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Bro. Jim Shaw (center) of P.T. Schley Lodge No. 229, Dawson, donated eleven laptops to GACHIP and the Masonic Home. Also pictured is Harold Culpepper, State Chairman of the GACHIP Program, and Grand Master Edgar M. Land (right)

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— FROM GRAND MASTER EDGAR M. LAND

Brethren:

In my first quarter of my Grand Lodge travels this year, I am utterly amazed at the enthusiasm I am finding in lodges all over this great State. Everyone seems so excited about their lodges and the plans the Masters have placed on their trestle board for 2014. The TEAM concept (Together Everyone Achieves More) has been absorbed and is producing a great year. I am really thankful for the invitations to install lodge officers and grateful for the opportunity to get to know so many officers.

The Lodge of the Year program, begun last year by Most Wor. Bro. E. Ray Knittel, PGM, has continued to generate a tremendous amount of excitement. Only a few minor changes were made from last year to this year. Many lodges are feverishly trying to win the Grand Master's Cup! Keep up the good work and stay enthused!

We really have a fantastic group of State Masonic Leaders this year. To name only a few, Wor. Bro. Mark Bradley is the State Chairman of our District Deputies to the Grand Master. Many thanks to Brother Mark for organizing all our very successful workshops. Thanks to each of you who had a part in our workshops this year. In an attempt to get as many brethren as possible to attend, we expanded the workshops by adding an additional workshop in Marietta and split the former Albany workshop between Tifton and Columbus. All workshops were well attended. The attendees indicated in written surveys that the workshops were well organized and presented. Our Grand Line Officers did an outstanding job presiding at breakout sessions.

Wor. Bro. Wiley Forrester, State Chairman of the Masonic Education and Leadership Development has planned a leadership conference for the



third week end in July to be held at Atlanta Yaarab Shrine Center. I am very grateful for the Shriners assisting us with our inaugural leadership conference by providing their facilities for that event. Each lodge has been mailed the details.

Wor. Bro. Harold Culpepper, State Chairman of the GACHIP program, is encouraging us to identify at least 50,000 children this year. In January Brother Jim Shaw from P.T. Schley Lodge 229 (Third Masonic District) donated eleven laptop computers to our GACHIP Program and our Masonic Home. This, combined with our new software, really gave GACHIP a "shot in the arm." I am optimistic that we can identify 50,000 children this year. Adel Lodge No. 310, at their first GACHIP event in January, identified over 400 school children. If each lodge identified an average of 120 children this year, we would reach our goal of 50,000. Georgia Pre-K and Kindergarten leaders have endorsed the GACHIP Program so we should not have any problem with any schools in identifying those children. We are grateful to Wor. Bro. Roger Wise of Roswell Lodge No. 165 for arranging a meeting with our Georgia State leaders to secure those endorsements.

Wor. Bro. Ross Laver, State Chairman of Resource Development, is on track to identify at least five major donors this year. Wor. Bro. David Wellman, President of the Masonic Home Ambassadors, has travelled to our workshops to help launch our Brick Paver program for the benefit of our Masonic Home children. Wor. Bro. Steven Fishman, State Chairman for our Blood Drive, has set a goal of 500 units of blood from each of the twelve Districts in the State. Wor. Bro. Fishman, a/k/a Mr. Enthusiasm, reports over 1000 units of blood having already been donated by Christmas. I would be well pleased if each District Convention Master would work with your officers and the District Deputies to get at least 500 units donated from your district. Wor. Bro. Fishman may be contacted at mstevenfishman@juno.com.

Our new Brick Paver Program at the Masonic Home is on its way to being a great success. By mid-February, Right Wor. Bro. Joe Watson, Grand Secretary, had received over \$29,000 in donations toward the Program. With donations continuing at this pace, we will have enough money to hopefully begin construction in the spring. Please send your check today to the Grand Secretary's office. The donation form is located on the Grand Lodge Website, www.glofga.org.

Grand Master visits Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge



Most Worshipful Edgar M. Land, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Mason in Georgia, visited MGD L No. 756 in Bonaire on Monday for an official visit. After a hearty breakfast he spoke to a packed Lodge of Masons, family and friends. He told the audience about his programs for the year and presented each Mason with his pen. He had a special Grand Masters' Penny for the Worshipful Master James Piper.

Pictured is Wor. Bro. Piper presenting Most Worshipful Land his honorary membership in Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge No. 756.

Our District Conventions will begin in March. It is always exciting to visit each District to learn of progress, meet new friends and see old acquaintances. I like to think of a District Convention more like a "homecoming" since that is the only opportunity to see many of my friends with whom I thoroughly enjoy visiting. Please do your best to attend your District Convention and support your District Officers who work so hard in advancing Freemasonry.

In closing, I want to remind each of you that our motto this year "Building on our Foundation" is very timely and necessary. While all of our programs are important, none of the programs should take the place of why we really are Freemasons. Each of us continually seek more light in order to make us a better dad, son, brother, husband and citizen. When any Mason ceases seeking and yearning for more light, he begins to lose interest and falls away. We all need to make

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an effort to learn all we can through fellowship, education, study and prayer in order to be all that we can possibly be.

Keep your eyes and ears open to schools of instruction, Masonic Education Leadership Development classes, GACHIP events, and blood drives in your area.

Thanks again for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Grand Master. Please take advantage of the fun and fellowship, as well as the work, so that you can thoroughly enjoy your journey in this super fraternity of ours.

Until we meet again, may God keep you in the palm of his hand.

Cordially and fraternally,
Edgar M. Land, Grand Master

**Friends are the pillars on your porch.
Sometimes they hold you up,
sometimes they lean on you,
and sometimes it's just enough to know
that they are standing by.**

It's Not what you HAVE It's Who you KNOW

If you write a check for Twenty-Five, Fifty or One Hundred Dollars to a Masonic Charity and say to yourself, "That's what I can do right now," you're selling yourself short. Certainly that check may be what you can safely donate and no one should ever question that. BUT, don't stop at the limit or your personal finances. There are people you know that influence Charitable Giving for Foundations and Businesses, etc. These are people with whom you do business or join in prayer at church. They may be a fishing buddy or part of your foursome on the golf course.

But you don't want to ask your friends for money! You may be helping with a challenge they face. The truth is that Charitable Foundations must give away money every year. Businesses use Charitable Giving as a way to reduce taxes and improve public perception. Many businesses encourage employees to be actively involved in charitable activities to help boost employee morale.

But you don't know much about the Charities of

the Grand Lodge of Georgia. How should you start the conversation? You only need to tell your acquaintance that the Charities of Georgia Freemasons provide many services for the children of Georgia. Ask, if he would accept a phone call from someone who can provide details. With that done, call or email Grand Lodge 478-742-1475 and tell them you have a contact for Charitable Giving.

Don't forget the Ladies. Your Lady has her own circle of acquaintances. Most of our Ladies have great respect for what we do. Let her be a part of that work. If she knows someone that has influence over Charitable Giving she would probably love to help make the connection.

Think about the PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Our charities (Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation, Masonic Home of Georgia) are recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) charities. Donations may be used as a deduction for tax purposes.

New Lodge Halls



The Brethren of Carnesville Lodge No. 186 in Franklin County (8th District) are building a new lodge hall after losing the lease on their long-time meeting space.



The Brethren of Martinez Lodge No. 710 in Augusta (10 District) purchased a closed restaurant which is being remodeled as a dining hall and then built a new lodge hall attached to the dining hall.



Work Day at the Masonic Home: April 12 (9:00 a.m. - noon). Lunch served. Come to the Home, meet our young people; receive your Masonic wages from the Grand Master. You'll won't regret coming!

Roger Lacey and Clinton Lodges Hold Successful GACHIP Event



Clinton Lodge No. 54 and Roger Lacey Lodge No. 722 joined hands and held a successful GACHIP event at St. James Church and School in Savannah. Cookies, refreshments and other gifts for the children were provided mostly by our Wor. Master Howard S. Major and Wor. Bro. Jack Streicher. More than 100 children were ID'd by the two lodges. Above are Linda Broderick and her children, Emma Kate and Hudson.



Releases received for all photos

Above right are Tom Broderick, Men's club president at St. James, Rusty Stephens, Chip program, and David Pollett, Clinton Lodge.

Below right are Jack Streicher, PM, Roger Lacey Lodge No. 722, Sheila Pollett (brown shirt) and Harley Moberry (orange shirt) and Howard Major, WM/PM, Roger Lacey No. 722.

Masonic Eagle Scout Awards Presented



Two Boy Scouts received the Masonic Eagle Scout awards at Hickory Flat Lodge No. 205 on December 8. From Left to Right: Presenter was Ralph O. Dennis, Secretary of the Education & Historical Commission, Jebb Ricketts from BSA Troop #1153, Joey Murray from BSA Troop #465, both in Cherokee County. The gentleman on the right is George Lindelfelt who has been involved in Cherokee County Scouting for over 50 years.

