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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

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

As I sit down to write this, my final article for the Masonic Herald, I just want to thank you for all you do for Freemasonry, both in our Lodges and through community service.

Picnics, participation in community parades, participating in Degree work and just being a Brother means a lot. The fact that you are there to aid, assist and help in any way, speak volumes as to the brotherly love and care that each of you give in your daily lives in our churches, community activities and in so many other ways.

I am writing this as the “dog days of summer” are hopefully leaving us for better weather and a chance to get outdoors to do those chores that need to be done before Old Man Winter arrives. I sure hope that what this summer has brought us is not any indication for the coming winter. I am not a good weather prognosticator, but I will be glad to tell you what the weather was next March or April. That way it will be accurate and up the minute.

We congratulate Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) on his well-deserved retirement and his just recently completed Gala celebration at the Hilton Hotel in Short Pump. He truly is “one of a kind” and will be missed by our Grand Lodge. However, Most Worshipful Douglas V Jones (2020-2021) is filling in nicely and is doing a good job.

I have been very happy to see so many Brethren who take of the time and effort to attend my District Visits along with their wives, children, or grandchildren. I know what it is to give up a Friday or Saturday evening to attend a Masonic function rather than sitting at home or doing those chores around the house that never seem to get done, because of the weather or some other complication. “Freemasonry is truly a Family Affair” and we trust that it will continue to be such long after other Grand Masters have occupied



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

Speaking of Lodge visits. As some of you are aware, we have had several joint visits with other Grand Masters either attending a Virginia Lodge or your Grand Officers attending their Lodges.

Two come to mind. The first was early in the year when we had the Grand Master of West Virginia, Most Worshipful Lewis R. Youngblood, attend my Home Lodge, Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, in Winchester, Virginia, when I made my first Lodge official visit. Most Worshipful Lewis has been

a close personal friend for many years, with both of us having been involved in the West Virginia Scottish Rite and other West Virginia bodies. Your Grand Master had the opportunity to reciprocate the visit by attending his Home Lodge, Deford Lodge, in Berkeley Springs several days later. Both visits were well attended, and I am sure that many of the Brethren present enjoyed a rather historical occurrence with two Grand Masters in attendance at one time!

The second was a visit by Most Worshipful James H. Gibson, Grand Master of Kentucky, on his visit to Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17 in Grundy, Virginia. Your entire elected Grand Lodge Line was in attendance for another historic visit with two Grand Masters sitting in Lodge. We appreciate Most Worshipful Brother Gibson, and those traveling with him, visiting us in the Commonwealth on that evening.

Brethren, this is Freemasonry at its finest. When we can visit, share a meal, maybe tell old war stories, attend Lodge together and leave, making it better than when we found it!

I also want to express my deep gratitude for the many gifts to my Charities: The Masonic Home, the Outreach Program, and the Scholarship Fund so we might be enabled to assist good graduating high school seniors to further their education with a scholarship. Thank you!

Brethren, it is through our good works that we can again make Freemasonry a Force for Good in our communities and let the ordinary citizens know what we do and why we do it.

Also, please be on the lookout for the “How to Build a Healthy Lodge” laminated cards. I have, with the permission of the Deputy Grand Master, had enough printed for two to be sent to each Lodge in the Commonwealth. These will be mailed to the District



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## The Grand Master's Message

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Deputy Grand Masters for their distribution to each Senior and Junior Warden of the various Lodges. Please use these as an idea source for your year as Master. I want to thank Most Worshipful Doug Jones for using his idea and extending it further than his year as Grand Master. If you need more, please see me, and I will be glad to give you what is needed. Brethren, this is an ideal way to improve your Lodge's experience both within the walls of your Lodge and without, in the community.

Brethren, your Masonic Home is progressing well throughout this pandemic. The staff, led by Ms. Anne Hagen and Brother Robert Adkins, is doing an excellent job in keeping the COVID virus at a distance and are to be commended

for the outstanding handling of the pandemic over these past three years.

At Grand Lodge this November, we will be discussing several pieces of legislation that will be updating several sections of our *Methodical Digest*, which, has not had the benefit of an in-depth review for many years.

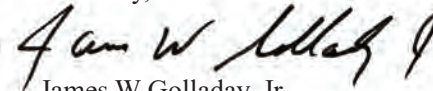
Speaking of Grand Lodge, have you been lately? If not, we would invite your participation to see how your Grand Lodge works, how it operates and how it relates to each and every Brother in the Commonwealth.

And lastly, thank you for your Brotherly love and kind consideration of this Grand Master over the past seven years. Be a Masonic Brother to everyone who you come into contact with either in person, in your daily activities or talking to

a customer service representative that you contact for assistance. Remember, they have a miserably, tough job and just like the old saying, "you can catch more flies with honey, than vinegar."

Brethren take care and remember; Freemasonry is a Family Affair! Make sure it transcends the Fraternity and shines its light in your communities. May God add his richest blessing to you and your family, protect our great Fraternity and continue his blessings on the United States of America.

Sincerely,



James W Golladay, Jr.  
Grand Master

## Speak Out

Worshipful James L. Hermansen-Parker

Are you a Senior Warden planning for your year in the East? Have you lined up speakers for each month, knowing it is the expectation of the Past Masters of your Lodge to plan for your year? Are you looking for a speaker for a special event tonight or for a Junior Warden or Senior Warden's Night and have nowhere to look? Do you give speeches on topics related to Masonic education, Masonic history, one of our many appendant bodies, or Masonic youth? Then we have something for you.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Services is working on revising our speakers list to make it more accessible and available, and we need your help. Programs can range from Masonic history, Freemasons in history, Masonic ritual, Masonic education, architecture, and Masonic organizations. Our goal



is to provide a place where planning a Lodge program can as easy as possible on the incoming Worshipful Master and other stationed officers in a Lodge.

There are so many talented and noteworthy speakers in our Craft covering almost every topic imaginable, yet there is a catch. Most have not spoken outside their own Lodge, or even thought another Lodge would want to have them for a speaker. Masonry cannot contin-

ue in letting this happen. Each of these Brethren are needed, and needed desperately to bring light to the Craft. We can get insurance programs anywhere. However getting a program about Freemasonry can only come from a Master Mason.

There is a need. There is an opportunity for these skills and their respective knowledge. Our current speakers list has a small number of individuals with some topics such as: Masons in history, Masonic impacts on architecture, and What is Freemasonry. We are looking for more Brethren who would be willing to add their name to this list and speak at other Lodges in their District or their Division on a topic they find interesting. Forward your information to the Speakers Bureau by emailing [glovaspeakers@gmail.com](mailto:glovaspeakers@gmail.com) to help, aide, and assist your Brethren as a speaker on matters of the Craft.



# 244th Grand Annual Communication

## 244TH Grand Annual Communication Schedule for November 11 – 12, 2022 Committee On Work Schedule

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

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

### Resolutions to be Considered At the Grand Annual Communication November 11 – 12, 2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-02

This resolution would amend Section 4.00 and the accompanying Sections of the *Methodical Digest* concerning how Masonic Offenses, Investigations, Charges, and Trials for Un-Masonic Conduct are conducted.

### 244TH Grand Annual Communication

The 244th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M. The Address of the Grand Master will be delivered after the opening of Grand Lodge.

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

Times for the Grand Lodge Committees will be announced on Friday morning, November 11, 2022. Delegates are urged to attend and inform themselves regarding pending matters.

On Friday, November 11 at 12:00 PM, a luncheon will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Grand Lodge Banquet will be held for the Brethren and Invited Guests on Friday evening.

Resolutions will be considered during Friday's sessions. Election of Grand Lodge Officers will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning, November 12.

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

Resolutions to be considered in 2023 must be drafted in proper form as required by Section 1.16 of the *Methodical Digest* and submitted to the Grand Secretary by December 31, 2022.

There were two requests for fraternal recognition. The requests for fraternal recognition will be presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the following: the Grand Lodge Benemerito Ejercito de Oriente, F&AM of the State of Puebla, Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

# Summer of the Pestilence of 1855 - Right

Worshipful Wes Latchford

On October 14, 1854, a number of Masons met and applied for a dispensation to open a Lodge in the City of Norfolk. Right Worshipful George L. Upshur, a physician and a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, directed the Secretary to read the dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia to open a new Lodge under the name of Atlantic Lodge. Afterwards, a Master Mason's Lodge was opened where resolutions were adopted setting the membership fee at five dollars per year, the first Saturday night of each month was to be the regular meeting date, the determination of a regular meeting place was decided, and the *Methodical Digest* was to be the governing rule until the by-laws could be established. Right Worshipful George L. Upshur presided as Worshipful Master, James Y. Leigh, Senior Warden; and John Bonsal, Junior Warden.

Port Royal Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2 had surrendered its Charter in 1849 and, per the custom of the Grand Lodge of Virginia at the time, Atlantic Lodge applied for the number. Thus, at the Annual Communication held on December 13, 1854, the Grand Lodge of Virginia granted a Charter to this Lodge under the name of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, bearing the signature of Most Worshipful Edmond P. Hunter, Grand Master. On January 6, 1855, the District Deputy Grand Master installed the stationed officers of the Lodge as follows: George L. Upshur (Worshipful Master), James Y. Leigh (Senior Warden), and William L. Graves (Junior Warden).

The first confirmed outbreaks of yellow fever in the American colonies occurred in Charleston, Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1699. A Quaker diarist in Philadelphia wrote that there were "few houses, if any, free of the sickness." A

1793 outbreak in Philadelphia killed about 10% of the city's population. Eventually, the colonists would discover that yellow fever was somehow being imported by ships from the West Indies and implemented quarantine policies. At the close of the 19th century, yellow fever was a known and feared pestilence of the western hemisphere and the coastal regions of West Africa, for which no cause or effective treatment was known. Known often as "yellow jack" because of the yellow quarantine flag on ships, the disease terrorized populations and severely disrupted trade.

