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

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The Grand Master's Message

Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, my Brethren, Ladies, and Guests:

Good afternoon.

It would be impossible for me to express my feelings at this particular moment!

Just let me say, I am deeply humbled and greatly honored to be in this position, just as all previous Brethren who have come to this point in their Masonic experience.

You know, during introductions at Grand Master's visits, I have learned that the first item that needs to be done is to introduce your wife, who, if forgotten, can be a somewhat expensive and disastrous proposition. I would like to, at this time, introduce my wife of fifty one years, Susan. Please let the record show I did NOT give her all the gray hair she has. These were caused by our three children, Anna Golladay and Michael Kregbaum, her husband; Mary, otherwise known as Miki and her husband, Lt. Col. Retired USAF Sean Hanlen, their daughters Erin and Catherine, or KK, and our son James, the third.

Anna, is a substitute United Methodist Minister in Chattanooga, Tennessee and I do not know if this ever happened to her, but as I was listening to a radio program over lunch one day, they tell the story of a lady minister who was giving the Sunday sermon, and after two and a half hours of preaching, stopped to take a drink of water. She made the mistake and asked the congregation if anyone had anything to say. From the back of the room, a small child said AMEN! I hope this does not happen to me this afternoon, and I promise to be brief.

As many of you do not know, I had the "great pleasure" of attending Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal as a Post Graduate student, be-



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cause I had too much fun in High School. It is still an ROTC institution, now Air Force, military school where proper life lessons are drilled into you daily. Please do not tell Susan, but one of the great lessons I learned was how to make my bed, so a quarter would bounce off it when tossed in the air. I can still do it today. Although, I do not make beds much anymore.

But, during the course of events, we had monthly Chapel on Wednesday morning, where all the Cadets would gather in the on-site Chapel and hear a speaker, usually a Methodist Minister, give a short sermon or talk.

One Wednesday, we were addressed by Reverend John A. McHenry, who I believe at the time, was the Minister of the Annandale United Methodist Church in Annandale, Virginia, who spoke on Four Things by Henry Van Dyke. He said:

Four things a man must learn to do, if it would make his record true:

- To Think without confusion clearly
- To Love one's fellow man sincerely
- To Act from honest motives purely
- To trust in God and Heaven securely.

This pretty much sums up Freemasonry. For some strange reason, I still have with me this saying that was in the bulletin that Wednesday morning.

My theme this year is "Freemasonry, A Family Affair." Needless to say, Freemasonry has been a big part of my family for many years. My church family, first, my personal family next, and Freemasonry, in that order. Although it may seem to have gotten a little out of order on occasion.

I guess my "life lessons about Freemasonry" were learned rather early in life, and I often think back on what they meant. This had a lot to do with C. Vernon Eddy Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Winchester, Virginia.

The first time we went to conclave, which is another word for a DeMolay convention, I had the opportunity to meet Most Worshipful Alfred Douglas Smith, Jr., Past Grand Master, who, at the time was the Executive Officer for DeMolay in Virginia. He had a way with the young men and would give a "rousing" entrance whenever he was introduced. If you are interested, I will tell you privately about his introduction later.

From there, I had the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others, who I later learned were members of the Masonic Fraternity. Most Worshipful Charles E Wallace, Right Worshipful Odie R. Howell, Jr., Brother Julian Baum, Right Worshipful Augie W. Boley, and many others from all over the Commonwealth. This made an impression on me as I was growing in DeMolay and their attitude toward the future of an organization composed of young men, who let them lead, to make their own decisions and live with them, either good or bad! Of course, counsel

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was available for the asking, but you had to ask, as it was not freely given. These men wanted the young men to make the decisions and live by them. This was the first “family:” if you may, that I was subjected to.

I have always been impressed with how they conducted themselves when around the DeMolay Boys and around themselves in their daily interactions with whatever they were discussing at the time.

One instance, in particular comes to mind. One of the Advisors of C. Vernon Eddy Chapter, of which I was a member, was the operating manager of the local Potomac Edison Electric Company branch in Winchester. Another was a lineman who worked for the same company. Whenever they were together at a DeMolay meeting, it was always “Brother” or as I later found out “Worshipful,” but while at work, it was always Mr. Fisher or Mr. Anderson.

Talk about being impressed regarding Masonic protocol.

Time passed, and I finally reached the age where I could no longer be an active DeMolay and was time for college. I attended Ferrum Junior College in Ferrum, Virginia, for two years, and it was a great learning experience, one where I learned firsthand about the “liquid refreshment” that was indigenous to that area of Virginia. Although at a Methodist school, we did a little sampling of the man made refreshment!

After graduating and attending the University of Richmond School of Business, I needed to return home to take over the family business. I looked up Right Worshipful Lokie Voight upon my return and inquired about the Masonic Lodge in Winchester and prompt-

ly petitioned, and as they say, the rest is history.

I have been very fortunate to be a member of many Masonic organizations, and this has been an education, in and of itself. Each organization has a story to tell whether it is its ritual work or its rich history. But more importantly, it is the Brethren that keeps me coming back, time and time again. No matter where you go in our Country, you will always make a new Masonic friend or renew old acquaintances. Talk about a large family.

This brings us to the present.

We need to make Freemasonry the preeminent men’s organization that it can be and improve on the delivery from our Lodges, both in the community and in our individual Lodge rooms and our interactions with everyday people with whom we come in contact. Whether it is in the store, post office, or our daily jobs.

Say a kind word to someone who needs a “pick me up” during the day, pat someone on the back and say “well done” (even if you could have done it better) or just a smile! It does not take much, and it is surprising how far it will go in making their day and maybe even yours a little bit better.

A study by the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite noted that charity, values, Fraternity, selfless giving, high moral standards are just a few of the

qualities that resonate with the non-Masonic population.

We also need to strike a balance between ritual, caring for each other, and social time. A three legged stool, if you will. It seems that, over the years, we have gotten out of balance somewhat with caring for each other, and social time taking a back seat coming in at second place. I would suggest that for a Masonic Lodge to be successful, we need to go back to the proverbial three-legged stool where ritual, caring for each other, and social time are on equal footing. We also need to have eminently qualified Brethren move into the Chair of Worshipful Master to lead and guide their individual Lodges to bigger and better things-community involvement, better social times with each other both in and out of our Lodges, increased Family activities and the like.

As I told the District Deputy Grand Masters at our Conference in September, WE work for you. It is our job to point the way and provide the tools necessary to get the job done. Communication is a two-way street. Your Grand Lodge Officers are not mind readers. We appreciate communication, whether good or bad. Please let us know, in the friendliest manner, and we, the Grand Lodge Officers and the various Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen, will make an attempt to address your concern. I repeat myself, WE WORK FOR YOU, and we want to make you and your Lodge successful during the next year.

We have a golden opportunity to achieve our goals and objectives.

Well, how do we continue to build a healthy Lodge?

The Apostle Paul, in First and Second Corinthians talks about gifts, both



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spiritual and non-spiritual. What are your gifts? Is it ritual, is it leadership, is it great ideas for better community activities, are you good at organizing, or are you just good at doing the myriad of things that keeps a Masonic Lodge ticking from month to month? Are you good at accounting and budgetary matters?

Whatever your gifts are, we can use them-both in our Grand Lodge, individual Lodges or in the community in general.

We have improved several of the programs to assist our Lodges in this manner. This includes a revamped Relief Program to assist our Brethren, their widows and orphans, if they need assistance on an almost immediate basis. This Relief Program will be spearheaded through your District Deputy Grand Masters, who have been empowered to administer the program.

A new and revamped Lodge Services Program has been put in place, not to tell you what to do or how to do it, but to guide our Lodges in developing a healthy Lodge and making them an integral part of the community.

A revamped Public Relations Committee is actively working on how to assist each Lodge in writing a public service announcement and much, much more.

Adopt a School Program will be another program that is offered, where our Lodges can assist the schools in our communities in their outreach.

Are you looking for Leadership Development and educational opportunities? The Virginia Masonic University may be just the thing to assist.

Be a Brother and perhaps bring a neighbor that cannot drive at night who lives on the way to a Lodge function where you are going. Does your Lodge have activities for the families, other than the yearly Lodge or District picnic?

Does your Lodge have a five and/or a ten-year long-term plan with goals and objectives? If so, are they followed? This means both in leadership, financial and/or community programs and activities.

