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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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The Grand Master's Message

I stand before you keenly aware of the significant responsibility which you have bestowed upon me. I rise on the shoulders of the one hundred and seventy-six incredible men who have preceded me, men commencing with John Blair, Jr. and including the exceptional human beings seated in this room. These men shaped the future, not only of Virginia Freemasonry, but Freemasonry in general.

There is no greater task for this generation of Freemasons than to increase our membership. We have an obligation to continue the legacy of our Masonic forefathers by generating positive forward momentum. We must increase our visibility in the communities that environ our Lodges, and welcome men who express their desire to join our ranks.

Together, we can set a course for a brighter tomorrow through the enlightenment of hearts and minds. Now is the time to listen for the knock at the door of Freemasonry and open it to men of good character. The time is now, and the one who must open that door is you.

Make no mistake about our purpose, we are in the business of creating Master Masons. Our Ancient Landmarks, Customs, and Usages are second to none. They provide a pathway forward for this life and beyond. No other organization offers anything remotely close to the life-changing experience granted by Freemasonry. It is our undeniable duty to make more men aware of who we are and what Freemasonry can offer.

I want you to know that you are a member of the greatest Fraternity the world has ever known. I am convinced that being a Freemason is a special blessing granted by our Creator. More-



Grand Master
M.:W. Donald Ellis Strehle

over, you are a Virginia Freemason, carrying the lineage of arguably the most notable Freemasons in America. Being a Virginian is extremely special. Okay, I admit it, I am biased, but I believe we are the best of the best and uniquely ordained to shape the future of men and their families here in Virginia and beyond.

good character and their families. Yes, in most cases their families come with them. We are here, not only to make ourselves better men but to strive to Unite All Mankind.

Let us return to our purpose. We are in the business of making Master Masons. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are over one million men between the ages of 18 and 34; surely 200,000 of these are good men. We all understand that good men come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and ages. We profess that Freemasonry unites men of all sects and cultures. We are doctors, plumbers, stay-at-home dads, and even a few bankers. In order to survive and thrive, our Lodges must mirror the communities in which they environ. We must become a truly diverse Masonic mosaic. Know that we are in a fight for our very future. What got us here, will not get us to where we need to go. Change is necessary and change is inevitable. Admittedly, change can be hard, but the most successful people and organizations in life do not deny change, they embrace it.

Some will tell you that Freemasonry will bottom out and membership will springing back. Past generations may have witnessed the numbers drop and rebound, but I tell you that we now are at a critical tipping point in our existence and spring back is not inevitable. It is solely up to this generation to take action and make the upward turn in our membership a

reality. This is the calling of our time; this must be our cause; this is our turn to steer the ship. We are in a fight for the future of Virginia Freemasonry and a more civil and genteel society. The fight for better men, better families, and



You may ask, what is the benefit of raising more Virginia Master Masons? The benefit is in creating a more civil and caring society for all mankind to enjoy, and also, to perpetuate the Fraternity to advantage future generations. We can accomplish this by extending welcoming hearts and hands to men of

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a civil society is the noblest of causes. With this in mind, I have set forth three goals for the year 2023:

The First Goal: Increase the number of Virginia Freemasons.

Let us make more Master Masons. They say in business and life that "you are either growing or you are dying." I want Virginia Freemasonry to live. By doing so, we will make our communities and world a better place to be. During 2023, our goal will be to raise one thousand two hundred new Master Masons. This is more than double our recent acquisition rates of around five hundred thirty per year. When we reach this goal of one thousand two hundred new members, we will achieve positive membership growth in Virginia Freemasonry for the first time in over fifty years.

Let me share that I applaud the Committee on Work for understanding that it does not matter how a good man gets into the Lodge; what matters most is the morality we teach him and that he receives light upon arrival. I believe that a man can fully come into Freemasonry by the teaching of the catechisms, the alternative advancement method, or a One Day Conferral. As an appropriate analogy, there are three ways an individual can become an officer in the United States military. Right Worshipful Marc Hone helped me to understand that you can become an officer by attending one of the United States Military Academies (as he did), you can attend Officer Candidate School or go through an ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program. All three are acceptable to the United States military. The Academy and our Catechisms might give you a slight advantage, however that advantage disappears quickly if you do not perform. What is most important is that we teach our ritual, not only for memorization, but rather for understanding. Education is the key to

creating a Master Mason. Twenty-six years ago, I became a Master Mason in the first One Day Conferral ever held in Virginia. I instantly became hooked on our ritual and its meaning, so have and will many others. I understand that our ritual is the glue that binds us together and excellent ritual helps to create a healthy Lodge. It is what makes us "us."

To accomplish our goal of one thousand two hundred new Master Masons, we will hold a One Day Conferral on April 29th in many of our Districts around the Commonwealth. That date is approaching all too fast, so work must begin today. We all know many good men who should be part of the greatest organization the World has ever known. So, let us go to work and avail those good men of the opportunity to join the ranks of Virginia Freemasonry.

This year we will introduce a new program of mailing information about our Fraternity to men you will identify from their integrity and standing in your community who could be considered for Freemasonry. We will mail two informative letters to them about the Craft, including who to contact and how to learn more. The District Deputy Grand Masters will share additional details.

As a small incentive, any Master Mason who is the top-line signer on three petitions for membership of men raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason will receive a personal letter of appreciation from me and a paperweight inscribed with my key and theme, "adunatio omnis hominibus," meaning "uniting all mankind." Moreover, we will recognize those who reach that achievement in front of their brethren at next year's Grand Annual Communication. The key is a symbol of access and opportunity and will be given as a thank you to those who have gone above and beyond in paving the way to enlightenment for new Masonic Brothers. In addition, I will grant Certificates of Merit

to the top five petition signers for their excellent achievement and formally present them at next year's Grand Annual Communication.

The Second Goal: Increase the visibility of Virginia Freemasonry through a Year of Community Service.

As Freemasons, we are obligated to "do good unto all." Charitable relief is sewn into the very fabric of our being. Every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. We are bound together by Faith, Hope, and Charity, but more especially Charity. Therefore, I will issue a Proclamation declaring 2023 a Year of Community Service. The proclamation will require that all Virginia Lodges complete a minimum of five acts of community service during the Masonic year. My preference, however, is for the performance of one act of kindness directed toward fellow community citizens each month, beginning with December and concluding by next September for a total of ten.

These acts can be as simple as serving a meal at the local food kitchen, delivering clothing to a women's shelter, buying holiday gifts for needy children, supporting a little league baseball team, or delivering a meal to the police officers who work the night shift. Each District Deputy Grand Master will share a list of one hundred Acts of Community Kindness that could be performed by our lodges, many of which will take little or almost no time at all. Moreover, I ask that you invite other members of the Masonic family, such as our youth groups or appendant bodies, to join in the fun of your community service.

Completing acts of charity is very simple; it is like washing your hair, just rinse and repeat. As we accomplish this mission, we will touch the lives of thousands of our citizens here in the Old Dominion. Completing my goal of one thousand eight hundred acts of kindness

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will help in "Building Bridges" to our communities and, thereby, fulfilling our obligation to "do good unto all." In doing so, we will also be answering the claim upon our kind offices, by relieving others in need.

Lodges that report completion of Ten Acts of Community Service will be recognized next year at the Grand Annual Communication and presented with the "George H. Chapin Award for Building Bridges." This award honors Most Worshipful Brother Chapin, Grand Master of Virginia Masons in 1999, whose theme was "Building Bridges" to unite men and communities, thereby eliminating the barriers that divide and would otherwise hold men at perpetual distances. Together we will deliver on his motto which was "Justice, Mercy and Humility." These acts of kindness will bind us together, in common purpose and improve the visibility of Virginia Freemasonry. They help will us to become "A Force for Good" by "Investing in Mankind."

The Third Goal: Support Virginia Masonic Youth Organizations and Appendant Bodies.

Four years ago, Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr. asked Lodge members to visit a Job's Daughters Bethel, Rainbow for Girls Assembly, or DeMolay Chapter, or invite them to visit your Lodge to give a youth presentation. This program was very successful in creating general awareness of Masonic Youth Organizations among our members. Now available on the Grand Lodge of Virginia website are informative PowerPoint and video presentations for use in helping our Brothers gain further knowledge about our youth organizations.

This year, in addition to visiting or being visited by the youth and providing your financial support; I am asking you and your family members to consider volunteering time in serving a Bethel,

Assembly, or Chapter as a leader, better known as a Mom or Dad. We have many great Masonic leaders and family members, who have worked tirelessly in support of our youth. Men such as Most Worshipful Louis K. Campbell and women, like my mother-in-law Virginia Dodge, have positively impacted the lives of so many young men and women. They have given a lifetime of service to our youth programs.

