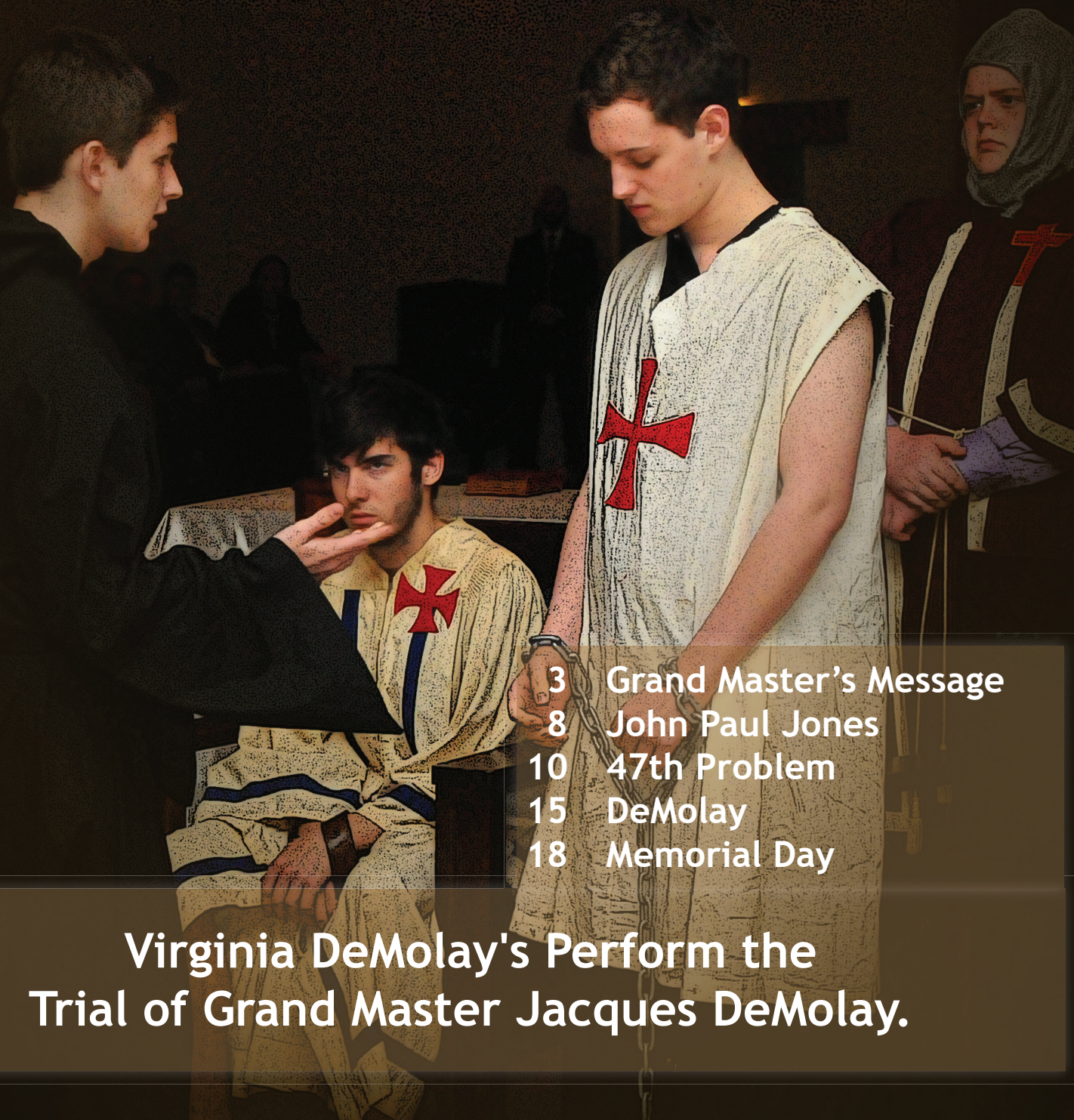




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 In the Spring issue of the *Virginia Masonic Herald*, an article, pages 10-11, was attributed in error to Right Worshipful Joel T. Bundy. The rightful author is Worshipful Christopher W. Douglas.  
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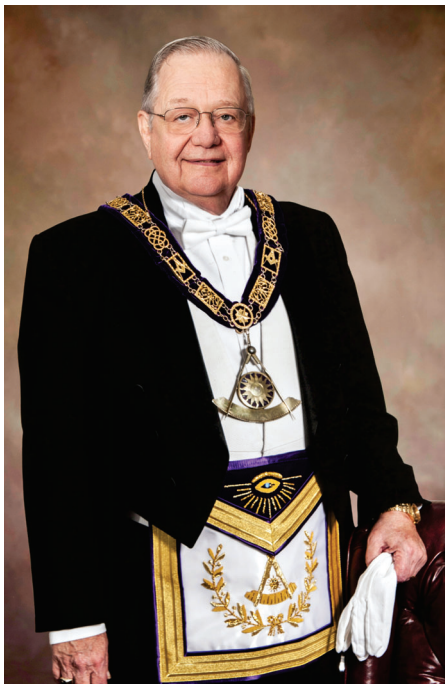
## The Grand Master's Message

Brethren – Greetings and Best Wishes,

There are so many good things I want to share with you, I hardly know where to begin. While traveling around this great state, I am convinced that the spirit of Freemasonry is alive and well. As I visit Lodges and attend the District Visits, I am grateful for all of the good work being done. There is much good news, and I want to share just a few items with you.

The Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual – By now your Lodge should have received correspondence from the Committee on Work providing information about how the Lodges can attend and support the event. Reid James Simmons served as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for nineteen years, up until 1993, when he passed away. He saw service in the Pacific during World War II as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Purple Heart Society, having been wounded three times in combat during his period of service to our country. He was a most distinguished Ritualist, and the Academy is fittingly named in his honor.

This year the Academy will be held at the Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple on August 16-17, 2019. For information, contact your District Instructor of Work for details and information regarding how one can make reservations. As many of you know, I am doing my best to promote the ritual and ritual proficiency. I am sure some to whom I have had an opportunity to speak have heard me say that I believe, “If we cannot promote and live the tenets of Freemasonry in our communities through the characterization of our ritual, then we are not a Masonic Lodge, we are a Masonic Club.” I think there is no better place to learn and understand our ritual than at the Academy. I encourage all who can to take advantage of this opportunity and attend.



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

Lodge and District Visits – By the time this edition of the Herald arrives in your mailbox, I will have completed a substantial number of my District Visits, and I can state that these visits have been very gratifying experiences for Lady Michele and myself. We have been blessed to meet and greet so many wonderful Brethren and their ladies. It is not really possible to express how welcoming and kind the Brethren and their ladies have been to us. Based upon the hard work of the District Deputies and our youth leaders, a number of the visits saw the attendance of our Masonic Youth at these District Visits. The youth have been present assisting with visit preparations, including making presentations and being part of the presentation of the colors. I could go on, but I am sure you get what I am talking about.

A number of the districts have presented me with donations for the Masonic Home and the Masonic Home Outreach Program. I want to say a special thank you to those Lodges that have

made donations to the Home at the time of my Visit. It is great to see the Masonic Family pulling together to promote Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

At my Lodge visits, Brethren have seen fit to share some personal stories about their experiences and memories over the years. I have had the opportunity to meet and shake hands with a number of Masonic Veterans and also to make Veteran's presentations. While attending a stated communication at Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166, I met a Brother, who was not only a Masonic Veteran, but he had also recently celebrated his hundredth birthday. He regularly attends Lodge. He told me he lives a short distance to the Lodge and preferred to walk, but the members insisted upon picking him up and driving him to Lodge.

Youth Proclamation – This year I undertook two projects regarding our Masonic Youth. First was the Proclamation designating April as Youth Month. Responses to the Proclamation have been well supported, and I have received emails from Senior Wardens telling me of plans for Youth Programs in 2020, and from District Deputies talking about district-wide gatherings to support the Youth. One Worshipful Master told me the visit of the Youth at his Lodge, “was the most fun he had had at a Lodge meeting since he became a Mason.” Another said, the visit, “opened a side of Masonry that he did not know existed.” In response to all of these comments, I can only say thank you to those Lodges for responding to the Proclamation, inviting the Youth to the Lodges and to the Youth Leaders, who have contributed and dedicated their efforts to what I had hoped to accomplish. I could not have accomplished these results on my own, and my hat goes off to Worshipful Joe Daigle and the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth for pulling this together.

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## The Grand Master's Message

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Youth Commission – Another matter of interest I want to share with you just briefly is the Commission on Youth that I appointed. Under the very capable Chairmanship of Most Worshipful Louis K. Campbell, I appointed a Commission to look at two things. First, what could the Grand Lodge do to work more effectively with the Youth? Secondly, what action could be taken to establish Youth Groups outside of their current geographical confines? It was my observation that except for the Roanoke area, our Youth Groups are organized primarily along the I-95 corridor. The report of the Commission is due the end of June and will be shared with all the Lodges in August.

Grand Lodge Support to Our Lodges – In case you were not able to attend the Division Leadership Conferences (DLCs) this year or perhaps missed some of the topics covered, I want to share a couple of general-interest items with you. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education hosted several very successful DLCs this year and there were several responses from the

attendees indicating the Conferences were both informative and useful. Of interest were the presentations on Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT). If you missed the Conferences, or the SLOT presentations, I encourage you to contact your District Educational Officer for answers.


It is not a secret that some Lodges are contemplating their futures based upon the condition of their Lodge building, a decline in membership, or a lack of income. Several Lodges are in such a situation. Should a Lodge merge with another in their district? After looking at membership and income, should a Lodge consider surrendering its Charter? I hope not, but what is the plan to go forward? At the DLCs, I distributed a tri-fold that Lodges should review to assist them in determining how to approach these issues. The process begins with an unemotional examination of Lodge health. What is the plan?

