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A Very Merry Christmas And
A Happy New Year!*

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— From Most Worshipful Brother F. "Drew" Lane

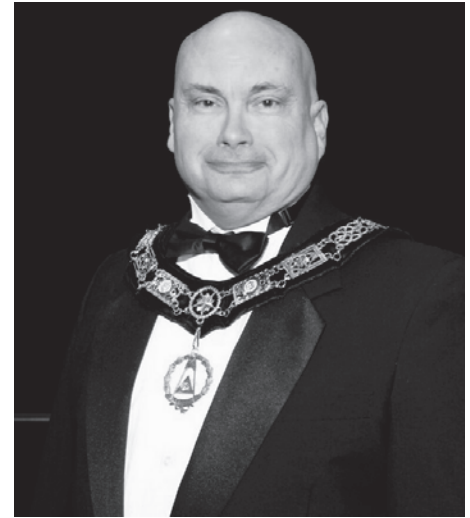
My Brethren:

Words cannot express my gratitude for the honor you have bestowed on—and the confidence you have reposed in — me by electing me Grand Master of Masons in our great State.

To make this honor even more poignant, the Worshipful Master and brethren of Solomon's Lodge No. 1 were kind enough to provide the Oglethorpe Bible, given to the oldest continually existing lodge in our State and in North America by the founder of the Colony of Georgia in 1734, on which Holy Bible I took the obligation as Grand Master, and for that kindness I am extremely grateful. While the office of Grand Master is a great honor, it is also an immense responsibility to be entrusted with the care and well-being of our great fraternity in this State.

Please know that I take that responsibility seriously, and I accept it with the utmost thanks and humility. Freemasonry does a great deal of wonderful work in the world and in Georgia, including, but certainly not limited to, GACHIP, which has provided tens of thousands of Georgia parents with the best possible identification for their kids; and, of course, the Masonic Home of Georgia, which has stood for 110 years as the jewel of Georgia Masonry and has provided a morally-grounded raising for many, many children. To these and other programs, Georgia Masons should remain committed. For just one example, our Masonic Home has begun a campaign to build cottages on our campus to provide our children with an even better family-style environment, while preserving the building we have used to raise the children in our charge for more than a century.

In addition to the laudable and charitable work we do in Georgia and



in our communities, however, we must remember and focus on the primary aim of the Masonic Institution, as communicated to every Mason: "to make its members wiser, better, and consequently happier...by means of a series of moral instruction taught, according to ancient usage by types, symbols, allegorical figures and lectures." The noted actor Edward Albert said, "[i]n times of life crisis, whether wildfires or smoldering stress, the first thing I do is to go back to basics..." While one would not want to interpret any of our current challenges as cause for panic – every age has its opportunities for improvement and growth – a renewed attention to the fundamentals is always appropriate. Just as no center-fielder in baseball ever robbed a batter of a home run by a spectacular catch over the fence without hard work on the basics of catching a ball, we as Masons could not better our communities without bettering ourselves and each other, and we do that by learning the basics of our Craft through the principles of Masonry as expressed in our ritual and lectures and by putting those noble teachings into practice in our daily lives. Indeed, any problem we may have, in our lodges or in the world, can be solved by a

sincere application of the principles of Freemasonry.

In that vein, I hope to elaborate on our theme for the year, "Living the Learning," in these notes and in our meetings and conventions over the coming months. To be certain, we will have to make the great catch, whether it be by collecting blood, building a wheelchair ramp, creating a better environment for our youth, or any number of other laudable undertakings. We Masons, however, will not do a creditable and sincere job at any of those works without building ourselves through learning and living true charity, peace, harmony, and morality. With these things in mind, I am confident that together, we can do great things for

ourselves, our families and our communities.

So far, it has been my pleasure to travel more than 3,300 miles to 19 meetings and Masonic functions on your behalf, and I have been most gratified and humbled by the hospitality and kindness the Freemasons of this State have shown me. Thank you for the opportunity to meet and fellowship with you this year, and I look forward to seeing you somewhere soon.

May God bless each one of you and our noble Craft.

Faternally and gratefully yours,
Drew

F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Jr. Elected Grand Master

At the 229th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. Andrew Lane, Jr. was elected and installed as Grand Master. Born August 13, 1962, in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, Bro. Lane and his wife Margie live in Dallas, Paulding County, where he practices law.

Our Brother was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools and graduated from Northside High School in 1980 with honors. He attended Oxford College of Emory University, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree in 1982. He continued his higher education at Emory University in Atlanta, where he graduated with a double B.A. degree in History and Political Science in 1984. Drew worked his way through college at the Oxford College Library and later at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital of Emory University. After graduation, Lane edited a small newspaper and then was news director at a local radio station in Tallapoosa before entering Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, where he graduated in 1988 with a J.D. degree. While at Mercer, Bro. Lane served on the Moot Court Board for two years, the last as Treasurer.

Upon graduation, Bro. Lane began practicing law with Jeffrey B. Talley and Associates, P.C. in Dallas, Georgia. He later hung out his own shingle as F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Attorney at Law, in downtown Dallas, where he practiced until being appointed an Assistant District Attorney for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit in 1995. Lane was a prosecutor for ten years before being appointed District Attorney for the Paulding Judicial Circuit in 2005 by Governor Sonny Perdue. He served in that capacity through the end of his elected term in 2010 and then worked as Director of Fraud Investigations for the State Department of Insurance before returning to private law practice.

Professionally, in addition to being a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Bro. Lane is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia, as well

as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. He served as President of the Paulding County Bar Association in 1990.

Bro. Lane is a member of First United Methodist Church in Dallas, where he has sung in the Chancel Choir. He was a member of the Church's Board of Trustees from 1993 through 1995 and served as Chairman in 1995.

In civic life, Lane was a member of the Paulding County Civitan Club for approximately 20 years and served as President of the local club in 1990-91. He quickly became active on a district level, and served as Governor of Civitan Georgia District North, then comprised of 43 local clubs, in 1993-94. After his year as District Governor, our Brother worked with youth as District Co-Chair of Junior Civitan Georgia District North for five years.

Lane was active in public service since running for and being elected to the Dallas City Council in 1993. He served as City Councilmember from Ward 3 for eleven years, during most of which time he was the City of Dallas representative to the Paulding County Parks and Recreation Commission, of which he was Chairman in 2005. In that year, he was appointed by the Governor to fill an unexpired term as District Attorney for the Paulding Judicial Circuit, where he served the people of Paulding County and Georgia for almost six years.

Bro. Lane has been an active Freemason for 30 years, having been initiated, passed and raised in Tallapoosa Lodge No. 126 in 1985. He progressed through the chairs in Tallapoosa while in law school in Macon and served as Worshipful Master in 1988, the year he graduated. He transferred his membership to Dallas Lodge No. 182, the lodge closest to his home, in 1990. Progressing through the line in Dallas, he served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and again in 2003. Draketown Lodge No. 252 admitted him

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MWB Douglas W. McDonald presents Grand Master's Ring to Grand Master F. Drew Lane

As a special gift to future Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. purchased a Grand Master's ring with his own money and presented it to Most Worshipful Bro. F. Drew Lane, Jr. at his installation. Grand Master McDonald stated that the ring will be presented to the following Grand Master at each installation who will wear it until he presents it to his successor.



Veterans Enjoy Lunch Provided by the Scottish Rite Valleys



(Left) PGM Ted Collins, Personal Rep in the Valley of Macon, and PGM Leonard Buffington, SGIG, welcome Veterans to the lunch. (Right) A few of the many Veterans at the lunch.

Woodbine No. 326



Worshipful Master of Woodbine Lodge No. 236 presents a check to Most Worshipful F. Drew Lane for the Masonic Home after the Grand Lodge officers dedicated a cornerstone to the 120-year-old lodge. (See story on back cover.)



(Left) Rockmart No. 97 was named Lodge of the Year and the Brothers are shown here with the Grand Master's Cup which they will display in their lodge hall for one year.

Distinguished Service Medal Award

The Grand Master, MWB Douglas W. McDonald, Jr. presented Distinguished Service Medals to:

RWB Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary and Wor. Bro. Michael A. Kessler, Second Grand Steward.

(No photo was received.)

By-Laws approved as amended at the 229th Annual Communication

Tucker Lodge No. 42
Stonewall Lodge No. 98
Mt. Zion Lodge No. 316
Hahira Lodge No. 346
Roger Wood Lodge No. 438
Davitte Lodge No. 513

Daylight Lodge No. 125 Moves

Daylight Lodge No. 125, the first daylight lodge in Georgia, has moved to the Peachtree City Masonic Center at 201 Whitlock Place, Peachtree City, GA 30269, home of East Point Lodge No. 288.

The Lodge meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is served after the lodge meeting.

Floyd E. Edmonson Receives Wollstein Award



Ill. Brother Floyd E. Edmonson, Most Eminent Grand Master of Royal and Select Masons in Georgia, was presented the distinguished Wollstein Award, which is named after PGM Dewey H. Wollstein (1944).

Pictured are Wor. Bro. Mark Bradley, Grand Marshal; Most Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Grand Master; Ill. Bro. Floyd E. Edmonson; and Wor. Bro. Michael A. Kessler, Third Grand Steward.

By Laws Approved at the 229th Annual Communication By-Laws approved as submitted.