Exciting Evening at Auburn Lodge No. 230



After a fine meal in the dining hall, the Brethren and guests of Auburn Lodge received Grand Master Edgar Land for an official visitation. During his visit, the Grand Master presented Wor. Bro. Louis Monroe Lovin his 50-year apron and pin. After which, Bro. Lovin presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the lodge for the Masonic Home "Garden Project." Pictured are Wor. Bro. Dustin Edwards, Wor. Master; Wor. Bro. Lovin; Grand Master Land and Wor. Bro. Henry Clay, Treasurer of Auburn Lodge.

2014 Lodge Officers



2014 Officers at **Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 87** are (front row from left), Bros. Andy Rainer, Tyler; Steve Hendry, P. M., Junior Deacon; Jeff Roberson, Worshipful Master; Bill McCall, Senior Steward; Butch Joyner, Junior Warden; and Tony Kelley, Senior Warden. (Back row from left) Bros Chris Hall, Senior Deacon; Gene Blount, P. M., Treasurer; Jeff Salter, P. M., Chaplain; and Joshua Duffie, P. M., Secretary.



The officers of **Cairo Lodge No. 299** for the ensuing year were installed on January 14. They are (from left) Wor. Bros Jerry Pritchett, Senior Deacon; Bill Griner, Chaplain; Jimmy Womble, Installing Master; Max Davis, Senior Warden; Jackie Thomas, Worshipful Master; Bob Murphy, Treasurer; and Russell Fowler, Secretary.

(Right) The officers of **Dexter Lodge No. 340** for the ensuing year are: First Row: Bros. Bill Harris (Tyler), G.W. Darsey (Sr. Deacon), Robert Herrington (Sr. Warden), Mike Brantley (WM), Ronnie Wright (Jr Warden), James Smith (Jr. Deacon), Danny Whittle (Sr. Steward). Second Row: Ralph Mullis (Treasurer), Tommy Row (Secretary), Tom Brennan (Marshal), and David Baxter (District Deputy Grand Marshal). Not present were Bros. Edward Coulter (Chaplain) and Ed Tyler (Jr. Steward)



Houston Lodge No. 35 had a day of celebration on January 12. Past Grand Master Bobby B. Simmons was on hand to install the Officers for the Year 2014. He was assisted by Installing Marshall Thomas Brannen, PM, and Past Grand Chaplain David Simmons, PM. The large audience was welcomed by Thomas Brannen, PM with introduction of special guests by Worshipful Bro. Dave Baxter, District Deputy to the Grand Master. After the Brothers were installed, Worship Master Ken Howell invited the guests and friends into the dining room for refreshments.

The officers for 2014 are: Worshipful Master – Ken Howell, Senior Warden – Dan Kitchen, PM, Junior Warden – Landon Culpepper, Treasurer – Kyle Stouder, Secretary – Dave Baxter, DDGM, PM, Chaplin – Steve Alligood, Senior Deacon – Ronnie Green, Junior Deacon – Rob Nethaway, Senior Steward – Juan Solis, Junior Steward – David Jones, PM, Tyler – Dean Miller, PM, Director of Work – Thomas Brannen, PM.

Pictured front row from left – Past Grand Master Bobby B. Simmons, Kyle Stouder, Dan Kitchen, Ken Howell, Landon Culpepper, Dave Baxter, Thomas Brannen.

Back row from left – Past Grand Chaplain David Simmons, Rob Nethaway, Steve Alligood, Ronnie Green, Juan Solis, Dean Miller. Not pictured – David Jones.



2014 Lodge Officers



On December 9, **Cornelia Lodge No. 92**, Free and Accepted Masons, elected its officers for 2014. These officers will be responsible for the operations of the lodge throughout the year. Pictured on the front row from the left are Bros. Larry Warren; Chaplain; Charles Warren, PM and Senior Warden; Randy Jewart; Worshipful Master for 2014; Douglas "Pete" Raper; PM and Junior Warden; Chad Tench, Senior Deacon.

Back Row from the left are Bros. David Slepoy, Junior Steward; Shane Brooksher, Junior Deacon; Richard McCoy, PM and Treasurer; Fred Reid, PM and Secretary; Thomas Mark McCoy, Senior Steward; and Lawrence Dailey; PM and Tyler.



The officers of **Frank C. Folks Lodge No. 192** for the ensuing year are Wor. Bro. Ken Music, Wor. Bro. Charles Beverly, Wor. Bro. Huey Davis (Installing officer), Wor. Bro. Matt Barnhill, Bro. Jesse Lee, Wor. Bro. Richard Bailey (Installing officer), Bro. Thomas Ammons, Wor. Bro. Homer Lee Sowell and Wor. Bro. Daniel Guest. Stations were not provided to the editor.



Pictured is the new Master of **Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 702** in Dalton, Justin Barton along with his installing officers, PGME. Ray Knittel, PGM J. Edward Jennings who served as Grand Marshal, and DDGM Mike Collins who served as Grand Chaplain.



Hickory Flat No. 205 installed new officers on January 6. Pictured front row L-R are Zeb Cochran — Junior Steward, Dennis Davidson — Senior Warden, Tony Vaughn — Worshipful Master, Jim Underwood — PGM, Bob Blum — Secretary. Second Row: Tim Arp — Senior Deacon, Mike Kelley — Tyler, Steve Harris — Chaplain, Kirby Greir — Senior Steward. Back Row: Perry Fowler — Junior Warden, Charles Lawton — Junior Deacon, and Jerry Hicks — Treasurer.

Masonic Home of Georgia

The following article was written by Noah Hughes, an alumni of the Masonic Home and now a college student. It appeared in the December issue of the *Georgia Lions Magazine*. We thank the editor of the *Georgia Lions Magazine* for permission to reprint the article in this issue of the *Masonic Messenger*.



Our Mission

To provide an environment for youth to develop themselves - physically, mentally and spiritually.

"If only one pure sweet girl be saved from degradation, If only one boy be rescued from a life of crime,

If only one soul be saved for Humanity and God, If but one tear dried, one sorrow comforted,

Will not even this be sufficient to reward us all for all toils and struggles."



It was Grand Master Max Meyerhardt who said these words as the cornerstone to the Masonic Home was laid on October 27, 1903. Along with other individuals, Max Meyerhardt played an important role in the Masonic Home of Georgia becoming a reality. Senator Augustus O. Bacon donated 100 acres for the Home's location on the East side of the Ocmulgee River. The site included a beautiful knoll, which enabled the future building to have a panoramic view of the property as well as the river.

On June 14, 1905; Superintendent A.S. Harris and the Home staff welcomed the first 14 guests to the Masonic

Home. Initially the Home provided care for the elderly as well as children. However The Grand Lodge of Georgia made the decision in 1912 to admit thereafter only children. The elderly already at the Home continued to live there and the last adult "Aunt Molly" passed away in 1945.

The State of Georgia is made up of 12 Masonic districts, each having a trustee representing the district. The [Board of Trustees](#) serves as the governing body of the Masonic Home and is responsible for the overall operation of the Home. The main thrust of the Board over the years has been to operate a home and not an institution.

The Heart of Georgia Masonry Masonic Home of Georgia

Since June 14, 1905 the Masonic Home of Georgia has served over 2100 children in need from the State of Georgia. The Home is located on 650 acres in Macon, "the Heart of Georgia." The ideal location makes it easily accessible to all of Georgia. The Home is non-profit organization that is funded by the Masons of Georgia.

The Home is a residential child care facility that provides basic care to children in need. Residential child care is defined as the appropriate placement of children whose care cannot be provided in their own home or for whom group care is a positive alternative.

Love, Security, Personal Growth and Achievement are the guiding principles at the Masonic Home of Georgia. Our Primary goal is to prepare children and families for reunification whenever possible. In other cases our aim is to prepare children for independent living by providing a structured living environment where the children can learn responsibility for their actions and become resourceful so they can function in today's society.

Application Process

* Children must be between the ages of 6 - 16. (A 5 year old may be accepted in a sibling group.)

* The legal guardian will be the main contact person.

* Each child, before admission, will be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge which the Director of Social Services will obtain.

* Emotional and Academic needs must be serviceable in a basic setting, these needs are evaluated on an individual basis by the Director of Social Services.

Alumni of the Home are still an important part of the

Home. Many of them feel that the Masonic Home of Georgia is their Home. Every year, the third Sunday in May marks Alumni Day at the Home. Our Alumni will come back to share stories, rekindle old friendships and reminisce about their time at the Home. During this day our Alumni Association meets and presents a gift to the Home. They will also decide a weekend in September to spend at our Camp in Shellman's Bluff. If you are an Alumni, we invite you to come visit anytime, regardless of how long you lived here or how old you are now.