Looking Forward – With my term as Grand Master better than halfway over, I am looking forward to Lodge Visits, District Visits, and other events in the remaining months of my tenure. Thus

far, in addition to most pleasurable District and Lodge Visits, I have had the honor and privilege of placing wreaths at the tomb of George Washington this past December and February and at the tomb of General Douglas Mac Arthur this past April. An event I am looking forward to in October is laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. I hope to see many of you at my visits to Lodges and the Districts in the remaining months.

Lady Michele and I have very much enjoyed all the courtesies we have been extended to date, and I look forward to the opportunity to shake your hand and to greet many of you in the coming months. I am grateful to all of you for having elected me to serve, and I thank you for your efforts to assist me as I work to spread Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love across the Commonwealth.

Faternally,

  
William "Bill" E. 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

**June**

- 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
- 29 Official Visit, Districts 5 & 6

**July**

- 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, Districts 1A & 1B
- 26 Official Visit, Districts 15A & 15B
- 27 DeMolay Annual Conclave, Newport News

**August**

- 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**

- 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**

- 3 Wreath Laying, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,  
Arlington National Cemetery  
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**

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



# Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2019

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
** 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
<b>Reid James Simmons Academy</b>	<b>Roanoke</b>	<b>August 16 – 17</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
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 – 8^^	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 – 6^^	44, 47
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion^^	Oct. 21 – 3^^	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland^^	Oct. 23 – 25^^	31, 33
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville^^	Oct. 26^^	7, 10

\*\* = Name Change

^^ = Tentative Dates and Location

\*\*\* = New School

^^^ = Not Available

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

## Level?

In our world, we are visual in almost everything we do, certainly within Masonry we have large number of symbols for teaching our tenets, philosophy and our history.

Both the level and the plumb perform the same task but upon different planes.

Levels are not simply to be used for everything being horizontally level. The Romans used levels skewed to mark 'level' for a one degree grade for an aqueduct. There are examples of levels with a hole at the top center and on each of the arms, presumably to be used as a true scale, an item being of the same weight as that upon the other beam.

- Age is brought up on occasion, yet one should meet upon the level, age is not an impediment.
- Education, we have Masons with very little education and those with the top degrees of their field, who is more equal than the other?
- Money is an easy item to measure and find out who is worth more.
- Years in Masonry is another easy item to measure, but does it indicate any specific year we are more or better than one with few years of service?
- Married versus single
- Manager versus laborer
- Master or an Entered Apprentice
- Title or Rank
- Grand Lodge or local Lodge

# Brother Roy Linwood Clark

Right Worshipful David A. Burkus

One of the legends of country music, guitarist and singer Brother Roy Linwood Clark, has died. Clark, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry, was beloved by generations of fans for his work on the TV show *Hee Haw*, which he joined in 1969, acting as joyful co-host for nearly a quarter century. He was eighty-five years old, when he passed on November 15, 2018 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, of complications from pneumonia.

Brother Clark became something of an ambassador for country music, not just in the United States, but internationally, appearing in locales as far-flung as the Soviet Union, where he did a groundbreaking tour in 1976. He also helped turn the Ozark town of Branson, Missouri into an entertainment hot spot for Americans, after opening the Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre there in 1983.

Brother Roy was made a Mason "at sight" by the Grand Master of Oklahoma on December 9, 1987. Afterwards, he affiliated with Jenks Lodge No. 497 in suburban Jenks, Oklahoma, as a "perpetual member." In February 2008, St. Johns Lodge No. 144 (Keysville) made him an Honorary member of their Lodge. He subsequently sought additional Masonic light on his own, pursuing the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine. Illustrious Clark was elevated to the 32° in the Scottish Rite Valley of Tulsa in 1988, invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1997, and coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33° in 2001. In the York Rite, he was exalted in Tulsa Chapter No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, greeted in Tulsa Council No. 22, Cryptic Masons, and knighted in Trinity Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, all in 1990. Akdar Temple, Shriners International, created him a Noble in 1988, and he also belonged to the Royal Order of Jesters.

Brother Clark, born Roy Linwood Clark on April 15, 1933, in Meherrin,



Brother Roy Linwood Clark



"Roy Clark got to the top  
by being a nice guy."

Anonymous

Virginia, he grew up mostly in Washington, D.C., and gained a love of all kinds of music early on. A remarkably talented multi-instrumentalist, Brother Clark started out on the banjo and mandolin. When he was fourteen, he received his first guitar as a Christmas present, and made his first television appearance that same year. First performing alongside his father, he began playing in D.C. bars and clubs, ignoring his schoolwork to the point of dropping out at age fifteen and soon going on tour with the likes of Hank Williams.

He was first invited to the Grand Ole Opry as a teenager after winning a national banjo competition in 1950. While he was first and foremost a country artist, Brother Clark was something of a sage, with facility in rock, jazz, and pop. He became the first country artist to play at the Montreux Jazz Festival and recorded an album with jazz artist Joe Pass in 1994. In the mid-1950s, Clark honed his television chops as a regular on *Country Style*, the D.C., based television show hosted by Jimmy Dean, eventually taking over as host after Dean relocated to New York.

But Brother Clark hit his big break in 1960, when he was invited to Las Vegas to open for country artist Wanda Jackson. After the dissolution of Jackson's band, Clark hired her old manager, who secured him appearances on *The Tonight Show* and *Beverly Hillbillies*. His first album, 1962's *The Lightning Fingers* of Roy Clark, was soon followed by his first hit single, *The Tips of My Fingers*, the next year. In 1969, his song, *Yesterday, When I Was Young* became a hit on both the pop and country music charts; other major hits included, *Come Live with Me* in 1973 and *Somewhere Between Love and Tomorrow*. After seven nominations throughout his career, Brother Clark's recording of *Alabama Jubilee* won a Grammy Award in 1982.

Right Worshipful Charles O. Barclay, Jr

Our Brother, remembered as the founder of the United States Navy in the Revolutionary War, was born in Kirkcudbright, Scotland, on July 6, 1747. He was the fifth of seven children. His name was John Paul, the same as his father, who was a gardener by profession. His oldest brother, William Paul, migrated to Fredericksburg, Virginia, and established a plantation, which was an important point of contact in our country.

John went to sea at age twelve and made his first visit to Fredericksburg before he was thirteen. In 1768, he shipped out on a British merchantman named *John*. On its return to Scotland, both the captain and first mate died, and Jones had to assume command of the vessel. He was twenty-one at the time.

His merchant seaman career ended in 1773, when his brother William died, he inherited the estate in Virginia. It was stipulated in the will that John must assume the name "Jones" to inherit the plantation, he then became John Paul Jones.

It was during this time that he petitioned St. Bernard Lodge No. 3122 at Kirkcudbright and was initiated on November 27, 1770. From then on, Masonry played a great part in Jones' life.

In Virginia, he met many patriots, including George Washington and Patrick Henry, and most importantly, Benjamin Franklin, who later played a very large role in his career and life.

In 1775, after Lexington and Concord, Jones offered his services to the American cause and organized a force that would be able to fight at sea. None existed at that time. The colony had only the militia for fighting on land. The Naval Committee realized they needed a Navy and turned to Jones. Notably, John Hancock, realizing Jones' ability, let him start on planning a Navy.



Captain John Paul Jones Memorial, Washington, D.C.

Jones was placed as number one on the list of lieutenants for the proposed Navy, and he was the first to receive a commission, which came from the hand of John Hancock in Philadelphia.

Jones went to Newport, Rhode Island, and took command of the ship *Providence* on June 14, 1775, setting sail on that date. On this voyage, the *Providence* captured sixteen enemy vessels, destroying eight and sending the others to America as booty. Upon Jones' return to port, he was promoted to Captain, and at the same time, he learned that the British had burned his plantation to the ground.

In 1777, Jones was in Philadelphia, stressing the need for a mission into European waters. On June 14 (June 14 now being Flag Day), the Naval Board passed two resolutions: namely that the flag of the United States would be thirteen red and white stripes and the blue field with thirteen white stars representing a new constellation. The second resolution was that Captain John Paul Jones would assume command of the ship *Ranger*.

Jones was so moved at this that he wrote: "The flag and I are twins. Born at the same hour from the same womb of destiny. We cannot be parted in life or in death. So long as we can float, we shall float together. If we must sink, we shall go down as one."

Jones went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to outfit the *Ranger* and sailed her to France, arriving on December 2, 1777. He arrived at Brest Roads and sailed through the French fleet, receiving the first national salute to the American flag by a foreign power.

During the next few months, he made several voyages, victorious in all, playing havoc with British commerce. In September 1778, Jones turned over command of the *Ranger* to Lieutenant Simpson and took command of a larger ship, *Leduras*, and renamed it *Le Bon Homme Richard*, after fellow Mason Benjamin Franklin. This is the ship that made Jones a legend in the American Navy and in American History.

On August 14, 1779, Jones sailed into the Atlantic with three other ships: *Alliance*, *Pallas*, and *Vengeance*. Jones captured five ships in the next forty days.

On September 23, 1779, he met the British ship, *Serapis*, a forty-four-gun man of war. The battle started at 7 P.M. and raged until 11 P.M. Both ships were severely damaged. A British cannonball took the flagstaff off the *Le Bon Homme Richard*, and the British Captain Pearson asked, "Do I understand that you have struck?" Jones replied, "No, I have just begun to fight." This earned him everlasting fame in the annals of naval history.

It was then that Jones brought his ship close in and lashed her alongside the *Serapis*. He led a boarding party on the deck of the *Serapis* in hand-to-hand fighting.