On June 7, 1855, the steamer, Benjamin Franklin, arrived in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia for repairs after a two-week voyage from St. Thomas in the West Indies. The port's health officer visited the ship and the captain assured him there was no disease on-board, despite the fact two crew members had died on the journey. After a twelve-day quarantine, Benjamin Franklin was allowed to go to the Page and Allen shipyard in Gosport, near Portsmouth, Virginia. That fateful decision would lead to one of the worst yellow fever epidemics in U.S. history, with thousands dead and thousands more fleeing the two cities.

A laborer working on the ship fell ill with what appeared to be yellow fever on July 5th; he died on July 8th. The first cases of yellow fever in Portsmouth appeared in a tenement called Irish Row that housed shipyard workers and then spread into Portsmouth. When the health authorities closed the tenement, Norfolk took in some of the displaced residents and housed them in a wharf-area tenement known as Barry's Row, where the disease soon appeared and then spread into the neighboring city of Norfolk.

City leaders were reluctant to announce an epidemic, fearing that res-

idents would panic and that shipping to Portsmouth and Norfolk would be halted. When the boards of health in Portsmouth and Norfolk finally confirmed on July 30th that there was an epidemic, residents panicked, as was feared, and fled the city, jamming ships and trains. Within a few days, a third of Norfolk's white residents had left, while almost none of the estimated five thousand Black residents, of whom nearly a thousand were free Blacks, had the liberty or means to leave. Similarly, in Portsmouth, about a third of the residents who had the means to leave town did so.

As the cities emptied out, food became scarce. The wharves were closed, farmers no longer brought their provisions into town, stores ran out of supplies, and bakeries closed. People began to go hungry, and fears of famine were justified. Under the weight of the calamity, city governments broke down. The Portsmouth and Norfolk City Councils could not convene a quorum to conduct business because of illness, deaths, and absences, even as food supplies dwindled, and local undertakers couldn't keep pace with burials.

Care of the sick fell to family members and volunteers, since Norfolk and Portsmouth had no hospitals at the time. The first temporary hospital in Norfolk was established at Julappi Racecourse about three miles outside of town. Later, the City Hotel and the National Hotel were turned into hospitals; both filled up quickly. The federal government allowed the town to use the Norfolk Naval Hospital and its staff of six doctors; between July 25th and October 10th, a total of 587 patients were admitted and 208 – 35% died. Anne Herron, a wealthy woman who owned a large home on Church Street in Norfolk, opened her home to

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## Right Worshipful George Littleton Upshur, MD

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patients and to the Sisters of Charity, an order of Catholic nuns who came from Maryland to nurse the sick. Herron died of yellow fever in September as the epidemic was peaking, with some eighty deaths per day. She left her house and her entire estate to the Sisters of Charity, who founded Norfolk's first public hospital there.

By August, both cities were largely shut down, with businesses, stores, and churches closed and the streets deserted. The ferries between Portsmouth and Norfolk ceased operation. Left behind were the sick, those who could not afford to leave, virtually all Black residents, and people who felt a duty to stay, such as doctors, clergymen, and city leaders.

One of those doctors was Right Worshipful George L. Upshur, MD, first Worshipful Master of Atlantic Lodge No. 2.

The following is an excerpt from *The Virginia Medical and Surgical Journal*, 1855. Vol. 4, p. 427 and 428:

All who knew the subject of this notice will unite with us in sincerely lamenting his untimely decease. Endowed with remarkable physical and intellectual activity, habits of great industry, and an honorable desire for

professional knowledge and reputation, Dr. Upshur was truly a loss to the profession of our state. Although he had been in practice not more than twelve years, having graduated at the University of Pennsylvania during the session of 1842 and 1843, yet he had, by his untiring energy, and earnest thirst after knowledge, gained a well-deserved and honorable position with his professional brethren, setting them an example worthy of imitation.

When the yellow fever made its appearance in 'Barry's Row,' Dr. Upshur was called at once to see the first cases, and thus it happened that he was for some days, the only physician in Norfolk, who witnessed the disease. We may well mourn the more his sad death, when we think how immediately he endeavored to turn his position as physician to the U. S. Marine hospital, and consulting physician to the Julappi hospital. Even in the midst of the terrible scenes passing around him, he began to take a series of careful notes for future publication.

Having thus been the first in Norfolk to enter upon the fearful contest, Dr. Upshur threw his every energy both of mind and body, into the struggle. The labor which he went through for weeks was indeed immense. His

own hospital and that of Julappi, were daily visited by him, and yet so eager was he to exhaust every source of information, that he rarely failed to see the sick in the Marine hospital near Portsmouth, whilst during the whole period his private practice was attended to with his usual regularity and promptness. One by one his professional brethren succumbed beneath the pressure of the labor, and the insidious influences of the infection to which they were constantly exposed. Sylvester, Constable, Halson, Higgins, W. Selden, Briggs were seized with the disease, and still he worked on, and extorted even from the panic-stricken people who were hourly expecting their own fate, a noble mead of praise. His friends, at length believed him invulnerable, and proof against the dire poison. At last, it came; the fiercer, because so long baulked of its prey, and down to the grave with almost lightning speed it carried this earnest and ever active man. He was calm and firm during his short illness, as he always was in the highest health; prophesied the time of his death; and appointed the hour for his funeral, which he selected so as to suit the convenience of his brethren, whom he desired all, to be around his last resting place.

So died George L. Upshur, a martyr to the science to which he had devoted all the powers of his active intellect, and which he indeed loved with true devotion. In him, this journal has lost an early and constant friend, and our readers will long miss his useful and often original ideas and suggestions. He was to have prepared for our pages a history of this fatal epidemic, and now that he has gone, we know not on whom that important duty can devolve. He also was a frequent contributor to other periodicals and was always ready to assist in the difficult

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# The Lessons of the Mosaic Pavement

Brother Michael Eddie Bryan

The physical environment of structures, particularly interior design elements such as colors and shapes, can influence our perceptions and conduct. Seemingly arbitrary decisions about small and insignificant details communicate meaning and can have a real impact on people's behavior. Research suggests that elements such as floor covering materials and designs can be used to create ideas, convey messages, evoke feelings, and accentuate areas of interest.

Structures like casinos, schools, banks, ballparks, and churches are purposefully designed by "choice architects" based on social engineering principles. Casino floors tend to be covered with crazily appalling carpeting which studies indicate keep patrons gambling. School floors are designed to enhance student learning and safety by taking into account acoustics, durability and maintenance. Banks typically rely on design elements, such as marble floors and Romanesque columns that reflect the financial institution's stability and trustworthiness. Ironically, both newly constructed sports arenas and churches are designed to amplify and channel the energy of sports fans and parishioners alike. So the next time you walk into a public building, look at the floor and other design features, and consider the possible reasons why the architect selected those particular materials and styles, because the architect's rule of thumb is to assume that "everything matters."

With this in mind, imagine for a moment that you are standing in King Solomon's Temple, which was described in I Kings 6 as having floors of fir-wood overlaid with gold. Why would the Supreme Architect of the Universe cover



with gold all the walls and floors of the Holy of Holies? What message was He attempting to convey? What feelings or thoughts was He attempting to evoke? Wouldn't the brilliance and luster of this precious metal communicate great sanctity that befits the dwelling place of the God of Israel and the Ark of the Covenant? Consider your thoughts upon entering such a magnificent space. Wouldn't you feel reverential awe? Wouldn't you feel unworthy and want to improve yourself? Undoubtedly, the impact of such an unforgettable experience would influence you to your core and produce a lasting transformation.

Just as these previous examples were purposefully designed to influence our conduct and direct our thoughts, so too are the symbols and images in our Masonic Lodges.

Masonic tradition symbolizes the Biblical Temple by decorating the Lodge floor with a Mosaic Pavement, indented Tessel, and Blazing Star. These design elements are considered ornaments, or embellishments, of a Lodge and their intended meanings are covered in the written part of the lecture for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Mosaic Pavement is a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple; the indented Tessel, of that beautiful border or skirting which

surrounded it; and the Blazing Star is an emblem of Deity or an overruling Providence. The Mosaic Pavement is emblematical of human life, checkered with good and evil; the beautiful border which surrounds it, of the manifold blessings and comforts which surround us, and which we hope to enjoy by a faithful reliance on Divine Providence, which is hieroglyphically represented by the Blazing Star in the centre.

In this context, you might want to suggest to your Lodge that before each meeting, the Brethren take a moment to reread the tenets written in the Entered Apprentice Lecture and think seriously about the admonitions in the Charge at Closing, also found in the *Manual of Work*. Then, when they see the Mosaic Pavement, indented Tessel and Blazing Star, these will be visual reminders of our foundational teachings on the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and of the tenets of Freemasonry which are brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Thus, while a bank's floor may instill confidence in an investor and a school's floor foster a child's imagination, Lodges are ornamented with symbols selected to beautify and adorn a Mason's mind and soul, and nudge his thoughts in directions that improve his life and make him a better man.

With the proper Masonic education, training, and inspiration, when we envision that Mosaic Pavement, we should feel motivated to do good unto all. When we see that beautiful border, we should be thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe. And when we visualize that Blazing Star, our hearts should delight in knowing that the God of peace and love dwells with us.



## Summer of the Pestilence

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task of building up our home medical literature. Though young, he has left an honorable name behind him, and hereafter, when we talk of the brave who have fallen victims to the pestilence of Norfolk, many will point with emotion to the tomb of Upshur.

