



Hiram was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and of a Tyrian father. He was sent by Hiram King of Tyre to execute the principal works of the interior of King Solomon's Temple. Hence, a Widow's Son!

## A quick note from the Editor,

Hello Brothers,

I want to say thanks to Brother Simpson for giving me the opportunity to help serve you as the new Hiram's Journal editor. I plan to give back as much as Brother Simpson did as editor for the 30+ years that he served the Newsletter. Although, there is no way I can possibly fill his shoes right now due to my youth and lack of experience in life. One of the main reasons I became a Mason was to learn as early as possible how to be a better man, a good citizen, an excellent husband and a strong father. I would like to share with you all my brothers, my "journey" that I am starting out in this monthly newsletter. I look forward to serving in the coming year of 2007.

Fraternally,

Eric Thompson

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***At the Temple... Just a reminder—The elevator will be out of service in the months of January and February***

**Message from the East..** Brethren, I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve this lodge as Master for 2007. I promise to do my best to meet the honor and trust that you have placed in me. My guiding principle will be "to do what is best for the lodge" and that is what I will ask from each of you.

There are some "basics" in the lodge that need our attention. The first area is Sickness and Distress. To my knowledge there was no organized effort to visit our shut-in brothers last year. Wor. Charles Johnson will chair a committee this year to work in this area. The idea is to get enough volunteers to form about 7 teams which will allow us this year to visit all of our 26 shut-in brothers. This is an effort very close to the core of our Masonic beliefs, and I urge you in the most persuasive terms to volunteer for this effort. Wor. Tim Edwards recently related an experience about how his father who, after being a very active Mason for many years, was neglected by his lodge in Kentucky after he became ill. Bro. Tim's mother did not consider the lodge worthy to perform the Masonic Rites at his funeral. I would like us to learn from this experience.

Another area to which we need to re-dedicate ourselves is our widows. They thoroughly enjoy the birthday flower and Christmas poinsettia that the lodge provides to them. We have been successfully doing this for several years, but we need to smooth out a few areas in our process. I thoroughly believe in this idea, and as Master, I am going to chair the committee to work on this effort.

For the last two Master Mason Degrees, we were unable to field a full team from within our lodge. Three good Brothers came over from the Gordonsville Lodge to help in both cases. We have several new Masons that have expressed a willingness to learn some of these parts, and I am excited about getting them trained.

We are reminded that our own Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Eugene Hodges is now the Grand Senior Warden and will be the Grand Master of Masons in VA in 2009. It is my wish for our lodge to support Bro. Hodges in every way possible to make his labors successful. His every success reflects favorably on our lodge.

Our District Deputy Grand Master this year, Rt. Wor. Andrew Donald Keller, is from our own lodge. We also want to support Bro. Keller in every way possible to make his year successful.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally

Philip H. Nelson, Jr.  
Worshipful Master



Philip H. Nelson, Jr.

January 2007

**January Masonic Birthdays**

Lee W. Bullwinkel, 1/19/1973  
Elmer E. Burruss, Jr., 1/12/1951  
Larry Campos, 1/28/1998  
James G. Carpenter, 1/25/1993  
Halbert E. Davis, 1/31/1983  
W. Benton Downer, III, 1/4/1979  
Paul H. Drinard, 1/27/1969  
James D. Dunbar, Jr., 1/30/1984  
William C. Fields, 1/24/1994  
Rolling E. Fields, 1/19/1973  
Kurt M. Gloeckner, 1/31/1972  
Jimmy G. Houser, 1/5/1976  
Curtis Parker Leake, 1/12/1977  
Jimmy W. Marshall, 1/13/1973  
Thomas A. Patrick, III, 1/30/1984  
G. Benton Patterson, 1/31/1963  
E. Mack Powell, 1/31/1961  
Philip S. Waufle, 1/24/1972

**Dinner Reservations for January 15, 2007**



As always, reservations are required to ensure enough food will be available. The Eastern Star will be preparing this meal. We need to provide an accurate counts so that the expenses can be controlled. Please contact the Senior Steward Daniel LaPlume by phone (434) 243-7871 or email daniellaplume@aol.com to make reservations prior to noon on Wednesday January 10th. If you wish, you can request the Senior Steward to put your name on the Standing List, and then call "by exception" when you cannot attend.

**Scotland Trip**

Yes, the Virginia Traveling Masons are returning to Scotland in late September/early October for 14 days in Scotland. The trip includes visits to castles, historic sites, Rosslyn Chapel, the Abbey on Iona, Lock Ness, etc. Overnight stays are planned for Oban, Stirling, Inverness, Dundee, and Edinburgh with a full Scottish Breakfast and dinner included at the hotels. We will tour Scotland on a luxury coach with Brother Duncan Stirling guiding us to the sites and providing expert commentary. Brother Duncan has lined up some surprises and treats as well. For more information on the trip please contact Rt. Wor. James Dickerson, 316 Meghans Lane, Gordonsville, VA 22942 or 540-832-2574 or jamesdickerson@remax.net

**December Masonic Birthdays recognized... L-R**  
Philip Nelson, Bill Bickley, Charlie Via and T. C. Dickerson, III



Brethren,

We had an absolutely beautiful day for our endeavor's with Habitat Saturday the 21st of October. The day dawned with clear azure sky's and nary a cloud to mar the view. Approximately 22 volunteers worked alongside each other in Harmony, utilizing the tools so near and dear to our hearts we put up siding... "MORE DETAILS ON WEB SITE."

