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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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## Masonic Herald Deadlines

Fall Issue	August 1
Winter Issue	November 1
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## The Grand Master's Message

Hello Brethren.

Words cannot express to you the kindness and courtesies that have been received by this Grand Master on my District and Lodge Visits over the past several months. My Visits have been outstanding, and being able to get back together, enjoy each other's company and fellowship has been wonderful! We have missed this!

Having healthy and active Lodges are a bedrock to our Fraternity! This is something each Worshipful Master should diligently plan for and work toward. It is my hope this message will assist the Worshipful Masters for the remaining time they have in office and for the Senior Wardens as they plan their year as Worshipful Master.

Elsewhere in this publication, you will find a list of items that make a healthy Lodge. You will note there are ten groupings, or sections which basically ask questions involving the activities of an individual Lodge. It does not answer any of the questions, as this is for you and your Lodge to answer and carry forward those answers. Upon answering these thought provoking questions, a pathway of opportunities will be provided for the leaders in the Lodge. This pathway will help to make their Lodge stronger, more vibrant, and help it to become an outstanding organization in the community, one in which a Brother would become proud to be one of its members.

As I have said on many of my visits, we have many outstanding Committees and Chairmen to assist you and your Lodge in developing an outstanding program for your year. Now is the time to act, not wait until November or December, when the time is getting short and our minds are on other Lodge activities. Ten major Committees, their Chairmen, and their email addresses are also provided in this issue of the *Herald*, should you need assistance in developing your programs and plans for



Grand Master  
M.:W.: James W. Golladay, Jr.  
the new year.

Your attention is also called to the fact we have an outstanding group of Research Lodges in Virginia. Do you need a short program or something to fill in a short time while the Lodge is waiting for another program? Just Google "Research Lodges in Virginia," and they will come up. Many have papers presented on-line, which may be copied to either be condensed into a short program or be developed into a full one. Please be sure to give proper credit



to the author and the Virginia Research Lodge, and other pertinent information.

Brethren, the weather is beginning to improve for this time of year! Picnics, outdoor gatherings, and other family activities hopefully are in full swing! Please remember that Freemasonry is a Family Affair, one where we can enjoy each other's company and comradeship.

Your Lodge needs you for either a variety of big or small jobs to do, or just to attend Lodge and be an encouragement to the other Brethren that do attend. If you have a neighbor who has not been to a Lodge communication recently, give him a call and invite him! I know, easier said than done. However, it might just be a blessing to him, and you could possibly make a friendship better than it has been in the past.

I would be remiss if I did not say how much I enjoy presenting Veteran's Certificates and lapel pins! I have been all over our Commonwealth in presenting them. (Another idea for a program, invite several of your "senior" Veteran members and have them sit in Lodge relating tales and interesting historical tidbits on when they were attending Lodge on a regular basis.)

I trust your youth programs are alive and well. Brethren, we have an outstanding group of youth. Your continued and active support for our youth organizations is necessary since they are our future. And with them, we cannot go wrong.

The DeMolay are working to try to achieve any and all awards that the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay have and are doing an outstanding job at each International Supreme Session. Right Worshipful and Dad Richard M. Young and the rest of the advisors with the Virginia State Association Order of DeMolay are to be congratulated for continually doing an outstanding job with the young men in the Commonwealth.

I have also just been informed that  
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# The Grand Master's Message

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Ms. Kaitlyn Reed, the current Grand Worthy Advisor for the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Virginia, has been selected to serve as the Acting Supreme Worthy Advisor for their Centennial International Session in Colorado this summer! What an achievement! When you see her, please congratulate her on this singular honor. Also, please congratulate Ms. Linda Jenkins, the Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector in Virginia for being such an inspiration to all of the young ladies in Virginia Rainbow.

Your support of the Job's Daughters and the local Bethel in your area is also needed. They too have an excellent program for young ladies and would be more than happy to attend your Lodge and contribute a program on this fine organization. I know, from personal experience, that when the Grand Master was a DeMolay and the local Job's

Daughters Bethel wanted to do an activity together, it was top notch. Back then, we even jointly sponsored a dinner-dance at a local hotel in Winchester with a live dance band! What fun!


Let's not forget our local communities! Be an active participant in your community activities, sponsor a Little League team, hold a community Blood Drive, or present a Community Builders Award (or two) to worthy individuals. Let your communities know that Masons are there and that we care!

Now is the time for our Lodges to begin wrapping up the James Noah Hillman Award requirements. If you have not had any interest in the program, I suggest that you assign one Brother, (maybe the Junior Warden) to oversee the program in your Lodge, keep track of the paperwork required, and submit it in a timely fashion to the appropriate Committee. Striving to qualify for the Hillman Award is an excellent way to

Build a Healthy Lodge.

Let me thank each of you for what you do for Freemasonry in the Commonwealth, your District, or your Lodge. Each contribution is worthwhile and important to grow our gentle Craft! If the Grand Lodge can assist you in any way, please let us know, through your District Deputy Grand Master or the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master. It is only through your efforts to effectively communicate that we, together, can make our Craft better than it was when we joined.

Take care and I look forward to meeting each of you in my travels throughout the Commonwealth.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
  
 James W. "Jim" Golladay, Jr.  
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# Thoughts on Building a Healthy Lodge (An Assessment Tool)

## **Purpose and Identity**

Why do we do what we do? What characteristics establish the Lodge's identity? What things or activities is the Lodge passionate about? Does the Lodge have a sense of purpose?

## **Membership**

What is the Lodge doing to encourage/stimulate membership growth? Bring A Friend Night Program; Lodge Open House; High Community Profile; Member Education on How to Approach a Worthy and Well Qualified Prospective Candidate, not recruit.

## **Leadership Development/ Education/Ritual**

What is the Lodge doing to develop future leaders? Does the Lodge stress the importance of Masonic education? Is there a positive, uplifting atmosphere surrounding education opportunities and is there a healthy balance between Ritual education and Masonic education? Does the Lodge participate in Subordinate Lodge Officer Training? Is the Lodge familiar with the Path Forward, "Not Just A Man, A Mason Program"? Does the Lodge attend the Reid James Simmons Academy?

## **Five/Ten Year Plan**

Does the Lodge have both short-term and long-term goals and objectives? What's the plan and vision going forward?

## **Budget/Financial Plan/ Maintenance of Resources**

Is the Lodge in a reasonably strong financial position? If not, is there a forward plan, i.e., fund-raisers, raising dues, etc.? Does the Lodge have a rainy-day fund? Are facilities well maintained?

## **Masonic Participation Outside the Lodge**

Does the Lodge visit other Lodges, participate in District activities, attend Division Leadership Conferences and attend Grand Lodge?"

## **Opportunities for Member Engagement**

What programs and activities are available to engage/activate the membership or does the Lodge building mostly sit empty between stated and called meetings? Does the Lodge endeavor to understand the things individual members are interested in, what skill set they bring to bear and has the member been asked, "What do you believe you can do to help your Lodge?" Does the Lodge have an up to-date library with relevant resources for today's Mason?

## **Opportunities for Family Engagement**

Does the Lodge have activities that engage and promote the family?

## **Opportunities for Community Engagement**

Is the Lodge a part of the fabric of the community? Is the Lodge present at community festivals, parades and other events? Does the Lodge present Community Builders Awards? Scholarships? Engagement with youth? Does the Lodge have a Public Relations Chairman or point of contact?

## **Masonic Experience**

Vibrant stated meetings—when a member attends a stated meeting, they make an investment of time—time taken away from family, occupation and other things they find important. Was their time well spent and will they leave the meeting saying, "I'm looking forward to coming back next month.?" Does each stated meeting include an interesting program with a balance between Masonic and non-Masonic topics? Are committee reports concise? Are the minutes read in a concise, efficient manner? Does the Lodge promote a fun and lighthearted atmosphere while respecting Masonic decorum and accomplishing the business at hand? Does the Lodge have a tested and proven program for effective mentoring? What programs and strategies does the Lodge have for outreach and staying connected with members? Is there a concerted effort to make all members and guests made to feel welcome? What programs and strategies does the Lodge have for new member activation and retention? Does the Lodge deliver as promised, or does it promise anything in the first place?

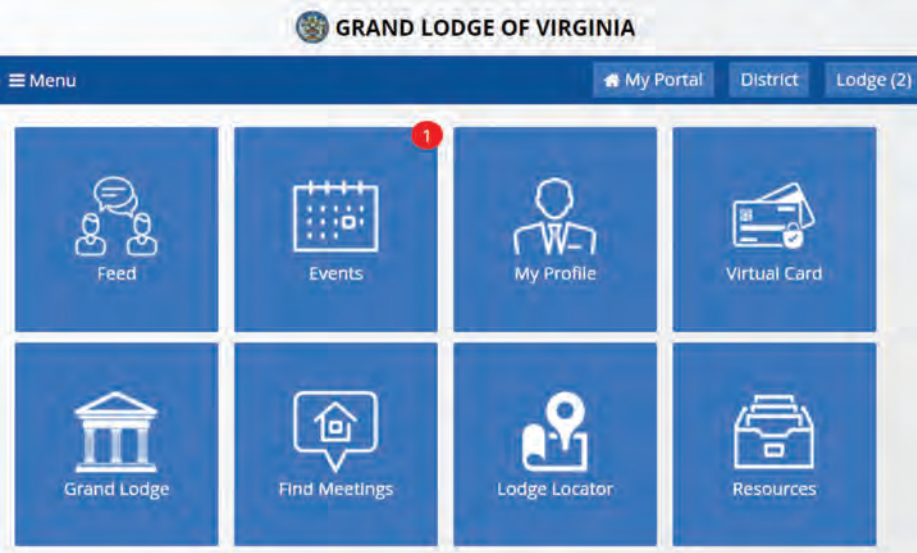
*It is the desire to serve that makes a great leader,  
not the desire to rule.*

# Getting Started with Grand View

Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate  
 Chairman, Committee on Information Technology

As the Grand Lodge of Virginia continues the roll-out of Grand View, we are pleased to see a steady increase in the number of members activating their account. Since going live in April, we have about 10% of our membership on-line.

The easiest way to get your members registered for Grand View is for the Secretary or Worshipful Master to send out a member-wide message. Something as simple as announcing the agenda for an upcoming meeting will work perfectly. Each email sent from Grand View contains a "registration" link allowing the recipient to activate their account.



