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— FROM GRAND MASTER EDGAR M. LAND

My Beloved Brethren:

It is amazing how the Good Lord works in each of our lives. We set goals and make plans and in the process of accomplishing those goals and plans, our lives seem to turn in a totally different direction. As most of you know, this happened to me with my recent "gallbladder" illness. The best thing that came out of that situation (other than the gallbladder) was the tremendous outpouring of love and compassion shown by literally hundreds of you Brethren. Many of you called, visited, and sent cards. Hundreds of others continued to pray. This supplied the needed encouragement for me to get back on my regular schedule. I will forever be grateful to each one of you – even if you only thought about me with your good wishes! I truly love each one of you and have been spiritually renewed with a very positive outlook for the future of our Fraternity.

Each of the many visits I have made this year have been memorable in many ways – you brethren have shown the Grand Line so many courtesies, you have your lodge halls in great shape, the food has been spectacular, and you have such great attitudes concerning our future. Many of you have shown how well you work together with other lodges. We have had a few combined meetings that were outstanding. I have no doubt that the enthusiasm shown by all of our Brethren will continue and many positive changes will result.

The Grand Secretary recently reported that our membership has increased approximately 2000 this year. Brethren we really have an opportunity to have a "net increase" this year if we can re-energize many of our Brethren that are about to be suspended for non-payment of dues. I sincerely ask each



of you to contact each Brother that is scheduled to be suspended and encourage him to try it "one more year". Find out why he became inactive and do your best to assist him in re-activating in our fraternity. If he is interested in learning a lecture, encourage him to do so. Many times a newly made Mason really wants to learn to be a leader and current leaders do not give him the help he needs. I hope you believe as I do, that the ability of a person to "replace himself" is a trait of a great leader. If you do not know the name of a Brother scheduled to be suspended, ask your Secretary for a list of names and if you know any of them, please call and encourage them to remain in our Fraternity.

Wor. Bro. Wiley Forrester, State Chairman of the Masonic Education and Leadership Development Committee has organized our Leadership Training Conference to be held the third weekend in July, at the Atlanta Yaarab Shrine Center. I am totally convinced this will be one of the most awesome training conferences you have ever attended. In the event you are a Senior Warden or Junior Warden and have not registered, please call WB Wiley to see if you can still register. The cutoff date was mid-May.

I have no doubt you will be inspired by the conference.

Please mark September 6 to attend the Family Masonic Home Appreciation Day just to visit with friends, socialize, meet the children, and eat a great meal. Also, on the 6th there are plans to dedicate “The Children’s Garden,” which will hopefully be completely laid out within the circle in front of the Masonic Home. Our plan is to have “The Children’s Garden” completed and dedicated on that day. Hopefully most of our Masonic dignitaries will be there along with some politicians, a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records, the news media, and a great host of our Brethren. We will announce the time as soon as possible, so look in the next *Messenger* for the exact details. Truly, this will be a historic event for our children at the Masonic Home.

With approximately four months remaining in our Grand Lodge year, I would like to report on the progress of some of this year’s annual programs. The donations for the Masonic Home brick pavers continue to flow to the Grand Secretary’s office. Wor. Bro. David Wellman, President of the Blue Lodge Ambassadors, continues to help us promote this project. By the time you read this, we should have collected approximately \$80,000. Keep the donations coming! Wor. Bro. Steven Fishman reported there have been 3,262 units of blood donated this year, with a cumulative total since 2010 of 16,612. Many thanks to Wor. Bro. Fishman for working so hard on this project! Wor. Bro. Harold Culpepper reports that over 8,500 children have been identified this year, with a cumulative

inception date to current total of over 88,000. Our lodges are doing a super job of continuing to host the GaChip events. There is a large number of events scheduled before October. If your lodge has not promoted a GaChip event this year, please consider doing so. Our Youth organizations are being actively promoted by Wor. Bro. Marc Bohn (DeMolay) and Ms. Gena Kelly (Rainbow) under the Youth Committee chaired by Wro. Bro. Larry Griggers, who is also doing a fabulous job! Donations continue to come in for this year’s Grand Master’s coins. These donations will be used to assist our Youth organizations. I anticipate making these donations to our Youth organizations’ June and July conclaves.

All these activities are improving the visibility of our Fraternity statewide. I have heard many favorable comments from different people in different areas discussing some of the great things we are doing. This reminds me of an often repeated quote from our late Past Grand Master Eli Stafford, who stated, “Keep talking about Freemasonry, even if you have to use words.”

In closing, remember that much good has been done and continues to be done, but there is so much more that needs to be done. I challenge each of you to continue to do your best to promote the principles of our Fraternity everywhere you go and in all your actions! Thanks again for making this year in service to you, as Grand Master, the greatest year of my life.

Edgar M. Land
Grand Master

25th Annual GA/SC Exchange held in Charleston

The first GA/SC Exchange was organized by Most Worshipful Bro. G. Ray Marsh, PGM, now Grand Secretary of South Carolina and the late Most Worshipful Bro. Earl D. Harris of Georgia. It has been held annually since with meetings alternating between Georgia and South Carolina.

The 2014 Exchange was hosted by South Carolina and was held at the beautiful and historic Charleston County Masonic Center.

Brothers from Georgia were warmly welcomed by Most Worshipful Bro. David DeChant, Grand Master of South Carolina, AFM, and many Brethren from the Palmetto State. (South Carolina is the only Grand Lodge in the Southeastern States and perhaps in the United States that uses the designation “Ancient Free Masons” or AFM.)

Attendance from Georgia was especially light this year. Present were Most Worshipful Bro. Edgar M. Land; Right Worshipful Bro. Gary Leazer, Junior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Bro. Joseph Watson, Grand Secretary; Wor. Bro. Tim Ingram; Worshipful Bro. Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain; Worshipful Bro. Johnie Garmon, First Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Jan Giddens, Second Grand Steward; and Worshipful Bro. Donald Combs, Third Grand Steward. Also



(From left) Wor. Bro. Tim Ingram, Grand Marshal; Most Worshipful Bro. David DeChant, Grand Master of South Carolina; and Most Worshipful Bro. Edgar M. Land discuss the program prior to the meeting.

present were Worshipful Bro. Richard Bailey, DDGM-11B; Worshipful Bro. Wayne Barnes, DDGM-1A; and Worshipful Bro. Marc Bohn, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Georgia, who presented newly installed Worshipful Bro. Damon Lam, Executive Officer in South Carolina, his jewel.

Awards and Recognitions



Mount Vernon No. 22 in Athens hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christopher Epps on Saturday, April 19. Worshipful Brother John Lindsay, DDGM 8B, and Gregory Dyer, Past Master of Mount Vernon Lodge, also presented him the Masonic Eagle Scout Award and certificate. On hand were about 70 friends, family, scouts, and Masons, including Chris' Grandfather, Howard Thompson, from San Marino Lodge No. 34.

Pictured from left to right are: Front Row: Miriah Epps (sister), Dawn Hutton-Epps (mother), Cole Epps (brother), and Dale Thompson (Grandmother). Back Row: Tony Epps (father), Greg Dyer (PM, Mt Vernon No. 22), Chris Epps (Eagle Scout), John Lindsay (DDGM), and Howard Thompson (Grandfather, San Marino No. 34).



Wor. Bro. Thomas Green, DDGM-3D, presents Parker Justice Wiley his Masonic Eagle Award at an Eagle Ceremony in Fitzgerald on March 30.

(Right) Wor. Bro. Dan Dacus, DDGM-9E presents an Eagle Scout Award to Anish Shivkumar from Troop 3143 on June 1 in Johns Creek.

Ian Booton of BSA Troop 8 located at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah GA recently received his Eagle Scout Award. Bro. Jim Soden of **Soloman's Lodge No. 1** was in attendance to present Ian with the Masonic Award for Eagle Scouts. Ian's grandfather, Henry Olin



Mathis, Past Master of Gibson No. 257, was also present. Shown in the picture is Ian and his grandfather. Ian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Booton of Savannah.

Ian is pictured being congratulated by his grandfather, Wor. Bro. Henry Mathis.



Wor. Bro. Tommy Towler presents James Duncan Hensley his Masonic Eagle Scout Award at the Johns Creek Presbyterian Church on March 29.



Awards and Recognitions



Bigham Lodge No. 53 in Moreland chose to honor the many years of spousal support provided to three of our brothers in the craft who are no longer with us on March 18. The lodge prepared a dinner for the widows and their families, officially presented the pins, framed certificates, and a small bouquet of flowers. The presentation was made by Worshipful Master Bryan Blair. The honorees from left to right are Joyce Burgess (widow of Brother Roy Burgess), Darles Brooks (widow of Brother Lloyd Brooks), and Alice Burgess (widow of Brother Billy Burgess).



Waycross Lodge No. 305 awarded its 2014 "William Westhead Scholarship" to Ms. Saadia Akram. Pictured from the left are Saadia Akram; Star Teacher: Ammie Cummingham; and Wor. Bro. Fred Worley, PM.

On May 5, **Houston Lodge No. 35** supported the Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ United Methodist Church in Warner Robins; 170 donors signed in resulting in 161 units of blood. This brings our yearly total since October 2013 to 442. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for August 4. Kudos to Kyle and his wife Paula for this successful blood drive.



