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*Most Worshipful Bro. C. Danny Wofford, 33<sup>o</sup>  
is pictured with the "Traitor" cast.  
He has announced he is retiring as "George Washington."*

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**— From Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr.**

**A NOTE FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

My Brethren:

Once again, I am pleased to report that exciting things are happening in Georgia Freemasonry.

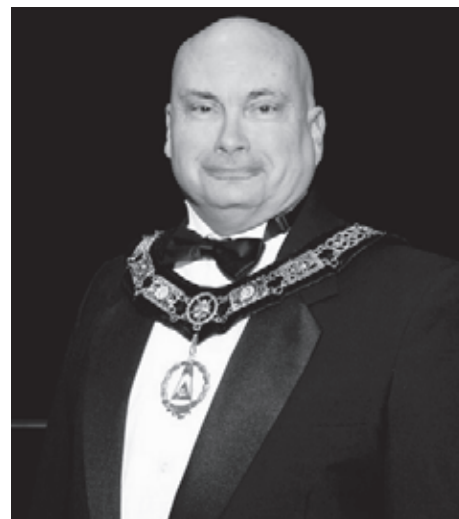
Your Grand Lodge Officers and I have been busy doing our best to promote and support Freemasonry.

On April 9, the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Master Mason's degree on two candidates at "Hiram's Island," an annual event on Blythe Island, off the coast of Brunswick, with the brethren of the Dallas Fellowcraft Club dramatizing the Hiramic Legend.

The weekend, from my perspective, at least, was a great success. Many thanks to the brethren of Ocean Lodge No. 214, Brunswick Lodge No. 717, and the Dallas Fellowcraft Club. Special appreciation goes to Wor. Bro. Kevin Miller, Worshipful Master of Ocean Lodge, for inviting the Grand Lodge Officers to participate in this event and degree and for his hard work over the last year in coordinating and helping to make it the Masonic success it was.

In addition, I have been honored to participate in several degrees since October, including, at Flint Hill, Fulton, Nelms, Dallas, Flowery Branch, and others. The Grand Lodge Officers look forward to future degree conferrals, including the Annual Tri-State Meeting at Coosa Lodge No. 622 on June 25th. Thank all of you for allowing your Grand Lodge Officers and me to assist in directly spreading Masonry in this way.

Please be reminded of the upcoming Groundbreaking for the first Cottage at the Masonic Home on June 18. This project is yet another example of Georgia brethren putting Masonic charity into practice, and I hope that you will be able to attend this historic



Of course, our Craft does face its challenges, at least one of which involves a very few other Grand Jurisdictions. (See "Statement on the Sovereignty and Supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Georgia" on the next page.) These challenges notwithstanding, Freemasonry is alive and well in Georgia. As I have said many times around the State, I firmly believe that there is no challenge that cannot be met, no problem that cannot be solved, by applying the principles and teachings of Freemasonry. That is why the Grand Lodge theme for this year in "Living the Learning," and I pledge to you to do my best to apply Masonry to any issue that arises and encourage every Mason in our jurisdiction to do the same.

All that said, I look forward to the remaining half of the year. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Grand Master, and I hope to see you somewhere soon.

Striving toward "Living the Learning," I am

Fraternally and gratefully yours,  
Drew

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### STATEMENT ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SUPREMACY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

March 12, 2016

TO ALL REGULAR FREEMASONS WHEREVER DISPERSED:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia at its Annual Communication on October 27, 2015, adopted a provision amending the Masonic Code of Georgia regulating the conduct of its members. Recently, certain regular Grand Lodges have taken action to denounce this provision by suspending recognition of or fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In light of these circumstances, I make the following statement as Grand Master of Masons in Georgia:

- 1) At this time, the Grand Lodge of Georgia has not reciprocated by suspending fraternal relations with any of those Grand Lodges.
- 2) This Grand Lodge recognizes the authority of any regular Grand Lodge to govern the conduct of Masons under its jurisdiction.
- 3) This Grand Lodge is the sovereign and supreme Masonic authority in the State of Georgia.
- 4) This Grand Master will take no action tending to undermine the Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Georgia or Supremacy of the Grand Lodge body.
- 5) The provision, lawfully adopted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, stands.

God bless the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Andrew Lane, Jr.".

F. Andrew Lane, Jr. Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Georgia

## Georgia DeMolay Holds Legion of Honor Investiture



The Henry L. Brown Preceptory of the DeMolay Legion of Honor held its annual observance, business meeting and investiture on Saturday March 19th at the Lenbrook Community activity center in Atlanta.

The Legion of Honor is the highest honor given by the Order of DeMolay and is given to Senior DeMolays or Master Masons for outstanding service to humanity, country, or success in fraternal life.

### PGMs Attend Appreciation Communication



The annual Past Grand Master's Appreciation communication has become a tradition at William G. England Lodge No. 747. Past Grand Masters attending the communication on March 1 were Most Worshipful Brothers Bobby B. Simmons, James E. Underwood, Thomas L. Blanton, Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, E. Ray Knittel, Joseph P. Suttles, and Edgar M. Land.

Past Grand Masters E. Ray Knittel and Douglas W. McDonald were invested with the honor on this evening and welcomed into the ranks of Legionaires worldwide. In order to receive this award the nominee must be nominated by a local advisory council or the executive officer of the state and approved by a unanimous vote of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Legionaries present at the Investiture. Back Row L to R, Pastor Don Combs, L.O. Cox, PWGP; Andre E. Lovas; Hugh F. Watson, PMEGHP; William Marsh; Nathan (Skip) Mason; Marc Bohn (Executive Officer, Georgia DeMolay); Tim Darnell; Hans Wilson, Sr. ; and James Stovall.

Front row L to R, Gary Lemmons, PGM; James Bard; E. Ray Knittel, PGM; Douglas W. McDonald, PGM; Bryan (Rusty) Newport; Andre J. Lovas; Patrick Keating (seated); and Dana Schwarz.