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# John Paul Jones

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Captain Pearson, seeing the heavy casualties, struck his flag and surrendered to Jones. The Americans had sixty-seven dead and one hundred and six wounded, and the British had eighty-seven dead and one hundred and thirty-five wounded, with thirteen more dying that night. Another casualty was the *Le Bon Homme Richard*: her back was broken and she was taking on water. She sank in the early hours of the morning, proudly flying the flag of the United States. The crew of the *Le Bon Homme Richard* had been transferred to the *Serapis*, made the repairs that they could, and sailed her into the Dutch harbor of Texel on October 3, 1779.

In 1780, John Paul Jones was invited to join the Lodge of Nine Muses in France. Benjamin Franklin had been the Master for two years, the American hero was welcomed with open arms. It was here that the noted sculptor Houdon started the bust of Jones. He had already made the busts of Washington, Franklin, and Voltaire, who had joined



the Lodge at the age of eighty. Jones left France on December 18, 1780, aboard the *Ariel*, arriving in Philadelphia in February 1781. May 1781, he relinquished command of the *Ariel*, and his active service in the Continental Navy. He was appointed special agent to France in 1783, and was instrumental in collecting the prize money due American seamen that had not been paid during the war. In 1787, he received the only gold medal given by Congress to a Navy hero of the Revolutionary War.

In 1788, Empress Catherine of Russia made him a rear admiral in the Russian Navy. Jones commanded the Black Sea fleet and won several engagements fighting the Turks.

After this, Empress Catherine, who was anti-Masonic, learned of his proud membership in the Craft and discharged him with full pay. He returned to France and shortly before his death, retired from her service.

Jones was then an ill man with a heart condition. His last days were quiet, and

he received many visitors. He died on July 18, 1792, from dropsy, pneumonia, and his heart condition. He was buried with full Masonic honors in a lead coffin in a cemetery in Paris.

Our Brother lived a short, but very full life. His life is almost like fiction. In his forty-five years, from a lowly birth, his rise to fame was meteoric. Jones started and virtually made the American Navy. He became a rear admiral in the Russian Navy. His love for the Craft, for liberty, for the United States, and living a life guided by Masonic principles will let him be remembered as John Paul Jones, Mason, Diplomat, Seaman, a man admired by friends and enemies.

However, this is not the end of the story. Some one hundred and thirteen years later our Brother, President Theodore Roosevelt, gave orders that the body of Captain John Paul Jones be returned to the United States across the Atlantic and placed in a crypt at the U. S. Naval Academy, where it now rests.



His original letter written to his Lodge is on display at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

# The 47th Prob

Most Worshipful William Talbott "Terry" Ellison, Jr., (2012)

There are parts of our ritual that have great importance. But despite hearing them many times, we still have only an imperfect understanding of their significance.

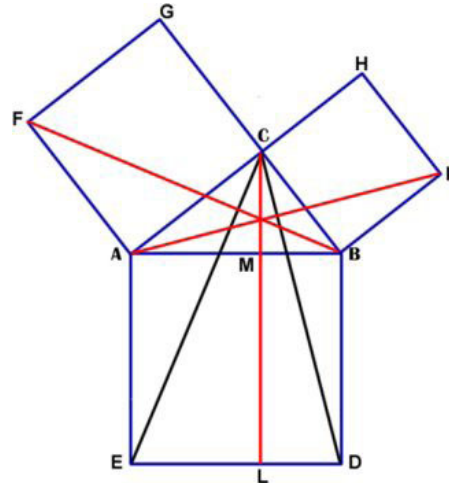
I believe this is particularly the case with the 47th problem of Euclid, which is in the Degree of Master Mason. It probably gets less attention, and certainly less understanding, than all of the symbols and geometric allusions in the Masonic catechism combined. Yet, it contains as much food for thought, and contains as great a truth as any of the other symbols.

Our ritual states:

"The 47th problem of Euclid was an invention of our ancient friend and Brother Pythagoras, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa, and Europe, was initiated into several orders of Priesthood, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things, more especially in geometry, or Masonry. On this subject, he drew out many problems and theorems; and among the most distinguished he originated this, when in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed, 'Eureka,' meaning I have found it; and upon the discovery, is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb."

Now a first point of clarification, and the reason this article is titled, *The 47th Problem of Euclid*, is that while it is generally believed in the mathematic community that Pythagoras "invented" or discovered this problem, it was Euclid, who mathematically proved this proposition.

But what is its great importance? Simply put, the 47th problem is at the root, not only of all geometry, but of most applied mathematics; certainly, all that is essential in surveying, engineering, and astronomy, and in that wide expanse of problems concerned with



finding one unknown from two known factors.

At the close of his first book, Euclid states the 47th problem, and its correlative 48th, as follows:

(47th) In every right-angle triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the square of the two sides ( $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ ).

(48th) If the square described on one of the sides of a triangle be equal to the squares described on the other sides, then the angle contained by these two sides is a right angle.

This sounds more complicated than it is, so let's talk about it in plain English. As Masons, we all know what a square is because our ritual teaches that a square is a right angle, or the fourth part of a circle, or an angle of ninety degrees. And for the benefit of those who may have forgotten, the "hypotenuse" of a right triangle is the triangle's longest side; the side opposite the right angle. Another way of thinking about it is that it is the line that cuts a square into two triangles.

So let us consider that the familiar Masonic square has one arm 6 inches long, and one arm 8 inches long.

If a square is erected on the 6-inch arm, that square will contain square inches to the number of 6 times 6, or 36 square inches.

If the square is erected on the 8-inch arm it will contain square inches to the number of 8 times 8, or 64.

The sum of 36 and 64 is 100 square inches.

According to the 47th problem, the square, which can be erected on the hypotenuse, or line joining the 6 and 8-inch arms of the square, should contain exactly 100 inches. The only square root that can contain 100 square inches has 10-inch sides, since 10, and no other number is the square root of 100,  $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ .

This is "provable," mathematically, but it is also demonstrated with an actual square. You need only lay off a line 6 inches long, at right angles to a line 8 inches long, connect the free ends by a line (the hypotenuse) and measure that line to be convinced, it is indeed, 10 inches long.

And, of course, this works whether, instead of inches, we use any other unit of measurement, feet, meters, miles, or even light years.

OK, so what? Well, it may surprise some of you to know that this theorem has a very practical everyday use in the building trades, in surveying and even astronomy.

Without any other instruments than three pieces of cord and three stakes, one can lay out a right angle for a foundation, or the fence of a field, with remarkable accuracy.

For example, having placed a stake, with a six foot cord attached, at the point where the corner is to be, and knowing the direction which one wall is to extend, a second stake is placed at the end of the six-foot cord. The other two cords 8 and 10 feet long, respectively, are then stretched from the first two stakes to the point where the ends of the two cords meet, and a stake is placed there which marks the direction of the other side of the building. The angle

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made by the cords at that corner must be a right angle. The triangle formed has sides 6, 8, and 10 feet in length and the corner right angle is opposite the 10-foot hypotenuse.

The engineer, who tunnels from either side through a mountain, uses it to get his two shafts to meet in the center. Claudius Crozet used it to drill his railroad tunnel through Afton Mountain, near Waynesboro, Virginia, and it is recorded that he was off by only a few inches.

The surveyor, who wants to know how high a mountain may be, ascertains the answer through the 47th problem.

The navigator traveling the trackless seas uses the 47th problem in determining his latitude, his longitude, and his true time.

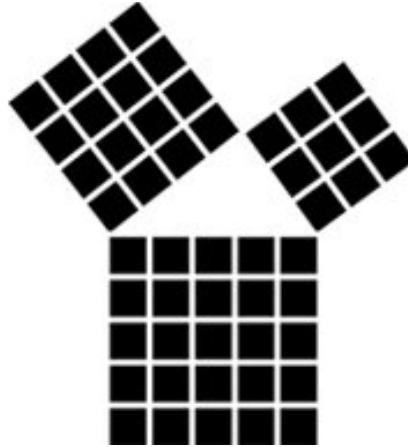
The astronomer who calculates the distance of the sun, the moon, the planets, and who fixes "the duration of times and seasons, years and cycles," depends upon the 47th problem for his results.

Euclid's famous 47th problem is distinguished because its resulting calculations show us how to predict eclipses, specify the height and times of tides, survey land, dig shafts and tunnels, and build roads and bridges.

Although the candidate learns of the 47th Problem of Euclid in the Degree of Master Mason, the importance of Geometry in general is explained in the Degree of Fellowcraft. Here the candidate is told that:

"By Geometry we may curiously trace nature through her various windings to her most concealed recesses; by it we may discover the power, the wisdom, and the goodness of the Grand Architect of the universe, and view with delight the proportions which connect this vast machine."

"By it we may discover how the planets move in their orbits and demonstrate their various revolutions; by it



we account for the return of seasons and the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye. Numberless worlds are around us all framed by the same Divine Artist which roll through the vast expanse and are all conducted by the same unerring law of nature."

Then in the Degree of Master Mason, with the 47th problem, we tell how man reaches deeper into geometry to produce the science of astronomy and learn more about the universe. With it, he measures the most enormous distances. With it, he describes the whole framework and handiwork of nature. With it, he calculates the orbits and the positions of those "numberless worlds around us." But most important of all, with it, he better understands God's great work and reduces the chaos of ignorance to the law and order of intelligent appreciation of the universe.

Thus it is that while operative Masonry was focused on the practical nature of the science of geometry, speculative Masonry and the ritual of the Degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason are concerned with the philosophical and aesthetic implications of geometry, its moral calculations and spiritual symmetry inherent in those calculations.