I know that there are many in attendance here today, who work with our youth. If you have in the past or are now working with a Masonic youth group - please stand, so we may recognize you. If you have not had the pleasure of serving as a mentor or leader for one of our youth organizations, I promise that your life will be immeasurably improved by the experience. Report your volunteer service to your District Deputy Grand Master in order that I may recognize you for your good work. I know that many of you are not close enough to a youth group to volunteer your time, so I ask you to consider determining how your Lodge might assist in starting a new Bethel, Assembly, or Chapter.

I have two additional requests for the support of our youth. One, encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and your friends' children to join one of our Youth Organizations. Their lives and yours will be positively impacted forever. Do not tell me they are too busy, so were all three of my daughters. They were involved in girl scouts, cheerleading, multiple sports teams, performing arts, academic clubs, homework, and church programs - they did it all. Yet, they still had time to participate in Job's Daughters, as did my wife, Mary, and me. I share with you that I would not trade one minute of my time as Associate Bethel Guardian or Associate Grand Guardian for anything else. Please consider volunteering.

Two - I am committed to the goal of raising \$60,000 for The Virginia Ma-

sonic Youth Foundation, a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization within the Grand Lodge of Virginia to support all Masonic Youth Organizations.

To encourage contributions, I have created a program called, "The Tie That Binds." I have commissioned the creation of 600 silk Masonic neckties. The tie will be worn by the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers during this Masonic year and are available as gifts for Brothers who contribute \$100 to The Virginia Masonic Youth Foundation. The cost of producing the ties has been given as a contribution to the foundation, so the Brother's entire donation will be tax-deductible. I'm pleased to report that the tie production cost was generously provided by the Brethren of Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42, with whom I have some familiarity. I am announcing the first donation, my personal donation to procure twenty-seven ties for my team the "Bankers" and the Grand Lodge elected and appointed Officers.

This will be "The Tie That Binds" us to our Virginia Masonic Youth. To facilitate the program, each District Deputy Grand Master has received ten ties to be presented to any Brother who makes a \$100 tax-deductible contribution. Please consider obtaining a tie or making a donation in support of our youth. Perhaps you would like to match my donation; however, every dollar large or small will help our Masonic Youth. To summarize, in support of our youth, I am asking you to visit, volunteer with, and help finance our Masonic Youth, and encourage young people that you know to join.

Throughout the remainder of this year, I will share with you the value of joining an appendant organization, such as the Eastern Star, Amaranth and others. Do not forget to invite an appendant body to participate with your Lodge on

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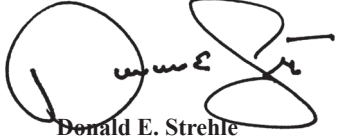
one of its service projects. Masonic Family is not just a saying, it is a way of life. A life worth living. Thank you for allowing me to share my top three objectives for the Masonic year of 2023.

We have an unequaled inheritance as Freemasons and as children of the Supreme Architect. Yes, you are a Freemason and child of God. That is quite an inheritance you have got there. Before we can make more Master Masons, improve our standing in our communities, and build a future for our Masonic Youth, we need to fully recognize what Freemasonry means to each of us. Your personal "Why Freemasonry" may be the enjoyment of unbiased and unselfish friendship, the delivery of our beau-

tiful ritual, the deep pleasure of helping others, the mysteries of our proud history, or the chasing of greater enlightenment. Whenever you are within three feet from someone else you should be ready and unashamed to tell them why you are a Mason. Your Masonic elevator pitch, your WHY, may well be different than mine. It is yours. Only when you contemplate and clearly articulate your WHY, will the HOW in bringing other good men to Freemasonry become possible.

You see, I firmly believe that there is someone in this room that can positively change the trajectory of Virginia Freemasonry. Most likely, there are several individuals, multiple individuals in this very room who can positively change the trajectory of Virginia Freemason-

ry forever. I need you to lean in. It has been said that the best way to predict the future - is to create it. If you lead, the village will follow. Well, the time is now, and that leader is you. You are a Freemason and child of the Supreme Architect. Now go out and see that you live up to your inheritance. With your help, I believe that our best days lie ahead. Remember three simple things: Membership Today, Charity Always, Youth for Tomorrow. May God continue to bless you, this great country, and our Masonic Family. Thank you.



Donald E. Strehle
Grand Master

Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle Itinerary 2023

January		Lodge
7	KENA Installation	Officers with Past Grand Masters Adkins, Parker, and Golladay.
13	Official Visit District 10	Lunch provided for Officers and their Ladies
14	Official Visit District 11	22 Mount Vernon, George Washington's Tomb Birthday Wreath Laying
17	SP & I Meeting	7:30 a.m.
18	GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting	24 Division Leadership Conference, Norfolk at 6:30 p.m.
20	Division Leadership Conference, Keysville 6:30 p.m.	25 Division Leadership Conference, Newport News at 9:30a.m.
21	Division Leadership Conference, Richmond 9:30 a.m.	25 Khedive Potentate's Ball
21	11:45 AM to 1:30 PM - Full Rehearsal- Cornerstone Laying (Location - after Division Leadership Conference in Richmond) for elected Grand Lodge Officers, all 2023 appointed Grand Lodge Officers and, if available, Past Grand Masters Adkins, Parker, and Golladay.	
27	Norview Lodge No. 113	
28	Division Leadership Conference Fishersville at 9:30 a.m.	
29-31	Grand Lodge of United Grand Lodge of England	
February		March
3	Four Temples Meeting	3 Division Leadership Conference, Roanoke 6:30 p.m.
4	Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778	4 Division Leadership Conference, Abingdon 10:00 a.m.
9	Grand Court Order of Amaranth	10 Official Visit Districts 36 & 56
10	Division Leadership Conference, Manassas 6:30 p.m.	11 Official Visit District 33 Norfolk MacArthur Memorial
11	Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria 9:30 a.m.	12 Tall Cedars Wreath Laying at GW tomb 1:00 p.m.
13	Washington and Henry Lodge No 344 100th Anniversary	13 Haymarket Lodge 313
14	SP & I Meeting	14 SP & I Meeting
14	South Norfolk Lodge No. 339 100th Anniversary	15 GLO & MAHOVA Meeting
15	GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting	17 Official Visit District 14
17	Official Visit to AW22 240th Anniversary Grand Masters and their Guests portrait in GW chair	18 ACCA Potentate's Ball
17-22	Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America	20 Catawba Lodge No. 342 Fincastle
20	Monday - 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM - Walk through rehearsal of Cornerstone Ceremony on site at the GW Memorial before the 3:30 p.m. re-enactment of Cornerstone Laying. All elected and appointed Grand	24 Official Visit District 16
		25 Scottish Rite Workshop 9:00 a.m.
		25 Official Visit District 17
		31 Official Visit Districts 6 & 7

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- April**
- 1 Kena Potentate's Ball
 - 3 Westhampton Lodge No. 302
 - 6 Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347 100th Anniversary
 - 9 Easter Sunrise Service George Washington Masonic Memorial
 - 11 Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288
 - 13 Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
 - 15 OES - Blue Lodge Picnic at Kena Shrine (Noon)
 - 15 Official Visit to District 3 (Evening)
 - 18 SP & I Meeting
 - 19 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting
 - 20 Shipley Scholarship Golf Tournament
 - 21 Official Visit District 42 & 43
 - 22 Cornerstone Laying Called Communication Campbell Lodge No. 316
 - 28 Official Visit District 9
 - 29 Job's Daughter Leadership Workshop - Alexandria Scottish Rite
 - 29 One Day Conferral - Statewide

- May**
- 1-2 Grand Lodge of New York
 - 3 Mentow Lodge No. 180 - Harvey Johnson Night
 - 4 Grand Commandery 200th Anniversary parade
 - 5 Grand Commandery GM speaks 9:00 a.m. Friday
 - 6 Kazim Potentate's Ball
 - 11 South Hill Lodge No 297
 - 12 Official Visit District 57
 - 13 Official Visit District 20
 - 15-18 Grand Lodge of Indiana
 - 19 Official Visit District 5
 - 20 Masonic Home Ambassador Conference 9:00 a.m. to noon
 - 20 Official Visit District 2
 - 21-23 OES Grand Chapter
 - 26-29 Memorial Day Weekend

