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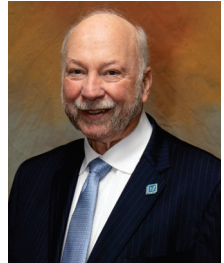


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# Mission and Vision Statement of The Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Virginia

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

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

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# The Grand Master's Message

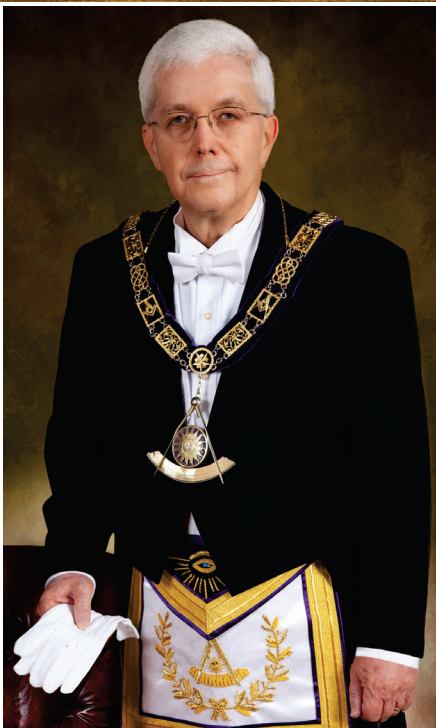
## Closing Thoughts

Closing in on an unprecedented twenty-four months as Grand Master, I sit to write what will be my last feature article for the Masonic Herald, at least my last while holding the office. So, some thoughts and observations before I go.

Much has been written about Freemasonry being a “secret society,” when in fact we are a Fraternity with a few secrets, very few. The fact of the matter is, the secret ingredient and real treasure of our gentle Craft is on full display every day for all the world to see. Now that things have opened back up allowing Frances and me to visit the far corners of Virginia and much of what lies in between, we see the real treasure of Freemasonry every single time we make an Official Visit. Masons and their families serving the community, going to church, good and decent people, who make the world a better place. Like a lighthouse, we see beacons and towers, a flashing light of warmth and welcome in the distance with the invitation, come this way. For all you have done to welcome and support us over these last few months, extending hospitality and gifts of kindness, we can never thank you enough, you are the real treasure for all the world to see.

With my message and platform as Grand Master, I have tried to speak from the heart and say what I believe Virginia Freemasons need to hear at this point in our history. I have also tried to set the stage and leave something worthwhile behind, not only for our Lodges, but also for our Grand Line Officers, as they prepare to implement their programs and vision for our future. With these things in mind, I believe, building healthy Lodges, and being present, known and understood in communities, are critical ingredients for our future success.

Healthy Lodges means protecting both sides of the West Gate. We know and understand that only those who,



Grand Master

M.:W.: Douglas Vernon Jones

based upon moral fitness alone, are found to be worthy and well-qualified, should be allowed to cross the threshold of the West Gate. It is up to us to protect our Fraternity. But what about the other side of the West Gate? What do we offer in the way of interesting programs and opportunities for education? What are we doing to engage not only our members but also our families as well? Are our Lodges part of the community fabric and the fabric of our members lives? Studies show that our members are looking for balance in their Masonic journey and the things they are most interested in, pretty much in equal proportion, are: brotherhood and caring for each other; giving back in the community; ritual; and, social time. These things will all begin at the doorstep of a well-rounded, healthy Blue Lodge.

If we want Virginia Freemasonry to survive and thrive for the long-term, we must be willing to embrace change, and we must adapt to the ever changing and complicated world around us. We can do both, embrace change and adapt,

and never compromise the things that set the Fraternity apart from other fraternal and civic organizations, our sacred obligations, high moral standards, and of course, our ritual. We need to understand though that developing strong leaders, men with vision for the future and an understanding of our untapped potential, is as important to our Lodges as developing strong ritualists, both are necessary in equal proportion, if we hope to survive. In all things, we need to be about balance.

Let us not stand “...in the shadows of the past...” but move instead to “...the light of the future.”

Next time you pass by a church, look at the stained-glass windows, often from the outside they are dark, but the transition from the outside to the inside makes all the difference in the world, because on the inside, sunlight, gives way to color and beauty, with the sunlight, the real story unfolds. It is the same for our Lodges, the beauty is on the inside. We have something men in our communities are looking for, but first we have to share the product, we have to tell the story. What better time than now to be present and engaged in our communities, community festivals, parades, public service projects, lend a helping hand, get involved and be there... hold a Lodge Open House... invite the community in to see who we are.

Moving on, if it is your will and pleasure to elect our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., as our next Grand Master, and I hope it will be, I look forward to supporting him, and I believe he will do a fine job. Being Grand Master is an awesome opportunity but make no mistake, it is also a tremendous responsibility and sacred trust. He will need your support on the good days, and he will need your support even more when the tough days come along; be there for him. I say this, because, as Grand Mas-

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ter, I have learned this, sooner or later, you will likely be faced with a decision or two that will be extraordinarily painful and hard to make. The facts and circumstances surrounding your decision, are often only known by you and maybe a few of your closest confidants and advisors. So, looking forward, I will always support my Grand Master, even if I disagree with his decision, because I have no idea what he is really going through, and I may be the friend he needs the most.

In writing this article, I have intentionally avoided much discussion about the pandemic, because it has dominated every aspect of our lives for more months than we care to remember. The good news is things seem to be moving in the right direction and a return to some semblance of normal. We will continue to deal with the fallout and impact on Virginia Freemasonry and life in general for some time to come; however, I do feel our Lodges have fared pretty well, all things considered. I especially want to thank the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Line Officers, and the Past Grand Masters for allowing me to serve a second year. I appreciate the opportunity to finally be able to do the things Grand Masters do, travel and enjoy fellowship with the Brethren and their families and to share my message and vision for the future of Virginia Freemasonry. I have enjoyed the chance to support our Youth Organizations, see some projects through, and, hopefully, provide some continuity for the Craft, as we worked our way

through the crisis. Thank you for trusting me to guide Virginia Freemasonry at this critical and historic time.

Looking to the Grand Annual Communication, we have all heard the old saying about the two happiest days in a boat owners' life being the day you buy the boat and the day you sell it. As I near the finish line, I am coming to understand the joy and exhilaration you feel on the night you become Grand Master is likely to be equally present on the night you turn the reins over to the Deputy Grand Master. The time for a transition of leadership is drawing near, and I can only describe what lies on the horizon as bittersweet, joy for having had the opportunity, as well as relief now that it is almost done. Finding just the right words to finish things up does not come easy, so I close my time in the Grand East with...

Heartfelt gratitude, with your trust and confidence, you afforded me a privilege and high honor that comes to only a few, opportunities and experiences I will never forget, for which, I can only say thank you, words that seem far from adequate. This has been a serious and solemn responsibility, and while you may not have agreed with every decision, I hope my guardianship and dedication to duty has not let you down. When you enter the Grand Line, they tell you it is a lifetime journey, so as I exit the stage, know that I am ready and proud to move to the next phase as a Past Grand Master.

Faith, faith that the Supreme Architect will continue to bless and guide our gentle Craft and each of you who place

your hope and trust in Him.

Tremendous pride, pride in our "sacred retreat of friendship and virtue" a "Temple of living stones..." Without a doubt, some of the finest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. You truly make the world a better place.

Confidence, confidence in each of you, our Lodges and our future, confidence in our Grand Lodge Committees and Grand Lodge Officers, who when faced with the unimagined and unanticipated consequences of a worldwide pandemic, never wavered and never stopped. I am inspired with confidence when I consider our One-Day Conferral Classes and the resumption of Degree work at the Lodge level; we have well over six hundred new Master Masons. Freemasonry has once again stood the test of time, service to the community and helping your Masonic Brothers and their families, those things never stopped all because of the flame that I know burns inside of you.

Friendship and brotherly love, the greatest gift and privilege of all, the brotherhood and love we share.

Finally, I close my time in the Grand East, and this article, with humility, my blessings have exceeded every expectation and certainly what I deserve. The love and respect from our Masonic family is a gift Frances and I will always cherish.

*Douglas V. Jones*  
Douglas V. Jones  
Grand Master

## Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones - Itinerary 2021

<b>October</b>		18	Grand Lodge of Kentucky
1	Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament	19	SP and I Meeting
	Official Visit, Masonic District 12	20	GLO Meeting
2	Wreath Ceremony, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk	22	Official Visit, Masonic Districts 9 and 11
	Dedication of Princess Anne Lodge No. 25	23	Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A and 15B
	Official Visit, Masonic District 35	26	Grand Lodge of Georgia
7	Acacia Lodge No. 16, Presentation of 70-Year Veteran's Award	<b>November</b>	
8	MAHOVA Board Meeting and Retreat	1	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
9	Masonic Home Family Day	3-7	Grand Annual Communication
4	The Virginia Masonic Herald-Fall 2021		

# 243rd Grand Annual Communication

Schedule for November 5 – 6, 2021

## Committee On Work Schedule

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

### Wednesday, November 3, 2021

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

### Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

## Resolutions to be considered At the Grand Annual Communication November 5 – 6, 2021

### RESOLUTION NO. 21-01

This resolution would amend instructions for the Worshipful Master contained in the Standing Resolution adopted February 14, 1968.