Our degrees instruct us that the process and results of geometry prove that the science and its practical applications in Masonry are of a divine and moral

nature. By its study, we are enabled not only to prove the wonderful properties of nature but to demonstrate the more important truths of morality.

In Freemasonry, we are less concerned whether men remember much about the geometric science, which they studied in school, and less concerned with its uses in engineering, surveying and astronomy, but we are very interested, indeed, in applying the symbols of mathematics and geometry to build moral character. It is for this reason that the symbolism of this "invention of our friend and Brother" becomes one of the most impressive, and important, of the emblems of Freemasonry, since it is a symbol of the power, wisdom, and goodness of the Great Architect of the universe.

So it is for very good reason that the Fellowcrafts' lecture calls our attention to the study of the seven liberal arts and sciences, especially the science of geometry as the basis of Masonry. Then in the Master Mason's Lecture, geometry, in the form of the 47th Problem of Euclid, draws the close and vital connection to the greatest of Freemasonry's teachings.

No wonder our letter "G" stands for both the sacred name of Deity and geometry. It shows us there is a plan for the universe, and we are a part of it!

From the symbolism of the simple square worn by the Worshipful Master through the other symbols in our degrees, we are taught to make our lives count, to be true to our obligations as Master Masons; to live virtuously and honorably; and to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity toward all mankind.

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# Freemasonry's Tough

Worshipful Samuel G. Welty

The question of 'why' in any connection with our motivations in Masonry becomes very flexible as we move through the process of becoming a Mason and progressing through the various positions a Lodge may have to offer. It tends, as most questions do, to suggest that there is a singular answer that is 'correct,' excluding all other possibilities. The assumption of any one answer therefore tends to stop further inquiry and cut off the potential of greater light and knowledge. And after all, why not?

Does it not remind us all of the days of our youth in grade school when we are rewarded and praised for knowing the right answer and punished or ridiculed for everything else. 2+2 is, after all, 4! Why even consider the question further? To do so is obviously a waste of time and effort. Try to remember back Brethren, to those days and every day since. How many times have you taken a moment to ponder why 2+2=4? Who was the first to arrive at that conclusion? Was it something they had to work at, or did it just come about without consideration? Even the concept of numbers as we know them was invented at some point in the fairly recent past. It began, and stayed for a long time, restricted to the concepts of 'this thing,' 'those things,' 'more things,' 'many things,' 'another thing' ... and the list can go on to infinite vagary. A tremendous leap in the evolution of human thought was made at some point by the person who finally arrived at calling something in a group the 'first', or 'second' etc. When considered in this fashion, it can become a subject for endless thought and consideration to wonder why these things happened and how. The question of 'why' is always one which seems to lurk somewhere beneath the surface. It offers a treasure trove of education and enlightenment, but only to those who are willing and interested enough to take the time to

ask. The same is true in every way in regards to our Fraternity, this gentle Craft. Masonry is, in after all, a craft. It is something that must be practiced and improved upon, using a set of skills that must be honed to perfection lest they be lost to the decay of neglect. We continue to learn by asking the difficult and delicate questions. Why do we do this and not that? Why do we use these words and not those?

Any craft begins with the largest and least refined steps toward the end goal. In wood-working or stone-carving for example, do we not begin with the largest cuts and removal of the greatest excesses? As the project progresses, we then refine our work to the more precise and 'gentle' cuts that turn a block into a true masterpiece. It is in these gentle refinements that a thing of heavenly beauty can be made from the most humble beginnings. It is the gentle cuts that turn a newly cut stone or log into a work of art that can bring tears to our eyes. This is just another way of saying that 'the devil is in the details.'

Brethren, our Craft, is a 'gentle Craft.'

We all go through the degrees and ceremonies. We learn words to the catechisms, and movements of the floor work. We earn our certificates and meet requirements to become the Worshipful Master or a District Officer. We all do the things necessary to accomplish what we are shown to be the goals of every good Mason, a certain jewel or pin, paired with a specific color or style of apron. We all make these large cuts, and usually that is the end of the matter. Why ask further questions? Why waste the time and effort? Does not 2+2 after all, equal 4?

How often do we miss out on the one thing that every degree admonishes us to seek? Are we not on the great journey in search of 'greater light and knowledge'? How often is our goal right there



in front of us to be learned, if only we would ask the questions? How often do we cheat ourselves out of that treasure, because we simply do not take the moment to think?

We are so certain of what we already 'know to be true' that we seldom consider any other perspective. We fail to unearth the wondrous history and philosophy before us because we are more concerned with whether or not to say, "again be," or "be again." We are far too often made to concentrate on the trees when there is a vast expanse of virgin forest to explore.

We have all had the experience at one time or another, of asking a question that seemed very important at the time, and being answered with, "I can't tell you that, it's a secret!" or perhaps "don't worry about that, all we need to do is get approval for your Warden's certificate." Are they actively trying to keep us from the knowledge we seek? This is unlikely. What would be the benefit to anyone in the Fraternity of withholding a good Masonic education? Also, is it not important to get a Warden's certificate, if time is running short and the installation of officers is next month? Of course, it is, and there are many reasons why a question may

# Best Question - Why?

Worshipful Brian R. Croteau



go unanswered, but we seem to learn something entirely unintended by these exchanges. Unfortunately, we often learn to stop asking.

Remember to ask those questions again Brethren. We must relearn to ask questions. “Why” is such a simple three-letter word. It can cause annoyance, shutdown, misery, enlightenment, revelation, and any number of other things to occur from nowhere, but only if we think to ask. We must ask, and ask again, until we finally realize that the answers are as infinite as the vast horizon under a glorious sunrise.

Forget not the duties Brethren. Our duty is to improve ourselves and to assist each other in the same endeavor. We improve by faith in God, our own endeavors, and a virtuous education. These we arrive at, only by asking the questions, which will lead us to that undiscovered country of knowledge.

An entire universe awaits us, full of fascinating subjects to delight and confound the motivated Brethren.

Have you made progress on your journey? Have you even begun?

Regardless of the answers to those questions, the all-important question is “Why?”

At the Grand Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Virginia in the fall of 2018, one of the distinguished visitors made a short presentation following his introduction. He postulated that after the standard question to a candidate, if membership in Masonry is what he truly desires, we should follow his positive response with a second question, “Why?”

The problem is, unlike the first question for which only a positive response is expected or accepted, there is no pattern for what the response might be to that speculative follow-on question. And therein lies the problem.

Ask ten men why they joined Freemasonry, and you are likely to get eleven, or more, answers, and all valid. Many would say they joined because of their father, or grandfathers, uncles, cousins, and so forth, all have joined. A considerable number would say, absent a family tradition, there were adult men they met as youth whom they knew to be Masons, who were upright, honorable, and decent men, men whose examples inspired their youthful mentees to emulate them. Some will tell you of their desire for brotherhood, or to belong to something “bigger than themselves,” or that they had studied what they could find and “wanted some of that.”

A story from the Anti-Masonic period following the Morgan Affair tells of a Methodist minister in Iowa taken to task, in public at the annual church conference, for his Masonic membership. The conference superintendent told him he must give up Masonry or give up the pulpit.

The minister spoke for several minutes on how much he had enjoyed his work, what benefit he had personally derived from it, how it enabled him to connect with his community, and how much he enjoyed helping others. He finished by saying that, given the either/or demand, he would be sad to say good-

bye to his congregation.

Obviously, this was not what was expected. A fellow minister jumped up and said, “If this is what Masonry means, then I must have some for myself...”

The first minister in this story clearly understood his “why,” and could articulate it. The second minister, clearly motivated by the first minister, discovered his “why” in the litany of what he was missing in his own life.

Your “why” is just that, yours. Mine may or may not be anything like yours, and that is alright. It is rather like “which flavor of ice cream do you want?” at Baskin-Robbins. My choice is right for me, and I am not forcing it on anyone else.

Some seek divine inspiration, others the philosophical connections to ancient mysticism and ritual. Many desire the perfection of brotherhood, or the Saturday morning breakfasts, the fish fries, the Lodge picnic with the kids running and screaming their joy of life.

Find your “why,” Brethren, and talk about it. Your “why” may be the inspiration another needs to realize his. Someone else’s may be the key to naming your own.

Here is mine, to be better than I am. Not better than any other man, but everyday better than I was the day before.



# Everyone Has a Story: Art of Fraternalism

I recently received a call from a Brother Mason named Jim. He asked about my health and family, then apologized for troubling me. He said he needed some help.

[Brother] Jim is a retired machinist, a deacon in his church, a former Scout Master, and a 60-plus year Mason. Due to his health, he has not been able to attend Lodge in about a decade. He does not have Internet, email, or a cell phone.

He called because he had been excluded from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, North Carolina.

After a little talking, I learned that no one from [Brother] Jim's Lodge had called him in at least five years. [Brother] Jim reached out to his Brothers when he could, but most with whom he was close have now traveled to that undiscovered country.

[Brother] Jim does not know the new Master or anyone in the Lodge in which he swore to uphold the tenets of friendship and brotherly love.

[Brother] Jim's plight is not unique among the aging, displaced, and discarded members of Freemasonry in North Carolina. The Fraternalism of Freemasonry cannot be scrapped because we find it inconvenient or an afterthought. This organization is based on relationships.

From the moment your petition for membership is signed, you begin what should be a lifelong journey of friendship and fellowship.

At the end of each year, Lodges begin purging their rolls of "lost" Brethren. Some have died. Some have moved away. Some are infirm. Some are going through personal and financial struggles.

Did you know he was sick? Did you know he was struggling? Why not? Are we a club ... or a Fraternity?