- June**
- 2 Official Visit District 24
 - 3 DeMolay Grand Master's Class Luray Fire Department Luray Caverns
 - 5 Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
 - 8 Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
 - 9 Manasseh Lodge No. 182 Strawberry Festival 6:00 p.m.
 - 10 Official Visit District 8
 - 13 Henry Lodge No. 57
 - 16 Official Visit Districts 37 & 38
 - 17 Official Visit District 22A & 22B
 - 20 SP&I Meeting
 - 21 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting
 - 23-24 Rainbow Grand Assembly
 - 24 Official Visit District 19

- July**
- 2-6 Imperial Session Shriners International, Charlotte, NC
 - 7 Official Visit District 40
 - 8 Official Visit District 41
 - 11 Chickahominy Lodge No. 286
 - 13-16 Job's Daughters International Ferrum College
 - 14 Official Visit District 39

- 18 SP & I Meeting
- 19 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting
- 20 James Stanley Johnson Golf Tournament 10:00 a.m. tee time
- 21 Official Visit Districts 15A & 15B
- 22 Official Visit Research District - Peyton Randolph No. 1774 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Official Visit District 29
- 26-27 Job's Daughter Supreme Session Wisconsin
- 28 Official Visit District 12
- 29 Saturday DeMolay Annual Conclave Christopher Newport University

- August**
- 1 Springfield Lodge No. 217
 - 3 Berkley Lodge No. 167
 - 4 Official Visit District 21
 - 5 Fredericksburg Lodge celebrating George Washington raised as a Master Mason (Saturday)
 - 8 Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
 - 11 RJSA School 9:00 a.m. Official Visit District 25
 - 12 Official Visit District 4
 - 15 SP & I Meeting
 - 16 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting
 - 18 Official Visit Districts 47 & 49
 - 19 Official Visit District 44
 - 20-23 Scottish Rite Biennial Session
 - 25 Official Visit Districts 48 & 50
 - 26 Official Visit District 45
 - 28 Meridian Lodge No. 284 Masonic Home 12:00 noon
 - 28 Spotsylvania Lodge No. 26

- September**
- 1 Official Visit District 35
 - 2 Hiram Club of Tidewater & Norfolk MacArthur Memorial
 - 7 Norfolk Lodge No. 1
 - 7-10 MASA in Virginia Beach
 - 15 Official Visit District 27
 - 16 Prince Hall Grand Annual Communication
 - 18 Herndon Lodge No. 264
 - 19 SP & I Meeting
 - 20 GLO & MAHOVA Board Meeting
 - 22 Official Visit District 31
 - 23 Travelers of Washington DC 43rd Anniversary and Installation 6:00 p.m.
 - 27 Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
 - 28-30 Scottish Rite Conference - Alexandria Valley
 - 30 Wreath Laying at ANC- Alternate Day

- October**
- 6 Masonic Home Board of Governors Retreat
 - 7 Masonic Family Day
 - 8 A Day to Give Thanks at ACCA
 - 10 Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
 - 14 Wreath Laying at ANC First Choice/Official Visit Districts 1A & 1B
 - 17 Concord Lodge No. 307
 - 19 Stated Communication at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
Grand Master of West Virginia will be present.

- November**
- 2 Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
 - 3 AW Lodge No. 22 presents Portrait of Grand Master at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
 - 7-12 Grand Annual Communication in Richmond





Summary - Grand Lodge - 2022
244th Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
November 11 – 12, 2022

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 244th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday's session included the Address to the Grand Lodge of Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins, Past Grand Master.

James Noah Hillman and Seymour Jonas Levy Award recipients were announced. For the Lodges that qualified, the awards will be presented by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they have been prepared and mailed to the DDGMs in 2023.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother John Michael Ahearn, Jr., a member of Spurmont Lodge No. 98.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Worshipful Roland Bailey of Occoquan Lodge No. 310.

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

The Report of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia was presented and approved. The report of the Finance Committee was given, and the budget for 2023 was presented and approved.

Friday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall not extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Benemerito Ejercito de Oriente, F. & A.M., of the State of Puebla, Mexico and the United Grand Lodge of Georgia." This resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful James Dean Cole and adopted.

On Friday morning immediately after calling off for lunch, the Jurisprudence Committee held an open session to discuss the two Resolutions up for consideration. In the Friday afternoon session, Resolutions 22-01 and 22-02 were considered and adopted by the voting delegates. Committee meetings were held at 3:30 P.M., and a banquet for the delegates and distinguished guests was held on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M.

At the public session on Saturday morning, November 12, 2022, the two John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented to Right Worshipful Robert Garland McBride, Past Master of Tidal Wave Lodge No. 273 and Most Worshipful Lewis Robert Youngblood, Past Grand Master of the Grand

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Lodge of West Virginia. The George Washington Distinguished Service Award was presented to Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, Past Master of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.

Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton, on behalf of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, presented the Howard K. Smith, Sr. Leadership Award for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation to Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

At the conclusion of the public session, the Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 10:30 A.M.

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

OFFICERS GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA 2022 - 2023

MOST WORSHIPFUL DONALD ELLIS STREHLE	Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JACK KAYLE LEWIS	Deputy Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GARY DWIGHT HUFFMAN	Grand Senior Warden
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MATTHEW TODD SZRAMOSKI	Grand Junior Warden
MOST WORSHIPFUL REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR.	Grand Treasurer
MOST WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS VERNON JONES	Grand Secretary
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GINO WARREN WILLIAMS	Grand Senior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ROY MICHAEL MCKENNEY	Grand Junior Deacon
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PHILIP NIEMANN RHODES	Grand Marshal
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL PAUL BIBLE	Associate Grand Marshal
WORSHIPFUL JOHN WELDON FRANK	Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL AUBREY HOWARD MASON, JR.	Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LEE JACKSON SLOPPY	Associate Grand Chaplain
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DOYLE LEE MILLER	Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL JEAN KING	Assistant Grand Lecturer
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN ALEXANDER GILES	Grand Provost
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOHN NICOLAS MALLIARAKIS	Grand Pursuivant
WORSHIPFUL TRAVIS SANCHEZ HILLIARD	Grand Purveyor
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BOBBY GALE REECE	Grand Senior Steward
WORSHIPFUL ARIEL ILANO ALCANTARA	Grand Junior Steward
WORSHIPFUL FRANCIS REED BROWN	Grand Organist
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
WORSHIPFUL LUKE ANDERSON GIANNINI	Grand Tiler

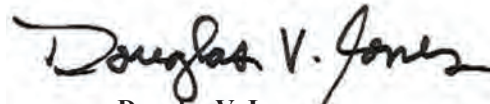
The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle, announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful John Brantley Baber, Right Worshipful Lambros George Deligan and Right Worshipful Sheldon B. Richman.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were two hundred eighty-one Lodges represented, with five hundred ninety-nine attendees registered by the Committee.

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

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2023, unless sooner convened in an emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Douglas V. Jones
Grand Secretary



Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle 177th Grand Master

Donald Ellis Strehle was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1956. He is the third son of the late Frank E. Strehle and the late Thelma G. Strehle. Brother Strehle moved to Newport News, Virginia at age seven and graduated from Denbigh High School in 1974. He graduated from Radford University in 1978 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He moved to Arlington, Virginia where he began his banking career in 1979 with Continental Federal Savings Bank and attended Commercial Lending School at the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business. His last position with Continental Federal, now SunTrust Bank, was Senior Vice President in charge of commercial and consumer lending. Later, he held the management position of Executive Vice President with F&M Bank Northern Virginia. In 2005 he was named Regional President for BB&T, administratively responsible for six hundred employees, eighty financial centers, \$6 billion in deposits, and one hundred and forty thousand client households in Northern Virginia.

Brother Strehle was made a Master Mason in Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42, Arlington, Virginia, on October 19, 1996, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity. He served as Worshipful Master in 2001. He has been Cherrydale-Columbia's Lodge Trustee since 2002 and served as Treasurer for fifteen years. He also holds membership in A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Research Lodge No. 1949. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 54 in 2008. He served as Grand Senior Steward in 2012 and also served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance for eleven years. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State of Bahia, Brazil, near Virgin-



**Grand Master
M.:W.: Donald Ellis Strehle**

ia. Brother Strehle was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2016.

Brother Strehle is a member of the Valley of Alexandria, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2019. He holds membership in Arlington Royal Arch Chapter No. 35, Arlington Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar, Kena Shrine Center, and was invested Knight of York Cross of Honour in 2021. He is a Past Patron and current Trustee of Unity Chapter No. 201, Order of the Eastern Star, Falls Church, Virginia. He served as Treasurer of the OES Home Board of Governors from 2009 to 2015 and is a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 1, Arlington, Virginia. He served as Grand Chaplain, 2006-2007 and Associate Grand Guardian of Virginia, Job's Daughters International, 2013-2014. He has served as the Treasurer of the Masters' and Wardens' Association for Masonic District 54 for sixteen years

and is Vice-President of the DeMolay Foundation of Virginia. Brother Strehle is also the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor and is a member of the National Sojourners, Incorporated, Hampton Roads Chapter No. 6, and a member of the Washington and Lee York Rite Sovereign College.

