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— FROM GRAND MASTER EDGAR M. LAND

Beloved Brethren:

It is truly amazing how fast this year has seemed to pass. Although ten months have passed, it only seems like yesterday that I was sworn in as your Grand Master on the "Ogelthorpe Bible!" I will never forget the generosity of Solomon's No. 1, F. & A.M. for bringing the Bible to Macon and allowing the use of it by the Grand Lodge.

The Good Lord has given me the opportunity to make 61 visits over the last two months. Each visit has been truly memorable. Our recent travels have included the Imperial Shrine Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as guests of the various Shrine Temples in Georgia; the Southeastern Masonic Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; the Florida, Georgia, and Alabama Tri-State Meeting in Dothan, Alabama along with some District Conventions. The Grand Master of South Carolina hosted the annual Georgia-South Carolina night in Charleston, SC in June at which we had a great time. I visited the annual sessions of the Georgia Order of the Eastern Star and the International Rainbow Assembly of Girls. I was represented at the Demolay Conclave by Right Worshipful Brother F. Drew Lane since I had committed to attend our first MELD Leadership Conference at Yaarab Shrine Center, in Atlanta. The Conference was an astounding success due to the hard work of many Brethren together with the Yaarab Temple generosity. I am so grateful to Yaarab Shrine and the Divan for allowing us to hold the conference in their facility at no cost to our Grand Lodge. (As a side note, if any of you Brethren want to become a Scottish Rite Mason and/or a Shriner, November 7-8 is a great opportunity to do so for a very reasonable fee. Contact the Atlanta Scottish Rite or Yaarab Shrine Temple for more details.)

Please remember the Dedication of the "Children's Garden" at the Masonic



Home in Macon on September 6. Our Superintendent, Wor. Bro. John Snipes, suggested earlier this year having a "Masonic Family Day" instead of a regular work day. Every Mason is invited to come share the day with our children, get to know them better and have lunch with them. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the dedication of the Garden starting at 11:00 a.m. Local and state dignitaries have been invited to speak. The ceremony will be concluded by the Grand Lodge Line dedication of the Garden. Afterwards, an enjoyable free picnic will be provided, with an opportunity to visit and fellowship for as long as you would like.

As we enter the last two months of our Grand Lodge year, I look forward with great excitement to the remaining time to be spent with the Masons and families of Georgia. My plans are to attend the Grand Lodge sessions of Kentucky and North Carolina. We have three more District Conventions, a couple of outdoor meetings, the Grand Master's Day at the Apple Festival Parade in Ellijay, GA, on October 18 sponsored by Yaarab Shrine Temple and Coosawatee Shrine Club. You are cordially invited to attend and enter a parade "float." If you are unable to prepare a "float", con-

tact Coosawatee Shrine Club to find other ways to participate. We will next “Land” in Macon the last weekend in October for our Grand Lodge Session.

Finally, my Brethren, I sincerely hope each of you will be able to attend our Grand Lodge Session, October 28-29. Much planning and preparation continues so let’s join together to make this the largest attended Grand Lodge Session in memory. I have no doubt that each of you will thoroughly enjoy being in Macon and fellowshiping with Brother Masons from each area of our State. More details will follow in the October issue of The Messenger.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to each member of your Grand Lodge Line for making so many sacrifices and being so dedicated this year. I have never seen a Grand Line work any harder than your Grand Line has worked this year. Grand Line Brethren, I thank each of you and pray for you on a daily basis that God will continue to bless you in all your endeavors. It is my hope that each Mason will also pray for the Grand Line Brethren. We are in the “home stretch” and have so many additional lodges to visit, that we need all the divine guidance we can get.

Brethren I thank each of you for all you have done for our Fraternity this year. Many of you work so hard and go far beyond the “call of duty.” Although I may not have the opportunity to thank each of you personally, or mention your name in writing, I do sincerely appreciate you, and wish you the very best.

Cordially and fraternally,
Edgar M. Land



Grand Master Edgar M. Land is introduced at Blue Ridge Lodge No. 67 by Wor. Bros. Tim Ingram, Grand Marshal; Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain; and Jan Giddens, Second Grand Steward. The visit to Blue Ridge Lodge on Friday evening always kicks off the Rock Quarry Degree weekend on the 4th Saturday in August.



Grand Master Land poses with veterans attending Blue Ridge Lodge on Friday, August 22. Among the veterans attending were Past Grand Masters Jerry D. Moss and Bobby B. Simmons. Most Worshipful Bro. Simmons serves the Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer.

Grand Master Donates His Blood

The Grand Master does not ask the Brethren of Georgia to do something he would not do.

Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 held their fifth quarterly blood drive on Friday, August 15. A total of thirty-six units of blood were collected. The total to date of units collected by Pickens Star Lodge is 168 units which will or have benefited over 500 individuals. The blood drives have been supported by members of the local lodges, Order of the Eastern Star and also the community. Pictured is Most Worshipful Grand Master Edgar M. Land donating his unit of blood.

Civil War Apron Returns Home after 150 Years

The history of the Civil War has special meaning to Freemasons. Story after story recount events where the obligation of a Freemason to all brothers transcend the horrors of war. When cities, towns and villages were occupied by



opposing forces, sentries were often posted to protect a Masonic Lodge Building. When lodges were pillaged by invading forces, officers often ordered that the furniture of lodge be returned or placed in the care of a local resident. On the battlefield, wounded and dying soldiers identified themselves to enemy troops who saw to it that they received medical care or collected the belongings of those who would not survive to make sure that those personal items might make it back to loved ones.

Now, 150 years after the Atlanta Campaign and the burning of Atlanta, the fraternal love demonstrated during the conflict is still alive. It is alive through the kindness of a third generation descendant who wanted to see to it that something Masonic was returned.

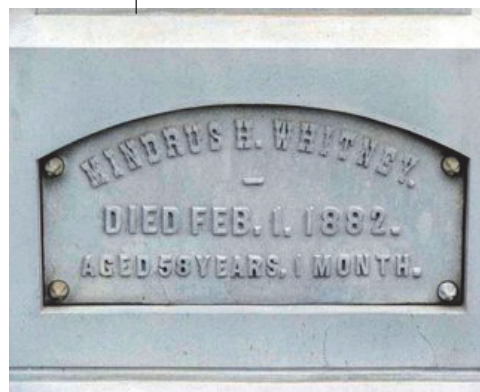
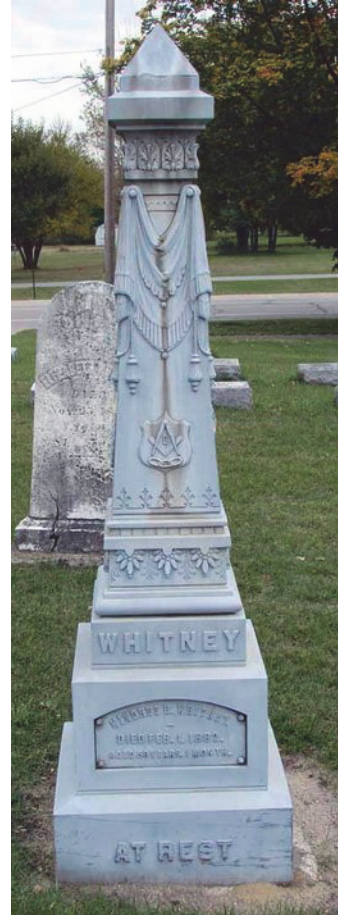
Early in July, Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Watson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, received a call from James Johnston, husband of Penny Johnston. The Johnstons reside in Glade Water, Texas, but Ms. Penny was born in Michigan. The Johnstons informed Bro. Watson that they had an apron that was found by Penny's Great, Great, Great Grandfather as the Union Army was leaving Atlanta after the siege.

On Thursday, July 24, the Johnstons arrived at the Atlanta Masonic Center to return that Apron 150 years after Atlanta Campaign. Mrs. Johnston did what so many brothers did

during the war by returning fraternal regalia to the lodge. A note on the back of the frame states. "After the civil war this Masonic apron was brought back by my Great-Grandfather Capt. Mindrus Whitney a 32nd degree Mason from Cedar Springs Michigan. When Atlanta was burned he found this apron in the muddy road just outside of Atlanta." The note was signed "Dorothy M. Jacobs"

Mindrus H. Whitney was an officer in the 14th Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Penny related information from her Grandmother Dorothy Johnson. "The night that they burnt Atlanta, they were leaving out and he saw this Apron in the road, a muddy road, and he being a 32° Mason knew what it was; so he picked it up and brought it home. When my dad told us this story after my grandmother passed away, I told my dad that I would like to have the Apron" Fighting off tears she continued "I said, 'One day, I would like to take it back home.'"

A monument to Mindrus H. Whitney, bearing the Square and Compasses stands today in Elmwood Cemetery in



Cedar Springs, Michigan.