Lula Lodge No. 352 held a dinner to honor four widows. Widow pins were presented to the ladies. Left to right - Margaret Luther, Elaine Pophan, Edith Duncan, and Louise Morris. Members present, left to right - PM Henry Clore, PM Larry Sutton, David Rooker, PM Rickey Redmon, Larry Moore, George Gilder, PM Gordon Worley, Joseph Natividad.



Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Watson presented a Masonic Eagle Scout Award to Hunter E. Martin.



The most recent Master Mason raised in Dougherty Lodge No. 591, Bro. Michael Wetagrove, US Marine Corp, is welcomed home by his family on May 4 after serving 8 months in Afghanistan.

Rochelle Lodge No. 190 Hosts the 3rd Masonic District Convention

Rochelle Lodge No. 190 hosted the 114th Annual Session of the Third Masonic District Convention on April 26 and opened lodge early.

Grand Master Edgar M. Land became ill on the way to the Convention and had to return home. Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald stepped in, was received and given Private Grand Honors. He introduced the Grand Lodge officers present for the day. In addition, Past Grand Masters Ted C. Collins, Bobby B. Simmons, all four DDGMs and Wor. Bro. Richard Bailey, chairman of the DDGM of the 11th District and Master of the 11th District were introduced.

After prayer, the Worshipful Master led the Brethren in singing "Amazing Grace."

The minutes of the previous Convention, having been mailed to each of the lodges, were approved by the Brethren and roll call of the lodges was taken.

Wor. Bro. Gary Hobbs reported that 718 children had been ID'd in GACHIP events during the past 12 months and announced a GACHIP event was taking place in Americus as the Convention met.

Cornerstone Laid at Rochelle Lodge No. 190

After the Convention adjourned, the cornerstone was laid at Rochelle Lodge No. 190.



The District selected four Brothers as Masons of the Year. They were (from the left) Wor. Bros. Gary Hobbs, Fickling No. 129; William Vaughn, Fickling No. 129; Jay Sudduth, Cordelia No. 296; and Wayne Bellew, Travelers Rest No. 65.

Twenty-six Brethren were reported deceased during the past 12 months in the 17 district lodges.

Marion Lodge No. 14 was recognized for highest percentage of total membership present.

A By-Law change was approved to change the Convention meeting date to the 3rd Saturday in March beginning next year. The 2015 Convention will be hosted by Cordelia Lodge No. 296 on March 21.

The Convention approved the purchase of a \$500 paver to place in the Children's Garden at the Masonic Home; \$260 was collected for the Masonic Home during the Convention.



Hampton Lodge No. 70 Hosts 6th District Masonic Convention

Hampton Lodge No. 70 hosted the 108th Annual Communication of the 6th Masonic District Convention on May 3 at the Scottish Rite Center in Macon. Wor. Bro. Mac McGee is Worshipful Master of Hampton Lodge. District Master J. Terry Farmer and his officers opened lodge at 9:00, after which Right Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master, was found in waiting. He was welcomed into the lodge and given Private Grand Honors. He introduced the Grand Lodge officers, all of whom were present, except the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land, who recently underwent surgery to remove his gall bladder. Right Worshipful Bro. McDonald, Wor. Bro. Farmer and Wor. Bro. Larry Ellenburg introduced the DDGMs and other distinguished guests, including Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Ted C. Collins; Right Worshipful Brother Donald I. Dekalb, Grand Secretary Emeritus; and Right Worshipful Merrill L. Clark, Sr., Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Wor. Bro. Neil Maddock conducted the roll calls of District officers and District lodges. Wor. Master J. Terry Farmer recognized visiting lodges, present lodge masters, past district masters, 50-year Masons and District Masters from the 5th and 11th Districts. There were 100 brethren in attendance.

Committee reports were printed prior to the convention and made available to the brethren.

Wor. Bro. Hendry Betts II, District Chaplain Pro-Tem, conducted the memorial service for the brethren who had passed away since the 2013 District Convention.

Wor. Bro. Edmond Shaw, 6th District and State Chairman of the Uniform Work, reported that 35 of 37 lodges in the district had attended his classes during the year. He issued 214 white cards, 192 blue cards, and 20 green cards to deserving brethren.

Twenty-five GACHIP events were held in the district during the past year and 1,917 children were identified.

Wor. Bro. Carlton Ethridge reported there are 28 children and youth at the Masonic Home at the present time; several more will be admitted in the coming days. Three youth will graduate from high school this semester and all are expected to attend college.

Wor. Bro. Charlie Lane, Junior Warden of the 6th District, announced that Wor. Bro. Joe E. Turner was the recipient of the John S. Perry Memorial Award as Mason of the Year. William A. Davis Daylight Lodge No. 753 won the small lodge attendance award and Hampton Lodge No. 70 won the large lodge attendance award.

District Master Farmer presented a \$1,000 check from the District to the Deputy Grand Master for summer

activities at the Masonic Home.

Wor. Bro. Edmond Shaw gave a report of the nominating committee. The officers were advanced one station. Afterward, Right Worshipful Bro. McDonald, assisted by Wor. Bro. Tim Ingram, Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain, installed the officers.

The newly installed District Master, Wor. Bro. Emmett Johns from Lizella Lodge No. 663, addressed the brethren, after which Right Worshipful Bro. McDonald closed the lodge.



Top: Hampton No. 70 won attendance award for large lodge.

Middle: William A. Davis Daylight No. 753 won attendance award for small lodge.

Bottom: Wor. Bro. Joe E. Turner (right) received the John S. Perry Memorial Award as District Mason of the Year.

HANDICAP

Wor. Bro. Floyd Edmonson, Grand Orator

The dictionary gives several meanings for the word handicap including: something that happens to a person; to cause to be at a disadvantage; hinder; impede. When I was growing up, I occasionally saw someone in a wheelchair and would ask my parents why that person was in a wheelchair. They would tell me the person had been in an accident and was paralyzed from the waist down; the person had one or both legs amputated, etc. As I grew older, I realized there are other types of handicaps: educational, financial, cultural, hearing, seeing, etc. Some people are content and some have no choice but to let their handicap dictate their future. There are others who rise above their handicaps and enjoy a near normal lifestyle. Most physical handicaps are the result of something happening outside of our control such as an accident or some type of debilitating disease. These handicaps sometimes prevent a person from achieving their full potential and/or realizing their dreams had the accident not occurred.

Would you agree with me that we sometimes handicap ourselves and that our actions can even handicap someone else, especially in the Lodge? Suppose someone casts a negative ballot on a petition for membership and their reason had nothing to do with the candidate and/or his character. Such an action not only hinders and impedes the growth of the Lodge, but it also handicaps the petitioner because it throws an unfavorable light on the petitioner's moral character; not only then, but in the future should he decide to re-petition—someone will probably think there is something morally wrong with that person. This could also cause irreparable damage to the Lodge's image in the mind of the petitioner, his son, grandson and other family members and friends if the petitioner that was rejected was a person of high morals and good character. His family, friends and acquaintances obviously would have to wonder why such a good person would be rejected when they know people that already belong to the Fraternity that do not possess the moral qualities their loved one does.

Such an action will also create an unfavorable atmosphere within the Lodge itself once the members realize what is happening. Have you ever noticed when un-Masonic attitudes and actions occur in a Lodge, attendance and performance drops? Who wants to be present when bitterness and unfriendly attitudes are prevalent? To be successful, it takes everyone working together in peace and harmony—both within the Lodges and also with other appendant bodies. It also handicaps the Lodge because this action might keep out a person who would become a valuable asset to the Lodge. Sadly, the person casting a negative ballot for the wrong reason has also handicapped

himself because it shows he has not allowed the teachings and principles of Freemasonry to be engrafted into his life.

No Mason can say he has not had an opportunity of his own free will and accord to learn to subdue his passions and to improve himself in Freemasonry, unless maybe, he was made a Mason at sight. We have all had such opportunity. The great love, passion and devotion most of our members have for Freemasonry helps the Fraternity overcome the actions of those few members who have no interest or desire to follow the teachings, rules and regulations it has in place. Speaking of rules and handicaps, our rules have stood the test of time and have provided a stalwart foundation for our continued existence. We generally do not need to change our rules, but sometimes with the passage of time and changing cultural practices, a rule may become superfluous.

One such rule that deserves looking at is Section 39-108 of our Masonic Code dealing with physical qualifications of a petitioner. I encourage you to read what it says. There was a time when it probably served a useful purpose because a Lodge could not afford to take in a member who would become an immediate burden to take care of his necessities. In some cases, it may still serve a useful purpose, but in today's world there are usually benefits available to the disabled to help with their requirements, depending on the severity of their handicap. A lot of handicapped persons are able to provide for themselves without any outside assistance. Anyway, I think the decision concerning membership should be left up to the individual Lodges without having to get permission from the Grand Master to admit him. I know a man who is not a Mason and has only one leg. He can work the average man into the ground. He gets around with one crutch and has even been known to climb a ladder onto a roof to work to help stop leaks, etc.

What difference does it really make if a person is handicapped before he petitions the Lodge or if he becomes handicapped after he joins the Lodge since we are no longer operative Masons, but speculative Masons? I know a Brother who received dispensation to join the Lodge (Hello Brother Ryan L.—we're proud to call you Brother) because he is paralyzed from the waist down. He is an active member of his Lodge, is very independent and is a valuable asset to his Lodge. I'm sure there are many other handicapped members of our Fraternity who are valuable assets to us also.

There is a possibility some legislation may be presented at this year's Grand Lodge Session in October concerning Code Section 39-108. I encourage you to give this subject some thought and act accordingly. After all, we hear quite often that it is the internal qualifications of a man that Masonry regards, not the external. May God bless.

