia's *Book of Constitutions* (also known as the *Constitutions of Masonry* and *Ahiman Rezon*) and browsed through it? How many have any idea what is in it? The point here is neither to expound on the history or origins of the *Book* nor on the accuracy of the legend of the *Book*. Instead, we want to discuss its contents and its relevance, and to detail some of the curious and unexpected exhortations to a moral life. And what a curious book the *Book of Constitutions* really is. Sure, it has all the usual material you would expect to find in a constitution: how one becomes a Freemason, the duties of officers, both of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges, how to elect officers and all of the usual detail that lawyers delight in and love to confound us with rules, rules, and more rules of governance. But this *Constitution* has headings like:

- Concerning God and religion.
- Concerning private qualities and duties.
- Of behavior in the Lodge while open.
- Of behavior after the Lodge is closed and before the Brethren depart home.
- Concerning the behavior of Masons in their private character.
- Of behavior behind a Brother's back as well as before his face.
- Concerning differences and law suits, if any should unhappily arise among Brethren.

To some, these headings may sound more like the subjects of sermons than the governing instrument of a Fraternity. But those very headings demonstrate the uniqueness of our Craft. Those very special rules governing our behavior as Freemasons exemplify part of what makes our Fraternity so special.

As we review some of those rules, listen for echoes and expansions of the duties you have assumed under oath in the obligations you took in becoming a Master Mason. You also may want to look inside yourself and measure your own behavior as a Brother against these rules. This is not meant in any negative way, but rather to renew your appreciation of the comprehensive, all encompassing guidance that Masonry provides.

In Chapter I, Section III, we are taught circumspection and told that "[T]he ancient philosophers and wise men (the princes of whom were Masons) were so fully persuaded of the great virtue of secrecy, that it was the first lesson, which they taught their pupils and followers. Thus, in the school of Pythagoras we find it was a rule that every novitiate was to be silent for a time, and refrain from speaking, unless a question was asked of him, to the end that the valuable secrets which he had to communicate might be better preserved and valued."

Chapter I, Section I, teaches us to be religious yet tolerant. "[The Mason] will likewise shun the gross errors of bigotry and superstition; making a due use of

his own reason, according to that liberty wherewith a Mason is made free.... Whence it follows that all Masons are to be good men and true, men of honor and honesty, by whatever religious names or persuasions distinguished; always following that golden precept, of 'doing unto all men as (upon a change of conditions) they would that all men should do unto them.'" In Chapter I, Section III, we are taught moderation. "In regard to himself, whoever would be a Mason should know how to practice all the private virtues. He should avoid all manner of intemperance or excess, which might obstruct all the laudable duties of his Craft, or lead him into crimes which would reflect dishonor on the Ancient Fraternity."

In Chapter II, Section IV, we are taught civility and plain dealing. "Free and Accepted Masons have ever been charged to avoid all manner of slandering and backbiting of true and faithful Brethren, with all malice and unjust resentment, or talking disrespectfully of a Brother's person or performance. Nor must they suffer any others to spread unjust reproaches or calumnies against a Brother behind his back, nor to in-

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jure him in his fortune, occupation, or character; but they shall defend such a Brother, and give him notice of any danger or injury wherewith he may be threatened, to enable him to escape the same, as far as is consistent with honor, prudence, and the safety of religion, morality, and the state, but no further.”

How many of us have always heeded these words about backbiting? Thoughtful reflection on these matters will remind us of our obligations to be courteous and respectful towards each other and of our duties to warn each other of approaching danger. By now, you should be getting the picture that the *Book* contains a great deal of moral guidance, and you also can see how it both adds detail to the various duties and obligations we have undertaken and expands on the manner in which we may fulfill them.

We have heard virtually all of these principles before in different forms, but the *Book* spells out our duties explicitly and memorably: For example, it states in Chapter II, Section III, that, "No private piques, or quarrels about nations, families, religions, or politics, must be brought within the doors of the Lodge, as being directly contrary to the rules already laid down, Masons being declared of the oldest Catholic [that is, 'Universal'] religion, universally acknowledged as such and of all nations, bound to live upon the square, level, and plumb with each other, following the steps of their predecessors in cultivating the peace and harmony of the Lodge, without distinction of sect or political party."

Interestingly, it may surprise you to learn that the *Book of Constitutions* addresses not only the rights and expectations that Master Masons have with respect to each other, but it also addresses those of the prospective candidate. In

Chapter I, Section IV, it states with respect to the candidate: "In the first place, then, you have a right before admission, to desire your friend to show you the warrant or dispensation by which the Lodge is held; which, if genuine, you will find to be an instrument printed or written upon parchment, and signed by some noble Grand Master, his Deputy and Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary, sealed with the Grand Lodge Seal, constituting particular persons (therein named) as Master and Wardens, with full power to congregate and hold a Lodge at such place, and therein 'make and admit Free Masons, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations, throughout the known world; with full power and authority to nominate and choose their successors, etc."