The Johnstons made the 675 mile trip for the exclusive purpose of returning the apron. The presentation was made to Most Worshipful Brother C. Danny Wofford, Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, who serves as Curator for the Atlanta Masonic Library and Museum Association. The Apron was in a frame which Ms. Penny said was at least 60 years old.

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Brother Wofford said that the frame was frail and would have to be replaced. The apron appeared to be in very good condition.

After presenting the Apron the Johnstons took the opportunity to visit several Civil War Sites before returning home. At the Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon they posed with re-enactors dressed in Union Uniforms after watching the firing of cannon. After visiting Camp Sumter military prison at Andersonville (Andersonville National Historic Site) Mrs. Johnston said, "Yes we did make Andersonville. My words cannot describe it."

Once removed from the frame there is hope that some thing on the apron will reveal the name or location of the original owner of the apron.



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— Dorothy M. Jacobs

The Traveling Lights

On Saturday, January 11, the brothers of Flint Hill Lodge, No. 371 arrived at the Lodge Building in Southwest Douglas County for a public installation of Officers. Past Grand Master, C.E. (Buster) Horne was there to officiate along with W.B. Bruce Gunnin who would serve as Grand Marshal. Entering the building, there were muddy footprints in the fellowship area which caused concern. It wasn't until the brothers ascended the stairs to the lodge room that the real problem was discovered. The Three Great Lights were not in their usual place on the Holy Altar. A search yielded nothing. The owner of the muddy footprints had, no doubt, stolen the Three Great Lights. Another Bible was found and the installation proceeded.

The first meeting of the year would be 2 days later on January 13. Knowing that Fulton Lodge, No. 216 had the Square & Compasses that were Sheldon Little's, Wor. Bro. Ross Laver asked the Master of Fulton Lodge, Wor. Bro. Alvin Hazan if Flint Hill Lodge could use Br. Little's Lights for the meeting while replacements were being purchased. Wor. Bro. Hazan agreed and the first meeting of 2014 was opened with Sheldon Little's Square and Compasses on the Altar.

At the meeting, the missing Lights were discussed. No one wanted to believe that a Bible, Square and Compasses had been stolen. Mac Cochran, Past Master of Goshen Lodge No. 71 was present and mentioned that Goshen Lodge had an extra Bible that had been donated there and that he would ask Goshen Lodge to donate that Bible to Flint Hill. Today, that Bible adorns

the place of honor in a Lodge, the Holy Altar.

Many of us have had the pleasure of watching Wor. Bro. Sheldon Little, 33°, present the Staircase Lecture of the Fellowcraft degree. Sheldon traveled Georgia and visited many lodges. He was probably the most sought after presenter of the Staircase Lecture. Looking at his Square and Compasses on the Altar at Flint Hill Lodge it became apparent that Sheldon's travels had not ended with his passing.



Sheldon Little

The Lights now travel with a Brother of Fulton Lodge when possible. With permission of the Master of the Lodge, Sheldon's Lights rest upon the Holy Altar for that meeting. The Square and Compasses have now rejoined Sheldon's personal Masonic Bible which was donated by Wor. Bro.

Randy Hazan. A passport book has been created which travels with the Lights so that the travels of Sheldon Lights can be chronicled.

This story has no end as long as there is a lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in Georgia. The beginning is a sad story of greed that turned into demonstrations of the best of men and the Masonic Fraternity.

Webb Lodge hosts Tenth Masonic District Convention

Webb Lodge No. 166 in Augusta hosted the Tenth Masonic District Convention June 14. Wor. Bro. James Huggins, District Worshipful Master, and his officers opened the Convention at 10:00 in the York Rite Room in the Masonic Temple on Wrightsboro Road.

Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land was found in waiting and warmly received by the Brethren. He introduced his Grand Lodge officers who were present: Right Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Bro. F. Drew Lane, Jr., Senior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Bro. Gary Leazer, Junior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Bro. Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary; Wor. Bro. Thomas Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Timothy "Tim" Ingram, Grand Marshal; Wor. Bro. Johnie M. Garmon, First Grand Steward; and Wor. Bro. Donald C. Combs, Third Grand Steward.

Wor. Bro. Richard Williamson, Senior Warden of Webb Lodge, welcomed all to the Convention, in the absence of

Worshipful Master Jack P. Goldenberg.

Wor. Bro. Huggins highlighted the work in the District for the past year.

Wor. Bro. M. Steven Fishman announced that over one-third of all blood donated this year through the Masonic Blood Drive was from 10th District

lodges. As of June

14, he reported 3,366 units had been donated this year; 16,716 units since the Masonic Blood Drive began.

Wor. Bro. James Bucky Summers was presented the E. Alton Rogers Award. Wor. Bro. Rogers attended 53 consecutive District Conventions during his lifetime.

Wor. Bro. Tom Bell, District Deputy Master and Treasurer

of Tennille Lodge No. 256, announced Tennille Lodge would host the 2015 Convention on June 13.

Most Worshipful Bro. Land installed the Convention officers. The Grand Master gave his address and then closed the Convention.

After a fine lunch, the Brethren traveled a few miles to Martinez Lodge No. 710 for the dedication of its cornerstone.



Wor. Bro. James Huggins, District Worshipful Master, addresses the Convention.



Grand Master Edgar M. Land is introduced by the 10th District Deputies.



Grand Master Land addresses the Convention.



Wor. Bro. Tom Bell takes his obligation as District Master.

Grand Lodge Dedicates Cornerstone at Martinez Lodge No. 710



A full-page story of Martinez Lodge No. 710 appeared in the June issue of the Masonic Messenger. Brethren are encouraged to read more about this beautiful lodge in that issue.

Grand Master Edgar M. Land (left) and Deputy Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald (right) led the Grand Lodge officers in the dedication of Martinez Lodge No. 710.

Roger Lacey No. 722 Raises 3 Master Masons



The Brethren of Roger Lacey Lodge No. 722 are proud of their three newest Master Masons. Pictured are Wor. Master Chris Barnes, James G. Kanicki, Daniel Allen Ray and Tony Landen Vickery.

Eugene Smith Lodge Presents Check for Home



Eugene Smith Lodge No. 279 in Eastman present RW Grand Secretary Joe Watson a check for \$1000.00 for the Masonic Children's Home. These funds were raised at the annual car show held by Eugene Smith Lodge.

Grand Master Visits Ducktown Lodge

Ducktown Lodge No. 572, Cumming, was honored to host the Grand Master for an official visit on July 18. This was an open meeting at which the Grand Master Edgar M. Land, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, presented five 25-Year-Awards to brethren of Ducktown Lodge. They are from left to right: Bro. Earl Turpen, WB David Pruitt, Bro. Jeff Heard, WB. David Whitaker, MW Grand Master, WB Douglas Andrews and Bro. Eddie Gurley. Also attached is a picture of the WM David Whitaker and WB Larry Bennett presenting Grand Master Land with a plaque and a picture of the Grand Master with all Veterans present. The GM presented his Masonic Veterans ribbon to all Veterans present. There is also a picture attached of Bro Benjiman King presenting the Grand Master with a keepsake box. (Photos to the right)



Is Freemasonry Still Relevant in Today's World?

This question will be addressed on November 1st when Arturo de Hoyos visits the Atlanta Masonic Center. The occasion will be a dinner hosted by the Knights Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) of the Valley of Atlanta to raise funds for the RiteCare Center at Scottish Rite Hospital. RiteCare provides assistance to children with Speech and Language disorders; children who might never be able to communicate without this great work.



Arturo de Hoyos

Illustrious Brother de Hoyos, 33° Grand Cross, will talk to those who attend about the role Freemasonry plays or doesn't play in Politics; the position of Freemasonry in a world of many different Religions. He will consider how Freemasonry addresses the vast community of man and the meaning of "meeting on the level".

Brother de Hoyos serves as Grand Historian of Supreme Council, Scottish Rite and has authored, edited and translated numerous books, articles and publications on Freemasonry. He has frequently contributed to

"Heredom," the annual transaction of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

He is the author, editor, and translator of more than 25 books and many articles and is considered America's foremost scholar on the history, rituals, and symbolism of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and most other Masonic orders, rites, and systems.

Among his many books are the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* (2008), *Light on Masonry: The History and Rituals of America's Most Important Masonic Expose* (2008), *The Cloud of Prejudice A Study in Anti-Masonry* (2010), and *Is it True What They Say About Freemasonry?* (co-authored with Dr. S. Brent Morris, 33° Grand Cross, 2010).

He has travelled and lectured extensively on Freemasonry, and been featured on numerous television and radio programs, including NBC Dateline's "Secrets of the Lost Symbol," CNN's "The Situation Room," ABC Nightly News, Washington D.C.'s FOX 5 News, WAMU Radio's "Metro Connection," The History Channel, The Voice of America, and more.