## 243rd Grand Annual Communication

The 243rd Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 8:30 O'clock A.M. The Address of the Grand Master will be delivered after the opening of Grand Lodge.

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

Times for the Grand Lodge Committees will be announced on Friday morning, November 5, 2021. Delegates are urged to attend and inform themselves regarding pending matters.

On Friday, November 5 at 12:00 PM, a luncheon will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Grand Lodge Banquet will be held for the Brethren and Invited Guests on Friday evening.

Resolutions will be considered during Friday's sessions. Election of Grand Lodge Officers will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning, November 6.

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

Resolutions to be considered in 2022 must be drafted in proper form as required by Section 1.16 of the Methodical Digest and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31, 2021.

There was one request for fraternal recognition. The request for fraternal recognition will be presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the following: the Masonic Grand Lodge of Amapá - Brazil.



# Commonwealth Chapter DAR Celebra

Saturday, May 8, 2021, the Commonwealth Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) gathered with members of Richmond Randolph Masonic Lodge No. 19, at Masons' Hall in Shockoe Bottom to celebrate historic preservation of the Hall. The event recognized Masons' Hall as an extraordinary witness of history, with speaker introductions from Kathleen Spencer Kilpatrick, Past Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and keynote remarks given by Mark Greenough, Public Historian.

The Commonwealth Chapter, representing over three hundred and sixty members from the Richmond area, proudly supports historic preservation, education, and patriotic service.



Members of the Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR celebrate Masons' Hall and the historic marker dedication.

L-R Front: Nancy Akers, Andrew Jack Akers, Patsy Pettus, Second row: Martha Ellen Campbell, Kathleen Kilpatrick, Carol Beam, Kimberly Colgin  
Third row: Carolyn Neurohr, Suzanne Brown, Judith Clarke, Anne Price, Fourth Row: Diana Freeman, Allison Eckis, Betsy Blevins, Mary Ann Delano, L-R Back: Bana Weems Caskey, Cindy Burgess, Linda Absher, Elizabeth King, Lauren Giannotti.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890, to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 177,000 members in approximately three thousand chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

The Daughters of the Commonwealth Chapter commemorated Masons' Hall as the nation's oldest continuously used Masonic building. Planned after the Revolutionary War by notable figures in American Masonry, it was constructed from 1785 – 1787 under the leadership of Edmund Randolph, the first Attorney General of the United States and Governor of Virginia. Fundraising efforts for the Hall were led by John Marshall, longest serving Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The dedication ritual, led by Chapter Vice-Regent Judith Tolleson Clarke and Chapter Chaplain, Elizabeth Carleton King, unveiled a bronze historic marker in front of Masons' Hall recognizing the historical significance of Masons' Hall to our community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the infancy of our nation.

Mrs. Bana Caskey, Past Historian General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award to the Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 for two hundred and thirty-four years of dedicated and continued stewardship as owner of Masons' Hall.

\$20,000 in donations were presented by Mrs. Carol Beam, Past Regent, and current Historic Preservation Chair of Commonwealth Chapter, to Masons' Hall 1785, a charitable foundation. These contributions will underwrite three historic restoration projects for Masons' Hall.




Proudly standing by the newly dedicated marker.

L-R: Suzanne Brown, Patsy Pettus and Kathleen Kilpatrick.

DAR members are committed to volunteer service, having served more than twelve and a half million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org) or connect with DAR on social media at [facebook.com/TodaysDAR](https://facebook.com/TodaysDAR), [twitter.com/TodaysDAR](https://twitter.com/TodaysDAR) and [youtube.com/TodaysDAR](https://youtube.com/TodaysDAR)

# Plates Masons' Hall in Shockoe Bottom

  
**MASONS' HALL**

Masons' Hall is the nation's oldest continuously used Masonic building. Planned after the Revolutionary War by notable figures in American Masonry, it was constructed from 1785-1787 under the leadership of Edmund Randolph, the first Attorney General of the United States and a Governor of Virginia. Prominent lawyer John Marshall, best known as the longest serving Chief Justice of the United States, was instrumental in encouraging financial support for the project and sometimes worked in the building.

Designed for a growing, young, capital city, Masons' Hall has hosted many church, social, and civic events through the years. Virginia delegates to the Constitutional Convention met here before traveling to Philadelphia in 1787. The building also served as a hospital during the War of 1812. The Marquis de Lafayette was welcomed here as a distinguished visitor in 1824. Richmond City Hustings Court and City Council meetings were sometimes held in the Hall. This important landmark was protected by Union forces during the evacuation of Richmond in 1865 and today Masons' Hall bears witness to local history as one of the few remaining 18<sup>th</sup>-century buildings in the city.

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 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
 MAY 8, 2021



Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

In presenting the white leather apron to the freshly initiated Entered Apprentice, the Worshipful Master states that it is **more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon you.**

What is the Master talking about?



**The Golden Fleece**

Jason, an ancient Greek, was the stillborn son of Aeson, King of Iolcis in Thessaly. Aeson sent Jason to be raised by Chiron, a centaur, who later became the constellation Sagittarius. Upon reaching adulthood, Jason returned to Iolcis, only to find that his uncle, Pelias, had usurped the crown from Aeson and did not want Jason around. Then Pelias ordered Jason to fetch the Golden Fleece (coat of golden wool) from King Aetes of Colchis.

So, Jason rounded up a fleet and gathered together a group of heroes called the Argonauts, named after Jason's ship, the Argo, to go after the Fleece. Upon reaching Argos, Aetes agreed to give up the Fleece only if Jason completed a set of tasks. First, he had to plow a field using two fire-breathing bronze-hooved animals; second, to plant dragon's teeth in

the field he had plowed; and third, to defeat the warriors that sprouted from the dragon's teeth.

Luckily Jason had the aid of Hera, who not only helped Jason complete his tasks, but also put a love spell on Medea. Of course, Aetes welched on the deal, but the besotted Medea helped Jason find the fleece hanging from a sacred oak tree.

After surviving more challenges and adventures, Jason finally delivers the Golden Fleece to Colchis where he marries Medea and... becomes lonely and ends up crushed to death by a wooden beam. Ancient Greeks just adored tragedy and the whims of their gods.

The saga of Jason and the Argonauts has been around for over 3,000 years, so it is really ancient.<sup>1</sup>

### **The Roman Eagle**



Aquila, or the eagle, was much admired for its courage, power, and keen eyesight. In 107 B.C.E., General Gaius Marius adopted the Eagle as the standard and emblem of the Roman Empire.

Carried into battle, the Roman Eagle bore the words Senatus Populusque Romanus, or SPQR, meaning the Senate and People of Rome.<sup>2</sup>

Now you know what an aquiline nose is.

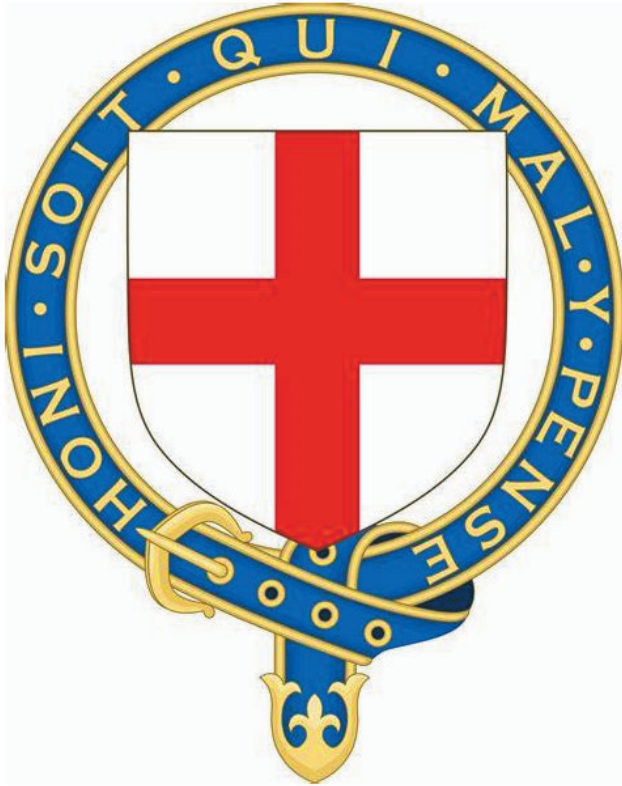
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The Most Noble Order of the Garter is a chivalric Or-

der established by King Edward III of England in 1348. It is the most senior order of knighthood in the British honors system, surpassed in precedence only by the Victoria Cross and the George Cross.