If you can't visit then please send an e-mail to the Secretary with your address and phone number, so that your name can be placed on the Alumni Association mailing list. The following is a perspective written, in his own words, by Noah Hughes. As you can see, Noah has presided at the Home for over 6 years and is on his way to becoming the productive citizen that he refers to:

Noah Hughes
Masonic Home of Georgia

"The Masonic Home of Georgia is a place for any child with varying domestic problems to be. The purpose of the Home is to take in children ages 5 to 16 and provide them with the basic, essentials necessary like a roof over their heads, food in their stomachs, clothes on their bodies, etc. In addition to the basics, the employees supervising and maintaining the children's daily activities and needs make sure that the children also receive some of their wants like extra-curricular activities in school and minor desires like going to the movies or hanging out an amusement park. The Masonic Home has been around over a hundred years, beginning in 1904 exactly. The Home has proven to be a safe haven for children who come from dissatisfactory family backgrounds. Children living at the Home have very different reasons why they were placed there by their guardians. Despite the differences however, all of the children share a very similar thing; all of them have problems and all of them needed a different setting in their lives to make something better of their situations. The Home was just the place for such a setting. Many of the children at the Home are ordinary, normal kids like any other kid who can be called ordinary and normal. Numerous times in a year Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Georgia travel from their homes to the Masonic Home to take care of the Homes' affairs. Whether the affairs consist of maintenance work, embroidery, accounting, managing, etc., the Freemasons everywhere come to the Home with a noble purpose to make sure the Home stays intact and worthy of a child's residence. I am one of the children living at the Masonic

Home. You can't really consider me to be a child since I am 21 years old attending college in my third year. I have been living at the Home since I was 16 to be exact and I was placed here partly because I was unruly and also because I couldn't maintain a loving relationship with my mother. At the time some 5 years ago from this year 2013, it was absolutely necessary that I be placed elsewhere to calm down, come to better positive senses, and just find a way to succeed academically and mentally. Since I've been here at the Home I have steadily progressed in those endeavors and have become a more appropriate young man. Indeed, sometimes, perhaps more than that it can be just plain ol' stressful and agitating to live at the Home primarily because I am not living with blood relatives and am surrounded by strangers who I don't know all too well. But those stresses are outweighed by the benefits of living there. For example, since I live at the Home I get to go to college payment-free. That's right, I get to go to virtually any college or university I want to attend for free as long as I keep my grades, behavior, and looks upright. Maybe the looks aren't really that significant, but it may help in some small way or another.

In addition, since I am a Masonic Home 'kid,' I can live there for free, eat for free, watch cable television for free, think for free, and do lots of other things...for...free. No the Home isn't a part of the Federal Government, but it is a good place that I would rather stay at as long as I can go to school, stay away from negative people, live without financial losses, and really just take advantage of what the place has to offer. I think I am being wise quite frankly by staying here and taking advantage unless anyone should tell me otherwise. Another point I think I should clarify is that I am aware that the title of Freemason is just that, a title. The other children and I are fully aware that the so-called 'Freemasons' are ordinary people who have their own families, financial crossroads, issues, aka, their own lives. Because of this fact, many of the children feel humbled and so do I whenever anyone considers donating anything to the Home so that we could be benefitted. Just our thanks is all we have possible to express our gratitude towards the Free Masons purpose and their intentions in helping people get on their feet and survive in this life. Thanks to the Freemasons, the possibility of a good education, a better setting, more opportunities and perhaps a better attitude towards life is made realistic. Hundreds of young people have walked through the doors of the Home buildings for years, some staying a significant amount of time, some staying only a few days. In any case though, anyone who has passed through has benefitted from the Home's services. I hope to stay long enough to obtain a degree and enter the workforce and be a decent, productive citizen. Thank you to every Freemason in the State of Georgia. God Bless."

Noah

Our History

(Copied from the Grand Lodge of Georgia Website)

A band of English colonists under the leadership of General James Edward Oglethorpe, British soldier, statesman and humanitarian, arrived on the west bank of the Savannah River on February 12, 1733. This was the birth of the English Province of Georgia, the last of the Thirteen Colonies. Georgia was the southwestern frontier of British America for many years.

In the same year, December 13, 1733, the Grand Lodge of England at its Quarterly Communication in London adopted a resolution to “collect the Charity of this Society towards enabling the Trustees (of Georgia) to send distressed Brethren to Georgia where they may be comfortably provided for...that it be strenuously (sic) recommended by the Masters and Wardens of regular Lodges to make a generous collection amongst all their Members for that purpose...”

Some three months later, February 21, 1734, a Lodge of Freemasons was organized at Savannah under the “old Customs” (without warrant). Noble Jones, intimate friend of James Oglethorpe, was initiated on that date, the first Freemason made in Georgia. On December 2, 1735, the Lodge was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England and entered on the engraved list as “The Lodge at Savannah in Ye Province of Georgia.” It was assigned number 139 on the register of English Lodges. By 1770 its number had been reduced to No. 63 and by 1792 it was No. 46, although no longer an English Lodge.

The Lodge at Savannah changed its name in or prior to 1770 to Solomon’s Lodge. In 1774 and 1775, respectively, the Grand Lodge of England warranted two more Lodges in Savannah, Unity No. 465 and Grenadiers No. 481. Both Lodges died an early death.

Except for that brief period, Solomon’s Lodge was the only Lodge in Georgia from 1734 until 1785. Solomon’s Lodge was the second duly constituted Lodge in America, next only to a Lodge in Boston warranted in 1733. Solomon’s Lodge is the Mother Lodge of Georgia.

Serving as Provincial Grand Masters in Georgia were: Grey Elliott, 1760 until he was succeeded in 1771 by Noble Jones. Brother Jones served until his death in 1775. Sometime during the War for Independence, Samuel Elbert, American soldier and later Governor of Georgia, was “elected” Provincial Grand Master. On December 15, 1786, Brother Elbert resigned as Provincial Grand Master so that the independent Grand Lodge of Georgia might be formed.

A group of dissident Freemasons in Savannah, disapproving the workings of Solomon’s Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1784 for a charter to

organize a Lodge. Their petition was granted by Pennsylvania on March 31, 1785, the Lodge being listed on Pennsylvania’s register as no. 42, to be known as Hiram Lodge, Savannah.

In the true spirit of Freemasonry the differences between the two Lodges were soon reconciled. In the following year it is known that two additional Lodges existed in the colony, one at Augusta and one at Washington. It is believed these four Lodges, on December 16, 1786 met together and created the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the of Georgia. William Stephens, Past Master of Solomon’s Lodge, now No. 1, and the first U.S. Court Judge in Georgia, was elected and installed Grand Master.

The next eight Lodges in Georgia were: Columbia No. 3, Augusta; St. Louis No. 4, Washington; Washington No. 5, Washington; St. John’s No. 6, Sunbury; Little River No. 7, Little River; St. Patrick’s No. 8, Waynesboro; St. George’s No. 9, Kiokas; Union No. 10, Savannah.

With the exception of Solomon’s No. 1, all of the above Lodges are extinct. Social Lodge, originally No. 18, Augusta, Georgia, now also No. 1, was chartered in December 1799. Georgia had 451 lodges and 72,451 members in October, 1997. In 2013, there were 423 lodges with 39,713 members.

Freemasonry has existed continuously in Georgia since 1734. The Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., has existed since 1786.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the of Georgia was incorporated with perpetual duration on February 6, 1796, by an Act of the General Assembly of Georgia passed for that purpose, and has been delivered down to the present day.



Northeast of this spot stood the famous Sunbury Oak of early Colonial Masonic legend. The legend of the Sunbury “Masonic” Oak is based on a tradition that has been passed down for generations. There is a strong belief that Georgia’s first Masonic meeting was held under the protective branches of the great oak on February 21, 1734. It is believed that General James Edward Oglethorpe presided over the

meeting, thus introducing Freemasonry to Georgia. — Monument dedicated 1990 by Solomon’s Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M.

Mackey Lodge No. 120 donates Bicycles to Two Schools

Wor. Bro. Kenneth Agan, Secretary of Mackey Lodge No. 120, reports Mackey Lodge has again donated bicycles, a practice the Brethren of Mackey Lodge began several years ago, to Cave Spring Elementary School and Georgia School for the Deaf both of which are located in Cave Spring.

Each of the schools has Library Reading Programs that encourage their students to read. The Masons help by donating two bikes to these programs which are put on display in their libraries and at the end of the school year in May the girl and boy who has read the most books wins a bike and helmet. It's all about the children and encouraging them to achieve their goals. It's a joy to see the smiles on their faces when they see the bikes on display.