The dinner and his address are opened to the public. Following his public remarks the brethren will have a separate opportunity to meet and ask questions that would not be appropriate in a public setting.

The donation for the steak dinner and the program is \$60, a portion of which is tax deductible. Reservations can be made by calling 404-873-3659.

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Wor. Bro. Dan Dacus, DDGM-9E, presents Yagrik Tadavarthi of Johns Creek Troop No. 3143 his Eagle Scout award.

Tribute

Floyd Edmonson, Grand Orator

First and foremost, I give Honor, Praise and Glory to Almighty God for all of His Goodness, Blessings and Mercy on me and my family. I thank Him for letting me live in the space of time He has allocated for my earthly life. He has made it possible for me to Fellowship with some of the finest people I could ever hope to meet from all walks of life; mostly, I think, because I was accepted into the Masonic Lodge and the accompanying Masonic travels He has permitted me to make. True, I have not made the best use of my time here. I have made innumerable mistakes and bad decisions, and I'm sure I will make some more. However, as I grow older, I have a greater desire to try to make the best use of my remaining time and efforts, although I do not always succeed. Masonry is composed of members of a multitude of religions. Being a Baptist, I am thankful for salvation, repentance and forgiveness.

I also thank Almighty God for restoring our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Edgar Land, to good health. I thank Brother Edgar for his friendship and for appointing me to this position. I pray for his continued good health so he can continue and complete the tremendous schedule he maintains as Grand Master.

I express my gratitude to my wife and daughters and also to all of the Ladies and family members of Masons who provide our needs, remind us of things we need to do and places we need to go and support us in our Masonic activities. Without their help and understanding, we could not accomplish the things we do. Some of our Ladies and family members are more supportive of Masonry than a lot of our members because they know what Masonry is about and have a desire in their heart to help support our lodge activities and our charities. They work tirelessly to make sure our fundraisers are successful, make sure we have an abundance of good food at our meetings and support us in all of our Masonic activities. I pray that the Ladies and family members who have a negative opinion of Masonry might kindly and gently gain a

true understanding of what Masonry is and what Masons do. I also pray that I and all of our members will try to live closer to the teachings of Masonry and work together in Peace and Harmony to try to make this world a better place in which to live.

I express my sincere gratitude and respect for our military men and women; both at home and abroad; past, present and future, for their services and sacrifices that allow us to have the freedoms we enjoy. I pray for their wisdom, health, safety and for all of the things they need to perform their job in a superior manner. I pray that those on foreign soil may soon be safely reunited with their families. I pray for the comfort, peace and well-being of the families who have loved ones in harm's way.

I express my gratitude to our Masonic forefathers who have made it possible for our Masonic Lodges to continue in existence today. I have a lot of precious memories of some for their friendship, their labors for and devotion to the Lodge and the examples they left us by the way they behaved and conducted themselves in the Lodge, Church and community in their everyday lives.

I praise today's leaders of our Masonic fraternity for their hard work and desire to keep our fraternity strong, alive and of good report of our communities. I encourage each of us to try to live up to the things we said we would do; to use our best endeavors to promote Peace and Harmony, not just in the Lodge, but in our everyday dealings with mankind; and do our best to strengthen the Masonic fraternity for the betterment of mankind and for future generations to enjoy. I pray for your good health, comfortable livelihood, Peace in your heart and your active participation and support of your Lodge and its activities.

Lord willing, I hope to see you soon somewhere. May God Bless.

Houston Lodge Honors Frank Shelton

Frank Shelton of Perry Volunteer Outreach was honored by Houston Lodge No. 35 for being the Citizen of the Year. This award was to recognize all the hard work Mr. Shelton has done through PVO. He was introduced to the Brothers by Past Master Jeff Onsted and Larry Wood of PVO. The Lodge also donated \$200 to PVO in honor of Mr. Shelton.

Pictured to the right are Worshipful Master Ken Howell, Larry Wood, Frank Shelton and Past Master Jeff Onsted.



Masonic Education and Leadership Development Holds Inaugural Leadership Conference

On July 18-19, The Masonic Education and Leadership Development Committee held the first ever Leadership Conference in Atlanta at Yaarab Shrine Temple. The purpose of this Conference was to provide our Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, and Senior Deacons with the necessary tools to help them on their journey to the East. There were 79 brethren from 50 different Lodges from around the state who attended with 10 out of the 12 Masonic Districts represented. The Conference began on Friday evening following dinner with a hearty welcome from our Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Drew Lane.

Wor. Bro. Wiley Forrester proceeded to introduce his "All Star" team of facilitators and staff for the Conference. After the introductions, the first presentation was made by Most Worshipful PGM E Ray Knittel on Strategic Planning. The brethren were then dismissed to their respective class rooms where the breakout sessions were held. I will have to say that there were a lot of overwhelmed looks when the first session had ended. The Conference reconvened on Saturday morning with a country breakfast, and then it was back to work with a jam packed 14 hour day of learning.

Past Grand Master Gary Lemmons was our keynote speaker and delivered his message with his customary grace and humor that only a twice retired educator can do. Wor. Bro. Eric Puchstein, DDMELD-9E gave our first presentation of the day on Finance, then Wor. Bro. Brian Coffey DDMELD-10C with a presentation on Lodge Renewal. The last presentation was made by Brother Jim Durbin, MELD Special Instructor, District 7, on Leadership and Management. After each presentation, the brethren returned to their classrooms where their facilitator walked each brother through developing an Action plan for each topic. The final presentation of the Conference was made by Wor. Bro. Randy Payne, DDMELD-7B, entitled the "Seven Dwarfs." This presentation was developed to have a little fun after a packed day of learning. When the presentation had concluded we received a very nice message from our Grand Master, MWB Edgar M Land, who thanked everyone for attending. The Conference was also attended by several of our Grand Lodge Officers. It was such a great feeling of support from our Grand Lodge, and we are very thankful.

A very special thanks goes out to Wor. Bro. Larry Nichols, Senior Grand Deacon, for helping me keep my sanity through this entire process.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia and the Masonic Education and Leadership Development team would like to send a huge word of thanks to Illustrious Sir Richard Burke, members of the Divan and Yaarab Shrine for opening up their Shrine Center to host this wonderful event. The team would also like to thank Yaarab Shrine for hosting dinner on Satur-

day night where a Prime Rib feast was had by all. The Conference staff and our students were treated first class by Yaarab Shrine and their staff. I would also like to thank Gwinnett Shrine Club who provided drinks and snacks throughout the Conference as well as offering tours of the Shrine Center. As Coordinator of this Conference, I could not have asked for a better partnership than what we were able to develop with Yaarab and Illustrious Brother Burke. I personally will be forever grateful for your assistance and friendship. It is my sincere hopes that we can continue to work with Yaarab Shrine for future Conferences.

Brethren, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Edgar M Land for having confidence in our team to bring this program to our state. Our team has spent hundreds of hours to research, develop, and train to bring this top notch program to our state. Each team has to have a great coach and our Conference is no different. Without Wor. Bro. Mac McGuirt, DD MELD-5F, and his "All Star" team, none of the material for this Conference would have been possible. Wor. Bro. McGuirt's strong business savvy and his desire to help Freemasonry grow were very evident in the countless hours that he has spent with his team on the development side of this Conference. Wor. Bro. McGuirt, our team Thanks You!

Overall our first Conference was a huge success. The Masonic Education and Leadership Development Committee has already begun working on the 2nd annual Leadership Conference to be held on June 19-20, 2015. Look for our letter and application to arrive soon. Remember, that our Conference is limited to the first 150 that apply. Do not wait to get your application completed and mailed in.

Faternally,
Wiley Forrester PM, State Director
Masonic Education and Leadership Development.

Dedication of the Children's Garden

Grand Master Edgar M. Land and his officers will dedicate the Square and Compasses in the Children's Garden at the Masonic Home on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 a.m. Dignitaries from Macon and the surrounding area are expected to attend to see the pavers which have been placed in the ground, even though not all have been inscribed. You still have the opportunity to donate one or more pavers.

The day will also be the Annual Alumni Day.

An old-style picnic with hamburgers and hotdogs will be held. Come and enjoy the day!

Cornelia Lodge Presents Three Scholarships



Cornelia Masonic Lodge No. 92 proudly sponsored and presented three \$1,000.00 scholarships to Sadie Lee Galloway, Jedidiah Clark, and Savannah Shelby Amick.

Sadie will be attending Kennesaw State University beginning this fall pursuing Psychology on Pre-Med. Sadie is the daughter of Tony and Donna Galloway.

Jedidiah will be attending North Georgia Technical College this spring, enrolled in the Lineman class. Jedidiah is the son of John and Yvonne Defoor and Chip Clark.