M. B. Council Lodge No. 13
 Strict Observance Lodge No. 18
 Unity Lodge No. 36
 LaFayette Lodge No. 44
 Tifton Lodge No. 47
 Atlanta-Peachtree Lodge No. 59
 Cohutta Lodge No. 64
 Goshen Lodge No. 71
 Fort Valley Lodge No. 110
 Oostanaula Lodge No. 113
 Midland Lodge No. 144
 Phi Delta Lodge No. 148
 Irwinton Lodge No. 150
 Floyd Springs Lodge No. 167
 Alapaha Lodge No. 209
 Etowah Lodge No. 222
 Lavonia Lodge No. 241
 Hudson Lodge No. 294
 Waycross Lodge No. 305
 Coosawatte Lodge No. 306
 Hahira Lodge No. 346
 John H. Jones Lodge No. 348
 Lula Lodge No. 352
 Wolihin Lodge No. 390
 Emerson Lodge No. 738
 Charity Daylight Lodge No. 754
 Bartow County Masonic Convention

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2015 Bills and Resolutions

Code Bill Results

See October 2015 *Masonic Messenger* for full bills.

Bills not listed were withdrawn or ruled out of order.

01 Passed 77-128 Advertising - Removed Grand Master's approval requirement.
 02 Passed 49-101 Appeals for Aid, How made.
 03 Passed 23-112 Changes code to allow dancing in dining halls of lodges, not in Lodge rooms.
 07 Passed 51-104 Burial Services - Member under Charges of the Masonic Code of Georgia.
 08 Passed 51-108 Burial Services - Regular Form Only of the Masonic Code of Georgia.
 09 Passed 23-113 Lodge of Sorrow, Dispensation not necessary for Sunday.
 10 Passed 86-102 Restoration, How Obtained relating to restoration of member that was suspended for NPD -- Unanimous Secret Ballot.
 11 Passed 41-102 Relating to Joint Ballot Code Section 41-102 -- NPD - Secret Ballot
 17 Passed 61-101 Allows Hapeville No. 590 to move from the Fifth to Sixth District.

18 Passed 2-227 Masonic Education and Leadership Development restructuring.
 20 Passed 77-127 Carrying weapons in lodge room.
 21 Passed 9-103 Relating to Masonic Code — Eagle Scout Award - Name change to honor PGM Al Garner.
 22 Passed 2-212 Publications Committee.
 23 Passed 27-101 Past Masters, When: Defines when term "Past Master" may be used.
 24 Passed 6-101 Code bill to allow for Term Limits to board of trustee members - 9 years.

Edict No. 02 Passed, Allows PGMs to open/close lodge in "short form" without permission from sitting Grand Master.

Edict No. 04 Passed, Refers to homosexuality.

Refer to and study the entire Masonic Code!

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to plural membership in 2001, and he was Worshipful Master there in 2002. He is a charter member of Paulding County Daylight Lodge No. 759, one of the newest lodges in the state.

A Mason who enjoys the Uniform Work, Lane served for several years as Director of Work in Dallas Lodge and at Draketown. He holds blue, white and orange cards and regularly attends schools of instruction in the Seventh Masonic District. Lane continues to be active in degree conferrals with Dallas Lodge, the Dallas Fellowcraft Club and the Grand Lodge Officers and has expressed his hope to participate further in Blue Lodge degree work over the coming year.

Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Reese appointed Lane as District Deputy to the Grand Master for Sub-District 7-E mid-year in 2000, and since then, Lane has served eight more Grand Masters in that capacity. In 2001, Most Worshipful Brother C. E. (Buster) Horne appointed Bro. Lane Trial Commission Chairman for the Seventh District, which position Lane held until 2005. Lane served as Worshipful Master of the Seventh District Masonic Convention in 2013 and also Past Master of the Paulding County Masonic Convention.

Bro. Drew received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Macon in 1986. He transferred his membership in 2000 to the Valley of Atlanta, where he is Past Preceptor of the Council of Kadosh. He received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2003. Lane has been active in Scottish Rite degree conferrals for years and participated in the most recent Reunion in Atlanta.

In the York Rite, Lane took the Royal Arch and Council degrees and Commandery orders in 2001. He is a member and Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 142, R.A.M. and Douglasville Chapter No. 50, R.A.M.; a member and Past Illustrious Master of Douglasville Council No. 37, R. & S.M. and Western Council No. 29, R & S.M.; and a member and Past Commander of Douglasville Commandery No. 40, K.T. He has long been active on a district level, as well, having served as High Priest of the Seventh District Royal Arch Convention and as Illustrious Master of the Council of the Seventh District Council Convention. Bro. Lane was Division Liaison Officer for Division Four of the Grand Commandery of Georgia from 2007 to 2009. He is Past Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood of Georgia and currently Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel. Lane was elected to the progressive line of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia in 2008 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2013.

Bro. Lane is a member of the Yaarab Shrine and a life member of the Paulding County Shrine Club. As for appendant bodies, he belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. In addition, Lane is an officer and member of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Georgia Council No. 304, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Lane has adopted as his motto for the coming year "Living the Learning" and hopes to focus on the lessons and principles of Freemasonry in his travels about the State.

We welcome MWB Lane as Grand Master.

Now Three McGee's in Quitman Lodge, including a Proud Father and Grandfather



Quitman Lodge No. 106 had a Master's Degree on Thursday December 3rd. Brother William Harold McGee was the candidate.

In the picture supplied please note that Brother William Harold McGee is in the middle with his father on his right (Marty McGee) and his Grandfather (Larry McGee) on his left. This is three generations of McGee's.

Please Note: Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Emeritus Samuel R. Whitfield has moved to a new address: 111 Tower Road, NE, Apt. 417, Marietta, GA 30060-6997.

2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers



Seated from left: MWB Bobby B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer, RWB Michael H. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden; RWB Gary H. Leazer, Deputy Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Jr., Grand Master; RWB Larry W. Nichols, Senior Grand Warden; and RWB. Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary.

Standing from left: Wor. Bro. James C. Newsome, Grand Marshal; Wor. Bro. Benjamin W. Polston, III, Third Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Michael A. Kessler, Second Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Donald C. Combs, First Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Johnie M. Garmon, Junior Grand Deacon; Wor. Bro. William E. Cantrell, Grand Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Jan M. Giddons, Junior Grand Deacon; Wor. Bro. Mark A. Bradley, Grand Tyler; and MWB Jerry D. Moss, Grand Orator.

Not pictured are the Grand Lodge Ladies: Mrs. Margie Lane; Mrs. Ruth Leazer; Mrs. Judy Nichols; Mrs. Nancy Simmons; Mrs. Linda Watson; Mrs. Jane Wilson; Mrs. LeAnn Newsome; Mrs. Sandra Moss; Mrs. Eva Garmon; Mrs. Margo Giddens; Mrs. Susan Combs; Mrs. Tammie Polston; and Mrs. Gay Bradley.

Eagle Scout Recognized with Masonic Award



Wayne Barnes, DDGM 1A, presented the Eagle Scout Award to Bradley James Howard, at a Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at in Pembroke, Georgia, on 26 September 2015, Bradley entered into Scouting as a Bobcat November 2007 and has progressed through all stages of Scouting to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout in April 2015; his Eagle project was to tear down and rebuild a complete porch for a local veteran.

Norcross Lodge No. 228 Continues its Tradition of Feeding the Kids at the Masonic Home



For many years, the Brothers of Norcross Lodge No. 228 have taken pizzas to the Masonic Home for the kids to enjoy on the second Saturday of November. Wor. Master Daniel Wesley Carey (on the right in the photo) said he has been a member of Norcross Lodge for 25 years and that the lodge has been treating the kids on the second Saturday of November as long as he has been a member. In addition to the 14 pizzas, the Brothers also brought soda pop, cookies and candy.



The Conferral Cast of the 30th Degree of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta, showed their appreciation to MWB C. Danny Wofford at the Fall Reunion of the Valley of Atlanta on Saturday November 21, 2015. Illustrious Brother Wofford has served as the Degree Master of

the 30th Degree for nearly a quarter of a century and has mentored many of our brethren in their efforts to becoming better ritualists. The entire cast, including all those that served during his tenure, owe him a debt of gratitude for setting the standards higher for all of us.

Benjamin Wesley Polston, II installed as Third Grand Steward

I'm married to Tammie Steadham Polston and we have 4 children, Dana, Leigh, Makenzie and Grant. I have two son-in-laws, Daniel Reddock and Kevin Skinner and three grandchildren, Makinley, Bronlin, McKenzie.

I was born to Wes and Joy Polston in Dothan, AL and raised in Marianna, Florida which is located in the panhandle of Florida. My family owned a farm/cattle ranch where I was taught the lessons of work ethic and the rewards therefore at an early age. I started driving a tractor/2-cylinder John Deere at age 9 (I don't think that's legal now). I was active in Boy Scouts, JROTC and FFA. In 1980, I represented my High School in FFA/Agriculture Mechanics and won the State of Florida Competition.

I graduated from Chipola Junior College with an Associate of Arts and completed my college education at Florida State University graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Economics. I have been very fortunate and blessed to be in my 30th year of employment with Standard Motor Products, Inc. as Key Account Sales Manager. My wife Tammie owns a hair salon and 3 Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios. Tammie and I are members of Rockdale Baptist Church in Conyers and Tammie serves on the Women's Ministry Team.

