



# TRESTLE BOARD

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, AF&M

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Est. Anno Lucis 5787 Oct 29th  
October A.L. 6021

## *Events This Month*

### **Stated Meeting**

Wednesday, October 13  
at 7:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Dress: Coat & Tie

Location: Masons' Hall  
1807 E. Franklin St.  
Richmond, VA

### **Called Communication**

Work in the MM Degree  
Sept. 29, 6:30 PM at Masons'  
Hall. Dress is Coat & Tie.

### **Table Lodge**

Oct. 6, 7:00 PM at Masons' Hall  
Dress is Coat & Tie

### **Ritual Practice**

Every Wednesday Night  
6:30 PM at Masons' Hall

### **Masters & Wardens Meeting**

Saturday, Oct. 16 at 8:45 AM,  
Breakfast at 8:00 AM.  
Tuckahoe Masonic Lodge,  
5500 Bethlehem Rd.,  
Richmond. Dress is casual.

### **Philosophical Society**

Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:00 PM at  
Masons' Hall



## ***FROM THE EAST***

**by Worshipful Jake Crocker**

Brethren,

October is upon us! As many of you know October is an important month for us as the marks the following three significant occasions for us.

The first was the laying of the cornerstone on October 5, 1785.

The second was the chartering of Richmond Randolph No.19 on October 29, 1787

And the third was the visit by the Marquis de Lafayette to our lodge in October of 1824

These events and more will be toasted with our charged "cannons" at our upcoming table lodge on October 6th at Masons' Hall! If you haven't purchased your tickets please do so now on our website store as we're almost sold out! It will be a special day and hopefully an annual one as our lodge continues its march forward. It is also the month of my birth so of course we must make it the best month of my year serving as your Worshipful Master.

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But let us also reflect on a successful September as well with a new Entered Apprentice, Christopher Lee, joining our ranks and with Scott Hennarty, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A big kudos to our Senior Warden Chandos Carrow for leading those degrees, he dedicated a lot of time toward them. I also want to thank our Marshal, Zachary James, and the volunteers from our lodge who once again served as ushers for the NASCAR race, which raised always welcome funds for our lodge this month.

On the Masons' Hall side of things, we will be starting to see progress again on several projects after months of wading through negotiations and permits. I'd like to thank our Junior Deacon, Matthew Maggy and our Treasurer, Lane Pearson for handle more details that I care to go into right now. Their work will allow us to move forward soon on a new retaining wall on the west side of the property, a new front fence and the replacement of our front steps. Other projects that will be moving forward are the rehabilitation to the wood grain look of our two front doors, the one on top of and the one below the front steps. Worshipful Charles Berger is also finalizing the hand painted new transom window that will be installed above the front door soon replacing the old one that is now hanging in our dining room or "refreshment hall" as our old records call it.

We also want to announce our own Worshipful (soon to be Right Worshipful) Don Cunningham will be taking the reins of Masons' Hall 1785, a Charitable Foundation. We'd like to give a tremendous thank you to Right Worshipful Bill Thomas who played a crucial role in leading the renaissance of our beloved historic landmark over the past several years. He will be stepping down as Master of the foundation, but we've been assured he will still continue to work as an active advocate and ambassador for Masons' Hall.

This marks the home stretch for me in my time in the East brethren and I assure you with your continued support and encouragement I plan to finish strong! Please remember that will be holding our stated communication on Wednesday, October 13th this month and come support our Junior Warden, Kyle Bourne, who will be presiding in the East for the first time that night.

Fraternally,

Jake Crocker  
169th Worshipful Master  
Richmond Randolph No.19

## **FROM THE TREASURER**

**by Brother Lane Pearson**



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**2021 Lodge Officers**

Wor. Jake Crocker	Worshipful Master
Bro. Chandos Carrow	Senior Warden
Bro. Kyle Bourne	Junior Warden
Bro. Lawrence Pearson	Treasurer
Wor. Donald Moro	Secretary
Bro. Shane Flansburg	Senior Deacon
Bro. Matthew Maggy	Junior Deacon
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel	Chaplain
Bro. John Sibley	Senior Steward
Bro. Sami Dodhy	Junior Steward
Bro. Zachary James	Marshall
Wor. Donald Cunningham	Tiler