Nor is this all that the prospect is entitled to examine within the doors of the Lodge to which he submits his petition. The *Book* goes on to provide: "You may request a perusal of the by-laws, which being short, you may read in the presence of your friend, or he will read to you, and show you also a list of the members of the Lodge, by which, you will be better able to judge whether you should choose to associate with them, and submit to conform to their rules." Imagine that. Has anyone reading been allowed or invited to see a roll of the Craft before petitioning his Lodge? But the *Constitutions of Masonry* clearly provides that, while we must require of the candidate he be of good report, that the candidate may peruse our list of members to determine the quality of the Brethren, who may ballot on his petition. Did you know it was a two-way street?

Brethren, you are encouraged to take the time to enrich yourself by studying the *Book of Constitutions*. Private study is useful, but it is even better to



Most Worshipful and General Thomas Mathews, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1791-1793; Responsible in 1791 for adoption of Virginia's *Book of Constitutions*.

assign a member of the Lodge to select and present a small part of the *Book* at each stated communication and then have a short discussion about it. Not only does this serve as a reminder of the duties and obligations we all have assumed, it helps us to relate those duties and obligations to current aspects in our daily lives. In this way we may, as we have been urged, maintain the character of a good and true Master Mason and "strengthen our efforts towards perfection, while growing in the wisdom that complete perfection is ultimately unattainable."

EDITORS NOTE: The *Presentation Volume* of the Grand Lodge of Virginia begins with the *Book of Constitutions*, on page 1 continuing through page 39. It has withstood the rigors of the world since 1791, having aged with dignity most gracefully on behalf of the Craft.

Worshipful Jason C. Trenary

When given the opportunity to expound on the infinite details surrounding the links between new membership and Freemasonry, some Brethren are quick to regurgitate the adages of, “To Be One Ask One” or “You have Always Got to Guard the West Gate.” In truth, these elevator speech statements help us to quickly ground a bearing on who should not become a Freemason. They also specify and teach that process of how a man seeks his own admittance, but these declarations fail to touch on the other side of the story. What about those family members, friends, mentors, or co-workers who helped to guide that man into asking about being a Freemason? What about his petition signers? Have you ever wondered what the true impact of signing just one Symbolic Lodge petition could make on the future of Freemasonry? To be honest, I had not either until I heard the story of Coach, which involves Worshipful Fred D. Bentzel, a manager at a quarry that crushed stone into gravel, and Worshipful James M. Massie, a dispatcher for a trucking company. These two humble Masons may have been overlooked and perhaps forgotten in time, but here I am, writing their names fifty-eight years later with reverence and respect. Their enduring influence and legacy on Freemasonry came by way of the young man, Coach, when they decided to sign his petition back in 1960. Amazingly, that influence continues to this day.

Coach was just fourteen and living in Richmond, Virginia, the day his father, Forrest, came home from work at the C&P Telephone Company with a pamphlet about the post-war restructuring of John Moncure Chapter of DeMolay International. Forrest was not then a Freemason, but he saw this Masonic organization as an opportunity for his son to grow and mature as a young man. It

was 1945, and World War II had finally ended. The city streets were beginning to reawaken to social and civic life. Coach was one of the fifty or so boys, who jumped at the chance to join. He was welcomed without being voted in, but it was known early on that something was very different about him. He was blessed with a keen memory and gifted at ritual. He was a natural leader and quickly became involved in the Virginia State Association beyond his local Chapter of DeMolay International.

At the age of sixteen, he had achieved the highest honor bestowed by DeMolay International, the Chevalier Award. He also had the privilege of forming an early friendship with Most Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr. (1949), who was also a native of Richmond. Young Coach was asked by Most Worshipful Brother Smith to assist in establishing and advising the Fork Union Chapter of DeMolay International that same year in Fork Union, Virginia.

In 1948, Coach's attention turned towards earning a Degree in Pharmacy. He dated and married the daughter of Frank Brown, who worked at the pickle packing plant and then as a taxi dispatcher in town, and whom he had known since his first day in Kindergarten. He began his path toward a career job at People's Drug Store in 1949, while studying in college and was moved from Richmond to Fredericksburg a few short years later. As fate would have it, that short stint in Fredericksburg would give way to a move to Winchester, Virginia, after Coach graduated and became employed with People's Drug Store as a pharmacist in 1952. Around the same time, Fred Bentzel and James Massie were appointed as a DeMolay advisory council for Worshipful Phillip Hunter, and they were looking to start up a Chapter of DeMolay for their sons at

Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21. The two Masons eventually contacted the Masonic leader of DeMolay in Virginia, Most Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr., for help on how to get a Chapter started. He in turn, promptly connected them to the young man he had known previously in Richmond, nicknamed Coach by his wife, who had a knack for ritual and had already been an advisor to several DeMolay Chapters across the state. He was conveniently located in Winchester. Brothers Bentzel and Massie worked with Coach to form C. Vernon Eddy Chapter of DeMolay. The two men were impressed with Coach's work ethic and talent. They talked with him about Freemasonry at almost every DeMolay Chapter meeting they attended. They listened intently to his questions and discussed his reservations. Once his work became steady and his family grew to include his wife and three sons, Coach took advantage of that opportunity to join the Craft in 1960, at the age of thirty. He requested Brothers Bentzel and Massie retrieve and sign a petition for him. He knocked, and the door was opened to him. Sadly, Brother Bentzel would lay down his working tools while he was Senior Warden in 1962. Just two short years later, Brother Massie would eventually see Coach pass him in line, he became Master in 1968, the year of the Winchester Hiram Lodge's 200th Anniversary.

After receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree, Coach taught the Entered Apprentice Catechism to a Brother, who entered the same night he did. He received his Fellowcraft Degree and returned his Fellowcraft Catechism seven days later and within a month, he was a Master Mason. Coach would go on to become the Master of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 in 1967. He would

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win the Outstanding Lodge Award for his labors that year and founded the third District Masters and Wardens Club Dinner, which is still enjoyed today. Eight years later he would be appointed as District Deputy Grand Master. He would remain the Scribe and Treasurer for the State Association of DeMolay International for twenty-two years (1960-1982). He would remain in the Treasurer's office three more years until 1985. In 1990, he would be appointed as the Grand Purveyor by Most Worshipful George William Farley and was appointed as the District Instructor of Work for the district that same year. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Work in 1999 and was elected Master of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, again in 2002. He is credited with starting the Masonic Teddy Bear charity at Winchester and

has taught the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Degree Catechisms to over two hundred and fifty Freemasons. He has provided over five hundred post-degree lectures. He has served as a mentor to every Master, who has followed him in the past fifty-one years. Coach inspired his father, Forrest, and Brother, Forrest Jr., to become Freemasons and all three of his sons are Life Member In Perpetuity Program (LMIP) Freemasons at Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21. He too is an LMIP.

It is truly difficult to think about the success of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 in the past half century without thinking about Right Worshipful Lokie Leo Voight, or the Coach. His sincere dedication to the Craft is almost without equal, and he has left an indelible mark on Freemasonry as we know it in the fifty-eight years he has been a mem-

ber among us. It is astounding to think about the influence he has had on all of us and interesting to ponder the fact that it all began way back in 1944. It is also thought-provoking to consider the choices of just two or three men made the difference in his life so that he could make such a difference in all of ours. That's the power of driving membership in Freemasonry.

Contemplate these thoughts the next time an opportunity arrives where you can light the path for another man to come behind you or learn from you. Welcome the chance to sign a petition for a qualified man to become our Brother. The members of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 would be living in a different world today if Brothers Bentzel and Massie would not have taken that chance back in 1960, and we may have never known Right Worshipful Lokie Leo Voight, the Coach.

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Awards and Events

Brother Greg M. Walker

The Brethren of the Lodges of Hamilton-Thompson No. 37, Olive Branch No. 114, Freedom No. 118, Herndon No. 264, and Ashburn-Sterling No. 288, all joined to help with the American Diabetes Association 2018 NOVA Tour de Cure.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has invested more than \$700 million in research and provided funding for more than forty-five hundred research projects since it began. The ADA advocacy team helps thousands facing discrimination and protects the rights of children with diabetes to have the care they need in school.

The Tour de Cure is the premier fundraising campaign of the American Diabetes Association with cycling, running, and walking options. The campaign also helps the community to come together to learn more about diabetes, healthy living, and how to support people with diabetes.

Participants (riders, runners, and walkers) in the NOVA Tour de Cure raised a minimum of two hundred and



fifty dollars each to support the American Diabetes Association. The Tour kicked off at 6:00 AM from the Reston Town Center. Participants had a choice of five routes with varying distances of 106 miles, 55 miles, 35 miles, 20 miles and a 5K Run/Walk route.

The Brethren of 2019 Masonic District 2 manned five refreshment stations along the various routes. With each

Lodge in charge of its own station. The Lodges supplied the manpower, all materials were supplied by the ADA. Lodges were encouraged to hang Masonic banners at the rest stops and volunteering Brethren were encouraged to wear their Masonic gear. According to Brethren manning the various stations, a couple of people on the trail did inquire about Freemasonry.



Worshipful Alfred L. Glaeser, III, of Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 219, awarded Art Blakey of the Hollin Hall Barbershop the Community

Builders Award for his over fifty years of service to the families of the Mount Vernon area. Blakey has cut the hair and dispensed wisdom and sports talk with fathers, who became grandfathers, and their sons, who are now bringing their sons in for haircuts. No politics or religion spoken here, just sports and local news while listening to the golden oldies.

"I have never met a bad young man while cutting hair here. That says something about the families who live here," said Blakey of his Mount Vernon customers.



L-R: Rt. Wor. James T. Ragsdale Jr., Wor. Emmett G. Dalton, Bro. Tommie W. Edwards (seated), Wor Danny G. Rowles, Wor Thomas W. Andrews.

Brother Tommie Wilbur Edwards of Gretna, Virginia, received his 70-Year Masonic Veterans Award during a ceremony in his home presented by Right Worshipful James T. Ragsdale, Jr. of Carter Lodge No. 323.

The tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with use.

Washington Irving

Masons Appreciation for First Responders

Brother Clayton Mitchell and his wife Anita, Brother Ken R. Sheesley, Mrs. Jennifer Galyon, Mr. Jerome Walker, and Right Worshipful Grant P. Routzohn held the fourth Annual First Responders Cookout for Fort Belvoir First Responders. The First Responders look forward to this annual event. Each year, we have more First Responders participate. This year, we fed approximately eighty First Responders. Right Worshipful Brother Routzohn presented Fire Chief Crutcher with one of his firemen's pens in appreciation of the service and dedication they perform. We look forward to the fifth annual cookout.