We will again support the Youth Organizations in the Commonwealth, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls, and will work to assist them in growing and becoming a resource for our young people. Please be on the lookout for the Youth Summits scheduled around the Commonwealth during the months of April and May of next year, and we solicit your support to become active.

It should be noted that many of the improvements in the above program directions has been a direct result of Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones' effort to improve the Craft during his two years as Grand Master and beginning work on rebuilding a healthy Lodge! We are very much on the way to doing so.

Now is the time for a full implementation of those efforts. Your Grand Lodge and its officers stand ready, willing, and able to assist you in your efforts. If we are lacking something, please let us know.

As many of you know, I am a product of the Methodist Church. One of our founders, Mr. John Wesley made a famous statement, and I believe it is appropriate to end my message to you this afternoon. It goes something like this:

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

I am firmly convinced that if we do this, Freemasonry and our lives will be improved and get stronger in the years to come.

Sure, it is tough, but if it is worth doing, then we can get the job done.

Thank you so much, for this opportunity to lead our gentle Craft. I am deeply humbled and greatly moved, but remember, together, we can accomplish much.

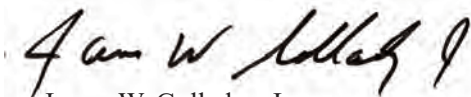
As we lead our gentle Craft into the third decade of a new Century, it needs to be said that this is a community effort! Communication needs to go both ways, up from the Lodges through the District Deputy Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge Officers, and also in reverse.

I plan to make several additions to the Masonic Herald in future issues. One is “Meet your Grand Lodge Officers, which would include a short biography of the elected Grand Lodge Officers. Nothing elaborate, but just something so you will know them when they come to visit.

Another which I hope to add to future issues is a report from the various Committee Chairmen as to their goals and objectives for their year to assist you in building a healthy Lodge.

Together, we can make Freemasonry the preeminent men's fraternal organization it is meant to be.

Thank you.



James W. Golladay, Jr.
Grand Master



SUMMARY - GRAND LODGE - 2021
243rd Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
November 5 - 6, 2021

Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia
2019 – 2021

MOST WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS VERNON JONES.....	Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JAMES WINFIELD GOLLADAY, JR.	Deputy Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD ELLIS STREHLE	Grand Senior Warden
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JACK KAYLE LEWIS	Grand Junior Warden
MOST WORSHIPFUL REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.	Grand Treasurer
MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS.....	Grand Secretary
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN.....	Grand Senior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MATTHEW TODD SZRAMOSKI	Grand Junior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RONALD EVERETTE BUTLER, SR.....	Grand Marshal
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL TERRY W. WOO.....	Assistant Grand Marshal
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL TERRY FRANCIS HILTON	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
BROTHER TIMOTHY NEAL MADISON.....	Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DOYLE LEE MILLER.	Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL JEAN KING	Assistant Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN ALEXANDER GILES.....	Grand Provost
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MARK WAYNE UNDERWOOD	Grand Purveyor
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL ROY McKENNEY	Grand Senior Steward
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RICHARD McCOY YOUNG	Grand Junior Steward
WORSHIPFUL DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.	Grand Organist
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DAVID WAYNE MURRAY	Grand Tiler

The Grand Master proceeded to open the 243rd Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday’s session included the Address to the Grand Lodge of Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Past Grand Master.

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards for those Lodges that qualified will be presented by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2022.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Larry Clarke Burruss, a member of Marshall Lodge No. 39.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Gregory Dean Hosaflook of Day Lodge No. 58.

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

The Report of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia was presented and approved. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2022 was presented and approved.

Friday’s agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: “Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Amapa-Brazil.” This resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins and adopted.

The Grand Master accepted a motion to elect Worshipful Faron William Holland as a Trustee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia to replace Worshipful Norman Odell Milligan. The motion passed as presented.

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

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 6, 2021.

Two John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Friday to Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, Past Master of Craighill Lodge No. 160 and Most Worshipful Geary F. Laird, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Two additional John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Saturday to Right Worshipful Claude Ashley Bass, Jr., Past Master of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, and Worshipful Samuel Moseley Jones, Past Master of Reedy Spring Lodge No. 203. In addition, the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Most Worshipful James Edward Litten, Past Master of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263.

A Resolution was presented to make Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus upon his retirement as Grand Secretary. Most Worshipful Brother Adkins served faithfully and well for twenty-four years in the Office of Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Virginia. For his service, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will be forever indebted.

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The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 by Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young, Executive Officer in Virginia. Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, also presented the Howard K. Smith, Sr. Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Worshipful John Dolan Stallings, III.

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. Resolution 21-01 was withdrawn. Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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2021 - 2022

MOST WORSHIPFUL JAMES WINFIELD GOLLADAY, JR.	Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD ELLIS STREHLE	Deputy Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JACK KAYLE LEWIS.....	Grand Senior Warden
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN.....	Grand Junior Warden
MOST WORSHIPFUL REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.	Grand Treasurer
MOST WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS VERNON JONES.....	Grand Secretary
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MATTHEW TODD SZRAMOSKI.	Grand Senior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GINO WARREN WILLIAMS.....	Grand Junior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL CHARLES ARCHIE BENNETT, JR.	Grand Marshal
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WAYNE EUGENE PRICE.....	Assistant Grand Marshal
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD LEO McANDREWS	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ANDREW TODD DAY	Grand Chaplain
WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL THOMAS HUFF	Associate Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DOYLE LEE MILLER.	Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL JEAN KING	Assistant Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN ALEXANDER GILES.....	Grand Provost
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL FREDERICK RUSSELL DIXON, SR.	Grand Pursuivant
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL TOMMY ERIC SKEENS	Grand Purveyor
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PATRICK CRAIG MURPHREY	Grand Senior Steward
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GOLDIE WILSON TOMLIN, JR.	Grand Junior Steward
WORSHIPFUL DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.	Grand Organist
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL FRANK DOUGLAS WILL	Grand Tiler

The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Worshipful Thomas Francis Hannifan, Worshipful Samuel Moseley Jones, and Right Worshipful Frank Lewis Wright, Jr.

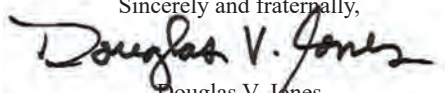
The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were two hundred twenty-six Lodges represented, with five hundred ten registered by the Committee.

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

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2022, unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful



DVJ:ksm

Sincerely and fraternally,

 Douglas V. Jones
 Grand Secretary

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr. 176th Grand Master

James Winfield Golladay, Jr. was born in Winchester, Virginia, on September 1, 1945. He graduated from James Wood High School in 1963 and completed post-graduate work at Randolph-Macon Academy in 1964. He graduated from Ferrum Junior College in 1966, with an Associate of Arts Degree and later attended the University of Richmond, School of Business until returning to Stephens City to manage the family retail lumber business. Following his father's passing, he became President of the business and operated it until 1993. He is now engaged in the Real Estate business as the Property Manager for Crum Realty, Inc. in Winchester.

Brother Golladay was made a Master Mason in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 on March 5, 1968, where he is a 50-Year Masonic Veteran and honorary member and served as its Worshipful Master in 1976 and as Secretary from 2005-2018. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 3 in 2008. He was the Grand Purveyor in 2014. He served on the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for six years. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2015.

Brother Golladay served as Worshipful Master of Spurrmont Lodge No. 98 in 2011. He is an honorary member and Life Member in Perpetuity of Eureka Lodge No. 195, honorary member of Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865 and holds membership in Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, and A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Research Lodge No. 1949. He is a member of the Valley of Martinsburg, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2004 and coroneted a 33°



Grand Master
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Inspector General Honorary in 2009. He is a Past High Priest of John Dove Royal Arch Chapter No. 21 and Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District 15; Past Illustrious Master of Triangle Council No. 3 and Past Illustrious Grand Master, District of Columbia, Cryptic Masons; Past Commander of Winchester Commandery No. 12 and Luray Commandery No. 19; Past District Deputy Grand Commander of Chivalric District 4; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia; Department Commander, Mid-Atlantic Department (2015-2018), Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; Past Governor of Commonwealth York College No. 50; Past Preceptor of Robert V. Hines Chapter (DC) and Virginia Chapter, Past Grand Preceptor, Sovereign Grand Preceptory of the United States (2019-2020); Past Puissant

Sovereign of Shenandoah Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Excellent Chief of Virginia Council No. 12 and King Darius Council No. 17, Knight Masons; Past Sovereign Master of Hartley Carmichael Council No. 3, George Washington Council No. 106, Martinsburg Council No. 359, and HAFOVA Council No. 442, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Life Member of Old Dominion Chapter No. 364, National Sojourners. He holds membership in the Virginia College Societas Rosicruciana, the Royal Order of Scotland and numerous other Appendant Masonic Bodies. He was a recipient of the Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master Award in 2007 - 2008; the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and the Charles Augustus Grice Merit Award from the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Brother Golladay is a Past Master Councilor of C. Vernon Eddy Chapter and a sixty-year member and the recipient of the Order of Chevalier, Legion of Honor, Distinguished Service and Representative DeMolay Awards.