Right Worshipful Upshur died of the disease at age thirty-three and having spent just nine months as the first Worshipful Master of Atlantic Lodge No. 2. So respected and admired was he by his Brethren, a memorial was erected by the Masonic Fraternity of the City of Norfolk next to his grave site in Norfolk's Elmwood Cemetery. The memorial is located in Plot Elm, Block 5th A W, Lot 4, Space 1 and reads:

"Erected by the Masonic Fraternity of the City of Norfolk to Perpetuate a Remembrance of the Many Virtues of Their Amiable and Distinguished Brother, Past Master George L. Upshur, M.D., who while in the Philanthropic Discharge of his Duties fell a Victim to the Devasting Scourge of 1855. Born in Northampton County, VA July 14, A.L. 5822, A.D. 1822,

Died in Norfolk, Sept. 19, A.L. 5855, A.D. 1855 Aged 33 Years & 8 Mos."

The epidemic lasted until the first heavy frost of the year arrived on October 14th, when the Norfolk and Portsmouth Boards of Health declared it was safe for refugees to return. Some residents returned impoverished, having spent all their money to flee, and had to rely on charity for support. As the cities began to fill up, local officials took the reins again; the volunteers returned home, and the relief organizations disbanded.

In 1856, the Rev. George D. Cummings, Rector of Trinity Church in Washington, DC, recorded:

"Two orders of men were found in Norfolk and Portsmouth, whose duty it was to be found in the midst of the greatest danger, the physicians and the ministers of Christ. Of the former class, the sad record of their deaths is the best evidence of their faithfulness to duty. Untiringly did they battle with the mysterious and malignant disease, until, exhausted by severe labors, they yielded to its terrible might. Nearly three-fourths of the whole number of physicians of Norfolk fell victims to

the pestilence."

The yellow fever epidemic that struck Norfolk and Portsmouth in the summer and autumn of 1855 was one of the worst in U.S. history. An estimated three thousand people died in Norfolk, about one-third of the entire population, while more than 1,000 died in Portsmouth.

It was not until 1900 that Major Walter Reed and the U.S. Army Yellow Fever Commission exposed the mosquito as the carrier of yellow fever. In 1937, Max Theiler, working with Hugh Smith and Eugen Haagen at the Rockefeller Foundation, discovered a chance mutation in the virus that produced a highly effective strain of vaccine that was named 17D. This vaccine was widely used by the U.S. Army during World War II. For his work on the yellow fever vaccine, Theiler received the 1951 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, the only Nobel Prize to be awarded for discovery of a vaccine. Only the 17D vaccine remains in use today and is on the World Health Organization's list of essential medicines.

## Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2022

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Sept. 6-8	44, 47
E. Tyree Mountcastle*	Williamsburg	Sept. 7-9	57
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	Sept.17	8, 9, 11
L. N. Cridlin	Jonesville	Sept. 19-22	49, 50
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

\*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.

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

In this age of widespread and deliberate deception, manipulation, and sophistry in mainstream and social media platforms, it would behoove us all, in our study of logic, to become conversant with a few of the more common fallacies one is likely to encounter on any given day.

The Western Mind is absolutely saturated with concepts, images and schemata inherited from cultures such as the Sumerians and the Egyptians, which they had gleaned from some five millennia ago from their astronomical observations; and there is no question that this inheritance has colored mankind's creative output at a very base, perhaps subconscious level over such a protracted period.

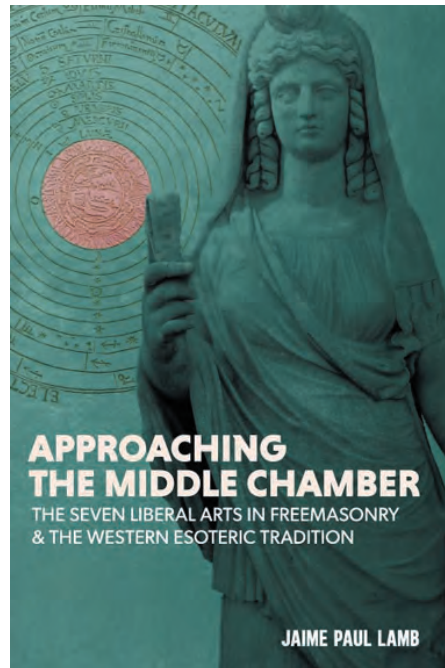
Worshipful Brother Jaime Paul Lamb, mystic, magician, and consummate Freemason, takes his fortunate readers through a magical mystery tour of the astonishing scope, sources, depth, history, and philosophy of the Fellowcraft Degree in this comprehensive, detailed, and enthusiastic study.

Indeed, the attentive reader of *Approaching the Middle Chamber* may find himself eager to attend every conferral of the Degree available to him for the rest of his Masonic life.

In the York Rite second Degree, the Lodge's Senior Deacon symbolically guides the Fellowcraft candidate into King Solomon's Temple up a Winding Staircase of three, five, and seven steps to the *Middle Chamber*.

Here Brother Lamb provides an antidote for Brethren who lapse into a semi-comatose state as the seemingly endless lists, references, admonitions, subjects, and trivia of the Senior Deacon's Lecture inducing bewilderment.

In presuming the intelligence of his readership, Lamb tosses out words like hylomorphism, macroproposus, liminal, entheogenic, grimoire, micropropopus, heliocal, isopsophy, and yetziric,



Jaime Paul Lamb, *Approaching the Middle Chamber: The Seven Liberal Arts in Freemasonry and the Western Esoteric Tradition*

(Laudable Pursuit Press, 2020; pb, 447 pp., \$28.95 on Amazon)

not in fits of *Roget's* exhibitionism, but rather to drag his readers into the wealth of subjects showered upon candidates for the Second Degree of Freemasonry.

Now comes *Approaching the Middle Chamber* to explain the marvels of the Fellowcraft Degree. It should put to rest the endless debate whether learning and subduing one's passions are separate goals. Lamb persuades his readers that the Degree is all about learning

Lest he obscure his subject matters with vague and confusing references to the Degree's ritual, Lamb cheats a bit by quoting generously from Duncan's Ritual because Duncan's and Morgan's infamous exposé are both readily available to the general public. I personally feel that I am under no obligation to keep something so easily obtainable inviolate, as it is not within my power to protect it from the eyes of the profane. Fair enough. And very helpful.

Thus, Lamb lets us in just about everything that so many "Masonic" writers toss around without either definition or explanation, such as Hermes Trismegistus, Hermeticism, Tarot, Qabalah, ancient mysteries, and the like. He wants his readers to "get" the Degree and he has worked very hard to produce this lengthy book to explain a beautiful Ritual performable in less than an hour. As for esoteric, that scary word simply separates the knowledgeable from the uninitiated. After all, a mystery solved is no longer a mystery.

The numbers three, five, and seven compel Brother Lamb to provide detailed histories of each number together with the development of counting, writing, and arithmetic. He leaves his readers grateful for Arabic numbers by telling them about previous systems of counting. Imagine trying to perform the 47th Problem with Roman numerals, or systems based on six, or twenty, or the Hebrew alphabet, which assigns numbers from one to nine hundred for each of its letters. The decimal system allows the addition of numbers in neat vertical columns.

In this book the footnotes appear on the same page as the text, another sign Lamb wants to instill his appreciation for the Degree without his audience having to scramble back and forth between text and endnotes. It also helps to see immediately that he often uses Mackey's *Encyclopedia* and Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry* as source material.

The Candidate's journey begins with his passage between the pillars Boaz and Jachin, signifying establishment and strength. Lamb explains their origins and significance, expounding, for example, on the ritual's use of the word "network" to describe the column's decorations:

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## The Middle Chamber

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Taking each of these symbols in their turn, we first note that the word network may be variously understood as a fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings [...], a system of lines or channels [...or] an interconnected or interrelated chain, group, or system. Taken literally, the first definition seems to fit most snugly, as this is generally how the network is depicted in the pillar's physical construction. It is the third definition, however, which is most relevant to the network's symbolic application in Masonic ritual, for it is said that the network denotes unity. Thus, by this network of unity, all Freemasons are connected through their shared initiatory experience and the binding ties of their Obligations.

Approaching the *Middle Chamber* includes not only the names and descriptions of the columns from the Ritual, but also explains the importance of the relative proportions of their heights and diameters, as well as their different style, such as fluted or smooth surfaces

Lamb does not hesitate to bring lesser-known subjects to bear in the slow development of ideas brought to the evolution of the second Degree. For example:

A magic square is a square divided into an equal number of cells, each of which containing a different integer, that when added together, either by row, column, or diagonal, total to an equal number.

... Magic squares continued into the 17th century, appearing in the work of Athanasius Kircher (*Œdipus Ægypticus*, 1652) and *Freemason, Benjamin Franklin* (1706-1790), whose interest in the subject appears to have been largely recreational.

Lamb turns to Mackey's *Encyclopedia* to explain their importance to the Craft: The Hermetic philosophers called these magic squares Tables of the

Planets, and attributed to them many occult virtues [...] These magic squares and their values have been used in the symbolism of numbers in some of the advanced Degrees of Masonry.

Clearly, while Lamb does not expect his readers to become experts in the Quabala, the Tarot, or astrology, he does want them to come to the realization that Freemasonry, as a product of the Enlightenment, embraced its emerging data-driven science. That expectation leads to his inspirational exposures of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, divided into the Trivium (grammar, rhetoric, and logic) and Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy.)

While the Ritual of the Degree commends the study of these subjects to the candidate, Lamb expands on the subject matter, rules, and disciplines of each. He points out the necessity of grammar to orderly speech, the importance of rhetoric to persuasion, and lists the logical fallacies and their propensity to mislead, especially when combined with effective rhetoric.

The trivial subjects... prepared the student to effectively digest literature, to clearly and succinctly record their own thoughts in letters, to compose sound arguments, to deliver persuasive and impactful discourse, to think clearly, and to recognize and circumvent logical fallacies in the work of others, as well as their own... [A]fter becoming conversant with the trivium, the student could then consider themselves to be adequately prepared to move on to the mathematical and physical sciences which comprise the quadrivium.