Membership in the order is limited to the reigning sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and twenty-four living members of the royal family.

The motto, *honi soit qui mal y pense*, translated, “shame on whoever thinks bad of it,” finds its origin in the 14th century poem, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. The phrase is Middle French, since the British had not quite developed their own language yet. This also explains why Masonic Ritual often uses three words where apparently one will do: three words for one enhances the chances that the listener will understand at least one. Such usage therefore sounds “ancient.”

By the time the London Grand Lodge became public, the term “Stars and Garter” had become a derisive reference to the proliferation of chivalric and other such orders in England. So the reference to “the Star and Garter” may well be ironic since there is no actual Order of the Star and Garter.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. [www.theoi.com/articles/what-is-the-story-of-Jason-and-the-argonauts](http://www.theoi.com/articles/what-is-the-story-of-Jason-and-the-argonauts).

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<sup>2</sup>. [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquila](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquila).

<sup>3</sup>. [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Star\\_and\\_Garter](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Star_and_Garter); [www.phrases.org.uk/meanings](http://www.phrases.org.uk/meanings)

I would say there are three steps in Masonry.  
The first step is the the fellowship to be taken and  
enjoyed; the second step would be Masonic information  
for enlightenment or education; and the third step would  
be ritual.

*William K. Bailey*

# Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2021

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
C. S. Revell/B. D. Hudson	Poquoson	Sept. 20-22	14
L. N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 14-15-17	49, 50
Edward Page Henry	Petersburg	Sept. 27-29	16, 29
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 11-13	41, 42
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	Oct. 14, 15, 17	48, 49, 50
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Oct. 5-7	44, 47
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	Oct. 26-28	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 26-28	31, 33
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 23	7, 10

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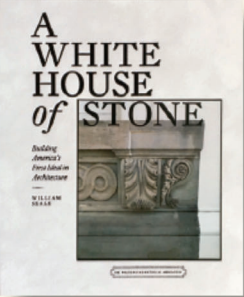
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 ^^ = Not Available

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE to be updated at Grand Lodge Session

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# Retiring Secretaries For the Masonic Year 2021

Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, Grand Secretary

This year we welcome forty-three 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:

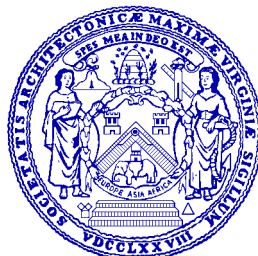
Randy A. Wyatt, Pound Lodge No. 59	13 years
Thomas W. Harrison, Westmoreland Lodge No. 212	14 years
Donnie Everett Stamper, Mouth of Wilson Lodge No. 223	35 years*
Timothy G. Litz, Mt. Airy Lodge No. 226	11 years
James M. Dopp, West Point Lodge No. 238	12 years
Robert C. Holland, III, Churchland Lodge No. 276	11 years
Clarence M. Franklin, Monroe Lodge No. 301	27 years
Robert J. Crossland, Dale City No. 319	20 years*

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

Theodore A. Lambert, Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237	Harvey L. Armstrong, Murray Lodge No. 175
Kenneth L. Jessup, Blandford Lodge No. 3	Russell E. Bane, Murray Lodge No. 175
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As you can see from above, the length of service varies from one to thirty-five 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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# Esoteric! I Do Not Think It Mea

Worshipful Wesley H. Latchford

Throughout the 1987 cult classic movie, *The Princess Bride*, the Sicilian protagonist Vizzini continually states that things are inconceivable, five different times in the movie, if you are keeping score. Eventually, there is this wonderful scene in the film where, after yet another use of the word “inconceivable” by Vizzini, the Spanish swordsman Inigo Montoya turns to him and says, *You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.*

I sometimes feel like Inigo Montoya when I hear the word esoteric used by members of our Fraternity. Over the years, the lumping of esotericism, hermeticism,<sup>1</sup> occultism,<sup>2</sup> and Freemasonry together has made the term esoteric irredeemably tainted by popular culture with perceptions of ancient aliens, defense against the dark arts, Nazis digging for trinkets in the desert, Dungeons & Dragons®, or anything one finds to be just flat out freaky. A good many Brethren seem totally weirded out by the word, to the point of becoming polemic<sup>3</sup> towards anything and everything even remotely affiliated with esotericism. As with many things in life, like Vizzini we sometimes use terms without really understanding what they

mean or represent.

The words exoteric and esoteric are from ancient Greek meaning external and internal. Exoteric refers to knowledge outside and independent from one’s own personal experience, the outer or everyday consciousness, and which is suitable to be imparted to the public.<sup>4</sup> This does not mean, however, that exoteric knowledge or insight necessarily comes easily or automatically. How often we meet folks merely going through the motions of life, never noticing nor understanding the outside world around them. Conversely, esoteric knowledge is that which is specialized or advanced in nature, gained by personal experience and realization, available only to a narrow circle of enlightened or highly educated people. Esotericism also largely involves an element of initiation such as the requirement that one be tested before learning the higher truth.<sup>5</sup> Tradition says that exoteric and esoteric approaches in philosophy were first used by Pythagoras, whose disciples were divided into two classes according to the degree of initiation to which they had attained. In this way, students were either fully admitted into the society to be invested with all the knowledge that the master mathe-

matician and philosopher could communicate, or merely postulants enjoying only the public instructions of the school, awaiting the gradual reception into the society to gain further knowledge.<sup>6</sup>

Does any of this sound familiar?

Every aspect of our gentle Craft has both an exoteric and esoteric meaning. Its exoteric meaning is accessible to all, both Freemason and profane, who choose to read the infinite number of ancient manuscripts, books, encyclopedias, correspondence courses, and websites on Freemasonry. This exoteric meaning may also be obtained from seeing Masonic symbols found throughout our everyday life. We tune into podcasts or webcasts, and watch movies looking for Masonic symbols or references. Yet every aspect of our Craft also has an esoteric meaning, unobvious to the outsider, and is the personal emotional experience our symbols, ritual, and lectures bring to each Mason. This Masonic experience removes the veil between the Mason and the light to see layers upon layers of deeper, internal meaning to be explored, offering pathways to a higher emotional and spiritual dimension.

In his paper, *Defining Esotericism from a Masonic Perspective*, Worshipful Shawn Eyer notes, *Brethren who are fortunate to belong to growing Lodges have likely spoken with recent candidates, who readily express interest in Masonry’s esoteric and philosophical explanations. Suddenly, an element of Masonic life that had been relegated to the margins is coming back into view.*<sup>7</sup> Worshipful Eyer further observes that:

This leaves Masonic leaders, at least, those who do not wish to ignore this important rekindling of interest, with the challenge of obtaining some understanding of it, both in order to



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relate meaningfully to the motivations of these newer members, as well as to include these interests in Lodge education and Masonic formation efforts as may be appropriate.<sup>8</sup>

“As may be appropriate,” is an important point here. No one should ever assume that any one type of Mason, or one view of the means for attaining wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in Freemasonry, is better than another. The individual Mason himself discovers the true secrets of Freemasonry in his own way, his own due time, and in his own place. We meet on the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square, regardless of our station in life or our philosophical pursuits. Additionally, each Lodge has its own unique character based on its members and the communities in which they reside. What is of interest in one Lodge does not immediately translate to its usage in another. However, we do the Craft and ourselves a grave disservice, if we seek to dismiss either the exoteric or the esoteric aspects of Freemasonry, effectively cutting off our nose to spite our face. An individual or Lodge focused entirely on the exoteric aspects of Masonry runs the risk of losing touch with the deeper knowledge and truths of Craft, potentially resulting in hollow ritual and meaningless regalia. An individual or Lodge wrapped up entirely in the more esoteric aspects of Freemasonry has the potential to become uncharitable, too inwardly focused, and elitist. The proper balance, facilitated by the various working tools and degrees of the Craft, lies somewhere in-between.

This is not a new conversation for Freemasons. A piece in the May 1912 edition of *The American Freemason* entitled *The Proper Balance of Masonry: The Greater and the Lesser Mysteries*, the unknown author talks about properly balanced Masonry giving full place and scope to all the workmen.