Candidate	Count	Avg. Age	Web Inquiry	Count
Entered Apprentice	6	36.45	Petitioned	11
Fellowcraft	3	48.08	Degree - Initiated - EA	6
Master Mason	1,137	65.99	Degree - Passed - FC	1
Plural Memberships	89		Degree - Raised - MM	2
Total Membership	1,226		Deceased	1
			Suspended Non-Payment of Dues	1
			Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct	0



For those members who do not have an email address in Grand View, you might consider reaching out using some other method such as your printed newsletter, phone calls, Lodge announcements, etc. These members can register by simply visiting the Grand View "Sign Up" page (available from the Grand Lodge of Virginia website). It is important to remember that they will need their Grand View Member ID (NOT the one printed on their current

dues card). With the switch to Grand View, each member has been assigned a single Member ID regardless of the number of Lodges to which they belong. If a member wishes to register using this method, they will need to contact their Lodge Secretary or Worshipful Master for the number.

In the coming months, expect to hear more about what Grand View has to offer such as on-line dues payments, correspondence courses, event registration, and more.

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# Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2022

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
James Revere Bowyer, Sr.	Bedford	June 27-30	22A,22B,24,25
Elmo J. "Bo" Norfleet	Portsmouth	June 28-30	33
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	Follows Master and Wardens	15A, 15B
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Sept. 6-8	44, 47
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	Sept. 7-9	57
L. N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 19-22	49, 50
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	Sept.17	8, 9, 11
C. S. Revell/B. D. Hudson	Newport News	Sept. 19-21	14
Edward Page Henry	Prince George	Sept. 27-29	29
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 10-12	41, 42
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	Oct. 17- 18 and 20	48, 49, 50
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 22	7, 10
Marvin J Hubble/Charles T Gilbert	Marion	Oct. 25-27	42, 43, 44
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 25-27	31, 33
<b>*Reid James Simmons Academy</b>	<b>Roanoke</b>	<b>Aug. 13,14</b>	<b>Statewide</b>

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.

## Where?

A man walks down the street of his hometown and sees the old Masonic Lodge closed. He had left for the service and said when he returned home he wanted to join the Lodge, because he was so impressed by the quality of men he met there.

He saw an elderly lady walking and asked her what happened. The woman stated, "My husband used to attend Lodge. For decades he would spend countless hours working to prepare for events and meetings, how he loved being around his Brothers. He loved being a Freemason and so looked forward to the fellowship, he loved being surrounded by good men, like minded men who knew they was something bigger than themselves."

"What happened?" asked the man.  
 "Well," she said, "They died or moved away, but it started down this path long before. The Brethren stopped coming, stopped working on the Lodge, stopped holding events.

When the Brothers stopped attending, the events stopped, the people stopped coming, when the people stopped coming, the fund-raisers stopped, when the fund-raisers stopped, the Brothers were asked to pitch in to keep their Lodge alive. Unfortunately, the Brothers had more important things to do.

There used to be dozens but eventually there were just a few, my husband called them, 'The faithful few.' Sometimes they barely had enough to hold meetings, they could not do Degree work, because they did not have enough members present, they could not grow, because they could not bring in new men. Sadly, as those faithful few aged, they just could not do it all anymore. They tried, but after the events stopped, so did their relations with the town folk. The people, who had enjoyed the events over the years lost interest in helping out. They drained, what little money they had

left to try and keep it open, however it all dried up. After they closed, my husband was miserable, it was the one thing he looked forward to each month and now it was gone."

The man looked on with tears in his eyes, such a great institution that did so much for its community was gone.

Our Lodges are not just buildings of brick and mortar, they are buildings of brotherly love. Love held between Brothers of the Order and shown to our communities, but they cannot survive on love alone. Like any great organization, it is the members who keep it going. Much like the crops of the field will die off without the rains, our Lodges will die off without its members. We all have other things that go on, that is life, but we must make every effort to set aside the time, as little as four hours a month, to attend meetings, do the work, and maintain our Temple.

# Warwick Lodge Centennial

Worshipful David J. Smallridge

Warwick Lodge No. 336, celebrated the centennial of it receiving its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Warwick Lodge became a chartered Lodge on February 15, 1922. The founding fathers of Warwick Lodge were Worshipful Philip P. Huntington and Senior Warden Noah L. Wine, who became Warwick Lodge's first District Deputy Grand Master.

Most Worshipful John Strother Bottimore (1921), signed a dispensation for the "Masonic Club of Camp Eustis" located on Camp Eustis (now known as Fort Eustis) to become Warwick Lodge under dispensation commencing on July 21, 1921. On February 13, 1922, Most Worshipful Bottimore at the 1922 Grand Annual Communication, announced Warwick Lodge No. 336 was granted a Charter. On March 13, 1922, Worshipful Noah L. Wine was presented with the Charter officially naming Warwick Lodge No. 336.

Warwick Lodge survived World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, conflicts in the Middle East, a depression that rocked our country, and many other world and USA events to reach its centennial.

What started out as a little Masonic Club on Camp Eustis has been in four different locations. In 1932, Fort Eustis was partially turned into a Federal prison, mainly for bootleggers, and Warwick Lodge was ordered to move off the base. By 1962, two Lodges were using Warwick Lodge's building and the members of Warwick Lodge voted to build a new Lodge on the road leading to the entrance to Mariner's Museum in Newport News. In 1965, the Lodge helped establish and sponsor the Tidewater Chapter of the DeMolay which started with twenty-nine members.

In 2003, the members of Warwick were informed by the City of Newport News that the city was going to change the entrance to Christopher Newport



University (CNU) and their Lodge was going to be demolished. After a court battle, with CNU winning, Warwick Lodge had to find its fourth home. After talking with the trustees of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, it was decided Warwick Lodge would move in with the Scottish Rite. Most Worshipful James Milton Scarce, Jr., (2004) and his wife, Judy, attended the festivities. A program on the history of Warwick Lodge was presented by three distinguished members: Most Worshipful William M. Johnson (1983), Most Worshipful William F. Perdue (1991), and Most Worshipful Clifford A. "Skip" Parker (2002).

On the night of February 15, 2022, Masons from District 14 and beyond came together at Warwick Lodge for dinner and a reception to honor our



centennial. Such esteemed guests as the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful James Winfield Golliday, Jr.; Most Worshipful William Frank Perdue (1991), Most Worshipful Clifford Alan "Skip" Parker (2002), Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. (2010), and Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., (2015), and many other distinguished guests. All of these members and families were in attendance to enjoy the Warwick Lodge Centennial Celebration. An exceptional dinner and dessert were served with comments from Worshipful David John Smallridge and Most Worshipful James W. Golliday, Jr. Over one hundred and thirty guests were in attendance for the dinner.

The Warwick Chapter No. 43 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Hampton Assembly No. 2 of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, International Order of Job's Daughters Bethel 13 (Hampton) and Bethel 39 (Yorktown), and Tidewater Chapter DeMolay International, all played a critical part in making the centennial celebration a huge success.

Worshipful Chuck Dirienzo, Worshipful Christopher Tripp, and Worshipful Shelby Chandler from Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, brought the *Bible* that President and Worshipful George Washington used during the conferral of his degrees. The *Bible* was on display during the dinner and displayed on the altar during the stated communication, which focused on the centennial and the various aspects that were key events in making Warwick Lodge the Lodge it is today.

Following dinner, those who were in attendance enjoyed a wonderful presentation by the Masonic Youth groups and Eastern Star. The presentations talked about how the various groups operate and how they go about imparting wisdom to our Masonic Youth.



# What Are Lodge Services?

Right Worshipful James F. Dickerson  
Chairman Lodge Services Committee

As I travel around our Commonwealth, several Brethren have asked, “What does our Grand Lodge’s Lodge Services Committee do for Lodges?” To be fair my bride asked the same questions when she learned I joined the Committee. To answer Karen’s question plus give our Committee direction, your Lodge Services Committee developed Vision and Mission/Purpose statements. Let us dig into our Lodge Services Committee a wee bit!

In Freemasonry, we are encouraged to use our Three Great Lights. While exploring Proverbs in our Volume of Sacred Law several years ago, I found verse 27:17 to contain great direction for Masons. Proverbs 27:17 **Just as iron sharpens iron, a person sharpens the character of his friend** (*Complete Jewish Bible*). Our Lodge Services Committee puts this scripture into practice by working with Lodges to become the best they can be. Not only does our Craft make good men better, our Lodges and Brothers work together to make our Lodges great and the Grand Lodge of Virginia the best Grand Lodge in the world. Lodge Services continues to chip away at rough ashlar moving them towards perfect ashlar.

Your Lodge Services Committee is composed of fourteen members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a representative from each of the twelve regions). Members serve at the pleasure of our Grand Master. The members possess a variety of skills (ritual, computer, accounting, etc.) while being drawn from other Grand Lodge Committees to help address challenges.

## Vision

Your Grand Lodge of Virginia Lodge Services Committee offers support to strengthen and build healthy Lodges.

## Mission/Purpose

Your Grand Lodge of Virginia Lodge Services Committee serves as a conduit for Lodges to receive the needed resources (local, professional, Grand Lodge Committee, Grand Lodge Staff or Officer, etc.) so the Lodge can address, adapt and overcome specific challenges. The Committee does not solve the challenge for the Lodge, but assists the Lodge in identifying needed resources and solutions in support of process/operational improvements.

## Methodology

1. Introduce the Lodge Service Committee to the Masonic Districts and to the individual Lodges.
2. Actively promote wholesome development and growth of every Lodge in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. Interact with Lodges facing challenges as a conduit to identifying and providing innovative and inspirational tools for overcoming these challenges.
4. Maintain an updated speaker list accessed through our Grand Lodge of Virginia website.
5. Publish a motivational article in each issue of our *Virginia Masonic Herald*, tying our Grand Lodge objectives to our Committee Mission.



The ghost of Albert Pike  
(portrayed by  
Most Worshipful Jeffery E. Hodges)  
visits a Lodge.

6. Provide social media posts with positive examples of thriving Virginia Lodges to motivate other Lodges.
7. Provide outreach to District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs) at the DDGM conference and through the Grand Master’s Administrative Assistant, encouraging DDGMs to identify Lodges with challenges, share challenged Lodge information with Lodge Services Chair and Regional Representative, and keep the DDGMs involved and informed throughout the process of work with the Lodge.

So now you know a bit more about your Lodge Services Committee. We have been busy working one on one with Lodges through Covid-19 and continue to work with Lodges as in person meetings resume. Brothers have gotten out of the habit of attending stated and called communications. Across the Commonwealth, getting Brothers back to Lodge remains a top priority. Providing quality meals before Lodge, a time of refreshment and fellowship after Lodge, relevant and engaging programs, etc., can help bring Brothers back to Lodge. Each Lodge has a unique personality with its own needs, challenges, and successes. What is your Lodge doing to get Brothers back to Lodge?