Brother Golladay has also been very active in the community. Within Frederick County, he is a Past Chairman of the Frederick County Planning Commission and the Winchester-Frederick County Economic Development Commission. He is a life member of Stephens City United Methodist Church, where he has served as Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Brother Golladay is married to the former Susan McIntosh Porterfield of Charles Town, West Virginia, and they have two daughters, Anna McIntosh and Mary Isabelle and a son, James W. III, and two granddaughters.

Gino Warren Williams Grand Junior Deacon

Gino Warren Williams was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on December 28, 1959. He was raised and has spent his entire life in Floyd County, Virginia. He graduated from Floyd County High School in 1978. He received a BA Degree from Virginia Tech in 1982 and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in 1986. After graduation, he joined the law firm of Lineberry and Proffitt, where he practiced for seven years. In November 1991, he was elected as Commonwealth Attorney for Floyd County and served in that capacity until April 2003, when he was appointed as a General District Court Judge for the 27th Judicial District of Virginia and continues to serve in that capacity, the last fifteen years as Chief Judge.

Brother Williams was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 30, 1997, in Floyd Lodge No. 329, where he served its Worshipful Master 2001, 2006 and 2013, and as Secretary since 2013. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 43 in 2002. He was Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 2016 and is a member of the Appeals and Jurisprudence Committees. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia since 2017 and currently serves as Treasurer.

He is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Kazim Shrine Center,



**Grand Junior Deacon
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where he is a member of the New River Valley Shrine Club.

Brother Williams currently is a member of the Board of the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP), member and Vice-Chairman of the Self-Represented Litigants sub-committee of the Virginia Access to Justice Commission, President of The Association of District Court Judges of Virginia, Inc. and a member of the American Judges Association.

Within Floyd County, Brother Williams is the President of the Floyd County Historical Society, Inc., a member of the Floyd Advisory Board of the

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library and holds membership in the Floyd Moose Lodge No. 2300 and Legion of the Moose No. 122. He is a Past President and Board member of the Floyd County Recreation Association (doing business as Great Oaks Country Club), Past Chairman of the Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority and a member of the Floyd-Floyd County Public Recreational Facilities Authority. He was the Incorporator and initial Board member of Medical Charities of Floyd County, Floyd County Cares, Floyd Parks Committee, and the Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust.

He is a Past President and Board member of the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center (now the Skelton Center), a member of the Board of the Carilion-New River Valley Health Foundation and Carilion-New River Valley Hospital and the Southwest Governors School for the Gifted. He is a life member of the Virginia 4-H All Stars and an active member of Floyd United Methodist Church.

Brother Williams is married to the former Vickie Ann Hamblin. They have a son, Tyler, who is a sophomore at Virginia Tech, and a daughter, Karlee, who is a senior at Floyd County High School. In his spare time, Brother Williams likes to play golf, read and collect historic memorabilia from Floyd County.

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr. Itinerary 2021-2022

January 2022

- 2 Kena Shrine, Installation of Officers
- 3 Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
- 5 Unity Lodge No. 146
- 7 Freedom Lodge No. 118
- 8 Shenandoah Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Operatives Atheistan
Kazim Shrine, Installation of Officers
- 10 Ashlar Lodge No. 125
- 13 Cochran Lodge No. 271
- 14 Division Leadership Conference, Keysville
- 15 Division Leadership Conference, Richmond
- 16 Acca Shrine, Installation of Officers
- 17 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
- 18 SP&I Meeting
- 19 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 21 Division Leadership Conference, Warrenton
- 22 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
- 24 Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 7
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 11

February 2022

- 4 Division Leadership Conference, Abingdon
- 5 Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke
- 7 Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74
- 9 Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353
- 10-13 Masonic Week, Alexandria
- 15 SP&I Meeting
- 16 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 17 Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth
- 18-21 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 22 Wreath Laying, Mount Vernon
George Washington Birthday Celebration,
Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- 23 Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133
- 25 Division Leadership Conference, Norfolk
- 26 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News
- 28 Magnetic Lodge No. 184

March 2022

- 3 Treadwell Lodge No. 213
- 4 Official Visit, Masonic District 9
- 5 Naomi Lodge No. 87
- 7 Spurmont Lodge No. 98
- 8 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
- 9 Eureka Lodge No. 195
- 10 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- 11 Official Visit, Masonic District 56
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 8
- 14 Hay Market Lodge No. 313
- 15 SP&I Meeting
- 16 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 17 Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
- 18-19 District of Columbia, York Rite Session
- 21 Lafayette Lodge No. 137
- 25 DeMolay Brotherhood Weekend
- 26 Scottish Rite Workshop
- 28 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219

April 2022

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 14
- 2 Wreath Laying Ceremony,
General Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 36
- 4 Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27

- 7 Sharon Lodge No. 327
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 31
Operatives
- 9 Official Visit, Masonic District 4
- 11 Occoquan Lodge No. 310
- 12 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
- 18 John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350
- 19 SP&I Meeting
- 20 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic District 33
- 23 James Monroe Birthplace
- 28 James Monroe Birthplace, Wreath Laying
Kena Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 12
- 30 Acca Shine, Potentate's Ball

May 2022

- 2 Grand Lodge of New York
- 5-8 Grand Commandery of Virginia
- 9 60-Year Veterans Award, Frederick G. Martin, III, PGM
- 10 Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349
- 12 Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103
- 14 Kazim Shrine, Potentate's Ball
- 15-18 Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star
- 19 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic District 35
- 27 Official Visit, Masonic District 57
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 5

June 2022

- 2 Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 10
- 4 Grand Masters DeMolay Class, Luray
- 9 Acacia Lodge No. 16
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic District 2
- 11 Ingathering, Richmond
- Official Visit, Masonic Districts 15A & 15B
- 13 Spurmont Lodge No. 98, Table Lodge
- 14 SP&I Meeting
- 15 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 21
- 18 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 22A & 22B
- 24-25 Grand Assembly, Rainbow for Girls
- 25 St. John's Day Celebration, Williamsburg Lodge No. 6

July 2022

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 27
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 3-6 Imperial Shrine of North America, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 7 Hunter Lodge No. 135
- 8 Official Visit, Masonic District 37
- 9 Operatives
Official Visit, Masonic District 16
- 11 Cassia Lodge No. 142
- 12 Henry Lodge No. 57
- 14-15 Grand Session, Job's Daughters
- 16 Official Visit, Masonic District Research
- 19 SP&I Meeting
- 20 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 22-24 DeMolay Annual Conclave,
Williamsburg

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Grand Master's Itinerary 2021-2022

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- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 44
- 30 Official Visit, Masonic District 24

August 2022

- 3-4 Job's Daughters Annual Session, Ferrum
- 5 Official Visit, Masonic District 38
- 6 Official Visit, Masonic District 50
- 12 Official Visit, Masonic District 45
- 13 Official Visit, Masonic District 43
- 16 SP&I Meeting
- 17 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governor
- 19 Official Visit, Masonic District 48
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic District 39
- 25-27 Reid James Simmons Academy of
Masonic Leadership

September 2022

- 1 Lodge of Low Vale, Treadwell Lodge No. 213
- 2 Official Visit, Masonic District 49
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic District 41
- 7-9 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association,
Virginia Beach
Official Visit, Masonic District 40
- 10 Official Visit, Masonic District 47
- 16-17 Annual Communication,

- 17 Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia
- 20 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 42
SP&I Meeting
- 21 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 23-24 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, Norfolk
- 30 Official Visit, Masonic District 25

October 2022

- 1 Official Visit, Masonic District 6
- 7 MAHOVA Board Meeting and Retreat
- 8 Masonic Home Family Day
- 9-11 Grand Lodge of West Virginia
- 14 Official Visit, Masonic District 56
- 15 Official Visit, Masonic District 19
- 18 SP&I Meeting
- 19 Council of Administration
Masonic Home Board of Governors
- 21 Official Visit, Masonic District 20
- 22 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 1A & 1B
- 27 Shenandoah KYCH
- 28 Official Visit, Masonic District 29
- 29 Official Visit, Masonic District 3

November 2022

- 4 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- 9-13 Grand Annual Communication

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Keysville – January 14, 2022

Richmond – January 15, 2022

Warrenton – January 21, 2022

Alexandria – January 22, 2022

Abingdon - February 4, 2022

Roanoke – February 5, 2022

Norfolk - February 25, 2022

Newport News – February 26, 2022

Waynesboro – March 11, 2022

Want to be an Actor?