It is only by providing and maintaining the proper balance, by serving the needs of the greatest possible number of men, embracing the broadest range of intellectual capacities, that this or any like institution can hope to achieve and hold meaning in the world... For those having ears to hear, there are things cryptic, mystical, well worth the hearing. For those who are content with the ringing of bells, the bells will ring, and in beautiful harmony<sup>9</sup>

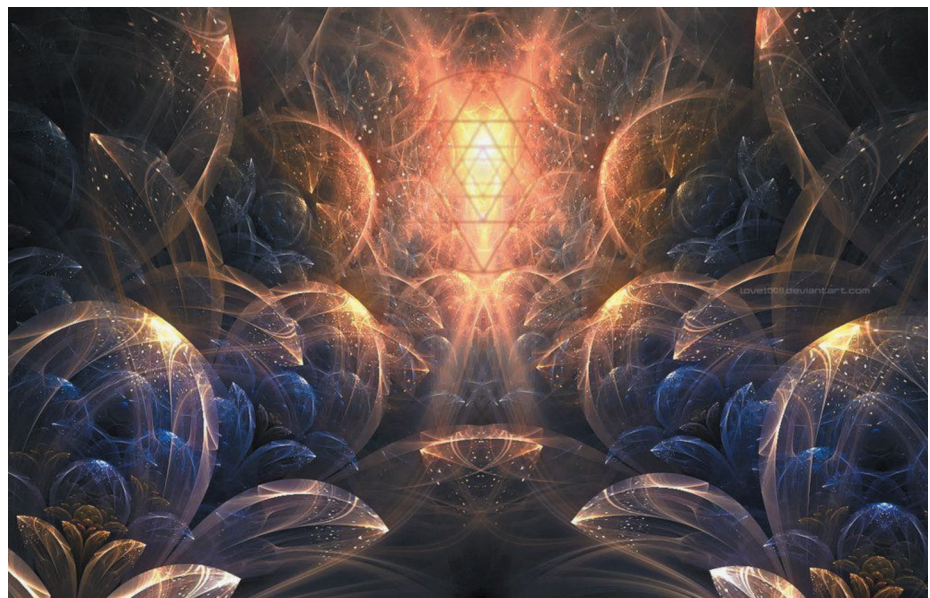
Nevertheless, the author cautions Masonry, even in its simplest requirements, demands more than that one should go and remain upon the treadmill of verbiage, making no advancement upward or forward.<sup>10</sup>

So unlike our friend from *The Princess Bride*, when hearing or using the word esoteric you now know it means what you think it means. For the Fraternity to be who we say we are, do what we say we do, and act as we say we act, for our Brothers, Lodges, and communities, it is essential to balance exoteric and esoteric pursuits as may be appropriate to an individual's and Lodge's personality and interests. Freemasonry and its system of exoteric and esoteric teachings should manifest itself in the

conduct of its members, especially in their responsibilities and relationships to one another. We need not be afraid of either one's existence in either our Brothers or our Lodges. They are a critical part of what makes Freemasonry unlike any other organization the world has ever known.

Inconceivable.

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# Virginia Freemasons Rally

Right Worshipful James F. Dickerson  
Lodge Services Committee, Chairman



**Snowville Lodge No. 159 Independence Day Pig Roast.**

Brothers, thank you for responding to the call to Celebrate Virginia Freemasonry. In the last issue of our Virginia Masonic Herald, you were challenged to respond to COVID by getting out and celebrating the great attributes of our Fraternity as Lodges and individuals. The examples of your participation in Rally Day events to get Brothers back to Lodge and families participating in picnics, ladies' nights, etc., continue pouring in. One Lodge presented a Community Builder's Award for the first time (they even invited the local newspaper to the event and got publicity). Other Lodges are hosting Bring a Friend breakfasts and reaping petitions from good men interested in joining our Craft; while other Lodges and districts host Community events and fund-raisers (have you heard about the success filled Bowling Pin Shoot held by three Lodges in District 10?).

As we move into the Fall and Win-

ter, let us continue with tiled and open events that celebrate Virginia Freemasonry, energizing our Brethren to rally to Freemasonry and return to Lodge.

Please share your events on the Grand Lodge Facebook® page. Other Brothers seeing your event may be encouraged to celebrate Virginia Freemasonry in a new and exciting manner. Keep up the great work you're doing, building our great Fraternity one good man at a time as we rebound from COVID.

Are you having great speakers for your Lodge Programs? Right Worshipful Tom Woolfolk continues to collect speakers' names, contact information and programs topics to add to the Speakers List on our Grand Lodge website [grandlodgeofvirginia.org](http://grandlodgeofvirginia.org). Many thanks to our Grand Lodge Information Technology Committee, who helped facilitate the on-line Speakers List so you can easily access and find speakers. If you know of a great speaker who

would make a good addition (yes, we are always looking for more speakers.), please e-mail Right Worshipful Brother Woolfolk [tom@tomwoolfolk.com](mailto:tom@tomwoolfolk.com). As we have experienced recently, great programs will bring the Brethren back to Lodge.

As you and your Lodge get ready for 2022, please reach out to your Lodge Services Committee, if we can be of assistance. We have committee members across the Commonwealth assigned to each district. We are here to assist you in building strong Lodges. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 434.466.4663, email [james@virginiahmesfarmsland.com](mailto:james@virginiahmesfarmsland.com), or mail 316 Meghans Lane, Gordonsville, Virginia 22942-6869. Heck, if you are down in Richmond for our 2021 Grand Annual Communication, pull me aside to say hello, and let me know how we can help and how you are Rallying to Celebrate Virginia Freemasonry. Keep Rallying....

# A New Virginia Rainbow Grand Year

Kaitlyn Reed, Grand Worthy Advisor

Family, brotherhood, and sisterhood are all hallmarks of Masonic relationships. With our Masonic family, no one is a stranger. It is why we are known for driving hours to attend an installation or flying across the country to meet new friends. It is the kind of family that demonstrates its kindness through big and small acts, changing your tire when you get stranded, dancing at your daughter's wedding, and grieving with you when you lose a loved one. I have heard countless tales of our members helping people they would never have met before, just because they knew they were Masonic family and were in need.


Within our comforting Masonic walls, we can be our authentic selves and know we will be received with kindness and acceptance. But how are we preparing our members for life outside of this cocoon?

With a theme of "Have Courage and Be Kind," this year our Virginia Rainbow girls are reminded to always share kindness even when times are tough. Inspiration for our term comes from the story "Cinderella," in which courage and kindness prevailed. Cinderella was kind, despite the terrible conditions in which she lived. Ultimately, her kindness was rewarded with freedom and a new life away from the evils of her step-family. I want our girls to learn the value of this lesson, that being courageous and showing kindness towards others will leave you with a great reward.

Each year, the Grand Worthy Advisor selects a charity we will support throughout the year. Last year, under Vanessa Hamrick's leadership, we fundraised for the Scottish Rite Learning Centers, raising over forty-five hundred

dollars. This grand year, our charity is Pennies for PAWS. Founded by a group of passionate animal welfare advocates, the foundation focuses on People, Animals, Wildlife, and Shelters. Pennies in its name signifies that every little bit can and does make a difference. This year, I want to donate and contribute as much as we can as a state to the Pennies for PAWS organization. We will secure pet supplies, make snuffle mats, and help local shelters throughout our communities.

In addition to our charitable efforts, we are looking forward to full calendar of rewarding events including a museum visit, a ghost tour, dances, a leadership retreat, a murder mystery dinner, and much more. Despite the pandemic, Virginia Rainbow grew in active membership in 2020. With this kind of agenda, just imagine all we will achieve in 2021.

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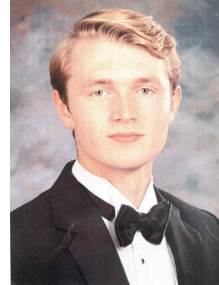
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# Wherefore the Ins

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Here is the setup: Nineteen (19) Masonic Brethren participate in virtual on-line meetings during the pandemic. The group includes at least five Past Masters, an Entered Apprentice, a professor of American History, a Lodge Chaplain, a Past Grand Master, a “prominent” psychiatrist, an appellate judge, and one, “who works in the field of information technology.”

The conversations among these Brethren have been recorded, transcribed, and fictionalized to protect the participants’ privacy.

Two points of view predominate the conversations. One includes “regular” or “mainstream” Masons. The other includes strict observers, restorationists and a self-proclaimed elitist, described as the Heritage Seekers, who are committed to the original aim and purpose of the Fraternity.” Whatever that may be and, after all, who is not?

The regulars represent a civic and social club orientation in the current understanding and practices of the mainstream community of Freemasonry, the mainstream, meaning the majority.

The question presented for discussion asks, if Freemasonry is an Enlightenment Era institution, how did the Heritage Seekers, who are committed to its foundational purposes, become a minority?

Unsurprisingly, that loaded question provokes some sharp exchanges that strain even the most friendly manner.

The Past Master, “Dempsey,” proudly relates the programs he initiated during his term in the Grand East. His elaborate programs, boiled down to education, engagement, and enrollment, motivated wider participation among the Craft in his jurisdiction. He emphasized protocol, produced public service announcements, and initiated a program to give away bicycles and school uniforms. He says: *I wanted my Lodges engaged with*

*their communities in ways that fly our banner high. I wanted them to hold fish fries and pancake breakfasts.... We are a center of good, wholesome, American activities, supporting our communities and our families, and I wanted that to be clear to everyone.*

As soon as Dempsey winds down his catalogue of successes, Alec, a recent Past Master and rancher, moves in for the kill:

*I am reminded of that old phrase, ‘sound and fury signifying nothing.’ Alliterative names, while sometimes clever, only mask the hollowness of an underlying idea...[T]here isn’t a single shred of evidence that indicates that any of the activities you have described or endorse has contributed to the advancement of Freemasonry, or at the very least, detoured its membership decline.*

Every single program that you have described is a rehash of similar programs in which the mainstream has engaged since the 1950’s. How is it that sixty-plus years later, we are still unable to conclude that none of these things have worked? At what point in time do we admit that we are merely putting new packaging on worn-out ideas, and finally recognize the consequences of ignoring that reality.