Brother Strehle has also been very active in the community. Within Northern Virginia, he is a Past Board Member, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia; Past President, Northern Virginia Community College Foundation; Award Recipient and Member of the Door Opener Society; Board Member, Radford University President's Business and Economic Advisory Council; Former Member, Bailey Crossroads Rotary Club; Life Member, Prince William Chapter/Northern Virginia Building Industry Association; Past Member, Northern Virginia Association of Realtors; Past member of Arlington Jaycees, Past Chairman of the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern Virginia, former Vice-Chairman of Capital Hospice and served on the Foundation Board for INOVA Health System. He is an active member of Cherrydale United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities, and presently a Trustee and Chairman of the Finance Committee. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing golf at Washington Golf and Country Club where he is a member.

Brother Strehle is married to the former Mary Lee Dodge of Arlington. They have three daughters, all Past Honored Queens of Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters, Arlington, Virginia. Sara is married to Dr. Kevin W. Duke, and they have two children, Thomas and Emily Duke; Laura Ellen is married to Brian Kobler, and they have a daughter, Luella Kobler; and Lee Anne is married to Stephen Bradley Weiss.

Roy Michael McKenney Grand Junior Deacon

Roy Michael McKenney was born September 9, 1958 in Lottsburg, Virginia. He has spent his entire life in Northumberland County in Virginia's historic Northern Neck. Brother Mike graduated from Northumberland High School in 1976. He received an associate degree from Rappahannock Community College and a Bachelor's Degree from Mary Washington College (now University). He received his Juris Doctor Degree from T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. After graduation, he joined the law firm of Smith, Murphy and Taliaferro. In 1995, Brother Mike was elected Commonwealth's Attorney. While Commonwealth's Attorney, he started the Multi-Jurisdictional Grand Jury for the Northern Neck where he served as special prosecutor for drug investigations in the region.

In 2009, Brother Mike was elected Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the 15th Judicial District of Virginia. He served in that capacity until the Virginia General Assembly elected him to Judge of the Circuit Court in 2016. Since his elevation to the Circuit Court, Brother Mike presides over a Drug Court specialty docket which he was instrumental in beginning in 2018. While in college and Law School, Brother Mike served as Legislative Aide to Delegate W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr. from 1983 through 1990. While working with Delegate Murphy, some of the most significant environmental legislation in



**Grand Junior Deacon
Rt.: Wor.: Roy Michael McKenney**

Virginia history was adopted, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Brother Mike was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 6, 1991, in Heathsville Lodge No. 109, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1998, 2017, 2019, and 2020. He is affiliated with Westmoreland Lodge No. 212, where he is also a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as Worshipful Master in 2007. Brother Mike was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District in 2011. He served as Grand Senior Steward in 2020-2021. He also serves on the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence. Brother Mike is

a member of the Valley of Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and was invested Knights Commander of the Court of Honor in 2014. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Richmond Valley's Childhood Language Center. He also holds membership in the Westmoreland Royal Arch Chapter No. 41.

In the community, Brother Mike is a life member of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Charter Board Member of the Northumberland County Little League serving as President for 3 years. He previously served as a Board member of Church Resource Services, Inc., a multi-church organization created by the DuPont Fund to help rural churches in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties. He also served as Treasurer of the Northumberland County Red Cross. Brother Mike was appointed by Governor Mark Warner to serve on the State Water Control Board from 2008 to 2011. During his service, the Board adopted stringent water quality standards.

Brother Mike is married to the former Almeda Hundley. Almeda is the daughter of the late Ralph W. and Verne V. Hundley. Brother Ralph was a past-Worshipful Master of Heathsville Lodge No. 109 and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 9. Mike and Almeda have a daughter, Caroline, and a son, Patrick. He attends St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Brother Mike is an avid runner who enjoys reading and time with his family.



Stepping Off Toward A Stronger Fraternity

Right Worshipful Paul A. Miller

“Membership growth must be our number one priority.” This call to action from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Donald E. Strehle, set the tone for the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters as he introduced his vision for Virginia Freemasonry in the coming year.

“Goal number one for 2023 is to raise one thousand two hundred new Master Masons and, thereby, creating the first positive year in membership growth in fifty years.

Now is the time to listen for the knock at the door of Freemasonry and open it to men of good character. Together, we must open that door to perpetuate the legacy given to us.

We have much to offer the world, but we need to bring good men through the West Gate to do it. I know that good men are looking for what we have to offer; we need to extend the open hand of Masonry to them and show the way.

I believe it is essential that we encourage good men to join us for the health of our Fraternity and the betterment of our communities and the Commonwealth.

The question for each of us is: “what can we do to help make this vision a reality?”

We have many opportunities to encourage good men to join us, including raising public awareness of our Lodges through community service projects, having updated and informative web-

sites and social media accounts, and encouraging members to talk about Freemasonry with friends and family who are good candidates for the Fraternity.

It is very important that every Mason be prepared to provide a brief answer to questions from the public, such as “What is Freemasonry?” or “Why are you a Mason?” These spontaneous interactions are often the best opportunity we have to turn idle curiosity into genuine interest in the Fraternity. Then every Lodge should have a process in place to actively guide suitable prospects when they decide that they want to be a part of our Fraternity.

Once good men have been accepted at the ballot box, we have the responsibility to provide them with an enriching degree experience followed by thorough and well-structured instruction to bring these candidates to a full understanding of the important moral lessons within the degrees and the symbolism and allegories associated with them.

The opportunity to provide that enriching degree experience will include conducting a One-Day Conferral on April 29, 2023, in each district throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The One-Day Conferral is an opportunity for candidates to receive and participate in the three speculative degrees while receiving individual assistance and mentoring from a Brother assigned to guide him through the day’s process of participating in the Masonic ritual of the degrees.

After the day of the Conferral, every newly raised Master Mason will work with his Mentor and other Lodge instructors to reinforce the lessons of the degrees, followed by what he needs to know to become an active, participating and productive member of his Lodge.

Membership engagement and retention begins early in the process of receiving the degrees and becomes even more important after a Brother has been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. That is when his curiosity and interest is at its peak, and he is the most receptive to learning more about the Fraternity and finding his place in Lodge among his Brethren.

This is how the One-Day Conferral becomes part of a long-term growth strategy for your Lodge: by raising good men to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, followed by a mentoring process, which makes them into well-informed Brethren of the Craft. Imagine every Lodge with a group of active and engaged members, who are encouraging good men in their circle of friends and family to consider membership. These are certainly the foundation stones for building a stronger Fraternity.

When should we take action to improve the membership trend in our Lodge? Who is the right man for the task? The time is now, and the person is you.

Take part in the One-Day Conferral, April 29, 2023.

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words:
“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

Norman Vincent Peale

Grand Lodge Reunion Table Lodge

Right Worshipful Gerald L. Frey

What is the Grand Lodge Reunion Table Lodge? The Masonic desirability of a social dinner is as old as the Freemasonry we know. In 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed to revitalize the Lodges in and around London, one of the reasons given was, "To revive the quarterly Communication and hold the Annual Feast." Many historians claim this Annual Banquet was the most important move made by the new body. And a short time later, the Grand Master directed there be installed "the old, regular and peculiar Toasts and Health's of Freemasons."

Within Virginia, the Founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was united by its Subordinate Lodges, seven of which continue to this day; Norfolk No. 1, Kilwinning Crosse No. 2-237, Blandford No. 3, Fredericksburg No. 4, Saint Tammany No. 5, Williamsburg No. 6, and Botetourt No. 7. Annually these Lodges assemble to remember the founding and founders of the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States by way of the Grand Lodge Reunion Table Lodge. As the event implies, fellowship and inspiration are blocks that make this worth the effort. Our guest speaker was no other than Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, who looked for the participants to engage their membership, and the Craft at large.

It should be noted that not only were the original Lodges represented but several Lodges besides joined in the festivities, Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and brand-new Master Masons found the Reunion an experience to be looked forward to next year.

Saint Tammany No. 5 hosted the Table Lodge as a two-fold event: first to continue the Grand Lodge Reunion gathering, and secondly to provide a forum for its continuation and its future organization. As an event, it was successful in each of its accords.



Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, delivering a very well received speech, both engaging and inspiring.



Worshipful Brian W. Cooke fielding questions from the participants after a four course meal provided by Saint Tammany No. 5 and its culinary staff.



Several of the participants stayed to immortalize the Table Lodge, most whom were Masters, along with distinguished guests.

Virginia's Masonic

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Now and then one's perspective on and appreciation of the Craft can be enhanced by picking up an older "Masonic" book.

Masons deem many varied and diverse topics as "Masonic Education." Some promote good business practices, budgets, planning, and fundraising. Others dig deeply into the "Ancient Mysteries," the occult. Many find guidance and solace studying the Craft's rich symbolism. Yet others delve into Freemasonry's origins, sources, and history. A few proudly memorize the Methodical Digest.

Illustrious Allen E. Robert, 33°, prolific author, historian, semiotician, and devout Freemason yet constant critic of the Craft, here firmly advocates that "leadership" holds the key to curing the Craft's ills, not always in the most friendly manner.

Roberts maintains that few Lodge Masters earn the title Worshipful. He complains that Masonic wealth flows uphill to appendant bodies to the detriment of Symbolic Lodges. He denounces the adherence to Christianity required by the Knights Templar offends Masonry's embrace of all sincere believers; Scottish Rite caps that offend the Fraternity's prohibition of honors and violate the lessons of the level. Most Brethren have no idea what the ritual means, he tells us. Grievances abound. From Roberts' gripes emerge his commitment and dedication to the timeless verities of the Craft.

Roberts wrote these pieces for oral presentation. While he injects statements like, *No one has all the answers, everyone knows things nobody else does, but no one knows everything*, he holds forth with his positions firmly. One imagines him pacing back and forth before his audiences, gesticulating emphatically, haranguing his listeners with his enthusiasm for the Craft.

As a Masonic Jeremiah, his view of Craft education emphasizes organization, perceptive recognition of talent, and preference for teamwork over burying goals in moribund committees. For example:

Let us look at the five essential steps in organizing. They are:

- Determine duties
- Assign responsibilities
- Assign authority
- Determine relationships
- Determine personal relationships.

He warns: Now a word of caution. "Yes men" are usually popular. They seldom get in trouble. They get promoted more often than their counterparts. Of course, they often let their bosses get in trouble (you can find examples every day in the newspaper). They seldom complete a job, and rarely do they create anything. Does this mean depriving the genial unifier a place at the table of Masonry?

Nevertheless, you must follow the laws, rules, and regulations of your Grand Lodge. But these should be used as a ladder, not a crutch. You must be a Constructive Leader and constantly grow other leaders. You should work toward attaining the purpose for the existence of Masonry – to make good men better. (emphasis in original).

So what of the Bothers, who quietly and without compensation, mow the Lodge grass, cook our meals, bring a cake to every meeting, or love to participate in fundraising? After all, leaders need followers.

Brother Roberts very helpfully offers his vision of the "ideal Lodge" that can result from conscientious and dedicated leadership. When Roberts offers specific, concrete suggestions to improve the Masonic experience he is at his best, as shown by this passage:

Because it is not interested in numbers only, the ideal Lodge will see that no man receives the degrees until he knows what Freemasonry is and is not. An Indoctrination Team will visit every petitioner. It will meet with him and his family. It will tell him what is expected of the man, if he is accepted into the Lodge. It will answer their questions truthfully and fully. This means that the fellows on this Team will be top-notch Freemasons. They must know what Freemasonry is all about. It also means some petitioners will learn this Order is not for them. It does mean that those who believe it is what they want, can become the life-long active Master Masons we should be seeking.

The Lodge Educational Officer, Historian, or someone designated by the Master will see that the new member has Masonic literature to read and study. He will be given a good Masonic publication before he leaves the Lodge on the night he is raised. He will be told where and how he can obtain more Masonic books and literature. In an ideal Lodge, this will be no problem. It will have an excellent Masonic library.

There is plenty of work to be done in the ideal Lodge. There is no reason for any member not to have a job he will enjoy doing. Most active men are not interested in being just a body on the sidelines. They want to participate in some way. This is one big reason so many Lodges have such small attendance. Too



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For Leadership
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many members do not feel they are important. The ideal Lodge will see this does not happen.

Yet, how many Worshipful Masters obey their charge at installation to share just a bit of the Constitutions of Masonry at each stated?

Unless there is a drastic change within the Craft, there will be no recognizable Freemasonry within two decades, ominously, Roberts prophesizes: (emphasis in original).

He explains: We are referring to the thinking and actions of far too many men who know little or nothing about Masonry but who are placed in positions of leadership. We are referring to leaders who work for nothing but titles and self-glorification.

We are referring to those dubious leaders, who surround themselves with men who know less than they do. This is one of the greatest mistakes a leader can make. This ensures the continuation of mediocrity.

There can be no dedication without education.

In other words, there can be no attentive ear without the instructive tongue. Mediocrities cannot and will not enjoy the privilege of leading an “ideal Lodge.” So, **WITHOUT EDUCATION THERE CAN BE NO DEDICATION.** Inevitably, it follows that **THERE IS NOTHING MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IGNORANCE**, Roberts shouts at his readers (listeners).

Roberts tells the story from the biography of the much-neglected Masonic author, Joseph Fort Newton. During the Civil War, his father, a Freemason and

Confederate, was captured by Union troops. When he became deathly ill, he made his Masonry known. A federal officer and Freemason nursed him back to health and gave him money and a gun, so he could get home to Texas.

Joseph Fort Newton, deeply impressed by this act of generosity, petitioned a Lodge and went on to enrich the Craft with books, articles and sermons.

During a stormy Masonic meeting, Newton calmed the waters, saying:

Freemasonry’s simplicity, its dignity, and its spirituality sustain me in all that I try to do and permit me to forget the incredible pettiness of mind that we sometimes encounter, sustaining me and enabling me to join hands with my Brethren everywhere, to do something, if it be only a little, before the end of the day, to make a gentler, kinder, and wiser world in which to live.

The last third of *The Search for Leadership* includes a number of homilies, histories, and exhortations that would make excellent Lodge programs; that is, they provide Masonic education.

One such presentation comes from James Noah Hillman, a name well-known to Virginia Freemasons:

I am appalled. Yes, shocked, to put it mildly at the near-sightedness of my Masonic Brethren who are associated with the Grand Lodges for asking the question, “What is the matter with Masonry?” ...

They have long forgotten that the Subordinate Lodge cannot exist without a Grand Lodge, but a Grand Lodge cannot exist without the Subordinate Lodges. ...

When you try to make yourself important, you are only important to yourself, but when you help a Brother, you become important to others. The first is buried with you – the second you leave behind.

Another piece, titled “What should we say when asked about Masonry?”, after the usual clichés, suggests:

Proclaim that Freemasonry, in its very effort and purpose strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society, and through its teaching, seeks to make good men better men. You can proudly state that the basic ethical principles as exemplified in our ritual and Lodge Work, are such as are most acceptable to all good men; they are lessons based on the golden rule, tolerance toward men, respect for one’s family, charity towards all and being true to God for his gracious and numerous teachings.

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

Throughout *The Search for Leadership*, Brother Roberts, with obvious relish in his curmudgeonly and “controversial” reputation, grabs his readers, as successors to his listeners, and verbally thumps them with love for the Craft and hope for its future. He hands out no trophies for just showing up. In spite of a few anachronisms², his commitment, dedication, and benevolence towards his Brethren remain beacons for the present and, one hopes, posterity. One hopes the time has arrived to pick up his gauntlet

1. Echoes of such positions found their way into Andrew Hammer’s *Observing the Craft*, published in 2010
2. Such as the audio-visual tools used in his personal presentation

Grand Annual Com



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presented at the altar.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presenting a rose during the Lodge of Remembrance for the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presents the Reid James Simons Award to Worshipful Roland Bailey.



Worshipful James L. Hermansen-Parker being presented the Gift of Life Award by Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presented the Gift of Life Award.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presents Most Worshipful Lewis R. Youngblood, Past Grand Master of West Virginia, the John Blair Medal.

Communication 2022



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. receiving the DeMolay Award at the Grand Annual Communication.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. with Virginia's Youth Leadership.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. receiving his Past Grand Masters Certificate from Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presenting Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones with the George Washington Distinguished Medal.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. presenting the John Blair award to Right Worshipful Robert McBride.



Grand Master James W. Golladay, Jr. in a light hearted moment with the Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Doyle Miller.

Virginia Rainbow

Lorkin Kelley, Grand Worthy Advisor in Virginia

As our Grand Term continues, Virginia Rainbow continues to stay busy getting girls ready for life. There have been so many exciting events the girls have executed beautifully these past several months.