Brother Edward Tooma

So, you have always wanted to become an actor. Well, here is that chance you have been waiting for, and you do not have to go to Hollywood to make your dream come true.

It all starts in your Symbolic Lodge with the Ritual. Think of it as the script you would have to learn for a part in a movie, or theater production. Ritual, just like a script, is to be acted out, and not just read. Each word needs to be pronounced precisely, placing the proper emphasis in the right places to impress upon the candidate the story you are telling. The only way for you to perfect this type of actor presentation is by practice, rehearsing with others and holding critique sessions. Treat it as your audition to become that actor you have always wanted to be.

The most important thing about Ritual delivery, whether it be in a Lodge, or an appendant body, is your overall presentation. You must insure that what you are saying sounds sincere.

This is where acting comes in. The spotlight is now on you. Your aim: to hold the candidate's undivided attention to every single word you are saying. When reciting Ritual, the Lodge room should be quiet as a tomb. The only person to be heard is you presenting the Ritual. The impact this makes upon the candidate, should be an everlasting memory. Those on the sidelines will surely be impressed.

My recommendation is to practice Ritual every chance you get. Read and recite it aloud. Try different techniques with the placing of emphasis in the proper place(s). One method is to verbally or

mentally underline words you want emphasized. Keep a dictionary handy for proper pronunciation. Nothing is more embarrassing than pronouncing a word incorrectly. Now, if you do not have a dictionary, use the Internet and research the words that give you a problem. Google will pronounce it for you and even give a definition. If you do not have a computer? Go to your nearest library. Sure, it is a lot of homework, but to become that actor you have wanted to be for so long, it is well worth devoting some preparation time. This is where rehearsal plays a big part.

Your screen test without traveling to Hollywood will be center stage in your Lodge. Make it an impressive one. You can do it. In the words of our late Brother, Norman Vincent Peale, "You Can, if you think You Can."

Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins

Alan Wayne Adkins was born in Stuart, Virginia, on January 30, 1948. He graduated from Stuart High School, received an AA Degree in Business Administration from Ferrum College and a BS Degree in Accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University. Until elected Grand Secretary on November 11, 1997, he had been employed continuously by the R. J. Reynolds-Patrick County Memorial Hospital since January 1973. He served as its Assistant Administrator-Chief Financial Officer until 1991, at which time he was named Administrator. He is a veteran of the United States Army.

Brother Adkins was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 on June 28, 1971; passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on August 6, 1971; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 11, 1971. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1977 and as Secretary from 1978 to 1991, and is also a 50-Year Masonic Veteran, Life Member in Perpetuity and Honorary member. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 39 in 1982. He was Grand Purveyor in 1987 and is currently the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, near Virginia. He served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1997 and has served continuously as Grand Secretary since November 1997. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for twenty-seven years and was its President for twelve years.

Brother Adkins is a Life Member in Perpetuity and holds honorary membership in Westhampton Lodge No. 302, where he is currently serving as Secretary, and is a Life Member in Perpetuity in Pound Lodge No. 59, George Washington Research Lodge No. 1732 and Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777. In addition, he holds honorary membership in Pound Lodge No. 59; Clinton Lodge No. 73; Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120; Piedmont Lodge No. 152; Ashland Lodge No. 168; Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201; Ivanhoe Lodge No. 235; and Campbell Lodge No. 316. He is a member of the Valleys of Danville and Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1995, coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 1999, and

awarded the Grand Cross in 2011. In 2019, he was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council in Virginia and in 2021 was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. He is a member of Lynchburg Royal Arch Chapter No. 10; Bayard Commandery No. 15; and Past Governor, Commonwealth York Rite College No. 50. He is a Past Sovereign Master of William T. Buckner Council No. 130, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Chief of King Darius Council No. 17, Knight Masons; and Past Puissant Sovereign of Saint Polycarp Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Past Intendant General, Division of Virginia, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Past Celebrant of Virginia College Societas Rosicrucian and holds membership in Kazim Shrine Center; Roanoke Court No. 59, Royal Order of Jesters; Royal Order of Scotland, Fort Lee-Richmond Chapter No. 72, National Sojourners, and James Monroe Camp, Heroes of '76. He is also a Past Patron of Stuart Chapter No. 25, Order of Eastern Star and has served on various committees for the Grand Chapter of

Virginia, Order of Eastern Star. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. Brother Adkins received the Legion of Honor from the International Order of DeMolay; the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award from the Virginia DeMolay Foundation; the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; the Christopher Champlin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations for outstanding Masonic achievement; the Phillip C. Tucker Medal from the Grand Lodge of Vermont; the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal and the John Blair, Jr. Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Prior to relocating to the Richmond area, Brother Adkins was active in his community where he served on the local Advisory Board of SunTrust Bank. He is a Past President of the Stuart Rotary Club, and within Patrick County, he is a Past President of the Unit of the American Heart Association; Jaycees; Chamber of Commerce and the United Way. He has recognized by Ferrum College as a recipient of the



Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins
Grand Master 1997
Grand Secretary 1997-2021



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins
and his family

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Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins

Right Worshipful Gerald L. Frey

It is a true mark of accomplishment to have a career in any occupation, yet to have one that reaches twenty-four years of service is worthy of recognition, Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins career as Grand Secretary is just an accomplishment. When his retirement was such announced during the Grand Annual Communication, he rose from his seat raising his hand, modestly. As he rose, so did more than five hundred of his Brethren in unison to recognize his contribution to them and the Craft. Most Worshipful Brother Adkins waved off the continuous applause, several times. It had no effect, the applause simply continued. Again, he attempted to have the room sit down. It was one of the few times that he has been out voted, as the applause continued unabated. With misty eyes, he finally relented to all of those around him of every rank and position. That it was a mark of esteem is a certainty, that it was a mark of appreciation is undisputed, however it was finally a mark of acknowledgment for how much each of us, both in the room and around the Commonwealth will miss a man who has solved difficult situations, encouraged us, and provided a term of continuity that is hard to match in our Craft's history.

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Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to Community and by the Patrick County Jaycees with a life membership in the Virginia Jaycees. He is an active member, Deacon, and Moderator of Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

Brother Adkins was married to the former Gerri Stone (now deceased) for almost thirty-nine years. They have a daughter, Amanda, who lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with her husband, Ryan, and daughter, Lacey; and a son, Robert, who lives in Henrico, Virginia, with his wife, Linsey, and daughters, Brooklyn and Camille.

So many of Virginia's Masons owe a deep and abiding gratitude to Most Worshipful Brother Adkins on many levels.

It is not unusual to find someone of authority to be remote and distant, not so Most Worshipful Brother Adkins. He routinely had lunch with his staff at Grand Lodge with a carefully packed lunch from home. We can look to him as true servant-leader from the humblest exercise to the most formal endeavor. When time was needed, he made it. He would put aside his work, never ending

though it was, and listen to our dilemma, and usually found a solution.

There is a story of a new Mason getting confused as to what to call him, and Most Worshipful Brother Adkins placed his hand on the Brother's shoulder and calmly said, "You can always call me Brother." Yes, it is an often-quoted story about Most Worshipful Brother Adkins, and many of us have heard it first hand. Here is hoping to hear it again, for many of us he is a good and trusty friend and Brother. Thank you for all of your years of serving the Craft and not just in Virginia.