Please note the red cordons indicate Senior DeMolay members and white cordons indicate Master Masons who were not DeMolays.

### Polk County Officers Honored by Rockmart No. 97



Polk County Sheriff's officers and the Polk County Police officers were presented a plaque of appreciation from PGM E. Ray Knittel and Grand Master F. Andrew Lane for their continuous support of our CHILD IDENTIFICATION program here in Polk County. They have participated every year we have been with this program and we couldn't make this a success without their support.

## Masonic Home Youth Swim with the Manatee



On February 5th, 6th, and 7th, Ezel Lodge No. 335 hosted the children from the Masonic Home and their chaperones at Crystal River, about 50 miles north of Tampa, to snorkel with the gentle giants, the manatee, Florida's state marine mammal, which can grow to ten feet in length and weigh over 1,200 pounds. They can live up to 60 years. Females have one calf every other year. Many manatee, which swim at 3-5 mph and are related to elephants, are injured or killed by boat propellers. (Notice the injury on the back of the manatee in this photo.) Red tide, a type of microscopic marine algae, has toxic effects on the central nervous system of animals and often kill manatee. In 1996, it was reported 151 were killed by red tide.

We ended up taking 35 children and adults to Kings Springs and everyone who got into the water and wanted to, had a close encounter with the manatee. John, Chris, and the staff at the home have used this annual trip as a reward for the children and it gives the children one more reason to get good grades and stay out of trouble.

While the manatee experience is the stated purpose of the trip, the time spent with the individual children, meeting them and spending time listening to them one on one is even more important. These children crave attention and love that we know their names.

Ezel Lodge has been sponsoring this trip for over 25 years and the children have always been on their best behavior.

## Officers for 2016 at Mountain Park No. 729



## Mabel No. 255 Remembers Home on Special Day



Mabel Lodge No.255 presented roses to our young ladies and chocolates to our young men for Valentines Day.



## 2016 Officers at Mt. Airy Lodge No. 141

Front row: Kevin Lomax, Chaplain; Grant J. Funk, Worshipful Master; Clayton Burrell, Senior Warden; Thomas Ayers, Sr., Tyler.

Back row: Fred Stagner, Marshal; Larry Caudell, Senior Deacon; Joshua Justus, Junior Warden; Chris Ivester, Junior Deacon.

Not pictured: Matthew Holbrooks, Senior Steward; Nathan McCoy, Junior Steward; Dale Canup, Secretary; Jerry Lewallen, Treasurer; Wayne Brooks, Masonic Home Ambassador.

## Palestine No. 486: An International Lodge



Palestine Lodge is an international lodge; on a regular communication on April 14, there were visitors from the Congo (Africa), France (Europe), a Brazilian lodge in Manhattan (NYC), and Brazil (South America).

Right Wor. Bro. Gary Leazer, Deputy Grand Master, spoke on London in 1717, the year the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster was organized.

## Howard Touchstone Honored by York Rite



William Howard Touchstone is the recipient of this year's Rufus R. White Cryptic Mason Service Award presented by Wor. Bro. Jan M. Giddens, Junior Grand Deacon, at the Seventh District Council Convention of York Rite Bodies in Marietta on Saturday the 19th of March 2016. Wor. Bro. Touchstone is a World War II Navy Vet and Past Grand Chaplain under Most Worshipful Bro. E. Ray Knittel, PGM.

**Are you a Perpetual Member of your Lodge?  
Contact the Grand Secretary's Office for more details!**

## Traveling Men Make Donation to Tornado Victim



Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders donated 300 J-Dollars to Miss Robin Adkins. President Danny Galpin is shown making the donation. Robins is the longtime girl friend of TM Brother Dan Hasteley Jr. Robin's house was damaged in a recent tornado and the insurance company totaled the house.

## Family of Three Serve at Richmond No. 421



The Washington family enjoys serving together at Richmond Lodge No. 412. Each of the Brothers are Past Masters at Alexander Lodge No. 385 in Sardis and are dual members at Richmond Lodge. Wor. Bro. John C. Washington (left) is Junior Steward; his son, Wor. Bro. John Keith Washington (center), is Junior Deacon; and John's son, Wor. Bro. Ryan Keith Washington, is Tyler.

Richmond Lodge has struggled the last couple of years but the lodge has turned the corner with a good slate of officers and a good number of Brothers supporting them from the side lines.

At the lodge's April meeting, a 50-year apron was presented to Wor. Bro. Wayne Allen Gay; an Entered Apprentice Mason stood and passed his catechism; a new candidate was elected to receive his degrees; and Wor. Bro. Brian Coffey held a MELD class on investigations.

The large lodge hall is attractive both on the outside and inside and the mortgage was paid off a couple of years ago with the Brothers working together on fundraisers. The future is indeed bright at Richmond Lodge No. 412.

Wor. Bro. Donald Eastmead is Master at Richmond.

## 12th Masonic District Holds Centennial Convention

The Twelfth Masonic District Convention held its 100th Annual Convention at Laurens Lodge No. 75 on April 16. The officers of Laurens Lodge opened lodge and the District officers assumed their stations.

Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. F. Andrew Lane, Jr. was received and introduced Grand Lodge officers attending the convention: RWB Gary H. Leazer, Deputy Grand Master; RWB Bobby B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer; RWB Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary; Wor. Bro. William E. Cantrell, Grand Chaplain; James C. Newsome, Grand Marshal; RWB Michael H. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden; Wor. Bro. Johnie M. Garmon, Junior Grand Deacon; Wor. Bro. Benjamin W. Polston, II, Third Grand Steward. The Grand Master also introduced RWB Donald Dekalb, Grand Secretary Emeritus; and Wor. Bro. Keith Hales, Past Grand Tyler.