Lamb also lays out the interconnectedness of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. Without arithmetic, the other three cannot be practiced. They all depend on numbers, proportions, dimensions, and relationships. Music itself includes mathematical relationships among notes, chords, and timing. The

development of astronomy includes the dawning recognition of a heliocentric system, followed by the discovery of other solar systems, and then galaxies.

The persecution and execution of the defrocked Dominican friar Giordano Bruno exemplifies the dangers of free thought confronting political absolutes. A Renaissance philosopher and magician, Bruno posited the idea of an infinite universe that could, as a consequence of being infinite, have no center, a particularly heretical idea in his time.

In his *Ars Memoriae* he expounds on Hermetic techniques to create a microcosmos within the mind. His memorization methods may provide the Freemason with a unique insight and opportunity, particularly since the Lodge room is said to be a microcosmic model of the world.

Astrology remains relevant because modern astronomers can date celestial events from observations recorded centuries and even millennia ago. The sciences interrelate and information from one sharpens understanding of another. As Lamb explains: It has been said that architecture is to space what music is to time. A particularly astute observation when we consider that music has been defined as the science or art of ordering tones or sounds in succession, in combination, and in temporal relationships to produce a composition having unity and continuity. This definition which accords with the analogous spatial considerations of architecture.

Indeed, the order of the subjects in the quadrivium may similarly be seen as detailing a sequential evolution, that of number; arithmetic studies pure number in abstract operations; geometry, number in multi-dimensional space; music, number in time; and astronomy, number in space-time.

Having climbed the Winding Staircase, the candidate receives the wages of a Fellowcraft; the corn of nourish-

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# "New" Campbell Lodge No. 316

Brother Mike Webster

It was in 2009 that the "New Building Fund" for Campbell Lodge No. 316 got started with a simple donation of \$100 dollars from Right Worshipful Aubrey Howard Mason, Jr. As someone once said, "you cannot finish what you do not start." With this one simple act, the ball got rolling on fund raisers such as dinners, stews, BBQ sales, and personal donations by the Brethren. Previous investments held by the Lodge and donations from other area Lodges were also used and personal donations from different public organizations.

With the donations and the idea of a new Lodge gaining ground, in 2011, we began the investigation for possible



locations for a new Lodge. That was the year we began the engineering, design, and permitting process for the building. In October of 2017, we committed to the purchase of 3.72 acres of land in Lynch Station, Virginia.

In August of 2018, the site plan was approved and in September, we signed a grading contract to have the land cleared. In September of 2018, the site grading, entry to the lot, septic, and well were completed and approved.

In February of 2019 we had the building plans approved. This is when we knew putting that first shovel in the ground to start the footers was imminent. It has been a great time of fellowship while getting the work done. As you can see in the pictures, we have

come a long way and expect completion in the late Fall of 2022.

We could not have done this without all the Brethren that volunteered, the team leadership of Brother Robert Lee, Worshipful John Robbins, Brother Bruce Mayhew, and all the separate companies that donated time, equipment, and materials to this project. To you all, we say thank you and we appreciate all that you have done.



"The secrecy of Masonry is an honourable secrecy; any good man may ask for her secrets; those who are worthy will receive them. To give them to those who do not seek, or who are not worthy, would but impoverish the Fraternity and enrich not those who received them."

*Author Unknown*

# Approaching the Middle Chamber

Continued from page 11. ment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy, which denote peace, harmony, and strength. Brother Lamb provides full explanations of the value, uses, and significance of each of these “wages,” which may sound paltry to contemporary ears. Again, by drawing together the ancient histories, mysteries, and intellectual developments virtually jammed into the Degree, Lamb seats us among the earliest adherents of York Rite Masonry who, unlike modern Freemasons, fully understood the broad variety of sources and origins making up the Degree.

With these backgrounds in mind, the wages of a Fellowcraft may be seen to represent the alchemical tria prima; the three philosophical principles which, speculatively, represent the body (salt, corn, soma, corpus), the mind (sulfur, oil, psyche, anima), and the spirit (mercury, wine, pneuma, spiritus). These principles represent the tripartite nature of man, each of which require specialized nourishment.

Ultimately, the Candidate becomes entitled to the jewels of a Fellow Craft, which are, an<sup>1</sup> attentive ear, an instructive tongue, and faithful breast. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Freemasonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts.

Lamb emphasizes the importance of the Fellowcraft’s jewels:

That the mysteries of Freemasonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts is essential to the maintenance of the Craft. To maintain the secrecy of our Mysteries is not only paramount but Obligatory to the Freemason.

Brother Lamb, taking issue with Mackey’s view of the letter G, offers his own interesting interpretation:

[T]he Latin (and English) letter G corresponds not to the Hebrew yod, but to gimel. Furthermore, gimel corresponds to the Greek letter gamma, which is the first letter of the word ἑωμετρία, meaning “geometry.” This seems to almost irrefutably connect the Masonic letter G with the art of geometry, as first stated in the ritual, as opposed to God. It is also Masonically significant that, in Greek, the letter G is called gamma (Γ), which forms a square, an angle of ninety degrees, or the fourth part of a circle.

Lamb’s own summary articulating the substance of philosophy and purpose of the Fellowcraft Degree, while lengthy, compels the Craft to heed the instructive tongue of its ritual:

For what is the goal of our learning but that it may be used to enrich our experiences, our lives, and the lives of those around us? That we might develop our personal and cultural reference point in order to get more out of

not merely art, literature, architecture, music, the theater, and the cinema, but also a deeper appreciation of the initiatic experience? Of the world in which we live? Of life itself? That we might begin to perceive those underlying patterns which are the criteria by which the true, the good and the beautiful are judged? That we might, one day, progress beyond the theoretical and begin to have an authentic and unmediated experience of the world, on its own terms? That we might become active participants in the act of Creation, as opposed to merely passive observers? These are the aims of the occult sciences, when theory applicable in a praxis that affords us access to a new paradigm of understanding and a new depth of experience. It is in this way that an ever-developing understanding of the seven liberal arts and sciences benefits us.

Thus, Brother Lamb proves that Freemasonry means to improve its members through education. With this book he re-establishes and elevates the Craft’s intention to educate.

1. Patience; recall that Lamb employs Duncan’s Ritual.

“It has not been my fortune to know very much of Freemasonry, but I have had the great fortune to know many Freemasons and have been able in that way to judge the tree by its fruit. I know of your high ideals. I have seen that you hold your meetings in the presence of the open Bible, and I know that men who observe that formality have high sentiments of citizenship, of worth, and character. That is the strength of our Commonwealth and nation.”

*Calvin Coolidge*

# Charge To the Lod

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Brethren, what you are about read is a collection of phrases and terms which have been heard or reported by our esteemed Brethren of learning. That they are the same time funny, confounding, and mildly disturbing, which will be evident as you continue. Proceed with care.

*The Lodge Instructor of Work proudly addresses his Lodge's Ritual Team and latest recipients of Wardens' Certificates:*



I could not be prouder of you guys. You have tackled and mastered the ancient and accepted archaic words of our precious Ritual. Before we adjourn, I want to remind you of the profound meanings of what you have learned. Each time you perform Masonic Ritual, its meaning should deepen and inspire you. Shoot, it was decades before I noticed the Blazing Star. So...

Lest we catch ourselves reviling<sup>1</sup> the Tenants<sup>2</sup> of Freemasonry, let us embrace our consistent<sup>3</sup> principals<sup>4</sup> of Brotherly Love and Affliction<sup>5</sup>. Masonry regards the eternal aspects of the Bretherens<sup>6</sup> just and erect stature to avoid usurpitation<sup>7</sup> of our hidden Mistress. The Holy Saint Johns<sup>8</sup> remind us to eliminate<sup>9</sup> our hearts with the Emblem of Mortality as we act upon the Plain.

As the venereal<sup>10</sup> equinox approaches, let us maintain the good rapport<sup>11</sup> of our candidates and guard against cowards<sup>12</sup> and eavesdroppers. May we escape all secret invasion<sup>13</sup> of mind so that whatever is seen amidst<sup>14</sup>

in us may be inoculated<sup>15</sup> in our several lectures. Our institution having subsided<sup>16</sup> since time immemorial will render us comfortable<sup>17</sup> to its precepts and memorable maxims in all our laughable<sup>18</sup> undertakings.

As all who were<sup>19</sup> citizens of the United States keep inviolate<sup>20</sup> the Mistress<sup>21</sup> of our Order, we should welcome our Entered Apprentiss<sup>22</sup> and endure<sup>23</sup> them with the competence of Divine Wisdom, investing<sup>24</sup> them with all the vices and superfluities of life. Give them always the Wisdom to connive<sup>25</sup> under the can of peas of heaven.<sup>26</sup>

Preserve always the invented<sup>27</sup> Tassel,<sup>28</sup> the point within a circle embroidered<sup>29</sup> by two Parallel Lines and complicate true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance, avoiding any viscous<sup>30</sup> or licentious habit which may impair your facilities.<sup>31</sup>

Steadily preserve the practice of every commemorable<sup>32</sup> virtue. Peas and Hominy<sup>33</sup> shall rain<sup>34</sup> over us. Circumcise<sup>35</sup> your desires.

One tip remains: Brother Junior Deacon, when the Tyler announces that the District Deputy Grand Master is in waiting, "Worshipful, I hope you caught everything the Tyler just said" comes up a bit short. Be prepared.

Finally, Bretherns, it is time to partake of the wine of Joy and Gladys.<sup>36</sup> Maintain your temperature.

Thus may we ever meet, eat, and part.<sup>37</sup> So moat it be.