Like Answers Returned

by Sam Welty



Ok Brethren, that concludes Day-to-day Basics. We can now dive into the wild and wonderful world of that greatest secret of all Lodge Secretaries ... Adaptation

Right Worshipful William A. Parks Jr.

“To the Esoterics: Bad News, Brother. You will not find the word ‘alchemy’ anywhere in this book.”

This articulate, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and even funny work must rank among the most, er..., well, practical books about Freemasonry ever produced. Worshipful Brother Gallagher takes his stand straight out of the gate:

In Lodges all over the world, a dusty old Brother will stand at a lectern and read you a forty-eight-page paper on the peculiar history of the beehive, and is that not always nice? But you may be asking yourself, like so many who have demitted from membership before you, That is great but what has it got to do with me?

Brother Gallagher comes across as a wise guy, in every sense of the term.

Over one decade of near-weekly get togethers, rituals, aprons, memorization, coffee pots, and dirty jokes, I have had some great times as a Mason.

The banner across the top of his book’s cover should warn the reader: the only book about Masonic symbolism you will ever need! Understand!

But listening to a lecture from a Past Master on Alchemy, Apollo, the Sun, and the Phallus, I slipped into a state of gnosis, or an altered state, in which I was no longer present in that room, but rather floating away into a world of my own making, which looked eerily like the dining room downstairs where Dave was making his famous spaghetti.

Indeed, it takes a pretty esoteric paper to be indecipherable to the average Mason. Most times the confusion I see is of wondering *what is being said has to do with us*. Emphasis added.

Let those who delight in the obfuscation of the “secrets” of Freemasonry with vague references to the ancient mysteries; Enlightenment values; eso-

terica; the occult; strict observance; and other such logorrhea without reference to the sources and support for such exercises beware. This book rigorously gets its message across: Freemasonry matters now.

Brother Gallagher guides the reader towards his main goal: taking the working tools of the Craft and applying them to contemporary, twenty-first century living. In part inspired by the works of Roscoe Pound¹, he lays out his philosophy with a smattering of psychology and loads of common sense.

Ever wonder why Masonic Ritual deems the plumb, square and level the “Immovable Jewels?” Brother Gallagher, beginning with the Fellowcraft definitions of these working tools, explains, each in turn, their mathematical uses. He even indulges in playing some nifty tricks with the circumpunct and other practical applications of these instruments.

He explains that the precepts and proofs of geometry may be the only things in the universe that are objectively true...there is no universe where the intersecting points of two overlapping arcs centered on a straight line do not create a perfect perpendicular.

It simply is what it is.
Immovable.

It cannot be argued against, It’s not even science. It simply IS. That, my friends, is immovable. And I believe that the square is a Masonic symbol that assures us that there is such thing as right and wrong or universal morality.

The reader quickly learns that “practical” does not mean easy or simple. Yet Brother Gallagher endeavors to build his case with basic terminology, without Roget’s exhibitionism, and with one logical proposition at a time.

He covers every working tool, beginning with the Ritual explanations

of each. From thence he draws out the moral application of each. This inevitably leads to the practical, everyday usage of each tool and its ability to help build character and focus on the compelling nature of morality.

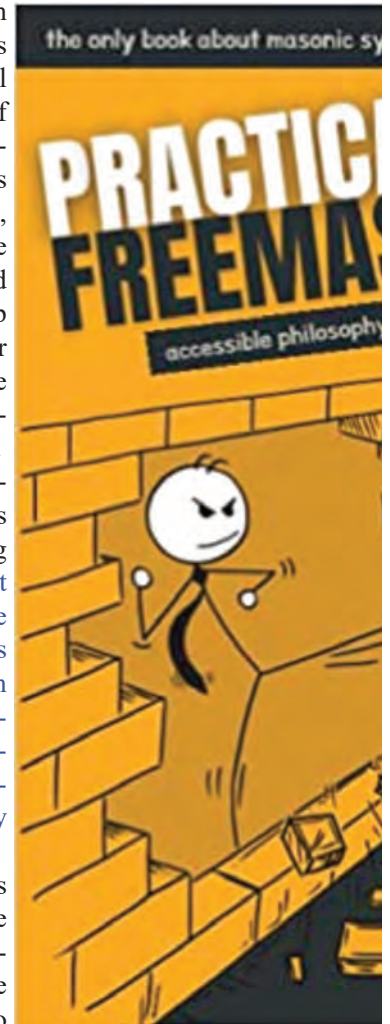
Brother Gallagher concedes that “thinking is hard.” But if there is one thing that does not get enough credit in Masonry, it’s the benefit of dry, repetitive memory work.

He concedes the importance of Preston’s influence on the Ritual, but not to display his own erudition.

He explains Preston’s commitment to Masonry as a means of education and to impart certain subjects considered essential and relevant to 18th century men. So Brother Gallagher asks: why not do the same for twenty-first century Brethren?

He assumes that task willingly:

Doing one’s duty seems out of fashion today, but everyone does have a duty. There’s no running away from it. A man has a duty to be a productive



Gallagher,
Practical Freemasonry: Accessible Philosophy for working Brethren
(Self-Published, 2010)
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Working-class schlubs!*
(d, 207 pp., 2021)
e at Amazon

citizen. He has a duty to himself, both to properly care for himself and to ensure that the people and institutions that fuel him are properly maintained.

And a Mason is dutiful.

For example, he discusses at length a Mason's duty to help, aid, and assist Brethren in distress, even providing several examples of how not to help.

When sharing your story, the Dodger is trying to do anything but listen, from looking at their phone to darting their eyes around the room for literally anything they can use as an excuse to leave the conversation or to at least signal you

to change the subject.

Brother Gallagher further proposes an idea too seldom imparted to the Craft: the duty to help imposes a reciprocal obligation to ask for help. If Masons do have an obligation to provide relief from a Brother's distress, those in distress, knowing the Obligations of their Brethren, have an equal duty to seek such assistance. How many times

have Brethren stated, when informed of a Brother's unfulfilled need, "If only I had known, I could have helped?" The most overlooked tool in a Mason's toolbox is simply asking for help.

Morality, moreover, goes beyond ethics: Living morally, however, is vastly different and much more difficult because it involves doing the right things when you do not want to, which means that to be moral you have to have character... We build good character by responding in ways that let us replace bad reactions with good reactions, through analysis, practice, internalization, and accountability.

Brother Gallagher even addresses current events, a subject Masons shy away from, perhaps because of the Institution's ban on discussions of religion and politics within their Lodges. But what about outside our Lodges? Do we tend to shun or ignore Brethren with whom we disagree? Gallagher warns: At the time of writing this book, the country is in a surprisingly² dismal state. Social media keeps us corralled in information bubbles. Politics has gotten more extreme. The occasional building is burned to the ground. A global quarantine has kept most of us in our homes and stressed. It has caused a lot of unkind words to be exchanged, Online and in person, even among Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist. In times like this, the self-control to stop oneself from making things worse, and participating in a kind of toxic brotherhood is critical.

That is so because the most excellent tenets³ of our profession include friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Accordingly, Brother Gallagher offers plenty of tips for maintaining those tenets and fostering tolerance, understanding, patience, kindness towards those whose differences may tend to ignite what remains of our hair. That

discussion of course reminds the reader of silence as a Masonic virtue.

Finally, what happens next? There is plenty enough to distract you if you need to kill a little time between your third degree⁴ and discovering the meaning of life. With characteristic chutzpah, Brother Gallagher answers the question:

Set this book down on your desk or coffee table and leave it there...to remind you that wisdom and philosophy is in the doing and not the knowing. This book is bright orange for a reason, after all.

He reminds us that every good symbol is supposed to give you a call to action.

Brother Gallagher succeeds handsomely in conferring twenty-first century power on symbols used by the Craft for over three centuries. This thoughtful and compelling book will enhance the interest of the inquiring profane, relieve the tedium of repeated Ritual that may have lost its luster for many, and serve the Craft well with its insightful and inspiring views on the meanings of Masonic semiotics.

And, at times, it is funny. So, practice, practice, practice.

1. Freemason, legal scholar, and Dean of Harvard Law School who applied the modern or "realist" legal philosophy of the early twenty-first century to Masonic teachings and principles.
2. One is tempted to ask: Why are you surprised?
3. Unfortunately spelled "tenants" at least three times in this book. How many times have we heard "inoculate" for "inculcate?"
4. Apparently, Lodges, Degrees, Brethren, etc., have yet to earn capitalization in Minnesota, locus of Brother Gallagher's Lodge memberships.

