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

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The Grand Master's Message

This year, I hope to build upon two initiatives that were emphasized by Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor in 2018. Most Worshipful Brother Taylor asked our Brethren to “replace yourself” by bringing another good man into this wonderful Fraternity. During our 2018 Division Leadership Conferences and through Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (S.L.O.T.), he identified the need to better prepare our Lodge officers for the responsibilities that accompany the position of Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

In the coming months, with the assistance of our District Deputy Grand Masters, we will focus our efforts on “Building Better Leaders” in the Craft; for it is my belief that “Every Freemason Is A Leader” and should strive to demonstrate that daily. An adherence to the tenets of our Institution, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, provides men the road-map to become better husbands, better fathers, better brothers, better sons, better neighbors, better friends, and better coworkers. Living in accord with our cardinal virtues, - Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice – enables us to model a lifestyle that will make every one of us leaders in our community, leaders in our workplace, and, most of all, leaders in our homes.

Our first focus will be on growing the membership and the Virginia Masonic Family. By utilizing the Grand Lodge’s brochure “For Your Information,” we will seek to inform men of character, moral men, about the opportunities that come with membership in this great Fraternity. With that approach, Virginia Masons will not only share my Masonic story but, more importantly, THEIR Masonic story with a friend, relative, or coworker, and offer to help them better understand the rights and benefits of Freemasonry and why we do not solicit members.



Jack Kayle Lewis
Grand Master

I also challenge all Virginia Masons this year to explore opportunities for growth by joining another one of the Masonic Bodies or groups within our Virginia Masonic Family, known as our “Plus One” campaign. This will involve presentations at every Virginia Lodge by members of at least two Appendant Bodies or associated groups within our Virginia Masonic Family to inform them of the opportunities that await them as they continue their Masonic growth. The lessons and teachings within all of Freemasonry are beautiful and uplifting, and the expansion of your circle of friends and Brothers is most rewarding. In 1981, I joined the Scottish Rite in Lynchburg and was so impressed by



the degrees I received in that beautiful temple and the majesty of the costumed degree team. Recently, my participation in the National Sojourners taught me that we are never too old to learn and experience more of what Freemasonry has to offer.

Our second focus will be on developing leaders within our subordinate Lodges. All Lodge Brothers must be greeted and engaged in the activities of their Lodge by energetic Masters and Wardens. We will resume in-person Lodge Officer Training in every district, coordinated by the District Deputy Grand Master and his two partners: the District Instructor of Work and the District Education officer. For our Lodges to be healthy, our leaders must not only be proficient in our beautiful ritual but skilled in the etiquette, decorum, and protocol of the Fraternity. Our Worshipful Masters must commit to providing a meeting environment that is educational and enlightening and a community presence that shows the world who we are and what we do.

Virginia’s Masonic Youth Groups need our support not just financially but, far more importantly, the involvement of Virginia Masons who commit their time, energy, and enthusiasm. The recent formation of our Masonic Youth Foundation and the extremely effective fundraising effort this year spearheaded by Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle can only yield meaningful results if Masons step up to the challenge before us. Our priority must be to continue strong support in the areas where we currently have Bethels, Assemblies, and Chapters, and to bring these wonderful opportunities to the rest of the Commonwealth.

I have challenged our District Deputy Grand Masters to determine if they have the resources (primarily willing adult leaders) within their district to establish a Masonic Youth Group. In

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some areas of the state, two or more districts could come together to make this a reality and, in doing so, experience the revitalization of their Lodges where the infectious energy of an Assembly of Rainbow for Girls, a Job's Daughters Bethel, or a DeMolay Chapter or Club would spill over into the membership.

If these two priorities are not practical, then every Virginia Lodge must find a way to offer meaningful support – not just financially, to prove we care about the youth of today. We must show our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow and model for them the teachings of our Fraternity and the importance of servant leadership.

Our fourth area of focus will be a renewed commitment to our tenets and cardinal virtues. This past year, many of our Lodges and Brethren experienced the joy which accompanies acts of brotherly love and relief in their communities. This year, we will strive to build on this momentum as we demonstrate to the world what Freemasons do best. Additionally, I will ask every Lodge to identify the need and provide an act of service to the benefit of one of its widows and one of its members. I am sure many of our Lodges will do more to meet these objectives.

We must also look to our cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, and the third tenet, Truth, to guide and direct our actions.

The lack of civility that is so pervasive in society today cannot be allowed to infect our sacred retreat of Friendship and Brotherly Love. It is our duty to hold each other accountable for our actions, and, more importantly, we must hold ourselves accountable. One of the greatest enemies of truth in society today is the practice of blind loyalty – the application of situational ethics, where we assess the issue by simply looking at who is involved and not what has truly occurred. This mindset is inconsistent with the teachings of Freemasonry and our solemn obligations.

Recently, I asked the incoming class of District Deputy Grand Masters to watch an award-winning motion picture with me as a study in leadership. Together, we viewed "Saving Private Ryan," the story of a squad of Army Rangers from their landing on June 6, 1944, on Omaha Beach in Normandy, through their assignment of a seemingly impossible mission. The squad, commanded by Captain John Miller, was tasked with locating and returning to safety Private James Francis Ryan, whose three brothers had all been killed in the same invasion. This critically acclaimed film portrays what can be accomplished through strong leadership once all commit to the objective.

Today, our new District Deputies receive a Masonic title they will carry with them for the rest of their lives: "Right Worshipful." Today, I too have

been humbled with a new title. Titles like these must be earned by nothing less than our best efforts for Freemasonry in Virginia for the remainder of our lives, not just the next twelve months.

However, the greatest and most valuable title in Freemasonry is gifted to us following our first obligation when we received light in Freemasonry, taken by the hand, and called "Brother."

The last lesson of "Saving Private Ryan" comes from the dying words of Captain Miller to Private Ryan when he says, "Earn this." Private Ryan, unsure of what was said in low breath asks, "What?" and is told, "Earn it."

My plea to you and every Virginia Freemason is to demonstrate to the world your commitment to our tenets and cardinal virtues. In striving to do that every day, the title of "Brother" will be yours because you have EARNED IT!

May God bless you and your families; may God continue to bless our wonderful Fraternity; and may God bless America.

Jack K. Lewis
Jack Kayle Lewis
Grand Master



Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis Itinerary 2024

December 2023			
1	Lodge Official Visit: Purdie No. 170	4	Lodge Official Visit: Bedford No. 244
5	Lodge Official Visit: Marshall No. 39	5	GMOV: 14
9	Lodge Official Visit: Andrew Jackson No. 120	6	Lodge Official Visit: Victory Daylight No. 1778
14	Wreath Laying: George Washington Remembrance at Mount Vernon	6	Shrine: Kazim Potentate's Ball
16	Commandery: Christmas Observance	9	Lodge Official Visit: Ashburn Sterling No. 288
19	Grand Lodge: SPandI Meeting	12	GMOV: 15A and 15B
19	MAHOVA: Winter Solstice Dinner	13	Scottish Rite: Richmond Spring Reunion
20	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting	13	Shrine: Acca Potentate's Ball
20	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting	16	Grand Lodge: SP and I Meeting
January 2024		17	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
5	Town Hall Meeting with District 12	17	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
6	GMOV: 12	19	GMOV: 44
7	Shrine: Kena Installation	20	GMOV: 47 and 49
11	Lodge Official Visit: Lee No. 209	26	GMOV: 8
12	GMOV: 16	27	GMOV: 9
13	Shrine: Acca Installation	28	Wreath Laying: James Monroe's Tomb
14	Shrine: Khedive Installation	May 2024	
16	Grand Lodge: SP and I Meeting	1	Lodge Official Visit: Mentow No. 180
17	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting	2	Lodge Official Visit: Tuckahoe No. 347
17	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting	3-4	Job's Daughters: Leadership Weekend
19	DLC: Keysville	3-5	Commandery: Grand Conclave
20	DLC: Richmond	6	GLONY: Grand Annual Communication
21	Re-dedication Breakfast at Sandston No. 216 and Babcock No. 322	10	GMOV: 27
26	DLC: Newport News	11	MAHOVA: Ambassador's Conference
27	DLC: Norfolk	11	GMOV: 33
February 2024		13	Lodge Official Visit: Dinwiddie No. 136
1	Lodge Official Visit: Staunton River No. 155	14	Grand Lodge: SPandI Meeting
3	GMOV: Research Lodges	15	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
7	Lodge Official Visit: Unity No. 146	15	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
9	DLC: Manassas	17	GMOV: 7 and 10
10	DLC: Alexandria	18	Lodge Official Visit: Lafayette No. 137
15	Amaranth Court	20-24	Eastern Star: Grand Chapter
17-20	Conference of Grand Masters in North America	24	GMOV: 45
20	Grand Lodge: SPandI Meeting	31	GMOV: 5 and 6
21	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting	June 2024	
21	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting	1	DeMolay: Degrees and Dinner
22	Wreath Laying: George Washington's Birthday at Mount Vernon	3	Lodge Official Visit: Polk No. 61
22	Lodge Official Visit: Alexandria Washington No. 22	5	Lodge Official Visit: Princess Anne No. 25
23	DLC: Roanoke	7	GMOV: 11
24	DLC: Waynesboro	8	Wreath Laying: MacArthur Memorial
28	Lodge Official Visit: Great Bridge No. 257	8	GMOV: 36 and 56
March 2024		11-14	GLOVT: Grand Annual Communication
2	DLC: Abingdon	18	Grand Lodge: SP and I Meeting
4	Lodge Official Visit: Snowville No. 159	18	MAHOVA: Summer Solstice Dinner
7	Lodge Official Visit: Cherrydale-Columbia No. 42	19	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
8	GMOV: 3	19	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
9	GMOV: 20	21	GMOV: 22A and 22B
10	Wreath Laying: Tall Cedars of Lebanon at Mount Vernon	23	St. John's Day
11	Lodge Official Visit: Washington and Henry No. 344	28-29	Rainbow for Girls: Grand Assembly
15	GMOV: 29	30	Shrine: Imperial Session
16	Scottish Rite: Workshop	July 2024	
16	GMOV: 17	1-3	Shrine: Imperial Session
18	Lodge Official Visit: Intermont No. 269	6	Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree
19	Grand Lodge: SPandI Meeting	11-14	Job's Daughter's: Grand Session
20	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting	15	Lodge Official Visit: Catawba No. 342
20	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting	16	Grand Lodge: SP and I Meeting
21-24	Shrine: Spring South Atlantic Shrine Association Convention	17	Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
29	GMOV: 35	17	MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
30-31	Commandery: Easter Observance	18	James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament
		19-21	Northeast Conference of Grand Masters
		26	GMOV: 1A and 1B
		27	DeMolay: Annual Conclave and Banquet
		28-29	Rainbow for Girls: Supreme Assembly