Friends and Brothers know each other. They should know if one of their own is sick or in distress. We, as a society, have forgotten how to com-

Right Worshipful Walt Clapp, Grand Secretary

municate. We do not talk to each other anymore. We text (as I tell my daughter, texts and talking are two distinct things). We scroll through social media feeds. But we do not take time to talk to each other. When we fail to talk to our Brothers, the only contact he receives from his Lodge is a dues notice.

Nothing can replace the human voice. Or a handshake.

Brethren, this is a part of our declining membership. Too often, when we receive calls about restoring membership or conducting a Masonic funeral, we find the Brother in question has not heard from his Lodge for years.

I am disappointed by Lodges that exclude 50-, 60-, and even 70-Year members because, "we could not find him," or "we thought he was dead," or "he doesn't care about his membership." This problem is not generational. We see it among survivors of the Great Depression, Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers, and Millennials.

Now, we know there is a problem, and we know how to fix it. Our Institution is built on communication and friendship. We just have to take the time to renew our faith in our ritual, allegories, and tradition.

Let us recognize that our Lodges are probably too big. Ideally, we can keep up with about fifty people. In England, Lodges limit membership, keeping their Lodges manageable and interconnected. Any more than that starts to overwhelm a man's ability to interact effectively with his Brothers. Many of our Lodges have one hundred or more members.

How can we divide the task so we can best work and best agree? The Master of a Lodge should endeavor to know or at least talk to all his Masons. In larger Lodges, the Master could delegate such contact to his Wardens or a committee.

Progressing officers should know their members, it's a part of their responsibilities, to pay the Craft their

wages and see that none go away dissatisfied. This is not a job that should fall squarely on the Secretary, though the Secretary should play an integral role in making sure our contact information for that Brother is current.

Call your members, visit their homes, get to know them. Help them feel wanted and relevant. This is true for the ninety-nine-year-old shut-in and the thirty-three-year-old father of four trying to make ends meet.

Ask them if they need help. Make sure you get contact information for a spouse or relative in the case he goes "missing."

Keep track of your Brethren's widows. We take a man away from his family for years to attend meetings, fundraisers, and dinners. What cost do our companions bear?

Is it not our responsibility to keep up with those brave women who put up with our drive to improve ourselves over a lifetime? Visit our widows. Do something special for them.

Last but not least, if you need help, call the Grand Lodge office. That is why we are here. We have tools and technology to help track people down. We want to help you, and we want you to be successful.

For me, the most rewarding part of this Fraternity is building relationships and knowing as many of you in this great chain as I can. It makes me a better person.

By the time [Brother] Jim and I finished talking, we were friends. We are both woodworkers. We both love spy novels. We both have daughters. We both used to give the Fellowcraft lecture.

He had a story to tell.

So did I.

[You have a] story. And, thank you, Brother, for listening to mine.

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# Virginia DeMolay's Kick Off Centennial Year

Most Worshipful Louis "Kerry" K. Campbell (2013)

DeMolay, the Masonically sponsored leadership and service organization for young men, is celebrating its 100th year. Founded in Kansas City in 1919, the organization has now spread throughout the country and to many foreign nations.

Virginia DeMolay already commenced its celebration of the Centennial with Brotherhood Weekend in the D.C. area in early March. Events included a visit to the Scottish Rite House of the Temple for an Initiatory Degree conferral, a banquet and dance that night with two hundred and fifty people in attendance, and the laying of a wreath on Sunday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The DeMolays were awed by the tremendously impressive Scottish Rite headquarters, where they were given a lengthy tour. In the 300,000-volume library, they saw two copies of the transcript of the trial of Grand Master Jacques DeMolay and the Templars, recently released and published by the Vatican.

Later, in the massive Temple Room, under its 332-ton dome, the young men conferred the Initiatory Degree on fifteen new members. They received the Flower Talk from Gabe Williams, past state champion in performing that ceremony and current champion of the Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions.

Sunday morning four bus-loads attended the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They received an orientation from Right Worshipful Bob McBride, a DeMolay advisor who has arranged for many Masonic groups to visit the Tomb in Arlington National Cemetery. One highlight of the event was the playing of Taps by Staff Sergeant Kelley Corbett, a Past State Master Councilor of Virginia DeMolay and a member of Pershing's Own, the United States Army Band. Several attendees got to speak to Kelley briefly after the ceremony.

Virginia State Master Councilor, Dawson Murray, Deputy State Master Councilor, Noah Pendleton, Executive Officer, Right Worshipful Richard Young and Master Chief Ryan Lutz of Tidewater DeMolay participated in placing the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The young men and their guests conducted themselves in exemplary fashion, consistent with the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. About one hundred and fifty people made the trip to Arlington National Cemetery, most of them teenagers. While they were at the Tomb, however, one could have easily heard a pin drop.

The Virginia State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor, Executive Officer and Dad Ryan Lutz of Tidewater (active duty, in Uniform) place the wreath. Partially shown at far left is Past State Master Councilor Staff Sergeant Kelley Corbett, bugler, of Pershing's Own.



Initiatory Degree conferral at the Scottish Rite House of the Temple.



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In celebration of the Centennial year of DeMolay International, DeMolay's Grand Master called on Chapters all over the world to confer the DeMolay Degree on Monday, April 1 at 7:45 PM. That was one hundred years from the date and time that minutes reflect the first chapter met for the first time in Kansas City, Missouri.

Virginia DeMolay complied with that proclamation by staging large events in four regions of the state. The DeMolay Degree, the second degree of a young man's initiation into the Order, is performed in costume, and depicts the final trial of Knights Templar Grand Master Jacques DeMolay before his execution.

DeMolay Executive Officer, Right Worshipful Rick Young reports that the four initiation events were highly successful. They were primarily intended to initiate candidates in compliance with the DeMolay Grand Master's directive, but there was another purpose. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr., had also issued a proclamation to Virginia Lodges regarding our youth.

During the month of April, all Virginia Lodges were to have a Masonic Youth Organization recognition event. They could invite the youth to visit them, or they could visit the youth. Sensing the opportunity to be proactive and to serve Virginia Masonry by helping Lodges to comply, Virginia DeMolay made a point of inviting Lodges and Masons to the four regional degrees.



The pictures were taken during the "trial of Jacques DeMolay in Virginia as they celebrate



# 100th's Centennial Year

Worshipful David W. Murray



...cques DeMolay" and includes those supporting the ...rate their one hundredth anniversary.



The results were spectacular.

Executive Officer Rick Young reports a statewide attendance of five hundred and seven, including eighteen candidates. The remaining four hundred and ninety were DeMolays, Senior DeMolays, advisors, Masons, and parents. Norfolk had a crowd of two hundred and four, Roanoke one hundred and thirty-eight, Northern Virginia eighty-five, and Richmond eighty.

By all accounts, the ritual was outstanding. Many Masons in attendance had no prior exposure to our Masonic Youth Groups and came away highly impressed with what they saw.

At the Western Region event in Roanoke for example, two new members received the DeMolay Degree. Attending the event were nineteen Lodges and Worshipful Masters, nine District Deputies, three Past Grand Masters and one hundred and thirty-eight visiting Masons. Melrose Lodge was packed to the point of bursting.

The young men of DeMolay appreciate the support of Virginia's Masonic Family and were glad to have the opportunity to serve and show what they can do. Founded in Kansas City in 1919, the organization has now spread throughout the country and to many foreign nations.

For more information, or if you know a young man who can benefit from a Masonically sponsored leadership and service organization, contact state membership chairman, Dad and Right Worshipful David W. Murray: [5dmurray@verizon.net](mailto:5dmurray@verizon.net).

Photographs by Brother Claude Snead, a DeMolay.

# Memorial Day, the

Brother Stewart K. Robinson

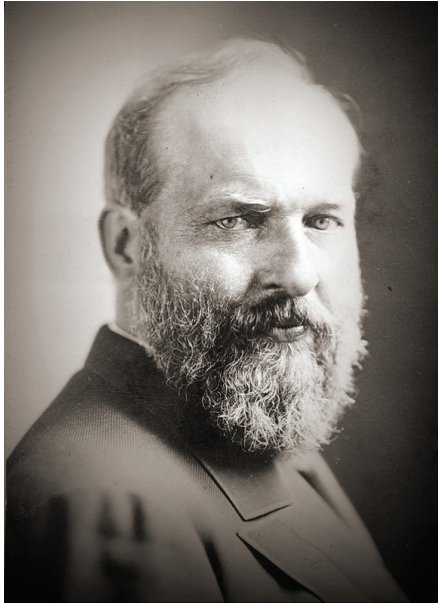
Worshipful Richard Sperrazza of Liberty No. 95, said his main interest was to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice. If I could, include information about the holiday's relationship to Masonry.

I immediately thought of then Past District Deputy Grand Master Steve Stinson's pin, the significance of the forget-me-not in its design, and his hope that we would not forget the contributions of Brothers who preceded us in the Craft. Grand Master William Hershey's pin also makes this allusion. While this is not specifically a military reference, it certainly embodies recognition of those who made sacrifices to support the promulgation and preservation of our beliefs.

In fact, it is difficult to separate Masonry from the history of this country. For example, it is estimated that as many as six thousand five hundred Masons were engaged in battle at Gettysburg. Memorial Day, which commemorates our war dead, also has a strong Masonic connection.

The relationship of Masons to Memorial Day begins with its origin as a national holiday. The individual generally credited with beginning the official commemoration of our war dead, is Brother John A. Logan. He was raised at Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, and affiliated with Benton Lodge No. 64 of Benton, Illinois.

The first speaker, at the first Memorial Day observed at Arlington National Cemetery, was Brother James Garfield, then an Ohio congressman and subsequently 20th President of the United States. He received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees at Magnolia Lodge No. 20, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Columbus Lodge No. 30 in Columbus, Ohio. The addresses by both Brothers



Brother James Abram Garfield,  
November 19, 1831 -  
September 19, 1881.

are excerpted below. I am sure you will hear echoes of Masonic principles in their tributes to our fallen patriots.

Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day" and did not officially become a national holiday until 1968.

Most historians believe it began in the spring of 1866, when many southern states, including Virginia at Richmond, commemorated the Confederate dead. This commemoration involved ceremonies and the placing of flags and in-season flowers on soldiers' graves, hence the term, "Decoration Day."

Memorial Day's origins as a national holiday are generally credited to Brother John A. Logan. As an Officer, Logan rose to the rank of Major General. He served in both the Mexican-American War and in the Union Army during the War between the states. Both before and after his service, he was a politician. Prior to the war, he served in various posts in his home state of Illinois. After the war, beginning in 1867, he was elected to the House of Representatives and subsequently to the Senate, where he served until his death in 1886.

It was as Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, G.A.R., a military fraternity he founded, that Logan published a declaration establishing the tradition for the G.A.R. and urging

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Memorial Day remembrance, 1866

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the adoption of a national holiday honoring military casualties. That declaration says in part:

General Order, No. 11

“May 30, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land...”

“We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion.” What can aid more to assure this result by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? ...

“Let us then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation’s gratitude, soldiers’ and sailor’s widow, and orphan.”

On the appointed date, May 30, 1868, it fell upon Brother James Garfield to address five thousand visitors to Arlington National Cemetery. At that time, Brother Garfield was in the Congress. Subsequently, he was simultaneously elected to the Senate and Presidency. Declining the Senate seat, Garfield was



President until his assassination some four months into his term.

Brother Garfield’s opening words at Arlington National Cemetery are excerpted below. Imagine this burial ground and hear his words in that hallowed context:

“I am oppressed with a sense of the impropriety of uttering words on this occasion. If silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of fifteen thousand men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem, the music of which can never be sung.”

“With words we make promises, plight faith, praise virtue. Promises may not be kept; plighted faith may be broken; and vaunted virtue only the cunning mask of vice. We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens.”

“For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue. For the noblest man that lives, there still remains a conflict. He must still withstand the assaults of time and fortune, must still be assailed with temptations before which lofty natures have fallen; but with these, the conflict ended, the victory was won, when death stamped on them the great seal of heroic character, and closed a record which years can never blot.”

Note: Gen. John A. Logan’s quote is excerpted from [www.usmemorialday.org/order 11](http://www.usmemorialday.org/order11).

President James Garfield’s quote is excerpted from <http://garfieldnps.wordpress.com>.



# A Year of Rainbow Love and Service

Kensley Jeffries

Grand Worthy Advisor 2018-2019

This year in Virginia Rainbow, we have made huge strides and differences not only in our communities, but within ourselves. We have taken on several service projects to better our communities and for the people who live in them. Our first service project was creating care packages for the homeless.

Throughout the year, we have been having fundraisers for our Grand Charity project, The Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation. Our two most recent fundraisers were a Charity Dinner and a Paint Night. Our Grand Charity dinner was truly a night under the stars. Many of our talented family performed for our dinner guests. Our Paint Night made a huge SPLASH as we painted a beautiful beach scene complete with turtles!

Our next service project is going to be working with an organization called ROC Solid, which builds playgrounds for children battling cancer. In June, we will be building a playground for one very deserving child who has to face the countless burdens and obstacles cancer causes.

This year in Virginia Rainbow, we have been focusing on bettering our communities, we have also been work-



ing towards bettering ourselves. Our theme for this year is "Uniquely Beautiful, Uniquely You." We have been empowering our girls to stand up, stand out, and never back down to any obstacle. In this day and time, society often tries to make us conform to its ideas of what we should be, and we as Rainbow Girls are here to erase that stigma and empower our girls to be themselves.

This year has been amazing, and I have been blessed to meet you all during my travels. I cannot wait to continue to further our ties as a Masonic Family. I hope to see you all at our 2019 Uniquely Beautiful, Uniquely You Grand Assembly, where we will celebrate our Grand Year and continue to showcase our amazingly beautiful and talented girls!

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# Retiring Secretaries

## For the Masonic Year 2019

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997)

Grand Secretary

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

The following Brethren served ten or more years as Secretary:


H. Click Smith, Sr.	Temple Lodge No. 9	39 years
Arthur J. Phillips	Botetourt Lodge No. 7	32 years
Carl J. Richardson	Independence Lodge No. 129	29 years*
Ronald E. Sullivan	McPherson Lodge No. 99	18 years
Robert E. Lewis, Sr.	Capeville Lodge No. 107	14 years
James W. Golladay, Jr.	Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21	14 years
Walter W. Schmid	Mountain City Lodge No. 67	12 years
Oral M. Marple	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64	10 years
Robert C. Claud	Purdie Lodge No. 170	10 years

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

Wayne D. Golden, Sr.	Norfolk Lodge No. 1	William F. Baskerville	King Solomon’s Lodge No. 194
Kenneth L. Jessup	Blandford Lodge No. 3	Brian J. Brabham	Vinton Lodge No. 204
Scott L. Fielding	Staunton Lodge No. 13	Emmett M. Pate, Jr.	Bayside Lodge No. 218
Farley W. Warner	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54	Roger M. Ramey	Appalachia Lodge No. 229
Bob G. Hall	Clintwood Lodge No. 66	Ronald A. Wirt	Boone Lodge No. 247
David D. Duffer	Halifax Lodge No. 96	Robert C. Frazier	Clinchfield Lodge No. 256
Jason A. Fundhouser	Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103	Paul S. Shelton	Anderson Lodge No. 258
R. Michael McKenney	Heathsville Lodge No. 109	Anthony T. Hagee	Henry Clay Lodge No. 280
Joshua A. Grimm	Olive Branch Lodge No. 114	Kevin D. Johnson, Sr.	Dupont Lodge No. 289
James R. Singleton	Chase City Lodge No. 119	James T. Ragsdale, Jr.	Carter Lodge No. 323
Eric J. Behrens	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133	Maurice P. Manning, Jr.	Central Lodge No. 300
Wilbur T. Duty, Jr.	Dewitt Clinton Lodge No. 141	Philip E. Graves	Sharon Lodge No. 327
Richard M. Kazee	Hunter’s Lodge No. 156	David M. O’Dell	Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778
Fredrick E. Rentfrow	Fidelity Lodge No. 173		

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

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# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Wor. Donald A. K. Cunningham, Wor. Herbert S. Berman, and Rt. Wor. Donald E. Strehle.

Right Worshipful Donald E. Strehle presenting Worshipful Herbert S. Berman with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's emblem at Temple Lodge No. 9.



L-R: Rt. Wor. H. Wayne Jackson, Bro. Omer Guy Burnett, Jr., Mrs. Burnett, Wor. Jose A. Pescador  
Brother Omer Guy Burnett, Jr. received his certificate and Masonic Veteran's Emblem for 60-Years of service from Right Worshipful H. Wayne Jackson at Botetourt Lodge No. 7 in Gloucester, Virginia.



L-R: Brother and Deputy James P. McLaughlin, Rt. Wor. Jack K. Lewis, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Canova Peterson, Chairman; Brother and Sheriff David R. Hines; Rt. Wor. Terry W. Woo, and Deputy Russ Beltran.  
Hanover County Board of Supervisors meeting where Child ID computers were presented to the Sheriff's Office.



L-R: Wor. Ricky L. Dix, Bro. Donald H. Rodden, Wor. Earl F. Moore, and Bro. Ralph W. South

Brother Donald H. Rodden received his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award from Worshipful Earl F. Moore at Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122. Worshipful Earl Moore presented the award.



L-R; Mt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Jr. (2019); Sheriff Everett E. C. Harris; Rt. Wor. David K. Lupton.  
City of Suffolk Sheriff's Office receives Child ID computer from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



L-R: Wor. R. David Comer, Rt. Wor. Michael D. Kelly, and Wor. Kenny L. Jessup.  
Presentation of the Seymour Jonas Levy Award to Worshipful David Comer of Blandford Lodge No. 3 in Petersburg.

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Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr.  
Grand of Masons in Virginia

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Rt. Wor. W. John Ball, Bro. Sanford E. Vance and Wor. Dwight B. Spangler.

April stated communication of the Faulkner Memorial Lodge No. 91 Brother Sanford Vance was recognized as a 50-Year Masonic Veteran with a certificate and pin. Brother Vance, who resides in Virginia Beach, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in January 1967.



L-R: Bro. Shane Eller, Bro. Travis Dates, and Bro. Jonathan Downer, Back: Wor Jose A. Pescador.

Botetourt Lodge No. 7, Gloucester, had an exciting evening conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on three of the Lodge's youngest Brothers. Following an evening of degree work, Worshipful Jose Pescador met with the trio to offer his personal congratulations and encouragement.



L-R: Bro. Joe B. Davis, Rt. Wor. Jack K. Lewis, Grand Senior Deacon, and Bro. Michael W. Taylor.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia presented two Child ID computers to Brother Joe B. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Brother Michael W. Taylor, Sheriff of Pittsylvania County.



L-R: Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins (1997), Wor. Rudolph E. Griffith, Rt. Wor. William R. Brammer, Rt. Wor. Steven W. Sanford, Mt. Wor. William E. Hershey, Jr., Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James Judson Fox, age ninety-four and a resident of the Masonic Home of Virginia, was presented with a 70-Year certificate and pin. Brother Fox was raised in Westhampton Lodge No. 302 on March 23, 1949. He served as Worshipful Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in 1997 and District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 8 in 2003.