Brothers delivering the bicycles were Wor. Master Tony Fricks, Wor. Bro. Donald Terry, Wor. Bro. Jim Benton and Wor. Bro. Kenneth Agan.

In the top picture is Stephanie Cox, Cave Spring Elementary Media Specialist, along with several students that were available and eager to participate. The bottom picture also includes Leslie Jackson, Principal of Georgia School for the Deaf and again some students eager to participate.

The bicycles were delivered on Tuesday, January 14.



It's all about the children and encouraging them to achieve their goals.



Traveling Men Confer Master's Degree



Johnny Agan Chapter 15 Traveling Men performed a first at Cherokee Lodge No. 66 in Rome on August 3 by conferring a Master's Degree on one candidate, Robert Douglas Broadway. — Danny Morrison, President Johnny Agan Chapter 15 T.M.

Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, "What's in it for me?" — Brian Tracy

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. — Warren Buffett

— From *The Northern Light*, February 2014

Palmetto Lodge No. 47 Installs Officers



NOW AND THEN

Floyd Edmondson, Grand Orator

I was privileged to be accepted into the Masonic Lodge in 1975, a time when most lodges were very busy conferring degrees or having spaghetti or chicken dinner fund-raisers. They enjoyed full-house attendance and great fellowship at their meetings, especially when degree work was going on. Sometimes several members of one lodge would get together and visit another lodge, which almost always returned the visit. Most members were Church-going and tried to live their lives accordingly.

Back then there was a lot of degree work going on. Everyone took pride in their part, attended practice sessions for degree work and for opening and closing the lodge and tried to do a good job. If they could not make a practice session, they notified whoever was in charge. If they were an officer or had a part in a degree and could not make a meeting, they would make a special effort to notify the Worshipful Master so he could find a replacement. They were dedicated and committed, meaning they seriously devoted their time and efforts to fulfill the promise they made to fill a station, help with a project or whatever they said they would do.

Now it is hard to get the members to attend a practice session for any purpose. With today's methods of communicating — cell phones, text messages and e-mails — you would think we would have excellent means of communicating one with another. That is not the case a lot of times, though. Now, we usually have to leave a voice-mail when we call someone and if they do not return our call, text, or e-mail, we still do not have the information we need in a timely manner. If someone from the lodge contacts us, we should take the time and show the courtesy to return their call, text message or e-mail, otherwise they will have to wait until the event takes place to see if we will be there. This makes it difficult to have a well-planned program. For example, sometimes the Worshipful Master has to wait until the last minute before the lodge opens to determine who will fill the stations, especially if the officers do not have a dependable attendance record. This becomes more difficult if degree work is planned and someone who cannot be there has not notified the Worshipful Master. If we accept an officer's station or a part in a degree, we should be dedicated and committed to fulfilling that duty to the best of our ability.

Back then it was a long, hard day's work to hold a spaghetti or chicken dinner fund-raiser. It took the efforts of a lot of Brethren and sometimes their wives, also. Tickets were usually sold several days before the event took place. A lot of time and work was also involved in getting supplies,

people and equipment lined up. It took a lot of hard work but everyone worked well together and the fund-raiser was usually successful—some more than others. Now we have



more Emeritus members who do not have to pay dues and fewer members overall, so our income is declining. However, insurance, heating, cooling and other costs continue to increase. These factors, combined with others, have become a burden on some of our lodges. Let's find ways to make our lodges financially strong so we

can have healthy, prospering lodges and be able to continue our charity work even more in these difficult times.

Also, I encourage each of you, especially officers, to attend one of the many schools of instruction held by a Custodian of the Uniform Work. These schools provide an excellent means to see how our work should be done. I also encourage our Worshipful Masters to have meaningful programs to increase attendance at our meetings, let the general public know we exist and why and hopefully gain quality new members.

Not too many of our members attend church today. We hear more about our members drinking in public, using profane language and not strictly following the Moral Law. Let's thoroughly investigate our petitioners using the Masonic Investigation manual available from Grand Lodge and thereby guard the entrance to our lodges with sleepless vigilance to allow only good men to enter. I encourage each of you, if you do not already do so, to attend church regularly. Let's try harder to follow the teachings of the Great Light we agreed to use as the rule and guide for our faith and practice. Let us seek the old paths of dedication and commitment that have carried our great fraternity through the ages of time to us today and let us walk therein. Let us walk honestly before our Brethren and the profane world. Let us walk not in drunkenness, not in lasciviousness and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but let us walk in the Light so we may have fellowship one with another; and working together in peace and harmony, let's let our fraternity's good works continue to abound now as it did then. May God Bless.

— Right Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer

From
Beneath
the
Editor's
Desk . . .



In late December I received by email the quarterly issue of the *Harashim* [Hebrew for *Craftsmen*], the Quarterly Newsletter of the Australian & New Zealand Masonic Research Council, for December 2013. I have enjoyed receiving the *Harashim* for a number of years and have always found its articles fascinating. I encourage you to subscribe by emailing the Assistant Secretary at kenthen@optusnet.com.au. Provide your lodge affiliation. There is no charge.

Bro. Dr. Bob James asks in an article, “Is Freemasonry a Beached Whale?” Dr. James suggests Freemasons ask the question, “how did this whale beach itself?” or “how do we move this whale off the beach?” and then substitute the word “Craft” for the word “whale.”

Bro. Ronald Ng shares lectures topics from Old King’s Arms Lodge No. 28, an English lodge, from the year 1733. Lectures during 1733 at this lodge included: a lecture about the force of muscles, a small dissertation on magnetism, lectures at three successive meetings on fermentation, a lecture on social virtues of good fellowship, a lecture on a water clock mentioned by Vitruvius and invented by Ctesibius of Alexandria, a lecture on iron and steel manufacture, a lecture on military architecture and one on civil architecture, and a lecture on the principles of geometry in relation to the practice of Masonry. The topics, no doubt, were of interest to operative masons who had joined speculative Freemasonry in the early years.

The issue included a book review by Bro. Trevor W. McKeown on *Rosshyn, Guardians of the Holy Grail*.

The issue also reprinted Bro. Robert I. Clegg’s article from the February 1919 issue of *The Builder* asking “Was William Shakespeare a Freemason?” Bro. Clegg refers to numerous “words and phrases in common use among the Craft” that are found in Shakespeare’s plays. Bro. Clegg asks, was Shakespeare a Freemason or did early Freemasons borrow many of Shakespeare’s words for early Craft rituals? He leaves us to mull over that question.

If you are asked by one of the Georgia Lodges of Research to deliver a lecture, don’t just ask yourself what you can talk about to fill up twenty minutes, but ask, what can I talk about to cause my listeners to leave with a head full of new knowledge – and some questions that they will strive to answer through their own Masonic studies. That’s what a good Masonic researcher does.

Lodge of Research No. 8 to host Right Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer on March 29

Lodge of Research No. 8 in Thomasville will host Right Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer at its quarterly meeting at Moultrie Lodge 381 on March 29 at 9:00 a.m. His topic will be “Why 1717?” He will discuss the political and religious issues impacting Great Britain in the decades leading up to the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London in 1717.

Dr. Leazer is a popular Masonic speaker having spoken to Masonic groups in 26 States and two Canadian Provinces since 1993 when he conducted the investigation of Freemasonry for the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a Fellow of the Maine Lodge of Research, a full member of the Texas Lodge of Research and a Blue Friar.

Georgia Lodge of Research to host Masonic Author Robert W. Sullivan IV

The Georgia Lodge of Research will host Masonic author Robert W. Sullivan IV at its quarterly meeting May 31 (always on the fifth Friday) at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Sullivan will present his 600-page tome *The Royal Arch of Enoch: The Impact of Masonic Ritual, Philosophy and Symbolism*.

Bro. Sullivan claims Freemasons had secret access to the lost “1st Enoch” from Ethiopia decades before the apparent rediscovery by Masonic Brother James Bruce in 1773. He asks if the higher degrees of Freemasonry had Jesuit-Illuminati origins, or did they arise from Jacobean conspiracies, or were they from fallen angels described in the “1st Enoch.”

This will be an open meeting.

Augusta Scottish Rite and Lodge of Research No. 6 to host Most Worshipful Michael A. Halleran, Grand Master of Kansas

The Augusta Scottish Rite and the Lodge of Research No. 6 in Augusta will host Right Worshipful Michael A. Halleran, currently Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M., at the Augusta Scottish Rite Center on June 28. Bro. Halleran, a practicing attorney, is also the Executive Editor of the Journal of the Masonic Society. He is the author of *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry in the American Civil War* (2010) and *Bro. Brother’s Journal* (2012).

The meeting begins with coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m.; two speakers will present papers in the morning. A steak luncheon at 11:45 will be served at a cost of \$20 per person for the first 230 reservations. Deadline for reservations is June 16. Most Worshipful Bro. Halleran will speak at 12:30 p.m. Mail your check to the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904. For more information, contact Greg Oblak at 706-733-5387.