Seventh Masonic District Holds 117th Annual Communication

District Master Charles E. Long and his officers opened the 117th Annual Communication of the Seventh Masonic District Convention before a full lodge at Cherokee Lodge No. 66 on May 9. The Annual Communication continued through the morning of May 10 and closed with a family BBQ.

The Honorable Jamie Doss, Mayor of the City of Rome, welcomed the Brethren to the city and encouraged the Brethren to enjoy the many sites and businesses in the city. Wor. Bro. Harold L. McDurmon, Senior Warden, gave the response.

Ten District Deputies ushered Right Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master, into the lodge room. He was given Private Grand Honors. He explained the absence of Most Worshipful Bro. Edgar M. Land, Grand Master, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery. Bro. McDonald then introduced the Grand Lodge officers who were present and spoke of the many miles the Grand Lodge officers travel at their own expense for the Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Donald Combs, Third Grand Steward, traveled approximately 360 miles from his home in Darien to be present at the Seventh District Convention.



Wor. Bro. Jan M. Giddens, Second Grand Steward, introduced the many distinguished guests who were present, including Past Grand Masters Dr. Gary D. Lemmons (2001), J. Edward Jennings, Jr. (2009) and E. Ray Knittel (2012).

Fifty-year Masons, Past District Masters, the youngest and oldest Worshipful Masters, the youngest and oldest Master Masons, Veterans and the lodge secretaries with the longest service in the district were recognized.

A motion was made to suspend the reading of the minutes from the 2013 Annual Communication with the secretary noting that a copy of the minutes were available on his desk.

A \$309 offering was received for the Masonic Home Foundation. The Brethren voted to increase the offering to \$500.

Right Worshipful Bro. McDonald gave an inspiring speech to end the morning session.

The afternoon session was devoted to reports from the various committees, including MELD, the



Board of Relief, the Trial Commission, Ga. CHIP and the Auditing Committee.

Wor. Bro. Jim Phillips, 7th District Trustee to the Masonic Home, reported that 29 children and youth are at the Masonic Home with four more expected the following week and others are pending completion of the application process.

Wor. Bro. Earl Densmore, Jr., 7th District Custodian, reported he had issued 539 white cards, 539 blue cards, 69 green cards and 87 orange cards during the previous twelve months.

Most Wor. Bro. Lemmons reported for the By-Laws Committee and introduced changes in the By-Laws, including changing a budget year ending from March 31 to April 30 and separating the secretary-treasurer's position into two separate positions. Per the By-Laws, the vote laid over until the next day.

A Memorial Service was held at 6:00 p.m. for the 167 Brothers who had passed away since the 2013 Annual Communication. Most Wor. Bro. Lemmons; Wor. Bro. Howard Touchstone, Past Grand Chaplain, and the District Deputies led the service.

The session on Saturday morning included the second reading of the motion to amend the By-Laws, nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year, scholarship presentations, remarks by the out-going District Master, and the installation of the Convention officers by Right Wor. Bro. McDonald. Wor. Bro. Greer Henderson was elected to serve as District Master for the ensuing year.

The Annual Communication concluded with a family BBQ.



Above: Sub District Masons of the Year (in no particular order): Wor. Bros. Leland Stanford IV, Kenneth Head, Harold Dunn, Ken Eckstein, David Martin, Hugh

Martin, and Joseph Acree. Below: Mason of the Year, James Alfred Childress, a member of John W. Akin No. 537, with District Master Charles E. Long.

See back cover for another photo of the Convention.

Amity Lodge Hosted the 8th Masonic District Convention

Amity Lodge No. 731 hosted the 75th Annual Communication of the 8th Masonic District Convention in Watkinsville. Wor. Bro. Pat Smith and his officers of Amity Lodge opened a called communication early in preparation for the Convention.

Because of the untimely death of District Master Michael Zahn, Deputy Master Jim Goodman assumed the East and conducted the meeting. He welcomed a large crowd to the event. After the invocation and the singing of the hymn, "Amazing Grace," led by Right Wor. Bro. Drew Lane, Senior Grand Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Master Edgar M. Land was found in waiting and was received with Private Grand Honors. Grand Master Land introduced the Grand Lodge officers present for the Convention; only two officers were absent.



A roll call of district officers, district lodges, Past Masters, sitting Masters, veterans, and other guests was taken. A memorial service was led by Wor. Bro. Grady Cannon, District Chaplain, for the



Deputy Master Jim Goodman and District Secretary Joe Colvard presented a Granite Desk Set from Elberton, the Granite Capitol of the World, to Grand Master Land, showing that the 8th District "Rocks."

In the photo to the right, DDGM Joe Colvard (left) presented plaques to (from the left) DDGMs John Lindsay, Steven Wooten and Ray Sikes in appreciation of their hard work in the 8th District lodges during the preceeding year.

62 Brothers who had passed in the previous twelve months, including District Master Michael Zahn.

District Custodian Wor. Bro. Mercer Collins and the District Assistant Custodian Wor. Bro. Dennis Helmreich reported that their schools during the past year had "really excellent attendance" and each thank all who attended.

The MELD report was given by District Chairman Wor. Bro. Jim Stogden who reported his team visited 51 lodges to hold MELD training.

Wor. Bro. Tony Dickerson, MELD 8-A, was named Past Master of the Year for the District (Pictured Right).



Wor. Bro. Joe Colvard, DDGM 8-A, presented plaques to Wor. Bros. John Lindsay, Steven Wooten, and Ray Sikes, District Deputies for sub-districts 8-B, 8-C, and 8-D.

Wor. Bro. Barry Stapp, District Director for GACHIP, reported 669 kids had been ID'd since the Convention last met. He announced Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 22 was holding a GACHIP event as we met.

The 2015 Convention will be held on May 16 at Rising Star No. 4 in Eatonton.

Several other presentations were made including \$200 for two pavers at the Masonic Home, plus a \$500 paver in honor of Wor. Bro. Mercer Collins, District Custodian. Another \$500 for a paver was given on behalf of the District. The District gave \$1,000 to the Masonic Home. Those present collected another \$245 for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

Resolutions were read in appreciation to Most Worshipful Brother Land, to Wor. Bro. Michael Zahn, to Amity Lodge for hosting the annual meeting, and to Pace Lodge.





During the 8th Masonic District Convention, Wor. Bro. Robert D. Nesbitt, Secretary of **Madison Lodge No. 376**, presented Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land a check for \$1,879.26 the lodge made from its golf tournament for the Masonic Home operations fund.



We conducted an EA Degree on the 5th of June at **Midland Lodge 144**. All the officers were PMs or Sitting Masters from the Columbus Area. Present that night was the Chairman of the DDGMs from the 4th District, Paul E. Wells, and Bros. James W. Tate and Keith Simmons, MELD 4th District.

—Wor. Bro. James Tate

Georgia Mason attends German Masonic Lodge

(Right) Wor. Bro. E. J. Mitchell presented Wor. Master Johannes Schally of Die drei Verbundenen Masonic Lodge in Dusseldorf, Germany our Grand Master's sitting Masters coin. I also presented him with the Grand Master's gold coin for their Lodge archives.

They meet every Wednesday from September thru June. During July and August they meet on a social basis since this is "Holiday" for them. There were eighteen members there when I met with them.



Euharlee Lodge No. 457 held a Past Masters' Night with numerous Brothers from surrounding lodges in attendance. After a fine meal, the Brethren moved to the lodge room for a tyled meeting. Right Worshipful Bro. Gary Leazer, Junior Grand Warden, and Wor. Bro. Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain, represented the Grand Master who was recovering from surgery.

Thirty-four Past Masters from 14 lodges were present. Euharlee Past Masters filled all of the officers' chairs.

Bro. Leazer presented 25-year certificates and pins to two Brothers, Steve and Billy Worthington, who had reached that milestone in their Masonic pilgrimage.

Euharlee Lodge, chartered in 1903, still occupies the same building where it was originally chartered. In the early years the Odd Fellows also used the building but the Odd Fellows ceased meeting and the Masons continued using the building.

In addition to the lodge, the historic village of Euharlee, which dates from the early 1800s, is also famous for its 137-foot long covered bridge built in 1886 by Washington W. King. The covered bridge was used until 1978 when a concrete bridge was built.



The History of the Uniform Work of the Grand Lodge of Georgia

Wor. Bro. Bryan Rusty Newport, Past Master, Lodge of Research No. 1, Savannah
Acacia Lodge No. 452 and Samuel S. Lawrence Lodge No. 721

To attempt to define the true history of the various Rites of Freemasonry is to define the whole of human enlightenment, its search for infinite Truth, its quest for the Divine. Whether the titan Prometheus brought Light to mankind in his transgression against the gods, whether the Egyptian goddess Isis passed the ceremonies of king-making to her priests upon the death of Osiris, or whether the Archangel Michael inspired the Holy Breath through the mystical writings of the Kabbala, we must content ourselves with speculation and the traditions handed down from our forebears until the time is given us to know all the wisdom of the world. Our Fraternity draws its legends from Jewish tradition, from the ceremonies of the Roman *Collegia Architectum*, from the Eastern philosophies of the Neo-Platonic Greek, Chaldean, and Syrian sages. Aided by the migration of cultural beliefs from the East through the Knights Templar and their legendary refuge within the Operative Masonic Guilds, the Rites of Freemasonry stand as the repository of the acumen of the ages, though their true origins are forever lost in the annals of Time. Herein, therefore, lies the origins of the ceremonies of the Craft as can be told through the diligence of Masonic historians and the impact of those Rites upon the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Before the Reconstruction of 1717, several scholarly Brothers, including Preston and Desauguliers, were attributed with the augmentation of the original Speculative work as used by the Grand Lodge of England. This work was derived from the rituals of the Operative Guilds and infused with the Winding Stair and Middle Chamber lectures adopted from the Biblical account of the building of Solomon's Temple. The Fellow Craft and Master's Degrees were enhanced between two and five years later and, together with the Mark Master's Degree, which was originally the culmination of the Masonic initiation, were conferred only at the quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge of England. Though its origin is widely debated, the Hiram Legend is thought to be selected and adopted from a rabbinical book, which was published only a few years prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge. Collectively, these works constitute the cornerstone and framework of the Masonic Ritual that we know today.