Lodges in Masonic District 10 in Louisa County, Day Lodge No. 58, Murray Lodge No. 175, Waddell Lodge



No. 228, Mineral Lodge No. 311 and Cabell Lodge No. 328, held the first First Responders Appreciation Cookout at the main fire station in Louisa. This was the seventeenth anniversary of that tragic day when the United States was struck with terror. Masons from all over Louisa County came together to prepare and serve a great meal to the First Responders of Louisa County; Fire, Sheriff, and Police Departments. The event was attended by Sheriff Ashland Fortune, Right Worshipful Grant

P. Routzohn (event organizer), Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor (2018), Chief Keith Greene, Chief Kris Hawk and Chief Michael Schlemmer. The Masons wanted the First Responders to know they are truly appreciated for what they do, putting their lives on the line each and every day for the people of Louisa County and the United States of America. The Masons of Louisa County plan on making this an annual event.



Fredericksburg

Over the past two years, twenty-six Master Masons have been raised in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. Along with the raisings, there has been an interest in learning ritual. In 2017, members began meeting Saturday mornings to learn the Master Mason's Catechisms. The first two Brethren who received their certificates inspired others to follow. In all, eight Brethren earned their Master Mason's certificates in 2018: Brothers Richard Fisher, Joe Gilkerson, Jamie Snyder, Chuck Dirienzo, Stan Kennedy, Nick Gilchrist (a North Carolina courtesy candidate), Pat McConnell, and Bob Waslov.

Part of this success is attributable to three highly-skilled ritualists affiliating with Fredericksburg Lodge: Worshipful David A. Bennett, Worshipful Barry A. Mensh, and Worshipful L. Warren West. Worshipful Brother Bennett conducts a weekly ritual class that improved ritual


proficiency. These classes created enthusiasm for ritual that contributed to the number of Brethren earning Master Mason's certificates. All line officers have earned their Catechism Proficiency Certificates from the Grand Lodge and most have their Warden's Certificates.

Worshipful Brother Bennett, renewed, and Brother Christopher Tripp, received, their gold cards.

Those Saturday classes led to a resurgence in Masonic education. Worshipful Brother Bennett and Worshipful Brother Mensh have resurrected the Master


Craftsman Program from Springfield Lodge. No. 217, as the Master Artisan's Guild, whose focus is to get the Brethren involved in ritual, Lodge, community, and charity, etc.

Our Lodge is benefiting from an active membership and is proud so many are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to dedicate their efforts to engage, teach, and befriend other members.



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Masonic Awards and Recognition



Worshipful Alfred L. Glaeser, III, of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219, awarded Dr. Douglas Bradburn, President and CEO of Mount Vernon, the Masonic Community Builders Award to recognize his significant contributions to the Mount Vernon community over the past five years.

Dr. Bradburn, a noted American history scholar, became the Founding Director of Mount Vernon's Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington in 2013. The library has not only served as a tremendous addition to our local community, it has also served our nation in its outreach and education to all who seek information and history surrounding our first President. On January 1, 2018, Dr. Bradburn assumed his current role as President and CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon, the iconic bedrock of our community and one of the most notable historic landmarks of our nation.



Seated L-R: Rt. Wor. Gerald Elks and Rt. Wor. Sam Butler. Second L-R: Rt. Wor. Tony Lane, Rt. Wor. Dwight Hazard, Rt. Wor. Jim Hart, Rt. Wor. Greg Jackson and Rt. Wor. Billy Allmond. Back L-R: Rt. Wor. Joel Bradshaw, Rt. Wor. Paul Davis, Rt. Wor. Jim Friis, Rt. Wor. Gardner Rollins, and Rt. Wor. Andy Bailey.

Plans that began to redistrict several of the districts in Virginia have recently come to light and Masonic District 32 has been closed, with all of the Lodges in the 32nd District to become a part of District 31. The four Lodges affected are Wakefield, Courtland, Franklin, and Boykins. Effective for the 2018-2019, these Lodges will join the other Lodges in District 31. In honor of the living District Deputy Grand Masters of District 32, these District Deputy Grand Masters were in attendance at Franklin's stated meeting for a final group picture.



L-R: Wor. Tommy Williams, Wor. Charles Willis, Jr., Mt. Wor. Richard Townes, Wor. Larry Lehman, L-R back: Bro. Alden Fahringer, Wor. Charles Willis, Sr., Bro. David Wilson, and Wor. Matt Duke.

Chase City Lodge No. 119 was honored with a visit from Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, at their stated communication.

Most Worshipful Brother Townes spoke with the Brethren about his journey in Freemasonry, about Freemasonry in general, and his desire to see more visitation between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia going forward.

There were thirty-nine Companions on which to confer the degrees. Present were also three Past Grand High Priests of Virginia: Most Excellent Joe G. Broce, Most Excellent James A. Fields, and Most Excellent Danny L. Bowman. The Grand Chapter Officers in attendance were Right Excellent Bill Owens and Right Excellent Jim Nunn.