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- August 2024**
- 2 GMOV: 21
 - 3 GMOV: 19
 - 5 Lodge Official Visit: Charles Franklin Schuler No. 74
 - 9 GMOV: 48 and 50
 - 10 GMOV: 40
 - 13 Lodge Official Visit: Glen Allen No. 131
 - 16 GMOV: 4
 - 17 Wreath Laying: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 - 17 GMOV: 2
 - 20 Grand Lodge: SP&I Meeting
 - 21 Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
 - 21 MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
 - 23 GMOV: 41

- September 2024**
- 24 GMOV: 37
 - 30 GMOV: 39
 - 31 Widows Sons Masonic Riders: Grand Master's Ride
 - 5 Lodge Official Visit: Churchland No. 276
 - 6-7 DDGM Conference (Gary Huffman)
 - 6-7 Shrine: Fall MASA Convention
 - 13 GMOV: 57
 - 14 GMOV: 24
 - 16-17 Royal Arch: Grand Chapter
 - 17 Grand Lodge: SP&I Meeting
 - 18 Grand Lodge: Council Meeting
 - 18 MAHOVA: Board of Governors Meeting
 - 21 GMOV: 42 and 43
 - 23 Lodge Official Visit: Meridian No. 284
 - 23 Lodge Official Visit: Spotsylvania No. 26
 - 27-29 Scottish Rite: 100th Anniversary Conference

- October 2024**
- 4 MAHOVA: Board of Governor's Retreat
 - 5 MAHOVA Family Day
 - 5 Lafayette Event: 200th Anniversary Gala
 - 7 GLoDE: Grand Annual Communication
 - 11 GMOV: 31
 - 12 Lodge Official Visit: Lake Drummond No. 178
 - 15 Lodge Official Visit: Anderson No. 258
 - 18 GMOV: 25
 - 19 GMOV: 38
 - 24 Lodge Official Visit: Norfolk No. 1
 - 26 Lodge Official Visit: Peyton-Randolph No. 1774
- November 2024**
- 4 Lodge Official Visit: Fredericksburg No. 4
 - 5-10 Grand Annual Communication

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the title of "Brother" will be
yours because you have
EARNED IT!**

Grand Master's Pin

The Grand Master's emblem for 2024 is the shield featuring an eagle perched on the top edge. While this symbol is often associated with the Grand Master's profession, law enforcement, a shield represents far more. Shields were widely used throughout the ages by armed warriors consistent with the common definition of an object that protects someone or something from danger or risk.

As Freemasons, we need to look no farther than the Volume of Sacred Law on our Lodge Altar. We find in the 15th Chapter of Genesis that the Lord called Abraham in a vision saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." The words of David in Psalms 84:11 offer more symbolism,

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

As Virginia Freemasons, we have been given a great set of moral guidelines: the tenets and cardinal virtues that, when followed, shield us from daily challenges to a moral and virtuous life.

The Grand Master's Shield reveals his theme: "Freemasonry – Building Better Leaders." It is our duty to spread Masonic light to others by our actions. Every Mason must be a leader not just inside the Lodge, but in every aspect of their lives, living the lesson of brotherly love and truth as they are leaders at home, at work, in their communi-

ty, and in their every transaction with the world. The Eagle resting upon the shield provides many valuable and relevant life lessons for mankind and is one of the most magnificent examples of beauty and strength made by the Author of Nature.



Grand Master's Biographical Information

Jack Kayle Lewis was born on August 6, 1954, in Danville, Virginia, the son of the late Ben Barker Lewis and Violet Newton Lewis. He was named to honor the memory of his father's younger brother, Jack Kayle Lewis, who was lost in action over the North Sea on July 28, 1943, when the B-17 aircraft he was a gunner in was shot down during a daylight bombing campaign in World War II.

Young Jack grew up in a home near Danville in Pittsylvania County with his parents and two sisters, Pat and Kristie. Summers were spent in activities at Kentuck Baptist Church, youth sports, and tobacco farming—the primary crop of southside Virginia. School days for the Lewis children were spent at Dan River Elementary and then Dan River High School, where Jack graduated in June of 1972 as class president.

After high school, Jack enrolled in Danville Community College in 1973. Over the next thirty-years, he attended four colleges and universities. He was awarded an Associate's Degree in police science from Danville Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice administration from Averett College, and a Master's Degree in sociology from Longwood College in May 2002.

Brother Lewis began his law enforcement career with the North Carolina Department of Corrections in 1974. The following year, he was appointed a police officer for the City of Danville and named "Police Officer of the Year" in January 1977. In 1978, he was employed by the Lynchburg Police Department, serving in a variety of assignments until his retirement as deputy chief of police in 2005. On March 28, 2005, Brother Lewis was sworn in as the chief of police for the town of Apex, North Carolina, and served that community until his retirement in 2013.



Jack Kayle Lewis
Grand Master

During his law enforcement career he attended numerous professional development and leadership programs. He graduated the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University and the Police Executive Leadership School at the University of Richmond. Brother Jack is a life member of the International Association of Police Chiefs and the North Carolina Police Chiefs Association.

Brother Lewis was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Kent Lodge No. 305 on April 28, 1980, in the new Lodge Hall he helped to construct, thus becoming a third generation Master Mason following his grandfather, Artwin S. Lewis (1943), and fa-

ther, Ben B. Lewis (1971). Jack served as Worshipful Master in 1984, 1988, and 2013, and was chosen to represent Kent Lodge when appointed by Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora as District Deputy Grand Master for the 38th Masonic District in 2014. He then served the Masonic District 38 from 2015-2018 as the District Education officer and as Lodge Secretary from 2015-2022. In November 2016, Brother Lewis was appointed Grand Junior Steward for the Grand Lodge of Virginia by Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook. At the Grand Annual Communication in November 2017, Brother Lewis was elected Grand Junior Deacon for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Virginia.

Brother Lewis has been a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Lynchburg, since 1981. He was honored with the title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2019. Brother Lewis is a member of Acca Shrine in Richmond and the James Monroe Chapter No. 549 of the National Sojourners.

Jack Kayle Lewis and Barbara Faye Holland were married on January 4, 1976, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Their son, John Benjamin Lewis, was born in 1981 and graduated from Longwood College and the Florida Coastal School of Law. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and was promoted to sergeant while serving in Iraq in 2005. Tragically, the effects of his service left him with many scars, as he suffered from both Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and a Traumatic Brain Injury. Despite many programs and much professional assistance, he lost his battle on June 8, 2023. Jack and Barbara are the proud grandparents of three: Charlotte Paige Lewis (10), Jackson Bennett Lewis (8), and Holland Angeline Lewis (5).



Lady Barbara's Biographical Information

Barbara Faye Holland was born on October 20 in Danville, Virginia, to John Thomas Holland and Frances Allen Holland. The third of six children, Barbara spent most of her youth in the Keeling community just east of Danville on the family farm. She participated in a wide variety of activities at Dan River Elementary and High Schools, graduating in 1973. She was active in Girl Scouting and in Oak Grove Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and where she and Jack

were married on January 4, 1976.