L-R: Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins (1997), ? (a member of Prince George Lodge No. 115); Susan Fierro, Commonwealth Attorney, ? (a member of Prince George Lodge No. 115); Wor. Joseph C. Waymack, and Rt. Wor. Jack K. Lewis, Grand Senior Deacon.

Prince George County Board of Supervisors received two Child ID computers from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



Right Worshipful H. Wayne Jackson presented Worshipful James A. Pavik, Sr. a plaque from the Grand Lodge of Virginia recognizing Oriental Lodge No. 20's 150th Anniversary. Right Worshipful Brother Jackson congratulates Worshipful James A. Pavik, Sr., the plaque was mounted on the wall between them.

# What Type of Mason Are You?

It may seem an odd question to ask, but upon reflection, it is perfectly rational. Even though it may be rational, it is a trick question, because there is not any one type of or kind of Mason. We are not speaking of how many Masonic bodies you may belong to, not even if you belong to any appendant bodies.

Imagine you receive a survey in the mail (analog or digital) on Masonry. Imagine they ask you, “What type of Mason are you?” followed by a fill in the blank. What would your response be? Think about this for just a moment more, now remember your answer. Got it? Good!

Imagine several more questions; income, years in the Craft, you get the idea, and the questions repeated, “What type of Mason are you?” but instead of a fill in the blank it has a list with the directions to ‘check all those that apply:’

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritualist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosopher   | <input type="checkbox"/> Symbologist      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronicler      | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past Master  | <input type="checkbox"/> P/DDGM          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador    | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator  | <input type="checkbox"/> Developer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Coach         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committeeman | <input type="checkbox"/> Archivist       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritualist  | <input type="checkbox"/> Participant      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card carrier | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovator       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook          | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financier    | <input type="checkbox"/> Project manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Planner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader       | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher         | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiter     | <input type="checkbox"/> Almoner          |

This is a short list and is but a few of the things Masons do in the course of their Masonic career. Neither is this a contest of how many are checked off, nor is it a limit of the Fraternity's types of jobs, tasks, or duties, it is only a quick look across the panorama of needs within Masonry.

We routinely hear the phrase, “give them (new Entered Apprentices or Affiliates) a job, so they will come back and feel they have a purpose.” As the list above has shown, the phrase might be better stated we have this job the Lodge needs doing (column A) and also choose what you would like to do (column B). If the column A is a Lodge priority, and there is a skills match, it is likely they will accept it, but if they can choose from column B, of their own free will and accord, they will indeed return and be productive twice over. Little in Masonry is designed to be either or, save our basic tenets.

Here another question looms before us, “Do you have a Masonic career?” Amazingly, few of those I have asked this question of think in these terms. Some have even said they were unaware they could have a career in Masonry. Thinking about our Masonic life as a career opens up an enormous array of choices and opportunities, which brings us back to the type of Masons we can strive to be.

Each year from June to December, Lodge officers are admonished to “plan your year!” One of my mentors stated rather flatly after his year in the East, “Begin working your year when you are a Junior Deacon. When you reach the East you will be executing your year, not planning it!” It is easy to over think things, especially when it seems years away, procrastination being what it is. Planning, like faith, is it nothing without the accompaniment of action! So it should be without career in Masonry, which I submit should be proactive, not reactive or wished for.

It is very likely that you will start with one thing in Masonry and progress or shift to another, which is reasonable over the course of time. Here a small amount of caution should be advised, weigh with great and judicious care each task and responsibility you engage upon in Masonry, as with all things. Commit to nothing you are not ready to accomplish in good order, ever remembering your previous commitments first and foremost, before committing to the next.

What type of Mason are you, one who always gives his word as his bond, and in so doing, your career in Masonry is assured.





# Charge at Closing - A Study

Worshipful Gerald L. Frey

Brethren, we are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Remember that around this sacred altar you have solemnly bound yourselves to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance. You have promised in the most friendly manner to remind him of his error and aide a reformation. These generous principles extend further, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices, do good unto all, recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace and may the God of peace and love delight to dwell with and bless you.<sup>1</sup>

Old and Middle English	55%	concerns	1	French	mix	1	Old English
Old French and French	20%	delight	1	Middle English	more	1	Old English
		do	1	Old English	most	1	Old English
Words used more than once	16%	duties	1	Anglo-French	need	1	Old Frisian
English	11%	dwell	1	Old English	not	1	Old English
French	2%	employments	1	Middle English	now	1	Old English
Old Frisian	2%	error	1	Old French	of	5	Old English
		especially	1	Middle English	offices	1	Anglo-French
Anglo-French	3%	every	2	Old French	one	1	Old English
French	11%	extend	1	Middle English	peace	2	Middle English
Latin	4%	faithful	1	Old French	principles	1	French
Middle Dutch	1%	finally	1	French	promised	2	Middle English
Middle English	17%	forcibly	1	Middle English	quit	1	Middle English
Old English	38%	forget	1	Middle English	recommended	1	French
Old French	9%	frequently	1	Latin	reformation	1	Latin
Old Frisian	5%	friendly	1	Old English	relieve	1	Old French
Old Teutonic	1%	friendship	1	Old English	remember	1	Old French
		further	1	Middle English	remind	1	Middle English
		generous	1	French	retreat	1	Old French
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		his	1	Old English	these	1	French
		household	1	Middle Dutch	this	3	Old Frisian
		human	1	French	to	6	Middle English
		in	3	Old Frisian	unto	1	Middle English
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		live	1	Middle English	who	1	Old English
		lodge	1	Middle English	with	2	Old English
		love	1	Old English	world	1	Old English
		manner	1	Anglo-French	ye	1	Old English
		may	1	Old English	you	4	Old English
		mind	1	Middle English	your	2	Old English

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again	1 Old English
aid	1 Old Frisian
all	2 Old Frisian
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amidst	1 French
and	8 Old English
are	1 Old English
around	1 Middle English
assistance	1 French
be	1 Old Teutonic
befriend	1 French
being	1 French
bless	1 Old English
bound	1 Old French
brethren	2 Old English
brother	1 Old English
claim	1 Old French

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# 50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between February 14 and May 14, 2019

## Fifty-Year Veterans

Bro. Benn Lewis Richels  
 Bro. James Stuart Taylor  
 Bro. Frank Raymond Muntean, Sr.  
 Wor. Daulton Lloyd Carter  
 Bro. Russell Earle Rutan, Jr.  
 Bro. Gareld Leon Grimes  
 Bro. Alfred Thomas Clark  
 Bro. Charles Osborne, Jr.  
 Wor. Don Eugene Garrett  
 Bro. Richard Livengood Duvall  
 Bro. Samuel Blaine Wilson  
 Wor. Daniel Wallace Hall  
 Bro. William Fay Newell  
 Bro. Robert E. Laprad  
 Bro. William Ward Flora  
 Bro. Ralph Willoughby Van Nostrand  
 Bro. Nelson Eddy Morris  
 Bro. Leonard Cecil Cake, Jr.  
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 Bro. Rufus Paul Harrell, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Robert Vadie Insley, Jr.  
 Bro. Carroll Lee Moore, III  
 Bro. Edwin Ernest Kibler  
 Bro. Larry Andrew Biddle, Sr.  
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 Bro. Gary Lee Ralston  
 Bro. Billy Ray Cooper  
 Bro. Evan Smith Baker  
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 Bro. Fay Purdy Lecompte, III  
 Bro. Larry Harvey Glover  
 Bro. Earl Reese Morris  
 Bro. Samuel Divers Daniel  
 Bro. David Vernon Hutchins  
 Wor. Billy Douglas King  
 Bro. John Reid Arnold  
 Wor. Robert Rex Walker  
 Wor. Allen Eugene Beverly  
 Bro. Damon Clayton Webb  
 Bro. Daniel Lee Spiker  
 Wor. Robert Livingston Moran  
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 Bro. Charles Robert Hickman  
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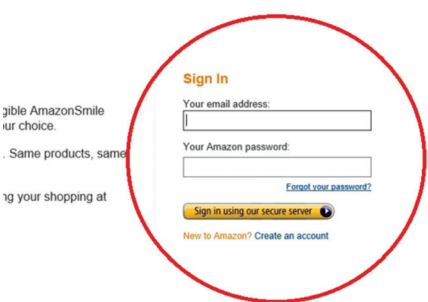
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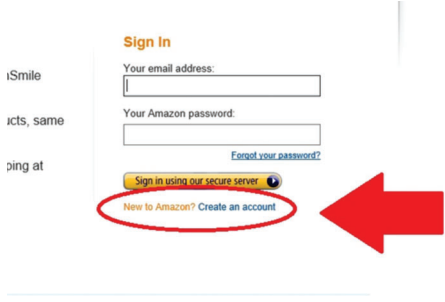
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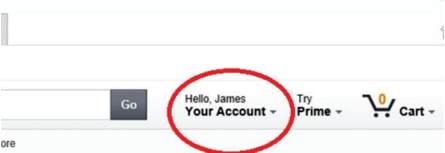
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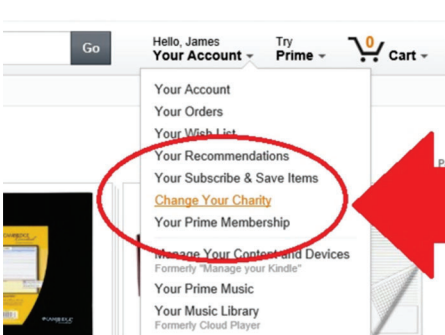
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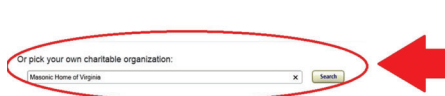
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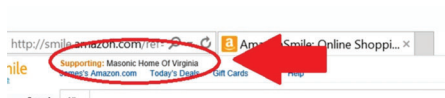
6-Type in the blank, Masonic Home of Virginia, as illustrated.