If your Lodge could benefit from support by your Lodge Services Committee, let’s talk. Reach out to your Lodge Services Regional Committee Member. I am also available by mobile phone 434-466-4663 (if you get voice mail, please leave a message with your contact info) or email [james@VirginiaHomesFarmsLand.com](mailto:james@VirginiaHomesFarmsLand.com). We are here to help you and your Lodge address, adapt and overcome to become the best Lodge it can be.

# Duly and Truly Prepared?

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

The scene is familiar. The West Gate opens. The candidate seeks admittance. The Deacon asks if he is “duly and truly prepared.” The old nitpickers in the Lodge check the candidate’s state of dress/undress, the bare foot, the cable tow, the lack of any mineral, or metallic substance.

Yup, with all those boxes checked, the candidate, more often than not a complete stranger to most in attendance, passes muster as “duly and truly prepared.” Brethren on the sidelines hope the Stewards have tutored him in a most friendly manner to be ready to step off correctly and give the sign and due guard of any previous Degree he has received lest he embarrass himself.

Really? The investigating committee has paid him and his family a visit. They report that he has a good job and a good family. His wife expresses her enthusiasm for her husband’s desire to join the Craft. He attends church regularly. In their summation, they conclude that, “he will make us a good member.” His vouchers have told the Lodge they have known the petitioner a good while and he is a good guy.

That is about it. Total preparation. Has he examined the Lodge Charter? Has he viewed the membership roster? Has any Brother explained the challenges and commitments Freemasonry requires of its acolytes? Does he know the Lodge’s dues requirements? Has he broken bread at Lodge dinners?

When this candidate for the Degrees receives Masonic light will he find himself surrounded by strangers? Will he be shocked, perhaps, to recognize a Brother who has in the past treated him unfairly? Has he been invited to Lodge dinners to become acquainted with those he will be encouraged to treat with friendship, morality and brotherly love? Has he toured the Lodge room?

Is he ready to receive light while strangers gawk at him? Even after initi-

ation, will he get to know any Brethren besides those who may teach him his catechism or “the Books?”

Supposedly, Freemasonry brings men together who would otherwise remain at a perpetual distance. So what do Lodges do to erase that distance?

Masons consume countless hours bemoaning the Fraternity’s decline in membership. But if duly and truly prepared means only assuring that its candidates are properly half dressed, with one foot bare, blindfolded, and lassoed, why should any Brother be surprised by the numbers of Master Masons who disappear after their raisings?

The notion that such preparation suffices to bring a man into the world’s oldest, most complex, and widespread Fraternity screams of superficiality. We remind Entered Apprentices that they were, we trustingly hope, first prepared to become Masons in their hearts. We next proceed to demand that he present himself in a manner in which he would never dare to appear in public. And by the way, in case that is not enough, we make sure that he divests himself of all minerals and metals.

This superficial and misleading approach to degree candidacy overlooks the most subtle and meaningful charac-

teristic of Freemasonry itself: its deliberate ambiguity, its layered meanings, its consistent habit of looking beyond the superficial to find depths of meaning.

In Masonry, a square is more than just a square, a level more than just a level, a plumb more than just a plumb, and a trowel more than just a trowel. Attainment of the Master Mason’s Degree entitles one to more than the superficial privilege of wearing a ring displaying a square and compasses whose meaning is forgotten as soon as the lecture is over (oh, blessed relief!) and the Lodge closed.

Freemasonry confers on its members priceless opportunities to perceive depth beyond the superficial, to learn the values of its symbols as constant reminders of the mutual and reciprocal, demanding and rewarding requirements of its obligations, its wages, and its most valuable teachings. Meeting those challenges requires much, much more than checking out the candidate’s deliberately odd appearance just before knocking on the West Gate to have and receive the Craft’s rights and benefits.

Are our Lodges really prepared to “duly and truly prepare” our candidates?



# New Balloting and Voting Procedure

In February, the Grand Lodge's Committee on Work sent out a slight change to our ritual in regard to the completion of catechisms and the application (affiliation) for membership to a Lodge. The ritual changes for the advancement are still done by voice vote, whereas the application for membership is by ballot.

## **On proficiency on the Entered Apprentice's catechism**

Worshipful Master Brethren, a voice vote will be taken to test the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name) on the Entered Apprentice's Catechism. The Aye's approve; the No's disapprove; a majority vote is necessary to approve. All approving say, Aye. All disapproving say, No. The Lodge is satisfied (or not satisfied) with the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name).

## **On proficiency on the Fellowcraft's catechism**

Worshipful Master Brethren, a voice vote will be taken to test the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name) on the Fellowcraft's Catechism. The Aye's approve; the No's disapprove; a majority vote is necessary to approve. All approving say, Aye. All disapproving say, No. The Lodge is satisfied (or not satisfied) with the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name).

## **On proficiency on the Master Mason's catechism**

Worshipful Master Brethren, a voice vote will be taken to test the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name) on the Master Mason's Catechism previous to his receiving a certificate from the Grand Lodge. The Aye's approve; the No's disapprove; a majority vote is necessary to approve. All approving say, Aye. All disapproving say, No. The Lodge is satisfied (or not satisfied) with the Masonic proficiency of Brother (First name, Middle name, Last Name) to receive his certificate.

## **On application for membership (affiliation)**

Worshipful Master Brother Senior Deacon, prepare the ballot. Brethren, we are about to spread the ballot on the application of (Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, Brother) (First name, Middle name, Last Name) for membership in (insert Lodge name and number). The Whites elect; the Blacks reject; a unanimous ballot is necessary to elect.

Senior Deacon Worshipful Master, the ballot is spread.

Worshipful Master The Brethren will advance to the altar and deposit their ballots, commencing on my right.

Senior Deacon Worshipful Master, The ballot is deposited.

Worshipful Master Brother Senior Warden, have all balloted in the West?

Senior Warden Brethren, have you all balloted in the West? All have balloted in the West, Worshipful.

Worshipful Master Have all balloted in the South, Brother Junior Warden?

Junior Warden Brethren, have you all balloted in the South? All have balloted in the South, Worshipful.

Worshipful Master Brethren, have you all balloted? Brother Senior Deacon close the ballot and present it in the East.

Present the ballot in the South. Brother Junior Warden, how stands the ballot in the South?

Junior Warden The ballot is clear (or not clear) in the South, Worshipful.

Worshipful Master Present it in the West.

Brother Senior Warden, how stands the ballot in the West?

Senior Warden Clear (or not clear) in the West, Worshipful.

Worshipful Master Again, present it in the East. (If clear) and clear in the East. Accordingly, I declare (Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, Brother) (First name, Middle name, Last Name) elected to membership in (insert Lodge name and number). (Destroys the ballot) (If not clear) and not clear in the East. Accordingly I declare (Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, Brother) (First name, Middle name, Last Name) rejected. (Destroys the ballot)

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Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Read this book.

*Civility's* opening chapter, titled "Darkness Descends," describes life in the USA in the year 2050, as the authors view it if our current discourse of name-calling, invective, and disrespect should continue on our present course of incivility.<sup>1</sup> Lots of doom and gloom.

So do not be misled by the statement in the book's forward that **Masons are not activists; we're supposed to be formative, not performative.** (Emphasis in original.) The authors of this well researched and comprehensive jeremiad flatly contradict this statement throughout their work. Examples include:

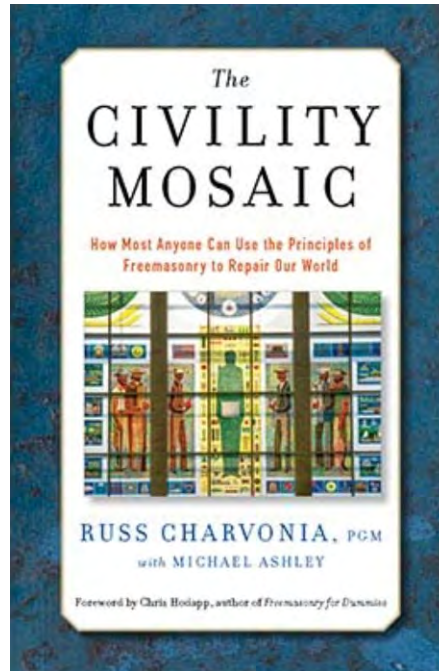
- [O]ur example will serve as a shining beacon to others.
- In Lodge, we engage in shared good works... We should endeavor to do the same in our wider communities... [W]e must tackle systemic defects in the way corporations operate.
- We are supposed to say and do something when we observe oppression, wrongdoing, or a need for help.
- How are we, as everyday citizens, to change this state of affairs? One way is through civil disobedience.
- Bringing about systemic change requires both a well-informed populace and an engaged one.

So much for the idea that what happens in Lodge stays in Lodge.

*The Civility Mosaic* most fundamentally tells its readers that if Masons are to keep and perform their obligations and if they are to be steadfast in the due performance of the same, the current times that try men's souls compel us to take our Masonic principles, virtues, rules and lessons far beyond the walls of our sacred retreats of friendship and virtue.

That is a real challenge. But then so is Freemasonry.

Brothers Charvonias<sup>2</sup> (Past Grand



Master of California) and Ashley (a prolific and experienced writer) seek to drag the Brethren (and any "profane" readers) into the real world (IRW in textese):

Neighbor is fighting neighbor. Distrust abounds. Numerous global crises confound us. Truth has become a matter of belief rather than fact. We cannot stand to be in the same room with someone who holds different opinions from our own.

They proceed to catalog just about every issue Americans have been hollering, screaming, cursing, brawling, shooting, stabbing, and shunning each other about in recent years. Our friends and neighbors have been insulting, bigoted, apathetic, dehumanizing, corrupt, self-centered, deaf, uncaring, canceling, remote, and even disengaged and at too many times violent in their public and private discourse. The authors' examples abound and, as stated in their introduction, present issues that are certain to raise the hair on your neck.

Yet, Masonic teaching offers remedies. It counsels temperance, not fury; fortitude, not disengagement; prudence

rather than reckless abandon; and justice, not gratuitous shaming, shunning and anonymous attacks on social media. At every stated communication, we hear the charge to do good unto all; every human being has a claim on our kind offices. When times were civil, conspiracy theories swirled about the Craft. Now data-free assertions cause distrust of politicians, businesses, vaccines, experts, Karens, and snowflakes. Simple courtesy is condemned as "political correctness."