Brother Ed Wellman  
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**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, for many years, Freemasons have endeavored to achieve a level of recognition within their respective communities, and

WHEREAS, this activity has taken many forms and produced a like number of programs and some success has been achieved, and

WHEREAS, continuous and on-going displays of our Masonic membership will forever engrave a lasting memory in the minds of friends and associates of our commitment to our Brothers, our Lodges and, most importantly, our way of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, G. Bernard Dungan, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, desiring the Masons in Virginia to be more pro-active in this area, do hereby proclaim that all Lodges holden under this Grand Lodge shall observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of each month. This recognition should take the form of wearing of Masonic apparel such as hats, shirts, jackets, belts, etc. Further, each Mason is encouraged to hold every day as Masonic Recognition Day by studying a portion of the Methodical Digest, Presentation Volume, other Masonic books or pamphlets, and the Volume of Sacred Law, as well as hold discussions with well-informed Brethren that his actions may conform to the most favorable kinds of public recognition. This recognition is not limited to Craft, or symbolic recognition, but is meant to include all appendant organizations of the Masonic family including the youth organizations. I also direct that this recognition be communicated to every Mason in Virginia by whatever means the Lodge deems appropriate, but no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of this proclamation.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 13th day of November, A.L. 6006, A.D. 2006 and in the Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth year of our Grand Lodge.

G. Bernard Dungan, Jr. Grand Master

**Lodge Committees**

- Audit – M. D. Griffin, D. C. Merchant, J. L. Cotner
- Community Builder's Award – D. C. Merchant, W. M., J. W.
- Eagle Scout Recognition – K. Schlusel, T. C. Dickerson, III, C. M. Johnson, III
- Editor of Hiram's Journal – R. E. Thompson
- Finance—W. F. Baskerville, M. D. Griffin, and R. G. Snodgrass
- Jewel – R. G. Snodgrass
- Little League Baseball – W. W. Ferguson
- Lodge Blood Coordinator – S. E. Fetcho
- Lodge Dinners – D. T. LaPlume
- Lodge Educational Officer – H. Booth
- Lodge Instructor of Work – M. D. Griffin
- Lodge Library – J. D. Parrish, Jr., I. C. Kelly
- Lodge Photographer – R. E. Thompson
- Long Range Planning – M. D. Griffin, J. F. Dickerson, D. T. Simpson, C. E. Hollar, Jr., O. C. Straley, R. E. Simpson, and three station officers
- Proxies – R. E. Simpson for the Master; A. D. Keller for the Senior Warden; and D. T. Simpson for the Junior Warden
- Scholarship – C. E. Hollar, Jr., T. C. Dickerson, III, G. F. Reimers, II, 3 Station Officers
- Sickness and Distress – C. M. Johnson, III
- Table Lodge – J. L. Cotner
- Trustees – L. R. Amiss, W. L. Bickley, and E. E. Lewis
- Web Master – J. R. Ruhland, III
- Widow's Flowers – P. H. Nelson, Jr., D. L. LaPlume, C. J. Good, J. R. Healey, and R. E. Simpson

**Events**

- Jan. 1st, Happy New Year!
- Jan. 9th, Visit to Mt. Zion Lodge No. 18
- Jan. 13th, G.M. Visit to 7 & 10 districts
- Jan. 15th, Lodge Stated
- Jan. 18th, FC Degree
- Jan. 24th, EA Degree
- Feb. 7, 14, 15, C. A. Whitted Area School, Scottsville No. 45
- Feb. 12th, G.M. visit to Waddell Lodge No. 228
- Feb. 19th, Lodge Stated
- Feb. 28th, G.M. Visit to 17 district
- Mar. 19th, Lodge Stated
- Mar. 23rd, Area Leadership Conference in Waynesboro
- Mar. 24th, G.M. Visit to 19 district
- April 12th, Visit to Jefferson Lodge No. 20
- April 16th, Lodge Stated
- May 19th, G.M. Visit to 18 district
- May 21st, Lodge Stated,
- June 18th, Lodge Stated
- June 25th, Table Lodge.
- July 16th, Lodge Stated, Grand Master's Visit to the Lodge
- Aug. 20th, Lodge Stated
- Sept. 17th, Lodge Stated
- Oct. 15th, Lodge Stated, Founder's Day
- Nov. 19th, Lodge Stated
- Dec. 17th, Lodge Stated, Election & Installation



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#### 2007 Officers Installed...

Worshipful Master, Philip H. Nelson, Jr.; Senior Warden, David C. Merchant; Junior Warden, Jay L. Cotner; Treasurer, Oakley C. Straley; Secretary, Robert E. Simpson; Senior Deacon, David T. Simpson; Junior Deacon, Benjamin R. Robey; Chaplain, Charles M. Johnson, III; Senior Steward, Daniel T. LaPlume; Junior Steward, Patrick M. Kelly; Marshal, Vestal Greer; Tyler, Bobby Cameron, Jr.