The Good Samaritan

Bro. Tom Lewis, a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 44, sent this article to me and I have asked his permission to use it in the Masonic Messenger, not because he mentions me, but because he challenges all of us to be "Good Samaritans." He delivered this speech at his lodge in January, — Editor

One semester, a seminary professor set up his preaching class in an unusual way. He scheduled his students to preach on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and on the day of the class, he choreographed his experiment so that each student would go, one at a time, from one classroom to another where he or she would preach a sermon. The professor gave some students ten minutes to go from one room to the other; to others he allowed less time, forcing them to rush in order to meet the schedule. Each student, one at a time, had to walk down a certain corridor and pass by a bum, who was deliberately planted there, obviously in need of some sort of aid. The results were surprising, and offered a powerful lesson to them. The percentage of those good men and women who stopped to help was extremely low, especially for those who were under the pressure of a shorter time period. The tighter the schedule, the fewer were those who stopped to help the indigent man. When the professor revealed his experiment, you can imagine the impact on that class of future spiritual leaders. Rushing to preach a sermon on the Good Samaritan they had walked past the beggar at the heart of the parable. We must have eyes to see as well as hands to help, or we may never help at all. I think this well-known poem expresses it powerfully:

I was *hungry* and you formed a humanities club
to discuss my hunger.

Thank you.

I was *imprisoned* and you crept off quietly
to your chapel to pray for my release.

Nice.

I was *naked* and in your mind you debated the
morality of my appearance.

What good did that do?

I was *sick* and you knelt and thanked God for
your health.

But I needed you.

I was *homeless* and you preached to me of the
shelter of the love of God.

I wish you'd taken me home.

I was *lonely* and you left me alone to go pray for me.

Why didn't you stay?

You seem so *holy*, so close to God; but I'm still
very hungry, lonely, cold, and still in pain.

Does it matter?

— *Stories For The Heart* Compiled by Alice Gray

Many of you read *The Masonic Messenger*, a bi-monthly magazine from the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In the December issue, an article by Right Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer, entitled *Is the Craft an Altruistic Society?* alludes to the religious tenets of the Parable of the Good Samaritan

In it he says:

Although the term is not used, we were admonished to be altruistic as Freemasons in the Entered Apprentice degree. You may read that admonition on page 49 of our *Masonic Manual*, Vol. 1 (2011). It reads:

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To sooth the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to have compassion for their miseries and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great end we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

Now I would like to tell you of personal encounter that helped me understand this philosophy of the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

As many you know I was employed at The Home Depot in Cumming for several years. One day, as I had clocked out and was leaving for the day around 3 o'clock, I was approached by a young man who quietly asked, "Sir, could you spare a little money for me and my family?" I brushed him off, saying that I didn't have any money, and quite frankly, I was a little irritated to be approached by anyone asking for money. As I reached my vehicle though, I could not stop thinking about this young man. I was struck by his appearance. The weather was cool, but he had no jacket; he was clean-shaven, had a neat haircut and was dressed in clean clothes. I stood by my vehicle – wondering what to do. Finally, after a long time, and somewhat heated internal discussion, I headed back to the store to find him. He was still standing by the exit door, attempting to be inconspicuous, asking other people the same question "Can you spare something for me and my family?" I motioned for him to step over, out of the way where we could talk. I asked him about himself. I don't remember all the details, but he told me his family was eating at IHOP, and he was concerned about paying the bill. We talked for a while longer; he told me a little bit more about himself. I don't remember one detail. . . not one. What I do remember is that he was well spoken, almost gentle, polite, and I liked him. My usually overactive spider-sense didn't go off. I opened up my wallet and gave him ten dollars, and wished him well.

Occasionally I think about that episode.

But when I think of that encounter now, it comes to me

as a question: *“Why didn’t you do more?”*

I wish I had given him more . . . for the gift he gave me.

For you see, that young man returned something to me. He gave me back the gift of compassion, of humility, and communion, which for some reason, lay dormant within my soul.

And now, each time I see someone in a parking lot, or beside to road, with a sign that tells a pitiful story, I stop, and go back if necessary, and give them twenty dollars - or more. I realize that there are some scammers out there. I also realize that there are more people in real need. I look at this opportunity as a way to give 100% to someone in need, with no middlemen taking their unfair share. It’s my small moment to make a small difference.

And sometimes I think of a quote by B.C. Forbes:

“Better to be occasionally cheated than be perpetually suspicious.”

Epilogue: There’s more.

I left my home tonight at a time which would allow me to barely make to the lodge pre-communication meal. I had spent a little more time than I expected finishing the details of this lecture. As luck would have it, I became delayed on the road behind a postal mail delivery vehicle. We all know how slow these vehicles can go. But I was surprised to find the mail delivery vehicle was not causing the delay; it was a car in front of it that was delaying me. The vehicle had its flashers on and the driver was looking for a safe place to get

off the road. Finally the vehicle pulled off at the entrance to a subdivision. The mail truck sped up and so did I, as did every vehicle behind me. But some kernel of doubt gnawed at me. Here I was, (I said to myself, or perhaps my guardian angel was whispering to me) going to deliver a lecture on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the heart of which is to stop and assist someone in need, and I had just driven by someone as if I didn’t care. I thought about it (was my guardian angel still whispering to me). What *was* the probability that I would encounter someone who was in need while on the way to deliver a lecture on the meaning of the Parable of the Good Samaritan? Probably higher than winning the PowerBall jackpot, I thought. I pulled into a parking lot to think about it. “It’s a test,” I finally concluded, “It’s a test of my faith. I should go back and assist the owner of that car.” I still hesitated; I would be late for supper at the lodge, and would miss some of the joyful camaraderie that went with dinner at the lodge. But, what about the professor’s story about the seminary students?

I turned around went back and pulled close to the disabled automobile. I got out of my vehicle and approached a young man standing next to his car. “Hi,” I said, “ May I help you?” (I couldn’t think of anything clever to say). “Well,” he said, “Do you have any jumper cables?” I said that I did, and proceeded to connect them and start his car. We talked for a minute, and finally he put out his hand and shook mine, while saying thank you.

“No”, I said, “Thank you. You helped me pass the test.”

I was late for supper, but somehow, I didn’t care.

MELD Classes in the Second District

Wor. Bro. Max Davis, 2nd District MELD Director, reports a very successful Stewards & Deacons Workshop and Certified Mentors Class was held at Thomasville Lodge No. 369 with 15 Brothers completing the classes.

They were (first row from left): Bros. Paul Massey, Jr. Warden; John Ogburn, Jr. Steward; Ron Marcinski, Wor. Master; Gary Taylor, Sr. Steward; and Bruce Fykes, Sr. Warden. Pictured in the second row from the left are Bros. Thomas Vancel; Joe Fuch, Sr. Deacon; Larry Price, Jr. Deacon; Douglas Bauer; and Wally Doppenberg, Secretary. Standing in the back are Bros. Forrest Van Cowart and Levy A. Hall. Not pictured were Bros. Ken Hubbard, Victor H. Seay, and Lamar Miller.

Congratulations to each of these Brothers.



“The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” — Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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Columbus Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. We congratulate all the new officers on being elected to serve as the leaders of our valley for the ensuing year. Installed to Key Leadership rolls for the Columbus Valley Bodies: Columbus Lodge of Perfection; John Ohrt, 32° KCCH; Columbus Chapter Knights Rose Croix; Lance Anthony, 32° KCCH; Columbus Council of Kadosh; Danny L. Dawson, 32° KCCH; Columbus Consistory, Robert "Bob" Moseson, 33°.

We congratulate all the officers who were recognized for their continuing service to Scottish Rite and pledge our support in making this a great year. There is stressed the one aim: "to please each other and unite in the grand designs of being happy and communicating happiness."

We invite our Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30 pm and enjoy a free dinner (as a first-time visitor), before each our monthly meetings. We nearly always have an open program following our Lodge of Perfection meetings and invite guests and their ladies to attend this with us. Please visit our web site at scottishritecolsga.com for more information.

The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection meets on the first Thursday of each month. Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M. and the LOP meeting and program begin sharply at 8:00 P.M. We are off to a great start for 2014. January LOP (January 2) meeting consisted of a photographic journey presentation by our in house photographer, Richard Williamson, 32° KCCH, summarizing everything which occurred at the Center for the year 2013. We then hosted Grand Master Edgar M. Land's workshop on January 25. We continued with election and installation of officers for 2014 and our Ring Ceremony for our Fall 2013 Reunion at the February 6 LOP meeting. On February 15, we hosted the 10th Masonic District's George Washington Birthday Celebration which consisted of the presentation of the Masonic play "The Traitor." The March LOP meeting will consist of a guest speaker from the Savannah River Site who will present a power point presentation of the overview of the site and its future missions.