I am a Perpetual Member of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6 in Covington, GA serving as Worshipful Master in 2009; I am also a Perpetual Member of Cottdonale Lodge No. 206 in Cottdonale, FL and currently serving as Webmaster for Grand Lodge of Georgia.

I'm a member of Covington York Rite Bodies having served as High Priest of Covington Chapter No. 71, Illustrious Master of Covington Chapter No. 41 and Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 25 and currently serve as Secretary/Recorder for Covington York Rite Bodies and as Very Illustrious Deputy Master for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia. I have been honored with the distinction of Royal Arch Mason of the Year, Cryptic Mason of the Year and Knights Templar Cross of Honor. I've also received the Honor of Knight Commander of the Temple and the Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel and Knights Crusader of the Cross. I'm Past Webmaster for York Rite of Georgia, past editor of *Knights Templar Magazine Supplement-State of*



Georgia. I also serve as Web Master for Atlanta Masonic Library/General Grand Chapter Library Web Site.

I'm a Perpetual Member and 32nd Knight Commander Court of Honor of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasons, Southern Jurisdiction USA, Valley of Atlanta. And served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2014 and serve as Degree Master for the 14th Degree and am a Past President of the East Side Scottish Rite Association. I'm a Life Member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

I am a Past Sovereign of Alexander Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, a member of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and a charter member of W. Joe Clark York Rite College No. 203 York Rite Sovereign College receiving the Order of the Purple Cross in 2014, a member of Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, a member of Fidelitas Tabernacle No. LXXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and a member of Carl F. Lester, Jr No. 65 Knight Masons, Henry Trooper AMD Council No. 312, Oglethorpe Chapel No. 103 Order of St. Thomas of Acon.

I am a Life Member Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Yaarab Shrine in Atlanta, GA, and a member of Knights of Mecca and Alcovy Shrine Club. I'm also a Member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and Sons of the American Revolution.

I feel honored and humbled to have been chosen and will serve the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Georgia to the best of my ability!

May God Bless Each and Every One of You!

2016 Grand Master's Forums

- 02 January – 9a-12p. Scottish Rite Center, 341 Bull Street, Savannah
 - 09 January -9a-12p. AMC, 1690 Peachtree St., Atlanta
 - 15 January – 7-9.30p. Dougherty No. 591, 1900 Palmyra Road, Albany
 - 16 January—10a-1p. Ft. Benning No 579, 2304 Fort Benning Road, Columbus
 - 23 January – 9a-12p. Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Rd., Augusta
 - 30 January – 9a-12p. Scottist Rite Center, 1985 Vineville Avenue, Macon
 - 06 February – 9a-12p. Caledonia No. 121, 948 N. Main St., Cedartown
- The Grand Master hopes you will attend.

Jamie Newsome Appointed Grand Marshall

Worshipful Brother Jamie Newsome was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Caledonia Lodge No. 121 in Cedartown, Georgia where he served as Worshipful Master in 2011. He is also a member of William G. England Daylight Lodge No. 747 in Rockmart. Brother Newsome is very active in Caledonia where he is on the degree team and has coached many candidates through the degrees of Masonry. Brother Newsome is a third generation member of Caledonia where his Father and Grandfather still belong. Brother Newsome conducts the Masonic Graveside Rites for many Lodges in the Northwest Georgia area as well. He is a member of the Dallas Lodge No. 182 Fellowcraft Club and treasures his travels with them dramatizing the Master's Degree. Worshipful Brother Newsome currently serves as Worshipful Master of the Polk County Masonic Convention and is Senior Deacon of the Seventh District Masonic Convention. Jamie was appointed by Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Moss to serve as District Deputy Grand Master and he served in that capacity until he was recently appointed by Most Worshipful Brother Lane to serve as Grand Marshal for the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge year. Brother Newsome is a Charter Dad at David A. Porterfield Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in Cedartown and his son, Casey, is a Past Master Councilor of the chapter. Jamie is a Past High Priest of



Adoniram Chapter No. 41 Royal Arch Masons and Past Illustrious Master of Piedmont Council #56 Royal and Select Masters both of Cedartown. Brother Newsome was honored to serve as Illustrious Grand Sentinel for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia in the year 2013. He is a member of Rome Commandry #6 Knights Templar. Worshipful Brother Newsome is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta and a Past President of the Polk-Paulding Scottish Rite Association. Brother Newsome is a member of Yaarab Temple and the Cedar Valley Shrine Club.

Jamie has been married to the former LeAnn Casey for 20 years and they have two children. Their son, Casey, is 17 and Joanna is 14. Brother Newsome and his family are members of Lime Branch Baptist Church in Cedartown where Jamie leads music and teaches Sunday School. Jamie has also recently accepted the Lord's call to ministry. LeAnn teaches first grade at Northside Elementary School in Cedartown where she has been employed for more than 20 years. Brother Newsome serves as Chief of Police for the City of Cedartown Police Department and has been in Law Enforcement for over 25 years. He is also very active in the Cedartown-Polk County community in various charitable and community related organizations.

Brother Newsome wants the Craft to know how honored he is to have been selected to serve as Grand Marshall and only wants to give back some of what Freemasonry has given him!

2016 Officers at Rockmart No. 97



The new officers of Rockmart 97 were installed by MWB Thomas L. Blanton and WB Howard M Howell who are also pictured.



Most Worshipful Bro. Jerry D. Moss takes his obligation as the Worshipful Master of Gwinnett Daylight Lodge No. 744 for the ensuing year.

Mark A. Bradley Appointed Grand Tyler

Mark A. Bradley was born in Tampa, Florida on September 4, 1962. His family moved to Georgia when Mark was very young so he has always considered himself a Georgia native. He graduated from Forest Park High School in 1980. He has been married to the former Gay Bettevy of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana since 1989. Mark and Gay are proud grandparents to their first granddaughter, Lily, born to their daughter Lacie and her husband Jeremy in October 2014. Mark and Gay attend a Methodist church.



Mark began his apprenticeship in the tire industry while in high school and has owned and operated Trinity Tire & Auto in Jefferson, Ga. since 1998. He and his company maintain membership in numerous professional organizations and have been honored with several vocational based awards, including being named “Best Tire Store” in Jackson County every year since 2011.

Mark serves as a Director on several non-profit Boards in Jackson County, including the Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Family Connection, Young Life and Peace Place, a domestic violence ministry serving Barrow, Banks and Jackson counties. He is a Past President, Secretary and Treasurer of both the Jefferson Lions Club and the Jefferson Rotary Club. He served the Lions Clubs of Georgia as the State Chairman of Youth Services from 2010 until 2014, and currently serves District 18-I as 2nd Vice District Governor. He is a member of the Jackson West Camp of the Gideons International as well as Woodman of the World Lodge 1344, where he was named “Fraternalist of the Year” in 2004. He organized an “Honor and Remembrance” Ceremony in Jefferson every September 11th from 2003 until 2013. Mark was named “Citizen of the Year” by Albert Gordon American Legion Post No 56 in 2008. He has twice been recognized as “Citizen of the Year” by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in 2007 and 2013.

Mark has enjoyed an active Masonic journey since being raised a Master Mason in 1999. He is a Past Master and perpetual member of Unity Lodge No 36 in Jefferson. He is a Past President of the Barrow/Jackson Masonic Association. He served as the 9th District Director for GACHIP from its beginning under Grand Master Ted Collins in 2007 until 2009 when he was asked to serve as a District Deputy to the Grand Master. Mark served as the 9th District Chairman, as well as the State Chairman, for the District Deputies to the Grand Master from 2011 until 2014 under Most Worshipful Brothers Jerry Moss, Ray Knittel and Edgar Land. He is a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Georgia “Distinguished Service Award” as well as the “Rupert H. Bramblett Past Grand Masters Award”.

Mark served as Grand Marshal in 2015 for Most Worshipful Brother Douglas McDonald and received the honor, by proclamation, of being named Grand Marshal Emeritus. He is currently in the Ninth District Masonic Convention Officer.

Mark is a Past High Priest of Winder Chapter No 84, Royal Arch Masons, as well as the current King for the 9th District Royal Arch Convention. He is the current President of the Georgia Council of the Holy Order of Anointed High Priests and is also currently serving the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia as the Excellent Grand Scribe. As a Past Illustrious Master of Winder Council No 77, Royal & Select Masters, he is currently serving as the Conductor of the Council in the Northeast Georgia Council Convention. He is a Past Commander of Arnold de Troye Commandery No 31 in Buford where he currently serves as Prelate. Mark served the Grand Commandery of Georgia, KT, as Grand Liaison Officer for the 6th Division from 2009-2012 and currently serves on the Ritual & Tactics Committee and is the Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Service Committee. He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple and the Knight Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar USA. Mark is a member of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No 123 in Atlanta where he currently serves as Chancellor and is also a Charter Member of W. Joe Clarke York Rite College No 203 in Jefferson where he has served as Secretary since its beginning in 2009. He is a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He is currently serving as Sovereign Master of Dave H. Keever Council No 365, Allied Masonic Degrees. Mark is also a member of Fidelitas Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Mark is a Life Member of the Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2011. He currently serves as the Draper in the Council of Kadosh and is active in several Degrees, serving as Degree Master in the 6th Degree and Assistant Degree Master in the 30th Degree. Mark has been an active participant in, and currently serves as the Chairman of, the Valley of Atlanta ROTC/JROTC Americanism and Patriotism Award Committee. He is also a Past President of the Athens-Piedmont Scottish Rite Association. Mark has been a cast member of “The Traitor” since 2006. Mark holds membership in numerous other Masonic bodies including the Royal Order of Scotland, Georgia Highlands Clan, Knight Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Knight York Cross of Honor, Red Cross of Constantine, Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Georgia College S.R.I.C.F and is a Charter Member of the George Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Mark is also a Noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine and a member of Yaarab Shrine.