*The Civility Mosaic* offers remedies. Craft teachings enable Brethren to practice Masonic ideals perceptively, conscientiously and necessarily. This book's proliferation of real-world parables, examples, and allegories tend to force the reader to measure his own due performance by the gauge Masonic precepts.

Each chapter focuses on a specific subject and concludes with a challenge to the reader.

For example, Chapter Four not surprisingly covers the working tools and their operative and semiotic or speculative teachings but adds real world applications and instructions to use to help restore civility "IRW."

Chapter Five delivers the "Keys to Civil Communication," namely the three D's: Debate, Deliberation, and Communication. This chapter explains the manners in which novices (Apprentices), adolescents (Fellowcrafts), and the competent (Masters) Communicate. However:

We Masters must not allow our status to intimidate or dishearten those who might be positively affected by interacting with us. Let us always endeavor to couch our words with respect and humility, lest our rank convey unintended condescension. It is not easy to stand in the shadow of the Master, and we would do well to remember

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how we felt when we were on the other side... Both the competent and the novice have much to teach us.

Chapter Six offers coping mechanisms, explaining Masonically that coping is the top layer or course of a masonry wall, usually having a slanting upper surface to shed water; a cope. But Masonically, a society unable to cope in its relations to others will also collapse.

At this point, the reader may be thinking, "That is enough. I get it." But more awaits the patient and willing reader.

Each chapter concludes with an exercise, following the examples of Robert Elsner's *Bible Study for Freemasons* and Mark Stavish's *The Path of Freemasonry: The Craft as a Spiritual Practice*.

Thusly, Chapter Seven, which advocates "a more civil home life," ends with this challenge:

We often treat the worst those we profess to love the most. Perhaps you are away from home a lot. Because of your job obligations, hours spent at Lodge, exercising and/or volunteering, your family feels like you are not making time for them. Their resentment has been growing of late. How might you apply the lessons from this chapter to address the problem?

In Chapter Eight, titled "(No More) Business as Usual," *Civility* addresses relationships at work and how to handle toxic supervisors. Again, the authors supply concrete IRW examples, including stories of businesses failing because of insensitive, dictatorial and, of course, uncivil bosses destroying businesses by demeaning, insulting, and dehumanizing employees.

As for the Craft: Before a man is allowed to begin his Masonic journey, great care is put into determining his fitness to become a Brother. (This is sometimes referred to as "Minding the West Gate," as that is the direction from which a new Mason enters the

Lodge....Two or more Masons will interview him, sometimes going as far as to include the spouse in their questioning.

Unfortunately, the authors fail to pursue this aspect of Masonry further. For example, the process could be improved by providing the committee with a list of questions for the prospect, as well as an honest explanation of the characteristics of the Craft. We depend too much on members who pay their dues faithfully, wear the ring, and never re-enter the Lodge following their raising.<sup>3</sup>

Chapter Eight does cope with problems of intolerance, backstabbing, harassment, dehumanization, and "power placed in the wrong hands," both in Lodge and at work. Here the book exhorts us to behave Masonically IRW: Masonry has a vested interest in serving as a moral compass to a business world rife with corruption. If we ever hope to improve civility at scale, we must tackle systemic defects in the way corporations operate.

Chapter Eight closes with this exercise: Imagine you have just become the head of a company that has a toxic culture, harming your staff and your customers. Using the Masonic concepts from this chapter, how might you turn your workplace around?

This fine work references dozens of books, studies, and articles from newspapers and magazines. A bibliography would be helpful and appreciated. An index would do no harm. This book provides many subjects for programs and a bibliography and index would assist in tying subjects together quickly locating sources to formulate Lodge programs.

*Civility Mosaic* builds on the relatively recent movement found among Masonic books to take our Freemasonry outside the Lodge and to apply its lessons to every aspect of our lives. Brother Robert G. Davies helped us to understand *The Mason's Words* more deeply. Brother Kirk McNulty opened up the Craft to viewing itself through

the prism of Freudian psychology. Tom Nichol's *The Death of Expertise* warned us of the growing spread of fact-free omniscience. And Brother Matt Gallagher gave us *Practical Freemasonry*. Brother Angel Millar's body of work has recently peaked with his comprehensively philosophical *The Path of the Warrior Mystic: Being a Man in an Age of Chaos*.

*Civility* also in its own way echoes the eighteenth and nineteenth century traditional Masonic "sermons." The Brothers Charvonia and Ashley can preach.

Brothers Charvonia and Ashley team up to persuade their readers to carry Masonry into every aspect of their lives. Meeting their challenges requires work – work consistent with Masonic work. They conclude: As darkness threatens to fall across the world in these perilous times, we beg you to not abdicate your duty. Force yourself to be the proverbial stone to be dropped into the waters of complacency. Let your actions create ripples of change, spreading to far shores. Be the hero you know you can be. Most of all, be the light leading to true enlightenment.

1. During preparation of this review, CNN runs a story in which two Members of the House of Representatives, one from each party, describe the current atmosphere in Congress as "toxic."
2. Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia is the instigator of a movement carried on by the Civility Task Force Team. See [www.Masoniccivility.org](http://www.Masoniccivility.org). This describes the efforts of the Freemasons Civility Initiative, including a PowerPoint presentation. This group actually persuaded Wikipedia to list and define the word "incivility" for the first time.
3. Which may be why Lodge attendance runs about 20%. Do our investigating committees really tell the prospects how rigorously the Craft challenges its acolytes? Should we be satisfied with Investigating Committee Reports that say, "He seems like a really nice guy, his family goes to my church, and I think he will make us a really good member?" Is that sufficient to support a commitment to pay dues for more than two and a half years, to attend Lodge regularly, and to learn, then learn further, then to learn even more? Is it too much to lend the prospect a copy of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry*?

## Research Lodges of Virginia

Worshipful Christopher W. Douglas

What is a Research Lodge? We are chartered by the Grand Lodge, meet four times a year, have the same officers as a regular Lodge, but we do not initiate, pass, or raise candidates. At each meeting, we present one or more research papers and have a discussion. Virginia has five Research Lodges. Anyone from a regular Lodge in Virginia, or from a Grand Lodge in amity with Virginia, may affiliate. Our dues are between \$15 and \$40 a year, and we offer Life Membership in Perpetuity. We pay no assessments to Grand Lodge.

A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949, meets at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. It was named for Most Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr., (1949). An editor of the *Masonic Herald*, he was a prolific writer and researcher and was a strong proponent of Masonic education. The intent was to establish a Lodge in Northern Virginia to foster research and promote serious study among Brethren, specifically about early American and early Masonic history.

Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, was chartered in Highland Springs by several Masons who were Civil War re-enactors. A Lodge that emulates early Military Lodges, they visit Civil War battlegrounds to hold their meetings: As far west as Tennessee, as far north as Massachusetts, and as far south as Alabama. Civil War has more members, and more from other jurisdictions, than the others. This blend of different backgrounds highlights the differences for how to open and close a Lodge, while demonstrating that Masonry at its core is the same everywhere.

George Washington Lodge of Research No. 1732, meets in Fredericksburg. Realizing that Scottish and Ancient Masonry was quite different from the more common Modern Lodges in

Virginia, focusing on Colonial, Military, and Scottish Masonry.

Peyton Randolph Lodge of Research No. 1774, meets in Williamsburg. Several members of Williamsburg Lodge focus on Colonial Masonry, specifically the lives of people who were responsible for the growth of Masonry at the founding of our Grand Lodge.

Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, as our first Research Lodge, meets in Highland Springs. It sprang from a discussion between Most Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr. and Grand Junior Deacon Hugh M. Reed. They submitted a resolution to Grand Lodge to investigate, collect, and collate information about Ancient Craft Masonry in Virginia.

Virginia Research was created when no other such Lodge existed. It was chartered specifically to correct the myths and legends of Masonry and replace them with facts. For example, Right Worshipful Robert E. Simpson and Most Worshipful A. Douglas Smith, Jr. both wrote papers on the legend of the Grand Master's jewel, how it was allegedly crafted by Paul Revere specifically for George Washington to wear as our first Grand Master. Research efforts by both of these Brethren proved that this was completely untrue, but the myths still persist.

So, how are Research Lodges essential to Masonry? We spread Masonic light and knowledge, which can help those Brothers who want further light and understanding but might not have the time to do the research. Our impact is how we foster the growth of education in Masonry.

Every Lodge, every Mason, benefits from Masonic education; however the general consensus is that education is where Masonry fails to deliver. Lodges lack members who do their own research and offer quality presentations.

Research Lodges offer structured, research-supported presentations. Many presentations you see in Lodge are from members of the Masonic research community. By becoming active in a Research Lodge, a dedicated Mason can learn to how to write research papers on his own. Newer members want to know why something happened, not just what happened. Research Lodges can answer the question, "Why?"

Civil War brings visibility to Masonry and Masonic education when visiting battlefields and historic sites. They inspire petitions from Brethren who see something they don't usually see: the camaraderie, the battlefields, and other aspects of our Brotherhood. Research Lodges also help Masons make connections: a Brother may ask a member of a Lodge for speakers, for people who are knowledgeable about a topic, and for connections between educated Brothers grow.

The impetus is on us. We must be more than just another Saturday Lodge. We must offer something pertinent to Masonry. We must increase our visibility. Simply inviting others to attend is not enough. If the Research Lodges demonstrate their value to Virginia Freemasonry writ large, then we will attract attendees. If we do not, they are unlikely to attend on their own. Hopefully, the buzz generated by our Unstated Meetings and other on-line efforts, and this article itself, will spark more interest. In research, it is important to find a hook, to provide something people can walk away with, something that makes you remember, something that makes you think.

So, why should you attend a Research Lodge? To gain a broader understanding and appreciation of different perspectives. To learn about Masonic topics of interest. To gain more Masonic Light. To hear an educational program, you might not hear in a regular Lodge.

## What exactly is Masonic Education?

Right Worshipful Jonathan A. Giles  
Grand Provost

At various times Brothers across the state have asked me, "What exactly is Masonic education?" Simply put, Masonic education spans a gap that covers the entire experience within Virginia Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education serves the Freemasons of Virginia by providing educational resources, seminars, and other content that continue the work and effort of our great Fraternity. I have often described the work of the Committee as affecting everything from before the Lodge is opened, during deliberations, and after the ritual closing. For 2022, the Committee has been focusing on a "New Mason" education curriculum to be offered through the Virginia Masonic University, as well as updating old and developing new Masonic Education material within the Grand View web platform adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in April of this year.