Grand Master Lane is received.

Past Grand Master Bobby B. Simmons introduced special guests and gave a brief history of the 12th District and spoke of the many great leaders from the 12th District. Present seated lodge Masters, Past District Masters and 50-year Masons were welcomed.

The Brothers were reminded that two Demolay Chapters are in the 12th District: at Lyons No. 49 and Tyrian No. 111.

Wor. Bro. Walt Ashby, Director of GA CHiP in the 12th District, reported that 14 events were held in the past year in the 12th District with 589 IDs issued.

Lodges of the Year were presented certificates: Glenwood No. 479 in Sub-District A; Cool Spring No. 185 in Sub-District B; Millikens Creek No. 302 in Sub-District C; and Lumber City No. 199 in Sub-District D.

Masons of the Year were Bro. Tom Spell in Sub-District A; Bro. Walt Ashby in Sub-District B; Gary Reynolds in Sub-District C; and Ethridge Prickett in Sub-District D.

With the approval of the 12th District, the Grand Master appointed Wor. Bro. Neal Mimbs Masonic Home Trustees to take the place of Wor. Bro. Austin Roberson who recently passed away.

Wor. Bro. George L. Williams, Jr. reported no trials were held in the 12th District in the past year.

The District approved a bylaw change to separate the

secretary and treasurer position into two elected positions for more accountability.

Seventeen lodges and 68 members registered for the convention, along with 11 visitors.



Glenwood Lodge No. 479 won the attendance trophy.



The Grand Master congratulated Wor. Bro. Clifton "Spud" Fordham (center), the newly elected District Master, and Wor. Bro. Michael Calhoun, for his successful year as District Master.



The Steel Goat Riders presented a club chip to the Grand Master and Grand Marshal.

The Brothers collected \$500 for the Masonic Home.

The 2017 District Convention will be hosted by Eugene Smith Masonic Lodge No. 279.

Dublin Chapter 175, Order of the Eastern Star, prepared lunch for the Brothers. Mrs. Linda Boatwright is Worthy Matron.

## Tybee Island Lodge No. 762 Hosts 110th Annual 1st Masonic District Convention

The officers of Tybee Island Lodge No. 762, dressed in tuxedos and looking sharp, opened the 110th Annual 1st Masonic District Convention in the Tybee Lite Shrine Center on the third floor of an old gun turret, a part of Fort Screven. The lodge meets on the second deck; the location of a gun turret can still be seen on the floor of the second floor lodge hall.

After the opening, the officers of the 1st Masonic District Convention assumed their stations.

Grand Lodge officers present for the Convention were Right Wor. Bro. and Dr. Gary H. Leazer, DGM; Right Wor. Bro. Michael H. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden; Wor. Bro. and Rev. William Cantrell, Grand Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Johnie M. Garmon, Senior Grand Deacon; Wor. Bro. and Rev. Donald C. Combs, First Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Mike Kessler, Second Grand Steward; and Wor. Bro. Benjamin W. Poston II, Third Grand Steward. Wor. Bro. Ross M. Laver was present to take photos for the *Masonic Messenger*.

Most Worshipful Bro. Clyde E. Griffin introduced the guests and dignitaries present at the Convention



The attendance award was won by Hinesville Lodge No. 271; they have won the attendance award for the past several years.



The Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. William Cantrell, prays for Wor. Bro. James R. Webster, the newly elected District Master.

Bro. Pilon is also Custodian of the Uniform Work for the First District.



The Mason of the Year was Wor. Bro. William Randolph Waters. Right Worshipful Bro. Gary H. Leazer presented him the plaque for winning the J. Walter Cowart Mason of the Year Award.



The Convention officers accept their obligations for the ensuing year.

On behalf of Tybee Island Masonic Lodge No. 722, the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Jeffrey DeWayne Parker, accepts a plaque from the First Masonic District Convention.



## Barrow-Jackson Daylight Lodge U.D.

Barrow-Jackson Daylight Lodge U.D. held its first communication February 24 at Rockwell No. 191 in Hoschton with 40 Brothers in attendance. The officers served breakfast with Bojangles sausage biscuits, potato cakes and orange juice at 9:00.

The officers marched in at 10:00 and Wor. Bro. Ernie Stovall proceeded to open lodge. The lodge Brothers voted to accept officers named in an earlier meeting. Wor. Bro. Stovall is the Worshipful Master and Wor. Bro. Tommy Roberts is lodge secretary.

Wor. Bro. Stovall appointed a committee to write the bylaws which will be presented to the lodge for discussion and approval at the next communication. Annual dues were set at \$40. The Brothers voted to donate \$50 a month to Rockwell Lodge for use of the lodge hall.

The Brothers voted to meet monthly at Rockwell Lodge No. 191 at 10:00 a.m. with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Among the many Brothers present were Wor. Bros. Joe Colvard, chairman of the DDGMs, Matt Perry, DDGM-9G, Mark Bradley, Grand Tyler; and Right Worshipful Gary Leazer, Deputy Grand Master.

## GCMA hosts "Citizens Response to an Active Shooter" Seminar



Lilburn Police Officers held a "Citizen Response to an Active Shooter" seminar at a Gwinnett County Masonic Association meeting at Sweetwater Lodge No. 421. The officers received lot of positive responses and feed back from a host of people who were present at the meeting.

Front row (L-R) Wor. Master Joe Martin Brown (421), Captain Tom Bardugon and Police Chief Bruce Hedley. Second row (L-R) WB Andy McAdams, Lieutenant Chris Dusik and Sergeant Tim Allen and top right Wor. Bro. John Head.

## John H. Jones No. 348 Honors Past Master



Worshipful Master Tim Hollifield presented a Past Master's Award to Wor. Bro. Donnie Burroughs at John H. Jones Lodge No. 348. Wor. Bro. Donnie has served two consecutive years as Master of the lodge. He has also tended the duties as MELD coordinator in District 8.