This Ritual, known as the Ancient Work due to the historical origins of the schism between Ancients and Moderns, was kept completely as an oral tradition. No true Mason would ever have forgotten his Oath made at the Holy Altar to keep the secrets of the Craft with a guarded tongue. Our Brethren kept the traditions handed down from generations before and passed their beliefs from mouth to ear. Hence, there were no manuals or monitorial work in existence at the time. The visual

lessons, symbols, and illustrations inculcated in the three Degrees were written in chalk upon the Lodge room floor and it became the young Apprentice's duty to remove every trace of the wisdom thus shown.

As Freemasonry grew explosively through Europe and the Americas during this period, fueled both by the desire for the perpetuation of truth and the quest for mysticism so inherent in the mid to latter years of the 18th century, the Ritual was altered through dialect, improvisation, and implementation, though it retained unfalteringly the morals and lessons that we adhere to today. Splinter groups of Masonic origin, such as the Rosicrucians, and the Bavarian Illuminati, were formed and literally hundreds of Degrees were written to accompany both the Masonic Degrees and those of the clandestine and appendant bodies. But never were the true lessons of Speculative Masonry lost within the labyrinth of change or growth.

General James Edward Oglethorpe, who is attributed with opening the first Masonic Lodge on America soil in the port city of Savannah, brought the Masonic Ritual to the British colony of Georgia in 1733. The Grand Lodge of Georgia was formed in 1736 through the adoption of its Constitution and the granting of its Charter by the Grand Lodge of England. Over the course of the next century and a half, the Craft in Georgia perpetuated itself through many trials, through wars both independent and civil, through times of conquest and commercialism, emerging from the ravages of the War Between the States to become a prosperous jewel in the crown of Freemasonry.

Several versions of the Masonic Ritual were utilized by many of the Blue Lodges and the poets of the age lent their own contributions to the grace of Masonic lore. The Williams-Preston and Richardson's Manual were utilized by some as the 'perfect' Work, but most Lodges preferred to remain with the ritual that had been handed down within their own halls, Brother to Brother, over the years. A revival during the 1850s found that many of the Brethren were in favor of combining their efforts towards one unified Ritual for the Grand Lodge of Georgia and the District Deputies to the Grand Master were authorized to promote the idea as well as to promulgate the various Degrees. For several reasons, until the turn of the century, Georgia Masons enjoyed no true unified Ritual, though many of the Brethren continued their quest to promote such a concept.

In 1908, in his address to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Grand Master Thomas H. Jefferies, indicated that the hopes for strict uniformity in Georgia were hollow under the present administration of its promulgation. "Under the present

system,” he said, “and with the restricted powers conferred on the District Deputies, and, especially when they are changed annually, it is, and ever will be, impossible to secure absolute and universal uniformity in the Work throughout the state.” For more than fifty years, until its deformation in 1911, the Board of District Deputies had maintained the responsibility of maintaining the integrity of the Masonic Ritual throughout its governorship of the Congressional Districts. At the 124th Annual Communication, held in Macon, the Board was dissolved through a unanimously adopted Referendum authored by Bro. Max Meyerhardt, whose main reasons stemmed from the lack of authority granted to the Board. Bro. Meyerhardt recommended that the Grand Officers divide the subordinate Lodges of Georgia regionally and that those Officers take the responsibilities of the District Deputies, specifically, the unification of the Georgia Ritual.

In 1912, at the 125th Communication, the Grand Master, Worshipful Brother George Napier, supported by a Resolution offered by Bro. J.C. Greenfield, P.M. of Piedmont Lodge in Atlanta, proposed the formation of both a Committee of Work, consisting of three to five Brothers recommended by the four principal Officers of the Grand Lodge, and a salaried Grand Lecturer, to decide the complete and Unified Ritual for Georgia and to undertake its promulgation through the 688 Lodges in the state at that time. The Congress did not adopt this resolution, but did provide for the nomination and election of a Grand Lecturer, though the Grand Master did not fill this position at this time.

During the following year at the 126th Annual Communication, Greenfield, now Chairman of the Commission on General Welfare, proposed a Resolution that gave the Grand Master power to appoint a Committee of seven Brethren charged with the preparation of the Opening, Closing, and three Degree Rituals. This second Resolution was approved by the Brethren and adopted. The Committee was charged to report its findings at the next Annual Communication and to declare an official Standard Work, as approved by the Grand Lecturer, to be used by all Subordinate Lodges in Georgia as the Unified Work.

In 1914, during his address to the 12th AC, Grand Master Robert Colding stated that he delayed the formation of the Ritual Committee until the 14th of October, some two weeks before the Annual Communication. The Grand Master’s reason stemmed from his desire to ensure that the Ritual was fresh upon the minds of the Committee members until its performance at the Communication. The Grand Master begged the indulgence of the Grand Lodge, as only two of the seven Committee members were present at its formation and the Work was unable to be completed by the two Brethren within the two weeks prior to Grand Lodge. Hence, no Ritual was adopted.

Grand Master Colding, while favoring the ideology of unified Work in the state, called for the reestablishment of

the Board of District Deputies to assist in fulfilling the obligations of the Committee. He recommended that the incoming Grand Line officers confer and appoint the Deputies for the twelve Congressional Districts with the top four officers as ex-officio members. The Committee on General Welfare disapproved the Grand Master’s recommendation and instead approved the Keese Resolution, which outlined the requirements for the formation of the Committee on Arrangement of Work, its members, and duties. The Committee was charged with the authorship and concurrent adoption of a Unified Ritual and to report its findings at the next Annual Communication. In that Resolution lay the seed of a unified Work in Georgia.

The year 1915, however, proved to be another year of a house divided. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Ballard stood in opposition to a unified Work. “I am firmly convinced that the time is not ripe,” explained the Grand Master, “to attempt to promulgate a uniform ritual in Georgia.” He encouraged individuality of the Lodge rituals, the formation of a Masonic Library in every Lodge, and the requirement for every Master-Elect to show his proficiency in the Work of the Lodge. The Committee on General Welfare agreed with the Grand Master on his encouragement, but begged and received the support of the Grand Lodge in furthering its own efforts during the ensuing year. A majority vote gave the Committee the power to continue toward its goal of establishing the Unified Work. Through the Committee, the Grand Lodge appointed a Board of six Custodians of the Work, one for every two Georgia Congressional Districts, which would present the Ritual for adoption at the 1916 Grand Lodge Convocation.

During his opening Address at the 130th Annual Communication, Grand Master Ballard stated that there was a misunderstanding concerning his remarks the previous year. He explained that he did not oppose a uniform ritual in Georgia, but did object to the method of promulgation utilized for the past fifty years, namely through the District Deputies. He called for the restoration of the Webb-Preston Ritual, which was introduced in Georgia in 1844 and had already been adopted as the Unified Work of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Though the Grand Master’s words were accepted and appreciated by the Brethren, the Committee on Arrangement of Work was not to be dissuaded from the completion of its duties.

At 1:45 pm, on Wednesday, October 26, 1916, under the direction of Bro. Joseph Greenfield, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangement of Work, nine Georgia Masons:

Joseph Gregg, Jr., Gate City Lodge No. 2. . . Worshipful Master
F. Chappell Everett, Piedmont Lodge No. 447 . . . Senior
Warden

Eugene T. booth, W. D. Luckie Lodge No. 89...Junior
Warden

Guy Thurman, Georgia Lodge No. 96. . . . Treasurer
 Sam A Boortin, Fulton Lodge No. 216 Secretary
 W. D. Phipps, Palestine Lodge No. 486 . . . Senior Deacon
 Andrew B. Chapman, Malta Lodge No. 641 . . Junior
 Deacon
 Jason A Massey, Battle Hill Lodge No. 523 ...Senior
 Steward
 John Terrell, Atlanta Lodge No. 59 . .Junior Steward
 J. LeRoy Duncan, Gate City Lodge No. 96. .. Candidate

performed a version of the Opening and Closing of the Lodge and the first section of the Master Mason Degree. This magnificent portrayal was witnessed by over 1200 members of the Grand Lodge, who unanimously accepted and approved the work as the Uniform Ritual of Georgia.