Base-lining the on-line and blended-learning formats for the New Mason education curriculum has been a primary focus effort for the Committee for the past two years. The labors of the Virginia Masonic University team were realized in a pilot program with over one hundred Masons completing the learning modules for the new

Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason courses. The program boasted an 80% retention rate across all modules, and a train-the-trainer program was piloted in February 2022 for those Brothers particularly skilled in Masonic education interested in offering in-person versions of the program across the Grand Jurisdiction. This New Mason education program is just the first step in the Committee on Masonic Education's goal of providing increased on-line and blended-learning Masonic education content for the Brethren of Virginia.

Committee members have also conducted a comprehensive review of all the Masonic publications of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, creating a site map for a new on-line Masonic Publications Library, along with implementing a publication review scheme to ensure all Masonic publications are current and reviewed every five years. Additionally, you will see our Masonic publications incorporating the marketing material and messages from Not Just a Man. A Mason, along with integrating more modern and informative graphics and figures. Particular focus will be on updating the bulk of our information pamphlets which provide potential members and their spouses one of their

first impressions when they are seeking information about the Craft.

On top of these efforts, the transfer to Grand View has opened exciting new opportunities for on-line content delivery at the local level of Freemasonry in Virginia. The added benefits of real-time updates, on-line seminars, and other virtual programming through Grand View will allow individual Masons the opportunity to learn at their own pace in the comfort of their own home while maintaining the option for in-person or hard copy delivery of Masonic education content.

The Committee on Masonic Education is proud to keep the flame of Masonic knowledge burning bright in Virginia to serve the Masons of the Commonwealth. Keep an eye on the Events tab within Grand View for more about Masonic education opportunities in the coming days, weeks, and months to come. If you or someone you know has an idea for a Masonic Education program, or you have an idea for the future of learning in the Craft, feel free to reach out to me at [grandprovost@glova.org](mailto:grandprovost@glova.org). I cannot promise that every idea will be implemented, but I am happy to entertain thoughts and ideas on developing new programs to better serve the Craft. And, as always, stay inquisitive.



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# Introducing the Evergreen

Right Worshipful Matthew T. Szramoski  
Grand Senior Deacon

To Freemasons, the evergreen has unique symbolism. We are taught in our ritualistic work that it demonstrates the immortality of the soul, the portion of our existence that continues after our life on Earth is ended. In many ways, the evergreen is also a symbol of creating a legacy for the living. What do each of us do in our Lodge to leave it more capable in its Masonic actions, more inviting to its members, more effective in its teaching the lessons of Masonry than when we arrived?

Creating a financial legacy is one of the ways we can strengthen and ensure the future of our Masonic Fraternity. Both the Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge of Virginia face financial issues that can be addressed today to ensure a stronger tomorrow. In an effort to build that foundation on which to build our future, I am pleased to announce the Evergreen Campaign.

The Evergreen Campaign is the first ever fundraising effort to provide financial stability to both MAHOVA and the Grand Lodge. This effort allows each member the opportunity to support our Fraternity and our responsibility in maintaining the Masonic Home, whether one commits \$10 or \$1,000,000. Significant goals have been set for both—\$10,000,000 for the Grand Lodge of Virginia and \$90,000,000 for the Masonic Home, or \$100,000,000 in all. This is a number we can achieve if each of us as individuals make a commitment to help out in a manner that is within our means. All contribu-

tions, great and small, will assist us in reaching this goal, which our Fraternity will focus on raising over the next five years. Former U.S. President and Brother Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Believe you can and you are halfway there.” Will you believe we can?

We have never conducted an effort to raise money for an endowment for the Grand Lodge of Virginia (GLOVA). What would an endowment do? Essentially, it would allow us to invest a pool of funds contributed by Brethren to provide perpetual funding for programs and activities such as the Division Leadership Conferences, publication of the *Masonic Herald*, Lodge officer instruction, ritual classes and much more. Funding would not be subject to membership fluctuations or inflation and al-

low us to provide quality programming to assist in strengthening both our Subordinate Lodges and individual Freemasons.

The Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA) has conducted numerous fundraising campaigns but none with a primary focus on building an endowment. Similar to the GLOVA, this effort will help ensure the financial stability of the Home and its ability to care for our Brethren, their wives and widows in a manner that would be beyond the means of most Lodges working individually. In addition, our Outreach Program will continue to see expansion, assisting Masons and their wives throughout the Commonwealth who choose to age in place but need some financial assistance. Now is the time to create an endowment that will provide adequate funding for these critical operations well into the future.

In addition to the endowment at MAHOVA, there will be opportunities for individual Masons or Lodges to contribute to specific building and resident quality of life enhancements.

Future articles in the *Masonic Herald* will identify many naming opportunities for MAHOVA and the Grand Lodge. We will also discuss updating, remodeling, and other needed improvements.

Gifts to the MAHOVA are tax deductible as allowed by law. Gifts made to the Grand Lodge generally are not unless they are made to the



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Allen E. Roberts Museum and Library which is a 501(c)(3). Future articles will share ways to give and tax advantages for these efforts and how they can benefit both the individual and our Fraternity.

Our Masonic Home Ambassadors will be receiving information to present in the subordinate Lodges to educate our Brethren about the Evergreen Campaign and how they can participate. Each donor to the campaign will receive a special pin featuring a sprig of Acacia to remind us of our obligations and the importance of leaving a legacy. We hope that each time a Brother sees this pin, he will take pride in fulfilling his Masonic obligation and that it will encourage others to support the effort as well.

We will have a formal public kick-off of the campaign at Masonic Family Day on October 1. Assuming we are not under Covid restrictions, there will be guided tours of the Grand Lodge building, Museum, and Library, as well as MAHOVA. Please plan to attend Family Day to share in the fellowship, food, and heritage of our Order.

2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us that, *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* This will be a voluntary campaign. While we will encourage all Brethren to participate, it is a personal decision each Mason must decide on their own. Working together, we have an opportunity to make a permanent positive change in the financial future of both the Home and the Grand Lodge.

The great artist Michelangelo once stated, *The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and miss it, but that it is too low, and we reach it.* Brethren working together in peace and harmony can aim high and achieve the goals of the Evergreen Campaign.



Grand Master  
M.:W.: James W. Golladay, Jr.

Brethren,

As Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, I am extremely excited as we formally announce our Evergreen Campaign. Each of you knows that we must strengthen our financial and membership base to provide a strong future for the Masonic Fraternity in Virginia. This effort will demonstrate our willingness to take a portion of our finances and invest it in Virginia's future. I will be making a personal commitment to the campaign as will all the Grand Line Officers. I hope that you too will reflect on your own personal situation and consider making a gift or pledge to the Evergreen Campaign over the next five years. Right Worshipful Terry Hilton at the MAHOVA is available to confidentially discuss your particular situation. Please feel to reach out to him or any Grand Line Officer, and we will ensure the privacy of your wishes and not pressure any Brother into making a gift. As our Grand Senior Deacon quoted, all gifts must come from the heart.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Golladay, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

James W. Golladay, Jr.  
Grand Master

# Grand Master's Official Table Lodge

Worshipful Brian W. Cooke

April Fools Day was not a joke to District 14 on the occasion of the Grand Master's Official Visit. It was a remarkable evening of fellowship, food, and genuine fun. Being the host of a modified Table Lodge for the Grand Master was an honor for Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5, one that has been long in coming and enjoyed by both our Lodge and our District.

To get an event of this type to work was a labor of love, operation, some persistence, and an idea of how to not only pull it off but put it together. The Rainbow Girls were relentless in seeing that each of the Masons present signed in, not an easy task. These young ladies must have felt as though they were



When organizing an event like a Table Lodge, it requires a bit more effort than some might imagine. Saint Tammany Lodge provided the venue, linen (table clothes and napkins), flatware, China, stemware, center pieces, chair skirts, and the ingredients that made up each of the courses of the dinner for the evening.

Here is where the things get interesting. Both District 14 and especially Saint Tammany Lodge acknowledge with gratitude the remarkable efforts of all the Lodges in the district but also Ocean View Lodge No. 335 and its members. Ocean View Lodge provided the chef and sous chef, the ombudsman



herding cats at times, this they did with grace and calm. Yorktown's DeMolays were out in force serving each course as it came fresh from the kitchen. Here the young men of the DeMolay shined, as though they had each come from five-star restaurant wait staff. The DeMolay leaders were just that, leaders, jumping in to help and take on the less glamorous needs of this type of event. How much? After the last course was served, the dishes and kitchen were cleaned and put away. That is a real helping hand.



to direct the DeMolay, setup the tables in grand fashion, and provide experience in putting together a Table Lodge.

This particular table lodge was held as a called communication, and after opening, was called off to enable all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to join the Table Lodge and its festivities. Each of the Worshipful Masters of the district filled the offices of the Lodge, this after assisting in preparing for the event. Sitting in such a united and remarkable group is humbling.

With the Grand Master's arrival, the clock seemed to speed up. Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr. soon set everyone at ease. He sat down and began working on Grand Lodge business with Right Worshipful Donald L. McAndrews. With the Grand Master hard at work, we all turned to the job before us. Tip here, let the Grand Master and his staff know what to expect, menu, agenda, et. al. Surprises can be unpleasant. Our Grand Master was generous in his allowances. The Lodge was further honored by the attendance of the following: Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, Grand Senior Deacon, Right Worshipful Matthew T. Szramoski, Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful A. Todd Day, Grand Master's Administrative Assistant, Right Worshipful Donald L. McAndrews, and Right Worshipful Patrick C. Murphrey, Grand Senior Steward. Most Worshipful Clifford "Skip" Parker, (2001) participated and was seen enjoying himself. Four District Deputy Grand Masters also participated. Six Grand Lodge Committee Chairs supported the Table Lodge. A total of thirteen Lodges were represented covering nine districts.



During the course of the evening the pace of the agenda was steady, organized, and well executed by each of the participants. Since this was the first time I have been host of a Table Lodge, received a Grand Master, and been Master of a Lodge, things were a little surreal. We cannot thank the Grand Master enough for his kind words, gracious participation, and easy acceptance as things flowed during the evening. A special acknowledgment is included to Worshipful Samuel G. Welty, who was elected and received his Honorary Membership to Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5 for all of his diligence and hard work.

As with all good things the Table Lodge was closed, but the festivities continued with a smoker for those that wished to participate. More than ten per cent stayed and enjoyed the premium cigars.



# 50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

Between February 15, 2022 and May 18, 2022.