## Rockmart Lodge No. 97 Holds CPR Class



# Pine Level Lodge Hosts 116<sup>th</sup> Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District Convention

Pine Level Lodge No. 353 hosted the 116<sup>th</sup> annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District Convention in Fitzgerald on March 5. Pine Level's Worshipful Master, Charles Rogers, welcomed all to Pine Level Lodge. The Pine Level's lodge hall is a large, beautiful building, built in 1964.

District Master Thomas Green welcomed the Grand Master, Most Worshipful F. Andrew Lane who, in turn, introduced the Grand Lodge officers who accompanied him. RWB Gary Leazer, Deputy Grand Master; RWB Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary; MWB Bobby B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer; RWB Larry W. Nichols, Senior Grand Warden; RWB Michael H. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden; WB Johnnie M. Garmon, Senior Grand Deacon; WB Donald C. Combs, Senior Grand Steward; WB Benjamin W. Polston II, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Steward; and WB James C. Newsome, Grand Marshal.

The minutes from the 115th Convention, having been posted online, were accepted. The attendance award was won by Chehaw Lodge No. 701. The Grand Master presented his pin to all present and his veteran's pin to all veterans.

Wor. Bro. David Simmons was elected District Master. Grand Master Lane installed the convention officers for the ensuing year.

The Brothers donated \$400 to the Masonic Home of Georgia's Endowment Fund.

The 2017 Convention will be held March 18 at 10:00 at Cordelia Lodge No. 296 (Note the time change for the opening of 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.)

There are 16 active lodges in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.



Steel Goat Riders of the Traveling Men, Chapter 19, pose with the Grand Master. The Traveling Men traditionally meet the Grand Master outside the town where a District Convention is held and escort him to the lodge.



MWB Bobby Simmons, appointed District Chaplain for the ensuing year, prays for his son, Wor. Bro. David Simmons, who was elected District Master for the ensuing year.



Brothers from Chehaw Lodge No. 701 won the attendance award at the District Convention.

**"Goals are only wishes unless you have a plan." — Philanthropist Melinda Gates, quoted in the *AARP Bulletin*, April 2016.**

## Masonic Education is Important!



Wor. Bro. Cameron Boswell presented ten Brothers of Hudson Lodge No. 294 with their proficiency cards from the 9G School of Instruction.

## Temples Family Makes Donation to Seminole Lodge No. 83



At the January 25 meeting of Seminole Lodge No. 83, Second District, the children of Henry P. Temples, Sr. presented a donation to Seminole Lodge in memory of their father and mother, Evelyn Jones Temples. The children thanked the Lodge for their support and friendship shown during their father's illness. They also donated money to have brick placed in the Children's Garden at the Masonic Home in Macon in memory of Bro. Temples who had been a member of the Lodge since February 1974.

Pictured in front from left are Lonnie T. Grant, Kattie T. Thomas, Wor. Master Wendell Craft, Becky T. Thomas, Chri T. Pongrayter and Paul Temples.

## 2016 Officers Roger Lacey Lodge No. 722



Wor. Master Doug Smith (left) presented Wor. Bro. Dondi Bonner, PM, his Past Master's apron at Pace Lodge No. 558.

## 6th District MELD Holds Classes at St. Johns No. 45



Wor. Bro. Dean Howard, 6th District MELD Director, and Wor. Bro. Jimmie Hobgood, District Director for Subdistrict 6E, held two MELD classes at St. Johns Lodge No. 45 on Saturday morning, March 19. The two classes held were Masonic Investigations and Mentor Certification. A large number of Freemasons took advantage of the opportunity to learn about two important needs in our lodges. They recommended that at least three Brothers take the Masonic Investigation class before being assigned to an investigation committee; mentor certification is important to help a new Mason on his first steps in the Craft.

Contact the 6th District Secretary for upcoming classes. Contact information for the District directors are also found on the Grand Lodge of Georgia website. You may also download the seven MELD self-study courses from the Grand Lodge website.

## MELD Certificates Awarded at Eugene Smith No. 279



Wor. Master Spud Fordham, P.M., and Lex Williams of Eugene Smith Lodge No. 279 received certificates for completing the MELD Investigation course. Presenting the certificates is 12th District MELD Director Jack Born.

## Cairo Lodge No. 299 Hosts 113th Annual Second Masonic District Convention

Worshipful Master Cary Bishop and his District officers opened the 113th Annual Second Masonic District Convention on April 2 at 9.00.

Most Worshipful Bro. F. Andrew Lane, Jr. was found in waiting and was received by the Grand Marshal and the District Deputies to the Grand Master. After being received, the Grand Master was given Private Grand Honors. The Grand Master, in turn, introduced the GrandLodge officers who were present: Right Worshipful and Dr. Gary H. Leazer, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Larry W. Nichols, Senior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Michael H. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden; Most Worshipful Bobby B. Simmons (2003), Grand Treasurer; Worshipful Brother Benjamin W. Polston II, 3rd Grand Steward; and Worshipful Brother Eddie Gurley, Grand Chaplain Emeritus and serving today as Grand Marshal.

District Deputies to the Grand Master from the 2nd District were Wor. Bro. Gene Jernigan, 2A; Wor. Bro. Ronald Rowe, 2B and Chairman; Wor. Bro. Mike Marshall, 2C.

Reports were made by the MELD Director; the CHIP Director; the Custodian of Uniform Work; Masonic Home Trustee; Trial Commission Chairman and the Board of Relief Director. Wor. Bro. Andrew Bass, Second District Ambassador to the Children's Home, gave an excellent report and urged lodges to "adopt" a child and send a birthday card and take them out to lunch when possible.