Rainbow Retreat is an annual fall event where the Virginia Rainbow girls and prospects gather for a weekend of fun and amusement at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, overlooking the Shenandoah Valley. This year, we had four different activities all correlating with four main topics we're focusing on this term: creativity, encouragement, fun, and friendship.

The girls started the day on creativity by designing their own characters using a popsicle sticks, googly eyes, and an assortment of other crafting supplies. After that, the girls learned about encouragement and how to be there for both themselves and for others. With our focus on mental health this term, this was an opportunity for Virginia Rainbow to be taught together about how we can all be there for one another. The girls then went on a fun adventure throughout Camp Overlook completing different activities that required group participation. Finally, after the adventure was done, girls had one more test of friendship. Each team was given a list

of small tasks that they could complete for extra points; however, each task had to be signed as completed by one of the many adult advisors in attendance. By having many of our adult advisors in attendance the girls were able to meet and identify Moms and Dads they never met or said hello to before. This enhanced learning additional self-confidence and social skills in how to approach a new person.

Virginia Rainbow's Assemblies have been busy with initiation of new members this fall. Almost every Assembly either has (as of the submission of this article) or is planning to initiate at least one new member before December. Ashburn Assembly No. 11 held an initiation for three new members and had the honor of having both Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and Ms. Laura Babbitt, Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star, in attendance. Seeing representation of other Masonic bodies at our events is always such an honor, and we are so grateful to have had two remarkable officers present at one of our initiations.

The Assembly members also came together to raise money and provide

volunteers and support to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), our service project for our Grand Term. Both in Richmond and Tysons Corner, Virginia Rainbow participated in the annual walk on behalf of mental health, known as NAMI Walk. Virginia Rainbow was able to raise over \$2,000 in support of this event and provide numerous volunteers to assist the organizers and participants at both locations. The girls assisted with distributing snacks, water, decorating for the event, and had the opportunity to listen to the organization's leaders, supporters and the shared experiences and stories as to why and how this event and organization provides much needed support to those in need of assistance with mental health issues. Once the walk began, the Rainbow girls were put in charge of cheering on the walkers and keeping spirits high throughout the event.

In closing, our local Assemblies have also been very busy with their own specific service and charity projects, and it would take pages to details all their individual efforts. We invite all Master Masons and their wives to attend any of our local or state events and meetings. You are always welcome in our Assemblies.



2022 Virginia Rainbow Retreat at Camp Overlook.



L-R: Noelle Fox, Reagan Wheeler, Lois Carpenter, Elise Hogleund at the NAMI Walks in Richmond.



L-R: Laura Babbitt, Grand Worthy Matron Virginia OES; Rainbow Members and the New Initiates of Ashburn Assembly No. 11; Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

Applied Psychology In Masonry

Right Worshipful V. M. Burrows

It has been said that Freemasonry is the handmaiden of philosophy. It has thus been well defined, in consideration of the old mysteries and other ancient organizations on which the superstructure of modern Masonry has been formulated.

I believe that a study of the modern books of psychology and personality development will awaken a keener desire to interpret the philosophy of Masonry, as observed within the Lodge.

The place to study men is in our own minds. When we know ourselves thoroughly, we shall also know much about others. In the first degree of Masonry we are told that we should learn to subdue our passions and to improve ourselves, in Masonry. My own interpretation is, that we should learn to control the emotions and to improve our minds by wholesome relationship with other men.

This learning to improve our relationship with other men is highly desirable. And learning to control the emotions is a means by which we develop a better personality and attract the cooperation of others.

When we teach, we learn. That is the way in which men grow distinguished, and that is the only way, by serving somebody other than themselves.

Cooperation is the secret of personal success. Individual effort is not sufficient for the attainment of success. We shall only be deceiving ourselves if we believe that we can succeed without the cooperation of other people. Success is a matter of individual effort only to the extent that each person must decide in his own mind, what is wanted. From this point on, achieving success is a matter of skillfully and tactfully inducing others to cooperate. It is a teaching

of Masonry that we should induce others to serve us because of our willingness to serve others.

As individual Masons, we should question our routine of living and our personal philosophy of life. If a noble purpose runs through all that we do, ours will be an honorable part wherever our lives touch the lives of others.

We are today where our thoughts have brought us; we shall be tomorrow where our thoughts take us. We shall become as small as our controlling desire; as great as our dominant aspirations. The character of our thoughts should be such as to help us to improve ourselves, aided by our Masonry.

Our thoughts control the tone of our words. If our thoughts and our actions and our words harmonize, we are bound to influence those with whom we come in contact, more or less toward our way of thinking.

It is not so much what we say, as it is the tone and manner in which we say it, that makes a lasting impression. It naturally follows, therefore, that sincerity of purpose, honesty, and earnestness, must be placed back of all that one says, if one would desire to make a lasting impression upon men. Masonry is the great vehicle of that desirable personal training.

It is only when we speak with the fire of enthusiasm in our hearts, that we may impress men favorably. It is only when we speak from a heart that is bursting with belief in our message, that we can move men to accept that message.

When we teach, we learn. That is the way in which men grow distinguished, and that is the only way, by serving somebody other than themselves. For that reason, the opportunity of furnishing assistance to candidates in the learning of their ritualistic lessons is highly important.



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Lodge Services

Right Worshipful Donald Cunningham

The Lodge Services Committee would like to encourage the officers of each Lodge to have some serious conversations about all aspects of engagement that occur within and outside of your Lodge. Hopefully, this self-evaluation will spark some interest in seeking out Resources that are available on Grand View and other places to change things up and try something new. Some small changes in the engagement Continuum can have positive larger rippling effects in how the Lodge operates, as improvements start one step at a time, and build on each other.

Engagement is really the only word that can be used in almost all of the situations that the Craft is facing. When you boil down the regular problems seen in Lodges of low attendance, losing members, not gaining new members, poor ritual, inability to fill a Line, unexpected financial problems due to poor planning, etc., it almost always can come back to a breakdown somewhere in the Brothers not being as engaged as they could be. An active engaged Lodge can plan for the future, deal with unexpected problems, train future Leaders, spend time with new members showing them the ropes, so they feel more comfortable being in the Lodge, get involved in various projects, be seen in the Community, have social events outside the Lodge, and generally click along; and when you don't have engaged members, the wheels start to fall off. Think of the engagement level as being a thermometer, just like the plywood signs that you see in front of

the local Volunteer Fire Department showing their fundraising progress. The Lodge's level of engagement is essentially your report card, in whatever aspect you are looking at.

Engagement is definitely a process that is interconnected and stretches over time. While you can break it down to look into different steps, or areas of concern, what happens on the left is going to impact what happens on the right. The applicant needs to feel engaged in Masonry, and this particular Lodge is something that he wants to pursue. What he is seeking is up to him, and the Lodge needs to find a way in return to engage with the applicant by offering him the product. When the applicant becomes a Brother, the Lodge needs to engage each member to make them feel invested in the Lodge. This goes beyond the Catechism Mentor that has brought him to this point, as it is the responsibility of all the Brothers to help. It is a lonely feeling as a new Brother sitting alone on the sidelines, not understanding some of the Masonic Etiquette.

No job or assignment should be considered too little, or unimportant, as they all help the Lodge in one way or another. If the Brother does not see anything for himself beyond the stated communications, he will not be an active and engaged member. Every Brother is different, some are ritualists and will make fine Line Officers and Mentors; but many others seek a different path on the sidelines to help the Lodge in wanting to prepare the meals before the stated, give a five minute talk on a Masonic

subject each month, coordinating connecting with the community with hands on projects, others would like to supervise the collections of canned goods for a charity, some would love to take on the additional roles needed for the Master Mason's Degree, others would be happy to paint the kitchen, or do yard work.

A lot of Masons do not like to have Lodges described as being a business, but they are and have to be seen as businesses. The potential Applicant is a new customer seeking something to spend his time and money on. The current member is a returning customer who was satisfied in the past, and now needs to feel that the current selections on the menu are still good enough for what he wants to continue to spend his time and money on. Any business knows it is easier to keep an existing customer, than it is to find a new customer. As a Craft, we cannot afford to have members become less interested and start to fall away when there are things that can be done to keep them interested. The menu needs to be refreshed from time to time; a great resource can be found in the Handbook on Lodge Community Service Projects on Grand View. Each page of the document is devoted to a specific project, easily broken down into the concept, overview, and implementation guidance. It is all laid out for the Lodge, so you do not have to recreate the wheel in coming up with something new.