1. Revealing

2. TenETs
3. Constant
4. PrinciPLEs
5. Oh, please
6. Brother, Brethren. And, incase you missed it, "eternal" should be "internal." Never forget this.
7. Usurpation
8. SaintS John, not holy johns
9. Illuminate
10. Vernal. Kidding me?
11. Report
12. Cowans, Medieval plasterers who spies on Master Masons (maître macons) through chinks between ashlars.
13. Evasion
14. Amiss
15. Inculcate
16. Subsisted, i.e., existed
17. Conformable, admittedly a tough one; fitting, appropriate.
18. Laudable, also difficult: praiseworthy.
19. Are, but better omitted entirely
20. Inviolate, unbroken, not subject to attack
21. MysterIES, results from dropping the indispensable syllable that indicates plural.
22. ApprenticES, see fn 21. These would both provoke a rap on the knuckles from Sister Mary Assumption
23. Endue, another hard one; to confer or bestow; inculcate
24. Divesting, actually
25. ContRive, to make, create; Connive infers dirty, lowdown cheating, which Freemasonry frowns upon
26. One Lodge actually has a can of peas resting on its imperfect ashlar

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# Edge Of Instruction

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27. Indented.
28. TEssel, the zig-zag design of King Solomon's Temple. Shriners wear tAssels
29. Embordered. Embroidery is the manner in which Freemasonry desecrate otherwise useful shirts.
30. Vicious, nasty. Viscous refers to the treatment accorded high-ranking Brethren.
31. Faculties, capacity, talent. Facilities are what Grand Lodge gets when a Lodge doesn't have a budget.
32. Commendable, worthy of respect.
33. See fn. 26. The perfect ashlar holds up a can of hominy. If you do not know which Lodge, you need to exercise your right of visitation more. That is how friendship and brotherly love are promulgated since the members of the Lodge you visit do not know you like the Brethren in your Mother Lodge know you.
34. Made ja look, stole your mother's pocketbook.
35. Circumscribe. A mistake easily and often used. One of the traps laid by the originators of the Ritual. Like in the Third Degree when, on the way to the Grave of Hiram Abiff, King Solomon

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starts talking about the government of Lodges. Anyone else notice that?

36. It is GladNESS. If you think it's "Gladys," what have you been up to.
37. Actually heard in a Lodge, not the one with peas and hominy. Not sure whether the Senior Warden was talking about an airplane or a tool used by operative carpenters, or a place he would rather be. Did you catch this in the second paragraph?

**"Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all the others."**

*Brother Winston Churchill*



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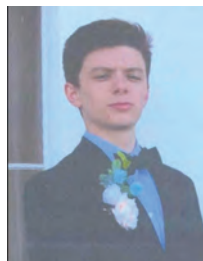
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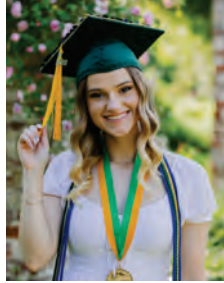
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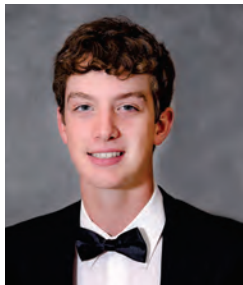
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# Order of the Eastern Star

Brother Ed Tooma

In all of my writings, I have tried to cover as much as I possibly can about our Craft. But I have overlooked one of our appendant bodies that we hardly ever talk about. So, here I am to spread a little news and at the same time help the ladies of our Order or is it their Order? Yes, I believe it is, but we guys can also be a part of it. I am referring to the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), which was founded in 1850, by lawyer and educator, Brother Rob Morris, a noted Freemason. However, it was not until 1873 that the Eastern Star was approved as an appendant body of the Masonic Fraternity. The Eastern Star teachings are based on the Holy Bible and are open to people of all religious beliefs. Each chapter is headed up by the Worthy Matron and a Worthy Patron, who is a Master Mason. The emblem of the Order is a five-pointed star.

The requirements to join the Order of the Eastern Star are:

- You must be over the age of 18
- You must be of good moral character
- You must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being
- If male, you must be:  
An affiliated Master Mason in good stand-

ing, or the Brother of an affiliated Master Mason in good standing

- If female, you must be:
  - The wife
  - The daughter
  - A legally adopted daughter
  - The mother
  - The widow
  - The sister
  - A half-sister
  - The granddaughter
  - The stepmother
  - The stepdaughter
  - The step-sister
  - The daughter-in-law
  - The grandmother
  - The great-granddaughter
  - The niece
  - The great-niece
  - The mother-in-law
  - The sister-in-law
  - Or the aunt of an affiliated Master Mason, or if deceased, one who was in good standing at the time of their death.

## How to join?

To start the process, you must first submit a petition for membership to the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter for consideration. These petitions can be obtained by asking a known member of the Chapter, by visiting the Chapter during an Open House, or, by contacting the Chapter directly.

Also, those eighteen or older who have been active members for three years in the International Order of the Rainbow Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, are eligible to become an Eastern Star Sister.

The Order of the Eastern Star strives to select persons of good mental, moral and spiritual quality, who will work together in harmony to perform its objectives. The OES is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong, with a worldwide membership over 500,000.

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# International Order of the Rainbow



**2022-2023 Virginia Rainbow Grand Officers, Representatives, and Flag Bearers**

Lorkin Kelley, Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is well known for its lessons of leadership and service, but not many people talk about its lessons of community and creativity.

This year, the girls will be focusing on their relationships within the Masonic organizations and their ability to serve as leaders while also having fun in the process. With this goal in mind, we will be raising charity funds and performing services for the non-profit organization, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI has been helping families find mental health resources since 1979. Through their hard work, many individuals have been able to discover ways to care for their own mental health. By supporting their cause, we will become more aware of our own and others' well-being. We will also develop positive relationships within our Rainbow community. There are so many individuals who help Virginia Rainbow, and we want to be able to recognize them for all that they do for us and for Rainbow in general.

Throughout the years, Rainbow Girls have had the honor of being led



**L-R: Wor. Joseph Grist, Supreme Deputy in Virginia; Lorkin Kelley, Grand Worthy Advisor in Virginia 2022-2023; Mrs. Linda Jenkins, Past Supreme Inspector in Virginia; and Mrs. Susan Rennagel, Past Supreme Worthy Advisor**

and supported by Masonic adults who help guide them through new life lessons and values. These adults have been encouraging Rainbow's members to be examples of good character and self-love. For example, Virginia Rainbow was extremely grateful when a large number of Masonic dignitaries attended our Grand Assembly in June 2022, including the Grand Master himself.

During the Grand Master's speech, he gave one of our adult advisors a Spe-

cial Recognition Award for all that she has done for Virginia Rainbow. In his speech, he emphasized how much she adored the girls of Rainbow. Throughout the years, she has done nothing but be a positive influence for all. That adult was none other than our beloved Past Supreme Inspector, Mom Linda Jenkins, who, after fourteen years as Virginia Rainbow's Supreme Inspector, decided to pass the baton onto the next generation of Rainbow adults.

It was an extremely emotional Grand Assembly this past year, given the transitions to new beginnings. However, Rainbow has a long history of passing on its legacy. While it was a surprise to not have Mom J lead us, Girls of Virginia Rainbow are thrilled for the new year as our next Supreme Deputy, Dad Joseph Grist, takes office. I, as Grand Worthy Advisor, am delighted to be able to work with him during his first year as Supreme Deputy. I cannot wait to see what memories we create together, as our friendship grows and our fun begins.

# 50-60-70-Year Masonic Veterans

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 Bro. Archie Richard Nobles  
 Bro. Robert Teed Hester  
 Rt. Wor. Samuel Gene Hughes  
 Bro. Woodrow Marshall Pierce  
 Bro. Walter Herbert Taylor  
 Bro. Donald Walter Wiethuechter  
 Bro. Carl Ray Beard  
 Wor. John Edward Mattox  
 Wor. Richard James Grier  
 Bro. Richardson Bright Cartwright  
 Bro. Eugene Ray Hackworth

## Fifty-Year Veterans

Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 Atlantic Lodge No. 2  
 St. Tammany Lodge No. 5  
 Williamsburg Lodge No. 6  
 Williamsburg Lodge No. 6  
 Richmond Lodge No. 10  
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 York Lodge No. 12  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22  
 Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27  
 Millboro Lodge No. 28  
 Isaacs Lodge No. 29  
 Elizabeth Lodge No. 34  
 Catlett Lodge No. 35  
 Catlett Lodge No. 35  
 Marshall Lodge No. 39  
 Abingdon Lodge No. 48  
 Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50  
 Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54  
 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60  
 Mackey Lodge No. 69  
 Mackey Lodge No. 69  
 Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 Fleetwood Harmony Lodge No. 92  
 Chester Lodge No. 94  
 Coeburn Lodge No. 97  
 Portsmouth Lodge No. 100  
 Capeville Lodge No. 107  
 Heathsville Lodge No. 109  
 Barboursville Lodge No. 112  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Taylor Lodge No. 117  
 Temperanceville Lodge No. 121  
 Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122  
 Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124  
 Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124  
 Independence Lodge No. 129  
 Independence Lodge No. 129  
 Hunter's Lodge No. 156  
 Snowville Lodge No. 159  
 Shelby Lodge No. 162  
 Berkley Lodge No. 167  
 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178  
 Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 Monitor Lodge No. 197  
 Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199  
 Yorktown Lodge No. 205  
 Bland Lodge No. 206  
 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219  
 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219  
 Harman Lodge No. 222  
 West Point Lodge No. 238  
 West Point Lodge No. 238  
 Bedford Lodge No. 244

Bro. George Wesley Tetter  
 Wor. Winston Delono Kiser  
 Bro. Ronald Edward Wentz  
 Bro. Carl G. Jackson  
 Bro. Hershel Blair Reynolds  
 Wor. Randolph Thompson Hutchens  
 Rt. Wor. Kenneth Overbey Shelton, Sr.  
 Bro. Hammond Maurice Geyer  
 Bro. Robert W. Anderson  
 Bro. Randolph Edwin Malbon  
 Bro. Herbert Lemuel Myers, Sr.  
 Wor. Gordon Berkley Clements  
 Wor. Jacob Taylor Newman  
 Bro. Felix Pages  
 Bro. Clyde O. Childress, Jr.  
 Bro. Bruce Helander Armstrong  
 Bro. Kenneth Dean Smith  
 Bro. John Roger Tinsley  
 Wor. Terry Dennis Loesch  
 Bro. Herman Lanier Allen