That “old phrase,” in context, goes:

*Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player*

*That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,*

*And then is heard no more. It is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,*

*Signifying nothing*

*[Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 5, lines 23-27.]*

That is how Macbeth felt upon hearing of the death of his wife. Does the old Past Grand Master really deserve this? BAM! POW!

So much for friendship, morality and brotherly love. And we are only up to page twenty.

The drubbing of the regulars persists throughout this high-priced paperback. Among their complaints about the regulars, the Heritage proponents maintain that most Brethren who occupy the East lack the qualifications of a Master, are undereducated, tolerate sloppy ritual and are otherwise unfit to hold the office.

Further, regulars know nothing of Enlightenment principles. The West Gate has become insufficiently guarded, Regulars do not learn anything once they are raised as Master Masons. Current members fail to measure up to the accomplishments of their famous fraternal ancestors. Charitable works have little to do with Masonry. Mainstream Masons prefer to purchase pins, regalia and car badges over books about the Craft.

Moreover, Lodges have become service clubs. (Just in case you missed it, that is a bad thing according to the Heritage folks.) There is little Masonic leadership. Masonry has become so consistently distracted from practicing what it preaches that its message is lost.

[W]e are distanced from a clear understanding of our ultimate aim and purpose.” The judge complains of “an evolutionary process that has changed the Fraternity from an elite, philosophically learned, highly respected society, into a less than elite, almost ignored organization, devoted to charitable objectives... [W]e have drifted from our purpose and replaced it with the need for members to support and fuel the engine of charitable programs.

Douglas, the historian, agreeing with the judge, holds that, historically speaking, little else could be expected of the organization when teaching had been

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either abandoned or diluted, and symbols so interpreted as to suit the most common comprehension. As men were indiscriminately admitted, some without much inquiry, it was easily forgotten that Freemasonry does not mean to be popular but a select and exclusive institution.

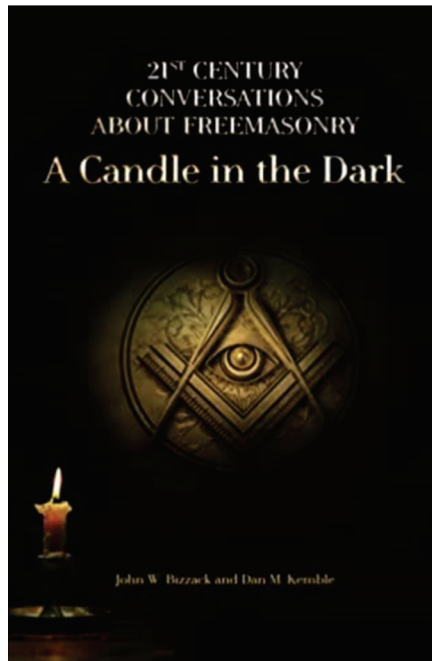
Sam, a current Master and owner of a successful hardware business, laments:

The slogan that I hear used constantly in Masonry is, “We take good men and make them better.” That is an audacious, if not grandiose, statement! I have little doubt that, with the application and practice of the reasoning of the Age of Enlightenment, Freemasonry does, indeed, ‘make good men better.’ ...But...it would be more accurate to say that ‘Freemasonry takes good men and keeps them that way,’ or, more disturbingly, ‘Freemasonry takes good men and makes them average.’

Trouble is, if one is looking for a list or explanation or exposition of just what those lost “Enlightenment principles” the Craft should return to, this book will not help.

Jeffrey, past Master of a Prince Hall Lodge and owner of a restaurant, declares: Freemasonry has had strict criteria for admission, and it still does; but when we speak candidly, we know those criteria are not always followed strictly as outlined and intended, even though Masons were always (and continue to be) charged with faithfulness to maintain it. A man who meets all of the criteria of admission...*is already set apart from a large segment of the population.* (Emphasis added).

Nelson, the curator of a large Masonic library and museum, asks: How is it possible that an institution conceived and born in the Age of Enlightenment, and founded on the principle of self-improvement through continued learning,



**John W. Bizzack, and Dan M. Kemble**  
*21st Century Conversations About*  
*Freemasonry: A Candle in the Dark,* (BSF  
Foundation, 2021, 213pp.  
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Noble.)

has become the haven of so many who have steadfastly refused to expand any effort at all to understand its meaning?

At this point the reader may find himself asking, How is it possible that an institution whose most excellent tenets are friendship, morality and brotherly love, that extols brotherly love, relief and truth, that recommends that its initiates lend an attentive ear to the instructive tongue, contain within its ranks so many men of intelligence and learning, such as those in these dialogues, who absent themselves from our Blue Lodges with their instructive tongues unloosed and their knowledge of “Enlightenment principles” unshared and uncommunicated?

The needle in the haystack that is *Twenty First Century Conversations* is the level and its teachings. As some of those conversants carry on about undefined, unexplained and murky Enlightenment principles, the reader may well be excused for wondering whether, fol-

lowing their raising as Master Masons, they have returned to their Lodges to participate in or even just witness Degree work. (Psst! Egalitarianism was a huge Enlightenment principle. Still is. One of the biggest; maybe the biggest.

Not a single participant suggests that ignorant” Brethren might find solid, concrete history about Masonry’s early adoption of “Enlightenment principles in the works of Margaret C. Jacob and others. They fail to mention the ridicule heaped on early Masonry for its snobbery by the Gorgomons or that the Antients’ ultimate absorption of the Moderns represents a victory of Enlightenment egalitarianism over snobbery.

And this tome fails to temper the Heritage Masons’ total oblivion when it comes to that great and important symbol of Enlightenment egalitarianism, the level.

Perhaps some instructive tongues could come to Lodge and teach the Brethren that Enlightenment Freemasons, actually, really, and factually performed good works and contributed to the diffusion of culture. Or that, also during the Enlightenment, In France... the bourgeoisie dominated, with aristocrats providing only twenty-two percent of the membership in Paris, fifteen per cent in the provinces.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, the names that Lodges assumed expressed allegiance to broadly defined Enlightenment ideals (e.g. ...‘Humanity,’ ‘Liberty,’ ‘Prejudices Overcome.’<sup>3</sup>)

Nor was the Enlightenment period an era of monolithic principles. Slavery flourished. Heresy incurred severe punishments. [C]onservatives accused philosophers of conspiring against Church and state, and their fears were strengthened by the prevalence of semi-secret societies, the best known being the Freemasons.<sup>4</sup> Since Freemasons “professed belief in the brotherhood of humanity<sup>5</sup>, their ideals were labeled cos-

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mopolitan and decried as subversive.<sup>6</sup>

These conversations do have flashes of actual history as well as ideas to overcome the gloom and doom of the Heritage Brethren.

For example, Scott, the Chaplain, informs the group that the opening and closing prayers, I will be giving this evening come from a rather obscure book simply titled, 'Masonic Monitor,' published in 1911 by Brother J. N. Saunders. These are the opening and closing prayers used in Virginia Lodges.

Ethan, the twenty-five year member, retired colonel, and Grand Junior Deacon of his jurisdiction, wisely quotes from Brother Henry W. Coil's *Conversations on Masonry* (McCoy, 1976) which actually mentions a few Enlightenment principles:

Freemasonry...is a system of morality and social ethics, a primitive religion and a philosophy of life, all of simple and fundamental character, incorporating a broad humanitarianism, and, though treating life as a

practical experience and not ignoring the pleasure of refreshment and entertainment, subordinates the material to the spiritual; it is a religion without a creed, being of no sect but finding truth in all; it is moral but not pharisaic; it demands sanity rather than sanctity; it is tolerant but not supine; it seeks truth but does not define truth; it urges its votaries to think but does not tell them what to think; *it despises ignorance but does not proscribe the ignorant; it fosters education but proposes no curriculum;* it espouses political liberty and the dignity of man but has no platform or propaganda; it believes in the nobility and usefulness of life; it is modest but not militant; it is moderate, universal, *and so liberal as to permit each individual to form and express his own opinions, even as to what Freemasonry is or should be, and invites him to improve it if he can.* (Emphasis added).

Reading books of history, philosophy or Freemasonry guarantees no one automatic self-improvement. Morality, brotherly love, relief, and truth remain

available to the Brethren whom both Pike and Mackey recognized do not read.