Wor. Jerome Lester Cohen  
 Bro. David Dean Cottrell  
 Rt. Wor. Woodrow Wilson James, Jr.  
 Bro. Jerry Frederick Copen  
 Bro. Charles Franklin Whiteaker  
 Bro. Ralph Harry Updegrove  
 Bro. Kenneth James Pratt  
 Bro. James Wilson Cress  
 Bro. John Dawson Hurst, III  
 Bro. Donald Edward Slawson  
 Bro. Kenneth Pleasant Scott, Jr.  
 Bro. John Hudson Crandell  
 Wor. Charles Michael Glass  
 Rt. Wor. Jack Emerett Fincham  
 Wor. Claude Patton Worrell  
 Rt. Wor. Albert Abe Dranoff  
 Bro. Garnett Thomas Benton  
 Wor. Randall Ray Dorsey  
 Bro. John Robert Gibson  
 Bro. Gary Howard Turner  
 Wor. Dennis Elwood Horton  
 Bro. John Franklin Earwood, Sr.  
 Bro. George Dennis Powell, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Charlie McArthur Taylor  
 Bro. Charles William Leatherland  
 Wor. Garland A. Wells, Sr.  
 Wor. Lawrence Edward King  
 Wor. Herrin John Ducote  
 Bro. Harry Eppley Hedlund  
 Bro. Terry Lynn Leake  
 Rt. Wor. Robbie Lee Robinson  
 Bro. Ernest Howard Ramsey  
 Wor. Wilburn Taylor Duty, Jr.  
 Bro. Richard Douglas Heldreth  
 Bro. Joseph Ryland Byer  
 Bro. Dennis Michael Murphy  
 Bro. Darrell Lane Fowler  
 Bro. Donald Frederick Michael  
 Bro. Leslie Hugh Miller  
 Bro. Robert Lee Lankford  
 Bro. Edward Wilson Clark, Jr.  
 Wor. Waverly Kendrick Paul, Jr.  
 Bro. Wilbur Lee Collins  
 Bro. Larry Eugene Lindsey  
 Rt. Wor. Edgar Maury Crebs  
 Wor. Page Simpson Neale, Jr.  
 Bro. Oscar William Fox, Jr.  
 Bro. Eugene Blair Brinegar  
 Bro. Alvin Elgin Crane, Jr.  
 Bro. Garett Kerr Bosiger  
 Bro. Otto Lutzman Vallastro  
 Wor. Jack Austin Gentry  
 Wor. Harold Kinley Egan  
 Bro. William Paul Fries  
 Bro. Paul David Schriver  
 Wor. William Alton Spradlin  
 Rt. Wor. Kenneth Morris Hogge  
 Rt. Wor. John Thomas Williams, Jr.  
 Bro. Charles Ray Abernathy  
 Wor. Robert Garland Holt  
 Bro. William John Gleason, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Albert Abe Dranoff  
 Wor. Warren Randolph McDowell  
 Wor. Joel Nelson Mobley  
 Bro. James Warren Whitaker  
 Bro. Eugene Hamilton Hurst, Jr.  
 Bro. Kenneth Dale Roberts  
 Wor. Averett Russell Simpson  
 Wor. Robert Everett Miller  
 Bro. Floyd Michael Dillard  
 Bro. Robert Joseph Broadwell  
 Bro. Brian Allen Dean  
 Bro. William Robert Wilkins  
 Bro. Wesley Terrell Hartman  
 Bro. Craig Carter Malloy  
 Wor. Virgil Kermit Street

## Fifty-Year Veterans

Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Blandford Lodge No. 3  
 Botetourt Lodge No. 7  
 Temple Lodge No. 9  
 York Lodge No. 12  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Oriental Lodge No. 20  
 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21  
 Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24  
 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25  
 Marshall Lodge No. 39  
 Fairfax Lodge No. 43  
 Abingdon Lodge No. 48  
 Fraternal Lodge No. 53  
 Seaboard Lodge No. 56  
 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60  
 Pleasants Lodge No. 63  
 Clintwood Lodge No. 66  
 McPherson Lodge No. 99  
 Portsmouth Lodge No. 100  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Prince George Lodge No. 115  
 Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120  
 Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122  
 Independence Lodge No. 129  
 Hunter Lodge No. 135  
 Lafayette Lodge No. 137  
 Lafayette Lodge No. 137  
 Melrose Lodge No. 139  
 Melrose Lodge No. 139  
 Dewitt Clinton Lodge No. 141  
 Snowville Lodge No. 159  
 Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166  
 Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166  
 Hillsville Lodge No. 193  
 Eureka Lodge No. 195  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 Vinton Lodge No. 204  
 Midlothian Lodge No. 211  
 Sandston Lodge No. 216  
 Mt. Airy Lodge No. 226  
 Waddell Lodge No. 228  
 West Point Lodge No. 238  
 Accomack Lodge No. 243  
 Accomack Lodge No. 243  
 Boone Lodge No. 247  
 Anderson Lodge No. 258  
 Edward N. Eubank Lodge No. 262  
 Edward N. Eubank Lodge No. 262  
 Clinchport Lodge No. 267  
 Cochran Lodge No. 271  
 Cochran Lodge No. 271  
 Churchland Lodge No. 276  
 Achilles Lodge No. 281  
 South Hill Lodge No. 297  
 South Hill Lodge No. 297  
 Monroe Lodge No. 301  
 Westhampton Lodge No. 302  
 Westhampton Lodge No. 302  
 Kent Lodge No. 305  
 Edwards Lodge No. 308  
 Mineral Lodge No. 311  
 Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Babcock Lodge No. 322  
 Carter Lodge No. 323  
 Carter Lodge No. 323  
 Warsaw-Bauman Lodge No. 332  
 Castle Rock Lodge No. 334  
 Transportation Lodge No. 337  
 Twin Rivers Lodge No. 338  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347  
 Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349  
 Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349

Bro. Roy Thomas Gregory  
 Bro. William Benjamin Wilkinson  
 Bro. Nelson Marvin Bryant  
 Bro. Otto Robert Naumann, Jr.  
 Bro. Donald Lee Wilburn  
 Bro. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.  
 Bro. Lee Benjamin Sheaffer  
 Rt. Wor. Carl Whitt Burke, Jr.  
 Bro. Charles Edgar Darnell  
 Rt. Wor. James Edward Morrison  
 Bro. Eldridge Leroy Herrington  
 Bro. Seaton Woodley Asbell  
 Bro. Roscoe Carroll Waltemyer  
 Bro. Mitchell Payne Lawrence, Jr.  
 Bro. Frank Earl Larkin, Jr.  
 Bro. James Sidney Jones, III  
 Bro. Curtis Lee Nelson, Sr.  
 Wor. Richard Daniel Schuder, Jr.  
 Wor. Clarence Ronald Cates  
 Bro. Gene Stanley Monroe, Sr.  
 Bro. Jack Worth Mace  
 Bro. Louis Ray Jones  
 Bro. William David Brown  
 Bro. James Morris Gardner  
 Bro. John Brace Griswold, III  
 Bro. Wilton B. Thomas  
 Bro. Fredrick Nelson Boalt  
 Wor. Lester Willie Bolton, Jr.  
 Bro. William Edward Savage  
 Bro. Richard Walter Mears, Jr.  
 Bro. Gerald Bernard Barham  
 Rt. Wor. Wayne Alfred Robison, Sr.  
 Wor. Norman Gerald Johnson, Sr.  
 Bro. William Stuart Harris  
 Wor. Alton Bryant Talbert  
 Bro. James Edward Pinner  
 Wor. James Luther Hunt  
 Bro. Samuel Gardner Griffith  
 Bro. Kenneth George Trusselle  
 Bro. Robert Lee Parrish, Sr.  
 Bro. Watkins Shelton Perley, II  
 Bro. James Glenn Johnson  
 Bro. Marvin Snipes Clements, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Jack Felix Jessee  
 Bro. Leroy Elmer Lawrence  
 Wor. James Russell Matthews  
 Bro. Edward Lloyd Lyle  
 Bro. Dale Vanosten, Jr.  
 Bro. Frederick David Raines  
 Bro. Sam Franklin Barnette  
 Bro. David Jennings Parker, III  
 Mt. Wor. Frederick Garrison Martin, III  
 Bro. Thomas Edward Hauck  
 Bro. Kenneth Estes Martin

## Sixty-Year Veterans

Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Blandford Lodge No. 3  
 Richmond Lodge No. 10  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22  
 Taylor Lodge No. 23  
 Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24  
 Catlett Lodge No. 35  
 Virginia May Lodge No. 38  
 Doric Lodge No. 44  
 Doric Lodge No. 44  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 Seaboard Lodge No. 56  
 Seaboard Lodge No. 56  
 Seaboard Lodge No. 56  
 Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74  
 Nansemond Lodge No. 77  
 Ruth Lodge No. 89  
 Ruth Lodge No. 89  
 Ruth Lodge No. 89  
 Spurmont Lodge No. 98  
 Portsmouth Lodge No. 100  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Lafayette Lodge No. 137  
 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Manassah Lodge No. 182  
 Western Branch Lodge No. 189  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 Midlothian Lodge No. 211  
 Waddell Lodge No. 228  
 Bremond Lodge No. 241  
 Bremond Lodge No. 241  
 Indian River Lodge No. 252  
 Anderson Lodge No. 258  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Intermont Lodge No. 269  
 Cochran Lodge No. 271  
 Churchland Lodge No. 276  
 Stafford Lodge No. 279  
 Kent Lodge No. 305  
 Army and Navy Lodge No. 306  
 Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Warwick Lodge No. 336  
 Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344  
 Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344  
 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347

## Seventy-Year Veterans

Botetourt Lodge No. 7  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Farmville Lodge No. 41  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 McPherson Lodge No. 99  
 Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166  
 Purdie Lodge No. 170  
 Accomack Lodge No. 243  
 Accomack Lodge No. 243  
 Corinthian Lodge No. 266  
 Cochran Lodge No. 271  
 Chickahominy Lodge No. 286  
 Westhampton Lodge No. 302



# International Order of the Rainbow

Kaitlyn Reed, Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia

One of the main objectives of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is to get girls ready for life. We accomplished that goal by teaching our girls the different ways in which they can help their community and those around them.

Our September Leadership Retreat, we reviewed what it means to show kindness, be a friend, demonstrate leadership, and have courage. Our girls applied those lessons. Just a few examples:

- Each Assembly was tasked with showing kindness to animals by making snuffle mats or donating pet supplies to their local animal shelters. We also raised funds for our charities through hosting things like a dinner dance, a 5K scholarship run, and a Murder Mystery event. In May, we will support our state's main charity "Pennies for PAWS" with a delicious potato bar feast.