The April LOP will be dark due to our Major fundraiser for the year, Master's Hospitality and Parking during the Master's Golf tournament, which will take place from April 4-13. A very busy time but well worth it. Our Spring Reunion will occur on May 16 and 17. Our Knights of Saint Andrew Chapter (KSA) will be holding a Car Show fundraiser at the Scottish Rite Center on May 24 with proceeds going to our

Rite Care Clinic. June LOP meeting on the 5th will be our flag Day Celebration. On June the 7th our Rite Care Clinic will be holding the Children's Talent show at the center. Seeing these children with disabilities perform warms your heart. Tickets are on sale at this time for the upcoming event. The Valley of Augusta has also contributed to several charities in the area to include carrying food to several needy families, sponsoring a Wounded Warrior family for a Cruise and contributing quarterly to our Rite Care Clinic.

The Augusta Lodge of Research No. 6 is off and running at the Center where we have guest lecturers each month. The Augusta Lodge of Research and the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will be hosting **Michael A. Halleran**, Masonic Author and Speaker, Grand Lodge of Kansas on Saturday, June 28. Masonic author, RWB Michael A. Halleran will speak concerning Freemasonry in the American Civil War. RWB Halleran is currently the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Kansas and the presumptive incoming Grand Master for the year beginning March 1, 2014. Brother Halleran is the author of numerous articles and a book on Masons in the Civil War. His book, *The Better Angels of our Nature*, is distributed by McCoy Publishing. In addition, Brother Halleran writes a regular column in the *Scottish Rite Journal* recounting the colorful adventures of Bro. Hiram Brother, i.e. Brother Brother, a late 19th Century Mason. Limited seating of only 230 tickets will be sold at \$20 each which also includes a steak luncheon. To secure your reservation, write your check to the Augusta Valley of Scottish Rite and mail to: Greg Oblak, 33°, General Secretary, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904-3103. Cutoff for reservations will be June 13, 2014.

The Valley of Augusta will also be hosting our annual Dinner Theater on September 20 which will begin with a catered seafood buffet and a split program with the 8th Regiment Band and Bel Canto A Capella Singing Group. Come visit us if you are in the area

The Tournament of Champions was held at our **Savannah Scottish Rite Center** on March 15. Remembrance & Renewal will take place on April 1 with Wor. Bro. Johnie M. Garmon, First Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia, as the guest speaker. The Spring Reunion will be on May 2nd and 3rd. See www.savannahscottishrite.org for further details.

The **Valley of Albany** is in process of making new costumes and a lot of props for our degrees. We have been doing a lot of painting, cleaning and general upkeep on our building and it is beginning to show. We are planning for our



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Scottish Rite News Continued:

spring reunion in April and hope to have a good class. Our ladies have been very busy also in their help to the valley. We meet at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month and of course ladies are welcome. Please come and enjoy the changes at Albany Valley in the Orient of Georgia.

There have been some excellent signs this past year that indicate the **Valley of Atlanta** is on the right track. Looking at the numbers our overall loss in membership has slowed. It is hard to categorize this as good but our membership loss last year was 76. This year the number of suspensions was 89 compared to the previous year's loss of 175; a reduction of 50%. While reducing the number of suspensions is important the number of new members of the Valley is equally important and this year we increased that number by 130%. The number of new Masters of the Royal Secret this year was 97 compared to 42 the previous year. We can attribute much of that to the combined effort of the Valley of Atlanta and our Brothers at Yaarab Shrine. Not only did we benefit with 78 new members but we showed other parts of the country that Shrine Masons, Scottish Rite Masons and the entire Masonic Fraternity work together for great fellowship and continued support of the charities that make this fraternity the pillar of strength in the community that it is.

We are fortunate to have two brothers who have stepped up and volunteered to call brothers who have been suspended to see what the Valley can do to help them. Brothers Robert Brown, 32° and Lee English, 32° are helping the brothers they speak with and helping us to keep the brothers as members.

Bro. Brown was a member of the recent class.

While the numbers are encouraging the activities of the Valley are of paramount importance. Our meetings included a salute to our Sweethearts and displays of Patriotism. Also included was an informational meeting featuring medical treatment for those dealing with Cancer. We sponsored a Barbershop Harmony concert with the Big Chicken Chorus and raised money for the Rite Care Center which helps children overcome Speech and Language disorders. We continue to support the Scottish Rite Foundation which provided 99 scholarships of \$1,000 each last year as well as supporting the Rite Care Clinics.

The reunions and classes would be nothing without the fellowship and comradery that takes place not only during the Reunion but during rehearsals or sound or stage preparations prior to the reunion. Each reunion requires hundreds of man hours leading up to the actual event as well as the time invested at the event itself.

Our year has been very positive and one of which we should be encouraged but there was a particularly sad note as we paid the last sad tribute of respect to one we dearly loved and did so much who was not and could never be a Mason. Our Dear Valley Membership Secretary, Mary Douglas, left us to be at the Valley of Heaven where she is taking care of her "Men" there. Mary served the Valley of Atlanta for 42 years.

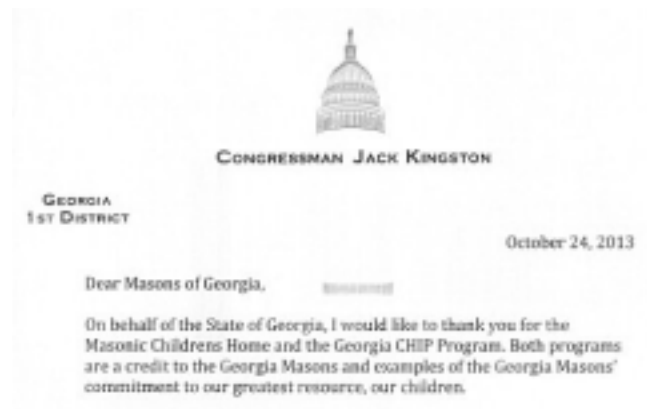
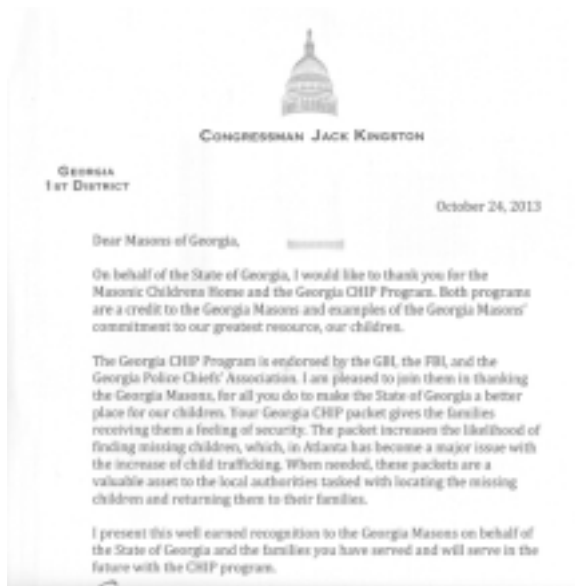
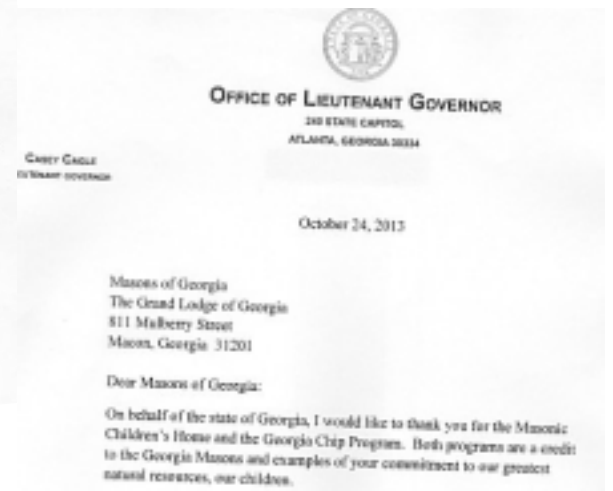
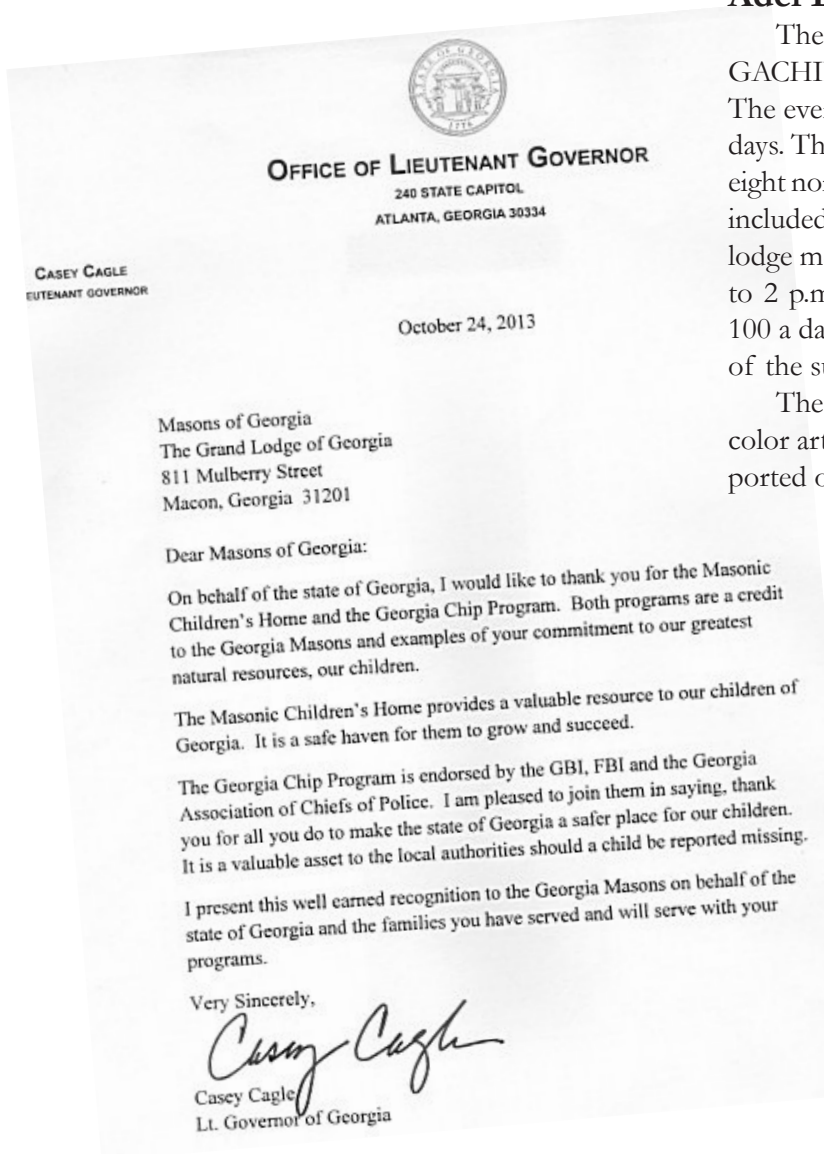
We wish to thank Pat Schwarz who has taken on Mary's responsibilities and is helping us to continue to streamline the operation of the office.