The Royal Arch Masonry charitable mission, beyond development and growth, is to support the Alzheimer's Association across the Commonwealth of Virginia. If you happen to see a group of guys all wearing red jackets, or something bearing the Triple Tau of the Royal Arch raising money, remember the charity they are benefiting.



Pearisburg Royal Arch Chapter No. 29 hosted a Festival for the Royal Arch Masons to initiate twenty-four candidates as new Companions. Representatives from Alleghany No. 24, Barrett No. 76, E. H. Gill No. 50, Galax No. 87, Lynchburg No. 10, Marion No. 54, O'Keeffe No. 26, W. G. Bottimore No. 28, and Waynesboro Union No. 2 were present.

Recognition



L-R: Rt. Wor. Stroock and Mt. Wor. Gary W. Taylor

At Virginia May Lodge No. 38, Right Worshipful Donald F. Stroock was awarded the prestigious Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence by Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor (2018). Forty Brothers from three districts attended to see Right Worshipful Brother Stroock receive this award. It was noted that Right Worshipful Brother Stroock served as Division Lecturer on the Committee on Work for sixteen years before stepping down due to health reasons.



L-R: Mt. Wor. Gary Wallace Taylor and Bro. Donald K. Flinchum.

Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor (2018) presenting Brother Donald K. Flinchum with his 50-Year Masonic Veterans certificate at his home in Wytheville along with Right Worshipful Warren D. Nuckols, and Right Worshipful Jack Quesenberry, of Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82. Brother Flinchum was raised a Master Mason on September 30, 1968.

Teddy Bear Program

Right Worshipful Lokie L. Voight

Serving the community is one of the hall marks of Freemasonry as “everyone has a claim upon our kind officers.” Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 has demonstrated their response to this claim through the Teddy Bear program. Who more than a child has a claim on our Fraternity? The *Holy Book* upon our altars declares we are to defend and support the widow and orphan. A child in distress has a great claim on our compassion. Talk with any first responder, and they will tell you having the teddy bear, something snugly and cuddly, that is the child’s own, does wonders in relieving their stress. By comforting a child, the parent is comforted as well. To a child, these are a security blanket in frightening circumstances This service extends to hospitals and clinics as well. When a child is in need, all know “Masons care,” which is printed on the shirt the teddy bear wears. The Teddy Bear Program, started in 2002 at Winchester Hiram Lodge, has served the communities by supplying one thousand five hundred and twenty-eight bears at no cost to the Lodge, with donated

funds. They have been given to children from our Lodge, fourteen fire departments, eight Sheriff, and Police Departments, and two other Masonic Lodges. Also, three Masonic Lodges have started programs of their own following our format. The Widow’s Son Masonic Motorcycle club, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, took fifty of our Bears to the Sheriff’s Office in West Virginia. The Bears rode on the bikes. The Sheriff had the television mobile unit meet the motorcycles as they crossed the border into West Virginia, and followed the unit to the Sheriff, taking television coverage as they traveled. He greeted them and accepted the bears.

The service provided by the Lodge has been recognized by the Martinsburg newspaper and Hagerstown television. Lodges in the surrounding area have reached out to the Lodge to ask for guidance in starting the program. If you have any questions or wish to pursue this program, please e-mail me at lokievoight@comcast.net or call 540-662-3183(home) or 540-327-3183(cell).

Before the December stated communication of the Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91, a presentation to Brother Robert L. Snead of his 50-Year Masonic Veterans Emblem was conducted.

A special gift of the Lewis Jewel was also made to Brother Snead from his son Keith, who is a Past Master of Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201.

Brother Snead who still resides in South Boston, Virginia, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September 1968.



L-R: Rt. Wor. John W. Ball, Wor. Keith R. Snead, Wor. Greg D. Hazelwood, Bro. Robert L. Snead, and Rt. Wor. Odie G. Lewis.

The most important critic is time.
Anonymous

Right Worshipful John Dove

1792-1876

Right Worshipful John Dove, 1792-1876, served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for forty-one years, the Grand Chapter for fifty-eight years and the Grand Commandery for thirty-one years. A bust of Right Worshipful Dove, by Edward V. Valentine, was presented to Dove Lodge No. 51 in 1872. Dove Lodge No. 51 merged with Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 March 14, 1996. The portrait of Right Worshipful Brother Dove resided in Metropolitan's Lodge room at the Scottish Rite Temple, Richmond, Virginia, until October 13, 2018, Masonic Home Family Day, when it was presented to Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 2005, and President of the Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum of Virginia, Inc. This portrait will be placed in the "Hall of Grand Secretaries" at the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



L-R: Rt. Wor. George W. Thomas, Jr., Mrs. Marie M. Barnett, Wor. Richard C. Kidd, Mt. Wor. Reese E. Carroll, Jr. (2015), Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook (2017), Mt. Wor. James E. Litten (2016), Mt. Wor. John R. Quinley (2005), Wor. Robert E. Cook, and Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins (1997).

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George Washington's
Rules for Freemasons in
Life and Lodge
Worshipful
Mark A. Tabbert

Masonic Awards



L-R: Bro. Tommy D. Livesay, Bro. Bill L. Carter, Bro. Paul S. Salyer, Bro. Jim B. Travis, and Rt. Wor. Larry C. Huff.