A question to "Heritage" *Island, Strict Observance, Restoration Freemasons*: If indeed the Craft's initiates are admonished to lend the attentive ear to the informative tongue of more learned Brethren, by what rule or reason would more learned Brethren withhold their knowledge of the difficult and dangerous path to Enlightenment from their Brethren? After all, the blood of every "Enlightened" Brother is no better than that of the youngest Entered Apprentice.

And how about that "phrase" about outer accouterments?

To paraphrase the Doobie Brothers: Masonry is just all right. Oh yeah!

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The Town of Lovettsville, Virginia issued a Citation for Meritorious Service to Freedom Lodge No. 118 for their partnership with the funding and installation of a new flagpole and walkway. The new flagpole is in the center of the Lovettsville and prominently displays the USA flag and illuminated at night. Many of the Brethren of Freedom Lodge No.118 contributed generously to the purchase of a walkway brick with an engraved "Freedom Lodge No.118" on it. Freedom Lodge No.118 continues its long tradition of being involved in community events and supporting community service projects.

# Thoughtfulness

Worshipful Edward P. Tooma

Every day we read and hear in the news about the lack of respect the younger generation has for their elders; do we have the same problem in Masonry? Do we really take care of the elder statesmen of our Lodge and other fraternal organizations? Do we really understand how they feel? We sometimes think we are doing the right thing for them, but in reality, we are probably hurting them.

When I was selecting my appointed officers for my term as Worshipful Master, I strongly felt our Tiler, who had been in that position for over twenty years in our Lodge, would enjoy spending some time inside the Lodge after all of those years tiling from without. When I asked him if he would mind giving up the Tiler's position and spend more time inside with his Brethren, he was very hurt. To him, the Tiler was the greeter, the first friendly face and handshake the visiting Brethren received. To him, it was the most important and cherished job in the Lodge. He also felt that it was a demotion to come inside... *in fact, why should I come to the Lodge at all, if I am not going to be used?* He is now over eighty-five years old and will probably continue in that position until he lays down his working tools and departs to the Celestial Lodge above.

At the stated communication of another Lodge, it was announced by the

Senior Warden that due to health reasons he would not be going to the East, so all of the officers agreed to stay in their chairs for the ensuing year. One of the officers who agreed to this was the Lodge's Chaplain who had just had his seventy-fifth birthday.

The Chaplain has Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease, which are starting to become more progressive, but he made every effort to be at all Lodge functions. In fact, he was one of the Brethren that everybody counted on as always being there. But the Worshipful Master felt it would be better for the Lodge, and maybe for this Brother, if he asked another Brother to be the Chaplain. Unfortunately, he never asked the Chaplain how he felt about this or told him of his decision to do this. Masonry was the one thing in his life that was keeping the Chaplain active and getting him out of the house! Now that he was being pushed to the side, without even the courtesy of being asked, he was really hurt. This was bad enough, but the previous year this Lodge had moved another Brother ahead of him to the Junior Deacon position and whenever the Junior Deacon was missing, they asked the older Brother to fill-in for him. So, this was just icing on the cake.

Consideration and respect for an elder statesman were definitely non-existent. Here was an almost twenty-five-year member twice "pushed to the side

of the road" to let a young guy take over. Where was the respect, the courtesy, the kindness we have all heard about existing in Masonry? If the Master had had the courtesy to talk with the Chaplain, he probably would have agreed to step-down. Since this occurred, the Brother has not attended his beloved Lodge at all due to the lack of respect and hurt it has caused. Respect ... courtesy ... neither was existent in this case, but sadly it also seems to be an ever-occurring problem.

Yes, it is great to get fresh blood into our declining membership, but we need to remember not to hurt the ones who have kept this great Fraternity prospering for us. Many of the Brethren of the World War II generation do not frequent the Lodges as they used to because of illness and old age. Do we contact them to find out how they are doing or why they are not coming anymore? Or do we just keep calling or writing them once every year to make sure they pay their dues so we can keep our Lodge going? If they cannot come to meetings, do we stop by to visit them or see if we can help them come to the meetings? Think about it the next time you want to make a change in the Lodge and bring in some fresh blood. Do the respectful thing and ask first before you cause harm or hurt the feelings of one of our elder statesman.

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# Masonic Awards



L-R: Bro. Stuart Cochran, Wor. Tom Hannifan, and Bro. Glenn Cochran.

Brother Glenn Cochran received his 50-Year Veterans' Award in McDaniel Lodge No. 86. Brother Glenn's father, Brother Paul Cochran, who was a Master Mason and gave Brother Glenn one of his Masonic rings fifty-five years ago. Brother Glenn passed his dad's ring on to his son the night when he received his 50-Year Veterans' Award. Brother Glenn says you cannot ask your son to become a Mason, but you can ask him, *If he knows what being a Mason is all about?* We all need to ask good young men, *Do you know what being a Mason is all about?*



L-R: Rt. Wor. Foy Holland, Right Wor. Bruce A. Olson, and Wor. Bobby V. Whitehouse, Jr.

Right Worshipful Brother Holland officiated the presentation of Right Worshipful Brother Olson's 50-Year Veterans Award at Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5. Right Worshipful Brother Olson traveled from Michigan to receive this honor.



Right Worshipful Robert Kelly Lewis, Sr., of Capeville Lodge No. 107 receiving his 50-Year Veterans' Award presented by Right Worshipful Ernest G. Drummond.



Right Worshipful Thomas Wayne Andrews, Brother Richard Lee Andrews and Worshipful Danny Grayson Rowles, presenting him his 70-Year Veterans' Award from the Grand Master.




Right Worshipful Ernest G. Drummond presenting Worshipful Wade Hamilton Fitzgerald, of Capeville Lodge No. 107, his 50-Year Veterans' Award.



L-R: Bro. Edner, Rull, Wor. Rene Felias, Wor. Mike Denning, Wor. Jessy Santeror and Bro. Alex Masana.

Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778 Brethren presented a Tiler's sword to Kempsville Lodge Worshipful Master Mike Denning at their stated meeting on behalf of Brother William Rodriguez Rivera. Brother William and his son donated the collectible Masonic sword to replace the Tiler's sword that was stolen from a recent breaking and entering at Kempsville Lodge No. 196



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# 50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between May 18, 2021 and August 17, 2021

## Fifty-Year Veterans

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 Rt. Wor. Wade Vestel Evans, Jr.  
 Bro. Roy Henry Lythgoe, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Tommy Skeens  
 Bro. Jerry Skeens  
 Bro. William George Meyer  
 Wor. Bobby Cole Looney  
 Bro. Lawrence Miller Goodwin  
 Rt. Wor. Jerry Wayne Dorton  
 Bro. Sidney Stone Johnson  
 Bro. Calvin Elec Robertson, Jr.  
 Bro. Dennis Blair Hayter  
 Bro. Edmund Michael Cohn  
 Wor. Carlton Alfred King  
 Bro. Richard Ray Rankin  
 Bro. Jimmy Roger Roberson  
 Bro. Johnny Allen Boggs  
 Bro. John Coulter Maddox  
 Bro. Harry Ditman Flory  
 Bro. Marvin Russell Seaman  
 Bro. John Hamilton Raber  
 Bro. Vernon Lee Wilson  
 Bro. William Everett Hillman  
 Rt. Wor. Robert Ashby Clore  
 Bro. Eddie Norris Matney  
 Bro. George Clyde Oliver, III  
 Bro. Norman Larry Farmer  
 Bro. Thomas Albert Smith  
 Bro. Floyd Ray Wood  
 Bro. Norman Augustus Chandler  
 Wor. Henry Arthur Chandler  
 Bro. Kenneth Wayne Jenkins  
 Bro. Michael Edward Felton  
 Bro. Johnny Walter Avent  
 Bro. John Edward Stringer  
 Bro. Smitty Douglas Baker  
 Bro. Joseph Clinton Monds, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Ronald Ivan Turner  
 Bro. Ellis Edison Snell, Jr.  
 Bro. Norman Hugh McIntosh  
 Bro. Albert Carl Wesley  
 Bro. Gary Wayne Waters  
 Bro. Larry Michael Worrell  
 Bro. Paul Owen Thompson  
 Bro. John R. Jones  
 Bro. Walter Lee Humphries  
 Rt. Wor. William Ray Knowles, Sr.  
 Wor. George Mckendree Jefferies, III  
 Wor. Larry Douglas Baker  
 Bro. Creed Jackson Williams  
 Wor. Robert Milan Blake  
 Bro. Jerry Thomas Kerns  
 Wor. Jimmy Wayne Wagner  
 Bro. Charles Joseph Delaney  
 Bro. Larry Doyle Durham  
 Bro. Ocie Murray, Jr.  
 Bro. Harold Lloyd Dye  
 Wor. Obia Banner Lockhart  
 Bro. Donald Lee Cook  
 Wor. Kerry Dane Cook  
 Bro. Robert Daniel Jones  
 Bro. Verl Ted Cassell  
 Bro. Harry Glenn Harvey  
 Bro. Carl Eugene Saunders  
 Mt. Wor. Alan Wayne Adkins  
 Bro. Michael K. Brickley  
 Rt. Wor. Sam Joe Morrison  
 Bro. Hartwell Elbert Hundley, Jr.