Barbara was employed by the Kroger Company in both Virginia and North Carolina for thirty-four years until her retirement in 2010. She was recognized for her strong work ethic and dependability, traits she witnessed growing up and working on the farm alongside her father, who, in addition to working every day on their tobacco farm, worked the night shift along with her mother in Dan River Mills to provide for their family.

Barbara has enjoyed collecting antiques for years, a passion also inspired by her father. She loves all the animals on their small farm, which consists of horses, goats, chickens, ducks, a goose, and especially the two Teddy Roosevelt Terriers, Edee and Quentin. She loves growing flowers and trees and the beauty of nature in the spring and fall, a treasured gift from time spent with her Granny Allen.

Lady Barbara's Pin

Barbara's pin for 2024 is, appropriately, a mason jar, filled with colorful flowers and adorned with the Square and Compasses. Mason jars (sometimes called fruit jars) have for centuries been a staple on farms in America. The design of a strong container that could be sealed allowed farmers to harvest and preserve their food for future use and is an example of why proper planning and preparation in all aspects of life are important. The uplifting beauty of the brilliant colors found in flowers has long been recognized as an example of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, giving joy and comfort to his children. It is her hope that this small token might bring a smile to anyone who receives it.



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“The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.”
Vasilios Karpos

Grand Junior Deacon

Brother Michael Anthony Pelletier was born on November 17, 1964 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He is a 1982 graduate of Great Bridge High School. Mike studied Police Science at Tidewater Community College before being hired by the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office in 1983. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, he served in a variety of positions including corrections and court room security. He ended his time at the department as the Public Relations Officer for the Sheriff. In 1987, Brother Mike shifted his full-time career to the family business with his father-in-law, Brother Kirk Woodruff.

Brother Mike led the operation of Cape Construction Co., Inc. as the company President building many custom homes throughout the Tidewater area. He was recognized by the Tidewater Builders Association for excellence in custom home construction. The company continued to expand into land development and multifamily dwellings. This became the property management division of Cape Construction Co. The last division of the company created US Termite and Moisture Control. U.S. Termite served residential and commercial properties throughout the Hampton Roads area. Brother Pelletier served as the President of the Tidewater Pest Control Association, where he was instrumental in leading the industry to higher standards. He was one of the first in the state to complete the Master Technicians Program at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.



Michael Anthony Pelletier
Grand Junior Deacon

In addition to Brother Mike's career endeavors, he has also been active in his community. He served on the Chesapeake Mayor's Youth Committee and the Chesapeake Animal Control Advisory Board. Brother Pelletier also served as a director for the Virginia Beach Adaptive Watersports. He continues to volunteer throughout the summer months with adults and children with disabilities by providing safe and challenging adaptive water sports programs. This group partners with a wide variety of organizations that serve many different members of the local community such as the Wounded Warriors, Chesapeake Parks and Recreational Therapist, The Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation and Special Olympics.

Mike was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 30, 1987, in Doric Lodge No. 44. He later joined Great Bridge Lodge No. 257,

where he served as Worshipful Master in 2014 and is currently the Lodge Treasurer. Brother Pelletier is a Life Member in Perpetuity.

Brother Pelletier was appointed by Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor as the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 36 2018 and appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Work in 2023. He has also served Masonic District 36 Education officer, District Instructor of Work and on the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations.

Brother Mike is a member of the Valley of Norfolk Scottish Rite, Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82, and the Khedive Shrine, and the Khedive Chevy's unit. Brother Pelletier is also a member of the Saint Thomas Conclave-Red Cross of Constantine.

Brother Mike and his wife, the former Susan Diane Woodruff, were married on June 22, 1985, and they have three sons David and his wife Katie, Zachary his wife Katharine and Jacob and his wife Kelsie. Mike and Sue have also been blessed with two grandchildren Madelyn and Ewan Pelletier.

Brother Mike and Sue live in the Great Bridge area of Chesapeake, where they both grew up. They love spending time with family and friends, especially at their waterski club located at Beaver Lake in Eure, N.C. where Mike is a competitive water skier. Mike and Sue also enjoy time with their grandchildren, camping, fishing and time at their barn with horses and miniature donkeys. Mike and Sue are members at Raleigh Heights Baptist Church.

"The Society or Fraternity of Freemasons is more in the nature of a system of Philosophy or of moral and social virtues taught by symbols, allegories, and lectures based upon fundamental truths, the observance of which tends to promote stability of character, conservatism, morality and good citizenship."

H. W. Coil Vasilios Karpos

Community Builders Awards

Worshipful Mark A. Boughner

Colonel Michael R. Binetti currently serves as Chief of Staff to the Superintendent at Arlington National Cemetery, is the troop master of the local Boy Scouts Troop, and embodies many of the ideals we hold dear in Freemasonry.

Colonel Binetti has served in a variety of command and staff assignments. In these positions he has leveraged his experiences in Boy Scouts, in his positions of leadership, and from his life to impart practical knowledge and lived experiences to his soldiers, peers, and leaders, to his Scouts, and to the com-



L-R: Wor. Mark Boughner, Col. Binetti, and Rt. Wor. Jeff Hayes. Col. Mike Binetti receives a Community Builders Award at a special ceremony hosted at Arlington National Cemetery.

munities in which he has resided. Colonel Binetti's career has had operational and combat deployment to Albania and Kosovo, as well as to Afghanistan and Iraq; it is these experiences where his leadership was tested, and his mettle proven.

Outside of his Army life, Mike is a passionate Scout. He is, like his father and his son, an Eagle Scout; he has served as Den Leader and Scoutmaster, and is currently a troop master in Springfield. Mike is not just an ordinary man; he is an exemplar of compassion, resilience, and the indomitable human spirit.

Community Builders Awards

Worshipful Mark A. Boughner

Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge No. 349, has placed significant emphasis on awarding Community Builders Awards in an effort to share the Light of Freemasonry and has leveraged the awards for Lodge philanthropic activities and to highlight leaders of distinction in the Alexandria City area. Recipients align with the Lodge's theme, "On the Shoulders of Giants," and with the Worshipful Master's own service in the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Ed Moore provides significant service, through his non-profit Veterans Fishing Adventures.

Francis "Ed" Moore, exemplifies the qualities of compassion, resilience, and unwavering determination, making him a towering figure upon whose shoulders we all stand. It was his daughter Hailey's innocent question, "Why don't you build a boat to take people like that fishing?" which propelled him into action. Ed founded Veterans Fishing Adventure, an organization that has



Ed Moore receives a Community Builders Award at a special Lodge dinner. L-R: Ed Moore, Rt. Wor. Jeff Hayes, and Wor. Mark Boughner.

forever changed lives. Veterans Fishing Adventure's goal is to alleviate the suffering of wounded veterans and provide them with purpose, camaraderie, and hope.

As a Marine, Mr. Moore faced numerous challenges, however, it was a personal setback, a medical discharge, that set him on a path of profound significance. Instead of succumbing to adversity, Ed channeled his resilience into building a nonprofit organization that empowers and uplifts those who have

served. He invested over \$125,000 of his own money into the project. Battle Boats, recognizing the value of Ed's mission, contributed over \$200,000 of their own resources.

Mr. Moore's impact extends beyond the surface level of fishing trips. Veterans Fishing Adventure creates an environment where wounded veterans find solace, healing, and connection. The trips serve as a means to transcend the limitations imposed by injuries, enabling these heroes to experience the freedom and joy that come with being out on the water. Ed's ability to foster camaraderie and support is a testament to his innate understanding of the power of human connection. His dedication to serving veterans has garnered well-deserved recognition where Ed's work has been a beacon of hope, inspiring others to join his cause and making a tangible difference in the lives of those who have served. The support he has garnered from his community, the contributions he has received, and the lives he has touched all underscore the profound impact he has made.

Artist and Brother Passes Away

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Brother and Artist Edgar Allen Hickman died on July 26, 2023, at the age of 105.

Allen grew up in Clifton Forge watching the construction at the C&O train shops where the trains on the line came for repair. Upon graduation from Clifton Forge High School he took a job in the C&O maintenance shops. He worked there on steam and diesel engines for the next forty-three years.

Retirement gave him the opportunity to follow his passion: painting trains. His pictures have been mostly of steam engines situated in familiar backdrops throughout the C&O (now CSX) system. He has created other scenes that show the evolution of Clifton Forge and its surroundings, such as the Yellow and White Gladys Inn, the Old Forge from which Clifton Forge got its name, the Humpback Bridge, and the original C&O Hospital. All but the Bridge have succumbed to the ravages of time.

His strict attention to detail in his paintings has made his artwork prized possessions and many grace the walls of local businesses as well as the C&O Railway Heritage Center. The local me-



dia recently headlined, "Clifton Forge Artist Still Painting at Age 104!"ⁱ Much of his work is admired for its seemingly photographic depiction of the old mighty steam trains.

Brother Allen was initiated Entered Apprentice in Clifton Forge Lodge No.

166 on 7/25/89, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 1/15/90, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason pm 1/2/90. He attended Lodge faithfully until his eyesight failed shortly before his passing.

