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Brethren,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve our lodge from the East this year. I have many of you to thank for the tremendous support I received over the past four years as a member and officer of this lodge, and I look forward to your continued support as we travel a few more steps through the broad level of time. I have come to hold you all in high esteem, and respect the knowledge and wisdom you bring to our lodge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren who will be serving as officers this year. We have a great group of men coming up through the chairs. Thanks and appreciation are also due to those who are serving on lodge committees. I have found they do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to make the lodge run smoothly. Please take a moment and thank the officers and committee members for the work they do.

I also want to congratulate Mike Griffin on his successful year. He came in under budget, was able to raise a number of Master Masons, put on some good programs and a memorable Table Lodge. Fortunately for the lodge, he has consented to serve this year as lodge instructor of work.

I want to help our lodge this year by strengthening our degree teams. Each new Master Mason will be asked to learn a part and participate as a member of one of the degree teams. I am also calling on all members who are interested in participating in these important rituals to let me or one of the officers know. We can and will find a part for you!

Should any brother need assistance, please contact me (tomhill302@comcast.net, telephone: 434-465-9388) or our lodge secretary, Mark Chapman (agw123@earthlink.net, telephone: 434-971-1332). We are ready and willing to help.

Finally, I know there are many brethren who receive this communication who have not been to lodge lately. As a reminder, we meet every third Monday at 7:00pm. Please regard this as my personal invitation to you to return to our lodge and feel the presence of friendship and brotherly love, renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Fraternally, Brother L. Thomas "Tom" Hill, Jr.,
Worshipful Master



January Masonic Birthdays!

Call a Brother and wish him a
Happy Masonic Birthday.

Lee W. Bullwinkel	01/19/1973
Elmer E. Burruss, Jr.	01/12/1951
Larry Campo	01/28/1998
James G. Carpenter	01/25/1993
Halbert E. Davis	01/31/1983
W. Benton Downer, III	01/04/1979
Paul H. Drinard	01/27/1969
James D. Dubar, Jr.	01/30/1984
Rolling E. Fields	01/19/1973
Kurt M. Gloeckner	01/31/1972
Jimmy G. Houser	01/05/1976
Curtis Parker Leake	01/12/1977
James W. Marshall	01/13/1973
Thoms A. Patrick, III	01/30/1984
E. Mack Powell	01/31/1961
Philip S. Waufle	01/24/1972

**Election and Installation of LODGE OFFICERS
for the year 2013:**

Lowell Thomas (Tom) Hill:	Worshipful Master
William Rhea Bond, III:	Senior Warden
Jason Andrew Pattison:	Junior Warden
William Frank Baskerville:	Treasurer
Mark Stephen Chapman:	Secretary
Brian Stewart. Weidman:	Senior Deacon
Timothy Patrick O'Brien:	Junior Deacon

NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS:

Bros. Michael L. Arnold & Andrew Keller	Masonic Corporation
Bros. Carl E. "Mike" Hollar & Harvey J. Hague:	Charitable Corp.
Bros. Carl E. "Mike" Hollar:	Finance Committee

PROXIES TO GRAND LODGE:

Rt. Wor Brother Mike D. Griffin:	WM
Rt. Wor. Brother Robert E. Simpson	SW
Rt. Wor. Andrew D. Keller	JW

APPOINTMENTS:

Bro. Philip H. Nelson, Jr.:	Chaplain
Bro. Bobby Cameron, Jr.:	Tiler
Bro. John Leone :	Senior Steward:
Bros. Simon C. Alexander:	Junior Steward
Bro. Taliaferro Crawford Dickerson, III:	Marshall:
Bro. Robert A. Harrison, III:	Assistant Treasurer
Bro. James Friend Dickerson:	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Mike D. Griffin:	Lodge Instructor of Work
Bro. Steve E. Fetcho:	Lodge Blood Coordinator
Bro. David N. Goodwin:	Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador
Bro. Philip H. Nelson, Jr.:	Widow's Flower Coordinator:
Bro. Mike D. Griffin:	Audit Committee Chairman
Bro. Carl E. "Mike" Hollar, Jr.:	Scholarship Committee Chairman
Bro. Taliaferro C. Dickerson, III:	Eagle Scout Committee Chairman
Brother Russel G Snodgrass:	Jewel Committee Chairman
Bro. Andrew D. Keller:	Sickness and Distress Committee Chairman

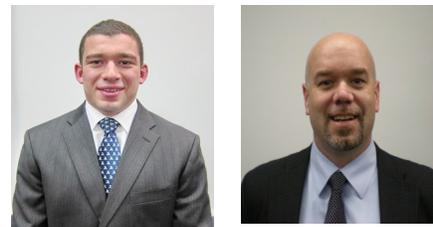
Notable Brethren



168th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful
LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL



We owe immeasurable gratitude to our Rt. Wor. **ROBERT SIMPSON** for faithfully editing our Hiram's Journal for 41 years!



Our newly raised MM Brothers:
Sharif Lee Gray and Daniel Patrick Price

From the Editors' desks:

Seeking the Light -

Encounter with James Anderson's Spirit (1679 – 1739)

Editor: Brother Anderson, how fortunate to run into you on my way back from our study group meeting! Struggling to familiarize ourselves with the enlightened philosophy hidden in the "Old Charges" you authored in 1723, we always dream that you could come back and share some of your thoughts with us!"

