



TRESTLE BOARD

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19

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

Events This Month

Stated Meeting

Saturday, June 12 at 9:00 AM
Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Dress: Lodge Polos
Location: Masons' Hall
1807 E. Franklin St.
Richmond, VA

Ritual Practice

Every Wednesday Night
6:30 PM at Masons' Hall

First Friday Social

June 4, 6:30 PM at Brambly Park
1708 Belleville St., Richmond

Masters & Wardens Meeting

Saturday, June 19 at 8:30 AM
Tuckahoe Masonic Lodge

Philosophical Society

Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 PM
at Masons' Hall

Masons' Hall Open House

Saturday, June 26
From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



FROM THE EAST

by Worshipful Jake Crocker

Brethren,

After completing a truly monumental May at Masons' Hall we are more than ready for the summer sun to shine brighter and longer upon our beloved lodge.

May was truly monumental indeed as we installed and unveiled our new bronze historic marker in the front yard on May 8th, made possible by the generous contributions of members of the Commonwealth Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR). The weather was perfect that day after our morning stated as presentations and speeches commenced on our portico to an appreciative audience. We were pleased and honored to have the Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones in attendance along with Past Grand Master Fred Martin as well as many grand line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, sitting Worshipful Masters of other lodges and a plethora of our own Past Masters from Richmond Randolph No.19.

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I would like to thank all the brethren of our lodge who made that day happen. In particular I want to thank our Senior Steward, John Sibley for overseeing preparation of breakfast before the stated and the refreshments during the ceremony. I'd also like to thank our Junior Deacon Matthew Maggy for his work coordinating the day's proceedings with DAR and Brother Pheyland Martin, whose amazing photography captured the day.

In addition to the continued improvements to Masons' Hall, we also strengthened our lodge last month with the addition of two new Entered Apprentices added to our ranks. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome Stephen White-Berry and Richard Meador to our lodge if you haven't already. I would like to thank our secretary and immediate past master Don Moro for keeping them engaged and helping them through the process until restrictions were lifted for us to be able to move them along. I also want to acknowledge our Senior Warden Chandos Carrow, who presided over the initiation of our two new EA's and one from Manchester No.14. It was the first degree work in our historic lodge room since before the pandemic and it went off masterfully!

More petitions are rolling in and more improvements to the building are in the works as it promises to be an active rest of the year and our lodge continues to RISE and come back stronger and better than ever. We are also getting back into the swing of our First Fridays socials now that social distancing restrictions have officially ended at restaurants and we hope to do a table lodge in The Fall. Our Wednesday night ritual practices are in full swing and open to all that would like to participate. Followed of course every Wednesday at 8pm with drinks and dinner at our favorite English mason's pub, Rosie Connolly's, on the 17th Street Market which has personally become my favorite part of every week.

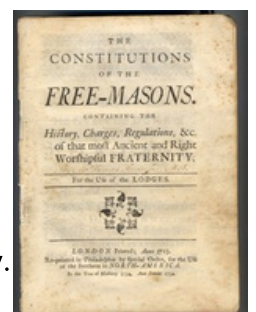
I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve in the East this year and even more grateful to be surrounded by such an amazing team of brothers and friends. Thank you all for being part of this truly special organization and cheers to moving forward and to even better and brighter days ahead!

Fraternally,
Jake Crocker
169th Worshipful Master

THE ESOTERIC CORNER

By Right Worshipful James Anderson
Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of London, 1721

From *The Charges of a Freemason*, published in 1723. Copy available in our Lodge library.



A Mason is oblig'd by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient Times Masons were charg'd in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance.

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

June Masonic Birthdays

Bro. John Stemstrom	Bro. Richard Mageau
Bro. Waverly Marshall	Bro. Benjamin Barrett
Bro. Mark Perkins	Bro. Gregory Burkett
Bro. Ivia Jenette	Bro. Charles Berger
Rt. Wor. Barrye Absher	Bro. Kyle Bourne
Wor. Paul Dierickx	Bro. Aaron Davis

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
M.W. Frederick Martin
Bro. Waverly Marshall
Bro. James Owens
Bro. William Perkins
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 Breeden, 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. Ronnie 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

FROM THE TREASURER

by Brother Lane Pearson



To receive your 2021 Dues Card, please send your dues payment of \$275 to the Lodge using the Store link on our web page, by Venmo (scan the QR code), by check mailed to P.O. Box 23160, Richmond, VA 23223 or you can pay the Secretary at the next meeting. Please support your Lodge and pay your dues as early as possible.

HISTORICAL MARKER CEREMONY

On May 8, 2021, the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Masons' Hall with an historical marker which now stands proudly in the front yard. They also presented the Masons' Hall 1785 Foundation with a check for building and site maintenance. We are so thankful for the DAR's generosity!



THE FURNITURE, ORNAMENTS, AND JEWELS OF A LODGE

by Brother David Allen

Discussion Topic for the June Philosophical Society Meeting - OPEN TO MASONS OF ANY DEGREE

In the first degree lecture these items are enumerated and explained; they include the (3) items of furniture, (bible, square, compasses); the (3) ornaments (mosaic pavement, indented tessel & blazing star); the (3) lights, (3) immovable jewels (square, plumb, and level), and the (3) movable jewels (rough ashlar, perfect ashlar, and trestleboard). What is so important about the physical objects in lodge that initiation should include an enumeration and description of them?

The June discussion focuses on the items in the physical space of a lodge, their meaning, and why they are the entry point to the degree work.

Questions to structure the discussion, and consider before you come:

1. Why the repetition of 3 in each case?
2. What does it mean for an item to be a jewel?
3. What connections if any are there between the content of the 1st degree and the furniture, ornaments, and jewels?

Resources for background reading & listening prior to the meeting

- [The Jewels of a Lodge](#)
- [The Six Jewels of a Lodge](#)
- [Masonic Mosaic Pavement](#)
- [Ornaments of a Lodge](#)

THE ROYAL ARCH

by Worshipful Donald Moro, P.M.

Royal Arch Masonry or Capitular Masonry is an appendant body of Freemasonry and the first step in the York Rite system of Masonry. Once considered an integral part of Symbolic Masonry, the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England stated "...pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz. those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Degrees conferred in the Royal Arch are: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. In Virginia, the Cryptic Council Degrees of Select Master and Royal Master are part of the Capitular Degrees and are inserted chronologically after the Past Master Degree.

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As in all branches of Freemasonry, philanthropy is an important part of Royal Arch Masonry, the main charity supported by the Grand Chapter of Virginia is the Alzheimer's Association.

Applying to membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing. Petitions are available and requires the signature of two vouchers who are Royal Arch Masons in good standing. Once a member of the Royal Arch you can continue your journey of seeking More Light in Masonry and reveal that which was lost, the goal of our Spiritual and Masonic Teaching.

Today, the Masons' Hall Royal Arch room, one of the few dedicated Royal Arch Rooms in the U.S., sits unused. Several Brethren have expressed interest in joining our local Royal Arch Chapter, Richmond-Washington No. 3-9 with the hope that the chapter may once again hold its meetings in Masons' Hall.

If you are interested in exploring the Royal Arch as a way to seek more Light In Masonry, please express your interest [here](#) or send an email to donmoro@gmail.com. You can also text him at (804) 652-9311. Depending on responses, an exploratory meeting will be held to determine our next steps.