ⁱ. Theoldparsonagehouse.com.

Community Builders Awards

Joe Morgan has been involved with Goochland Habitat for Humanity home building since 2015. He has participated in the building of eight homes in Goochland County. A member of the Rotary Club of Goochland, Joe is one of the directors of the flagship service project of the Rotary Club called "The Woodchuckers." Started on 2003, this program provides over one hundred free truckloads of wood to Goochland County residents that still heat and cook

with wood. Also, it is the largest fund raiser for the Rotary Club. They sell mixed hardwood to raise funds for all of the fifteen plus programs that the Rotary Club supports in the county. Last year, they raised over \$12,000 to support the programs and citizens. Donating on average of three hundred plus volunteers hours yearly, Joe lives by the motto "Service Above Self." He is presented the award by Worshipful Daniel L. Linnabary, Dewitt Clinton Lodge No. 141.



Freemasonry: The Issue and the Answer

Right Worshipful Joseph Sakakini

At times, each of us experiences a moment so intense that its memory and lesson linger on. It haunts our minds and recalls us to an insight that we cannot forget. These instances of enlightenment can occur anywhere and at any time.

Most Worshipful Chester R. Macphee, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, relates of such an occasion when he was a child of nine, when he developed a baffling illness which almost ended his life at that age.

One night, at the height of his illness, he had a vivid dream. Sharp and clear, it came to him that he had died and now appeared before a board of admissions to heaven. Among the questions asked of him was what he most wanted. Such a question to a nine-year-old boy under such conditions would undoubtedly produce a number of wide and varied answers. Yet, for reasons best known to the sick child he then was, he said he, "would like to go back for another chance." Of course, when he awoke in the morning, he had that other chance. During his recuperation and for a long time afterwards, the intenseness of this experience lived with him.

It is a certainty that each morning when we awake, God does give us another day to do with as we please. Some men will make war, kill, and maim, often in the name of their religious beliefs. Others will use their day for wiser and more understanding acts. Each of us has a choice. We can build a new or look for someone else to do the job. We can be ordinary or extraordinary. We can serve with diligence and initiative, or, through laziness and self-indulgence, we can excuse ourselves from fulfilling our obligations. Every day we see this crucial decision being made by those around us. In fact, many people make an art of escaping responsibility or of choosing supposed solutions that only confuse the matter. New ideas, plans and proposals often serve as a means to blunt the issue and to evade personal involvement.

Such behavior is not unknown even within the Lodge. In the name of supposed "progress" and backed by a fine show of statistics and data tables, some Brethren lament the present state of Freemasonry and insist that Masonry should be updated, the ritual changed, new ideas developed to increase attendance and an effort made to reach out for new candidates who would be good members.

However beneficial these measures in some cases may be, they must not be cosmetic efforts, shallow excuses that disguise the real problem at stake. Old directions may be true directions. Though changes and new members will not help if the core of the Lodge is weak, if the present brethren do not fully realize the fundamental lessons upon which the Lodge and Freemasonry rest. In such a case, change masquerading as progress is not beneficial. When something is wrong, a step backward is often the first and most vital step to take. We must review our first principles, the very wellsprings of freemasonry before we embrace any substantial change.

If we do this, it seems clear that what is needed and what is absolutely necessary, is to give to the men of Masonry that which brought them to our door in the first place. This, of course, is the desire to learn about Masonry.

The Lodge should once again become the place where a Mason can go to learn about Freemasonry. Too often the ritual is merely a memory recital, rather than an expression of feeling spoken loud and clear for the benefit of the candidate, as well as the audience.

And after the degrees have been presented, then what? Now the candidate is informed that he has received all light, and he is directed to be seated among the Brethren. This is usually the end of his Masonic education.

Here is a man, on one of the most important evenings of his life, thirsting for knowledge. He wants answers to questions, and he wants interpretations of what he has been through. Instead, he is

told, in effect, by the Master, "now you have it all."

But he comes back to the Lodge a few times, anyway, hopefully anticipating there will be information available which will assist him to become the Mason he wants to be. However the officers are busy with their problems and have little time for him. He does not know many of those present. Because the officers fail to speak out adequately, he has difficulty hearing what is going on.

During the meeting there is no discussion about Masonry, its origin, its lessons or the members' responsibilities. He hears reports about various activities, by now, he is too embarrassed to ask anyone about his consuming interest, Freemasonry.

Knowingly or unknowingly, this becomes his first feeling of dissatisfaction with his Lodge. What he came to Masonry for is not available. As a result, his attendance declines, and he may stop coming altogether.

While it is true that the ritual, if well presented, is a solid foundation upon which to build one's own Masonic superstructure, and while it is true that each Mason must find the path to light and truth himself, as some certainly do, it is also true that if Masonry is a progressive moral science, it must be taught. Not all of us are able to digest and to understand quickly the lessons of the ritual alone. To build the beautiful Masonic superstructure we have seen in others, young or old, we need help. If no help arrives, most of us become members rather than Masons.

Clearly, Freemasons do not join a Masonic Lodge solely to attend social activities. These programs should be the by-product of a Lodge rather than the main diet at a stated meeting. If men come to Masonry because they want to learn about Masonry, perhaps to become the kind of Mason they admired, then let us help them to do so, rather than complain about attendance, or age, or a thousand other excuses.

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Visioncasting: Where are we going?

Worshipful James E. Hammond

Brethren, I wanted to take a moment to write to you all across Virginia about the future of Masonry and how excited it makes me. We have done an amazing job remembering and preserving our past: our ritual, our history, our Famous Masons, and even our local history. We spend much time looking into our past and recall, “the good ole days:” the days of full Lodges and Brothers jockeying to be Junior Deacon. We often visit with each other discuss how, “things are not like they used to be.”

This type of mindset has been great for some things just mentioned above, but it has limited our ability to move into the future. I recently attended our Division Leadership Conference and was excited to hear the focus on creating healthy Lodges. We need to stop focusing on the seats that are empty in Lodge and focus more on the seats we occupy. What does this entail?

The beauty of Masonry and its future is: It is in our hands! We must all in our daily lives operate within the compasses and act upon the square. When we act as Masons in our work, in our lives at home, and in our communities, people will see that we are different. They will be drawn to us and want to be like us and to be better men. This will generate opportunities to talk about Masonry and how it has impacted us. How many of you were drawn to Masonry by a family member, a friend, or a co-worker that was just a great person? First and foremost how we secure our future. Our integrity, positive outlook, and upright action as well as our willingness to talk about this great Frater-

nity will bring future Brothers who will have impact.

Next, we need to keep our new Brothers engaged once they pass through that West Gate. How do we do this? What are they interested in? Some join Masonry for the fellowship. Others for the ritual. Others for the history or the moral philosophy demonstrated through the working tools and symbolism. Others social events/fundraising. Also, what gifts have they been blessed with and can be used to strengthen the Fraternity? Some Brothers are great leaders, others have good business sense, while others are great cooks. We should strive to incorporate them according to their talents and keep them coming. This strengthens their bond to the Brotherhood, which in turn is strengthened by their presence.

Then, we need to keep them coming by making our meetings robust and interesting. This starts with good food and fellowship, which can be done without much effort and without much cost. Create a warm, inviting, positive environment when the Brethren enter. Make the Lodge a place where Brethren can come and interact with great people with whom they otherwise would not meet. The meetings need to be more than just minutes, business, and closing. Find Brothers who have a gift of speaking. If your Lodge does not have one then get in touch with your District Deputy, District Education officer, Lodge Services, or the Grand Lodge who can reach out to get you engaging speakers. Have at least one ten minute presentation each meeting on some Masonic topic. You can even have

a speaker before the tiled meeting done by a non-Mason.

Brethren, we have generations of young men looking for something. A sense of belonging, a sense of purpose, and a sense of meaning. We have timeless principles that can answer those needs. The future of Masonry is bright as we attract these new generations. The way we reach them is somewhat different though. Phone calls, mailings, etc. are not the primary ways of communication moving forward. We need to harness social media, texting, and the Internet to reach these men. We must be willing as a Craft to engage our communities and communicate through these outlets to effectively tell the world who we are and dispel the myths and info found all over the Internet.

Finally, we can use our Fraternity to teach not only the allegory, symbolism, and morality so venerated by our Craft, but also to train leaders. Masonry excludes many of the leadership principles discussed in today’s society, and we can engage our working Brethren by teaching them principles that they then can use in their lives at home, in the community, and in the workplace. We also train leaders as they ascend through the line and this experience gives them tools to use elsewhere. This is an untapped way to make good men better.

The great thing is we know the tools necessary for success. Our incredible ability to preserve our heritage can be used to now secure our future. We only need to look up and look forward. From what I see, Masonry has a bright future because it is ours to usher to the next generation.

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While attendance, membership and social activities are desirable, they are not primarily what men come to Masonry for, secondary matters should be relegated to their proper place behind primary concerns.