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

III. Leonard E. Buffington, 33°, SGIG, Orient of Georgia

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The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite meets the first Thursday of each month. Dinner is served at 7:00 PM with the meeting and program beginning at 8:00 PM. Please join us if you are in the area. Following is a list of upcoming events:

1. December 3, 2015-----Christmas Musical Program; Hand Bell Choir and 5 piece Brass Band Ensemble.
2. January 7, 2016-----Hobby Night.
3. February 4, 2016-----Elections of all bodies of the Scottish Rite. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Jones of our Rite Care Clinic.
4. May 13-14, 2016-----Two day Spring Reunion.

Please remember the events coming up right away and participate as much as you can. Lodge annual communications will fill the first two weeks of December. The **Valley of Savannah** will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army December 14-16. Our Christmas Social is December 17. All are invited and we will supply the entrees. If you come, bring salad, dessert or rolls to enhance the meal. Entertainment will be provided. We will present our annual contribution to the RiteCare Center and hear from our folks at Armstrong.

The first Saturday in January (01-02-16) we play host for the Grand Master's workshop and forum. Then the events of the new year line up similar to previous years and can be as successful as we make them. My hopes are that we approach each and every one of our events with enthusiasm and commitment. The spaghetti fundraiser will happen on February 12 and will require participation and involvement to be successful. Get involved!

Early in the year we will be enrolling our Valley in the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). The intent of VMAP is to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best experience for its members.

It seems like there is something always going on the **Valley of Atlanta**. For the First time we were honored to participate in the annual Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Parade. Scottish Rite and the Freemasons provided much of the financial foundation for the original Scottish Rite Hospital in Decatur and later for the acquisition of the property which is now the campus for the Hospital. 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Hospital. About 45 Scottish Rite Brothers, family and guests marched in the parade.

By the time you read this, we will have delivered hundreds of Toys to the Scottish Rite Hospital so that children who are at the hospital for Christmas will have something extra to smile about.

Our January meeting (January 7th) will present a program directed at the new Worshipful Masters, and Wardens. In a celebration of St. John the Evangelist, those newly installed

officers will learn how each is related to one of the ancient Grand Masters who supervised the building of the Temple of Solomon. Sitting Worshipful Masters & Wardens will be our guests for dinner. Guests are most welcomed. The cost for dinner for guests is \$11. Reservations are required, 404-873-3659, no later than Monday January 4th. Membership in Scottish Rite is not required.

The 234th Reunion and Class for the Valley of Atlanta has been scheduled for Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th. This will be a one and a half day reunion which will allow us to dramatize more degrees than can be presented during a one day class. Registration will begin at 4pm Friday afternoon. A light dinner will be served. Visit AtlantaScottishRite.org for more information and to download a petition.

Greetings from the **Valley of Columbus**. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. On November 20-21 the Columbus Valley held a two day Fall Class. We congratulate our new members of the Royal Secret: Bro. Edward Surlis Lynch, Michael Alan Wilbanks, John Earl Senn, James Robert Smith, Franklin Lee Dillard II, and William Charles Rayburn. We will hold our cap and ring ceremony on Dec 18, 2015.

We congratulate III Bro. James W. Tate 33° for his completing the Master Craftsman III Program.

We invite our Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30pm and enjoy a free dinner (as a first-time visitor), before each our monthly meetings.



Fergus Lodge in Loganville knows how to make visitors feel welcome. A recent meeting began with a delicious meal before the presentation of a 50-year-award. They next adjourned to the lodge room which was filled to capacity.

Special visitors included Most Worshipful Dwight Hastings, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, with several of his line officers. Several Georgia Grand Lodge officers were also in attendance.

It was fine evening of Masonic fellowship.



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COVINGTON YORK RITE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2016

DEGREE WORK BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7:30AM

Chapter, Council Degrees and Orders of Commandery Conferred
Candidates must have PROPER PAPERWORK!

PLACE: Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6
1104 Clark Street
Covington, GA 30014
Time: 6:30AM Registration

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10
PATENTS: \$5 EACH, ALL THREE \$15
LUNCH: DONATION

DEGREE WORK TO BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:30 AM

Contact: Ben Polston
(678) 571-2738
Email: bwpolston@gmail.com

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Brother Back row from left: Andy Gentry, Senior Warden; David Barrett, Junior Warden; Leslie Duke, Worshipful Master; Bob McGraw. Center: Phil Martin, Senior Deacon. Front row: Will Irwin, Junior Steward; Don Henderson, Chaplain; Thomas Keeney, Senior Steward; Charles Hoge, Tyler; and S. T. Moss, secretary.



Celebrations at Riverdale Lodge No. 709

In recognition of his 90th birthday, Wor. Bro. Ray Morgan presided as Worshipful Master of Riverdale Lodge No. 709 during their regular communication on November 12. It was a special occasion for him and our members.

During Wor. Bro. Ray's term as Worshipful Master of Riverdale Lodge in 2013, he would occasionally interject New York work, having served as Worshipful Master of Atica Lodge No. 462 in 1980 and 1985.

Nearing the close of Riverdale Lodge the Senior Deacon commented that Wor. Bro. Morgan "did a fine job as Worshipful Master, and stated "he is getting better with age."

in recognition of this special occasion and Veterans' Day, Brother Fred Cron wore Wor. Bro. Morgan's actual WWII Army Air Corp uniform. Staff Sergeant Morgan flew 26 missions in a B-17 Bomber out of Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was a tail gunner and radar operator. Bro. Cron read "Ode to a Gunner" and some "Rules of the Air."

Our seated Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. David Ellington, was escorted to the East where he and Wor. Bro. Morgan reminisced of the meeting in 2013 when Wor. Bro. Morgan exemplified opening Lodge in New York form. It brought back fond memories of the challenges that were given that evening.

Wor. Bro. Morgan also relayed the difficulties he experienced during the time he originally petitioned to join our Fraternity. The occasion of the "Morgan Affair," of 1826 took place less than 20 miles from the town where he petitioned to join.

There, William Morgan was instrumental in disclosing



Wor. Bro. Ray Morgan is dressed as Worshipful Master and Bro. Fred Cron is dressed in his WWII Army Air Corp uniform.

the obligation and actual ceremony of the three Masonic degrees. It was quite a scandal in the small town for the members of our Fraternity! Fifty-nine years ago Bro. Ray was scrutinized closely due to his sir name "Morgan" when he petitioned for the degrees of Freemasonry.



Wor. Bro. Raymond Gray and Wor. Bro. Tom Bruce, DDGMs for 5B and 5D respectively, installed the officers of Leroy Duncan No. 262. The officers are Jerry Watkins, Worshipful Master; Donnie Waynick, Senior Warden; Gary Leazer, Junior Warden; Jeff Salter, Chaplain; Dean Snow, Treasurer; Ivan Tatum, Secretary; Scott Carter, Senior Deacon; Bob Head, Junior Deacon; Frank Nix, Senior Steward; and Grady Keith, Junior Steward.

Newly Raised Master Masons



On October 12, Roger Lacey Loge No. 722 raised two Master Masons. Left to right are Michael Thomas English, Acting Wor. Master Todd L. Reed, and Christopher M. Abramowski.

Three Shining Stars



On Monday, November 23, Dallas Lodge No. 182 was graced by Three Shining Stars: our newest Master Mason, Brother Mark Thames; the Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, MWB Dwight Hastings (father of our Senior Steward, Brother Ralph Leprone); and the Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, MWB Drew Lane.

The Master's Degree was conferred by MWB Lane (to the right of Brother Thames. MWB Hastings is to MWB Lane's right). We also had 17 Masons on the sidelines to witness the Degree.

This was the first Master's Degree to be conferred by MWB Lane in his capacity as Grand Master. Both he and MWB Hastings presented Brother Thames Masonic pins, coins, and other gifts to commemorate the event.

166th Charter Night Celebration



On October 30, Brethren from Western Lodge No. 91, Dalton Lodge No. 105, and Quitman Lodge No. 106 met at Dalton Lodge No. 105 to celebrate the 166th anniversary in which all three lodges received their charters on October 31, 1849. Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. attended the celebration and conducted his first official visit of the year. The Most Worshipful Grand Master spoke about the upcoming year and detailed his "Living the Learning" goal. The brethren enjoyed a night of fellowship along with an excellent meal provided by Dalton Lodge.

Steel Goat Rider Donates \$100 to Cancer Patient



Bennie Dixon, a member of Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders, presents 100 J-Dollars at a Charity ride in Cochran on November 21. The ride was held for a local citizen that has been diagnosed with cancer.

Brother Danny Fink's memories of September 11, 2001

His work day was winding down, as for many others who worked the night shift. He arrived home around 9:15 to take a quick shower and go to bed. As he lay down he turned the television on to listen to the Today Show. As he was lying there the program was interrupted with a report that a plane had struck the North Tower. As live footage, was being shown of this horrific event, Brother Fink, being a Paramedic in New York City, got up and put his uniform on to go back to work. As he was dressing he saw the second plane strike the South Tower.