Most Wor. Bro. Bobby B. Simmons gave a fine report on the Masonic Home Endowment Fund and urged continued support of the endowment fund.

\$243 was collected from the Brethren for the Endowment Fund.

As always, the Grand Master gave the Brethren excellent words of advice and closed the lodge.

The 2017 2nd District Convention will be held at Walter C. Dancer Lodge No. 115 on April 1st.

The lodge provided a wonderful lunch of pork chops which was enjoyed by all.



Whigham Lodge No. 356 won the attendance award. On the right is Chief Jerry Lang who was raised a Master Mason in Massachusetts and who has served as Worshipful Master of Cairo No. 299. He gave an excellent speech on Native American Indians and Freemasonry.



Wor. Bro. Irvin Horne, Pelham Lodge No. 312, was chosen Mason of the Year. In his absence, the certificate was present by District Master Bishop to Wor. Bro. Matt Mobley, Worshipful Master of Pelham No. 312 and Wor. Bro. Haywood Webb, also from Pelham No. 312.



Incoming District Master, Lynwood Sheffield, presented outgoing District Master Bishop a certificate to thank him for his great leadership of the District during the previous year.



District Master Cary Bishop recognized the oldest and youngest Masons present at the convention. Oldest Mason was Bro. Bernie Brookins, who will be 91 in May, and Bro. Michael Rentz who is 27.

## Salem Lodge No. 267 & Seminole Lodge No. 83 hold CHiP Event



Salem Lodge No. 267 and Seminole Lodge No. 83 in the 2nd District hosted a GaChip program on Saturday, January 16. Turnout was low, but we had several brothers turn out to help. I want to thank them all for giving up their Saturday and also thank Wor. Bro. Irvin Horne. Sincerely, Calvin Atkinson, Worshipful Master, Salem No. 267.

Wor. Bro. Richard Williams, Secretary Salem No. 267 is in the photo to the right; Wor. Bro. Irvin Horne, 2nd District CHiP Director, is pictured in the upper right photo. Wor. Bro. Horne was named Mason of the Year for 2016 in the 2nd Masonic District.



## "Rolling with the Kids" was Lots of Fun



The "Rolling With the Kids" event was held on April 10th at Skate A-Rama in Commerce, Ga. Hudson Lodge No. 294 sponsored the private event for the children, staff, and families of the Georgia Masonic Children's Home and the Masonic Fraternity.

Over 100 people, consisting of Freemasons and their families, came out to meet the kids and enjoy the roller skating. I provided the facilities and equipment for the event, Hudson Lodge No. 294 covered the food and drink expenses, and \$641 in donations was collected by Barrow Jackson Daylight Lodge U.D. for the Georgia Masonic Children's Home. Following the event, the children were treated to ice cream at the local Dairy Queen by Statham Lodge No. 634. An absolutely wonderful time was had by all and we can't wait to do it again. — Cameron D. Boswell, PM, Secretary

### To Get a Motion Before the Lodge

A Brother will rise, give the DG and say, "I move that . . . . (You never say, "I make a motion.") Another Brother will rise, give the DG and say, "WM, I second the motion."

The WM will say, "Brethren, you have heard the motion, duly seconded. Is there any discussion?" WM pauses for discussion. The WM then says, "All favoring the motion signify it by the Masonic voting sign at the sound of the gavel." (He raps once.) WM says, "Down hands. All opposed same sign." (He raps once again.) WM says, "Down hands." "Motion carried" or "Motion lost." WM raps once again. (Note: There is no usual voting sign of a Mason.)

"We Freemasons are not members of a club; we are Brothers." —Ed Halpaus, Past President of the Philaethes Society



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## ***THE YORK RITE IN GEORGIA***

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### **2016 Georgia Grand York Rite Sessions**

**May 1 - May 3, 2016**

**Location-Grand Chapter Building  
811 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201**

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR'S GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS, SO PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SCHEDULE

- A Joint Memorial/Divine Service will be held @4:00pm, on Sunday, May 1st.
  - Grand York Rite Banquet will be @ 6:00pm on Sunday, May 1st
  - Grand Council will open @ 7:30am on Monday, May 2nd
  - Grand Commandery will open after lunch on Monday, May 2nd
  - Grand Chapter RAM will open @ 8:00am on Tuesday, May 3rd
- Installations of Grand Line Officers will be held during the body's respective session
  - The Grand York Rite Session will conclude on Tuesday morning and will not continue through to Wednesday as has been done in the past
  - The York Rite Presiding Officer degrees such as the Order of the High Priesthood for Past High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel for Past Illustrious Masters and the Knight Crusader of the Cross for Past Eminent Commanders will be conferred on April 23, 2016 @ 1:00pm at the Grand Chapter building.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wade Smith, Grand Recorder/Secretary for the York Rite - email: [wadesmith@yorkriteofga.org](mailto:wadesmith@yorkriteofga.org); or the office @ 478-742-2557

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<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/bpfiles/combpet.pdf>

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#### **FIND YOUR CLOSEST YORK RITE**

<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/yorkrite-by-city.html>

### **Greetings from the Georgia Masonic Blood Drive**

This has been an exciting year in the Georgia Grand Master's Blood Drive. This year we have donated 3,045 units of blood to help our blood providers to save lives. We have gathered in the last six and a half years the grand total of 28,455 units.

One might think that this is an outstanding number of donations, and you would be right. If one unit of blood will save three lives, then we have saved over 85,365 lives in the state of Georgia. If you think this is a sizable number then you must consider that we have saved more lives in the last seven years, then currently reside in Marietta.

We are constantly looking for more and better ways to serve our communities, and this is a huge step in the right direction. I am constantly approached by brethren who simply state for a number of reasons, that they cannot donate blood products themselves.

My answer is to volunteer at blood drives or to volunteer to be their own lodge's chairman of their own lodge blood drives. We have so many ways to be involved. You can volunteer man hours at your local communities' blood drives, or even down the street at your local churches or synagogue's blood drives.