Savannah will be attending Kennesaw State University beginning this fall pursuing Biology on Pre-Med. Savannah is the daughter of Joey Amick and Dana Wilson.

Pictured with Sadie, Jedidiah and Savannah is Cornelia Lodge's Worshipful Master Randy Jewart.



On behalf of **Ducktown Lodge No. 572 F&AM**, Worshipful Master David Whitaker presents scholarship checks to Megan Chadwick and Christopher Cooper in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

Pickens Star Lodge Presents Two Scholarships



Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 recently presented the Grady Bozeman scholarship to Victoria Fendley and the Bobby Massey scholarship to Anthony Parks, each in the amount of \$1,000.00. In the photo are Wor. Bro. Keith Hales, Grand Tyler; Anthony Parks; Victoria Fendley and Wor. Brother Ron Matthews, Worshipful Master of Pickens Star Lodge.



Three \$500 scholarships were awarded by **Macon Lodge No. 5** in honor of Bro. Roy A. Wood who was killed in Afghanistan in 2004 and in honor of Wor. Bro. O. P. Resseau, PM.

Pictured from the left are Wor. Bro. Kevin Stroberg, Worshipful Master; Ryan Bennett, recipient of a Wood Scholarship (portrait left); Ashley Williams, recipient of the Resseau Scholarship (portrait right); Michael Williams, recipient of a Wood Scholarship; and Mrs. O. P. Resseau.

Reservations for Grand Lodge

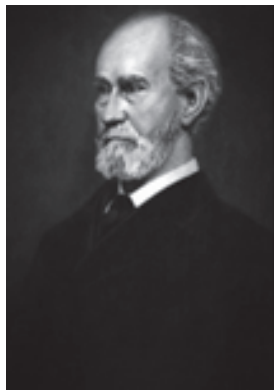
You may make your reservations now
at the **Macon Marriott City Center**,
240 Coliseum Drive
478-621-5300
Rooms are \$109 per night
Mention you are with the Grand Lodge.
Full information in October issue.

Dr. Rob Morris

Educator, Masonic Poet Laureate, Founder of the Order of the Eastern Star

The editor wishes to thank Most Worshipful Brother C. Danny Wofford, P.G.M. and Curator of the Masonic Library located in the Scottish Rite Center in Atlanta, for providing a number of biographical sketches of Dr. Rob Morris. The Masonic Library is the finest source of Masonic information in Georgia and Freemasons are encouraged to visit the library to conduct their Masonic research. — Editor

Once a year, usually in September, Eastern Star Chapters across the Great State of Georgia and around the world, take time to hear a lecture on a great Freemason and the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star: Dr. Rob Morris. Normally, the lectures are on Dr. Morris' founding of the Order of the Eastern Star, although I shall concentrate in this article on his Masonic life. Rob Morris was born on August 31, 1818, near Boston, Massachusetts. Born Robert Morris, he later shorted his name to Rob to avoid confusion with another poet named Robert Morris.¹



Dr. Rob Morris

As with many others, Morris moved west as did the population when lands west of the Allegheny Mountains were opened for settlement. By August 26, 1841, we find Morris in Oxford, Mississippi, where on that date he married Miss Charlotte Mendenhall, whose parents lived near Oxford. On March 5, 1846, he joined T. S. Gathright Lodge No. 33 in Oxford.² He immediately became deeply interested in the subject of Freemasonry.

He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in Lexington, Mississippi, in 1848, accepted as a Royal and Select Mason in 1849, made a Knight Templar at Jackson, Mississippi, in 1850 and received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1854. He received a number of honorary appendages to Freemasonry, such as the Red Cross of Constantine.

While teaching at Eureka Masonic College, better known as "The Little Red Brick School Building" in Richland, Mississippi, he began considering how Ladies might become involved in the Masonic family and, in 1850, composed and communicated the ritual, called *The Rosary of the Eastern Star*, with the ritual centering around five Biblical heroines: Jephtha's Daughter, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa. Dr. Morris led the Order until 1866 when because of his planned travel abroad, Bro. Robert Macoy of New York assumed the leadership. In 1876, the General

Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was established and leads the worldwide movement today. In addition to Chapters in the United States and Canada, Chapters are found in widespread nations such as the Philippines, Japan, Romania, Brazil, Germany, and Aruba, among other countries.

He later moved to Kentucky where he became a member of Fortitude Lodge No. 47 at La Grange, Kentucky, and the Royal Arch, the Commandery, and the Scottish Rite.

Dr. Morris became well known for his writings, among which are "Free Masons' Monitor;" "Miniature Monitor;" "Eastern Star Manual;" "Special Help for Worshipful Masters;" "Funeral Book of Freemasons;" "Masonic Ladder;" "Dictionary of Freemasonry;" "Guide to Consecration of Masonic Cemeteries;" and "Discipline of Masonic Offenders." In addition to these works, he wrote hundreds of songs, hymns, addresses, essays, over 400 poems, as well as dozens of minor literary works.

In 1854, 3,782 Kentucky Freemasons raised between \$9,000 and \$10,000 so Dr. Morris could travel to the Holy Land (then called the Ottoman Empire) and Europe. Tragedy befell Morris when a hotel fire in New York City destroyed his money and belongings. He immediately began to sell his books and writings and again raised the necessary funds to travel to the Holy Land. By 1868, he again had sufficient funds and again made plans to travel to Jerusalem. He met Freemasons throughout the Middle East and spoke in Smyrna, Damascus, Beirut, Joppa (now called Joffa) and Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem, he opened a Lodge of Instruction and laid the initial groundwork for the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293. Over the years, this lodge has become the Mother Lodge for a number of lodges in Israel and the West Bank, as well as the Grand Lodge in Israel.

He later served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Kentucky in 1858-9. Upon being given a position as professor of the Masonic University, he moved to La Grange, Kentucky in 1860.



The Little Red Brick School Building

The Masonic University was

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Do you have Fear?

By Tony McCool, Midland Lodge No. 144

These last few weeks I have noticed many references to the concept of fear. So little is really studied about this subject and only a few things are written. Yet fear controls so much of our lives. At an early age our parents tell us about things that can hurt us. "Don't pet that dog, he will bite you. The water is too deep you will drown. Don't eat that, it will make you sick." Now our parents didn't intend to scare us as much as they wanted to protect us from dangers. Sometimes fear can do just that.

I was watching an older movie called End of Days with Will Smith. On the surface this sci-fi movie is a father's relationship with his son. But there are a few life lessons in this movie. In one part Will Smith reveals that he killed these giant beasts because the animals were blind but could "see" you if you feared them, because of the human endorphins you emit when you are fearful. Will Smith had a great quote he said, "Fear is not real. The only place that fear can exist is in our thoughts of the future. It is a product of our imagination, causing us to fear things that do not at present and may not ever exist. That is near insanity. Do not misunderstand me, danger is very real but fear is a choice."

I love that last line, "...danger is very real but fear is a choice." In our Blue Lodges we often fear that we cannot memorize another sentence. As if our mind will be full or we will begin to forget other things to "make room." They say the number one fear in America is the fear of speaking in

front of others. The number two fear is being trapped in a burning house. Can you imagine the two guys in the closet of a burning house? One says to the other, "We may be in a fire, but it could be worse. We could be on stage talking to a large group of people." Now how silly is that? All because of fear.

I saw a Spanish movie recently called "The Last Days." This movie was set in Barcelona Spain and was about a plague. This plague made you Agoraphobic or fearful of going out of doors. There was no real danger except in the minds of the people afflicted. People would starve to death in their own homes because the fear had taken over their lives.

My pastor challenged us this week to look at all the times the Bible says "Fear not..." or "...be not afraid." I was amazed at the number of times these statements appeared. Maybe God is trying to tell us something about fear.

Dale Carnegie once said, "Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy." So I challenge you my brethren to take steps today to "go outside" and begin to conquer the fears in your life. Who knows you just might surprise yourself. Or even better, you just might be the example that younger person needed to see to help change their lives.

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an educational facility operated by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in LaGrange, Kentucky, located twenty miles northeast of Louisville, beginning in 1844. It was renamed Masonic University in 1852. The Masonic University had its greatest era in the 1850s. However, the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 severely crippled it. This is best represented by the departure of the principal of its grammar school, Hines, who left to found the Buckner's Guides, a Confederate force. It was during this time that Rob Morris began running the school (1860). His home, the Rob Morris House, still stands a few blocks southeast of the site of the university. Eventually the Grand Lodge decided they had better uses for the money used to run the school, selling it off in 1873 in favor of concentrating on the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, then just established in Louisville. In 1881 the school finally closed. The building burned to the ground in 1911.

Dr. Morris was the second official Masonic Poet Laureate. The first was Robert Burns, who was selected Masonic Poet Laureate based on his single Masonic poem. Morris was named

Masonic Poet Laureate in New York City, on December 17, 1884, for writing in excess of 400 Masonic poems.