Shortly afterwards, he heard the announcement that all Fire, Police and EMS were to report to their stations as soon as possible. When he arrived at his station at approximately 10:45 he couldn't believe what was happening as he saw the South Tower come down on the television. He went up to the roof of the station where he saw the North Tower fall.

He and his partner were dispatched to Ground Zero. Not being able to drive to the scene, they walked the last mile or so. As they arrived, everyone was in shock. Fink said, "It's hard to put into words how bad it was." Upon arrival they were sent to the South East Corner and assigned to Engine and Ladder 10. They turned the truck bays into a small ER and Trauma slots to attend to the injured.

The morning of the 12th Brother Fink began helping remove the rubble. He still remembers the only two parts of the planes that were recognizable were the emergency hatch and an engine.

He spent a total of 59 hours at Ground Zero before being ordered back to his station as he was reminded that they still had a city to take care of.

Since 911 Brother Fink has moved to Georgia. After retiring from the FDNY with health issues, many related to

Georgia Masons Report Blood Donations

Wor. Bro. M. Steven Fishman, chairman of the Grand Lodge Blood Drive, reports that Georgia Masons have reported 779 units donated since Grand Lodge. A total of 26,155 units since the Grand Lodge began the blood donation program.

Thank you to each of you who have donated blood and please report your donations directly to Wor. Bro. Steve at 706.722.3112 or email him at mstevenfishman@juno.com.



Brother Danny Fink, a member of Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 giving a pint of life saving blood on September 11, 2015.

his time spent at Ground Zero. This brother has had over 50 hospital stays and many health issues that are ongoing today.

After moving to Jasper, Georgia, Danny Fink petitioned Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 19, 2013. He is also a member of Pickens Chapter No. 28 Royal Arch Masons, Pickens Council No. 55 Royal and Select Masters and the Valley of Atlanta Ancient

and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

Brother Fink still remembers each day the 2,996 people who were lost at Ground Zero and the many others that this day will affect for the rest of their lives.

Brother Danny Fink, a true Mason and Brother, has attended most Blood Drives held at Pickens Star Lodge No. 220. On September 11, 2015 he was able to donate a pint of life-saving blood, the first blood he has been able to donate since 2003.

I want to thank Wor. Bro. Keith Hales, Past Grand Tyler, Secretary, Pickens Star Lodge No. 220, for writing and sending me this story. — Editor



Steven Fishman gave his 301st blood donation November 29 at Shepard Community Blood Center, marking 37.5 gallons since he began donating.

A Night to Remember at Kennesaw No. 33

A night to remember! On September 15th, 2015 Kennesaw Lodge No. 33 held a night of honoring our 50 Years, 60 Years, Master Mason of the Year and Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award. We recognized as our 60 Year Brothers: Edward Baker and Thomas Runion. We recognized as our 50 Year Brothers: Eugene Bartholomew, James Hudgins, Atwood McNeill, O.B. Terry, Donald Wilkes and Sonny Williams.

Our Lodge was filled with over 100 members, family and friends. Our Worshipful Master opened the program by sharing a brief look back at the past 60 years. These Brothers have lived through the most considerable changes in our history. From the post World War II era to the ushering in of the Information age. Our significant technology advances has afforded us the opportunity of putting a Mason on the Moon! As shared by our Worshipful Master even though our world has changed dramatically; "However Masonry has not wavier. It was as it is and always will be. These men joined a noble fraternity of an unshakeable foundation of Masonic charity, brotherly love and relief embodied through living our Cardinal virtues."

We were honored to recognize Worshipful Brother Jerry Harwitz as Master Mason of the Year for embracing our Children's Home through a school supply program and working our Blood Drives. Worshipful Brother Don Wilkes was presented a the Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award for his unceasing 50 years of dedicated support of Masonry. WB Don shines as a great light in Cobb County through his work for the memorial committee, his leadership with Cobb County Convention, and providing the gentle care of our Widows and numerous other charities. We are so proud of our Worshipful Brothers Don and Jerry. To top off the evening a poem was read by Worshipful Master written by his wife, Mrs. Carol Rohrer:

Honoring 50 and 60 Year Masons

We meet at the lodge and shake their hands,
We feel the power their years have spanned.
We are proud to call them our brother's dear,
We are Honored to celebrate their special year.
Their journey's started long ago
Some 50 or 60 years or so.
They promised to help their fellowman,
They've upheld their oath and their plan.
These Masonic brothers have a special tie,
Their years of service can solidify
The joys and sorrows that they've seen and heard
And should cause our own hearts to be stirred.
For their years of wisdom they seek no fame,
No special favors they proclaim.

They only ask that we strive to be
The best of brothers that we can be.
To help each other along life's way
Our duties to uphold and stay
Together, always in unity,
Bonding together should be our decree.
They pave the way for us to see
Where years from now we may be.
If we stand true and act prudently
A 50 or 60 year award to see.
May we, like these brothers before us stand,
Strive to secure a better land,
For the brothers who follow after us
May we be the force they've been for us.

The Kids' Store

Looking back it has occurred to me that Richard and I have met some super nice people around this great State of ours. Masons are a unique group of men in that they are brothers and treat each other with respect, trust and dignity.

We would like to thank those of you who have welcomed us into your lodges and made room for us. Thank you for your generosity in helping to support the Masonic Children's Home of Georgia and Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation, Inc. Through your generosity, nice donations have been made to these charities. Thank you, thank you so very much.

We tried to offer you many different items to purchase. The plain truth of the matter is it out grew us. In the future we will still see many of you but we have had to cut way back. We love traveling and getting to know you. Some of you have become really good friends. We cherish your friendship.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to the Grand Lodge of Georgia for allowing us to do this project over the past several years. And to you, all you Mason's out there who have supported and helped the kids. We love each and every one of you.

With Love and Thanks,
Richard and Sharon Bailey

Masonic Home Appreciation Day

We had a great turn out for our Annual Appreciation Day on December 6th. If you were not able to attend this year make plans to attend next year on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in our Gym.

Our children sang songs and put on a little Christmas Skit. It was also a great time to meet the Masonic Home Staff, the Board of Trustees and the Grand Lodge Officers, to tour our facility and enjoy fellowship with many brethren and their families.

We had festivities in the dining room after the event where a large assortment of delicious appetizers and sweets were available for the enjoyment of all.

The Grand Master received donations from many who came bearing gifts. A total of twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000) was received at this event for various Masonic Home Funds. Words cannot express how thankful we are for the continued support we receive for the home and the children in our care.

Merry Christmas from the Masonic Home Children and Staff.

Fraternally,
Wor. Bro. John Snipe
Superintendent
Masonic Home of Georgia



Brothers line up to present checks for the Home



Presenting a check to the Grand Master



Christmas Tree in the Lobby



Ruth Leazer and Alie Forrester hug good-bye after a great visit

**Actors Wanted!
No pay!
Long rehearsals!
Lots of lines to memorize!
Compensation? The satisfaction from nine Freemasons
who helped co-found the United States!**

**Announcing a new, live production
starring the nine Freemasons who signed the Declaration of Independence**

Who am I?

I'm a longtime Atlanta journalist. I've worked as a writer, reporter and editor for several local and national newspapers, magazines, websites and radio stations. I'm also an author, with three books to my byline. I've been a Freemason for more than 30 years; am a senior DeMolay and Legion of Honor recipient; and a past master of Chamblee Lodge No. 444 and Chamblee-Sardis Lodge No. 444 F&AM.

I'm looking for actors, would-be actors or anyone who'd be interested in portraying the nine Freemasons who signed the Declaration of Independence in July 1776.

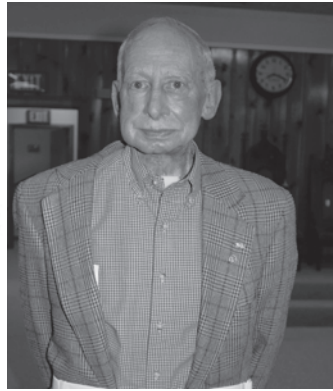
**The title of this one-hour, one-act play is ...
"Voices of Independence
A drama of Freemasonry and the American Revolution"**

Cast meetings and script distribution could begin as soon as January, depending on response. If interested, please contact me directly.

Join us in showcasing our brotherhood's role in the birth of the United States!

**Fraternally,
Tim Darnell
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50 Year Awards



Donald Fleetwood DeFoor
Latham No. 12



Johnnie "Pop" Ralph Shipp - Latham No. 121
with daughters



Eugene Bartholomew
Kennesaw No. 33



James Huggins
Kennesaw No. 33



Atwood McNeil
Kennesaw No. 33



O. B. Terry
Kennesaw No. 33



Donald Wilkes
Kennesaw No. 33



Alvin Sonny Williams
Kennesaw No. 33



Ned E. Burton
West Point No. 43



William Gould Bacon, Jr.
Fergus No. 135



PGM J. Edward Jennings, Jr. presented 50-year awards to seven Brothers of Dalton No. 105. From the left they are William Eugene "Gene" Quarles, Richard Wendell Scott, Delbert Lee Ausmus, Lowell Walton Moss, Jr., Ernest Crawford McDonald, William Carroll Baisley, & Sammy Floyd Holsomback.