Another Resolution was passed during this year to increase the Board of Custodians of the Work to seven members and that they be authorized to require the sitting Masters of the subordinate Lodges to become proficient in the Uniform Work. These seven Brothers were charged with the expertise of the unified ritual and its dissemination throughout Georgia

The successes of the Board of Custodians were praised by Most Worshipful Grand Master George England during his Address at the 1917 Annual Communication. "In my opinion," stated the Grand Master, "there has been nothing of more importance to the Grand Lodge than the adoption of the Uniform Work. I do not think that there was anything so much needed as legislation of this kind." He explained that the Work had been well received in the many Conventions and Lodges of Instruction throughout the year. He applauded the use of the Certificates of Proficiency granted to those Masons who had mastered the Work, as well as the efforts of those who had received the Certificates in aiding the Board in instructing other Masons throughout the subordinate Lodges. He did admit that the sheer number of Lodges in Georgia, over 660, made it impossible to ensure that the Work was mastered in explicit.

Bro. J. LeRoy Duncan, now Chairman of the Board of Custodians, reiterated the Grand Master's words. He explained that the first priority of the Board was to perfect themselves in the Work and, once that had been completed, that the Board had begun to instruct the Masters and officers of the Georgia Lodges. The Uniform Work was displayed at each of the District Conventions, over 75 individual Lodges, and 14 Schools of Instruction; over ten thousand Masons had been instructed in the ritual that year alone. Also, the method of coaching by Certificates of Proficiency was developed into the Blue and White card system that is utilized today. Master and Wardens proficient in all branches of the Work were granted Blue cards, while any Master Mason who had mastered the Uniform Catechism and all three Degrees, in addition to instructing at least one class on the same, were granted White cards. Fifteen Blue cards and fifty-five White cards were awarded in 1917 by the Board of Custodians. Bro.

Duncan also initiated several recommendations alluding to the powers and authorities of the Board, especially within the pretext of monitoring and administering the Work to the vast number of Masons who did not receive the advantage of its promulgation during the year.

The dreams of those Brethren who supported the goal of a resolute unification of the Ritual were nearing fulfillment. The Grand Lodge of Georgia was set to provide the Brethren with one of the greatest opportunities of unity in our history since Worshipful Brother Oglethorpe convened his Lodge under the oak at Sunbury. But the Fates had woven yet another hindrance into the work of this body and called the sons of the Craft to different duties. All of humanity was brought to the Level as our terrestrial globe was inflamed by the ravages of the First World War.

The editor wishes to thank Wor. Bro. Rusty Newport for his permission to reprint his paper presented to the Lodge of Research No. 1 in Savannah.



Rockmart Lodge No. 97, in corporation with Polk County School system, donated 21 laptop computers to the Georgia CHIP program. Shown are Harold McDurmon, Katie Spinks, Harold Culpepper, Laurie Atkins, Terry Estes, and Greg Teems. We thank the Polk County Schools system for their support

News from the Valley of Columbus continued from page 15.

We congratulate: Guy Barnes, Matthew Cowell, John Denney, Doc Head, Matthew Mueller-Spud, Charles Ross, Harry Ross and Johnathan Smiley. First Lady Liz Miller presented each new member with a Grand Masters Penny which, Ill. Bro. Miller used while serving as Grand Master for the State of Georgia in 1999-2000. Ill. And Past Grand Master, A. Charles Knowles Jr. 33° our Personal Representative to the SGIG said this was a most fitting token of our appreciation and esteem.



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

III. Leonard E. Buffington, SGIG, Orient of Georgia

Web Site:
GaScottishRite.org

The **Valley of Albany** had a Spring Reunion on May 3 called the Harold Beard, 33°, class. We had nine candidates and they are going thru a slow class; they will become 32° Scottish Rite Masons on August 9. We have started planning the Fall Reunion. Our Family night was held on May 30; we had ten 50 Year and five 25 Year awards to award Brethren who achieved those milestone. The Albany Valley will be working hard with our newly made 32° Scottish Rite Masons to get them on our degree teams and start the *Master Craftman* classes. We meet the second Tuesday of each month; we eat at 7:00pm. Please come and bring your lady with you.

The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite and the Augusta Lodge of Research No. 6 has cancelled the upcoming fundraiser on June 28, high lighting guest speaker, Michael Halleran. The reason for the cancellation was low ticket sales.

The following upcoming events for the Valley of Augusta are scheduled:

1. June 26.....Executive Committee Meeting.
2. July LOP meeting is dark.
3. August 7 is our Awards Night.
4. September we will have a dinner theater with a seafood and chicken buffet, 8th Regiment Band and the Augusta Bel Canto A cappella group. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Join us if you are in the area. Call General Secretary, Gregory Oblak at 706-733-5387 if you need dinner theater tickets or have questions concerning the Valley of Augusta.

The **Valley of Savannah** will hold a Ring Ceremony on July 1 to honor the 13 new members from the Spring Reunion. Family Nite will be held on August 5.

The **Valley of Macon** had one of the most successful “Flag Programs” in 13 years. We honored the youth of middle Georgia to a full house. The Boy and Girl Scouts, DeMolays, Rainbow Girls and Jr. ROTC made us proud. If you missed this year’s program you missed one of the best.

July will be our annual indoor Fourth of July picnic so mark your calendars for July 4th and come and celebrate our Nation’s 237th birthday. The Valley will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a covered dish to share. After eating we will have an old fashioned make your own ice-cream sundae.

On August 1 we will have Patty Jones as our guest speaker to talk to us about our pets. We have a great summer lined up, please come and be a part of it!

Valley of Atlanta

- July 3rd Stated Meeting
 - o Reading of the Declaration of Independence by the officers of the Council of Kadosh
 - o The Pledge of Allegiance as explained by Brother Red Skelton
 - o Dinner \$2 (Hot Dogs and Hamburgers) All are welcome. Call 404-873-3659 by Monday June 30th for reservations
- July 4th Enjoy a front row seat at the Peachtree Road Race and help Fulton Lodge with Hydration Station. Bring friends and family. Be there by 7am. Enter from Deering Road Off Northside Drive.
- August 16th 4:30pm Blue Lodge appreciation event. Atlanta Masonic Center
 - o Tyled event; Master Masons only!
 - o Free Dinner; Call 404-873-3659 by Monday Aug. 11th for reservations
 - o Hiram Legend Dramatized by Dallas Fellowcraft Club. (Dallas Ga.)
 - o Questions and insight into the Hiram Legend by Ill. Ronnie Lanham, 33° Personal Representative to the SGIG for the Valley of Augusta
 - o Master of Ceremonies MWB E. Ray Knittel, 32°KCCH
- Nov 1st — Dinner Presentation: Is Freemasonry Still Relevant in Today's World – Grand Historian of Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Arturo de Hoyos, 33° G.C.
 - o Proceeds benefit Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia for the Rite Care Center for Speech and Language Disorders at Scottish Rite Hospital
 - o \$60 per person
 - o Reservations will be accepted on a “First Come – First Served” basis so do not delay.
 - o Dinner will feature Beef Tenderloin with all of the trimmings and desert.
- Nov 7th & 8th — 231st Reunion and Class ... Details coming soon.

Greetings from the **Valley of Columbus**. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. On Saturday, 17 May, 2014 the Columbus Valley held the Spring Class Reunion in Memory of Ill. Bro. James Edwin Miller 33°.

News from the Valley of Columbus continues on page 14.

Masonic Home Receives Cooper Collection of Native American Artifacts

The Cooper collection of Paleo and Archaic Indian artifacts has been presented to the Masonic Home of Georgia. This collection was compiled by Brother Leon and Mrs. Delores Cooper of Moultrie. The Coopers dedicated a big part of their life to the finding and cataloging of these artifacts and more. Brother Cooper dedicated a large amount of his time helping school children learn more about the early Man in Southwest Georgia through programs he presented at his former museum of Early Man for visiting classes and anyone who wished to view his extraordinary collection.

Archeologists think that the Paleo Indians, sometimes referred to as the Clovis People, were among the first to inhabit the Americas. This ancient tribe appeared in our continent at the end of the last Ice Age, entering the continent from Asia. Their name, Paleo, actually comes from the Greek word "palaios," meaning ancient. They inhabited the southwestern United States and northern Mexico between 10,000 and 40,000 years.

Although they were here longer than all other following cultures combined, they left very little records of their lives. Archeologists have very little to go by as to the Paleo Indians beliefs, religion, language, celebrations, ceremonies, mournings, and culture such as dance and family relationships. They became extinct about 9,000 years ago, taking with them their secrets of their life.

"These Indian artifacts were found on a small hill by the Ochlocknee River in South Georgia. The hill was probably used as an occasional camp while they were following game or fish. We found many fire beds with charcoal and flint, where they had sat around the fire making points or cooking food. Many of the points and tools we found were made by the Paleo Indians who lived there 12,000 or more years ago. When we would have a heavy rain, we could go for a walk and find a number of artifacts almost every time. We hope you will enjoy this collection of artifacts."

— Mrs. Leon Cooper

The collection was received by Right Wor. Bro. F. A. "Drew" Lane Jr., Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Georgia, on behalf of Grand Master Edgar M. Land, and Wor. Bro. John Snipes, Superintendent, Masonic Home of Georgia from Mrs. Delores Cooper in memory of her late

husband, Brother Leon Cooper, Doerun No. 151. This collection has been donated to the Masonic Home for the benefit and education of the children living there. The donation ceremony was attended by the Board of Trustees to the Masonic Home, Wor. Bro. Joe Powell, Chairman, Right Wor. Bro. Gary H. Leazer, Junior Grand Warden and your editor, and Most Wor. Bro. Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, Chairman, Educational and Historical Committee. Also in attendance was Mrs. Sue Bolin, who assisted your editor as Director of Photography.