Bro. Norman Krell  
 Wor. Cabell Bryant Clarke  
 Bro. Marvin Leonard Myrtle  
 Bro. Kenneth Benjamin Boykin  
 Bro. Roland Earl Scott  
 Bro. Paul Wesley Taylor  
 Bro. Virgil A. Motley  
 Bro. James Lawrence Butler  
 Wor. James Warren Smith  
 Rt. Wor. Frederick Cherrington Vaughan, Sr.  
 Wor. Edward Paulus Harrow, Sr.  
 Wor. Oral Lee Hash  
 Bro. James Alexander Oliver, Jr.  
 Bro. Charles Bellford Shaeff, Jr.  
 Bro. Welland Thomas Shoop  
 Bro. Robert Conway Kerr  
 Bro. Ned Gerald Kirby  
 Bro. Edward Bennett Clore, Jr.  
 Bro. Harry Lee Brown, Jr.  
 Bro. Frederick Lloyd Stanley  
 Bro. Jerry Hansley, Jr.  
 Wor. John Doyle Pauley  
 Bro. Luther Gresham Hutchings, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Charles Francis Linamen  
 Bro. Claude V. Burke  
 Bro. William Paul Grigsby  
 Bro. Ronald Elwood O'Brien  
 Rt. Wor. George Frederick Schreiber  
 Bro. William Howard Callaway  
 Bro. Glenn Huggins Wright  
 Wor. William Ray Kidd  
 Wor. Arthur L. Lane, Jr.  
 Rt. Wor. Harold George McFall  
 Wor. Theodore Barker  
 Rt. Wor. Horace Leroy Dowdy  
 Mt. Wor. Robert Francis Drechsler

Bro. Wilford Henry Ball, Jr.

Lebanon Lodge No. 251  
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 Pruner Lodge No. 254  
 Anderson Lodge No. 258  
 Mountain Home Lodge No. 263  
 Herndon Lodge No. 264  
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 Cochran Lodge No. 271  
 Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274  
 Churchland Lodge No. 276  
 Alberene Lodge No. 277  
 Cumberland Lodge No. 283  
 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288  
 Powhatan Lodge No. 295  
 Monroe Lodge No. 301  
 Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Warwick Lodge No. 336  
 Catawba Lodge No. 342  
 Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351

## Sixty-Year Veterans

Norfolk Lodge No. 1  
 Richmond Lodge No. 10  
 Staunton Lodge No. 13  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Manchester Lodge No. 14  
 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25  
 Abingdon Lodge No. 48  
 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64  
 Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64  
 Mountain City Lodge No. 67  
 Donovan Lodge No. 75  
 Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81  
 Liberty Lodge No. 95  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Norview Lodge No. 113  
 Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122  
 Linn Banks Lodge No. 126  
 Linn Banks Lodge No. 126  
 Melrose Lodge No. 139  
 Hunter's Lodge No. 156  
 Hunter's Lodge No. 156  
 Owens Lodge No. 164  
 Ashland Lodge No. 168  
 Fidelity Lodge No. 173  
 Fidelity Lodge No. 173  
 Treadwell Lodge No. 213  
 Ivanhoe Lodge No. 235  
 Suthers Lodge No. 259  
 Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273  
 Alberene Lodge No. 277  
 Alberene Lodge No. 277  
 Richlands Lodge No. 318  
 Dryden Lodge No. 326  
 Thomas N. Davis Lodge No. 351  
 Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daytime Lodge No. 353

## Seventy-Year Veterans

Manchester Lodge No. 14



# Masonic Awards and Recognition



Clifton Forge Lodge No. 166 honors 70-year Mason, Brother William P. (Pem) Hall. He was born June 26, 1929, in Clifton Forge. Brother Pem held the position of chief clerk at the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in Clifton Forge, retiring from CSX Transportation after forty-one years' of service.

In 1964, Pem began his studies for the ministry, being ordained as a United Methodist Minister in 1972, by Bishop William R. Cannon. Pem retired after forty years in the ministry.

Presenting his 70-Year Veteran's Award is Most Worshipful Louis K. Campbell (2013) congratulated Brother Hall on his accomplishments in Masonry, requesting Freda Hall, Pem's wife, to place the 70-Year lapel pin on his jacket.



L-R: Rt. Wor. C. Ray Davis, Jennifer, Jennifer's mother Betheny Arion, Sue Bundick, and Wor. Richard Bundick.

Temperanceville Lodge No. 121 gifted a \$500 scholarship to Jennifer Arion.



At a stated communication of Clintwood Lodge No. 66, Worshipful Clifton Mullins presented Right Worshipful Farris Fleming with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award, pin, and Veteran's card. Right Worshipful Brother Fleming is known to many Brethren across our great Commonwealth as a faithful friend, Brother, and trickster; and is almost as famous as his homemade biscuits-n-gravy.



Hudson-Morris Lodge No. 80 presented a 70-Year Masonic Veteran's Award to Brother Elmer Morris, Jr., whose father is one of the name sakes of our Lodge.



Family Day on the Bay to Tangier Island, organized by Worshipful Brian Cooke of Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5 and Monitor Lodge No. 197, was a huge success with Masons from Districts 11, 14, and 57. During the boat ride to the island, a donation was taken up for the Tangier Island Museum. Worshipful Brother Cooke of Saint Tammany Lodge and Monitor Lodge, along with Right Worshipful Brother Freeman, Worshipful Brother Backus, and Brother Nelson of Poquoson Lodge presented Dr. Nina Pruitt the curator of the Tangier Island Museum a check for \$250 and a plaque by Island Custom Woodworking, it was a great day for Masonry.



At our stated meeting of Thomas Jay Traylor Lodge No. 348, we celebrated the summer with our first Annual Hawaiian Shirt Day Lodge. Great fellowship and a barbecue lunch was held afterwards.

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Wor. David Neal, Bro. Charles Overman, Bro. Donald Wright, Bro. Dennis Hylton, Bro. Gary Waters, Bro Robert Alewine, and Rt. Wor. Anthony Demarco.

Five Masonic Veterans received their 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award during our stated communications at Western Branch Lodge No. 189.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Harvey Spurlock, Bro. Richard F. East, and Wor. Benjamin Mabalot.

Brother Richard F. East of Central Lodge No. 300, received his 60-Year Masonic Veteran's Award. The presentation was made by Right Worshipful Harvey Spurlock.



Right Worshipful Bryan Klecz's Celebration of Life Ceremony with Masonic Rites at Portsmouth Lodge No. 100.



L-R: Illustrious Sir Micky Boyer, Past Potentate, Rt. Wor. Lynnwood Thompson, Mt. Wor. James Litten, Rt. Wor. Donnie Martin, Rt. Wor. Gino Williams, Rt. Wor. Michael Berg, Rt. Wor. Leon Laws, Bro. Darryl White, Bro. Pat Loving. Second Row: Bro. Larry Reynolds, Wor. Bro. J. R. Peak, Wor. Bro. Thomas Hannifan, Bro. Darren Gilreath, Rt. Wor. Gary Tickle, Wor. Clay Bane, Rt. Wor. Bobby Lucas, Bro. Phillip Keister, Rt. Wor. Robert Brown, Wor. Bro. Jim Thompson, Bro. Timothy Kurstedt. Third Row: Bro. David Lugar, Bro. Mack Jones, Bro. Willard Williams, Bro. Mike Henderson, and Rt. Wor. Joe Givens.

Newport Lodge No. 261 held its annual steak dinner at its stated communication.



Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., made his Official Visit to Masonic District 27 at South Hill Lodge No. 297. The Grand Master was pleased to present Eagle Scout Dylan Cook with a Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Certificate.



Members of Monroe Lodge No. 301, presented the Community Builders Award to the Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Company.

This Fire Company was initially formed in 1927, to serve the Town of Appomattox but eventually transitioned to calls for the entire County of Appomattox. This department has endured the Great Depression, World War II, and several other conflicts, which affected volunteer base and income support.

Recently, they taught all of us a lesson in humility, donating their older engine to a Tennessee fire department who had lost their fleet and station from a tornado. Their act of kindness from one fire company and this community to another company and community in Tennessee, made all here swell with the pride of this company.



Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., also presented Right Worshipful John T. Williams, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master Masonic District 27 with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award.

# Masonic Awards and Recognition



Prior to 1961, emergency medical response in Appomattox County was left to a local funeral home and the backseats of police cars. A need was recognized, and the Appomattox County Rescue Squad was formed with a dedicated core group. Now, sixty years later, this volunteer base still proudly serves the citizens of Appomattox County. Through these seven decades, their commitment and dedication to the citizens of Appomattox County remains unchanged.

In addition to responding to emergency calls for service, they are deeply involved in community outreach activities. These include attending athletic events, participating in community events, celebrations, safety presentations, festivals, and sponsoring training events. Through these countless 'stand-by's' they remind all they have been here and always will be.



Worshipful Brother George Acles Farthing, Jr. (92 years young) was presented his 50-Year Masonic Veterans Award by members of Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82. Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor (2018) made the presentation to Worshipful Brother Farthing.



Warwick Lodge No. 336 presents fifty scholarship awards to deserving students pursuing their education. Right Worshipful Donald C. White (far left) keeps a close eye on the scholarship recipients and has done so for years. Worshipful David J. Smallridge (far right) made the evening a wonderful experience for both the recipients and their families.



Yorktown Lodge No. 205 Parade Float and Brethren at the Yorktown 4th of July Parade. We were also joined by Brethren of Monitor Lodge No. 197 and Bremond Lodge No 241. This was our first "float" entry in the parade to encourage members to join us who otherwise might not be able to march. The Brethren distributed miniature American Flags to young people in the crowd along the parade route. A great time was had by all who participated. Based on this success, we hope to grow our participation and Masonic presence in future parades.