Right Worshipful Larry C. Huff attended Preston Lodge No. 47 during its stated communication and was given the privilege of presenting four Brothers their 50-Year Masonic Veterans Awards and pins.



Brother Mike Loveless, Secretary of Martin's Station Lodge No. 88 presented Masonic Scholarships for 2018 to Ashley Clonce and Alex LeMarr at the Thomas Walker High School Awards Ceremony. The scholarships are sponsored by Martins Station Lodge No. 188 and Wynn Lodge No. 221, both of which are in Rose Hill.

Masonic Awards



Wor. Emmett G. Dalton,
Bro. Danny G. Rowles,
Bro. Cyril E. Kramer, and
Rt. Wor. Harry L. Reynolds, II.

Brother Cyril Kramer was presented his 50-Year Masonic Veterans emblem at Anderson Lodge No. 258.



L-R: Bro. Montie R. Marshall,
Bro. Bryson D. Marshall, and
Bro. Robert E. L. Marshall.

Three generations of Masons at Suthers Lodge No. 259, Brother Montie Robert Marshall-father, Bryson Daniel Marshall-son, and Brother Robert E. Lee Marshall-grandfather.



Bro. Birg E. Sergent,
Bro. J. Marvin Bartley,
Bro. Jimmy V. Smallwood,
Rt. Wor. William C. Moses, and
Wor. Renfro B. Howard.

Brother Marvin Bartley of Miles Lodge No. 165 received his 60-Year Veteran Award. Worshipful Renfro Howard made the presentation.



L-R: Wor. William J. White,
Rt. Wor. Masquefa,
Mt. Wor. Jerome N'goua Bekale,
and Wor. Dan Goodwin.

Brethren from Gabon, West Africa, visited Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, their sister Lodge. Attending the called communication to pass Brother Gafar Matturin Igue, George Washington No. 21, Libreville, to the Fellowcraft Degree were Worshipful William J. White,

Right Worshipful Masquefa, Most Worshipful Jerome N'goua Bekale, and Worshipful Dan Goodwin.




L-R: Mt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook,
Wor. Guy P. Richardson,
Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins, and
Mrs. Sarah Richardson.

Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook (2017) presented Worshipful Guy P. Richardson (center) his 70-Year Masonic Veterans Award at the January 7, 2019, stated communication. Worshipful Brother Richardson was raised in Intermont Lodge No. 269 on January 7, 1949, and affiliated with Westhampton Lodge No. 302 in 1958 and served as its Worshipful Master in 2007. Brother Richardson's wife, Sarah placed the pin on his lapel. Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) and Most Worshipful Frederick G. Martin, III (2003) served on the presentation committee.



Right Worshipful Thomas Dudley Meyers received his 70-Year Veterans Award from the members of Ruth Lodge No. 89, on the day he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 11, Veterans Day.



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| Wor. William Terry Nelson | Atlantic Lodge No. 2 | Wor. William Otis Sydnor | Westmoreland Lodge No. 212 |
| Bro. Leslie Albert Dickerson | Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 | Bro. Charles Robert Wallace | Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| Bro. Avis Clifton Koontz | Staunton Lodge No. 13 | Wor. Kenneth Barton Franklin | Pocahontas Lodge No. 240 |
| Bro. John August Anderson | Manchester Lodge No. 14 | Bro. Joseph Henry Schaffer | Bremond Lodge No. 241 |
| Bro. Samuel Newcomb Kirkland, Jr. | Petersburg Lodge No. 15 | Wor. Lawrence F. Richardson, Jr. | Bremond Lodge No. 241 |
| Bro. William Lawrence Broockschmidt | Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 | Bro. Arlie Andrew Corbett, Jr. | Boone Lodge No. 247 |
| Wor. Robert Davis Caldwell | Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 | Bro. Ronald L. Barrett | Lebanon Lodge No. 251 |
| Bro. Robert Joseph Donnelly | Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 | Bro. Dennis Hugh Casteel | Clinchfield Lodge No. 256 |
| Bro. Nicholas Richard Beltrante | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 | Bro. Charles Robert Warren, Jr. | Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 |
| Bro. Donald Smith Kenney | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 | Wor. Charles Donald Thompson | Intermont Lodge No. 269 |
| Bro. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr. | Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 | Bro. Roy Tune Trent | French Lodge No. 270 |
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| Bro. Richard Lee Allgood, Jr. | Suffolk Lodge No. 30 | Bro. James Matthew McDonald | Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274 |
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| Bro. Stephen Allen Hone | Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42 | Bro. Marvin Christopher Neal, Jr. | Dupont Lodge No. 289 |
| Bro. Raymond Marvin Clifton | Doric Lodge No. 44 | Bro. James William Van Luven | Hay Market Lodge No. 313 |
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| Bro. George Russell King | Melrose Lodge No. 139 | Wor. Robert William Montgomery | McDaniel Lodge No. 86 |
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| Bro. Delmas Elmore Keith | Fidelity Lodge No. 173 | Bro. Reuben Mathias Leonard | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Wor. George Edwin Odle | Fidelity Lodge No. 173 | Bro. Everett Lee Nelson | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Bro. Fredrick Nelson Boalt | Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 | Bro. Charles Carroll Phillips, Jr. | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Bro. Grover Joshua Swain | Manasseh Lodge No. 182 | Bro. Robert Lee Travers | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Wor. Bennett R. Hart | Manasseh Lodge No. 182 | Bro. Harold Arthur Scott | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Bro. John Thomas Janeway | Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 | Bro. Marvin Eugene Wilke | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
| Bro. Charles Edward Overman | Western Branch Lodge No. 189 | Bro. Gene Edsel Yoho | Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 |
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| Bro. Edwin Allen Murray | Lakeland Lodge No. 190 | Bro. George William Stephens | Dinwiddie Lodge No. 136 |
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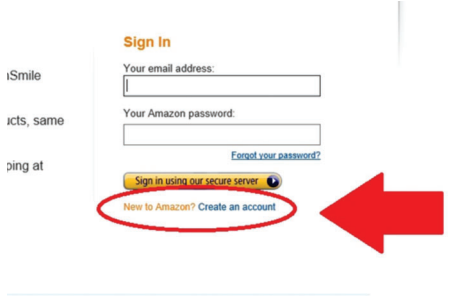
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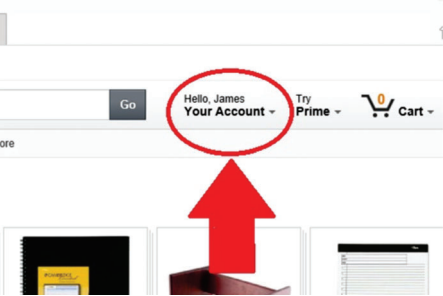
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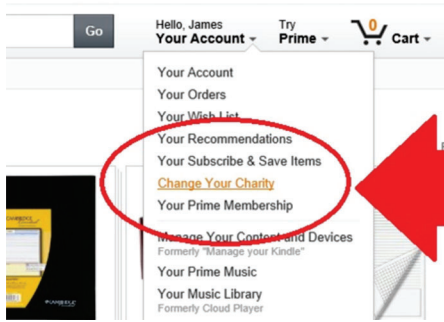
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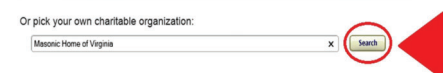
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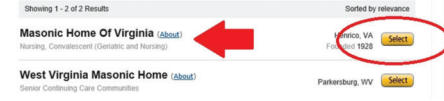
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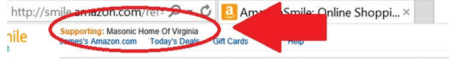
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The Morlock and Stokes Awards Explained!