Many of Dr. Morris' diplomas and official jewels were destroyed in the burning of his home, "The Three Cedars," at LaGrange in November 1861 and by the Great Fire in Chicago in October 1871. Following years of declining health, Most Worshipful Bro. and Dr. Rob Morris died at his home in LaGrange on July 31, 1888.

(Endnotes)

¹ I found one source that said there is some evidence he was born Robert William Peckham, in New York, and that he adopted the name of his foster parents after the death of his birth parents. I could not document that source.

² T. S. Gathright Lodge No. 33 is still active, although the name has been changed to O. D. Smith Lodge No. 33.

— Gary Leazer, Ph. D., editor

Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation Specialty License Tag

See Cover and Pages 21-22 in the June Issue
of the *Masonic Messenger* for more information



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 in the June issue of the *Masonic Messenger*.
You must submit one form for each tag you wish to purchase.
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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. (We have not reached that goal!)

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.

The Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill Organized in Georgia

Buford Masonic Lodge No. 262 was filled to overflowing on Saturday, July 12, as approximately 142 Freemasons were initiated into the Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill. Brethren from Ozark Order No. 109 from Springfield, Missouri, drove to Georgia to initiate the Brethren. A lunch of spaghetti was served prior to the ritual.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Edgar M. Land, and most of his Grand Lodge officers were among those initiated into the Order.

Officers of the new James Jackson Order No. 127 of Grayson are pictured to the right in the top photo. They are (from the right): Commander Chief, Bro. Rick Conn; Commander Right Wing, Bro. Ken Purl; Commander Left Wing, Bro. Joe Bush; Chaplain, Bro. Jim House; Adjacent, Bro. Chris Chapman; Sgt. at Arms, Bro. David Bird; Sentinel, Bro. Jessie Dooley; Commissary General, Bro. Todd Hester; and Sec-Treasurer, Bro. Carter Wood.

Re“New”ing Your Membership

I read John McNaughton’s article with great interest (“Value Proposition Part 2,” *The Northern Light*, May 2014). I felt like he was writing about me and my lodge.

I have never been active in my blue lodge and have only attended a handful of meetings. In my defense, I was the CEO of a publicly traded company at the time I became a Mason and was/am involved in a long list of worthwhile community and charitable causes. Masonic involvement took a back seat.

But what’s sad to me is that no one has ever reached out to me to encourage my involvement. Even worse is that several times in the past few years I asked a very active member of my lodge to tell me when he will be attending a meeting so that I could go with him and get refreshed on the rituals and customs so that I am comfortable in the meetings and can contribute appropriately. He has failed to follow up with me.

In every business that I am involved in and with just about every other charitable, fraternal or civic organization there is constant effort to get members active along with attracting new members.

I suspect many Masons would love to be asked to get involved for the first time or to re-engage if once active but are no longer active. I know I would like it.

— Raymond H. Melcher, 33°, *Valley of Reading (Pennsylvania)*

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them." — Mark Twain, American writer and Freemason, <http://burningtaper.blogspot.com/2006/01/masonic-quotes.html>.



The bottom photo shows many of the Brethren at lunch and enjoying fellowship prior to the initiation into the Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill.

A photo of Solomon’s Lodge No. 1 in Savannah was featured in the August 2014 issue of *The Northern Light*, the official publication of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. The photo was submitted by Walter E. and Beverly Fafata for his uncle, Bro. Robert J. Fafata, Valley of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

“The start is what stops most people.” — Don Shula

Are you curious about Hiram Abif, the Biblical character who helped King Solomon build his temple? A excellent short article can be read in July/August 2014 *The Scottish Rite Journal*, the official publication of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.

Bro. Howard Coop, 32°, KCCH, a popular writer on Masonic subjects, is the author.

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." — Benjamin Franklin, American writer, humorist, ambassador, inventor and Freemason, <http://burningtaper.blogspot.com/2006/01/masonic-quotes.html>.

Stephens Lodge No. 337 Hosts the 4th District Convention

The officers of Stephens Lodge No. 586 opened a lodge of Master Masons at 9:45 a.m. August 16 for the purpose of hosting the 110th Annual Convention of the 4th Masonic District at Greenville Lodge No. 321.

Wor. Bro. Paul Wells gave a moving introduction to the Flag and all present pledged allegiance.

Most Wor. Brother Edgar M. Land, Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, was found in waiting and welcomed with Private Grand Honors. He introduced the Grand Lodge officers who were present. Special guests were also introduced.

At 10:00, the 4th District Officers assumed their stations and the 110th Annual Communication was called to order with Wor. Bro. Earl Byrom as Worshipful Master.

Minutes of the 109th Convention were read and approved.

A Memorial Service for Deceased Brethren was led by 4th District Chaplain Wor. Bro. Bill Bryom and the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Len Davis.

The "Wool Hat Boys" gave an excellent lecture on Southern heritage and the Civil War.

Committee reports were heard and approved. Wor. Bro. Darrel Moy reported the 4th District had ID'd 1,178 children in 24 events since last year. Wor. Bro. Keith Simmons reported that 96 CHIP certificates had been issued to Brothers completing Correspondence Courses during the year.

The 2015 Annual Communication will be held at Columbian Lodge No. 7 in Columbus on April 15.

Checks were presented to the Grand Master in the amount of \$1,095 from several lodges. A total of \$100 cash was collected and presented to the Grand Master, all for the Masonic Home.

3rd Annual Barn Degree Set for September 27

A Barn Degree is scheduled at Wor. Bro. Charlie Long's farm at 695 Orr Mill Road in Ranger on September 27 as a fund raiser benefit for Dallas Lodge's own Right Worshipful Bro. F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. There will be games and contests, lots and lots of good food, old friendships renewed and new ones made, and to top it off, a candidate will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The festivities will begin around 3 p.m. The Degree work at Wor. Bro. Long's farm will be that evening, dramatized in full costume by the degree team from Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Savannah. Solomon's Lodge will dramatize the degree using ancient ritual which is not used by many Georgia lodges. Between the legendary hospitality of Wor. Bro. Long and the outstanding and unique dramatization by the Brethren of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, the Barn Degree promises to be one of the Masonic highlights in Georgia during 2014.

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The 4th District officers wait to be installed as newly elected Master Craig A. Haggas is installed.



Newly installed Master pins a Past Master's jewel on outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Earl Byrom. The Grand Master stands in the middle.



Charlie's barn is located five miles north of Fairmount on Hwy. 411, follow the signs! Of course, like his tractors, it is green!

61st Annual Rock Quarry Degree Held August 23

The lodges of Fannin County, Blue Ridge No. 67; Ocoee No. 201; McCay No. 423; Mineral Bluff No. 483; and Sweet Gum No. 542 held their 61st Annual Rock Quarry Degree under a beautiful summer sun on August 23. A brief summer shower did not dampen the spirit of the Brethren from several states from Mississippi to Virginia who were assembled.

The lodges served a lunch of BBQ and fried chicken and all the trimmings at the Spring a short distance from the Quarry before the Brethren assembled on the mountain.



Pictured at the Springs are Right Worshipful Joe Watson (standing) visiting with Wor. Bros. Richard Swecker, Grand Master of the Second Veil, South Carolina York Rite and a member of Pelham Lodge in South Carolina, and J. W. Benjamin "Bennie" Hammond, Past District Deputy to the Grand Master and Past Junior Grand Warden of South Carolina and a member of Brandon Lodge No. 279 in Greenville. Seated in the background are Bros. Jamie McClure, PM of Mineral Bluff Lodge No. 483 and William Chancery, also from Mineral Bluff Lodge.



A shot of the Rock Quarry from 2010
The officers of McKay Lodge No. 423 opened lodge. Grand Master Edgar M. Land was found in waiting and welcomed into the lodge with Private Grand Honors.



Grand Master Edgar M. Land is presented to the lodge by Wor. Bros. Tim Ingram, Grand Marshal; Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain; and Keith Hales, Grand Tyler.

The officers of McKay Lodge vacated their stations, which were assumed by the officers of Dallas Fellowcraft Club. Wor. Bro. Gurley served as Worshipful Master.

A brief shower did not dampen the spirits of the Brothers present for an opportunity to observe the raising of two new Master Masons

Two Fellowcraft Masons were found in waiting: Bros. Michael L. Sosebee from Mineral Bluff Lodge No. 483 and Christopher C. Sims from Villa Rica Lodge No. 72.

Wor. Bros. Johnie Garmon, Charlie Long and David Brown assisted the Dallas Fellowcraft Club with the degree. Several Grand Lodge officers accepted parts as Fellowcraft Brothers in the degree.