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 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17  
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 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 Taylor Lodge No. 23  
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 Fincastle Lodge No. 33  
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 Bro. Roy Edward Dowdy  
 Bro. Raymond L. Wimbrough  
 Bro. Stephen Nelson Martin  
 Bro. Albert Edward Bills  
 Wor. David John Fazendin  
 Bro. Woodrow Wilson Flora  
 Bro. John Grant Mizell, Jr.  
 Bro. Charles William Volkmann, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Harold James Jennings, Jr.  
 Bro. Marvin Raymond Young  
 Bro. Edward Benjamin Taylor  
 Bro. David Fleming Seay  
 Wor. Luther Junior Wimmer  
 Bro. James Alfred Saunders  
 Wor. Charles Lindy Burnett  
 Bro. Jimmy Dean Howery  
 Bro. Stephen Grant Koontz  
 Bro. Patrick Stuart Carmean  
 Bro. Robert Lee Fixx, Jr.  
 Bro. James Lee Cannon  
 Bro. George Ingram Otwell  
 Bro. William Brent Lovern  
 Rt. Wor. Ronald Nicholas Morris  
 Wor. Jack Murphy Williams

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 South Norfolk Lodge No. 339  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349  
 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350

## Sixty-Year Veterans

Bro. Edward Trant Adelstein  
 Rt. Wor. Harry Willard Bryant, Jr.  
 Wor. John Jerl Purcell, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. William Roberson, Jr.  
 Bro. Elmer Kirk Dunn  
 Bro. Robert Hill Bates, Jr.  
 Bro. Donald Lee Newsome  
 Bro. Bernard Douglas Tinsley  
 Bro. Thomas S. Scott, Jr.  
 Bro. Edward Lee Baynor  
 Bro. William Amos Harvey  
 Rt. Wor. Hugh Arthur West  
 Wor. Hugh Edward Spivey  
 Wor. Calvin Winston Barnes  
 Bro. Ben Walter Dodge, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Adrian Lee Eure  
 Bro. William D. Hudson  
 Bro. Donald Ray Thornton  
 Wor. James Barclay Andrews, II  
 Wor. George David Lloyd  
 Bro. Joseph Peter Dettmer  
 Bro. Bennett Gordon Richardson  
 Bro. Emory Wilson Lewis, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Kenneth Kaplan  
 Bro. John Robert Leyh  
 Bro. Robert Harold Floyd  
 Bro. Charles Edward Simmons  
 Bro. William James Miller, Jr.

Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 George Lodge No. 32  
 Day Lodge No. 58  
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 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64  
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## Seventy-Year Veterans

Bro. Anthony M. Juranis  
 Bro. Richard Bernard McCord  
 Bro. William Wells Clark, Jr.  
 Bro. John Wilson Crumb  
 Bro. Collas Eldridge Lowry  
 Bro. Charles Preston Tolley  
 Wor. William Thomas Johnson  
 Bro. Grant Gerhard Gullickson  
 Bro. Robert Talmadge Porter  
 Bro. Harold Wright Ayres  
 Bro. Harry Elam Hamilton, Jr.

Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60  
 Capeville Lodge No. 107  
 Glen Allen Lodge No. 131  
 Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166  
 Stonewall Lodge No. 200  
 Bayside Lodge No. 218  
 Ivanhoe Lodge No. 235  
 Bremond Lodge No. 241  
 Monroe Lodge No. 301



# Masonic Awards



L-R: Mt. Wor. Alan W. Adkins, Rt. Wor. Carl H. Dunn, Jr., Rt. Wor. Donald L. McAndrews, Wor. Tom Costis, Wor. William Sessler, Wor. Cliff Blasius, Bro. Paul B. Ebert, Rt. Wor. James Golladay, and Rt. Wor. Peter S. Jensen.

Manasseh Lodge No. 182 had the distinct honor of presenting one 70-Year Veterans' Award and Manasseh Lodge No. 182 and five 50-Year Veterans' Awards in an open ceremony before the May stated communication. The Lodge was honored to have Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) preside over both ceremonies. The 70-year Veterans' Award was given to Right Worshipful Emil Klingenfus. The 50-Year Veterans' Award was presented as follows: Right Worshipful Carl H. Dunn, Jr., Right Worshipful Donald L. McAndrews, Brother Paul B. Ebert, Worshipful Cliff Blasius and Worshipful William F. Sessler.

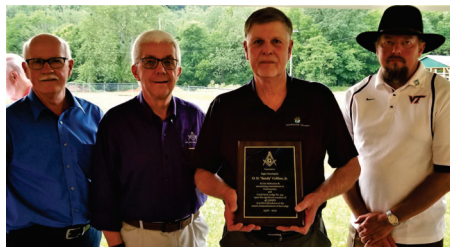
After the presentations, each honoree spoke a few words on the occasion, and they were all joined by families and loved ones.



L-R : Wor. Brother Tom Costis and Rt. Wor. Emil John Klingenfus



Franklin Lodge No. 151 recently recognized two of its members at the June stated communication. Worshipful Donald Wade and Brother Johnny Avent were recognized as 50-Year Masons and were presented with their pins and cards by Right Worshipful Butch Ambrose. Both members are longtime residents of the City of Franklin.



L-R: Wor. Clay Bane, Mt. Wor. Douglas V. Jones, Rt. Wor. O. D. Collins, Jr., and Rt. Wor. Chris Duncan.


During the Grand Master's Official Visit to the 41st Masonic District, Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones presented a plaque to Right Worshipful O. D. "Sandy" Collins, Jr. of Castle Rock Lodge No. 334 recognizing his forty-five years of perfect attendance at the stated communications of his Lodge.



The two-day One-Day Conferral Master Masons.

The 56th Masonic District Initiated, Passed, and Raised fifteen Master Masons during a two-day One-Day Conferral at Bayside Lodge No. 218. Candidates and degree team members from all six district Lodges (Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, Kempsville Lodge No. 196, Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778, and Bayside Lodge No. 218) participated in the program. The Degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft were done the evening of June 7, with the Degree of Master Mason on the following evening. Most Worshipful Wayne S. Flora (2014) served as the Grand Lodge representative for the degrees, with Right Worshipful David E. Crook and Right Worshipful Alfredo C. Lintag overseeing the conferral of the three Degrees in Freemasonry.

Due to COVID many of the candidates had waited a year or more to commence their journey in Freemasonry.



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# Masonic Awards



L-F: Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, Wor. David Allen, Rt. Wor. Robert A. Clore, and Rt. Wor. Donald E. Strehle.

Right Worshipful Robert A. Clore receiving his 50-Year Veterans' Award from Right Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, Grand Senior Warden, with Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges (2009), and Worshipful David Allen.



At Botetourt Lodge No. 7, Most Worshipful G. Bernard Dungan (2007) presented Brother Hugh C. Wyatt his 70-Year Veterans' Award. Friends and family of Brother Wyatt attended the presentation.



Bro. Charles Reinhold and Mr. Caelan Reinhold



L-R: Mt. Wor. William Frank Perdue (1991), Wor. Wayne Shipley, Rt. Wor. Grover C. "Bud" Sanders, Rt. Wor. Tom Fifer, and Rt. Wor. Charles E. Hinson.

Congratulations to Right Worshipful "Bud" Sanders who received his 50-Year Veterans' Award at Varina Lodge No. 272. The Award was presented by Right Worshipful C. Thomas Fifer.



Worshipful Johnny P. King, Sr. was presented his 60-Year Veterans' Award by Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones.

He was presented by Worshipful Johnny P. King, II, and Worshipful William A. Bryan of Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74.

Right Worshipful Brother King spoke with pride of his active role in the Fraternity and that all three of his sons served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

He currently serves Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74 as Treasurer and is its oldest living active member.

At the conclusion of the award ceremony, Most Worshipful Brother Jones gave an uplifting talk focusing on the need for our Fraternity to reawaken as it recovers from COVID. Right Worshipful Brother King service is one that we can emulate as our Fraternity reawakens.



Worshipful Richard "Dick" Jones being presented his 50-Year Veterans' Award by Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. (2009).



Matthew Cooper.

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Scholarship Committee chose four local high school students and awarding each \$3,000 scholarships. Another Lodge scholarship recipient was Halle Brochett. Scholarships were awarded based upon their academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, the quality of their answers on the scholarship application, and their Masonic ties. We are proud of the distinguished achievements of our area youth and delight in promoting their educational advancement in our community.

## Masonic Awards



L-R: Wor. G. Wayne Cyrus and Mr. Ron Krauklis

Before a regular meeting of the American Legion Post No. 104 of Appomattox, Worshipful G. Wayne Cyrus of Monroe Lodge No. 301 presented a Community Builders Award to the Appomattox American Legion Post No. 104.