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Grand Master at the Altar.



Most Worshipful Frank W. Perdue presenting a rose during the Lodge of Remembrance for the Grand Annual Communication.



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins speaking at the Grand Annual Communication.



L-R: Most Worshipful Clifford A. Parker, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, and Most Worshipful James D. Cole.



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins and Amy Joyce dining at the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master Douglas V. Jones receiving a presentation by the Rainbow Girls.

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Grand Master Douglas V. Jones speaking the assembled membership at the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master Douglas V. Jones being presented with the George Washington Masonic Memorial Award.



Sgt. Sammy Davis, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, addressing the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master Douglas V. Jones addressing the dinner guests at the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master Douglas V. Jones with the leaders of Virginia Youth.



Grand Master Douglas V. Jones and Frances dining at the Grand Annual Communication.

Off to a Good Start with Virginia Rainbow

Kaitlyn Reed, Grand Worthy Advisor

We had a busy first few months of our “Have Courage and Be Kind” year. Our eight active Assemblies held in-person installations. I shared lessons of kindness and was proud of our Grand Officers, who filled the West during introductions and expertly reported on their grand projects, getting our members excited about all they have in store for them.

With courage, we embarked on our first grand events. In August, we hosted our Arts and Haunts Day featuring the Virginia Fine Arts Museum and a Richmond Ghost Tour. We made it safely through the walking tour, but I am left wondering... what was that shadow in the window?

In October, we held our most popular annual tradition Rainbow Retreat. In addition to cabin shenanigans, s’mores, field games and fun, our Rainbow girls learned four important lessons: leadership, kindness, courage, and friendship.

Equipped with t-shirts featuring their names and symbols, girls were split into four teams: Pumpkin, Jaq, Gus Gus, and Glass Slipper. Rotating through each station, girls learned how to make a difference in the lives of others by being a “Titleless Leader,” facing challenges with strength, finding the best in others, and how to spread kindness throughout their community. This last lesson is most important. As Most Worshipful

Brother Jones reminds us, loyalty and kindness make a lasting impression.

On March 4, we will host a Murder Mystery Dinner at Kena Shrine Temple, which will benefit our Travel Fund. This fund-raiser is important for us this year as it will help our girls to attend Rainbow’s centennial celebration in Oklahoma. We invite you to attend on March 4 and find out “Where is Cinderella?” Tickets go on sale soon. See any Rainbow girl for details.

Off to a great start, we look forward to all the exciting activities of this grand year.



Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2022

Name	Location	District(s)	Date(s)
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	15A, 15B, 16	Feb. 9, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, and May 21
Kidd/Lupton	Salem	22A, 22B, 24	Feb. 24, 25, 26
Ben Clements/	Martinsville	38, 39	Mar. 1-3
Charles A. Sinclair, Jr.	Fairfax	4	Mar. 5, Apr. 2
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	12	Mar. 10
George Robert Marshall	Burkville	27	Mar. 12
James Alfred Butts, Jr	South Hill	27	Mar. 26
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windsor	31, 33	Mar. 22-24
James Bolling Myers	Midlothian	16, 29	Mar. 23-24
Kenneth O. Shelton	Herndon	2	Mar. 26
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	7, 10	Mar. 26
Campbell	Rustburg	21 24, 25, 37, 38	Mar. 28-31
DeBusk/Sheally	Pembroke	40, 41	Mar. 28-30
Fred D. Bowman	Front Royal	3, 5, 6	Apr. 2, and Oct 1
Willard D. Monk	Tazewell	45	Apr. 5-7
C. Frank Hicks	Chesapeake	36, 56	Apr. 9
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Kempsville	36, 56	Apr. 11
Kennedy/Simpson	Waynesboro	19	Apr. 15-16
C. A. Whitted	Scottsville	17	Apr. 18-19
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	1A, 1B	Apr. 23 and May 21
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	44, 47	Apr 26-28
Showalter	Blacksburg	40, 41, 42	Apr 27-29
Wickham/Smith+A3:F3	Clifton Forge	20	Apr 30
Harry C. Wallace	Wise	48, 49, 50	May 16, 17, and 19
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	43	May 17-19
Stewart Arthur Deem	Norfolk	35	May 21
James Revere Bowyer, Sr.	Bedford	22A, 22B, 24, 25	Jun 27-30
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Portsmouth	33	Jun 28-30
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	44, 47	Sep 6-8
*E. Tyree Mountcastle	Yorktown, Chickahominy, and Williamsburg	57	Sep 7-9
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	8, 9, 11	Sep 17
L. N. Cridlin	Jonesville	16, 29	Sep 19, 20, and 22
C. S. Revell/B.D. Hudson	Newport News	14	Sep 19-21
Edward Page Henry	Prince George	29	Sep 27-29
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	41, 42	Oct 10-12
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	48, 49, 50	October 17, 18, and 20
O.B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	7, 10	Oct 22
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	42, 43, 44	Oct 25-27
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	31, 33	Oct 25-27

NOTE: *Always verify the date(s) and location of any school you are planning to attend E. Tyree Mountcastle School locations: Chickahominy, Mann Page, and Williamsburg.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE to be updated at Grand Lodge Session

Programs Wanted

Right Worshipful James Friend Dickerson
Committee on Lodge Services Chairman



**Cleopatra's Needle Program in
Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.**

Have you heard a good program in Lodge lately? Perhaps you enjoy presenting an enlightening program in Lodge? Your Lodge Services Committee continues the search for a few good speakers in each area of our Commonwealth.

In 2021, we added a Speakers List available on our Grand Lodge website [https:// grandlodgeofvirginia.org](https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org) . Take a minute to pull up our Grand Lodge website and find the Speakers list. Hint: The Speakers list is found under the Education drop down tab. Please help us grow our list of active speakers.

Have you seen the Gavel used by George Washington? How about George Washington's Masonic Bible? Do you know the Masonic significance of Cleopatra's Needle? How well do you understand the 47th Problem of Euclid? Can you use a Square to define a Circle? Have you seen St. John in Lodge? There are many great programs out there both Masonic and non-Masonic of interest to men. Please help us to identify these great speakers and programs. Many Lodges need assistance in finding engaging speakers. Consider a program on local history,



**Right Worshipful Greg Hosaflook
of Day Lodge No. 58 presents
program on weapons from the
Trevilian Station Battle.**

men's health, local law enforcement (We had a great K-9 presentation a few years ago prior to Lodge opening). Our Speakers List will help Wardens identify and schedule speakers to present relevant and upbeat programs that will help to draw Brothers back to Lodge. Providing great programs in Lodge helps to increase Lodge attendance. Email FarmsLand.com or you can text/call 1-434-466-4663. Let us have some great 2022 Lodge Programs.



Items relating to Brother George Washington during a Lee Lodge No. 209 Program.

Virginia Entered Apprentice in New Jersey?

Right Worshipful Rex W. Rockhill

It is with a great pride in Virginia Masonry that I report on the visit to Wyckoff Lodge No. 287 in Ramsey, New Jersey. This endeavor was the idea of Worshipful Raymond V. Kasey of Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge, as he is a member in New Jersey as well.

A contingent of ten Virginia Masons from Districts 1A and B sojourned to Ramsey, New Jersey with the permission of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The purpose of the visit was to promote brotherly friendship and exemplify the Entered Apprentice Degree in Virginia Ritual for the Brothers in New Jersey.

We attended their Master Mason's Lodge meeting, being introduced by Worshipful Robert Reinhardt, III. After closing their Master Mason meeting, our Virginia Masons opened a Lodge on the First Degree of Masonry and proceeded to present an exemplification of our Virginia Ritual Entered Apprentice Degree.

The cast included: Worshipful Master, Worshipful Christopher Kelly; Kemper Macon Ware, Lodge No. 64; Senior Warden, Worshipful Jeffrey Hayes, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64; Junior Warden, Worshipful Alvaro German Torrico-Molinedo, Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge No. 81; Treasurer, Worshipful Raymond V. Kasey, Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353; Secretary, Right Worshipful Rex W. Rockhill, John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350; Senior Deacon, Worshipful Kristopher Bough, Springfield Lodge No. 217; Junior Deacon, Brother Xavier Mariscal, Henry Knox Field-John Blair No. 349; Chaplain, Worshipful Troy Van Winkle, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64; Senior Steward, Brother Tyler Cousins, Springfield Lodge No. 217; and Tiler, Brother Wayne McConchie, Kem-

per Macon Ware Lodge No. 64. The Candidate was the Grand Chaplain in New Jersey, Right Worshipful Larry Williams.