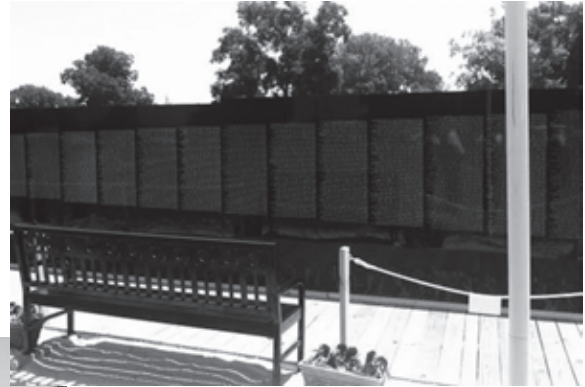


Christopher C. Sims of Villa Rica Lodge No. 72 and Michael L. Sosebee of Mineral Bluff Lodge No. 483 were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the 61st Annual Rock Quarry Degree.

Traveling Men Assist with Vietnam Traveling Wall in Dublin

It was an honor for the Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders to assist with the Vietnam Traveling Wall escort in Dublin on August 14. The traveling wall is a one-half scale replica of the Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is transported from town to town and

the distance between towns of each visit is less than 1000 miles. Once the wall is delivered it has to be assembled and some of our Brothers took part in this event. It was a solemn moment handling the wall panels.



(More) 50 Year Masons from Lafayette No. 44

(Left) Charles
Andrew Barnett
Lafayette No. 44



(Right) Douglas
Edward Sorrells
Lafayette No. 44

(Center) Donald
Morris Major
Lafayette No. 44

50 Year Masons from Cartersville No. 63

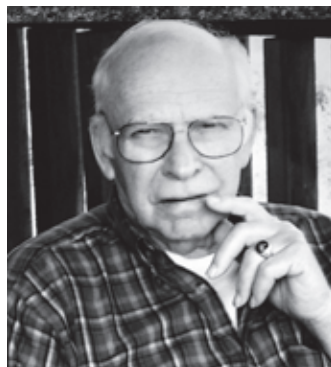
(Left) William
Rogers
Alexander
Cartersville No. 63



(Right) James Ray
Moore
Cartersville No. 63

(Center) Thomas
Robert Evans
Cartersville No. 63

(Left) Robert Edward Ray
Cartersville No. 63



(Right) Charles Jimmy
Thomas
Cartersville No. 63



William F Carmichael stands beside his daughter who placed his 50-year pin on him. Also pictured are Wor. Bros. Coster Livingston, DDGM, and William R Overstreet, Worshipful Master of Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Savannah.



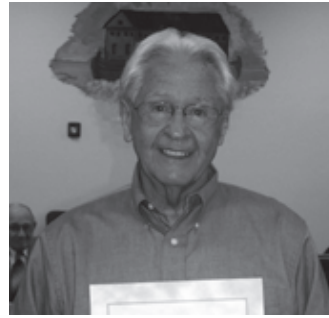
Harold Emory Major
Lafayette No. 44



Manuel Gene McGinnis
Lafayette No. 44



Charles Meeks
Cherokee No. 66



Larry Meeks
Cherokee No. 66



Buck Jones
Seminole No. 83



Marion Lebron Benton
Quitman No. 106



Charles Burkhardt Jr.
Quitman No. 106



Rufus Edmond Barton
Oostanaula No. 113



David Lloyd Black
Oostanaula No. 113



Jerome "Jerry" W. Collins
Oostanaula No. 113



J W Conaway
Oostanaula No. 113



Wesley Lamar Dodd
Oostanaula No. 113



James Elmer Rhinehart
Oostanaula No. 113

Jackson Wheeler
Gresham
Floyd Springs No.
167



Houston Walter
Touchstone
Floyd Springs No. 167
Bro. Houston is the twin
brother of Bro. Howard
Touchstone, Junior Past
Grand Chaplain.



Guy Turner
Acworth No. 176



Bobby Jean Herlovich
Marshall No. 188



Allen B. Hooks
Tennille No. 256



Frank Inman Nix
Leroy Duncan No. 262
with MWB Joe Suttles



Claude Madison Brickle, Jr.
Rutland No. 298



William Howard Ison
Forest Park No. 399



Willie Ernest Brady
Richmond No. 412
with Michael H. Wilson, Junior
Grand Deacon, who presented
Bro. Brady's pin and apron.



Benjamin Malcom Riden
Wellington No. 467



Frank Stuckey with Ann
Eugene Smith No. 279
with Wor. Bro. Dan
McCranie, DDGM



James Gray Bailey, Sr.
Duluth No. 480



Elmer Kenneth Murray
Campton No. 566

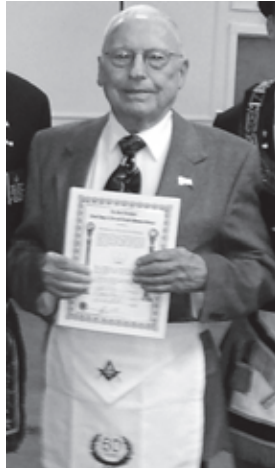


Pictured Chester Williford from Stonewall
No. 98 who received his 50-year apron and pin,
and Wor. Bro. Danny Wilcher, Worshipful Mas-
ter of Hamilton No. 58 where the ceremonies
occurred.

60 Years



Walter McCline Holcomb
Murrayville Lodge No. 30



Marshall D. Stephens
Kennesaw Lodge No. 33



Tucker Lodge No. 42 is proud of our own Wor. Bro. Robert Cook for receiving his 60-year apron. Wor. Bro. Cook is Past Master of Tucker Lodge and has been a great source of inspiration and encouragement. He was raised March 16, 1953. Tucker Lodge thanks him for his 60 years of service and his 60 years of loving the Craft.



Lloyd C. Jones
Pickens Star Lodge No. 220
with
Wor. Bro. Keith Hales, Grand Tyler



(Left) Wor. Bro. Doug Bridges, DDGM, with Bro. Carroll Arnold who recieved his 60-year apron at Hamilton Lodge No. 258.



Bronwood Harrison
Cairo Lodge No. 299



Willie Atwood Lane
Cairo Lodge No. 299



Jack Eugene Bramblett, Sr.
Wellington Lodge No. 467

65 Years



Bro. Felin William Pipkin
Hinesville Lodge No. 271
Brother Pipkin is 102 years old

70 Years



Right Worshipful Bro. Gary Leazer, Junior Grand Warden, poses with Bro. William Loring Hall after presenting his 70-year apron and certificate. Bro. Hall was raised on July 12, 1944 in Hamilton No. 58 where he is still a member. He became a Perpetual Member last year.



Bro. William Raymond Pierce, Sr.
Thomasville Lodge No. 369
Bro. Pierce was raised on March 3, 1949 in McDonald Lodge No. 172 which merged with Thomasville Lodge in 1991.
Wor. Bro. Mike Marshall, DDGM, made the presentation.

The presentation was made at the the Washington and Adjoining Counties Convention, which is held every other month by lodges in the Convention. Hamilton No. 58 hosted this Convention and served catfish and brim, hush puppies, cole slaw, grits, French fries, ice cream and cake. Thirty Brethren attended the Convention on August 29.

The next Washington and Adjoining Counties Convention will be hosted by Irwinton No. 150 on September 30 with the meal served around 7 p.m. All are invited.



Bro. O. W. Carter received his 65-year apron from Wor. Master Danny Wilcher at Stonewall No. 98.

Bro. Leon Blair received his 70-year apron at Thomasville Lodge No. 369. Bro. Blair was raised on October 15, 1943 at Barrett Lodge No. 43 in Live Oak, Florida. He was admitted to Thomasville Lodge No. 369 on November 26, 1946. Bro. Blair was secretary for Thomasville Lodge for 25 years and served faithfully wherever needed.

He is pictured with his beautiful wife, Deana.

Wor. Bro. Mike Marshall, DDGM, presented the award.



Nelson, Georgia, Holds Historic Event; E. W. Hightower Participates

Wor. Bro. Ralph O. Dennis

June 7, 2014 was a historic day in Nelson, Georgia. The Nelson Police Department, Nelson Fire Department and E. W. Hightower Lodge No. 679 Free and Accepted Masons

teamed to host a Public Safety Day. The Police Department had all of its officers available to meet the public. They had their three vehicles on display.

The Department also had drug awareness tee shirts for youngsters.

The American Red Cross sent their Disaster Preparedness unit to help educate the public. They were well received. The Red Cross Blood Mobile was also on hand for a Blood Drive sponsored by the

Lodge. The public, members of the Public Safety Community and the Lodge family responded. There were nine units donated. To the average person, this may not seem like a lot but the Red Cross staff was pleased with the results for a first drive. One person, April Dennis, a regular donor tried to give but was unsuccessful – she let them try both arms. It was just not to be today.