The donation of this collection was facilitated by Wor. Bro. Joe V Bolin, 2nd District Trustee, Chairman, Ad Hoc & Publicity committee, Board of Trustees; who also designed and built the display case.



Right Wor. Bro. Drew Lane thanks Mrs. Delores Cooper for her donation to the Masonic Home.



A part of the Cooper collection is seen in this display case.

OES Chapters Make Donation to Masonic Home



Two Easter Star chapters, Starlight Chapter No. 421 of Clarkston and Snellville Chapter No. 513, donated 33 sets of sheets, 33 face cloths and 65 plastic clothes hangers to the children at the Masonic Home. Pictured are Betty Kerwin, Past Worthy Matron and Associate Worthy Matron, Snellville Chapter; Jenny Meyer, Administrative Secretary; Anthony, one of the young men at the Home; Gary Leazer, Worthy Patron Snellville Chapter, Elaine Wallace, Worthy Matron Snellville Chapter; and Mary Ellen Barth, Worthy Matron Starlight Chapter and dual member at Snellville.



James Dennis Morgan
Benevolent No. 3



Henery E. Bagley
Kennesaw No. 33



Billy James Hall
Kennesaw No. 33



Nim Jerold Davis
West Point No. 43



William Gore by Eugene Alford DDGM
Bigham No. 53



Robert Todd Glasure
Lithonia No. 84



Artice J. "A. J." Sangster
Lithonia No. 84



Fred Smith & Joe Smelcer
Cornelia No. 92



Howard Swinson
Whiteford No. 101



William Franklin Waters, Clifford Evans Dyer, Donald Olan Babb, Glen Neil Spann,
Joe Don Holland, Joe Jarnagin Wilson — Dalton No. 105



Marvin Jackson
Kimbrough No. 118



James Mike Horne
Doerun No. 151



Joseph Marvin Acree
Oothcaloga No. 154



C. J. Blalock
Oothcaloga No. 154



Willie Dale Hice
Oothcaloga No. 154



Sammy Joe Momon
Oothcaloga No. 154



John David Shaw
Oothcaloga No. 154



Vester Haynes
Philologia No. 178



Coleman Ricks
Philologia No. 178



Buddy Crawford
Trenton No. 179

Billy Pierce Williams;
Lamar Addison
Womack; Daniel
McCranie, DDGM-
12C; Eustus Lamar
Craft; and George
William Milligan
— Millikens Creek No.
302



Jack Whiddon
Worth No. 191



Rodney Jack Roper
Pickens Star No. 220



Wayne Weddon
Waynesboro No. 274



Johnny Homer Fields
Hudson No. 294



Lanis Trenton Williams
Millikens Creek No. 302



Jackie Lynn Braden
Plainville No. 364



James Carter Garlin
Plainville No. 364



Vaughn McCall King
Plainville No. 364



Ray Crisp
Dooley No. 367



William Harold Freeman
Forest Park No. 399



William Howard Ison
Forest Park No. 399



Marcus Rex Willis
Forest Park No. 399



Billy Joseph Woodham
Forest Park No. 399



Lester Jason Apley Sr.
Duluth No. 480



Gary Lyndon Smith
Duluth No. 480



Lewis Flood
Eton No. 509



Arnold Clarence Eaton
E. W. Hightower No. 679



Otis Whitehead
Riverdale No. 709



Morris Eugene Lollar
Fleming No. 718



Billy Joe Pitts
Mountain Park No. 729



Harold Lee Brooker
Pleasant Grove No. 702

Three brothers of Walnut Grove Lodge No. 703 were presented 50 Year awards on Jan. 23. Pictured from the left are Bro. Alton Jones, Bro. Barry Still, Bro. Jim Brown. Standing, Wor. Bro. Ray Sikes, DDGM, who presented the awards



55 Years



Eugene Worth Turner — Pickens Star No. 220
with MWB Edgar Land, Grand Master and WB Keith Hales, Grand Tyler

65 Years



Dr. Lamar Brown
Vidalia No. 330

60 Years



Hubert Nix
Roswell No. 165



Dr. Gene Thompson
Vidalia No. 330



Carl Amos Spruill, William Jasper Boles and Daniel Clayton
Knox with Past Grand Master Jerry Moss
— Duluth No. 480



Thomas William McEntyre
Plainville No. 364



Robert Francis Hays
Zingara No. 519



Hailey Alford Fleming
Nancy Hart No. 690



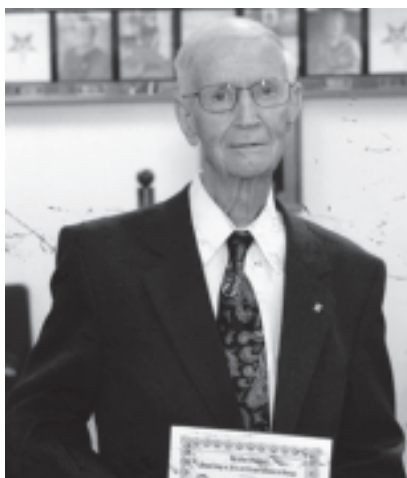
Hollis E. Preast
James E. Sledge Daylight
No. 742

Wor. Bro. Preast's lodge honored him at their regular communication on April 9 for his many years of faithful service to the Craft.

Most Worshipful Bro. Edgar M. Land and Lady Barbara, along with other Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers, were present to honor Bro. Preast.



Most Worshipful Bro. Jerry Moss presents Bro. Lamar
Boyd Leach his 60-year apron and certificate
Mountain Park No. 729



George Edward Robertson
Mountain Park No. 729

Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation Specialty License Tag

Georgia is joining so many other states by making a Specialty Tag available featuring the Square and Compasses. When you purchase and each time you renew your Freemasons tag, Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation which supports many youth programs and youth safety programs will receive \$10. Take advantage of this great way to display your pride in Freemasonry and youth programs. We must have orders for a minimum of 1000 tags to get started. That means a minimum annual revenue of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.



Instructions:

- 1. Complete the form on page 21. You must submit one form for each tag you wish to purchase.**
- 2. Mail the completed form(s) along with a check for \$25 for each tag to:**

**Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation
SPECIALTY TAG
811 Mulberry St
Macon Ga. 31201-6779**

(You may write one check for multiple tags, i.e. \$50 for 2 tags.)

For this program to be successful, the state of Georgia requires that we have orders for at least one thousand tags. Once we have met that requirement you will receive instructions explaining how to obtain your tag(s).

NOTE: The \$25 accompanying your application is a onetime fee which covers the manufacture of your tag. When you go to your local tag office, be prepared to pay a \$35 specialty tag fee, annually in addition to the \$20 license registration fee, annually and ad valorem tax if due.



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Submit this application with A Manufacturing fee of \$25.00 made payable to the Organization/Institution/Association/Group. A separate application and fee is required for each license plate requested. This application must be typed, legibly printed by hand or electronically completed and printed and signed.

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Applicant's Residence Address including City, State & Zip Code:

County of Residence:

Daytime Telephone Number including Area Code:

Applicant's Driver's License Number:

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Applicant's Signature:

Date:

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Doerun Masons presents 9th Annual Top Reader Awards

Doerun Lodge No. 151 and its members recognize that reading is the foundation of education and education is the cornerstone of good citizenship and a strong society. Masons throughout the world support education and recognize it in many ways through scholarships and other awards. When Doerun Elementary Principal Chuck Jones presented the idea to Doerun Lodge in 2006 the idea was enthusiastically taken as an annual project and dedicated the proceeds from its Doerun May Day festival booth to the Top Reader Award fund. Principal Jones brought idea to Doerun Lodge as he is a Freemason and a member of Berlin No. 465 and, therefore, knows that educational achievement is universally fundamental to Freemasons. The Top Reader award program is our favorite program and Doerun Lodge is pleased that Bro. Jones brought it to us.

Doerun Lodge presented its ninth annual award of a new bicycle to the top reader of each grade at Doerun Elementary School. The 2014 winners were Anna Grace Bundy, 1st grade; Eugenia Guevara, 2nd grade; Layla Hunt, 3rd grade; Conner Henry, 4th grade and Noah McLaughlin, 5th grade. Presentations were made at school award ceremonies at Doerun Elementary May 20st and 22nd by Bro. Joe V Bolin, W.M., assisted by Bro. Raymond Harrell, Chaplain, of Doerun Lodge No. 151.



Important Notice

Dear Brother Secretaries,
Required Federal and Georgia Tax Returns.

Each lodge individually is required to file at least one annual return with the Internal Revenue Service each and every year since 2007.

If your lodge had less than \$50,000 in Gross receipts for 2013 it is required to file a 990-N on-line.

If your lodge has more than \$50,000 in Gross receipts you are required to file either a 990-EZ or a 990; you should consult a Certified Public Accountant for this. The 990 series is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after your year end, May 15th for calendar year ends.

A copy of Forms 990 should be mailed to Georgia Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 740395, Atlanta GA 30374-0395, if you file the 990-N then file a copy of the receipt received from the IRS for the e-Postcard along with a brief statement as to why there is no paper return should be mailed to Georgia.

If your lodge pays you or any individual more than \$600 per year for services then you are required to file a form 1099 for each such individual and a 1096 transmittal to summaries all the 1099s.

If your lodge has set up payroll then W-2s, W3 and 940 annual and quarterly 941 are required.