Finally, thanks to all of the Brothers of the Valley who help make the Valley of Atlanta as great as it is.

Adel Lodge Holds First Its GACHIP Event

The Brethren of Adel Lodge No. 310 held their first GACHIP Event at the Cook County Primary School in Adel. The event began on January 21 and was completed in four days. The lodge had the help of 12 Masonic volunteers and eight non-Masonic volunteers. The non-Masonic volunteers included Cook County Sheriff's Deputies and the wives of lodge members. They had six stations working from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day and identified 415 students averaging 100 a day. The members of Adel Lodge can be very proud of the success of their first event.

The local newspaper, the *Adel News Tribune*, ran a large color article on the event. A local television station also reported on the event.





We the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of
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Most Worshipful Brother Edgar Land

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Georgia

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-Event Details-

April 17th 2014

Dinner 6:30pm—Lodge 7:30pm

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Robert J. Hart, Worshipful Master



Three Brothers received their 50-year awards at Orion Lodge No. 8 on January 15. They are (from left): Jack Clinton Sapp, Archie Jerome Dodson, and Monroe Pierce Godwin.



James William Keller, Sr
Latham No. 12



Ralph Paul Kirby
Latham No. 12



William Clarence Loggins
Latham No. 12



Howard Mason Davis
Tucker No. 42



Grady Green
Tucker No. 42



John Lawrence Griffin
Tucker No. 42



Harold Victor Hanners
Tucker No. 42



Francisco Gonzalez Burgos
Bacon No. 56



Winfred E. Whisenant
Cohutta No. 64



James G. Meeks
Cherokee No. 66



James T. Tate
Cherokee No. 66



Merriel Jenkins
Palmetto No. 74



Johnny Smith
Palmetto No. 74



Rodell Dunn
Smith No. 85



Jack Ivey
Smith No. 85



Howard Lee House
Mackey No. 120



Gene Wages and Snell Buchanan were presented their 50-year aprons and pins by PGM Jerry D. Moss and Wor. Bro. Tommy Towler at Snellville No. 99.



Edgar Luther Barrett Jr.
Caledonia No. 121



Thomas Wilson Echols
Springfield No. 153



Stephen Morgan Canada
Gainesville No. 219



Hugh Orvil Helton
Gainesville No. 219



Harry Herman Hooper
Gainesville No. 219



T. J. Kemp
Gainesville No. 219



Morris Lynn McClure
Gainesville No. 219



J. W. Warriner
Salem No. 267



Henry Ray Eagan
Hinesville No. 271

Brother Paul Watson received his 50-Year Award from the Grand Lodge of Indiana at a meeting of Winder Lodge No 333 on January 9. The award was presented by Wor. Bro. Mark Bradley, DDGM.



Jerry Thompson
Coosawatee No. 306



D. F. Williams Jr.
Coosawatee No. 306



Robert Vincent Wylie Sr
Piedmont No. 447



Robert E. Millam
Lindale No. 455



Warren Miland
Euharlee No. 457



C. L. Tidwell
Euharlee No. 457



Willie Grey Thigpin
Clarkston No. 492



Arthur G. Fields
Clermont No. 512



Leonard Hugh Parker, Jr.
Campton No. 566



Julius Kermit Chambers
Young Cane No. 597



James Arbie Dyer
Young Cane No. 597



Joseph P. Browning
Beulah No. 698



William A. Bush
Fleming No. 718

60 Years



Worshipful Brother and Reverend William Stubba, Chaplain Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of New York, received his 60 year award at Rising Star Lodge No. 4 on January 12. The award was presented by John Lindsay, DDGM 8B.



Ernest Paul Ellison
Latham No. 12



Waymon Everett Adams, Jr.
Tucker No. 42



Charles Edward Davis Jr.
Tucker No. 42



Cecil Erby Dodson
Tucker No. 42



Harry P. Thurmon, Sr.
Tucker No. 42



Paul Burgess
Morning Star No. 349



Fred William Costner, Jr.
East Point No. 454

55 Years



Robert Clyde McCall
and his Lady of 55 years
Hazlehurst Lodge No. 283

65 Years



Virgil Wood Kitchens
Ft. Hawkins Lodge No. 418

A Mason 42 Years in the Making

As a Past Master you often have the honor of helping with Degree conferral. Whether it be a lecture, instructions, or the actual Conferral of a Degree. On January 23rd of this year, I had the honor of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on my step father. The significance of this was not what transpired during the Degree, but the words that he spoke when the opportunity was given.

You see, in 1971 he asked for a petition to a lodge. He received the petition and then was ask a specific question “have you been divorced?” Of course being the “honest man that he is,” he answered yes that he had been divorced. The person he was dealing with told him that there would be no way he could be accepted since he was divorced. He gave the petition back to the brother and proceeded to carry on with life. If there was a Masonic event nearby, he continued to support it. No matter if it was a golf tournament, pancake breakfast, dinner, or any other Masonic event he was there.

In November of 2014 he again asks for a petition to a Lodge, and this time he was given a petition, and instructions on what to do and how the process works. He turned in the petition on our election night, and the committee was assigned to investigate. On that January night the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred, not a dry eye was in the room as this quiet gentleman stood before a packed Lodge room to tell his story. There were brethren from numerous lodges in North Georgia who had driven hours just to see their great friend finally become the brother everyone knew he was already. Whether they had worked for him over the last forty years or had met him doing business with him, everyone had made the same statement “I would have driven any length to see this.” As a Past Master you wish that could be said about every candidate that we initiate. As a son, no man stood more proud than I did to hear brethren say that about the man who has for 20 years help shape me into the person I am today. This man never gave up on his desire to be a Mason even after 42 years, and he has been a super friend, father, and role model to me and my brothers. The Grand Architect of the Universe handpicked this man for my mother and for my family. Never have I met a man who is more deserving.

The lesson that I want to share is this: Every person has a story, and we should all take the time to listen before we make a decision about them. We are taught about making hasty remarks and thoughts against anyone. High character and high morals are what all Masons should strive continuously to achieve.

Even though this man waited 42 years to receive his degrees, I admire the fact that he was always a Mason years before he was made one.