Brother J. Anderson:"And what are you pondering?"

E.: "Why this strange characterization of Freemasons as destined to "Seeking the Light?"

J.A.: "You mention "enlightened philosophy". You might have intended it as a compliment. Actually I'd say that all Freemasons are to some degree deserving of this attribute."

E.: "Why? Aren't we correct in considering wise men of past ages as enlightened, men like yourself? Didn't you acquire much wisdom as a result of breaking the Church's taboo and openly discussing not only the bible but other and forbidden old and significant scriptures? And didn't you and your friends formulate our Masonic tenets based on enlightened insights into our imperfect human nature?"

J.A.: "Yes we did, and it was a gigantic step for humanity who had lived in dark ignorance during the thousand years of the Middle Ages! We dared shed light not only on all aspects of science, but also on Man's corruptibility, manifested as it is to this day in his habit of seeking a Truth that would serve his personal prejudice and advantage. We realized that not one of us, not even the highest Clerics or Kings can be depended on to know "the real Truth". Mutual hatred and persecution of Protestants and Catholics opened our eyes to the effects of arrogance and self-righteousness with the loss of brotherly love. We recognized our human tendency to disparage and even hate those with different ideas. We were as if suddenly flooded with a harsh new light. But while this Light disturbed our peace of mind, it also showed us clearly the existence of an Universal order beyond our understanding, and enforced our faith in a supreme creator, "God" whom we call the Great Architect of the Universe. We welcomed the painful loss and sense of solitude attached to forsaking familiar religious or political dogma and "political correctness" in favor of seeing all things more clearly. And this painful search for a personal truth marks all of us who are Freemasons!"

E.: "I think I see: We too must force ourselves to shed ever more light on all things. As your descendants and Freemasons, we too should devote ourselves to prying open our minds, to seek new insights, by "Seeking the Light"?!"

J.A.: "You see?! You are seeing some of that Light! You see it because you asked a question. Asking questions always implies acceptance of the notion that to some extent we always remain in the dark. Your question proves that you are indeed a Freemason, one of our brethren who need to encourage each other to keep "Seeking the Light!" HUST

The Winding Staircase -

The Widow's Sons' Study Group

We are a small group of brethren who meet monthly on a Saturday morning at the home of one of our participants, in order to discuss Freemasonry related knowledge and insights, usually in form of discussing one of our members' presentation. Why "Winding Staircase"? Symbolically our spiritual development as Masons is compared to "climbing" developmental steps towards the Light, in the direction of wisdom and unattainable human perfection. Our desire to make the most of our brief lives motivates us in this quest. This past month, entitled *Light and Faith*, Bro. Pascal regaled us with his insights on the role of Europe's Cathedrals within the historical frame of the dark Middle Ages. He gave us a summary of that era's most significant events, focusing on the architectural revolution and the role played by craftsmen. Pascal's presentation will continue and be discussed on **Saturday, January 5th, at 10 AM** at his home at 414 7 1/2 Str. SW (off Cherry Avenue, Tel.: 434 962 4476), with a focus on the symbolism contained in Medieval architecture and the building techniques. We would love to see you there! PB

Christmas time for Tots:

Donations to Toys For Tots

So many Masonic Lodges and individuals have contributed this year to the success of this program:



The James Monroe Chapter No. 549 of the National Sojourners gave \$650 and many, many toys;

The following Lodges participated: Day No. 58; Widow's Sons' No. 60; King Solomon No. 194;

Murray No. 175; Waddell No. 228; Mineral No. 311, Cabell No. 328;

Tracy Bond, for her 50th Birthday, requested toys for tots as her present: Two huge bags with toys were received. The success in 2012 has inspired the James Monroe Chapter to increase its goal for 2013. We hope that you will join us in this outreach program to the children of our area.

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From Minutes of the Stated Communication on December 17th:

The Agenda: Welcome of visitors and dignitaries incl. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, Rt. Wor. R. G. Snodgrass.

Announcements: Grand Master official visit to the 18th District at King Solomon's Lodge 194 on January 11, refreshments starting at 6:30, Tiled meeting at 7:30 PM. Cost: \$ 20, ladies invited.



Audit Committee: The books are found to be in agreement.

Correspondence: The secretary presents a letter and certificate from the Chairman and CEO of the Central 7 Western Regional Virginia Alzheimer' Association honoring and thanking our Lodge for its support of the 2012 Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's.

Sickness & Distress: Bro. A.D. Keller reported on his contacts and visits with brothers who are in poor health. He will visit and present a certificate and lapel pin from the

Grand Lodge of Virginia to our Lodge's 60 year veteran Bro. Virgil Marshall.

Presentations: outgoing Rt. Wor. M.D. Griffin presented the three yearly *Griffin Good Idea Award* to Brother J. F. Dickerson for his successful efforts in avoiding financial loss, for his promotion of reconnecting Masons through the Facebook and through his monthly lunch initiative.

Remarks of our Newly Installed Wor. Master:

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