The costs for late filing can be quite severe; please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

The appropriate code section in the Masonic Code is 7-113. Form 990 to Grand Lodge by June 30.— Each Subordinate Lodge, by and through its Worshipful Master, shall send a copy of any and all required Federal Tax Returns (including, without limitation, Forms 990, 990-N, 1099s, W-3s, etc.) to the Office of the Grand Secretary within ten (10) days of the time that the same is required to be filed for each year hereafter.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,
Lloyd R Bowen, Chairman
Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM
Tax Committee

Three Brothers in **Lakeland Lodge No. 434** are more than Masonic Brothers, they are also blood brothers: father, son and grandson. All three are also officers in the lodge.

Jerry Littleton, Sr. has been a Mason for 48 years and is Senior Steward. Jerry Jr. became a Mason in 2008 and holds the office of Junior Warden. Blakeley Littleton, who became a Mason in 2011, is Worshipful Master of Lakeland Lodge. Father and grandfather Jerry Sr. is proud of his son and grandson and especially so that his grandson Blakeley is the youngest person to hold the office of Worshipful Master in Lakeland Lodge.

In addition, another son, Michael D. Littleton became a Mason in 2005. All of the Littletons are faithful to their lodge and all are proud of the tradition they have as Freemasons and hope it continues in future generations.



What's in it for me?

Bro. Tony McCool, Columbus/Ft. Benning Shrine Club

Early in life we often get caught up in the “What’s in it for me” (WIIFM) mentality. We get told so often that nothing in life is free and you get what you pay for. So when we looked at a volunteer we say, “That guy is crazy, I’m not doing that unless I get paid.” The problem was we just didn’t get it.

The issue isn’t does the volunteer get paid. Those of us who volunteer DO GET PAID. Now I know what you’re thinking, “Tony has lost his mind.” Maybe you’re right, but follow the crazy man if you will. Volunteers initially are just looking to kill some time or think, that looks like a fun. When a young man volunteers, it’s usually because a “hot chick” is involved. What volunteers find out as time goes on is they get paid but it just isn’t with dollars.

Let’s take Camp Dream in Warm Springs as a good example. The Founders of Camp Dream didn’t say, “Let’s put a camp together so we’ll feel good about doing something positive in the community.” I bet you they saw a need of one or two children that had no camp to go to. The “able-bodied” kids had Scouting and other options for camp to choose from, but not the kid with a disability. From there it grows to where it is today servicing over 200 physically and mentally challenged kids per year. All of this with a volunteer staff, getting paid with smiles on those kid’s faces.

These kids don’t have to say thanks. You see the thanks when you see them discover, participate, and are accepted as people. When they are talked to instead of talked about. When they are seen for what they can do and not discounted for what they cannot.

Now maybe a camp like Camp Dream isn’t the project

you participate in every year. But a true volunteer will do a project again because of that feeling inside they get that you can’t put a price on. And yet that feeling is missed by so many people who don’t understand that a volunteer does get paid.

With elections around the corner, I am reminded of “public service.” How can so many of these elected officials call themselves public servants when all they really are and have ever been is a government employee? The true public servant is not the police, fireman, or garbage collector. They are all working at jobs that “serve the public,” but in my eyes the real “public servant” is the volunteer.

I encourage you to continue to be a volunteer in your community. Not for wealth, rank, or honor but for personal worth and character building we should all find the time to be a volunteer.

Camp Dream strives to nurture each child and provide the richest camping experience possible for each individual camper. Our programs are developed to achieve a balance between structure and spontaneity, provide for varied physical and emotional need and interests fo campers, and ensure their safety and well-being.

Camp Dream’s Summer Camp is a series of four-day, three night sessions for children and adults with a variety of special needs. The summer sessions are held on the grounds of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Center for Rehabilitation in Warm Springs, GA. The Camp Dream facility is a 74-acre site and includes activities like fishing, paddle boating, canoeing, swimming, horseback riding, music, dancing, arts and crafts and many other activities to both challenge and entertain the campers.



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M. E. G. H. P.



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Michael H. Wilson
ME Grand High Priest



Charles E. Taylor
MI Grand Master



Terry L. Hensley
RE Grand Commander

The Grand York Rite Session was held during the first week of May and new slate of Officers were elected. Michael H. Wilson was elected MEGHP Grand Chapter of Georgia, Charles E. Taylor MIGM Grand Council of Georgia and Terry L. Hensley REGC Grand Commandery of Georgia. James Russell Hazelwood was elected as Excellent Grand Master of 1st Veil, Grand Chapter of Georgia. Ronald B. Wolbert was elected as Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Georgia. Mark S. Johnson was elected as Grand Warder for the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

A couple of items that came up during session that I thought were of importance are. 1. Rotation of Grand Sessions (This item was tabled to committee). 2. Requirement of Council Membership to become Knight Templar (This Item was passed).

Greater Atlanta York Rite Festival: August 9th and 16th

When: August 9th and 16th.

Registration @ 8:00am, degrees begin @ 9:00am

Where: Atlanta Masonic Center, 1690 Peachtree St NW

Cost: The cost for each day is \$10.00 for meal and refreshments. Pay that day.

The Chapter and Council Degrees will be conferred on Saturday, August 9. The Orders of the Commandery

will be conferred on Saturday, August 16. Come early each Saturday for coffee and refreshments.

Run all petitions/candidate fees through your local York Rite body prior to the Festival.

NO VOTING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE FESTIVAL

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The Main Masonic Manual

Wor. Bro. Jan M. Giddens, Second Grand Steward

During the months of January and February Grand Master Edgar M. Land held a series of Forums and Workshops across the state. The purpose was to introduce his programs for the year and to give the newly elected and appointed officers of the Lodges some training. The training was to give these officers the best chance for a successful year and to prepare them for their journey to the East. Many times our Lodges are so excited to get new members that they are quickly moved into the chairs and many find themselves in the East, unprepared for that responsibility. At the direction of the Grand Master the new officers met with the Grand Lodge officer that corresponded with their office for instruction.

The Stewards met with the three Grand Stewards for their instruction and training. We wanted to make sure they knew their duties as Stewards and how important they were to everything that happens in the Lodge. (The idea that this was the first step toward the East for them and how to prepare themselves accordingly, to make them good leaders in their Lodges.) It was our goal to make sure they had a working knowledge of all the resources that the Grand Lodge offers for their edification. We covered the need to be familiar with their Lodge By-Laws, Codebook, Masonic Manual Vol. 1, Masonic Etiquette and the on-line MELD courses, all great tools to make great Masonic leaders.

There is one more Masonic Manual that I would like remind everyone as the best source for all of us; leaders and members alike. If you want to really catch the true vision of Brotherly Love this is the book. What are our duties to the wives, widows and orphans of our Brothers? What is charity and to whom of the human family are we to be charitable. How do you deal with the disputes between the members of our Lodges? How do we learn that to lead we must first learn to serve? How do we administer justice and

moderation when we hold the gavel in our hand? Where do we see the beauty of peace and harmony and all that comes with it?

What manual can do all this? Where can I get one? Can I get it from the Grand Lodge Office?

I hope you have one already, certainly every Lodge has one. It is the Volume of Sacred Law that is open on the Holy Alter of every Masonic Lodge; without its presence no lodge can operate. In Georgia that VSL is generally the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible. SURPRISED? I hope not. I think that we do not always think of the Scriptures as a manual even when we are told that it is to be used as a rule and guide for our faith and practice. We quote it in our rituals, we pray to the One who inspired its writing, the allegorical stories and figures comes from its pages.

Our system of Masonic Justice through the Masonic Code has at its heart the teachings of justice gleaned from the inspired word. The lessons of brotherly love, charity, morality, relief and all the other ideals that are for our edification and benefit come from the Holy Scriptures.

If it is our ardent desire to truly be a better man, a better Mason, a better leader, a better citizen then we should take full advantage of all the resources our Fraternity has to offer and that includes revisiting those lectures that are so beautiful and instructive. We should always converse with our well informed brethren, always continue the search for more light with the reminder of the source of that light. There is a reason why it is called the Great Light of Freemasonry, there is a reason it is placed so prominently in the Lodge; because it is the inestimable gift of GOD to man. In it are all the lessons we need to learn of our duties to GOD, our country, our neighbor, our family and ourselves.



(Left) **Flowery Branch Lodge No. 212** just completed our 5th annual 5K Spring Fun Run. The original event's purpose was to boost our general fund. By the third year, we found out we could be charitable with a portion of the proceeds so we made a donation of \$5 per runner to the Wounded Warrior Project for a total of \$1,600. This kind of made sense as our event happened to land on Armed Forces Day. Last year, we decided to channel our efforts to a local organization and still help our Veterans. We donated \$1,500 to the Gainesville-Hall Chapter 17 of the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.). This year, participation was off a bit, but we were still able to donate \$1,000. to the D.A.V. Bro. Bill Cornelissen (on the left), a member of No. 212 and the Chapter 17 D.A.V., receives a check from Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Clint Strickland.

On March 8, six Brothers from **Lawrenceville Lodge No. 131** installed 300 feet of water line plus two frost-proof spigets at the two pavillions at the Masonic Home.

Because of a scheduled lodge function on the official work day at the Home, the Brothers did the work earlier. Right Worshipful Brother Gary Leazer presented each Brother his wages at a regular lodge communication in May.

From the left are Bros. Dave Rusnak, Jerry Adams, Jeff Castleberry, Martin Farley, Allen McKelvey and the Worshipful Master Carl Wood.