Worshipful Jeffrey Hayes gave the lecture and the charge by Worshipful Kristopher Bough.

A question and answer session was held and a social gathering later in the Lodge social hall. This is the response from their Secretary, Right Worshipful Frank Pindar to his Brothers in New Jersey:

For someone who always has something to say, whether it is serious, joking, or just being wise, I always have something to say.

But when it comes to the meeting at Wyckoff Lodge last night with Brothers from different parts of New Jersey and all the Brothers from Virginia, I find myself at a loss on how to describe what took place last night. I really cannot even find a symbol to express it. After talking to the many Brothers from all over I can only think of one way to describe last night "this is Brotherhood, this is Masonry."

For those of you who could not be out last night my heart goes out to you. After leaving the Lodge last night and giving my congratulations to the Shakesperian-esque Worshipful Master from Virginia, I found myself walking towards my car with my head held up a little higher, a more determined step in my walk, and a sense of pride like none other. I felt as if I just walked out of Lodge after taking my own Entered Apprentice Degree fourteen years ago.

We can choose to let the weeds grow and take over the building, or we can choose to grab some cutters and trim them down. Either way it's our own choice, no one else's. I choose to win, because Masonry and brotherhood never loses what I put into it. I only lose what I do not.

I want to thank everyone for the fellowship and brotherhood last night. It will be one of my most remembered Masonic moments.

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 Bro. John Lee Webb Hillsville Lodge No. 193
 Bro. William Wayne Alderman Hillsville Lodge No. 193
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Masonic Awards and Recognition



Brother Charles Brickell is presented his 60-Year Veterans Award by Worshipful Freddie Felts on left and Worshipful Ron McDilda on right.



Brother Hersheat Mitchell, right, receives his 50-Year Veterans Award presented by Worshipful Freddie Felts.



Brother Wayne Mitchell receiving his 50-Year Veterans Award presented by Worshipful Ron McDilda.



Worshipful Hugh Edward Spivey receiving his 60-Year Veterans Award presented by Right Worshipful Woodrow Brown.



Front L-R: Rt. Wor. Rex Rockhill, Wor. Jim Solomon, Bro. Stefan Walter, Wor. Barry Mensh, and Bro. Bill Smith, Back L-R: Wor. Walter Rodriguez, Wor. John Dahik, Bro. Morgan Tolliver, Wor. Randall Arnold, and Wor. Jim Scites

At a called communication of John A. LeJeune Lodge No. 350, Brother Stefan James Walter was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in full periodic costume. A terrific chicken dinner preceded the Degree, along with the usual John A. LeJeune Lodge fellowshiping.



On a hot Tuesday afternoon, several officers of Monroe Lodge No. 301 accompanied Right Worshipful Kenneth Fredrick to the home of Brother Bennett Gordon "BG" Richardson near Pamplin. There he was bestowed with the Grand Lodge of Virginia's 60-Year Veterans Award. His wife Brenda 'pinned' him, and Right Worshipful Brother Fredrick presented him with his certificate. A proper celebration for sixty years in the Craft.



The Courtland Lodge No. 85 "G" presented to Worshipful Freddie Felts.



The Franklin Lodge No. 151 "G" presented to Worshipful Michael Bishop.

Worshipful Ron McDilda's son passed away. He had been a Master Mason for two years. At the same time, our Lodge was going through the process of merging with Courtland Lodge No. 85, and the process of selling our Lodge building. While gathering all the furniture and other material for Courtland Lodge, Worshipful Brother McDilda wanted to do something to honor his son. I, along with two fellow Brothers came up with an idea about using the Letter G that hung in Courtland Lodge for so many years and had it replicated. With the assistance of Brother David Bland and Right Worshipful Carl Pippin the G's were completed. Several memorial tags were made. Worshipful Brother McDilda presented two of the G's, one to Courtland Lodge No. 85 and the other to Franklin Lodge No. 151.

Kindness and Brotherly Affection

Brother Jeff Arnold

I have had an interest in Masonry for many years before becoming a member, but never took the necessary steps. It just never felt like the right thing to do at the time. *Romans 8:28* says, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* That is my favorite *Bible* verse and has been for many years. It speaks to the idea that you may not always understand the why, or even reach the end state you envisioned, but everything is always working together for your good.

I have been to several Lodge installations. Every time, there has always been one part that hits me square in the heart: the very last part from the Installing Officer, before the Installing Marshal makes the proclamation. To my knowledge, it does not have a specific name, but I think of it as an Installation Charge. It charges the Brethren of the Lodge, to include the officers, with certain duties and responsibilities, and to me, it is the pinnacle of Freemasonry: kindness and brotherly affection toward one another.

Installation Charge:

Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution; that as some must of necessity, rule and teach, so others must of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The officers who are appointed to govern your Lodge, and whom you have selected for that purpose, are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of the Institution, to avoid exceeding the powers with which they are entrusted; and you are, as Masons, of too generous dispositions to envy their preferment. I therefore trust that you will have

but one aim, to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, in which we greatly rejoice, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude the transactions of this auspicious solemnity and may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through your Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

Masonry is the only organization to my knowledge that so greatly emphasizes these things: unity, pleasing each other, kindness, and brotherly affection. I have served in the United States Marine Corps for over thirteen years, and I have not felt this sort of kindness and affection throughout the Corps. I have those Marines with whom I am awfully close, and for whom I would do anything in the world, at the drop of a hat; but the things that I have felt in the last year and a half of Masonry, are entirely indescribable. This is what I will miss. I will miss the kindness and brotherly affection. I will miss my Brethren here in Prince George Lodge No. 115, and I will miss the Brethren of Masonic District 29.

Despite all that, I have been able to learn and retain during this time,

and accolades received, those accomplishments were not attained by me alone. It was through the willingness and sacrifice of others that any of this was possible. Time being the one thing on this earth that can never be replenished, there were Brethren that gave it freely, and without expectation of repayment. *What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal,* Brother Albert Pike. May we always seek to do good for others and for the world.

Brethren, I would simply like to say, "Thank you." Those two words do not begin to express my gratitude and are all too often misconstrued for being too impersonal, but I deeply and earnestly mean it. It was quite the rocky start to this journey, but without having fully known who I was, my true character, or my desires, you all took me in. I genuinely appreciate that. Thank you for letting me become a part of this amazing Craft. Thank you for treating me with kindness and brotherly affection, with dignity, and respect, for teaching me, for setting an example, molding, and inspiring me. I will continue to apply my mind to the attainment of useful knowledge, and to help, teach, and mentor whenever possible. Again, and sincerely, thank you. May God bless you all, this Lodge, and this magnificent Fraternity.



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Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Wor. Ernest Conner and Rt. Wor. Donald Strehle.



Rt. Wor. Glenn Allen presenting Mr. Kim Callis the Community Builder Award.

South Hill Lodge No. 297 held its Annual Ladies' Night on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Right Worshipful Donald Strehle, Grand Senior Warden, was the speaker for the evening. Highlights of the evening included presenting ten scholarships to deserving students with ties to the members of the Lodge. Also, Mr. Kim Callis, South Hill Town Manager, was presented with a Grand Lodge Community Builder Award for his outstanding community-oriented achievements.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Thomas Mainwaring, Brother Martin Myers, and Rt. Wor. Donald C. White.

Brother Martin Myers receiving his 70-Year Veteran's Award at William J. McMahon Lodge No. 303.



Right Worshipful Obadiah Martin, 25th District's Masonic Home Ambassador giving a great presentation. 60-Year member Worshipful Richard Stockton pinning Worshipful Larry Whitehead with his 60-Year Veteran's Award at




Right Worshipful Brian L. Bosley of Magnetic Lodge No. 184, presents "Masons Care" teddy bears to Captain Ryan Dean of the Stanley Police force. The bears will be used when there is interaction between the police force and children. The bears were placed into individual bags to allow the officers to keep the bears in the trunk until needed.