— M. Steven Fishman, Georgia Masonic Blood Drive Chair



# The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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

Web Site: [GaScottishRite.org](http://GaScottishRite.org)

The **Valley of Savannah** just completed a golf tournament fundraiser for RiteCare on April 4 and look forward to our Tournament of Champions Blue Lodge competition on April 16. The Spring Reunion honoring Illustrious Eli A. Stafford, 33°, PGM, is May 13-14 and the Ring Ceremony to honor the new members will be July 5th. In between, we will have our annual Flag Celebration on June 7th. Activities abound in the Valley of Savannah, so make sure you are a part of them. We have something for everyone.

Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the **River City**. We congratulate all the new officers on being elected to serve as the leaders of our valley for the ensuing year.

Installed to Key Leadership rolls for the Columbus Valley Bodies: Columbus Lodge of Perfection; Richard Brogdon, 33°, Columbus Chapter Knights Rose Croix; R. Scott Pless, 32° KCCH, Columbus Council of Kadosh; Robert "Bob" Moseson, 33°, Columbus Consistory; Baron Conklin, 32° KCCH.

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

We invite our Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30pm and enjoy a free dinner (as a first-time visitor), before each our monthly meetings. Please visit our web site at [scottishritecolsga.com](http://scottishritecolsga.com) for more information.

The **Valley of Albany** had its Renewal and Remembrance service at the March meeting. The Valley has seven new Scottish Rite Masons who received their 18° on March 5 and they are receiving their 29° at our April meeting and it will be dramatized by the new formed KSA unit from the Albany Valley. These new Scottish Rite Mason will be getting their 32° in June and a date will be set in the near future and hope all that can will attend. There will be a Cap and Ring Ceremony along with the Scholarship presentation in July and all will be notified of the correct date. We are looking forward to a good class in the fall.

### Fraternal Lodge No. 37 Learns about a Civil War Hero and Past Master

Bro. Jeff Hightower, a Civil War reenactor, portrays Private John Bright who is seeking Colonel Charles Zachry, a Civil War hero and Past Master of Fraternal Lodge No. 37 in McDonough.

Monument in McDonough's city square, honoring Civil War soldiers, faces Col. Zachry's grave.



Bro. Hightower is joined by Worshipful Master Vance Rosen in the photo.

The grave of Col. Charles T. Zachry (1828-1906), Civil War hero and Past Master of Fraternal Masonic Lodge No. 37 in McDonough.



# England Around 1717

Leon Zeldis, FPS, 33°

PSGC, Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the State of Israel  
Honorary Adjunct Grand Master

*This is an article borrowed from Ill. Bro. Leon Zeldis, an Israeli scholar and Freemason. I thought this concensed version of Bro. Zeldis' article would be of interest to you since next year we celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first Grand Lodge, The Grand Lodge of London and Westminster.*

Let us make an imaginary journey back in time to the London of 1717. That was a city without sewers, the streets filled with dung from the thousands of horses and wet with sewage thrown out of the windows. The houses were black with the soot blowing out of numberless chimneys. Some children died asphyxiated while being used as live chimney brushes. It was dangerous to walk about in the streets after dark (some street lamps were installed beginning in 1677, but public lighting with gas started only in 1786). Criminality was rampant, punishment brutal, prison for debts was common.

*The State of Georgia for example was first founded by James Edward Oglethorpe by using penal prisoners taken largely from English debtors' prison, creating a "Debtor's Colony." This practice soon stopped as Georgia became a buffer colony to keep the Spanish in Florida from attacking the important colonies like Virginia. Oglethorpe failed in an attempt to drive the Spanish out of St. Augustine after a 27-day bombardment in June 1740.*

Witchcraft was still believed. The Scottish teenager Patrick Morton was allegedly bewitched in 1704. The last execution for witchcraft in England took place in 1712.

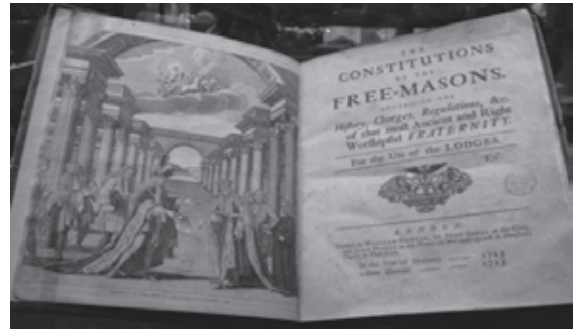
The industrial revolution had not started yet — that would come in the course of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries — but a class of have-nots already existed, homeless, beggars, criminals of every kind.

This brings us to the marked class differences. The aristocracy and the land owners, generally the same, whose wealth was based on the land, were on top. Below them came the bourgeoisie, merchants, lawyers, doctors, educators, shippers, men of arms. All these constituted a small minority. And then the vast mass, those who would eventually be called the proletariat. There were no factories as yet, but numerous workshops, craftsmen of many trades, and many, many servants, butlers, footmen, cooks, housemaids, porters, gardeners, and farm workers, shepherds, fishermen, all of them completely separated from the upper classes by their lack of education, the language, the customs, with no possibility to move up the social scale.

This was also the time when the increase of wealth in the upper classes led to the beginnings of what would later be called the "consumer society." There was a parliament, and there were elections, but the vast majority of Englishmen had no right to vote, that would take another hundred years to become true for the men, and two centuries for the women (only in 1918). Common law allowed marriage at fourteen for boys and at twelve for girls. Only in 1929 legislation was introduced for the first time, prohibiting marriages under the age of sixteen.

The Christian religion, which had dominated the life of the people during the Middle Ages, codifying to the least

detail the way of life, the practice of trades, the separation of classes, was only now recovering from the sanguinary wars caused by its internal divisions. The various reformers, though rejecting the dominion of Rome, were different, but no more liberal.