Pythagoras Masonic Lodge No. 41 Creates History Committee

Pythagoras Masonic Lodge No 41, Decatur, has passed the following resolution and followed up by appointing the said committee.

Whereas Pythagoras Masonic Lodge No 41, Free and Accepted Masons, is a historic antebellum Lodge, having been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 1844 and

Whereas this Lodge has been in continuous operation since that time and

Whereas Pythagoras Lodge No. 41 has artifacts, documentation and files accumulated during this history and

Whereas it is the duty and obligation of every Mason to continue to grow his mind and spirit as the foundation of building that Temple within and

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Georgia at its October 2012 session approved the Lodge By-Laws of Pythagoras Lodge No 41 establishing a permanent History Committee.

It shall be the mission of this History Committee to collect, preserve, share this long history, establish, maintain and operate an Archive, a Museum and a Library.

It shall be the mission of the Archive to collect, catalog and preserve the historical records of the Lodge and The Pythagoras Masonic Temple Association.

It shall be the mission of the Museum to collect, catalog, preserve and display the artifacts of the Lodge and other Masonic Interests.

It shall be the mission of the Pythagoras Library to help provide a means for Masons and others to find their path to MORE LIGHT by obtaining and maintaining access to the broadest collection of publications possible. The Library also has a duty to provide its patrons with resources that fulfill their interests and research needs, and that expand the general public's understanding of areas relating to

Freemasonry, including the numerous theories and legends relating to its origins and philosophies. It shall also strive to make this collection easily available to seekers physically and through modern communication methods. Donations are solicited call Al for more info.

The Lodge membership followed up by dedicating a large office space in the Temple and providing metal library shelving for the library and archives storage. Over 1,000 books were moved in, cataloged and shelved. Since then over 6,500 books have been added from private donations with more on the way. Bro. Albert Martin was named The Life Time Master Historian/Librarian and has the duty of overseeing this major effort. Currently the Library hours are 4:00 PM till 6:30 PM on the lodges scheduled Communication nights and 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM on Sundays.

As volunteers and/or funds for an intern become available, these times will be expanded. If traveling any distance for Sunday times, please verify by calling Al at 678-770-6170.

In order to protect the collection, this is a research library and books will be let out of the facility only by special arrangement. Future plans include a web site that will let Masons and others access the library catalog and any links to already digitized collections. Rare titles in the collection will be digitized as funds become available.

An endowment fund has been established for permanent financing of this endeavor and all donations are 501C3 eligible. Also needed are funds for hiring personnel to keep the facility open more hours. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Worshipful Master Bob Hart or Master Historian Albert Martin at pythagoraslibrary@earthlink.net.

Knights of St. Andrew in the Orient of Georgia

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service organization founded 21 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the express purpose of supporting the individual Scottish Rite Valleys through the direction of the General Secretary. Membership is open to "Black Cap" 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

The First National Gathering of Knights was attended by 122 members from 22 Valleys across 17 states in conjunction with the Spring Reunion in Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 2012. The Second National Gathering of the Knights of St. Andrew will be convened in St. Louis in October 2014.

Three of the six Valleys in the Orient of Georgia have Chapters of the Knights of St. Andrew. Some Valleys have decided to keep the Scottish Rite Guard as their service organization.



Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Savannah



For the first time ever, the newly Chartered Chapter of the **Knights of St Andrew, Valley of Atlanta** were sworn in at the last meeting held on the 6th of March at the Atlanta Masonic Center in the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Chartering Officers were SK Christopher Chapman as Knight Commander with SK's Judd Wolfe, Joe Bush, Jim House, Victor McKelvey, and Rick Conn.

The Knights of St Andrew, Valley of Atlanta is a service organization for the Scottish Rite. The main goal of our Chapter is recruitment, retention, and encouragement. Serving as a Liaison between them and the Valley of Atlanta,

we strive to recruit new members in the Scottish Rite, encourage existing members in attending and participating in the Valley events, and encouraging older members who have stopped attending to again return and join in the activities of their Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights of St Andrew contact SK Rick Conn at 678-873-3491 or rickconn@bellsouth.net



The formation of the **Augusta Chapter Knights of St. Andrew** was approved by the Augusta Consistory in June 2012. Membership is offered by invitation only to black hat members of the Valley. Numerous meetings were held by interested brethren to write a Constitution and By Laws.

On August 2, 2012 the Constitution was officially signed into existence by SGIG Leonard Buffington who chartered the new chapter. We are a Scottish Heritage organization whose primary purpose is that of service to the Augusta Scottish Rite. One of our responsibilities is the 29° in our Reunions; we practice regularly to remain sharp.

We have three principal officers who are elected by chapter members: the Knight Commander, Knight Warden and Knight Captain. There are also several appointed officers. Original members are termed Charter Knights. Subsequent members are termed Knights. The Personal Representative to the SGIG is termed Grand Knight. 32° KCCH advisers are termed Chevaliers. Charter Knights or Knights who are bestowed the honorable KCCH are termed Knight Companions. Only 32° members are eligible to vote. We limit our membership to 32 voting members. Remember, you must be invited to gain admission, so membership is very selective. We want members who take the term "service" seriously.

The Augusta KSA Chapter is present in full attire at the monthly meetings to serve as guides, greeters, parking assistants, and to perform any act of general service. We have received many compliments from other Valleys. We stand ready to assist other Valleys who wish to start their own chapter.

Fraternally,

Steve Purvis, 32°, KSA Knight Warden, MPS

In Memorium

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to June 3, 2014

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Grand Master Visits Annual Family Day at Riverdale Lodge No. 709



In the top photo, Grand Master Edgar Land speaks to the widows honored at Riverdale Masonic Lodge No. 709 and then presented each with one of his coins.

In the lower photo, the Grand Master congratulates Wor. Bro. Tommy Lee who was named Riverdale's Mason of the Year.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

The following are several Important Dates and Deadlines for your consideration.

All secretary's Monthly Reports must be received in the Grand Lodge Office no later than July 10th. Beginning July 20th, a \$3.00 per day penalty will be charged the Lodge until all delinquent reports are received. (Masonic Code Section 26-109)

Funds from the Endowment and Educational Fund (Penny Box) must be turned in to the Masonic Home no later than July 31st. Designation as to which Fund is to receive the money should be annotated on the check. (Masonic Code Section 25-122)

Proposed changes to the Masonic Code must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office no later than August 1st. (Masonic Code Section 3-114)

Per-Capita Statements are to be paid no later than September 1st. After that date, a 10% penalty will be assessed. (Masonic Code Section 23-129) As a matter of information, the Per-Capita Statement will be mailed in July if all Monthly Reports have been received on time.

Any changes to the Lodge's By-Laws must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office no later than September 15th in order to be considered by Grand Lodge. (Masonic Code Section 22-102)

Rockmart Lodge Gets New Charter Date

100 Member meeting and Grand Master presenting the Charter of lost years to Rockmart Lodge. The Lodge had (over the years of the Civil War) lost some records, but through efforts of Harold McDurmon and Tye Tomlin, both past masters, found enough information that the Historical Commission agreed that Rockmart Lodge never gave up its charter that was originally dated 1849. Due to the discovery, we were able to re-instate the original Charter from 1874 back to 1849 thanks to the support of Most Worshipful Bro. Gary Lemmon. We are proud of the effort and re-instatement of our lost Charter years putting us back to 165 years as a Masonic Fraternity!



Grand Master Visits Rockmart Lodge



ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

April 15, 2014 Thru June 3, 2014

\$1000 OR MORE

Ruskin Family Trust
James Murphy

Many thanks to all who participated on the April 12th Masonic Home workday, especially to those who pre-selected and supervised specific jobs. A lot of good work was accomplished.

Masonic Home
Buildings and Grounds Committee

New Year's Resolution Check

By Tony McCool, Midland No. 144

It has been a great year so far. Not without its setbacks with the loss of friends for some of us. We have seen new members in our lodge get involved and have seen older members step up to the plate. I hope that you made some new year's resolutions for 2014. Here we are in May, how are they coming along?

Let me challenge you to make a change in your own life. Set yourself some new MID-year resolutions. There is power in the written word, so write it down, even if you are the only one who reads it.

Maybe it's time to finish that degree you have been working on. Perhaps you want to read the Bible from cover to cover. Or maybe you want to take that trip you have been putting off for so many years. Before the next Masonic Messenger gets to your door, get it written down and then do something to make it happen. The resolution will have more power when you put a date on it.

Example: I will read one motivational book every two months. I will take a class in knitting by April 1st. I will begin to finish my degree to set an example to my kids (or

grandkids). You know if you are over 62 you can take classes for free in the state of Georgia. Hmmmmmm I'm not there yet, but I am getting closer every day.

Let me recommend one more thing; try a sport that you can play for many years to come. There aren't many but a few do come to mind like golf, tennis, walking, running, nature hiking, and I'm sure there are others.

I have recently taken up Tennis. When you play doubles it's much less work and I encourage you to start there. When I go to the courts in the adult league, I am often times the youngest one on the court (and I'm over 40). Take a beginner course if you have never played, it is very easy to learn. You can make new friends and even bring your wife.

There are plenty of activities you can take up that include your spouse. Some activities are outdoor like fishing and others are indoor like pottery. Ask around your community, it has to be better than what is on TV.

Start your new MID-year resolution and get back on track to enjoy your life even more. It takes effort, but anything worthwhile does take effort.

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Brethren at the Seventh Masonic District Convention pose for a group photo.
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