- Finally able to travel again, our girls embraced the concept of friendship by traveling out of state to make new friends in other jurisdictions.
- Our leadership skills shine as we see our new Worthy Advisors ascend the East and our grand officers and local Assembly members own their assigned programs. I could not be prouder of the bright young women our members are becoming, learning in a safe environment that organization, collaboration, compromise,

title-less leadership and humility are keys to strong leadership.

- Every single Virginia Rainbow Girl improved my courage and those around them by encouraging others to face their fears and assuring them that they will always be here to support when things get tough.

As this year comes to an end, I want to highlight just how important it is for our Masonic Family to support our Virginia youth organizations. Your efforts mold the future generations of Masonic leaders, who will ensure that our Masonic Family continues to thrive through leadership, courage, friendship, and most of all, kindness. Take the time each day to get to know the members of your youth. You may be surprised at just how wonderful it is to befriend young men and women who bring so much light to this world.

## Job's Daughters International

*In all the land there were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.* Job 42:15

At Job's Daughters International, we strive to reach all girls in all parts of the world, so they can have every opportunity to succeed in life. Unfortunately, membership of this great organization is declining in a time that girls are in great need. However, we are blessed and excited with the prospect of growing. We have formed a Prospective Members Club in Winchester in the hope of reaching young ladies in this area.

We want to thank Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 and Worshipful Eduardo Lopez for all their support in opening a new Bethel. Unity Masonic Lodge No. 146 and Worshipful William Bryan has also offered support. Thank you so

much for assisting us in bringing Job's Daughters to Winchester. We have been in conversations with the McKinley Chapter No. 19 Order of Eastern Star.

The Worshipful Master of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, invited us to their family Easter Egg Hunt, and it was truly great to meet our new family. We have spoken to the families about joining Job's Daughters International and are encouraged by the responses.

It is imperative that our Order continues to reach out to all girls in all walks of life. We believe within the relationship of our Masonic Family we have the ability to help young ladies find a place, to fit in, and be themselves, as well as learn personal skills which will take them far into the future, such as, believing in themselves, gaining a sense of self-worth, as well as learn what it means to be a good leader in society.

We have been invited to speak at Lodge meetings, and with the Order of the Eastern Star about Job's Daughters and how we can work together to promote Job's Daughters in Winchester. We are so thankful for all the support and guidance we have received. If any Lodge would like to welcome the Job's Daughters to their area to come speak before meetings or at dinners, etc., please reach out to any Job's Daughters Bethel or you can contact our Grand Secretary at [gs@jdiva.org](mailto:gs@jdiva.org) for more information about opening a Bethel. If you are in the Winchester area and would like more info, contact the Winchester Bethel at [bethel47winchester@gmail.com](mailto:bethel47winchester@gmail.com)

Amy Abraham, PHQ/MM Bethel No. 2 Kansas City, KS Prospective Members Club Winchester, VA, Treasurer Director of Promotions Bethel No. 52 Herndon, Virginia.

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



Warwick Lodge No. 336 enjoyed a wonderful presentation by the young ladies from The Order of Rainbow for Girls Hampton Assembly No. 2. Reagan Wheeler and Elise Hoglund did a great job with help from others in the group. It was a great presentation, and we all were a little smarter on how the group does what they do.



What a wonderful night we had at Warwick Lodge No. 336. We had the honor of presenting Brother Roy D. Rodgers with his Seventy-Year Plaque and Pin from his Mother Lodge, Gloucester Lodge No. 607 and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Brother Rodgers and his family were delighted with the presentation. What an honor it was to be a part of this epic occasion. A special note of thanks to Worshipful Bruce Edwards for facilitating the Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge inquiries.



Right Worshipful Carl Burke, center, was presented his 60-Year Veteran's award, by Right Worshipful Ricky L. Dix with Right Worshipful Larry L. Reynolds, II, on the right. The presentation took place at Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24.



At Warwick Lodge No. 336's stated communication, Worshipful John Gleason and Worshipful John Hardin were presented with the Morlock Award from the 2021 year, by Right Worshipful John N. Malliarakis, the Masonic Home of Virginia Ambassador for District 14.



Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr. presented Botetourt Lodge No. 7 Brother John T. Myles with his 70-Year Veterans emblem and certificate at his home. Celebrating the occasion with Brother Myles were ten of his Lodge Brothers.



Presentation by Hight Priest Joseph Gadea to Companion Steve Vaughn at Warwick Chapter 80.



L-R: Rt. Wor. James Ford, Wor. Scott Smith, Bro. Kenneth Crews, and Bro. Otie Clark.

Brother Kenneth Crews was honored by French Lodge No. 270. Brother Crews served as Secretary of the Lodge for 40 years.



Worshipful Brian W. Cooke, Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5, presents a check to the Wheeler sisters for the Order of Rainbow for Girls Hampton Assembly No. 2.



At Monroe Lodge No. 301, Right Worshipful Christopher B. Phillips presents the 50-Year Veteran's award to Right Worshipful Robert G. Holt.

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



The Grand Master of The Grand Lodge, of Oregon, Gregory A. Jenkins, with his elected Grand Line Officers, visited Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42. They were in our metro area visiting the George Washington Masonic Memorial and requested a visit to Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr. and the Deputy Grand Master warmly received them.



Warwick Lodge No. 336's Worshipful David J. Smallridge presented a Community Builders Award to Angela L. York in honor of her work with Thrive Peninsula. who was also presented a sizable check for the Thrive organization. He is looking for Brethren to participate at Thrive Peninsula and help make a difference in our community.



Most Worshipful William Rorer, Jr. (2010) presented Boy Scout Kenneth Jackson a check from Warwick Lodge No. 336, to accomplish his Eagle Scout project. Worshipful Smallridge requested he return later in the year to let the membership know how his project went.



Tyler Owen Williams, nineteen years old, Senior Deacon at Floyd Lodge No. 329, receiving his Master Masons Certificate from Most Worshipful Jim Litten. Brother Tyler was raised at a One-Day Conferral in Danville, and he has learned all three catechisms. He is a junior at Virginia Tech and is the son of Grand Junior Deacon, Right Worshipful Gino W. Williams. Tyler says he is working toward obtaining a Gold Card.



L-R: Eagle Jonathan Croom, Eagle Dylan Washabaugh, Eagle Ryker Hayes, and Wor. David Duncan.

Petersburg Lodge No. 15 awarded certificates of exemplary achievement to three local Eagle Scouts from Colonial Heights Troop No. 101. Right Worshipful Tom Colletti, Worshipful David Duncan, and Eminent Grand Commander Joe Westfall presented the awards, including a letter from Grand Master, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Grand Commandery. The parents, including Scoutmaster, Jim Croom, were individually thanked by their sons. who told of the steadfast support and guidance which staged them for success over the long journey to achieve Eagle Scout. They shared a description of their projects and each centered around beautification of local churches. Freemasons and guests acknowledged the exemplary manner in which the Scouts and their common values are shared by Freemasons.



Brother T. Neal Morris, center, received his 60-Year Veteran's award from Right Worshipful Ricky L. Dix. Brother Morris is a former Danville Police Chief and chairs the Danville Industrial Authority and the Electoral Board.

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Rt. Wor. Brandon D. Black, Rt. Wor. Goldie W. Tomlin, Jr., Grand Junior Steward, Bro. Frank E. Spencer, Jr., and Wor. T. Craig Spicer.

Three members of King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 traveled to the assisted living facility in Staunton, Virginia, to present Brother Frank Edward Spencer, Jr. his Seventy-Year Veteran's emblem and certificate from the Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Brother Spencer is an honorary member at King Solomon's Lodge.



**William Barnes Awarded a Community Builders Award.**

Prince George County Public Schools' Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Accountability, William "Bill" Barnes, was recognized by the Prince George Lodge No. 115 with our Community Builder Award, honoring the longtime educator for his years of community service in various educational roles.



L-R: Wor. Clyde Stone, Bro. Sam Barnett, Bro. Charles Simmons, Rt. Wor. Lincoln Watson.  
BACK L-R: Wor. Chris McCartney, Rt. Wor. Paul Cook.

Brother Charlie Simmons received his Sixty-Year Veteran's award.



Dr. Hackney was selected by Du Pont Lodge No. 289, to receive the Community Builders Award for her work to lead the Hopewell Public Schools through COVID-19 and to implement first, division wide, balanced calendar in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Hackney was awarded with Superintendent of the Year for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we are lucky to have such a great leader in the City of Hopewell.

Thank you to Dr. Melody Hackney for being the leader of our youth and showing every day the love, care, and concern she has for all children.



As part of his Official Visit to Masonic District No. 11, Grand Master, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr. presented Botetourt Lodge No. 7 with its first ever James Noah Hillman Memorial Award. The event was hosted by Oriental Lodge No. 20.

Accepting the award on behalf of Botetourt Lodge No. 7 was Worshipful Douglas Williams.



L-R: Bro. Curt Fields, Bro. Mark Day, Wor. Wayne Cyrus, Bro. Brian Smith, and Bro. Rick Weil.

At the stated meeting of Monroe Lodge No. 301, in historic Appomattox Virginia, we were honored to have in attendance the "Lincoln Generals" who were visiting for the 157th anniversary of the surrender of the Civil War which took place here. These visiting Brothers are American Civil War researchers and re-enactors. They are from Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, and New York, all are dedicated in researching and vetting out Masonic events that occurred during those years. The Brotherhood of Freemasonry transcended, and later helped heal both sides of the conflict.



# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Bro. Jon Stecker, Wor. Rob Worthington, and Bro. Greg Marks.

At Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 we were proud to present the Mason of the Year awards for 2020 and 2021, named the Doc Hocker Award to Brother Jon Stecker for 2020 and Brother Greg Marks for 2021.

Doc Hocker, a Past Master, of Olive Branch Lodge, and highly regarded leader and lecturer in Masonic Districts 2, 3, and 4. Often presenting historical lectures on civil war medicine and Masonic history, he made a great impression by his dedication and serving the community as a real Doctor not just a man in costume talking about field care of the wounded.

Throughout the pandemic Brothers Stecker and Marks continued to support the Lodge in coordinating events to maintain morale and engagement as well as a major facilities refurbishment project that was long overdue.



Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 was pleased to host the Grand Master, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr. for its monthly stated communication.



Brother Phillip Neal Cash of Army Navy Lodge No. 306 was awarded his Sixty-Year Certificate and pin. The ceremony took place in the Multi-Purpose room of the Masonic Home of Virginia. Residents and members of the Ritual Class participated in the ceremony. Worshipful Thomas C. Kaufman conducted the ceremony from memory.