The Ball Ground/Nelson Fire Department had numerous staff on hand. Pickens County Fire Department had a tent set up to let the public know about the emergency call program available through the county. Cherokee County Fire Department had several vehicles on hand. One was a ladder truck with the ladder extended its full 105 feet. They also had their safety house for the youngsters to go through.

E. W. Hightower Lodge No. 679 held a child identifica-

tion program in the Lodge room. The Lodge processed 27 packets. The BBQ fundraiser was well received. The Lodge sold out of the pork and had a small amount of chicken left. The folks from GOBounce had a bounce house for the children. The proceeds of the bounce house

were donated to the Lodge for Masonic Charities. There were several other donations made to the Lodge.

It was a great day for Nelson and its people. This can be said to be the biggest event held in Nelson in a long time.



Public officials came out and the public responded with delight.

E. W. Hightower Lodge has found a great way to involve its members in the community, to allow the community to see Masons involved in the community, and to do a good work.

Upcoming District Conventions

September 13: Fifth District Convention at Douglasville Lodge No. 289; 9:00 a.m.

September 20: Eleventh District Convention at Waycross Lodge No. 305; 10:00 a.m.

September 27: Ninth District Convention at Pickens High School in Jasper; 9:00 a.m.



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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

Web Site:
GaScottishRite.org

The Valley of Columbus

Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. We have sent out emails inviting all Grand Line Officers and their Ladies, of the four Grand lines, to join us at our Annual Feast of Tishri.

We will hold our Feast of Tishri on the 19th of September 2014, dinner will be at 6:30 PM and our program at 7:30 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening is Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Ill A. Charles Knowles Jr., 33^o Personal Representative to the SGIG invites all brethren, guests and their ladies to attend this wonderful and meaningful program. Please visit our web site at scottishritecolsga.com for more information.

The **Valley of Atlanta** has been very busy. July's meeting featured a reading of the Declaration of Independence by the officers of the Council of Kadosh. August's meeting saw 44 recipients of Scholarships, along with their families on hand. The scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia.

On August 16th almost 125 were present for a Blue Lodge Appreciation Event. Master of Ceremonies, Senior Grand Warden F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Jr. 32^o KCCH introduced Ill Ronnie Lanham, 33^o Personal Representative to the SGIG for the Valley of Augusta. Br Lanham discussed the meaning of the Hiram Legend and delved into its depth and symbolism. Everyone was treated to a great dinner prepared and served by those famous Hospitaliers of the Valley of Atlanta. To bring the Hiram Legend full circle, the Dallas Fellowcraft club dramatized the Hiram Legend in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. The candidate was our Grand Master, Edgar M. Land, 32^oKCCH.

The month of September has significant meaning to all citizens of the United States because of the tragedy 9/11/2001. Our September meeting will honor first responders who worked unselfishly in 2001 and every day to help all in need. Present and former First Responders will be welcomed and honored regardless of Masonic affiliation. Key Note Speaker will be GBI Director, Vernon Keenan. A special tribute will honor Br. Arthur Kaplan who may well be the father of First Responders in Georgia.

Nov. 1st will see a unique event in which every brother and the public will have the opportunity to hear from the

Grand Historian of Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Arturo de Hoyos on the subject, "**Is Freemasonry Relevant in Today's World.**" The steak dinner event will benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation and the RiteCare Center at Scottish Rite Hospital. Enjoy a great dinner and hear from Ill Arturo de Hoyos for a donation of \$60. The event is hosted by the Knights Commander Court of Honour. Reservations can be made by calling 404-873-3659.

The Fall Reunion and Class will be a joint event with Yaarab Shrine. Brothers of one can join the other at a significantly reduced cost. Brothers who belong to neither, can join both for the price of one. While price is important the value of fellowship of each is beyond dollar value.

The **Valley of Savannah** recently presented 19 Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia Scholarships to deserving young students from the Savannah area. Now we must exert ourselves to raise funds to replenish what we so freely gave by supporting our great Foundation. Feast of Tishri is October 7th and Awards Night is November 4th. For a complete run-down on all activities coming up, visit our website at <http://www.savannahscottishrite.org>.

The **Valley of Albany** hosted its 10 scholarship recipients in the valley on July 30 for a good meal and presentation, We completed the 30^o and 32^o on August 9 for the 8 candidates and had a Cap and Ring ceremony on August 12; all were present with their ladies. We are now planning our reunion for September 27 and hope to have a large class. On September 9 we will be having the Feast of Tishri and invite all to come and enjoy. We will eat at 7:00 PM and will start the program at 8:00 PM. Please come and bring your lady. If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason "You should be!"

The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite meets on the First Thursday of each month. Dinner is served at 7:00 pm with the program beginning at 8:00 pm. Our August awards night was a huge success with 173 in attendance.

1. September 4th, 2014: Lodge of Perfection Meeting: Open to Family and Friends: Guest speaker is Gene B. Linxwiler the Director of the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Also a 12 minute musical and photographic power point presentation reminder of 911 assembled by Todd Oblak (son of the General Secretary) and created and presented by

General Secretary, Gregory Oblak, 33°.

2. September 20 is our Dinner Theater for the membership: Catered seafood and chicken all you can eat buffet and performances by the 8th Regiment Band and Augusta Bel Canto, an A capella singing group. Cost is \$35 per person. Tickets still available.

3. October 2: LOP meeting: Feast of Tishri Ceremony and Guest speaker on Biblical Coins.

4. October 10 & 11: Fall Reunion.

5. Renovations: Cap Room and Secretary's Office Renovations nearing completion. Installation of Dry Wall, new hardwood flooring, shelving, ceilings, chair rail, and moldings, and new bookshelves and desk. Stop by to see our beautiful facility if you are in the area.

Sand-Pit Degree Scheduled



In 1935, Dr. F. C. Wilson, a Past Master of St. John the Baptist Lodge, proposed that an anniversary of the Lodge be held as near as possible to the lodge's original location in Troupville. A pit was dug, representing the ground floor of the Lodge.

After World War II, the sale of sand forced the sand-pit to move. In 1954, the Lodge contacted Bro. James Simpson about a permanent location for the annual event. The Simpson family leased five acres to the Lodge for 50 years at the cost of \$1; the lease has since been extended for another 50 years. A permanent cement pit was dug. Most Worshipful Brother Marshall Chapman, Grand Master, dedicated the new site at the meeting in October 1954. Attendance was said to have been nearly 2,000.

The highest attendance recorded at the sand-pit degree was 2,300. Gov. and Bro. Herman Talmadge spoke at one of the gatherings.

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Dinner served at St. John the Baptist Lodge

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$7.00 donation suggested

Travel to Sand Pit at 4:00 p.m.

Degree begins at 4:30 p.m.

led by the Dallas Fellowcraft Club.

Grand Master and his officers will be present.

Thoughts of a Mason's Wife

While washing blue berries this morning getting them ready for the freezer I started thinking about this "Masonry Thing" I know a woman cannot be a Mason. It is a man's organization. But in some ways I am a Mason. Let me explain.

If you are the wife of a Mason and you support him and believe in what he is doing then you are a Mason also. If Masonry takes a good man and makes him better, like so a woman. I know I am a much better woman because of my husband and what he does. I know we can't go to meetings and that is ok with me, I am not a meeting person anyway. My husband can go to as many meeting as he likes and I will support him in all that he takes on to further his Masonic Education.

It costs to travel around to all the different lodges and events to sell for the Children's Home but we are much richer because of it. If it were not for this project of ours to help the children we would not have met so many, many nice and wonderful people. Our blessings come from two different sources.

1. Raising money for the Children's Home (a labor of love).

2. Getting to meet and know others from all around the state who share the same ideas and dreams. God has really blessed us with many friends and acquaintances.

It just doesn't get any better than this.

Yes, I am a woman, and yes, I am a Mason at heart.

With Love,

Sharon D. Bailey

The Kid's Store



Stop by our booth at Grand Lodge. We have ties, lapel pins, tail light decals, funeral packs, hats, cooking aprons, bibs and lots more, even a big smile for you.

All proceeds go to the Masonic Children's Home in Macon.

Thank you for the support you have given to the Children's Home in the past years.

Richard and Sharon Bailey

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Masons Provide Water at 4th of July Roadrace for 10th Year

For the tenth year in a row, Brethren from Fulton Lodge No. 216, along with Brethren from other lodges, arrived at the water table early to prepare for the mass of thirsty runners who would soon charge down Peachtree Street in the Atlanta Peachtree Roadrace.

Runners grabbed cups of water without slowing down in their dash for



the finish line. Most took time to shout out a “thank you Masons” as they took a cup.

Volunteers of all ages lended a hand in the community effort.