Instead of looking for more modern ideas about what a Lodge should do, it would be better for us to look to the expe-

rience of our forebears in Masonry. These men, many our fathers and grandfathers, were expected to learn about Masonry, and most of them did.

While this country has become better educated and better informed in the last fifty years, the men of Masonry have not matched the educational growth of the country as it affects the study of

Masonry. As a matter of fact, we have been traveling in the opposite direction. It is time to stop and turn around! Today is as good a time as ever to take inventory and to make plans for the future.

Here is the challenge; here is the time to start anew. Here, indeed, is the new day, given to us by the father of us all to do with as we will.



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 245TH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
 HILTON RICHMOND HOTEL & SPA, 12042 WEST BROAD STREET
 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
 NOVEMBER 10 – 11, 2023

Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle, Grand Master, greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

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WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
WORSHIPFUL LUKE ANDERSON GIANNINI	Grand Tiler

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MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS	Grand Secretary, Emeritus
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The Grand Master proceeded to open the 245th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

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

The 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 2024.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Todd Albert Freeman, a member of Day Lodge No. 58.

The Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence was presented to Right Worshipful Michael Jean King of Occoquan Lodge No. 310.

During Friday morning’s session, Most Worshipful Brother Strehle, 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 2024 was presented and approved.

Friday’s agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: “Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Benemerito Ejercito de Oriente, F. & A.M. of the State of Puebla, Mexico and the AF & AM 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 afternoon, immediately after calling off for the day, the Jurisprudence Committee held an open session to discuss the two Resolutions up for consideration. 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 11, 2023, three John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented. The recipients were:

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Right Worshipful Emmett Moseley Pate, Jr., Past Master of Kempsville Lodge No. 196; Right Worshipful Michael Paul Bible, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22; and Worshipful Gary Wayne Semaniuk, Past Master of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Canada. The George Washington Distinguished Service Award was presented to Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook, Past Master of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.

Right Worshipful Richard McCoy Young, 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 Donald Ellis Strehle.

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. Resolutions 23-01 and 23-02 were considered and adopted by the voting delegates. Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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WORSHIPFUL DONALD FRANCIS MORO, JR.	Grand Organist
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES	Grand Physician
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MICHAEL DEAN WEISS	Grand Tiler

The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis, announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful James Friend Dickerson, Right Worshipful Steven Wayne McGowan, and Right Worshipful Harris Traill Luscomb.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were two hundred seventy-six Lodges represented, with six hundred thirty-three 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 2024, 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
Douglas V. Jones
Grand Secretary



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle presents the Perfect Ashlar Award to Brother Todd Albert Freeman.



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle and Right Worshipful Doyle L. Miller present the Reid James Simmons Award to Right Worshipful Michael Jean King (center).



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle with Brethren in the Grand East.



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle greeting Most Worshipful Beverly W. Morgan, Jr., Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle presenting the John Blair award to Illustrious and Worshipful Gary Wayne Semaniuk of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



Timothy B. Strawn of the George Washington National Memorial presenting a certificate to Grand Master Donald E. Strehle.



Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins.



Most Worshipful Frederick G. Martin, III, and Lady Pat.



Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones and Lady Frances.

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Grand Master Donald E. Strehle with Virginia's Youth Leadership.



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle receiving the Howard K. Smith, Jr. Award, for individual support of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation.



Grand Master Donald E. Strehle recognizing Right Worshipful Kenneth W. Caviness for spearheading the Grand Lodge of Virginia Masonic Flag Program.



Right Worshipful Paul D. Sleeper and Grand Master Donald E. Strehle.



Most Worshipful Wayne S. Flora and Lady Mary Ann.



Most Worshipful Glover H. Jones with Most Worshipful James D. Cole and Lady Mary Ann.



Most Worshipful James D. Cole and Lady Mary Ann enjoying a spin on the dance floor.



Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., and Lady Judith.



Most Worshipful Reese E. Carroll and Lady Mary.

The Masonic Text Book, Containing a History of Masonry... Together With the Rules And Regulations of the Craft

Right Worshipful William A. Parks, Jr.

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is, to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society, whose LIBERAL PRINCIPLES ARE FOUNDED ON THE IMMUTABLE LAWS OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE. George Washington's 1792 response to receiving a copy of the *Constitution of Masonry*.

John Dove (12 September 1792-16 November 1876), born in Richmond, Virginia of Scottish immigrants, earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1814. Returning to Richmond in 1820, he enjoyed a flourishing practice and helped to found the Medical Society of Virginia. In due course, Brother Dove became a nationally recognized leader of the Craft. In 1813, he was initiated in Saint John's Lodge No. 36. He later joined Randolph Lodge No. 19 where he served three consecutive terms as Worshipful Master.

Due to his extensive and varied Masonic career, Brother Dove became known as the father of Freemasonry in Virginia. He also attended several conventions heavily involved in attempts to standardize the Fraternity's Ritual.²

Ignoring Dove's *Text Book* on the grounds much of its contents continues to be included in the Grand Lodge's *Presentation Volume* would deprive the reader of the process which Dove followed to arrive at content so timeless as to remain relevant, essential, and necessary to Masonic education and understanding for one hundred seventy-six years and counting.

The *Text Book* also includes material never included in the *Presentation Volume*. Beginning with the "Origin of Masonry," Dove explains operative vs. speculative Masonry and its origins in a manner that present-day readers should

find refreshing. Too many who should be intrigued by the Craft, its birth and history too soon find themselves revolted by the spurious legends, groundless speculation and sometimes astonishing creativity of those who pretend to expound on the "mysteries and secrets" of the Craft and obfuscate rather than illuminate its antiquity and development through the ages.

Instead of proclaiming Adam the "first Mason," Dove explains *That Adam, our great progenitor, was ignorant of the principles of geometry can hardly be supposed, for after his expulsion from the garden of Eden, he built on habitation for himself and family, and no doubt instructed his descendants in that noble science, and its application to whatsoever crafts were convenient for those early times.*

As Dove progresses through ancient Biblical events, he avoids claiming for the times' builders more useful knowledge than was available for their respective eras. He sees Masonry as not only a skill necessary for the shelter, progress, and security of successive generations of humankind, but also as a discipline both physical and spiritual that could not succeed without moral persistence and commitment.

He further quotes from an "ancient" manuscript found by John Locke of an examination or catechism in Middle English adopted during the reign of King Henry VI (1386-1422):

Question: Where did it begyne?

Answer: Ydd dyd begynne with the fyrste menne in the este, which were before the fyrste manne of the westly, it hath broughte herwyth alle comfortes to the wylde and comfortlesse.³

John Locke, a Philosopher of as great merit and penetration as the English nation ever produced," was so impressed by that he wrote: "I know not what effect the sight of this old paper may have upon your Lordship: but of my own part I cannot deny, that it has so much raised

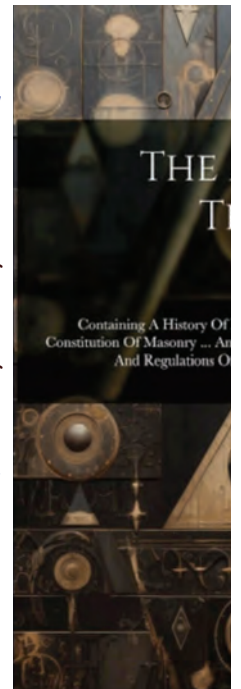
my curiosity, as to induce me to enter myself into the fraternity; which I am determined to do (if I may be admitted) the next time I go to London.

The *Text Book* includes Charges current during the reign of King James, II of England (1633-1701). These demonstrate the continuing currency and antiquity of today's Freemasonry: First, That no Mason take on him no Lord's worke, nor any other man's, unlesse he know himself well able to perform the worke,⁴ so that the Craft have no slander. Secondly, That no Master take worke but that he take reasonable pay for it... Thirdly, That he be made able in all degrees; that is, free born, of good kindred, true, and no bondsman, and that he have his right limbs, as a man ought to have.

No wonder, then, that Masonic "acception" spread widely during the reign of James II, with Elias Ashmole *made a Mason...on the 16th of October 1646 and some years later attended a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the new accepted Masons.*

Dove relates the historic patronage of English kings as well as the support of the Knights Templar, who employed Masons in building the Temple in Fleet Street, London. This history makes up a virtual historic catalog of Masonic buildings and architecture.

Those unfamiliar with the details of the schism between "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons will find that sad episode explained in Dove's opus. In 1738, several brethren dissatisfied with the conduct of the Grand Lodge of England, seceded from it, and held unauthorized meetings for the purpose of initiation... [T]hey assumed the appellation of "Ancient York Masons. They announced, that the ancient land-marks were alone preserved by them.