Thomas Jay Traylor Lodge No. 348 and the Central Virginia Shrine Clowns of Kazim Temple had a 'clown invasion' and filled the chairs of the Lodge.



Boaz Brothers and Jericho Chapters did a benefit ride to raise money to build playground equipment at the Fort Blackmore UMC Bible Camp. We have done a benefit ride every year for the past eight years. This year, we decided to use the money to build and buy playground equipment. We raised \$6,700 for the project. We built a huge swing set, put up several Frisbee golf cages, a new basketball goal, a seesaw, two sets of cornhole boards, provided several balls, and playground equipment. The Camp is in a rural area and serves as a community area for locals to play.



Earlier this year, Worshipful Brian Cooke found himself not only a new Mason but a newly installed Master of two Lodges. During his district travels he was involved in more than one conversation with Lodge Instructors of Work about how they would like to get together to discuss and freshen up on ritual. Shortly thereafter, he came up with the idea of having a breakfast once a month for all of the Lodge Instructors of Work in the district. We refer to it as the Saint Tammany District 14 LIW Breakfast. From the start, they have been a success and have paid great dividends to the district. Words cannot express what a pleasure it has been having the DDGM. of Masonic District 14 working with me in the kitchen. He is also one of the best dish washers I have ever had and a support mechanism second to none. I must say I am thoroughly enjoying the journey.

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During Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr.'s visit to District 7, the Grand Master and current Worshipful Master presented Right Worshipful Harvey L. Fleshman with a certificate for 55-Years of perfect attendance (both all the Stated Communications and all Called Communications) to his mother Lodge, Day Lodge No. 58, in Louisa, Virginia.



North Dakota held their Grand Annual Communication, where the Grand Master invested the honor of "Honorary Grand Master" to Right Worshipful George D. Seghers. There was unanimous acclaim on the floor. He received our Grand Master's apron, collar, and jewel. He has the same power and authority as Most Worshipful Daniel J. Haugen, which is none other than the title Most Worshipful George D. Seghers.



Waddell Lodge No. 228 was honored to, present two of its Brethren, Veterans Awards recently on the occasion of Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Official Visit to Districts 7 and 10, presented a 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award to Right Worshipful Edgar M. Crebbs a member of several Lodges in both Districts 7 and 10, has served as Master of Waddell Lodge No. 228, and Independent Orange Lodge No. 138, Past President of the James Monroe Chapter No. 549, Sojourners International, and Past Commander of the Heroes of '76 Jack Jouett Camp.



Worshipful Nichols Hobbs (back center) receiving his 25-Year Masonic Veteran's Award at Monitor Lodge No. 197 with his father, Worshipful William H. Hobbs, Jr., (front right) and grandfather, Worshipful Willie Emory D'Bene (front center) both Past Masters of Monitor Lodge No. 197. The presentation was conducted by Right Worshipful Vincent Mundie, with Worshipful Brian W. Cooke presiding.



Masonic District 14's Traveling Gavel being claimed by Poquoson Lodge No. 49 from Monitor Lodge No. 197. Worshipful Brian W. Cooke handing over the gavel to Worshipful Wesley Backus of Poquoson Lodge No. 49, with his team: Worshipful Page O'Neil, Worshipful Bruce Edwards, Worshipful William Bishop, Brother Paul Nelson, Worshipful Sewell Rowley, Jr., and Brother Russell Treacy.



Right Worshipful Norman Gerald Johnson, Sr. was presented with his 60-Year Masonic Veteran's Award on the occasion of Waddell Lodge No. 228's stated communication. The presentation was made by the Lodge Secretary, Right Worshipful Tom Woolfolk, who is Right Worshipful Brother Johnson's son-in-law. Brother Johnson was raised a Master Mason May 14, 1962, served as Worshipful Master of Waddell Lodge in 1968 and 1989. In 1968, Brother Johnson was instrumental in the acquisition of the building site, procuring of materials, and construction project management of the current Lodge building.



# Masonic Awards and Recognition



L - R, Wor. Neal Britt, Wor. Edward C. "Jimmy" Litchford, Jr., Bro. Angus S. "Gus" Lamond, Jr., and Bro. Thomas T. Bryant.

At Thomas Jay Traylor Lodge No. 348, an educational presentation was given on the Lewis Jewel and its rich Masonic history. Worshipful Brother Britt then presented three Jewels to deserving Brothers.



L-R: Wor. Sterling Johnson, Wor. Jimmy Jones, Wor. Merritt Raiford, Dan Raiford (Son), Bro. Bill Randall, and Wor. Brandon Spannagel.

At Purdie Lodge No. 170, we recently celebrated and awarded a 70-Year Masonic Veterans' Award to Brother Merritt Raiford of our Lodge, and the presentation was made in Franklin, Virginia. He was proud to receive the award and was attended by several Brothers and Officers of the Lodge. Unfortunately, a little less than a week later he passed, and the Lodge provided rights at the funeral. The Brethren and officers of the Lodge wish to commemorate his service to the Craft.



Monroe Lodge No. 301 awarded the Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien Scholarship to three Appomattox County graduating high school Seniors. The 2022 recipients are: Avery P. Roark and Brooke A. Coleman both from Appomattox County High School, and Brenley C. Hackett from Cornerstone Christian Academy..



A day to remember at Chickahominy Lodge No. 286. What are believed to be two firsts in the history of Freemasonry in Virginia occurred that night.

First, Brother Albert E. Bills was presented with the 70-Year Masonic Veterans' Award. What was unique in the annals of Virginia Masonry was that the presenter of the award was Worshipful Theodore B. Holm, himself a 70-year Masonic veteran who performed the ritual presentation from memory.

Secondly, in attendance at the stated communication that night was a third member of Chickahominy Lodge, Brother Frank Shaffer, himself a 70-year Masonic veteran. Having three 70-year Masonic veterans in a Lodge must be a rare occurrence but having three who are members of the same Lodge present at a stated communication is believed to be a first.



Right Worshipful Rocky Robison (92 years young) receiving his 65-Year DeMolay Service award from Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997) at the Richmond Scottish Rite.



L-R: Wor. Gary W. Burchett, Rt. Wor. William "Dub" Ford, Mt. Wor. Gary W. Taylor, and Rt. Wor. Connie J. Quesenberry.

Right Worshipful William "Dub" C. Ford was presented with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award by Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82. Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor made the presentation.

## Dispelling the Myth The Admission Process of the Crown Jewel of Masonry

Anne B. Hagen, Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Home of Virginia

Since the Masonic Home of Virginia began caring for Seniors, we have admitted over nine hundred Masons, wives, or widows. Today, we are home to over one hundred and sixty and not including all those served in our statewide Outreach Program. The Home has a team of professionals who work diligently to facilitate each phase of our admissions process from inquiry, to visits and tours, to assessments, to settlement, to the move in. As long as a unit is available, this process can take as little as four to six weeks. We have a dedicated Admissions and Resident Relations Coordinator who responds to calls and emails from interested Virginia Masons and their families looking to relocate to Masonic Home of Virginia for retirement including life care, after admission, when and if needed. This key position also shepherds the application through the process staying connected with the applicant every step of the way, including helping our resident acclimate to life at their new home once they have been approved and move in.

How does the admission process work? The process begins with either a simple phone call to 800.262.4644 x. 77295, a visit to ([www.mahova.com](http://www.mahova.com)), or an email directly to ([admissions@mahova.com](mailto:admissions@mahova.com)). Our experienced and knowledgeable Admissions and Resident Relations Coordinator, Susan Berryhill, is available to help lead you through this important and life changing process. The process is essentially three steps; a pre-application to determine the applicant meets the criteria, an assessment and board review step ending with the settlement and move-in step.

The pre-application is a brief questionnaire related to Virginia Freemasonry and overall health status. A major component of the assessment and board review step is a two, pronged application process; including a financial review and health assessment.

Financially, we offer two important options, Paying or our Cornerstone program. Paying is as simple as it sounds. You pay an entrance fee based on the unit and a monthly fee based on your level of care. As you might imagine, Paying is for those who can financially afford the payments and Cornerstone is for those where finances may be more limited. The Cornerstone program is quite unique in that it allows the applicant to pay a percentage of assets and income for life care including a private room, three delicious meals, all medically necessary care, activities and transportation to appointments and outings. The beauty of the Crown Jewel of Masonry is not only the amazing care our residents receive but the ability to receive that care under the Cornerstone program. The Cornerstone program is available at initial application for admission or may be accessed as needed should a Paying resident outlive their resources. Are there any limitations to the Cornerstone program? While there is no maximum or minimum for assets or income, there is accountability for sizable gifts made to non-charitable organizations during a five-year look back period. The Masonic Home of Virginia, a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit, relies on the generosity of Masons and their families; therefore, financial integrity is of utmost importance.

Health assessment, timing is key. An applicant's health is the main barrier to admittance. The Home is licensed in the State of Virginia as a continuing care retirement community. As the name implies, admissions are permitted for those who are independent, need relatively no care or need a reasonable level of care. Hence, these standards prevent admissions directly into our 24-hour care unit or one step above. Again, another beauty of the Crown Jewel of Masonry is our ability to care for our residents as their needs change, temporarily or permanently, including in our twenty-four-hour care unit (or Care Center). For these reasons, that is why we say timing is key. If you or a loved one is interested in coming to the Masonic Home of Virginia, we encourage you to start the process right away. Each situation is different, and it is important to learn about how this application would work for you and your loved one.

Upon receipt of the financial information and medical information from the applicant's physician, a case study is scheduled with a nurse and/or a social worker. This is followed by normally two health assessments, one at the home of the applicant and one at the Masonic Home of Virginia. This allows access to a team of professionals based on the health needs of the applicant.