Worshipful Brother Cyrus cited several examples of the exemplary service the members of American Legion Post No. 104 had performed for the community through the years: hosting county wide commemorative events for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Patriot's Day, the Four Chaplains Service, and assisting in production of the July 4th ceremony and fireworks. The Post provides yearly scholarships and mentors to Virginia Boys State for rising senior high school boys. Their "Buddy Checks" assist all veterans with much needed services and benefits to distressed and disabled local veterans. When requested by the family, the Post Honor Guard renders military honors at the funeral of a deceased veteran. The Post cared for the entire community during the February 13-29, 2020, power outage when they opened the Post building to all as a warming shelter, providing hot meals, recharged cell phones, and a place to sleep for those in need.

Post Commander Ron Krauklis accepted the award and thanked Monroe Lodge No. 301 for the sincerely appreciated recognition.



L-R: Logan Shorter and Lillian Paulette

Monroe Lodge No. 301 of Appomattox has awarded the Brother and Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien Scholarship to three Appomattox County graduating high school seniors. The 2021 recipients are: William B. "Liam" Bennett will be attending the University of South Carolina.

Worshipful Wayne Cyrus said, *One of the most significant things we as individuals and community organizations can do is to invest in the education and development of our young people who are our future leaders.*

The Brother and Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien Scholarship is named after local physician, Appomattox resident, and longtime member of Monroe Lodge No. 301. Brother Wayne Simpson, a scholarship committeeman, said *Dr. O'Brien in 1995 the Lodge organized the annual scholarship fund in Brother and Dr. O'Brien's honor*

Brother Wayne Simpson, *the Masonic Lodge is a Fraternity and its philanthropy back to its community has been appealing. Offering scholarships to local students is just one way to give back to our community.* Their names will be alongside of the past two decades of recipients on plaques which are displayed at the Lodge hall.



L-R: Wor. Clifton Mullins, Bro. Fran Turner, his brother Bro. Gary Turner, and Wor. Benny Stallard.

At a stated communication of Clintwood Lodge No. 66, Worshipful Clifton Mullins presented Brother Fran Turner his 50-Year Veterans' Award.



Coach Smith and Right Worshipful Kenneth L. Fredrick  
Members of Monroe Lodge No. 301, and Right Worshipful Kenneth L. Fredrick presented the Community Builders Award to Coach Doug Smith of Appomattox County High School.

Coach Smith began his duties in 2012. After arriving, he adopted the Raiders into the "Power of One" (one team, one community, one fight) system for football and life.

Coach Smith leads his football players in contributing to their community. After the EF2 tornado devastated the Evergreen community, instead of working out in the weight room, they cleared debris and performed the heavy lifting to get this community back on its feet. This was one of many examples as he teaches everyone, it is not just about football... it is about the community.

## Family Day at the Masonic Home

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton  
Director of Development

As we approach the fall, it is a good time to remember Masonic Family Day. You are welcome to join us for all the festivities at the Masonic Home of Virginia. Mark your calendar for October 9 and join us for a wonderful day when we plan to invite everyone to come visit our grounds, watch the parade, and have a free BBQ lunch with their friends and families. As you may recall, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold this wonderful event last year, but we are making plans to resume the activities in 2021 barring any significant change in the number of positive cases in our community.

The day begins at 8:00 AM with coffee and donuts at the Grand Lodge, where visitors can tour the Library and

Museum. During the morning, folks will get a chance to meet and greet our residents, enjoy walking around the campus, and relax with your fellow Masons and their families. Some of you may remember the parachute jump onto the front lawn, and we are proud to announce that this will again be the opening act just before the parade begins at 11:00 AM. This year we will also feature the military veteran's who live at the Masonic Home, as we thank them for their service. The Widows Sons make a great impression with a variety of motorcycles and the Shriner's always bring a great show. Masonic youth groups are all represented and have a blast marching in the parade, throwing candy or popping balloons, and just having fun.

Family Day is a long-standing tradition at the Home, and the residents look forward to it as an opportunity to meet Masons from across the Commonwealth. There are craft booths showcasing the handmade items from the gift shop at the Home and other groups. By the way, these make terrific Christmas gifts.

Lunch is right after the parade. Amelia Lodge No. 101 prepares a BBQ lunch for all to enjoy free of charge. The meal also includes ice cream sandwiches for dessert. We encourage Masons to bring their friends and families to support the Masonic Home. Parking is free and handicap spaces are available. Come on out to your Masonic Home on October 9, the Crown Jewel of Masonry in Virginia.

## MaHoVa Military Veterans Group

Right Worshipful Steven W. Sanford and Right Worshipful William F. Reinhold

Recently the residents of the Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA) formed MAHOVA Military Veterans Group to meet and share some Sea/War Stories. Twenty-seven veterans attended this first meeting. After an opening prayer and pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, each veteran introduced themselves, stated their branch of service, how long they served, and some of what they did. The speaker for the inaugural meeting of veterans was Pat Graves, a MAHOVA resident whose home was in Northern Ireland during World War II. She spoke of her family going to England to work and fight the Nazis. Her father had wanted her to stay home and be safe. Pat spoke of experiencing the bombings and life



in Northern Ireland in general during the war and her husband surviving Nazi prison after his capture in North Africa.

At this first meeting, a recommendation was made to add the new Space Force service flag to the Military Veterans Memorial without a costly redesign. The Merchant Mariners, who served in World War II, were granted veterans

recognition in 1988. In times of war, the Merchant Marine can be an auxiliary to the United States Navy, and Merchant Marine Officers may serve as Strategic Sealift Officers in the United States Navy Reserve. With this understanding, the veterans recommended flying the Merchant Marine Flag under Navy Flag to make room for the newest Branch of Military Service. The Board of Governors approved this recommendation, and it was recently implemented.

It was great to get together as Masons and Veterans. All branches of service were represented except for the new Space Force. We look forward to the day when we can share stories with a veteran of the Space Force at our future meetings.

# Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgments of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period May 1 through July 31, 2021. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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### Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>October</b>		
10/3	Charles Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
10/5	Mary Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
10/8	Sarah Rosen	Buckingham Lodge No. 242
10/11	Robert Young	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
10/13	Carter Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
10/13	Florence Edmonds	John Blair Lodge No. 187
10/15	Anne Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
10/16	Carroll Jones	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/17	Theodore Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
10/18	Phillip Cash	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
10/22	Paula Swansey	Manchester Lodge No. 14
10/22	Chris Taylor	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
10/23	Richard Andrews	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/23	David Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/27	Grace O'Connell	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/29	Lloyd "Tom" Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168

<b>November</b>		
11/4	Catherine Busbee	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/4	James Friis	Franklin Lodge No. 151
11/4	Eddie Matney	Norview Lodge No. 113
11/9	Judith Burcham	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
11/14	Garland Campbell	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
11/18	Margaret "Peg" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
11/23	Gordon Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/23	Carl Whittington	Blandford Lodge No. 3
11/25	Hazel Woodward	Joppa Lodge No. 40
11/27	Robert Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
11/27	Cathy Hinkle	Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219

<b>December</b>		
12/4	Betty Klotz	Chester Lodge No. 94
12/5	James Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
12/6	Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
12/6	Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
12/8	Roy "Hank" Lythgoe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/18	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/19	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
12/20	Anne Dechent	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
12/24	Wordell "Woody" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
12/25	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/28	Ed Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
12/28	Beatrice Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
12/31	Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14

### Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>October</b>		
10/11/1958	David and Shirley Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
<b>November</b>		
11/15/1969	Howard and Sharon Floyd	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/21/1981	Kenneth and Judith Shook	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
<b>December</b>		
12/19/1975	Richard and Georgeen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
12/19/1975	John and Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
12/21/2005	William and Dolores Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
12/21/1984	Gardner and Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
12/22/1956	Robert and Jane Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
12/22/1956	Chester and Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10

### New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>May</b>		
N/A		
<b>June</b>		
6/9/2021	Forrest Garrett	Varina Lodge No. 272
6/30/2021	Eddie Matney	Norview Lodge No. 113
<b>July</b>		
7/20/2021	Robert Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
7/20/2021	Jane Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60

### Resident's Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>May</b>		
5/25/2021	Brenda Kerrick	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
<b>June</b>		
6/24/2021	Julius "Cullen" Rosen	Buckingham Lodge No. 242
6/27/2021	Norman Milligan	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
<b>July</b>		
7/12/2021	Mary Duncan	Fork Union Lodge No. 127



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Brunch.



Resident Margaret Hardin celebrating her 100th Birthday.



Rock painting for the memory garden.



Anna Sherrod and Yolanda James at Summer Solstice Dinner.



Dolores Reinhold bringing Sir Pom-Pom over for a visit with the Residents.



Ted Holm visiting with animals at the annual carnival.



Outdoor brunch.



Gelati Celesti ice cream truck.



Residents enjoying the juggler and musician at the annual carnival.