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton

The Masonic Home's hardworking Ambassadors frequently make presentations in Lodges and other settings in which they discuss the Morlock and Stokes Awards. Several dozen of these awards are presented annually, and each is intended to honor Lodges in which the generosity of their membership is at an exemplary level.

The Morlock Award was created in 1997 in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock (1993-94). The Award is given in recognition of the generosity of the members of the Lodge for giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Only the Lodges in Virginia with a certain participation level of members donating are eligible to receive this Award.

In an effort to assist with the Morlock Award, each year the District and Lodge Ambassadors challenge Brethren to make a \$5 gift to the Masonic Home. Of course, many give a lot more than \$5, but the \$5 level is a "magic number"

when it comes to earning this Award. This donation represents a meaningful gift when added with all the other Morlock donations and is an obvious indication the Lodge Brethren support the Masonic Home.

Lodges in which 15% or more of their members donate at least \$5 to the Home will receive the Morlock Award. In 2018, one hundred and five Lodges across the state earned this award. Several Lodges have won this award for many years, as represented by the familiar plaques proudly displayed in a prominent location in the Lodge.

Additionally, a second award, named in honor of Most Worshipful John Powers Stokes, Grand Master (1963) and later Grand Secretary, is available to qualifying Lodges. The Stokes Award is not based on individual giving, but rather on the total dollars received from the members of a Lodge, including estate or bequest gifts, fundraising activities, or any other source re-

lated to the Lodge. To be eligible for the Stokes Award, the total of all gifts must equal or exceed \$25 times the number of Lodge members on the roll, whether given by one person or a group. For example, a Lodge with forty members must have total gifts of \$1,000 to the Masonic Home to qualify. ($\$25 \times 40 \text{ members} = \$1,000$)

Of course, Masons may also be recognized for more significant individual gifts with individual plaques or naming opportunities on our campus. Regardless of the type or amount of gift, all donations are appreciated and acknowledged.