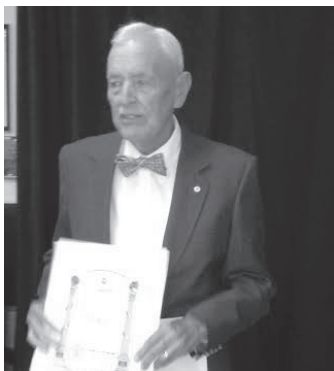
Mrs. Ann Harris(left), Bro. T.J. Harris, P.G.M. E. Ray Knittel, Bro. Ralph W. Johnson, and his wife Mrs. Marylou Johnson. Tilton No. 91



M. C. Joiner
Dallas No. 182



Gordon Rance Lawrence
Dallas No. 182



Sydney Harden
Midland No. 144



Steve Daniel Stevens
Midland No. 144



Bill Nunis
Bowden No. 206



Jimmy Palmer
Bowden No. 206

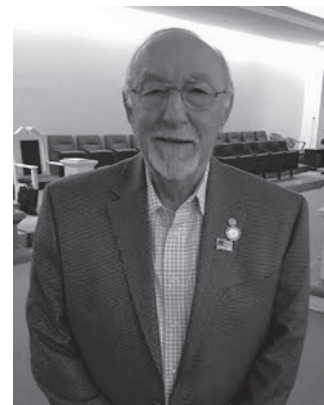


Cliff Johnson with WB Earl Tolliver at Flowery Branch 212

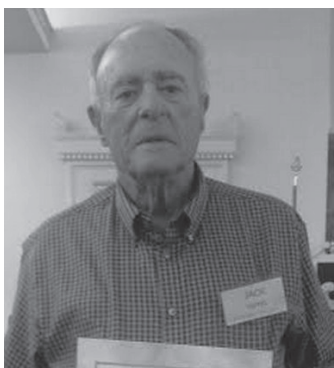
Wor. Bro. Cliff Johnson was presented his 50-year by DDGM, Dan Dacus (not pictured), on May 12 at Flowery Branch Lodge No 212. Wor. Bro. Dan was assisted by Wor. Bro. Earl Tolliver (pictured right) who presented Wor. Bro. Johnson his petition for the degrees of Masonry over 50 years ago.



Lynn Tarpley
Bowden No. 206



Hebert Warren Axelrod
Fulton No. 216



Jack Taffel
Fulton No. 216



Joseph A. Cleland
Sylvania No. 301



Robert L. Fruitticher
Sylvania No. 301



Alexander Clay, Jr.
Wolihin No. 390



Leonard Dale Boutwell
Guyton No. 428



Charles Hinely
Springfield No. 440



Ralph Edward Reddick
Springfield No. 440



James Walter
Springfield No. 440



James Pierce Anderson
Chamblee-Sardis No. 444



Cecil L. Cannon, Jr.
Chamblee-Sardis No. 444



Hugh B. Fannin
Chamblee-Sardis No. 444



Grant A. Higgins
Chamblee-Sardis No. 444



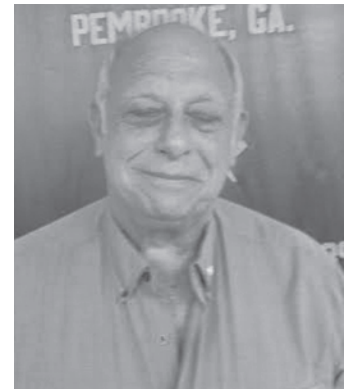
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Gordon Springs No. 463



William Masters
Gordon Springs No. 463



Carl V. Little
Tompkins No. 466



Robert Allen Smith
Pembroke No. 469



J. Q. Russ
Helena No. 536



Thomas Estile Pasley
Panthersville No. 543



Shirla and Robert Earl "Bob" Roark
Panthersville No. 543



Henry Watson Gunn
Union City No. 600



Bobby T. Lassetter
Union City No. 600



Vernon L. Moss, Sr.; Leland L. Maddox, Ralph W. Riggins, Sr.
and Wor. Bro. Paul Buckner, DDGM; at Stockbridge No. 691.



(Above) Brother J. C. "Pete" Bentley a 60-year Mason (on the left) presents 50 yr. award to Brother John A. Tinsley with his 50 yr. apron. Both are Veterans of World War II - Azalea No. 716

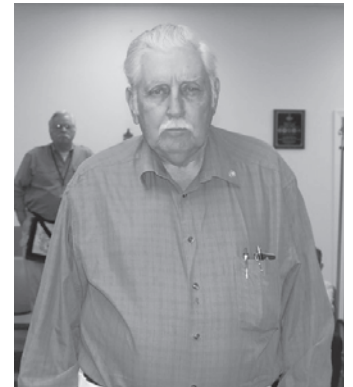
Richard Rigby
Azalea No. 716



Hugh Carlton Jacobs
Mickey Fuller No. 720



Billy Thomas Parrish
Mickey Fuller No. 720



Charles Lawrence Sneed
Mickey Fuller No. 720

55 Years



Charles D. Lee
Sylvania No. 301



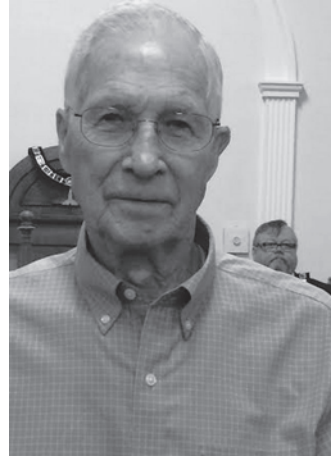
Bro. Ray Hughes was presented his 55-year apron at Rockmart No. 97 by Wor. Bro. John Sprayberry and Wor. Bro. Jim Childress, DDGM, 7-G.

60 Years



Two 60-year awards were presented at Franklin No. 11. From the left are William G. Wages, Wor. Master, Bobby Ware Johnson, Rt. Wor. Gary Leazer, DGM, and Leonard Curtis Smith.

Jasper Joe Reynolds
Allegheny No. 114



Edward Baker
Kennesaw No. 33



Thomas Runion
Kennesaw No. 33



Brother Lawson Cary Bittick, Jr. (center) was presented his 60-year apron at a special evening at Strict Observance Lodge No. 18. Bro. Bittick served in the Air Force as Air Police, served as Sheriff of Monroe County 1961 - 1983, then as a U.S. Marshall 1994 - 2002.

On his left is his son, Brother and Sheriff John Cary Bittick; on his right is his grandson, Brother and Deputy Sheriff Lawson Cary Bittick, III. The grandson make the fourth generation Freemason in the family in Strict Observance Lodge No. 18 in Forsyth. Bro. Lawson's father was raised in Strict Observance Lodge in 1919.



Earl Leslie Towe
Adairsville No. 168



Bobby Huff
Bowden No. 206



Lindsey Smith
Bowden No. 206



Samuel Brunson
A. J. Miller No. 204

60 Years



(Left) Henry Donald Preslar
Leroy Duncan No. 262



William "Bill" Holder
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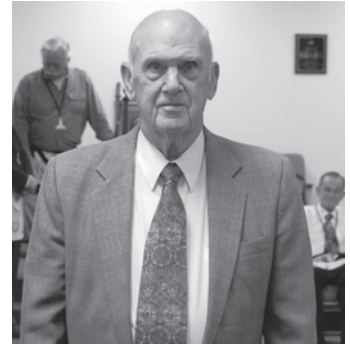
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Alzheimer's: Knowing The Signs, Getting Help

David Goodnow, Nelms Lodge No. 323, Smyrna

It's a story told too many times. A family sees changes in a loved one. Soon, the diagnosis confirms the worst fears: it's the onset of Alzheimer's disease or one of the other dementias. We Georgia Freemasons, more than 39,000 of us, working in some 420 lodges know very well the importance of signs and symbols as part and parcel of our great fraternity.

Who should pay special attention to this story? Women, baby boomers and those with type 1 diabetes, though Alzheimer's can strike anyone.

We Freemasons can get involved next February 3rd at the Georgia state capitol. Read on for more on how we can help.

The media is brim full of continuing reports about Alzheimer's and its enormous costs. Alzheimer's is a large part of the overall list of the dementia diseases and some 44 million people worldwide are living with these brain maladies. In the United States alone around five million people have Alzheimer's; 15 million are their caregivers. Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in the United States.

What happens when signs of Alzheimer's come calling and the eventual caregivers have no idea what to do next? There is help available and it's as close as the phone. That's where you find the First Team that can step up to the plate. All you have to do is ask.

The Alzheimer's Association is that First Team, the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research, something you'll learn from the mountain of information available from the association. There is an important fact about the organization: almost all of its' services are free. One might ask if something free is worth anything. If that's the question, the answer should astound the questioner after they learn

One of the first steps after hearing the diagnosis is to call the Alzheimer's Association helpline, open 24/7, and it's free. Professionals answer the phone. They can refer families and caregivers to local programs and services as well as help in decision-making about Alzheimer's and memory loss. With that call you'll learn about the on-going Alzheimer's research, medication and other treatment options. Wandering and safety concerns are reasons why enrollment in the MedicAlert®+ Safe Return® program is important for caregivers and people with dementia. The phone number follows at the conclusion of this report. The

help-line is also available for inquiries in 140 languages. The Association is well prepared to communicate with anyone needing direction and advice.

Members and families of Nelms Lodge No. 323 in Smyrna were presented a program by the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association whose message was one of hope, courage and advice. The Georgia Chapter's Speakers Bureau is available to present programs about diagnosis, research, care and treatment. The programs with informative multimedia presentations are there for lodges and other organizations. Again, all you have to do is ask. When families learn how the Association can help in their time of need, the obvious relief in the room is palpable. Being a volunteer goes to the very heart of the Association's mission, to help in every way possible, answering questions

at all hours, again, there's that free help-line.