This was the "Age of Reason." Rationalism and science would open the way to make a perfect society. The 17<sup>th</sup> century had marked a turning point in the interests of scholars, who now began to focus their attention on the natural sciences and started researching nature, making experiments in all its areas. Astrology gradually gave way to astronomy, alchemy to chemistry; the study of anatomy and physiology revolutionized medicine, for long the province of barbers and quack doctors. New fields of study opened every day.

In 1666, the Royal Academy of Sciences was created in Paris, and four years before that, in 1662, the Royal Society had started operating in London, providing a platform for researchers and scholars. Some of the most prominent founders of the premier Grand Lodge were active in it. The academic study of sciences was beginning with Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) and Robert Hooke (1635-1703).

The Society of Antiquaries for the study of history, archaeology, and architecture, which had been organized originally in 1572 by Archbishop Parker, and had been disbanded in the reign of James I, was revived in 1717 owing to the efforts of William Stukeley, a prominent Mason. The Society received a charter in 1751.

We must remember, however, that sciences were in their early stages of development. England still used the Julian calendar dating from the time of Julius Caesar. The Gregorian calendar established by Pope Gregory XIII was adopted only in 1752, almost 200 years after being established by Pope Gregory XIII.

Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* was published in 1719. The novelist Henry Fielding and Dr. Samuel Johnson on the other hand, were only 10 years old in 1717. D'Alembert, the immortal creator of the Encyclopedia, was born in the same year as the Grand Lodge, 1717.

Let us turn now to the political developments in England.



The 17<sup>th</sup> century was a time of endless struggles and tragedies. The Muslim Turks had failed to conquer Vienna in 1683, but the memory of that siege and the threat of Muslim advances in Europe were still fresh in 1717. *Perhaps the only good result of the Muslim advance into Europe was that they left bags of coffee beans on the battle field when they fled, introducing Europe to another drink other than tea.* London had suffered the scourge of the Black Death, the bubonic plague, which reached its peak in 1665; a year later the great fire devastated the city, but at the same time killed most of the rats that transmitted the plague. Reconstructing the capital city gave great impulse to the building trades, and was perhaps one of the antecedents for the development of Masonic lodges.

The religious wars between Catholics and Protestants which desolated Europe and England for a century were a recent memory.

The Stuart king and his son, in exile in Europe, continued dreaming of recovering their lost kingdom. In fact, a Spanish force supporting the Stuarts landed in Scotland in 1719 (two years after the foundation of Grand Lodge), but the Catholic invaders were defeated in the battle of Glenshiel. That was not the end of Stuart ambitions, which continued throughout the period that interests us.

A postal system had been instituted in England decades earlier but was sporadic and not functioning well.

This was the “golden age” of piracy in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Roughly between 1716 and 1726 there would be between 1,000 and 2,000 pirates in the Atlantic at any time. Nearly half of them were by origin English, about a tenth Irish, and another tenth combined from Scotland and Wales. The remainder came from British North America or the West Indies, with a scattering from Holland, France, Portugal and other European countries, and Africa. Over the ten years, pirates probably captured and plundered about 2,400 vessels.

A radical change in the British throne came about in 1714, when George I, ascended the throne. Although he was the son of a German princess, and had only a distant relationship with the English royal line, he was the closest Protestant candidate. *This change allowed Masons to organize publicly.*

Although the great wars of religion of the 17<sup>th</sup> century had concluded, military spending did not drop; on the contrary, about 1700, countries like France, Austria and Sweden devoted between 75 and 90 percent of total government expenditure for military purposes. Britain became the most highly taxed nation; between 1688 and 1815, taxes increased sixteen-fold and borrowing 240 fold.

Let us now return to the way of life of London citizens at that time, the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. Their world lacked any fast means of communication. The fastest transport was by horse. No daily newspapers existed — the first English papers were weeklies, and the first daily was born only in 1769, and had very small circulation. Mass journalism came about in 1811 when the rotary press was invented.

High society met at home,



or rather, in their mansions. The well-to-do gentry lived mostly in the country, and came to the capital only for the “season” of balls and parties held by the royal court. Garden design was the newest fashion in all Europe. Germans were building Chinese pavilions in 1707, before the English did the same.

Which were the public meeting places? The word *public* indicates it: the pub (from “public house”), an inn where people gathered to drink, eat, sing, and exchange ideas. It was at the same time hostel, restaurant and club.

The first London lodges logically met in pubs, in a separate room or a second floor, where they conducted their ceremonies between one course and another or else, as practiced in some lodges to this day, had dinner after the ceremony. Masonic meetings were marked by conviviality. As stated, dinner was an important, in fact an integral part of the ceremony. Music and singing were in order. It is only necessary to open the first book of Anderson's Constitutions (1723) to confirm this fact. Sixteen of its 90 pages are dedicated to the songs of the Master, the Wardens, the Fellow-Craft and the Apprentices, all of them with the corresponding music scores.

The second edition of the Constitutions, of 1738, much more extensive, also has 16 pages of songs, only with the words. Apparently the music was too well known to waste good paper reproducing it.

More impressive in this connection is the Book of Constitutions of the “Ancients” Grand Lodge, *Ahiman Rezon*, written by its Grand Secretary Lawrence Dermott; the volume contains almost 100 pages of songs; and probably the most popular Masonic book of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, William Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry* — a work that enjoyed numerous printings from the 70's of the 18<sup>th</sup> until the first decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries — held no less than 44 pages of odes, hymns and songs.

A last remark concerning the songs; when mentioning the Master's Song in the first edition of the Constitutions, that of 1723, this refers to the Master of the Lodge, not a Master Mason. As we know, the split of the Second Degree creating the two degrees known today dates from a few years later.