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| April | | |
| 4/1 | Frances Gillie | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 4/1 | Nancy Martin | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |
| 4/4 | John Carpenter | Meridian Lodge No. 284 |
| 4/4 | Elizabeth Payne | Joppa Lodge No. 40 |
| 4/4 | Thelma Sturgis | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 4/7 | Frances Bailey | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 4/8 | Clifford Grotz | Blandford Lodge No. 3 |
| 4/8 | Thomas Kaufman | Churchland Lodge No. 276 |
| 4/13 | Miriam Bew | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 4/17 | Juliet Burton | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 4/18 | Lillie Sykes | Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 |
| 4/24 | Mary Colgin | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 4/27 | Craig Sykes | Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 |
| 4/28 | Helen Payne | Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 |
| May | | |
| 5/1 | Seymour Kern | Covington Lodge No. 171 |
| 5/1 | Brenda Kerrick | Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133 |
| 5/1 | Edward Swansey | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 5/2 | Mary Brooks | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |
| 5/2 | Bessilee Clay | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 5/3 | Alice Bond | King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 |
| 5/4 | Ruth Blunt | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 5/8 | Lettie Muncy | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 5/10 | John Martin | Oriental Lodge No. 20 |
| 5/11 | Mildred Milby | West Point Lodge No. 238 |
| 5/12 | Sue Grizzard | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 5/13 | Robert Hall | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| 5/16 | Valerie Hall | Ashland Lodge No. 168 |
| 5/19 | Evelyn Holliday | Norview Lodge No. 113 |
| 5/19 | Anne Winder | Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 |
| 5/22 | Cleveland "C.G." Grizzard | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 5/22 | Joseph Hogge | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 5/22 | David Jenkins | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 5/24 | Charles Hinkle | Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| 5/25 | Ann Spain | Southside Lodge No. 191 |
| 5/30 | Gardner Rollings | Wakefield Lodge No. 198 |
| 5/31 | Bernard Colgin | Varina Lodge No. 272 |
| June | | |
| 6/1 | Ersell Brinser | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 6/2 | Shirley Armistead | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 6/3 | Penelope Cowne | Manasseh Lodge No. 182 |
| 6/4 | Mildred Ammons | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 6/8 | Novella McDonough | Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 |
| 6/8 | Mary "Molly" Perdue | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 6/9 | Albert Knapp | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |
| 6/11 | Gordon Kirby | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 6/12 | Bernard Blunt | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 6/16 | Ernest Kersey | Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 |
| 6/16 | Richard Peroe | Northside Lodge No. 292 |
| 6/21 | Virginia Lancaster | Temple Lodge No. 9 |
| 6/23 | Catherine Murray | Urbanna Lodge No. 83 |
| 6/23 | Dolores Reinhold | Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 |
| 6/27 | Anna Sherrod | Northside Lodge No. 292 |
| 6/28 | Rebecca Lenhart | Chase City Lodge No. 119 |
| 6/30 | Deborah Sanford | Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 |

Resident Anniversaries

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| April | | |
| 4/18/1953 | Theodore and Beatrice Holm | Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 |
| 4/22/1950 | Joseph and Barbara Hogge | Warwick Lodge No. 336 |
| 4/27/1946 | Robert and Gloria Hall | Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345 |
| May | | |
| 5/16/1961 | Albert and Jean Knapp | Richmond Lodge No. 10 |
| 5/21/1955 | John and Betty Long | Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 |
| 5/22/1998 | David Jenkins | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 5/22/1998 | Evelyn Harding | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| June | | |
| 6/1/1947 | Bernard and Ruth Blunt | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 6/2/1951 | Richard and Mary Lee Peroe | Northside Lodge No. 292 |
| 6/2/1973 | Steven and Deborah Sanford | Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 |
| 6/8/1963 | Richard and Linda Dudley | St. John's Lodge No. 36 |
| 6/10/1961 | Ed and Paula Swansey | Manchester Lodge No. 14 |
| 6/15/1963 | Donald and Emily Carver | Varina Lodge No. 272 |
| 6/20/1959 | Charles and Althea Hinson | Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 |
| 6/22/1963 | Cleveland and Sue Grizzard | Westhampton Lodge No. 302 |
| 6/26/1948 | McClellan and Betty Burgess | Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 |
| 6/30/1956 | Blaine and Rebecca Lenhart | Chase City Lodge No. 119 |

New Resident

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
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| November | | |
| 11/12/2018 | Phillip Cash | Army and Navy Lodge No. 306 |
| December | | |
| 12/18/2018 | Margaret Barton | Wytheville Lodge No. 82 |
| 12/19/2018 | Charles Hinkle | Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| 12/19/2018 | Cathy Hinkle | Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 219 |
| January - 2019 | | |
| 1/2/2019 | Sandra Young | Sandston Lodge No. 216 |
| 1/29/2019 | Carter Bell | Arlington Lodge No. 102 |
| 1/29/2019 | Oza Bell | Arlington Lodge No. 102 |

Resident Deaths

| Date | Resident Name | Lodge Name |
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| November | | |
| 11/8/2018 | James Mitchell | Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298 |
| 11/9/2018 | Herbert Chappell | Babcock Lodge No. 322 |
| 11/11/2018 | Robert Colby | Victoria Lodge No. 304 |
| December | | |
| 12/10/2018 | Irene King | Virginia Lodge No. 177 |
| 12/13/2018 | Archer Garland | Mann Page Lodge No. 157 |
| January - 2019 | | |
| 1/4/2019 | Kenneth Morton | Burke Lodge No. 147 |
| 1/23/2019 | Mary Clements | Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 |

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Residents enjoy the Christmas Pageant program.



Christmas Pageant participants.



MAHOVA Quartet performing for the Care Center.



Residents enjoy Hors d'oeuvre Hour prior to Candlelight Dinner.



Tree Lighting Ceremony with Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr.



Resident Ned Jones working on a gift for his daughters.



Resident Dolores Ridings working on her embroidery.



Residents Bob Gadoury and Pat Graves waiting for Candlelight Dinner.



Morrison's Teaching Kitchen event.

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