To paraphrase President John Kennedy, ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but what can you do for the Lodge?

Breaking The Ice

Brother Edward Tooma

During my travels from one institution to another to give talks, I sometimes encounter a strange reception. I remember one time very vividly when I entered the Lodge, everyone seemed to be of the starched collar generation. You know, not very friendly. I thought for a moment - what am I to do? The first thing that came to mind was to overlook the stares and go directly to the Worshipful Master and introduce myself. And then, do likewise to as many of those stiff-collared Masons as I could. In doing so, I proudly introduced myself and told them where I hail from, the name of my Lodge, and my purpose for visiting. I was now beginning to feel somewhat more relaxed.

I call this breaking the ice. I found that these fellas aren't as straight-laced as they pretended to be. It is more or less a facade, but it can be scary. I tell you this because it might happen to you.

Once the Lodge opened, I was then invited to give my talk for the evening. My program was entitled, "Working Together As A Team To Spread More Light." As I was walking to the podium, I felt all eyes watching me, but I kept telling myself, I needed for this performance to be my best.

Then I remembered what our Brother Norman Vincent Peale said. "You Can If You Think You Can." Oh, how happy I was when I finished my talk, not one mistake. And what a nice round of applause I received. You can do likewise. Just prepare yourself for the unexpected, and do not let any barrier hold you back from giving it your best shot, regardless of where it might be.

So next time you are invited to give a talk at a Lodge you have never stepped foot in, break the ice.

DLC 2023

Keysville

January 20, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Richmond

January 21, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Fishersville

January 28, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Manassas

February 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Alexandria

February 11, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Norfolk

February 24, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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February 25, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Roanoke

March 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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March 4, 2023
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 Bro. Oscar Gordon Jennings
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 Bro. Raynard Cardascia

Area Masonic Ritual Schools - 2023

Name	Location	Date(s)	District(s)
Kidd/Lupton	Salem	Feb. 23-24-25	22A,22B,24
Charles A. Sinclair	Fairfax	Mar. 23	4
Ben Clements/James McFarland	Martinsville	Mar. 6-7-8	38, 39
Ira Curtis Hudson	Onley	Mar. 9	12
James Alfred Butts, Jr.	South Hill	Mar. 18	27
Charles Eldon Fulgham	Windors	Mar. 21-22-23	31,33
James Boiling Myers	Midlothian	Mar. 22-23	16, 29
Richard E. Loving	Culpeper	Mar. 25	7, 10
Wickham/Smith	Clifton Forge	Mar. 25	20
Campbell Area School	Rustburg	Mar. 27-30	21, 24, 25, 37, 38
Debusk/Sheally	Pembroke	Mar. 27-28-29	40-41
Willard D. Monk	Tazewell	Apr. 4-5-6	45
C. Frank Hicks	Chesapeake	Apr. 8	36,56
James Henry Parkerson, Jr.	Kempsville	Apr. 10	36, 56
Kennedy/Simpson	Waynesboro	Apr. 14-15	19
Lokie Leo Voight	Front Royal	Apr. 4	3, 5, 6
William Hiram Wood	Alexandria	Apr. 15 & May 20	1A, 1B
Lewis Q. Moore	Abingdon	Apr. 25-26-27	45, 47
Showalter/Strock	Blacksburg	Apr. 26-27-28	40, 41, 42
C. A. Whitted	Buckingham	Apr.	17
Henry C. Wallace	Wise	May 15-16-18	48, 49, 50
Dr. Walter A. Porter	Galax	May 16, 17, 18	43
Steward Arthur Deem	Norfolk	May 20	35
Ashby Wade May	Bedford	June 26-27-28-29	22A, 22B, 24, 25
Elmo J."Bo" Norfleet	Portsmouth	June 27-28-29	33
E. Tyree Mountcastle	Williamsburg	Sept. 5-6-7	57
Kenneth O. Shelton	Ashburn	Sept. 9	2
Leonard Shelby Hughes	Burkville	Sept. 16	27
Johnson/Rowell/Dungan	Kinsale	Sept. 16	8, 9
Robert Lewis Gibbs	Richmond	Masters & Wardens	15A, 15B, 16
L. N. Criddlin	Jonesville	Sept. 18-19-21	49, 50
C. S. Revell/B.D. Hudson	Newport News	Sept. 19-20-21	14
Edward Page Henry	Hopewell	Sept. 25-26-27	29,
Lon Norman Dooley	Lebanon	Oct. 2-3-4	44, 47
Starks/Baumgardner	Bland	Oct. 9-10-11	41, 42
Lokie Leo Voight	Front Royal	Oct. 14	3, 5, 6
James Noah Hillman	Gate City	Oct. 16-17-18	48, 49, 50
Joseph T. Stewart	Courtland	Oct. 24-25-26	31, 33
O. B. Omohundro	Gordonsville	Oct. 28	7, 10
Charles T. "Bucky" Gilbert	Marion	Oct.	42, 43, 44

****Reid James Simmons Academy Roanoke Scottish Rite Aug. 11-12 Statewide
 ** = Name Change
 **** = To Be Determined

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.

Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Bro. Chris Jones, Omar Lodge No. 226, Prince Hall Lodge; Wor. Matthew Frakes, Rockingham Union No. 27.

Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 organized a "Cheers for Charity" fundraiser for Detective Gavin Lam of the Harrisonburg Police Department at Pale Fire Brewing Co.

Detective Gavin Lam, 33 years of age, of the Harrisonburg Police Department, suffered a sudden and debilitating stroke. He is married with a three-year old son and a newborn daughter, who was born two days after he suffered his stroke.

Unfortunately, the stroke has severely affected Detective Lam's career with the HPD. Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 has a deep respect for the support and protection of our local police, fire, and rescue services and felt extremely motivated to do whatever we could to help raise money for Detective Lam and his family.

The "Cheers for Charity" fundraiser was an immense success and is estimated to have raised approximately \$7,000. A check will be presented to Detective Lam and his wife before the Rockingham Union No. 27 stated meeting.



L-R: Wor. Troy Cooper Painting, Rt. Wor. Eugene Russell Bane, Wor. William George Collins, and Wor. Gregory Eugene Bane.

Worshipful William George Collins was presented with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award by Day Lodge No. 58. Right Worshipful Russ Bane made the presentation.



L-R: Bro. Victor K. Jenkins, Rt. Wor. Eugene R. Bane, Bro. William E. Mundy, Rt. Wor. Grant P. Routzohn, Rt. Wor. Harvey L. Fleshman, and Rt. Wor. Arleigh H. Rice, Jr.

Brother William Edgar Mundy was presented with his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award by Day Lodge No. 58, at his home.



L-R: Rt. Wor. Ray Heinrich, Wor. Bill Robertson, Bro. Willie Thomas "Bill" Hadden, Jr., Mt. Wor. James Golladay, and Rt. Wor. James Bowyer, Jr.

A 70-Year Veteran's Award was made to Brother Willie Thomas "Bill" Hadden, a member of Marshall Lodge No. 39. Brother Bill was raised in Lakeland Lodge No. 190 November 25, 1952. He affiliated with Marshall Lodge No. 39 on March 6, 1962. Most Worshipful James Golladay Jr. presented the Award, assisted by Worshipful Bill Robertson and Worshipful Bill Pearson. Among those present were friends living at the Summit retirement home where Bill has resided for several years.

Brother Bill has been blind since his early 30s and his companion "Sammie," although a female, she wears an apron in Lodge.

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Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R: Rt. Wor. Jack K. Lewis, Wor. Matthew Frakes, HPD Police Chief Kelley Warner, Det. Gavin Lam, and Kasey Lam

Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 presented Detective Gavin Lam (and his wife Kasey Lam) with a check in the amount of \$5,200, from the proceeds from a fundraiser held by Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27. Detective Lam is a member of the Harrisonburg Police Department. In April 2022, Gavin suffered a debilitating stroke at the young age of 33. Gavin and his wife Kasey, have a 3-year old son and a newborn daughter.

Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 was able to raise \$5,200 to help support Detective Gavin and his family by initiating a "Cheers for Charity" fundraiser at Pale Fire Brewing Co. In Harrisonburg local business and individuals helped sponsor this event. Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 continues to be actively involved in the local community and plans to continue to support local causes.



The Town of Stanley sponsored their yearly "Craft Fair and Block Party" which Magnetic Lodge No. 184 took part. Right Worshipful Brian Bosley set up a table and display, utilizing newly received banners from the "Not Just A Man. A Mason" campaign and gave candy, to trick-or-treaters. This was the Lodges first year participating and received strong feedback and had over four hundred visitors to the stand.