7-Click the "Search" button.



8-Make sure you choose Masonic Home Of Virginia by clicking the correct "Select" button.



9 -Verify your choice by looking at the "Supporting:" field near the top left of the page.



10-Remember. You must always log in to <https://smile.amazon.com> in order for the MAHOVA charity to receive funds.

11-This wonderful feature is being made possible by Amazon, at no cost to the buyer.

# A Grand Retirement at the Masonic Home

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton,  
Director of Development

After promoting the Home to Masons across the Commonwealth throughout his entire Masonic career, Most Worshipful William "Bill" Holliday (1999) moved with his wife Evelyn to the Masonic Home in July 2014. Even before becoming Grand Master, it was obvious to all who knew Bill that he loved the Masonic Home. As Grand Master, he announced that all gifts received during his visits would be given to the Masonic Home, and collected over a quarter of a million dollars in support of the Home, which stands as an outstanding example of his great leadership in the support of our community.

When Most Worshipful Brother Holliday laid down his working tools in July of 2018, it was a loss not only for his family, but also for his many friends at the Masonic Home and for the Fraternity. In 2019, his widow Evelyn Holliday continued his tradition of supporting the Home by sponsoring a "big screen" television for the residents' TV room. With generous assistance from family and friends, the residents joined in a celebration with almost one hundred of Bill's friends. Residents now regularly enjoy special televised events and shows due entirely to the example set by not only Most Worshipful Bill during his life, but followed by his fam-

ily and friends.

One generous example from a Past Grand Master was followed by another when Bill's fellow resident, Most Worshipful Frank Perdue, added new bingo game software to a laptop that connects to the new television. This has made the bingo much more exciting.

The Holliday family's passion for the Home began when Most Worshipful Bill and Evelyn brought their daughters to the Home, when they were in Job's Daughters in the 1970's.

Once they moved to the Home in 2014, the Hollidays became very active in their new community, attending events, hosting meals, and participating in the many activities available. During her visits to the Care Center and ever mindful of the needs of others, Evelyn recognized that some of our residents might enjoy the comfort of an additional blanket. She began a personal project to make lap blankets for them. During the past five years, Evelyn has given more than fifty blankets each year to her fellow residents.

During his final days, Most Worshipful Brother Bill resided in the Care Center, where he was regularly visited by his family and his many friends. His family was extremely pleased with the care he received in this skilled nursing

facility. They shared their appreciation and gratitude for the staff who helped Bill. In a letter, Evelyn wrote, "I want to thank all those involved that make the Masonic Home a wonderful place to live and for all the love and care you gave Bill." While this is a wonderful tribute to the staff of the Masonic Home, it also represents the love and care that we endeavor to provide for all of our residents.

Evelyn Holliday recalls Bill's thoughts of the Home as being, "such a wonderful place to live." She certainly is continuing to enjoy her life in the Village, surrounded by friends both new and old, a fine example of what this great creation of the Masonic Fraternity can do for people. A big advantage of living at the Home is that you can count on those around you when circumstances change in your life. Even when health issues may require a visit to the Care Center, you know your friends are just around the corner or down the hall and are always willing to visit and provide the small "extras" make your day.

The Masonic Home is also your Home. One of the benefits of being a Virginia Mason is having the opportunity of enjoying your retirement at the Home and, comforted to know that you are in the care of Virginia's Masons.

Right Worshipful Terry Hilton, Director of Development at the Masonic Home of Virginia, traveled to the Division Leadership Conference held at the Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple to recognize Right Worshipful Glenn Harris Jones for his service to the Home and its Outreach Program. Right Worshipful Brother Jones, Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166 and Millboro Lodge No. 28, also helped to raise substantial funds for the Home by promoting the "Mason Jar" donation program in which Brethren deposit their pocket change in a Mason jar placed at the entrances to their Lodge rooms.



L.-R.: Wor. Ronald E. Butler, Sr.; Mt. Wor. John M. Chambliss, Jr. (2011); Mt. Wor. Louis K. Campbell (2013); Rt. Wor. Terry F. Hilton, Rt. Wor. Glenn H. Jones, Rt. Wor. David H. Dew; Rt. Wor. William A. Parks, Jr.; Rt. Wor. John T. Hayes; Rt. Wor. James R. Eller.

# 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 February 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

Honor/Memorial	Donor Name	Honor/Memorial	Donor Name
Clark A. Anderson Carl O. Atkins, Sr. Edward C. Barden	George W. Field Carl O. Atkins, Jr. William E. Hershey, Jr. Varina Lodge No. 272 Moring E. Gravitt Botetourt Lodge No. 7 Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 Robert C. Coffey James W. Burton William E. Hershey, Jr. Widows Sons Twin Pillars Motorcycle Wayne S. Flora Nancy C. Harver	Harry E. Jones	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class Lucy W. Hooper Thomas C. Kaufman Gordon H. Sprigg Franklin Lodge No. 151 Horatio Bigelow Burt Mackenzie Joanne Wiley Raymond Pettway Massie Valentine William Hollister Mary Ann Doherty Raymond Pettway Westmoreland Lodge No. 212 Acacia Lodge No. 16 Richmond Lodge No. 10 Nancy M. Holder Lynchburg Scottish Rite Valley MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class Douglas Wilson William E. Hershey, Jr. Donald J. Kerr Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82 William Hargette Deborah Prillaman John B. Quade Piedmont Lodge No. 152 Westmoreland Lodge No. 212 Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865 John W. Shipley Franklin Lodge No. 151 Arlington Lodge No. 102 Babcock Lodge No. 322 Mann Page Royal Arch Chapter No. 89 Andrew J. Parizo John W. Pierce John W. Pierce Eddie Gray Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Denise O'Neill MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class James E. Trent Wayne S. Flora Independent Orange Lodge No. 138 Joppa Lodge No. 40 Varina Lodge No. 272
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Philip G. Godwin Gloria Hall			
Leon E. Headley			
Gerald P. Hensley Michele Hershey			
William E. Hershey, Jr. Alice Holbrook William L. Holliday			
Rhonda Irving			



# Masonic Home of Virginia

## Residents Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/1	Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
7/1	Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
7/2	Linda Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
7/4	William Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
7/5	Shirley Godwin	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
7/6	Barbara Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
7/7	Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No. 89
7/8	Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
7/10	Mary Duncan	Fork Union Lodge No. 127
7/11	Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/13	John Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
7/19	Sandra Young	Sandston Lodge No. 216
7/22	Tom Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
7/24	Eleanor Curtis	Northside Lodge No. 292
7/24	Priscilla Sensabaugh	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
7/26	Horace Dowdy	Varina Lodge No. 272
7/29	Nancy Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/30	John Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
7/31	Helen Lape	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
<b>August</b>		
8/4	Elizabeth Goodman	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/6	Walter Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/7	Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/7	Evelyn Harding	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/9	Jean Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
8/10	Dolores Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
8/11	Darlene Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
8/14	Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
8/16	Oza Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
8/16	Jean Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
8/17	Frank Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
8/19	Steve Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
8/20	Marjorie Winter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
8/23	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
8/23	James Palmer	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/24	Virginia Yeatts	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/26	Margaret Barton	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
8/28	Joris "Bruce" Catron	Dupont Lodge No. 289
<b>September</b>		
9/8	Patricia Heald	Cabell Lodge No. 328
9/8	Stella Paxton	Kempsville Lodge No. 196
9/16	Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
9/17	Maurice Beachum	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
9/17	Paul Canter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
9/21	Phyllis Rowe	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
9/22	Omer LaRochelle	Bedford Lodge No. 244
9/23	Jerrell Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
9/25	Agnes Cash	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/26	Sandra Butler	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/26	Helen Duke	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
9/28	Helen Melton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/30	Conwelsey Simmons	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349

## Residents Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/14/1984	Steve and Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/17/1954	Craig and Lillie Sykes	Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
7/28/1978	Lloyd and Valerie Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
<b>August</b>		
8/10/1957	Ed and Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/15/1964	Woody and Peg Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
8/17/1963	John and Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
8/27/1960	Gordon and Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/28/1980	Bernard and Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
<b>September</b>		
9/3/1988	Cliff and Doris Grotz	Blandford Lodge No. 3
9/26/1959	Frank and Molly Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
9/27/1997	Tom and Robin Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

## New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
none		
<b>March</b>		
3/4/2019	Peggy Roberts	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
3/11/2019	Daisy White	Piedmont Lodge No. 152
3/20/2019	Richard Bradley	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
<b>April</b>		
4/15/2019	Garland Campbell	Clover Hill Lodge No. 253
4/15/2019	Marcella Campbell	Clover Hill Lodge No. 253

## Residents Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
2/20/2019	Gloria Hall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
2/22/2019	Mary Thompson	Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199
<b>March</b>		
3/1/2019	Fred Throckmorton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/31/2019	Leon Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
<b>April</b>		
4/7/2019	Harry Jones	Franklin Lodge No. 151
4/8/2019	CoraLee Gregory	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
4/10/2019	Lois Payne	Central Lodge No. 300
4/23/2019	Dorothy Davies	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
4/27/2019	Roland Scott	Manchester Lodge No. 14

# Masonic Home of Virginia



Dolores Reinhold enjoying the Canine Obedience School visit with her dog, Sir Pom Pom.



Agnes Cash at Crazy Hat Day.



Teaching Kitchen with Morrisons Dining.



Residents watching the Canine Obedience School perform their tricks.



Village residents performing their rendition of the Village People.



Gourmet Dinner Event.



Tom Kaufman at the Valentine's Day Dance.



2019 Talent Show Participants.



Valentine's Day Dance.

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Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr. in the center of the DeMolay and Brethren celebrating the wreath laying at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.