**October Masonic Birthdays**

Bro. Walter Henry (61)	Bro. John Horner (3)
Bro. Tracy Burgess (25)	Bro. Ned Martin (3)
Wor. Michael Joyner (20)	Bro. Brian White (1)
Bro. John White (11)	Bro. Bailey Moro (1)
Bro. Michael Nelson (9)	Bro. Sami Dodhy (1)
Bro. Shane Flansburg (4)	

**50 Year Members**

Bro. Bedros Bandazian  
 Bro. Irvin Beadles  
 Wor. Robert Bedell  
 Wor. Lothar Bernhard  
 Wor. George "Skip" Brooks  
 M.W. Stuart Cook  
 Rt. Wor. Wade Evans  
 Wor. Charles Hundley  
 Bro. Waverly Marshall  
 M.W. Frederick Martin  
 Bro. James Owens  
 Bro. John Stenstrom

**60 Year Members**

Bro. Walter Henry  
 Bro. William Perkins

**RR #19 Living Past Masters**

**Life Members in Perpetuity**

Robert Bedell, 1971  
 Lothar Bernhard, 1988  
 Larry Dixon, 1995  
 Anthony Pearce, 1997  
 Marc Graham, 1999  
 Gordon Sprigg, Jr., 2000  
 Barrye Absher, 2005  
 Thomas Breden, 2006  
 Wade Evans, Jr., 2007  
 Edward Winder, 2008  
 Charles Sykes, 2009  
 William Heltzel, 2010  
 James Duke, 2011  
 Paul Dierickx, 2012, 2013  
 Lee Oppenheim, 2014  
 Michael Joyner, 2015, 2016  
 Charles Hundley, 2017  
 Chad Vanderpool, 2018  
 Donald Cunningham, 2019  
 Donald Moro, 2020

Rt. Wor. Barry Absher  
 Bro. Jacob Allen  
 Bro. Benjamin Barrett  
 Bro. Ronald Childs  
 Wor. Paul Dierickx  
 Rt. Wor. James Duke Jr.  
 Bro. Peter Francisco  
 Rt. Wor. William Heltzel  
 Bro. Douglas Mack  
 Bro. Ian Nelson  
 Bro. Anthony Pearce  
 Bro. Francis Romero  
 Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh  
 Bro. Christopher Shuman  
 Wor. C. Thomas Sykes  
 Bro. Curtis Thompson

# ESOTERIC CORNER

## The Clandestine Grand Orient de France (GOdF)

### From Wikipedia

In 1877, on a proposal of the Protestant priest Frederic Desmons at the convention of the GOdF, the members of the convention removed references to the Great Architect of the Universe from their Constitution. They saw their decision as a way to return to the original Constitution of James Anderson of 1723.

This decision led to a schism between the GOdF and the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE). Since the great schism of 1877, Freemasonry is divided in two branches: Continental style and Anglo style. These two branches are not in mutual regular amity, since most English style lodges consider Continental style to be irregular.

# PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## Is There No Innovation In Masonry?

### By Brother David Allen

To introduce this month's topic, we will simply select a few key quotes from the recommended readings, giving a sense of this topic:

- "You admit that it is not in the power of any man or any body of men, to make Innovations in the body of Masonry" Many Grand Masters, many Worshipful Masters must give their assent to this or some similar statement during the ceremony of installation.
- "All Grand Lodges affirm, and apparently all believe that they possess the best, the only correct ritual, regardless of the fact that any elementary student knows that no ritual can possibly be as old as that which was brought to this country somewhere in or before 1731. Yet no Grand Lodge accuses another of making innovations that its ritual differs."
- "Tinkering with the law of the land, especially misguided decisions by judicial activists who base their rulings on personal bias rather than on the Constitution, has caused grievous harm to our society. Those actions have inflicted further mischief when the irrelevant decisions were used as precedents for additional meddling in what has been proven to work for more than two centuries."
- "What, then, is an innovation?"

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Questions to consider before you come:

- What's the difference between keeping with the times, and innovation?
- What changes would you like to see that aren't innovation?
- Which attempted innovations have been defeated in the past, and why?
- There are written rules (the methodical digest) and unwritten rules. What are the unwritten rules?

Resources for background reading

- [Masonry Today: Innovation in Masonry](#)
- [Midnight Freemasons: To win big, think small](#)
- [Landmark 15: No Innovation in Masonry, by Larry J Price, PM](#)
- [The Masonic Trowel: Innovations](#)



*Congratulations to Brother Christopher Lee, Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19's Newest Entered Apprentice*