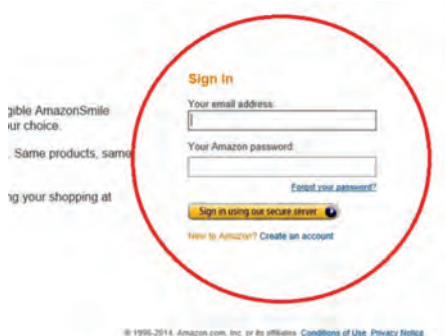
Once both the financial application and health assessments are completed, the information is submitted to the appropriate committees of the Board of Governors (Finance and Resident Life), which meet monthly to review applications and make decisions on other important matters. Applicants must be approved by both Committees to be eligible for admittance. The Admissions and Resident Relations Coordinator calls promptly with the board's decision and prepares a follow up letter notifying them in writing. Approval is contingent on no significant change in financial or health condition. This leads to the last step of settlement, and move-in which includes final paperwork and the official relocation to the community.

We invite visitors to tour the Home in person or virtually at [www.mahova.org](http://www.mahova.org). Come visit on Family Day, Saturday, October 1st. Come visit a friend or relative here by requesting a visit at [www.mahova.org/schedule-a-visit](http://www.mahova.org/schedule-a-visit) and hear what they have to say about life at MAHOVA. To hear from our residents, please refer to page 28. It may give you a whole new perspective or possibly open a door to an exciting new retirement chapter for you, a friend, or loved one.

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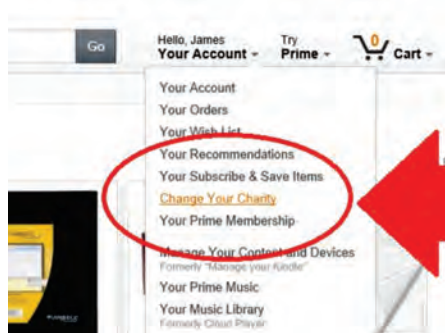
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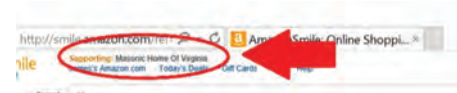
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# In the Words of the Residents...



Wayne and MaryAnn Flora have been residing here since April 2022. Mrs. Flora loves living here and thinks, "it is a very, very nice place to live." Mr. Flora thought the whole experience was wonderful and would not change a thing. They both think everyone from staff to residents are very caring, and they stay relaxed, doing what they want to do all day.

Joan Corcoran has been residing here since January 2022. Mrs. Corcoran's mother-in-law resided here for many years and she thought she knew what to expect as she visited often. However, she was surprised at what a cohesive caring community it was after moving in during the pandemic. Everyone was so welcoming, and she feels it is a very unique special place like no other. She stated, "How lucky can you be to come live here?" She appreciates the openness of administration to hear what the residents say and make adjustments when necessary.



Julia Malliarakis moved into the Masonic Home in May 2022. Mrs. Malliarakis said, "it is absolutely beautiful." The whole staff is patient and wonderful. She thought she would not find her way around but our welcoming committee and staff were lifesavers and helped her navigate the halls. She loves having a chapel on campus and enjoys going there as it is so peaceful.

Nick and Kathy Matthews are our newest residents, having moved into the Village in June 2022. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews feel the application process was very smooth and easy, considering the limitation of the pandemic. Staff was there every step of the way, and they appreciated the communication. The Village residents were very welcoming, and they are excited to join in more activities once they get settled in. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews never thought it was a bad decision at all to move in!



# Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

Many Lodges and individuals contribute a gift to the Masonic Home to either honor a living person or a Lodge out of respect and appreciation or to generate a legacy of care in honor of one who has passed to the Celestial Lodge above. As these tax-deductible gifts are received by the Home, acknowledgments of the gift, but not the dollar total, are sent to the person honored or to the family of the person memorialized. In grateful recognition of these touching gifts and to recognize those persons so honored, we call attention to the following combined list of memorial and honorarium gifts that were made to the Masonic Home during the period May 18, 2022-August 5, 2022. Persons HONORED are on the left, followed by the donor's name on the right.

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	Thomas C. Kaufman	Brian K. McDilda	Freddie E. Pearson
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Richard P. Dudley	MAHOVA Masonic Ritual Class		William R. Gurley
	Thomas C. Kaufman	Marion Poole	Wayne S. Flora
Thomas C. Edwards	Warwick Lodge No. 336	James W. Quesinberry	Franklin Lodge No. 151
John H. Eells	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982	Merritt L. Raiford	Old Town Lodge No. 68
	David A. Brown	Margaret Robinson	Purdie Lodge No. 170
	Patricia Phelan	Wayne A. Robison	Robbie L. Robinson
	Terry F. Hilton	George R. Roos	Sally Calvert
Thomas E. Faulkner	Warwick Lodge No. 336	John D. Runnett	Gary Roos
Emma Fountain	Wayne S. Flora	Charles R. Schesventer	Terry F. Hilton
Allen D. Freeman	Urbanna Lodge No. 83	Zachary A. Smith	Sandston Lodge No. 216
Paul W. Garrett	Stonewall Lodge No. 200	Susan Sprigg	Terry F. Hilton
Floyd W. Goff	Warwick Lodge No. 336		William F. Perdue
Truett A. Grant	Piedmont Lodge No. 152		John R. Quinley
Wallace J. Harding	Atlantic Lodge No. 2		Deborah Partridge
Dwight D. Hazard	Edward Anderson		Douglas Wilson
	Franklin Lodge No. 151		John W. Deputy
	Michael Traylor		Thomas C. Kaufman
	Boykins Lodge No. 287		John M. Carpenter
	Raymond S. Anderson		Jean Taylor
Terry F. Hilton	Nancy M. Holder	Donald F. Strock	Virginia May Lodge No. 38
Thomas M. Holder	David Hutchins	Richard J. Stryker	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Joseph F. Holderfield	James D. Cole	Charlie M. Taylor	Terry F. Hilton
Evelyn Holliday	Midlothian Lodge No. 211	Billy F. Thomas	Unity Lodge No. 146
Charles H. Hunter	Terry F. Hilton	Thomas L. Turlington	Botetourt Lodge No. 7
	Botetourt Lodge No. 7	Darrell L. Valentine	William R. Gurley
Carl J. Jacoby	Wayne S. Flora	Don and Carol Vickers	James E. Hammond
Rachel E. Jones	John Haymes	Maria Van Leliveld	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
Robert R. Jones	Terry F. Hilton	Deryl E. White	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Wayne C. Jones	Wayne S. Flora	Barbara J. Williams	Carroll M. Jones
Catherine Kellan	Terry F. Hilton	Bennie F. Wilson	Unity Lodge No. 146
Michael B. Klecz	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286	Boyd H. Wilson	Raymond S. Anderson
James B. Knapp	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60	James J. Young	Midlothian Lodge No. 211
Yale S. Landsberg	Warwick Lodge No. 336	Robert S. Young	Terry F. Hilton
Charles F. Lascola			



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### Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>October</b>		
10/3	Charles Hinson	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
10/5	Mary Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
10/8	Sarah Rosen	Buckingham Lodge No. 242
10/11	Robert Young	Portsmouth Lodge No. 100
10/13	Carter Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
10/13	Florence Edmonds	John Blair Lodge No. 187
10/15	Anne Godfrey	Black Heath Daylight Lodge No. 1982
10/16	Carroll Jones	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/17	Theodore Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
10/22	Paula Swansey	Manchester Lodge No. 14
10/22	Chris Taylor	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
10/23	Richard Andrews	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/23	David Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
10/27	Grace O'Connell	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/28	Nick Matthews	Bremond Lodge No. 241
10/29	Lloyd "Tom" Hall	Ashland Lodge No. 168

### November

11/2	Patricia Taylor	Donovan Lodge No. 75
11/4	Eddie Matney	Norview Lodge No. 113
11/9	Judith Burcham	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
11/14	Garland Campbell	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
11/18	Margaret "Peg" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
11/23	Gordon Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/23	Carl Whittington	Blandford Lodge No. 3
11/27	Robert Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
11/27	Cathy Hinkle	Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219

### December

12/4	Betty Klotz	Chester Lodge No. 94
12/6	Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
12/8	Roy "Hank" Lythgoe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/18	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
12/24	Wordell "Woody" Davis	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
12/25	Christine Johnson	Sandston Lodge No. 216
12/25	Norma Klebert	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
12/28	Ed Bowen	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
12/28	Beatrice Holm	Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
12/31	Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14

### Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>October</b>		
10/11/1958	David and Shirley Armistead	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
<b>November</b>		
11/15/1969	Howard and Sharon Floyd	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
11/21/1981	Kenneth and Judith Shook	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
11/23/1984	Thomas and Christine Johnson	Sandston Lodge No. 216
<b>December</b>		
12/1/1962	Wayne and MaryAnn Flora	Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
12/19/1975	Richard and Georgeen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
12/19/1975	John and Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
12/21/2005	William and Dolores Reinhold	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
12/21/1984	Gardner and Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
12/22/1956	Robert and Jane Harrison	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
12/22/1956	Chester and Marian Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10

### New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>May</b>		
5/18/2022	Julia Malliarakis	Warwick Lodge No. 336
<b>June</b>		
6/21/2022	Nick Matthews	Bremond Lodge No. 241
6/21/2022	Kathy Matthews	Bremond Lodge No. 241
<b>July</b>		
N/A		

### Resident's Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
<b>May</b>		
5/15/2022	Hazel Woodward	Joppa Lodge No. 40
5/19/2022	James Butts	Manchester Lodge No. 14
<b>June</b>		
6/4/2022	Novella McDonough	Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64
6/10/2022	Richard Dudley	St. John's Lodge No. 36
6/30/2022	Susan Sprigg	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
<b>July</b>		
N/A		

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