Wiley Forrester, PM
Buford Lodge No. 292



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“Trail to Valley Forge” Medal Presented to Chad Stark at Grayson Lodge No. 549

On January 27 a local Boy Scout Troop No. 499, sponsored by the Grayson Masonic Lodge No. 549 convened a local Troop Level Court of Honor for a special award.

The National Sojourners Fort McPherson Chapter No. 60 sent a member of this troop this past summer to its Youth Leadership Camp at Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, a Premier Youth Leadership Camp. Upon return from this trip we discovered that he qualified for one of the High Awards on the National Level of the Boy Scouts.

“Trail to Valley Forge” Medal is a National Level award and has not been presented to a Boy Scout from Georgia since 1973. Fort McPherson Chapter No. 60 attended this Court of Honor.

Carter Wood is Commissioner of the NE Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America, a National Sojourner and member of Chapter No. 60. He is also the National Secretary of the National Association of Masonic Scouters and a member of Snellville Lodge No. 99.

Brother Carter called off the Troop Level Court of Honor and called on a National Level Court of Honor for presentation of the Trail to Valley Forge Medal to Chad Stark, a member of Troop No. 499.

MWB Jerry D. Moss, Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, presently serving as the 1st Vice President Chapter No. 60 and Commander of the James Jackson Camp Heroes '76 approached the Podium. Two Sojourners, Bros. Victor McKelvey and Paul McInnish escorted Chad Stark to the Podium. MWB Jerry Moss presented the Medal to him and also one of his Past Masters Coins as a keepsake.



Past Grand Master Jerry D. Moss Presents the “Trail to Valley Forge” Medal to Chad Stark



MWB Jerry explained the Freedom Foundation Valley Forge program and what an honor it was to be able to attend.

Shad expressed his thankfulness for the honor to attend this camp. He thanked all the Sojourners present for their support and willingness to select him to attend.

A Lodge upon a Hill

An interesting article appeared in the February-March 2014 *California Freemason*. Written by Bro. Jay Kinney and entitled “A Lodge upon a Hill,” I want to share a synopsis with you. The subtitle reads “An Innovative, Urban Lodge offers Members a Unique Fraternal Culture.”

As we find in Georgia, most lodges in California meet in their own buildings or in other dedicated Masonic facilities. As all of us in Georgia lodges know, our lodges require considerable upkeep and investment by the lodge brethren. Money problems too often take up the majority of lodge business and can divide the Brethren into opposing camps.

One of California’s newest lodges, Prometheus Lodge No. 851, has decided to take a different approach. British and American lodges in the 18th century typically met in the private upstairs rooms of pubs and taverns, setting up and then dismantling the lodge arrangement for each meeting

or dinner, if that was required. Food and beverages could be ordered from the pub below or a café nearby.

Prometheus Lodge wanted to meet in downtown San Francisco to attract businessmen from the financial district and nearby office buildings. With this plan in mind, the Brethren began looking for an appropriate meeting site.

An attractive option was the San Francisco University Club, located on Nob Hill and easily accessible by public transportation. The club featured an excellent dining space and a library sufficiently private for meetings and degree ceremonies. When their lodge furniture was not needed, storage was available.

The Brethren knew that many lodges struggled to retain or keep active newly raised Freemasons. They decided to invite prospective members who had expressed an interest

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The Acacia Tree

The acacia tree is familiar to Freemasons as it is mentioned in one of the Masonic rituals. But, what do we know about the acacia apart from its mention in our ritual?

There are over 1,300 species of acacia found in many parts of the world, from Australia to Africa. The name comes from a Greek word meaning “thorns” which are found on most acacia trees; Australian acacia being the exception. In some translations of the Bible, acacia is called “shittim,” the Hebrew word (Ex. 11:15; 25:10, 15; 27:1; and 37:25). In the United States, the black locust tree is sometimes called the “false acacia.”

Its deep roots allow the acacia to grow where other trees, whose roots do not go down so far, cannot find moisture to live. Perhaps that is one reason the acacia is the symbol of the immortality of the soul in Freemasonry. The height of the tree varies according to the amount of water in the ground, between 3 and 16 feet. Camels have learned to eat the leaves between the thorns. Gazelles feed on fallen seeds found in the pods of the tree. The resin from acacia trees was used as medicine by the ancients.



Acacia Tree. Acacia trees grow mostly in the desert areas (shaded) in the map to the left.

The Jewish Talmud also mentions a medicine made from acacia.

The acacia is a sacred tree among Hebrews. Moses used acacia wood to make the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the showbread and the rest of the sacred furniture.

An article in the January 10-14, 2014 *International Jerusalem Post* speaks of the effort to plant acacia trees along Highway 90, from the Dead Sea to Eilat in Israel. Five thousand acacia seedlings have been planted in the past five years. The Adopt-an-Acacia project is a popular project in Israel in fulfillment of biblical prophecies such as is found in Isaiah 41:19 (“I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the olive tree.”). Many websites encourage readers to purchase acacia seedlings at 3 for \$18 to plant in Israel. The number 18 is highly symbolic in Hebrew. The related word “chaya” means “living thing,” such as a tree or an animal and is derived from the Hebrew word “chai,” meaning “life.”

There is indeed much symbolism in the acacia which we do not catch when listening to the ritual.

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in the fraternity to monthly receptions to provide the prospective members an opportunity to get to know the lodge Brothers – and vice versa – before they were voted upon.

Some men attend the lodge receptions for an entire year before submitting their applications to build a special bond with the Brethren and each other. One man said you find friends who later turn out to be Brothers. Another said the practice makes the candidate feel like he already belongs to the fraternity before he is initiated. The lodge holds a more formal dinner after each degree in honor of the candidate.

Another special feature of Prometheus Lodge is its encouragement that candidates present a short paper or project after each degree reflecting upon some component of the ritual. The lodge Master said he feels this practice

encourages curiosity and thoughtfulness in the lodge, both for the candidate and members.

Bro. Kinney concludes his fine article with these words, “Brotherly love, relief, and truth are best fostered and felt among brothers who are also friends.”

Editor’s Note: The editor wishes to thank Bro. Kinney for his words; the editor does not take any credit for the content of Bro. Kinney’s article.

“The Children’s Garden” at the Masonic Home



The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land, has announced plans for the largest Square and Compasses in the world, to be visible from outer space on Google to be placed in the large circle in front of the Masonic Home.

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Members Reported Deceased
from November 28, 2013
to February 6, 2014

Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.
LINCOLN, WILLIAM ROBERT JR	1SOL	CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM HENRY JR	041
MORRIS, EDDIE CLARENCE JR	1SOL	MORGAN, ROBERT OTIS	041
WINGATE, GEORGE ROSCA SR	1SOL	BROWN, DONALD EVERETT	042
LANIER, ELTON BURTON	002	DRUMMOND, JOHN WILLIAM	042
LOCKE, THERON R. (IO)	002	CLIFTON, HERBERT HOOVER	046
PHILLIPS, RAYMOND LEE	002	JOHNSON, WILLIAM BRUCE	049
ROPER, THOMAS MILLER	002	BROOKS, LLOYD JOHN	053
SINKOE, AARON ARTHUR	002	BURGESS, BILLY JOE	053
TAYLOR, KENT CUSTER	002	CHESNUT, LAWSON EUGENE	053
EARNEST, CARL LEDWARD	008	KINSTLER, ARNOLD LEON	054
SUTTON, LENNELL (NMN)	009	MOCK, EARL WALTER	054
MCCARTER, GEORGE ALBERT	010	PRITCHARD, CHARLES CLIFFORD	059
CALLAWAY, MERRILL WEBSTER SR	011	SAGAR, RICHARD SAVILLE	063
HARDING, CHARLES GRADY	012	ADAMS, HOLLAND STUDDARD	068
CRAIG, JAMES WILMER	014	HOGAN, JOHN FOSTER	068
LANE, JAMES CARLTON	015	MASHBURN, JOE WAYNE	071
RUTLAND, STAFFORD LAYFATE JR	015	JOHNSON, THOMAS EDWARD	074
SMITH, PAUL BURNEY	015	WILLIAMS, CHARLES ARLINGTON	075
DUNCAN, FRANK ERWIN JR	022	MORRIS, EDWARD LEE	076
GUETH, DENNIS EDWARD	022	HUEY, EDWARD MCARTHUR	077
INGRAM, CHESTER (NMN)	022	REECE, ESTES EUGENE	081
CLUBB, HAL WELDON	023	WALLER, DENNIS L	086
HUNTER, RICHARD LEE	024	DAVIES, RICHARD THOMAS	087
BROWN, FRANK HENRY	025	MCKINNEY, MICHAEL RAY	087
STONE, ALLEN PERRY	025	BROWN, MILTON ALLISON	088
BUCKALEW, FRED HORACE	026	CRAVEN, TIM TERRELL	092
FENNELL, WILLIAM GREGORY	026	BRASWELL, FRED	097
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