L-R: Mt. Wor. James E. Litten; Rt. Wor. Thomas W. Self, III, Bro. Charles Burnett, Rt. Wor. Allan Easley, and Rt. Wor. Jack Lewis, Grand Junior Warden

A large turnout of Brethren attended the 50-Year Veteran's Award ceremony for Charles Burnett, of Carter Lodge No. 323. Right Worshipful Allan Easley conducted the ceremony assisted by Right Worshipful Jack Lewis, Grand Jr. Warden; Most Worshipful James E. Litten (2016) and Right Worshipful Thomas W. Self, III. Brother Burnett was raised a Master Mason in 1971 and served as Secretary, Chaplain, and he performed lectures and funeral services for Brethren.



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Hunter's Lodge No. 156 in Blacksburg, participated in the 2021 New River Valley Heart Walk, at Bisset Park in Radford. The Hunter's Team was the top fund-raising group in the community groups category, raising \$2,765. Overall, the event raised \$62,062 to benefit the American Heart Association.



Rt. Wor. Bob Tamplet, Wor. Doug Williams, Rt. Wor. Chris Nolar, Bro. Shane Eller, and Rt. Wor. Gene Nutall.

Members of Botetourt Lodge No. 7 had the privilege of attending the annual Table Lodge hosted by Norfolk Lodge No. 1.



(L to R): Wor. John Kendrick, Bro. Anthony Caldwell, Rt. Wor. Farris Fleming, and Bro. Chris Rakes.

We visited Brother Anthony Caldwell at his home to present his 50-Year Award.



We are proud to report that at the Annual Supreme Council Session in Orlando, Florida, Worshipful Marion J. Humphreys, III was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Supreme Council, Grottoes of North America. Worshipful Brother Marion is a Past Master of Fraternal Lodge No. 53. His election will place him as Grand Monarch in 2028-2029. Marion served as Monarch of Samis Grotto in Richmond in 2018 and served as Supreme Council District Deputy over the Grottoes in Virginia and Maryland from 2019-21.

There are two Grottoes in Virginia: Samis in Richmond (1910), and Abaca in Fredericksburg (1933).



L to R: Bro. Bryan Morris, Rt. Wor. Ronald Morris, and Mt. Wor. Douglas V. Jones.

Right Worshipful Ronald Morris was presented with his 50-Year Veteran's Award during the Grand Master's Official Visit to Masonic District 24. Right Worshipful Brother Morris was raised in Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349. He served as Worshipful Master in 2001 and 2004. Right Worshipful Brother Morris retired to Bedford in 2005 and is currently a dual member of Liberty Lodge No. 95, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2009 and 2012, and as District Deputy Grand Master in 2010. He is a LMIP in both Lodges. Brother Bryan Morris, Right Worshipful Brother Ron's son was with his dad for the presentation.

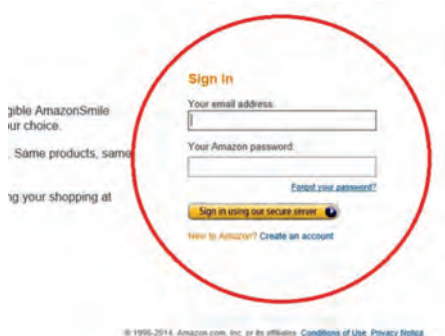


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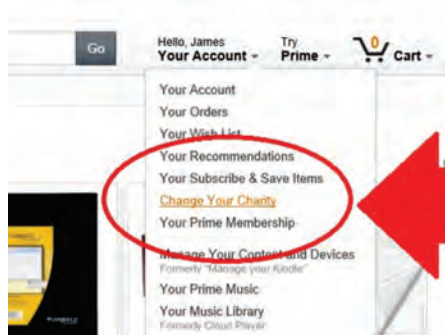
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Masonic Home of Virginia, Chief Executive Officer

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Today, we continue as a well-respected non-profit continuing care retirement community (CCRC) where active seniors come to enjoy their retirement and receive the care they need when and if they need it. Our history is rich with the stories of those who



L-R: Anne B. Hagen,
Mt. Wor. James D. Cole, and
Wor. Samuel M. Jones.

have lived at the Home for well over a century. Over eight hundred children and almost thirteen hundred residents, along with their families, have enjoyed not only the foresight and generosity of its founders but the many gifts of other Masons throughout the years via volun-

teered services and generous donations.

In the late 1990's, James Dean Cole began serving on the Board of Governors when elected to the Grand Line. Shortly after his term as Grand Master in 2001, he was hired as the Development Officer for his talents and experience. In 2006, he was promoted to Chief Executive Officer where he successfully served until being installed as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council in 2019. His foresight and generosity with his time and talents evolved into a servant leader at the Home, where he flourished. Upon his installation to the Supreme Council, he was honored by the Board of Governors with a resolution naming the chapel, the James Dean Cole Chapel. This dedication took place at the most recent Masonic Family Day in front of hundreds comprised of residents, staff

and supporters from across the Commonwealth. In addition, James Dean Cole was honored at a Gala in Alexandria for his dedicated service to both the Home and the Supreme Council. The proceeds from the event benefit both organizations. As you can see, the legacy continues at the Masonic Home of Virginia with all our residents, staff and family continuing as the benefactors.

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.

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Ambrose W. Wood
Diane Wright

Donor Name

Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Warwick Lodge No. 336
Thomas C. Kaufman
MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
Raymon Bacchus
Wayne S. Flora
Elmer K. Dunn
Lawrence Berberian
Unity Lodge No. 146
Warwick Lodge No. 336
Thomas C. Kaufman
Old Town Lodge No. 68
Purdie Lodge No. 170
Varina Lodge No. 272
Angela Pisano
MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
Warwick Lodge No. 336
Thomas C. Kaufman
Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Varina Lodge No. 272
MAHOVA Chapter of the Masonic Riders Association
Catawba Lodge No. 342
Hunter's Lodge No. 156
Snowville Lodge No. 159
Henry Clay Lodge No. 280
Pythagoras Lodge No. 239
Virginia May Lodge No. 38



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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
February		
2/18/1984	Richard and Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/19/1974	Carter and Oza Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
March		
3/5/1966	Leslie and Zada Lea Kahn	Monitor Lodge No. 197
3/8/1963	Thomas and Mary Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
3/9/1963	Garland and Marcella Campbell	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
3/24/1989	Jeffry and Shirley Smith	Nansemond Lodge No. 77

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/16/2021	Bland Wade	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
8/16/2021	Judy Wade	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
8/18/2021	Raymond Ridgeway	Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
8/18/2021	Ramona Ridgeway	Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
September		
9/20/2021	James Collins	Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
9/22/2021	Russell Hobson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/22/2021	Ann Hobson	Babcock Lodge No. 322

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January - 2021		
N/A		
February		
2/18/1984	Richard and Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/19/1974	Carter and Oza Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
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October
N/A

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/5/2021	Conwelsey Simmons	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349
8/10/2021	James Herring	Richmond Lodge No. 10
8/14/2021	Joseph Hogge	Warwick Lodge No. 336
September		
9/29/2021	Alice Bond	King Solomon's Lodge No. 194
October		
10/8/2021	Luvirda Mitchell	Elbert Munsey Lodge No. 298
10/21/2021	Ruth Blunt	Sandston Lodge No. 216
10/23/2021	Elizabeth Anton	Norview Lodge No. 113



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Gift Shop Tent at Family Day.



King Tom Lewis and Queen Betty Klotz at Family Day.



Courtyard Croquet.



Solstice Dinner.



Dinner and a Movie.



Pat Heald next to the Care Center Pumpkin for the decorating contest.



Masonic Home of Virginia Veterans Program.



Tai Chi Class.



Residents dancing with a performer.



L-R: M.W. William F. Perdue, M.W. Alan W. Adkins, M.W. James D. Cole, M.W. Clifford A. Parker, M.W. Frederick G. Martin, III, M.W. John R. Quinley, M.W. Glover H. Jones, III, M.W. George B. Dungan, Jr., M.W. Edmund Cohen, M.W. Jeffrey E. Hodges, M.W. William E. Rorer, Jr., M.W. John M. Chambliss, Jr., M.W. William T. Ellison, Jr., M.W. Louis K. Campbell, M.W. Wayne S. Flora, M.W. Reese E. Carroll, Jr., M.W. James E. Litten, M.W. V. Stuart Cook, and M.W. Gary W. Taylor in the center of Grand Lodge's Grand Annual Communication.