John Dove, *The Book, Containing a History of Masonry... Together With the Laws, Rules And Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the City of London*, 1792. Edition Legale de la Bibliothèque de la Ville de Paris. support.creativeme

... Together with the Constitution of Masonry... and a Digest of the Laws, Regulations and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia



The Masonic Text Book: A History of Masonry ... Together With The Constitution ... And A Digest Of The Laws, Regulations And Constitutions Of The Grand Lodge Of Virginia (Shepherd Legare Street Press, 2023; \$36.95)

Nor was England alone in experiencing such painful growth. Dove offers the early histories of German, French, Italian, Turkish and other Grand Lodges amid the broiling cauldron of politics and religious of the eighteenth century Enlightenment. Dove's inclusive telling of the twists and turns, feuds and factions, and the ups and downs of early Grand Lodge Masonry can leave his readers pleasantly astonished at Freemasonry's emerging and eventual stability as the world's oldest and most successful Fraternity.

Beginning with the inclusion of the *Constitution of Masonry*, readers will find more familiar territory. The surprise here is the consistency of Virginia Freemasonry since Dove's time. The Constitution has stood and survived as Masonry's foundational set of rules for three centuries, despite, perhaps

even because of the Craft's early struggles.

Indeed, the time is overdue to remind our Worshipful Masters of the charge at their installations:

*The Book of Constitutions you are to search at all times; cause it to be read in your Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.*⁵

It would do no Brother harm, and do the Craft immeasurable good, were the Worshipful Masters to remind their Lodges of the Constitution's prohibitions of discussions of religion and politics in Lodge lest they lead to private piques and squabbles, of libel and slander against Brethren, of backbiting, and of private conversations while the Lodge is open.

Small changes in Craft Ritual surprise more for their consistency of substance than for any real change in practice and procedure. For example, Dove's Charge at Closing states:

around this sacred altar you have promised in the most solemn manner; etc., while the current Presentation Volume of the Grand Lodge of Virginia reads: around this sacred altar you have solemnly bound yourselves, etc.

Similarly, the description of the white leather apron has changed since Dove's day. It was that *which everyone ought to wear without spot or blemish*. The changes in ritual, ceremonies, and working tools since Dove's day hardly amount to innovations. Where Dove says Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, the *Presentation Volume* states that *Our ancient Brethren dedicated their Lodges to King Solomon. No surprise, then, that the tenets of our profession remain Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.*

The *Text Book* includes the entire *Methodical Digest* as it existed in Dove's day. Here the reader will find real differences between it and today's *Methodical Digest*. *In all cases of advancement from one degree to another, it shall be necessary for the Brother wishing to be advanced, to undergo examination in an open Lodge, in the degree from which proposes to be advanced: after which his eligibility to such advancement shall be decided by ballot.*

Despite those changes, the *Methodical Digest* included by Dove recalls the mandates that *Every Brother must always appear in his Lodge properly clothed, and in clean and decent apparel... While the Lodge is engaged in its usual labors, Masons must hold no private conversations.*

As to Masonic trials, the old *Digest* held: *If a complaint be made against a Brother, and he be found guilty, he shall stand to the determination of the Lodge, but if the accuser or complainant cannot support his charge, and it should appear to the Lodge to be groundless, being the result of hatred, malice, or some unwarrantable passion, he shall incur such penalty as the accused*

would have done, had he been duly convicted. In those days, the meaning of un-Masonic conduct was understood and without specific definition, to the peril of the accuser.

That *Digest* also provided for the creation of a fund for the purpose of educating Master Masons' orphans. It further provided that *It shall be the duty of the Master at every meeting, when time will admit of it, to give the Brethren the benefit of a lecture in one of the degrees.*

Dove created the *Text Book as the organ of the Grand Lodge of Virginia* with the assistance and *severe criticism and subsequent approval... of two of the most enlightened committees appointed by the Grand Lodge*. In his Preface, he warns his readers: *No reflecting Mason can arise from a perusal of this Constitution [of Freemasonry] without being forcibly reminded how far short the most zealous votary of our time honoured Institution falls from the performance of those duties and obligations therein enjoined.*

Brother John Dove's meticulous collection of Masonica remains Virginia Freemasonry's a most valuable treasury of steady preservation of the Craft's most enduring values and an important source of Masonic education.

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2. The Dictionary of Virginia Biography includes an exhaustive, indeed, exhausting, catalog of Brother Dove's national as well as local efforts to improve the Fraternity, including, of some note, his success in shortening the Masonic funeral service by removing its somewhat grisly content. www.lva.gov.
3. Enough to make spell-check hemorrhage. Dove does provide a helpful glossary to help the reader understand these passages.
4. Fondly to be wished.
5. Seriously, when is the last time you heard any reading of the *Constitution of Masonry* read aloud from the East?

Virginia Rainbow's Grand Training Day

Alyssa Kiffer
Grand Worthy Advisor in Virginia

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls commonly utilizes the phrase, "Getting girls ready for life," when promoting the Order. Out of the many service and leadership organizations with which I have been involved. Rainbow and Masonic Youth truly prepare us to be confident young adults, equipped with the skills necessary to go out into the world and spearhead forward progress. One unique reason why I love Rainbow is the countless opportunities to travel, network, and connect with fellow sisters across the nation and the world. As our girls who were recently appointed at our Grand Assembly this past June prepare to travel and represent our state around the globe, we held a Grand Appointment Training Day, hosted at Manasseh Lodge No. 182 in Manassas in July.

We began the day with speech training, which consisted of how to give a speech on the fly, giving speeches in other jurisdictions, whom to address during a speech, and how to keep their audience engaged. Our second lesson consisted of travel etiquette, which covered respect towards your hosts and those in the travel industry, how to best represent your own jurisdiction, how to sit in the East, hotel etiquette, and what to adhere to when traveling outside of Virginia. The next topic covered was how to properly write a Thank You card. Virginia Rainbow girls are known for their gift giving; however, learning how to respond when gifted something during their time in office is imperative, whether it be a physical gift or an experience. The girls were taught the impor-



tance of properly addressing the recipient, making their message personal and meaningful, being specific about the gift and what it meant to them, and card delivery. Next, table etiquette training began. As the girls arrived in the reception hall, they were challenged to set their table in the formal banquet format.

They learned the two main ways to set a table, the specific purpose of each utensil, napkin placement, how to politely ask for something to be passed, and restaurant dining etiquette. During their multi-course meal, they were tasked with engaging girls who they were less familiar with, while still maintaining proper dining etiquette. The fifth lesson consisted of a crucial skill that applies especially to today's youth: social media safety. Girls reviewed how to protect their personal information, avoid scams, filter their media output, maintain courteous personas on line, and how to deal with cyberbullying. This was followed by an interactive course on basic self-defense. With their Grand Appointments, many of our girls may travel to unfamiliar places, and it is critical that they are able

to protect themselves if necessary. Participants were paired together to learn and practice various ways to escape an attacker, and how to safely avoid further risk. The seventh and final training was basic auto safety. This course is especially important to our Grand



Officers, as many of them are old enough to drive themselves to and from events throughout the year. The younger girls were taught how to assist their traveling companions in staying safe on the road. We learned how to conduct a vehicle safety check, navigate unfamiliar areas, handle car trouble and emergencies, and some basic driver and passenger etiquette.

Training day provided valuable lessons to our young ladies, and I was thrilled to learn that some of our Grand Representatives have already utilized these lessons while traveling over the summer. I am confident that our girls will continue to apply the skills they have gathered from the training to strongly represent Virginia Rainbow throughout this Grand Year and beyond.

O.E.S.

This message was delivered by Sister Shannon Skeens, Worthy Matron of Waynesboro Chapter No 105 OES at the District Deputy Grand Master Conference held by Right Worshipful Jack Kyle Lewis.

Right Worshipful, Sisters, and Brethren.

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you this morning, and thank you Brother Jack for your confidence that I can impart this important message.

My name is Shannon Skeens, and I am the Worthy Matron of Waynesboro Chapter No. 105 Order of the Eastern Star.

I come with a desperate plea for your support of an organization that means so much to me and other wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of your great Fraternity.

As a reminder, membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is open to all Master Masons and their female relatives, as well as young ladies who have achieved majority in Rainbow or Job's Daughters.

Chapters meet under the protection of Master Masons who have joined our Star. A chapter cannot ballot on a candidate or initiate without a Master Mason in attendance. That means we cannot grow or sustain ourselves without your help.

Last year, the leadership in Virginia set a goal of one hundred new members. We achieved that goal, but unfortunately lost twice that number to death and demits. It is obvious this is not a sustainable model for our organization. We need you to ensure we will not only survive but thrive for my generation and our Rainbow and Jobie generations.

Your leadership and the leadership of the Worshipful Masters in your districts will largely determine the success of our Order over the coming few years.

In the Order of the Eastern Star, I have found a family. I have found a

safe place in this demanding world to practice skills like this speech. If you had told me this is where I would be five years into my Eastern Star journey, this terrified initiatory candidate would have never believed you. There is a special growth happens within our Masonic walls. You experience it, our Masonic youth experience it... it is imperative that this type of space is maintained for our women. Women do not outgrow the benefits of Freemasonry, in fact we may need it more than anyone.