The Sixty-Year pin was placed on a seven-inch tall "tower" along with Brother Cash's Twenty-five and Fifty-Year pins. Worshipful Brother Kaufman made the small tower prior to the ceremony in the MAHOVA wood shop. The pin for Most Worshipful Douglas Jones was placed at the top of the "tower." The pin, "tower," and certificate were presented to Brother Cash by Worshipful Brother Kaufman.



L-R: Rt. Wor. John B. Godfrey, Wor. Brian W. Cooke, and Wor. Calvin W. Barnes.

At Monitor Lodge No. 197, Worshipful Calvin Winston "No Smoke" Barnes received his Sixty-Year Masonic Veteran's pin and certificate. It was a great moment to be in attendance.

Smithfield Union Lodge No. 18 has been building wheelchair ramps for Masons, widows, and families of Masons. I did not get involved with them until I had a Masonic sweetheart reach out to me needing a twenty-five-foot wheelchair ramp installed for her son, who had just had a stroke. After talking with them and going out to visit the site, they went and got the materials needed for the job. We met at eight AM and had about twelve Masons show up to help. It was truly a worthwhile experience to help our Masonic sweetheart and a project that would usually take days was done in just six hours. It was great seeing our Brethren and Masonic Lodges come together from different districts to help each other. We also found an electric wheelchair for her son and delivered that to her house as well. We built a sixteen-foot wheelchair ramp. I had people reach out saying that they would love to donate money and even had a Chick-Fil-A reach out to us to donate breakfast to our build crew because they heard about our outreach. This build went together so well and the sixteen-foot wheelchair.



Here we see the Brothers from District 14 and District 57 breaking bread with Blooming Olive Lodge No. 94. Awesome night after Lodge to see other Brothers on the horizon doing what we are doing. Next on the agenda, travel to Blooming Olive Lodge and have them as our guests at the next meeting

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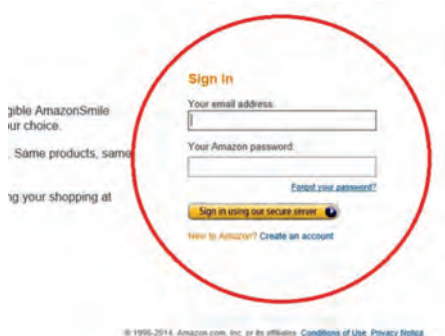
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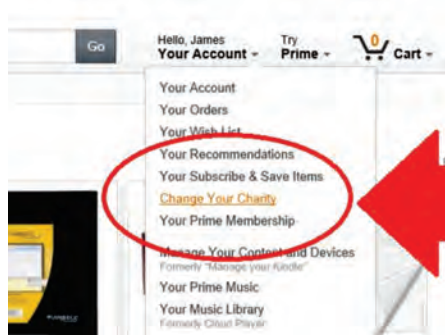
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# The Crown Jewel of Masonry - The Best Kept Gem

Right Worshipful Joel T. Bundy  
Chairman Masonic Home Ambassadors

Right Worshipful Terry F. Hilton  
Director of Development, Masonic Home of Virginia

Ambassador. What does this denote for our Masonic Home of Virginia? What is our role within the Craft? What is our measure of success as an ambassador?

The etymology of the word *ambassador* comes from Middle French (1326 as *ambassadeur*) describing an envoy or emissary. This was derived from Old Spanish from the Latin *ambac-tus* indicating a vassal, and itself came from Celtic origins *amb(i)actos*, a messenger. Finally, this came from the Indo-European root *ambhi* (around, from both sides) and *ag* (to drive, setting in motion). The rich roots from which ambassador springs forth tells us that it is messenger who speaks words as an emissary for both sides.

From the volume of sacred law in the 1611 version of King James in Ephesians, we see the example, *That I may*

*open my mouth boldly, to make known the mysterie of the Gospel: For which I am an ambassador in bonds.* Paul tells us that as an ambassador he speaks boldly to make known a logos that is fundamental, for him telling the gospel.

For our Masonic Home Ambassadors this represents telling the Brethren in our Lodges and across the districts the mission of the Masonic Home of Virginia, but also representing those same Brethren and their families back to the Masonic Home.

What is our mission? To ensure that our Brethren and their families understand the benefits through the Masonic Home they have as a Mason, and how those benefits may improve their life journey. These benefits are evident whether as a resident of the Masonic Home or through the Outreach program through its relationship with the various Area Agencies on Aging. Our mission

is also to share with the Craft the vision and values of our Crown Jewel and the needs thereof. To represent the needs of the Home to our districts and Lodges. To represent the goals of the Home to the Brethren of the Craft including the operational and financial needs thereof.

Complementing the Stokes and Morlock Awards we know so well is an introduction within this *Virginia Masonic Herald* of our Evergreen Capital Campaign. Right Worshipful Brother Matt Szramoski, Grand Senior Deacon, lays out the positive impact this campaign will have for our Masonic Home now and for years to come, for us and those who follow. As ambassadors, we will share more when we meet in our Lodge rooms or over a meal together.

We thank you for your years of dedication to our home.

**Want to Support the Masonic Home?**

Consider leaving a gift or legacy to the Masonic Home as part of your estate planning or will. Shown below is a sample of the language to be used for making a gift.

"I give, devise, and bequeath to The Masonic Home of Virginia, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars or the following described property, or percent (\_\_\_\_) % of my estate for the benefit of The Masonic Home of Virginia."

For dollar gifts - please choose either a percent or fixed dollar amount, but not both.

Please share your intended gift with the Masonic Home Development Office. If we can answer questions or help in your planning process, please contact Terry Hilton or Joelle Schwartz at 804-237-6723.

Most Brethren have seen the advertisement we put into the *Virginia Masonic Herald* on how one can use the Internet company, Amazon, to provide money to our Masonic Home of Virginia. I recently received this quarterly statement from Amazon stating how much effect this advertisement has generated for the "Home."

This is the quarterly notification to inform you that Amazon.Smile has made a charitable donation to the charity you have selected, Masonic Home of Virginia, for \$1,191.78 because of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers, who have selected this charity.

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# Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgments of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period February 15, 2022-May 18,2022. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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William N. Barbour	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	Harold Jennings	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class
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	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		
	Thomas C. Kaufman	Carter Lodge No. 323	
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	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class	Jonathan E. Mills	Carter Lodge No. 323
	Paul Dolman	Charles G. Motley	Curry Motley
	Local Union Number 666	Michael R. O'Quinn	Arlington Lodge No. 102
	Varina Lodge No. 272	Andrew J. Pallett	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
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James L. Hodnett	Carter Lodge No. 323	Daisy White	Ron and Rachel Benash
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Carlton W. Horsley		James J. Young	Terry F. Hilton



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### Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/1	Margaret Hardin	Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
7/1	Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
7/2	Linda Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
7/4	William Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
7/6	Sharon Floyd	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/7	Wanda Lucey	Ruth Lodge No. 89
7/11	Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/19	Sandra Young	Sandston Lodge No. 216
7/24	Eleanor Curtis	Northside Lodge No. 292
7/24	Priscilla Sensabaugh	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
7/26	Wilma Thompson	Ocean View Lodge No. 335
7/29	Nancy Harver	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
7/30	John Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
7/31	Helen Lape	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
<b>August</b>		
8/4	Joan Corcoran	Naomi Lodge No. 87
8/4	MaryAnn Flora	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
8/6	Walter Olphin	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
8/7	Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/7	Evelyn Harding	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/9	Jean Knapp	Richmond Lodge No. 10
8/10	James Collins	Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
8/10	Dolores Headley	Manchester Lodge No. 14
8/14	Dorothy Barrey	Treadwell Lodge No. 213
8/16	Oza Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
8/16	Jean Colby	Victoria Lodge No. 304
8/17	Wayne Flora	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
8/17	Frank Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336
8/19	Steve Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
8/20	Marjorie Winter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
8/23	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
8/26	Margaret Barton	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
8/27	Russell Talley, Sr.	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/28	Russell Hobson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
8/28	Raymond Ridgeway	Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
<b>September</b>		
9/8	Patricia Heald	Cabell Lodge No. 328
9/16	Juanita Ragsdale	Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351
9/17	Maurice Beachum	St. Tammany Lodge No. 5
9/17	Paul Canter	Sandston Lodge No. 216
9/21	Phyllis Rowe	Westmoreland Lodge No. 212
9/22	Omer LaRochelle	Bedford Lodge No. 244
9/23	Jerrell Morton	Burke Lodge No. 147
9/25	Agnes Cash	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/26	Sandra Butler	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/26	Helen Duke	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
9/28	Helen Melton	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/30	Kenneth Shook	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

### Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>July</b>		
7/1/1989	Raymond and Ramona Ridgeway	Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
7/14/1984	Steve and Rebecca Bollinger	Eureka Lodge No. 195
7/28/1978	Lloyd "Tom" and Valerie Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168
<b>August</b>		
8/10/1957	Ed and Fay Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
8/15/1964	Woody and Peg Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
8/17/1963	John and Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
8/27/1960	Gordon and Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
<b>September</b>		
9/1/1957	Carroll and Elizabeth Jones	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
9/22/1956	Russell and Ann Hobson	Babcock Lodge No. 322
9/26/1959	Frank and Molly Perdue	Warwick Lodge No. 336

### New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
2/1/2022	Thomas Johnson	Sandston Lodge No. 216
2/1/2022	Christine Johnson	Sandston Lodge No. 216
<b>March</b>		
	N/A	
<b>April</b>		
4/4/2022	Patricia Taylor	Donovan Lodge No. 75
4/13/2022	Wayne Flora	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
4/13/2022	MaryAnn Flora	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25

### Resident's Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>February</b>		
2/15/2022	Linda "Darlene" Wilson	Mann Page Lodge No. 157
2/24/2022	Anne Dechent	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
2/28/2022	Forrest Garrett	Varina Lodge No. 272
<b>March</b>		
3/23/2022	Phillip Cash	Army and Navy Lodge No. 306
<b>April</b>		
	N/A	

## Masonic Family Day! Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

Join us on the First Saturday in October!! 2022

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King, John Deputy and Queen, Nancy Lee Martin at the Mother's Day Dance.



King and Queen Coronation for John Deputy and Nancy Lee Martin.



Ted and Bea Holm dressed for Saint Patrick's Day.



Mary Breeden receiving a lily for Easter from the Board of Governors.



Peg Davis receiving a lily for Easter from the Board of Governors.



Residents playing a game of pool.



Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary Restaurant.



The Kahn's walking into Tanglewood Ordinary Restaurant.



Older Americans Month Sip and Paint.