The Alzheimer's Association's 2015 International Conference in Washington DC

reported that early brain scans, memory evaluation and other tests may hold the keys to understanding a person's likelihood of developing Alzheimer's, even among those who don't yet have memory and cognitive problems associated with the disease. Certain biological changes take place over time that may signal the future onset of Alzheimer's. Understanding which changes are most predictive may help in selecting candidates for clinical trials and also help in measuring an individual's response to some of the treatment or prevention strategies.

Reports from the conference included data on advanced trials and on three drugs targeting the abnormal beta-amyloid protein that forms plaques in the brain, one of the hallmarks of Alzheimer's. Also described were three drug trials that target other pathways and symptoms in the disease, including psychiatric disorders such as agitation.

At the 2015 conference, sobering projections say that 28 million American baby boomers will get Alzheimer's by the middle of this century. If this holds, the costs will be enormous and consume nearly 25 percent of Medicare spending. Another recent study suggests that a treatment which delays the onset of Alzheimer's by five years could save \$220 billion within the first few years of its introduction.

Type 1 diabetes is also a risk factor for developing Alzheimer's. In the report, almost a half-million participants over age 60 with Type 1 were 60 to 93 percent more likely to

get dementia when compared with those without Type 1.

Women are also at greater risk of acquiring cognitive decline and dementia, according to the 2015 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report. Two-thirds of those living with Alzheimer's are women. Women are also more likely to be caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. We've been told for years that exercise is important to our well-being. More research continues to show this is no myth. Moderate to vigorous exercise improves lifestyles for people with Alzheimer's, depending on their individual condition.

And for the caregivers, one of the statements made at the Georgia Chapter's office of the Alzheimer's Association and heard by your reporter while preparing this article was this: "No one should have to go through this alone." When the staff and volunteers of the Alzheimer's Association come into the picture they make the world of the caregiver and person with dementia a different place.

The Alzheimer's Association needs the help of all of us by our financial contributions and other assistance we can extend. There are seven regional offices in Georgia where

much help is available and volunteers are welcomed. In fact, volunteers are integral to the mission of the association which is becoming more of a volunteer-driven organization.



The office locations are available on the Association's website.

It's also important to participate, if possible, in the Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the Georgia State Capitol, Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. More details and registration information is available on the Association's advocacy page: www.alz.org/georgia.

Finally, when a family needs counseling, free help is available 24/7. Call the helpline number at 1-800-272-3900. For families struggling with Alzheimer's or one of the other dementias, support is essential. Support of the Alzheimer's Association is vital.

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and from their VA appointments at the Hospital and CBOC's.

Mental Health. Groups needed to take on sponsorship of quarterly activities enhancing interaction and social skills for our Veterans in OATC, MHICM, and PRRC. These programs are very helpful in patients with PTSD.

OEF/OIF. This program provides items of necessity to include: food certificates, gasoline cards, Marta Breeze cards and phone cards.

Oncology Clinic, "Look Good, Feel Good" program. This program is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) who works with other non profit organizations to give recent chemo patients cosmetic makeovers. We are looking for support with purchasing wigs and other incidentals for this program.

Palliative Care. This program supports Veterans along with their family to make their last days of the Veterans life as special as possible.

Traumatic Brain Injury program. This program, with the IED's used now, is very much in need. Sponsorship of Veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) is needed. This includes education presentations, interaction and social skill activities for memory compensation, quick TBI contact reference items, word search and crossword puzzle books and relaxing instrumental music CD's for meditation. Also phone cards and again Coffee supplies.

And to include our youth groups. We have programs for our DeMolay and Rainbow girls to volunteer time also. And if your Lodge sponsors a Boy Scout or Girl Scout group also.

Summer Student Program. Sponsors are needed for the annual Summer Student program at \$50 per student. This opportunity provides the student an opportunity to work in the VA environment, function in an administrative and professional environment, as well as assisting our Veterans patients and learning from their military experience. The Veterans always enjoy very much the youth that comes to help them. Especially if you have a Jr ROTC program or CAP Cadets in uniform.

Our VA's are always appreciative for all the gifts and donations received in support of our Veterans patients. As you can imagine, our patients wish list is always changing as projects are completed and new ones are established. Many of our projects need funding support on a regular on going basis. Please call or see your local MSA Rep or call the VAVS at your local VAMC if you have any questions. Checks should be made out to your local Facility, ie Atlanat VAVS, Augusta VAVS. or Dublin VAVS, and may be delivered to VAVS in person by your Lodge, mailed or given to your local MSA Rep to deliver. Please be sure to let us know which fund or purpose your donation is to be used for by noting it on the memo line on your check.

Brothers, I thank you; we thank you, and our Veterans Thank you for all your help and support they receive during the year. I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God Bless all and may God Bless America and her heroes, her Veterans.

Four Lodges participate in Talking Rock Heritage Days Festival

On the third weekend in October each year, the small town of Talking Rock holds its annual Heritage Days Festival. This Saturday and Sunday event draws people from all over north GA to visit the booths, have some great food, live entertainment and see artisans at work.

This year four lodges – Pickens Star No. 220, Blaine No. 534, Marble Hill No. 207 and E. W. Hightower No. 679— participated with a group of 74 vendors. The lodge booths were at one end of the show and were grouped together with other food vendors. These lodges had fried chicken on a stick, fried Oreos, fried pecan pies, spiral cut potatoes on a stick, funnel cakes, fried pork skins, boiled peanuts, soft pretzels and, of course, drinks.

It turned out to be a great weekend of fun, fellowship and fundraising. These lodges have already put in their reservations for the 2016 festival. Some new food items will be added and some of the old items will be improved upon.

Come joins us next October for some fun and good food. The festival is free and has free parking making it a unique festival in this day and age.



2016 Officers at Rockmart No. 97



The 2016 officers were installed by Most Worshipful Thomas L. Blanton, PGM, and Wor. Bro. Howard M. Howell.



Bro. Jerry Watkins takes his obligation as Worshipful Master of Leroy Duncan No. 262.

Forest Park No. 399 Installs Officers for 2016



Forest Park No. 399 has installed new officers for 2016. They are: Sosimo Aparis, Worshipful Master; Josh Hogg, Senior Warden; Alan Robinson, Junior Warden; Al Smith, Treasurer; Kevin Edwards, Secretary; Jarrott Johnson, Chaplain; Tommy Redd, Senior Deacon; Sean Neal, Junior Deacon; Bob Temperly, Senior Steward; John Loyd, Junior Steward; and Ed Thomas, Tyler.

Veterans Corner

Rick Conn, MSA Hospital Visitation State Coordinator

Brothers, some of you have asked me what you can do for the VA Hospital. There are several programs that you can get involved with if you want to volunteer your time. And of course you can schedule your time to visit with the Veterans that are in nursing homes. They always enjoy your visits, especially around the holidays. You can contact your MSA Representatives in your closest VA and they can help you get started. You will need to attend an orientation class at the VA and get your name on the list with VAVS. (Veterans Administration Voluntary Services) Tell them to list your organization as Masonic Service Association so the Masonic Rep in the Hospital can collect your time and turn it in to get credit for hours served by the Masonic Fraternity. In Augusta you can contact Brother Chuck Riffin, in Dublin Brother Doc Bowman, and Atlanta Bro Victor McKelvey or myself. The time you serve is rewarding and appreciated very much by the veterans that we serve.



One of the two VA hospitals in Augusta

If you want to help but do not have time to volunteer, then there are several ways you can do this. This time of year you can "Adopt a Veteran" for the holidays. You can provide a special Christmas for a Veteran and their family who are in need. These families are identified through the VA Social Workers within your Va facility.

Canteen books, Currency used by patients in need: distributed by social workers, coffee supplies: coffee and coffee supplies are needed to support the medical center, CLC and CBOC's for Veteran patients. Comfort Kits: Patients who need hygiene products are given a kit containing items such as toothpaste and toothbrush, deodorant, comb, shampoo, body wash, and powder. Donations can always be dropped off at the VA VAVS office between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Obtain a form to list what you donate and where it comes from and the organization (MSA) and you, your Lodge, etc will receive a letter thanking you for your donation. If an individual, this letter can be used

for tax purposes also come tax time for donation exemptions.

In our CBOC's (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) Groups are needed to sponsor individual CBOC's special emphasis programs ie; patient education seminars and ceremonies. Health Fairs and Job Fairs, and of course Coffee Supplies are always needed for our out patient veterans while waiting for their appointments.

In our CLCs (Community Living Center) items are always needed. We have several community living centers located on the floor of the hospital where veterans can go to just relax. Visit with other patients, or a place to bring family in a home living room setting. The hospital in Atlanta we have two, one on the 2nd floor and one on the 3rd floor. We have a fish tank in both of these for our veterans to enjoy. Monthly funding for maintenance and fish food are needed. This usually cost around \$250 per month that is not paid by the VA, but by individual sponsors. Check with your local VA facility and see if they have special needs also.