In life, women are expected to be helpmates, to be quiet, but to be strong and raise fierce and independent children, who are also sweet and kind but smart and savvy. There is immense pressure to be everything at once, but not many places to practice and learn those virtues. The Order of the Eastern Star exists for this purpose. And, in turn, fulfills your obligation to provide for the welfare of Masonic families.

In our Chapters, we give women the confidence and encouragement to better themselves in a safe and supportive environment, so we may take that confidence and devotion to service out into our communities.

You can view yourselves as our big Brothers, our protectors. We need you to keep us safe so we may grow. We are here to be your fiercely loyal Sisters, promoting your Lodge as one that cares about families and the community. We are able to operate because of your grace and protection.

It is important this special relationship between our organizations be better understood in your districts. A healthy Eastern Star Chapter is a shining reflection of the leadership of the Lodge's Worshipful Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, and of course, the Grand Master. A thriving Eastern Star Chapter is a badge of honor to your term, as a tangible fulfillment of a Freemason's obligation to promote the

welfare of Masonic wives, daughters, mothers, and widows.

I hope you will take the opportunity as District Deputy Grand Masters, and other Masonic leadership, to reach out to your local Worthy Matrons and discuss the state of your District's Chapters. Many of our Chapters will fail soon, if we do not have Master Masons step up.

Please remember membership does not mean mandatory attendance and Eastern Star dues are reasonable, in Waynesboro, they are thirty-five dollars a year. Every dues paying member enables the active members to do good in our communities. At the bare minimum, you can think of your membership as a subscription to support the Masonic family. Changing the course of your local Chapter can cost less than a tank of gas.

Our Degrees are conferred in one night and require no memorization work. The lectures are beautiful and impactful given by our five Star Points, each representing a Biblical heroine.

Chapters are in desperate need of men to protect the Worthy Matron and guard the door. Joining with your Brothers and committing to one night a year each would change the entire trajectory of some Eastern Star Chapters through the State.

I speak to you from experience and would be happy to mediate and facilitate for you any way I can.

Thank you again for letting me speak today. I know you each are going to have a phenomenal year. I look forward to seeing you around at Official Visits and hopefully an Eastern Star function or two. Brother Jack, again, we are indebted to you. You have loyal supporters in the Order, and we know you are going to do great things.

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Job's Daughters

Jennifer Mertz

Grand Guardian, Virginia Job's Daughters

When I joined Job's Daughters in California in the mid-90s, I never could have imagined the places that it would take me. With a rich history and timeless lessons, the Order continues to create confident young leaders in your community and across the globe, and you are invited to be part of it. Could Job's Daughters take you or a girl in your life on the journey of a lifetime as well?

My purpose in joining Job's Daughters as a teen was simply to spend more time with friends. My membership, however, quickly grew into something much more meaningful. I was immediately drawn into a fold of funny, smart, and talented sisters. I benefited from the support and love not only from these sisters, but also my council members, Masons, and other adults. It was incredible to be involved in something where I was accepted for who I was while being pushed (gently, mind you) to try new things and challenge myself, whether it was through learning ritual work, playing the piano at bethel meetings, or simply entering a competition. These people all seemed to believe in me, which made it that much easier for me to believe in myself.

In addition to improved self-confidence, I acquired many skills from my time as an active member in Job's Daughters, such as accountability, project and time management, how to engage with people from all walks of life, and, of course, public speaking. These skills propelled me through my undergraduate studies and a year spent studying abroad in a non-English speaking country. They sustained me when I moved across the country to pursue my graduate studies and have continued to serve me throughout my professional career.



While the details of my story may be unique, Job's Daughters has been preparing young women for a life of leadership and service for the last one hundred and three years. Thousands of girls have honed life skills, learned the values of patriotism and respect for their elders, and had countless hours of fun through their involvement in Job's Daughters. It is impressive that the characteristics of an organization born at the dawn of women's suffrage in the United States continue to be relevant today, but the principles upon which Job's Daughters is based have clearly stood the test of time.

The youth of today face unprecedented challenges that so many of us never could have even imagined when we were young ourselves. The same has been said for generations, but that doesn't make it any less true. Through our Masonic youth groups, we have the opportunity to offer a place where we prepare our youth to face these challenges head on, and where they receive encouragement and support when that task becomes too daunting. I am proud to count myself as a member of the Virginia Masonic Family, where providing these spaces for youth to grow and thrive is a priority.

There are many ways that you can show your support of Job's Daughters. If you live near a bethel, you can attend a meeting or support a fundraiser.

If you don't live near a bethel, reach out and request that a group come to your Lodge, Chapter, or other appendant body to perform one of our beautiful ceremonies. Consider donating to the Job's Daughters Scholarship Fund, which provides funding for members to pursue higher education. Virtual Certified Adult Volunteer (CAV) classes are an excellent way to learn more about Job's Daughters' history, structure, and youth protection program, with the added bonus that if you choose to complete the CAV requirements, you are eligible to serve as a chaperon, council, or committee member at the bethel and state level.

I am grateful for the positive experience I had as an active Job's Daughter and for the many ways it continues to enrich my life. My goal as an adult volunteer with the organization is to allow as many girls as possible to benefit from the same gifts I did. These amazing Daughters have so much to offer the world, and we are privileged to be part of their lives. I challenge you to join me and see for yourself!

We are working to rebuild Bethels in these locations:

- Hampton
- Richmond
- Woodbridge

Contact us at gg@jdiva.org to learn more about our efforts and how you can help.

Masonic Awards and Recognition



Most Worshipful John Chambliss, Jr. (2011) of Taylor Lodge No. 23, presented a 60-Year Masonic Veteran Pin to Brother George Minor Hill. George's wife Betty and son Sandy Hill also attended this recognition ceremony.



Worshipful Billy Spencer and Right Worshipful John Malliarakis received an award based on the legacy gift from Warwick Lodge No. 336 to MAHOVA. The new plaque is in honor of the Beam of Light placed on the Symbol of Light at MAHOVA. It was presented by Right Worshipful Terry Hilton, Director of Development at MAHOVA.



Right Worshipful Neal Britt of Thomas Jay Traylor Lodged No. 348, Right Worshipful Ray Heinrich and Dr. James Camm, Community Builder Award recipient.




David Pearson, current President of Arlington Historical Society; this year's essay first-place winner, Malia Humphries-Do (\$1,000); and Robert White, a former Vice President of AHS, and current member and Past Master of Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 285. The essay topic this year was "100 years from now what do you think will be the most enduring significance of the Arlington House estate." AHS, in partnership with Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 285, sponsors this annual local history contest.



Murray Lodge No. 175 presented Brother William Dole (R) with a Certificate of Merit by Right Worshipful William Hughes (L) for going above and beyond with his acts of community service.



Right Worshipful William Hughes (R) presented the Grand Master's Certificate of Merit to Brother Neil Wade McLaughlin (L) for his exemplary acts of community service in helping special needs children at Cabell Lodge No. 328.



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Masonic Awards and Recognition



Right Worshipful Al Briggs, Brother Wayne Mitchell, Grace Mitchell, and Morry Mitchell scholarship winner Courtland Lodge No. 85.



L-R: Wor. Steve Holloway, Wor. Jon Briggs, and Bro. Mark Fielding, Jr.

National Night Out was considered a tremendous success with Lodges working with the Surry County Sheriff Carlos Turner.



Brother Sidney M. Supple was recognized for sixty years of dedicated Masonic service with an award ceremony. Pictured left to right, Right Worshipful David W. Hayes, Brother Earl Cox, Jr., Right Worshipful Stephen L. Young, Brother Gene Sours, and Most Worshipful William T. Ellison, Jr. (2012). During the ceremony, we also celebrated Brother Supple's 101st birthday and offered early best wishes for Mrs. Supple's upcoming 103rd birthday!



Sixtieth Masonic Anniversary with Most Worshipful Clifford A. Parker, (2002) Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins (1997), Most Worshipful James D. Cole (2001), Right Worshipful Thomas C. Lawson, Jr. (grey suit), Worshipful Benjamin J. Sanders, and Right Worshipful William Jonathan Sirman at West Point Lodge No. 238.



At Monroe Lodge No. 301, a landmark event was celebrated when Worship Joseph Lacy Almond received his 50-Year pin from Right Worshipful Ray Heinrich (L) and Worshipful Rodney Bryant (R) assisting.



Thomas Jay Traylor No. 348 collected cases of bottled water for donation to Lynchburg Daily Bread, a local non-profit that has been serving the hungry of the Lynchburg area. Due to recent high temperatures, it had nearly depleted their reserves of bottled water. Alesia, Worshipful Neal Britt and Worshipful Jimmy Litchford were ready to unload the truck.



Mrs. Danielle Syndor, Right Worshipful Al Briggs, and Renita Syndor scholarship winner from Courtland Lodge No. 85.

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Bremond Lodge No. 241 held its first Past District Deputy Grand Master night. Several Past District Deputy Grand Masters from throughout District 14, (formally 14A and 14B), came to honor their Brethren. Each of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters were honored by sitting in the Lodge's station chairs for the evening.