During this event, Magnetic Lodge presented Chief of Police Ryan Dean the Community Builders Award by Right Worshipful Brother Bosley. Chief Dean was celebrating twenty-eight years in law service. Chief Dean has led the town of Stanley for more than ten years. During Chief Dean's tenure, he has provided a steady and constant leadership especially during the times of a fellow officer being killed in the line of duty.



Youth Night at Springfield Lodge No. 217. Our Lodge has sponsored two Youth Groups; Springfield Assembly No. 14, IORG and Woodlawn Chapter DeMolay for many years.


We had Worthy Advisor Elect Abby Nystrom and Junior Councilor Hammie Sebastian speak about their respective Youth Groups at the Lodge. Worshipful Kevin Torres welcomed them and the Lodge made a donation to each youth group.

This shows the Lodge's commitment in supporting the Masonic Youth Groups and fulfilled, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr.'s Proclamation.




L-R: Rt. Wor. Harvey Spurlock, Wor. Harvey W. Payne, and Rt. Wor. C. Ray Davis.

The Certificate of Appreciation for Worshipful Brothers' Paynes' forty years of service to Temperanceville Lodge No. 121 as its Secretary could not be more profound. We are so very grateful and proud of Worshipful Brother Payne for his many years of service to our Lodge.



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Masonic Awards and Recognition



L-R [front]: Wor. Tom Hardin, Wor. Wayne Donahoe, Wor. Greg Johnson, Wor. Lanny Smith, Wor. Bob Cosby; L-R [middle]: Wor. Bob Humrich, Rt. Wor. Cleve Wright, Rt. Wor. Joe Rose, Wor. Russ Jeffries; L-R [back]: Wor. Bo Bohannon, Rt. Wor. Steve Anderson, and Wor. Bob Parke.

A Past Masters Night at Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 all Officer positions were filled by Chickahominy Lodge, with Right Worshipful Steve Anderson presiding in the East. Each Past Master was given a short time to tell of their time in the East and the over forty Masons in attendance enjoyed the trips down memory lane.



Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, was the keynote speaker for the Annual Ladies' Night held at South Hill Lodge No. 297.



L-R [front]: Bro. Chris Rakes, Wor. Clifton Mullins, Bro. Gary Turner, and Bro. Roy Mullins. [back]: Wor. John Kendrick, Bro. Shane Wallace, and Bro. John Wilmot.

Worshipful Clifton Mullins presented Brother Gary Turner his 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Award.



Worshipful Neal Britt of Thomas Jay Traylor No. 348, on the right, presented his 70-Year Masonic Veteran's Award from the Grand Lodge of Arizona to the Most Worshipful Hubert W. Cocklin of the Grand Lodge of Arizona (1991).



At the South Hill Lodge No. 297 Annual Ladies' Night, Jonathan Tozzi was presented a Grand Master's Eagle Scout Certificate.



Worshipful Neal Britt and Brother Bill Harvey of Thomas Jay Traylor Lodge No. 348 presented the Community Builders Award to the Lynchburg Area Veterans Council. The LAVC coordinates the various missions of all local Veteran groups.



L to R: Rt. Wor. Roger Gibson, Dr. R. Merrick; Bro. Steve Turner; Rt. Wor. Mike Matei; Rt. Wor. Dave Carl; P.G.M. of MD. Kenneth Wyville; Rt. Wor. Bob Clore; Bro. David Simcox; and Rt. Wor. John Miller.

Barboursville Lodge No. 112 presented a check for \$1,500 to Orange County Free Health Clinic. The check was presented to Dr. Randy Merrick, who helped organize the Clinic, donates his time to patients and serves on the board. This donation was made possible through the generous contributions from our first Annual Fish Fry.

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-BY BRO. ROBERT ADKINS, ADMINISTRATOR
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I also get meals on wheels daily.

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-Mary Ann Hanson, Norfolk, VA

*CURRENT 2022 OUTREACH STATS

- Over 2500 hours of support provided
- Over 900 home-delivered meals
- Needed medical supplies are shipped directly to the participant, including nutritional supplements
- Participants span from districts across the entire state; from far southwest, to Richmond, to Tidewater & Northern Virginia.

**stats are as of October 2022*

The program is coordinated with the support of local area agencies on aging located throughout the state, and leverages existing offerings in the candidate's community, such as those provided by governmental and non-profit organizations. It also can provide healthcare and other basic services within the home, as well as respite care when needed. The local area agency on aging near the participant's residence partners with home healthcare companies to provide medical staffing support.

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If you are aware of a Masonic brother, wife, or widow who would benefit from our Outreach Program, please contact the Admissions Office of MAHOVA at 1-800-262-4644, ext. 77295.

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

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Jack K. Lewis	Joppa Lodge No. 40		Joppa Lodge No. 40



Masonic Home of Virginia

Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January - 2023		
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1/5	Judith Shook	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
1/6	John Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/15	Leslie Kahn	Monitor Lodge No. 197
1/15	Richard Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
1/17	Howard Floyd	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
1/19	Richard Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
1/23	Mildred Johnson	Dupont Lodge No. 289
1/25	Betty Long	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
1/26	Donald Carver	Varina Lodge No. 272
1/26	Virginia Phipps	Seaboard Lodge No. 56
1/27	Blaine Lenhart	Chase City Lodge No. 119
1/27	Gordon Paschall	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/30	Doris Larson	Manchester Lodge No. 14
1/31	Frances Walton	Richmond Lodge No. 10
February		
2/1	Joan Setliff	Barboursville Lodge No. 112
2/12	Ramona Ridgeway	Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
2/13	Fay Gardner	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/14	Gypsy Rollings	Wakefield Lodge No. 198
2/23	Faye Moore	Doric Lodge No. 44
2/23	Richard Neiswander	Chester Lodge No. 94
2/24	Marshall Messimer	Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
2/25	Joyce Deputy	Oriental Lodge No. 20
March		
3/1	Thomas Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
3/2	Chester Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
3/5	Frances Coleman	Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344
3/5	Mildred Colgin	Varina Lodge No. 272
3/6	Georgeen Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
3/7	Althea Hinson	Elmer Timberland Lodge No. 54
3/9	Richard Bradley	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
3/12	Steven Sanford	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
3/13	Carol Vickers	Churchland Lodge No. 276
3/18	Patricia Graves	Chesterfield Lodge No. 161
3/24	Jeffry Smith	Nansemond Lodge No. 77
3/26	John Pierce	Norfolk Lodge No. 1
3/28	Jean Taylor	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
3/30	Lois Motley	Richmond Lodge No. 10

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January - 2023		
N/A		
February		
2/18/1984	Richard and Helen Wadkins	Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
2/19/1974	Carter and Oza Bell	Arlington Lodge No. 102
March		
3/5/1966	Leslie and Zada Lea Kahn	Monitor Lodge No. 197
3/8/1963	Thomas and Mary Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
3/9/1963	Garland and Marcella Campbell	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
3/24/1989	Jeffry and Shirley Smith	Nansemond Lodge No. 77

New Residents

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/1/2022	Faye Moore	Berkley Lodge No. 167
8/30/2022	Shirley Robinson	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
September		
N/A		
October		
N/A		

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/16/2022	Frances Bailey	Westhampton Lodge No. 302
8/26/2022	Mary Lee Peroe	Northside Lodge No. 292
September		
9/21/2022	Gloria Edelin	Manchester Lodge No. 14
9/29/2022	Helen Lape	Cloverhill Lodge No. 253
October		
10/15/2022	Margaret Barton	Wytheville Fraternal Lodge No. 82
10/19/2022	Clarence Lewis	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131



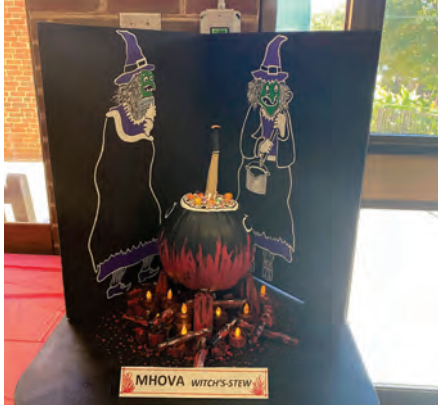
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Kanawha Canal Cruise.



Hank Lythgoe with his 50-Year certificate.



Winning resident pumpkin made by B Wing Residents.



Residents painting.



Jean Taylor painting for the pumpkin contest.



Residents and staff looking at the pumpkins in the decorating contest.



Residents at a retirement program.



Jane Harrison on the NuStep.



Florence Edmonds and Grace O'Connell enjoying lunch from Sally Bells.



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