Donation to the Children’s Home

Wor. Bro. Herbert Hughes, a former trustee to the Children's Home, presents a check for \$7,000 for the Masonic Children's Home to Most Worshipful Bro. Bobby B. Simmons, PGM, Grand Treasurer, and Cordelia Lodge Worshipful Master Cliff Nipper at a Table Lodge at Cordelia No. 296. The check was a donation made on behalf of the family of former Crisp County Sheriff Donnie Haralson. Sheriff Haralson recently passed away after a long fought with cancer.



Eagle Scouts Receive Masonic Awards

Wor. Master Barry Davis, Grovetown Lodge No. 730, and Eagle Scouts Matthew L Chambers, Jonathan Alexander Francisco and Marshall Peter Knox, with Right Worshipful Bro. Joseph Watson, Grand Secretary, who presented the awards.

Grovetown Lodge No. 730 sponsored Matthew and Jonathan.

Harlem Lodge No. 276 sponsored Marshall.

Growing the Craft with Combined Reunions / Ceremonials

Masons in Georgia have an outstanding opportunity to expand their fraternal bonds and learning. The Scottish Rite Valleys of Atlanta and Macon are joining together with their regional Shrine counterparts, Yaarab and Al Sihah to offer combined classes.

The Valley of Macon and Al Sihah Shrine will offer a combined Reunion and Ceremonial Oct. 24th & 25th in Macon.

The Valley of Atlanta and Yaarab Shrine will offer a combines Reunion and Ceremonial Nov. 7th & 8th in Atlanta.

Both offer the opportunity to join both Scottish Rite and Shrine for \$200 which is significantly less than the cost of joining each separately. As an additional benefit the dues for 2015 are included for both organizations. Financially, this is a "No Brainer." If you already belong to Shrine or Scottish Rite, you may join the other for \$100. There are a few differences between the Atlanta and Macon opportunities so you are urged to contact the following for more details.



Equally important to the financial savings is the opportunity to expand your fraternal bonds and meet more

of your brothers. You may be looking to enhance the learning experience you started in your Blue Lodge. Both organizations support charitable work that helps children.

The websites at each of the Organizations Listed above will have more information and

petitions. Take advantage of these great opportunities.

Yaarab Shrine: Phone: (404) 872-5818 ... Web Page; <http://www.yaarabshrine.net/>

Al Sihah Shrine: Phone: (478) 785-5900 ... Web page; <http://www.alsihahshriners.com/>

Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta: Phone: (404) 873-3659; Web Page: <http://atlantascottishrite.org/>

Scottish Rite Valley of Macon: Phone: (478)-745-4025; Web Page: <http://www.maconscottishrite.com/>



Correction to a Recent *Messenger* Article

To Dr. Gary Leazer, Editor, the *Masonic Messenger*

Dear Brother Leazer:

I read with great interest the article on "The History of the Uniform Work of the Grand Lodge of Georgia," by Wor. Bro. Rusty Newport, in the June 2014 issue of the *Masonic Messenger*. Bro. Newport's paper included a number of details of which I was unaware and I am impressed with his scholarship and his ability to present the information in an interesting manner.

There is, however, a grievous error which I hope will be noted in a future issue of our Grand Lodge publication. Bro. Newport is incorrect when he states that Bro. Joseph C. Greenfield (who in 1912 proposed the establishment of a Grand Lodge committee to complete and promulgate the United Ritual for Georgia) was of Piedmont Lodge. Wor Bro. Greenfield was a member of Gate City Lodge No. 2 and served as Gate City's Worshipful Master in 1898. He died December 20, 1920.

We of Gate City Lodge take pride in the role that Gate City men played in the creation of a uniform work for Georgia. As Bro. Newport indicates, Joseph Greenfield pushed hard to have a uniform work adopted and when a version

was finally performed at Grand Lodge on October 26, 1916, he was chairman of the responsible committee. (Sitting in the chair of the Worshipful Master for that demonstration was another Gate City man, Wor. Bro. Joseph Gregg, Jr., Gate City's WM in 1914.) The 'heavy lifting' of getting the work promulgated to the Lodges of Georgia fell to Wor. Bro. J. LeRoy Duncan, who succeeded Greenfield as chairman in 1916; Bro. Duncan was another Gate City man, having been WM of the lodge in 1913. He, in turn, was succeeded in December 1917 as chairman of the uniform work committee by Wor. Bro. John W. Bachman, Worshipful Master of Gate City in 1917.

Future researchers will appreciate Bro. Newport's paper and cite it in their work, so we request that a notice of Joseph Greenfield's correct Lodge affiliation be included in a future issue.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Fred L. Williams, III, Historian,
Gate City Lodge No. 2

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Veterans Corner

Rick Conn, Grand Lodge Veterans Committee, State Chairman

Brothers, this month, I would like to give you a little trivia that I think you might enjoy. Everyone has heard the song, "Music, Music, Music" and "Strike up the Band." Last month we remembered our fathers, when many children and spouses missed theirs due to deployments overseas, but also Flag Day was the 14th. A special day to stop and pay homage and show respect for our National Emblem that so many of our past has fought, bled and died for.

Music, Music, Music! Just what does Music have to do with Military Trivia you ask? Let me relate to you a story of some famous Mason's who used a military band to aid the troops during battle, and show the importance of music in their lives. Two famous terms now used in the music industry, came from the actions of music in the military: "The Battle of the Bands" and "Strike up the Band."

Almost oblivious to the struggles and successes of music publishers in the big cities, far away were the Union and Confederate soldiers themselves. To them, music meant relief from boredom and stress and a way to kindle memories of loved ones and home. Many soldiers relished performances by the regimental bands, which were far more prevalent in the North than in the South. A performance by a military band often included marches, patriotic songs, old favorites, religious melodies, dance tunes, classical music and popular songs of the day.

Although military bands were normally moved out of harm's way before a battle, in several instances they were ordered to "Strike up the Band" in the heat of battle. Union Gen. Sheridan ordered his military band to the front at the Battle of Dinwiddie Court House and ordered them to play loudly their gayest tunes and: "never mind if a bullet goes through a trombone, or even a trombonist, now and then." In response, a Confederate band was brought to the front to counteract the fervor generated by the Federal Band. A firsthand account of the "Battle of the Bands" was later written by the commander of the 1st Maine Cavalry:

"Our band came up from the rear and cheered and animated our hearts by its rich music; ere long a Rebel band replied by giving us Southern airs; with cheers from each side in encouragement of its own band, a cross fire of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "John Brown" mingled with "Dixie, and "Bonnie Blue Flag."

Another famous Mason, Gen Robert E Lee, once made the statement: "I don't believe we can have an army without music." And he was so right. For soldiers in both armies, music played a vital role in uplifting morale, rallying patriotism, and banishing loneliness, fighting homesickness, and raising spirits of the troops.

Music always follows military personnel everywhere they go. They are aroused in the morning with the first call of the bugle, riveted into step by drums and fifes, serenaded in camp by banjos, fiddles and harmonicas, (today by the use of I-pads and I-phones) and even put to sleep by a lone bugler.

But although instrumental music was linked to almost every step the soldier made, it was the songs that mattered most. Sung by both soldiers and those that stayed behind, it was the songs that really expressed the emotions, fired the patriotism and filled the emptiness felt by leaving loved ones at home and facing death at every turn.

What would the Fourth of July be without the stirring military, patriotic music played by mostly military bands? And some written by another famous Mason, Brother John Phillip Sousa, the leader of the U S Marine Corps Military Band!

As June passed by, July followed. Let us remember our heritage and the music that spurred a people to found the greatest Nation on the face of the earth. With June and Flag Day followed by July and our National Birthday did you all.....

"Strike up the Band?"

May God Bless each and every one of you and may God Bless the United States of America.

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June 4, 2014 to August 20, 2014

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Mt. Airy Lodge No. 141
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In Memorium

*Members Reported Deceased
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to August 20, 2014*

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EAST, WILLIAM HENRY	1SOL	WOODS, SAMUEL WAYNE	048
ROBERSON, RAY FIELD	1SOL	SEALY, BERNARD (NMN) JR	050
WOODS, HAWLEY ALEXANDER	1SOL	TURNER, CHARLES TATE SR	050
WATERMAN, KEITH PRESTON	1SOC	ARTHUR, JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL	055
DEAL, CHARLES TARVER	003	SEARS, RICHARD KENNETH	056
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DOBBS, WILLIAM LOYD	006	HARRELL, FORREST HUBERT	067
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JONES, CARL JACKSON JR	008	GREEN, ROBERT DOUGLASS	069
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WEBB, ROBERT HARVEY	014	PRINCE, GEORGE WILLIAM	079
KNIGHT, JOHN CARLTON	015	MASSENGALE, JOHN PATRICK JR	082
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YORK, DENNIS ALEXANDER	382	PACE, CHARLES EMMITT	674
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