We now have a new CBOC located at Fort McPherson. We have a male and female homeless Veterans Domiciliary there. They are always in need of items donated that the VA does not furnish. Backpacks, hygiene products, undergarments, sweat suits, therapeutic rehabilitation activities and Marta Breeze tickets for our veterans. Again contact your local VAVS or your Masonic Service Association Representative to get these items to the program if you do not have the time to take them yourself. The MSA Rep will either return to you or mail to you the donation form for your thank you and other uses you may need it for. Male veterans, Tshirts, briefs/boxers, socks, slippers and pajama bottoms. Female veterans accessories are also needed, ie: nail polish, hairbrushes, mirrors, panties (M/L), sports bras, socks, slippers and female personal hygiene items.

Food Certificates. Food certificates are provided to our Veterans during the holiday seasons. Each certificate cost \$50 feeding a family of six. These certificates are distributed to Veterans and their family members identified through the VA Social Workers.

HUD-VASH. Homeless Veterans that have been placed into housing are in need of Welcome Kits. The kits may include household goods, cleaning supplies, kitchens items and bathroom items.

Marta Breeze tickets. Provided to Veterans without any means of transportation identified through the VA Social Workers and DAV Transportation services, to get them to

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In Memorium

Members Reported Deceased
from September 16, 2015
to November 30, 2015

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BECK, JOHN HAROLD	003	JOHNSON, BOYCE THOMAS	087	171	
YAWN, THOMAS DORSEY	003	RAINWATER, GUY CLINTON JR	087	REESE, WALDO MARLIN	171
SCRUGGS, GEORGE DAVID	004	ROBERSON, JESSE EDWARD	087	FREEMAN, RALPH JR	191
TAYLOR, BENNIE CHARLES	004	STENSON, VICTOR JACK	087	KERR, ROBERT STEPHEN	195
GRIMSLEY, JOHN UHEL JR	008	BUTLER, LEE OTIS JR	088	SELLERS, DWIGHT JENNINGS	195
COWART, FRED MARVIN	012	BEABER, LOVELL LOVELLEN	090	CRIBB, JERRY JONAS	196
WISE, RICHARD DUANE	015	LITTLEJOHN, PERRY E.	091	CHAMBERS, GEORGE EDWARD	205
BURDETTE, WALTER EDWARD JR	023	HONEYCUTT, ROBERT FRANKLIN SR	092	HENDERSON, DONALD MICHAEL	207
MOORHEAD, JAMES HAROLD	025	KIRBY, ROBERT LAVERNE	092	TURNER, PHERON OCLASIA	207
CALDWELL, JOHNNIE LAFAYETTE SR	027	PRATHER, CHARLES KENYARD SR	093	CARDER, JAMES DONALD	212
HAMMOCK, JOE HARWELL	027	MERCER, CHARLES WILLIAM "BO" SR	097	TURK, J C [IO]	212
PHILLIPS, BILLY MACK	027	WILSON, BOBBY EVERETT	097	HANEN, DALE LEWIS	214
FARRELL, ROBERT JOEL	028	DARBY, LEE REDDEN	100	JONES, RAY FREDERICK	214
MEALOR, JAMES MICHAEL	028	BURGESS, CARL RANDALL	103	BENATAR, VICTOR (NMN)	216
CROCKER, JERRY LEDELL	033	WARD, FREDERIC ALBERT	105	BRYAN, BERNARD MEYER	216
KIRKPATRICK, JERRY EDWARD	033	CHRISTOPHER, LAMAR EDWIN	111	MISLOW, STANLEY ALLEN	216
NELSON, FRED (NMN)	033	HERNDON, JOHN GLENN	111	SHEMARIA, JACK WILLIAM	216
SHAW, HAROLD (NMN)	033	MANGUM, RALPH TILLMAN	113	MURPHY, JAMES TERRELL	230
BROOKS, CHARLES WENDELL	036	DYER, HERBERT CLINTON	114	GREGORY, LELAND RAY SR	231
CHAMLEE, CLAUDE MONROE	037	TURNER, JAMES ERNEST	114	BETTIS, DANIEL EVERETT	235
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HOLLOWAY, LEE LENWARD	041	ASKEW, CHARLES LANIER	116	BOTTOMS, TRUMAN EDWARD	262
DRUMMOND, THOMAS M (IO) BELL	042	PARKER, CLYDE [NMN]	116	KNOWLES, ROBERT FRANK	262
MIERHOLTZ, CARL (NMN) JR	042	TAYLOR, FRANCIS RANDALL	116	SMITH, HUGH EDWARD	268
BRYSON, WOODROW WOODY	044	THOMPSON, BOBBY JOE	116	O'NEAL, DAVID CAMERON SR	270
EVANS, WALTER THEODORE	045	THORNTON, LLOYD BARNEY	116	TUTEN, LEON JAMES	270
SMITH, CLARENCE (NMN)	047	WHITFIELD, RANDOLPH [NMN]	116	MARTIN, RILEY EUGENE	271
JONES, CURTIS EUGENE	049	JONES, TUDOR [NMN] JR	120	KELLER, CLAUDE CASTLETON	276
HARVEY, LEROY EVERETT JR	054	SHAW, JOHN WILLIAM JR	120	MORRIS, PIERCE ARRINGTON	276
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HARDIN, JIMMY RAY	063	WILSON, MOSES JEFFERSON JR.	121	SIMPSON, JAMES WHITE	292
WOODWARD, HUBERT ALLEN	063	FULLER, CHARLES EDWARD	125	BOLTON, JOHN PAT	294
BYRD, SAM (NMN)	066	WADE, THOMAS DAVID	125	BROWN, WILLIAM HAROLD	294
SAUNDERS, LARRY EMORY	068	WHATLEY, EDWARDS CLAYTON	129	JAMES, KENNETH GRESHAM	299
STINCHCOMB, HARVEY CLAUDE	068	GLOVER, WILLIAM EARNEST	131	LACIENSKI, STANLEY JOHNNY	301
ALLEN, ROBERT KENNETH	070	REEVES, CLARENCE EUGENE	131	OHR, KENNETH JOSEPH	304
BEAMAN, HERMAN GORDON	070	WYNN, REASON HAROLD	134	WATSON, P H (IO)	310
BROOKS, BARRY LYNN	070	BAXTER, BOYD THOMAS	139	PHILLIPS, RONALD EDWARD	316
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STINCHCOMB, THOMAS PIRKLE	070	FREEMAN, CHARLES [NMN] JR	166	LEWALLEN, WAYMON MITCHELL	355
WILLS, DONALD RAY	070	HEISHMAN, ROBERT FRANKLIN	166	SANDERS, JERRY WAYNE	355
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RICHARDSON, MICHAEL TED	371	SIZEMORE, ROBERT GRANT	466	WEST, LINDSEY [NMN]	639
PEPPERS, RAY ARTIS	376	DIXON, HARVEY J (IO) JR	476	COLE, MICHEAL PATRICK	690
BELK, CHARLIE LEVON	381	MCCLURE, FREDERICK ANDREW JR	480	LEWIS, BOBBY WAYNE SR	690
HOLLAND, HOYT LESTER	381	WILSON, MORRIS KARL JR	486	BRANAN, WILLIAM KERMIT	691
BAKER, FRANK LEE JR	382	SWAIN, CHESTER LEWIS JR	536	CORN, EARNEST LUKE SR	694
DYER, GEORGE BENJIMAN	382	CARROLL, JOHN FELTON JR	537	BOWER, SHANE ODELL	699
GURLEY, CLARENCE [NMN]	382	HARMON, SAMUEL HOYT	543	EIDSON, TYLER LLOYD	699
CROWLEY, CHARLES THOMAS	390	LITRELL, JULIUS PAUL	543	LONG, JAMES ANGUS JR	699
MARTIN, KENNETH HAROLD	397	MOORE, EMORY VERNON	543	JAMISON, ALAN VERNON	708
GREEN, SYLVAN COOLEGGE	423	EMIG, ROBERT MARTIN	544	PENNINGTON, CONRAD OLSEN	708
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WEST, JOHN HOWARD	428	DILLARD, TOMMY EDWIN	566	VIDETTO, HENRY BRISON	710
GANN, FREDDIE MONROE	429	TRUMP, CHARLES LEE JR	579	DELESHAW, HOWARD WAYLON	711
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December 2, 1015

The family of Charles W. Collins, Jr. would like to express their appreciation to the Masonic Fraternity for their support during the lost of Charles. To each of you who attended the visitation or funeral, words aren't enough to express our thanks. He cared so much for all of his Masonic brethren. Again, thank you for your support and prayers during this difficult time.

Always,

Kaye, Christy, Carol, Ted and our families



Most Worshipful Joseph P. Suttles, PGM,
speaks at Veterans' Day Program

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Woodbine Lodge No. 326 celebrated its 110th anniversary by asking the Grand Lodge to lay a cornerstone on their lodge hall. The lodge hall was dedicated on October 31, 1895. It is the only lodge hall Woodbine No. 326 has occupied. The lodge met in a barn before the lodge hall was completed. It was the only two-story building in Woodbine to survive a Category 4 hurricane in 1898. During its early years, the lodge met in the daytime so the Brethren could see to get home after lodge. For a time, the lodge rented the downstairs for a grocery. A man was killed in the grocery and the lodge Brothers believe his ghost still roams the lodge hall. It is known the murdered man smoked a cigar. Brothers today say they can smell cigar smoke but none of the Brothers smoke a cigar. The Brethren have done a good job remodeling the lodge hall and it is attractive inside and out today. They have every reason to be proud of their lodge.