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Message From The East... I would like to thank the Brethren for electing me to serve as your Worshipful Master for the year 2011. Also to thank the officers who have taken various positions for the New Year. Would also like to extend my thanks to MW Jeffrey E. Hodges, RW Robert E.

Simpson and RW Russel G. Snodgrass for conducting the elections and installation of Officers.

The Grand Master, MW John Mason Chambliss, Jr. theme for the year is "Make a Difference Every Day". With the help of all the Brethren I believe that Widow's Sons' No 60 can help Make a Difference Every Day.

We have a challenging year ahead of us and with the help of all the Brethren we can have a very successful year. The officers alone can not have a successful year without the help of the Brethren. We are planning on having a Child ID Program during the coming year which will require help to be able to have a successful project. If any Brother is interested in this project please get in touch with David Simpson at 981-5431 or email him at clear-path02@embarqmail.com.

Another project that we have been approached about helping with is AHIP. This organization provides major rehab and renovation services for low-income homeowners in Albemarle County and the city of Charlottesville. They cover a spectrum of construction project from the basement to the roof including electrical, plumbing, heat & air and also painting. If anyone has an interest in this project please get in touch with me to discuss this project.

We are currently in possession of the Traveling Gavel. I would like to past this on to one of the other lodges in the District. The meeting nights are Alberene 2nd Monday,

King Solomon 2nd Tuesday and Piedmont Stella 3rd Wednesday. If you could attend any of these please get in touch with me.

The DDGM, RW Lonnie Tuthill will be making his Official visit to our Lodge at the February Stated which will be Monday February 21st.

Yours in Masonry,

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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, John M. Chambliss, 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 8th day of November, A.L. 6010, A.D. 2010 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-third year of our Grand Lodge.

John M. Chambliss, Jr., Grand Master

**January Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and wish him a
Happy Masonic Birthday.**

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

2011 Area Masonic Schools

- February 2, 9, 17, C. A. Whitted School, Scottsville Lodge No. 45, 7:30 p.m. Lodges in Districts 17 and 18.
- March 27, Richard E. Loving School, Fairfax Lodge No. 43, 9:00 a.m., Culpepper. Lodges in Districts 7 and 10.
- April 15, 16, Robert R. Kennedy School, Lee Lodge No. 209, 7:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Waynesboro. Lodges in Districts 18 and 19.
- August 1, 2, Reid J. Simmons Academy, Fork Union Military Academy
- October 22, O. B. Omohundro School, Waddell Lodge No. 228, 9:00 a.m., Gordonsville. Lodges in Districts 7 and 10.

Division Leadership Conference

March 5, 8:30 a.m., Waynesboro High School



The brethren enjoyed a dinner of oyster stew and beef tenderloin prepared and served by those pictured above. L-R: Bob Romanac, Craig Sorotki, and Jim Dickerson.

New Member...the right hand of fellowship is extended to Brother Stephen Robert Christianson who was raised to the sublime degree on December 8, 2010. Brother Christianson is employed as a Funeral Director. Welcome to the Lodge of the Widow's Son.



Visiting WM, Thorsen, and Anderson

Report of the Masonic Corporation

The president of the Masonic Corporation (Bro. J. F. Dickerson) presented a brief report to the lodge stating that the income for the year at \$52,839.52. Disbursements were \$114,082.13. This produced a net loss of \$61,242.61. The loss was due to the remodeling of the retail space for two tenants. The checking balance and money market account is \$40,086.07. Triple net leases remain in place for the two Main Street level commercial spaces. We are working on re-negotiating the basement lease. We continue to address up-grades to the 50+ year old building systems.



Piedmont Shrine Club held a Cookout/Smoker at the FOP Lodge. The weather was perfect, the meal was fit for a king, and a well stocked bar and cigars for everyone. A good time was had by all. The fellowship was abundant and the tall stories shared outside on the patio were numerous while cigar smoke filled the air. The Nobles also discovered that they have their own "Minnesota Fats" aka Noble Gene Carpenter. The President, Noble Harvey Hague stated that we will do it again next year. If you would like to have some information on Piedmont Shrine Club, please feel free to contact Brother Hague.



The Worshipful Master recognized the Masonic Birthdays in December. Pictured L-R: David Simpson; Brian Weidman, 3 years; Charlie Via, 44 years; Charlie Goddin, 50 years

Executive Order No. 1

WHEREAS, the fundamental labors of Freemasonry are performed at the subordinate Lodge level, and

WHEREAS, the officers of the subordinate Lodge are critical to the success of the Lodge, and

WHEREAS, as Entered Apprentices, we are charged to converse with well-informed Brethren, and

WHEREAS, the attainment of useful knowledge is further emphasized throughout our ritual, therefore it may be deemed as most prudent that the Grand Lodge, in its efforts to support the effectiveness of Freemasonry throughout this Commonwealth, should provide for the proper education of the officers of the subordinate Lodges,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Chambliss, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do hereby order that each district in the Commonwealth shall conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2011. To comply with this order, all stationed officers and at least three other Lodge officers must attend such a class, either in their own or in another district. These classes shall be conducted by the District Educational Officer, or in his absence, a designee appointed by the Grand Provost. To further support this effort, each district will be supplied with a copy of the *District Education Officers' Manual For Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers*. This manual and other appropriate materials may be utilized for the training class. Since the most effective mentors and instructors may well be local Brethren, skilled in our arts, the District Educational Officer is authorized to conduct the training in the most effective manner in which he deems fit for the needs of his particular district. This order shall not be construed to limit such classes in number, but rather, each district shall be encouraged to conduct as many classes as considered necessary, that the leadership of our Lodges may be strengthened.

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Bobby Cameron, Tyler



Hiram's Journal



The WM presents the 2010 Laurence A. Brunton Community Service Award to the secretary, Bro. Mark Chapman



RW Bob Simpson presents the 2010 WM with a Past Master's Apron and Ring. The 2011 WM presented him with an Apron Case and Certificate. Pictured L-R: Andy Keller, David Simpson, and Bob Simpson



The DDGM, RW Lonnie Tuthill presents the WM with the 2011 Traveling Gavel.