Right Worshipful Ken Wittig presided, and requested that the Right Worshipfuls share a few memories as District Deputy Grand Master and Masonry in general.

The event was well attended, including the current District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bruce Edwards. A short presentation by Bremond Lodge's Worshipful Mark Webb on the role and duties of the District Deputy Grand Master was presented as a reflection on the importance of the duties bestowed upon the District Deputy Grand Master, as the representative of the Grand Master.

The following Past District Deputy Grand Masters were honored at this evenings event: WM-Right Worshipful Ken Wittig (Bremond-2022), SW-Right Worshipful Adrian "Pete" Eure (Bremond-1993), JW-Right Worshipful Larry Richardson (Bremond -1985), SD-Right Worshipful George Mainwaring, Jr. (Bremond-1998), JW -Right Worshipful John Godfrey (St. Tammany-2006), SS-Right Worshipful John Malliarakis (Warwick-2018), JS-Right Worshipful Gerald Frey (St. Tammany -2022), Chaplain-Right Worshipful Foy "Jack" Holland (Bremond - 2020-2021), Marshal-Right Worshipful Robert Jones (McMahon-2014).



The James Monroe Chapter No. 549, of the National Sojourners, Inc, presented their Bridge of Light program at Campbell Lodge No. 328. Standing in colonial uniform from left to right are Right Worshipful Harvey Fleshman, Most Worshipful William Ellison, Jr., Most Worshipful Jeffery Hodges, Right Worshipful Goldie Tomlin, and Right Worshipful Ed Crebbs.



L-R: 1st row-Mayor Lana Williams, Brother Shaun McDaniel, Kristan Crummett-Dollar, Rt. Wor. David Hayes, Rt. Wor. Stephen Young, 2nd row-Councilman Terry Short, Jr, Vice Mayor Jim Wood, Councilman Kenny Lee, Councilman and Brother Bruce Allen.

Staunton Lodge No. 13 presents a Community Builders Award to Ms. Kristan Crummett, and Dollar of Magnolia Rose Foundation at Waynesboro City Council. The Magnolia Rose Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hope and healing for people, especially girls and young women, who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual exploitation and trafficking in the Shenandoah Valley.



Monroe Lodge No. 301 celebrated Worshipful Jack Wayne Burks (L) receiving his 60-Year Veteran's Award from Right Worshipful George Williams (R). This was a 'recreation' of when Right Worshipful Williams presented him with his 50-Year Veteran's Award.



Brother Rick Carlton received his Silver Card at Mineral Lodge No. 311 presented by (L) Right Worshipful Tom Woolfolk (COW), (R) Worshipful Mark Clyden, (C) Brother Rick Carlton.

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Right Worshipful Al Briggs, Jim Whitehead, Brother James Flower, David Whitehead (scholarship winner from Courtland Lodge No. 85), and Mrs. Whitehead.



Over the last few months, the Masonic District 37 Blood Coordinator visited with the Lodges in the district to encourage blood donations and recognize those who donate regularly. During these visits, each Mason who actively makes blood donations was presented with a special lapel pin. Given that one pint of blood may save up to three lives, the amount of people the Brothers of this district have helped is impressive. It was noted there are several multi gallon donors in our area.



Mr. Travis Felts, Right Worshipful Al Briggs, Right Worshipful Freddie Felts, Kayla Felts (scholarship recipient), and Mrs. Felts.



Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 celebrated Brother Irving Byrd receiving his 50-Year Pin from Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jack K. Lewis.



A new gavel made in honor of Most Worshipful Frank Perdue (1991). Worshipful Scott Davis of Meridian Lodge No. 284 that meets at MAHOVA and of course, where Most Worshipful Brother Perdue lives. MAHOVA brought a bus down to Warwick Lodge No. 336 with residents and Masonic Home Ambassadors.



Bags of new clothing to McSwain Elementary School were presented by Staunton Lodge No. 13 for their Emergency Clothes Closet with Abby Smith, School Nurse, Leslie Hite, School Counselor, Brother Shaun McDaniel, Right Worshipful Steve Young, and Brother Don McGurn.



Masonic District 37 held its annual Golf Tournament with all proceeds going to the James Hillary Glidewell Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year, the district awards scholarships to students from the area. This year we were pleasantly surprised to see our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jack Lewis as a participant in the tournament.



Right Worshipful Neal Britt presents the 50-Year Veteran's Award to Brother Charles Henry Story, Sr., of Clinton Lodge No. 73.

The Evergreen Campaign Laying the Foundation for the Future



Over the last few months, the Board of Governors has been working to implement several enhancements to our campus. Recently, the Board identified two key projects.

Both projects are contingent on identifying funding. We are happy to report that funding has been successfully secured for both projects, allowing them to begin soon. Both projects are made possible due to the generosity of donors who insist on remaining anonymous.

Our first project enhances the outdoor living space by expanding the outside patio behind the dining room and gallery to include a gas fire pit and improved seating areas. Many residents are excited about the improved patio.

The second project creates a dedicated Lodge Room for regular Lodge meetings. We have received many requests for Lodge meetings over the years. Now, we are delighted to be able to provide a dedicated space for Lodges and appendant Masonic bodies to meet. The creation of a Lodge Room involves the relocation of the existing library to an area on A Wing that is more convenient to most residents who utilize its services. As you may know, Meridian Lodge No. 284 has called MAHOVA home for many years, and we are blessed to have them. Warwick Lodge No. 336, Mann Page Lodge No. 157, and a few other Lodges recently held meetings here and have utilized the Multi-



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purpose Room. MAHOVA is eternally grateful to the generosity of Meridian Lodge and its supporters and sponsors for their generosity.

These are just two exciting projects that not only complement our capital campaign (Evergreen Campaign) but also improve the look and feel of MAHOVA's campus. Most importantly, both encourage additional visitations and engagements with our residents.

As you may recall, the Evergreen Campaign includes the theme "laying the foundation for the future" and builds on the generosity and foresight of our founding fathers, Captain Babcock and Dr. Potts. As many of you saw on Family Day, Masons throughout our Commonwealth are anxious to support this campaign.

Ways to Give

- Cash
 - Stock Transfers
 - Donation of property
 - Wills/bequests
 - Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA's)
 - Unitrusts and other trust vehicles
- * Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from a qualified retirement plan.

There are many ways to give, and each gift is so important. Your gift can be a charitable gift annuity, a one-time cash donation, part of a required minimum distribution from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), a multiyear pledge, proceeds from a life insurance policy, or a gift to MAHOVA in your will as part of your estate plan. Each gift is meaningful and brings us closer to our goal of preserving a bright future for MAHOVA's residents.

For information related to this campaign, or any donation, please contact: Right Worshipful Terry Hilton
Director of Development
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Masonic Home of Virginia Honorariums and Memorials

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

Honor/Memorial	Donor Name	Honor/Memorial	Donor Name
Paul S. Bollinger	Richard Carden	David Alan Hux	Willard Lane, Jr.
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Catawba Lodge No. 342	John Griffin	Lena Jones	Richard Carden
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James F. Dickerson	Robert Anderson	Mackey Lodge No. 69	Michael Smith
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Charles E. Hinson	Richard Carden		Aubrey Howard Mason
Angeline Hoen	Robert P. Anderson, Sr.		
Evelyn Holliday	Barbara Lewis		



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Resident Birthdays

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January - 2024		
1/4	Barbara Borkey	Urbanna Lodge No. 83
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
1/18	John "Roger" Ward	Monitor Lodge No. 197
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	Thomas Lasher	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
2/1	Joan Setliff	Barboursville Lodge No. 112
2/12	Alice Lasher	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
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
2/26	Zaida Lorente	Temple Lodge No. 9
March		
3/1	Thomas Breeden	Temple Lodge No. 9
3/2	Chester Wright	Richmond Lodge No. 10
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

Resident Anniversaries

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
January - 2024		
1/31/1970	Wayne and Eleanor Shipley	Varina Lodge No. 272
February		
2/11/1978	Thomas and Alice Lasher	Williamsburg Lodge No. 6
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		
8/30/2023	John Jamieson	Farmville Lodge No. 41
September		
9/28/2023	Jacquelin Bandy	Sandston Lodge No. 216
October		
10/23/2023	Robert Perkins	Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
10/26/2023	Walter Davis	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

Resident Deaths

Date	Resident Name	Lodge Name
August		
8/4/2023	Florence Edmonds	John Blair Lodge No. 187
September		
9/12/2023	Richard Carden	Cumberland Lodge No. 283
October		
10/17/2023	Judy Burton	Westhampton Lodge No. 302



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Croquet in the Courtyard.



Family Day with King and Queen.



Family Day.



Gunsmoke Western Happy Hour.



Halloween Fun.



Pet Visits with Halley.



Seafood Boil.



Trunk or Treat.



Walk in the Park.



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. Jeffrey E. Hodges, M.W. William E. Rorer, 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, M.W. Douglas V. Jones and M.W. James W. Golladay, Jr. in the center of Grand Lodge's Grand Annual Communication.