The Masonic lodge was a refuge of peace and harmony at a time of political uncertainty, when the memory of religious warfare was fresh in the memory of all men, when the first discoveries and inventions were transforming the economy, and opening new perspectives of progress, when the hope that rationality and humanism would banish from the hearts of men the evils of fanaticism and intolerance. This was the fertile ground on which early speculative Freemasonry germinated and grew, spreading its branches throughout the western world.





*50 Year Awards*



Robert Warren Slater  
Pythagoras No. 41



William Christopher Ellixson  
Orlando (FL) No. 69



William Terry Gordon  
Shannon No. 100



Billy Urguhart Glass  
Magnolia No. 86



Hubert Phillip Moore  
Magnolia No. 86



Charles Wallace Robertson  
Magnolia No. 86



David Martin Still  
Magnolia No. 86



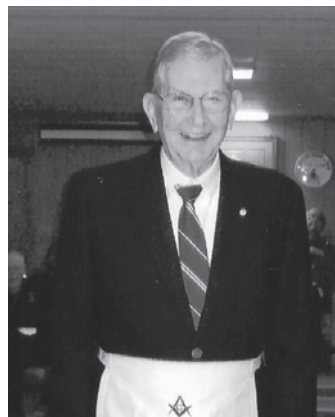
Olin Fletcher Thompson, Jr.  
Magnolia No. 86



Boyd L. Parks  
Chestatee No. 102



Chillos S. Smith  
Chestatee No. 102



Andrew Jackson Long  
Ancient York No. 127



William Troy Spicer  
Ocilla No. 134



Jimmy Lee  
Rose Hill No. 190



Arthur B. Atkins  
Pickens Star No. 220



William Harold Bramlett  
Pickens Star No. 220



William Hampton Cantrell  
Pickens Star No. 220



Jimmy Eugene Lowe  
Pickens Star No. 220



John Windburn Lassiter  
Ancient Landmark No. 231



William T. Brantley  
Waycross No. 305



James A. Carmichael  
Waycross No. 305



Louis E. Harden  
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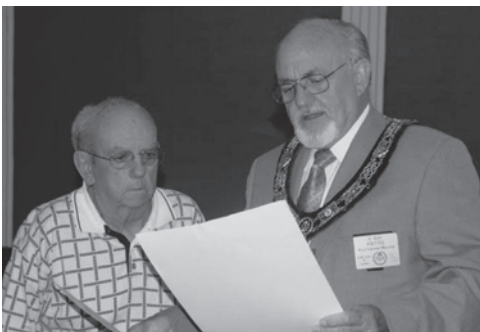
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Jimmy Adams  
Centralhatchee No. 403



Wayne Allen Gay  
Richmond No. 412



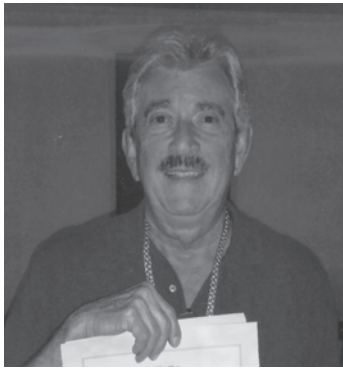
Hobart Lewallen  
Gordon Springs No. 463



William Masters  
Gordon Springs No. 463



Leonard E. Buffington, PGM  
Clarkston No. 492



Jack Donald Scott  
Newington No. 503



Hugh Ellis Sheffield  
East Floyd No. 723

### Cover Story: "The Traitor"

The Valley of Atlanta Scottish Rite Play entitled "The Traitor" centers around an imaginary dream of Benedict Arnold who upon receiving permission from General Washington returns to America and faces a Masonic Tribunal to plead his case.

Benedict Arnold was an American General in the Revolutionary War. He is remembered as a brave and skillful soldier, but unfortunately he is also remembered as a traitor who betrayed his country and went over to the other side.

He was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1741, so he was only 34 years old when fighting broke out in 1775 between the American Colonies and the British. In 1776, when he was barely 35 years old, he was made Brigadier General, and he fought bravely for America in several battles.

Arnold later became angry when five other men were appointed to the rank of Major General ahead of him. Even though he was made a Major General soon after, he remained dissatisfied. In 1780 when he was put in charge of the American fort at West Point, he decided to go over to the British side and gave plans of the fort to the British Major John Andre'. Andre' was caught, but Arnold escaped to England. The British, too, despised him as a traitor and he lived a very unhappy life in England until his death in 1801.

The play has three scenes:

Scene I – An attic room where Arnold resides in England.

Scene II – A colonial Masonic Lodge meeting in Richmond, Virginia, 1784.

Scene III – Three hours later.

### Hand Crafted Dolls Presented for Masonic Children



Midland No. 144 women Cory Segars(left)and Lisa Miller(right) show their support as Sandra Edgeworth (center left) presents Wor. Master Bill Miller (center right) with the first of many hand crafted dolls clothes from Sandra's former Connecticut residence friend Mrs. Gerrie Montuori of East Haven, Connecticut. The gift dolls and clothes will be presented to children of Masonic and Shiner institutions. (photo by Wm Edgeworth)

## Four Generations Celebrate 60 years of Masonry at Caledonia Lodge No. 121 in Cedartown

L-R: Grand Master Drew Lane, Brother James Nichols, Brother Jimmy Newsome, WB Jamie Newsome, and Casey Newsome



On February 28th of 2016 Caledonia Lodge 121 of Cedartown held its annual awards day celebration. One of the highlights was the 60 year award presentation for Brother James D. Nichols, Sr. He is the Grandfather of Grand Marshal James Newsome. Grand Master Lane presented the award and Brother Nichols was escorted and clothed in his apron by his Grandson, Grand Marshal Jamie Newsome. Brother Nichols was also surrounded by his son-in law, Brother Jimmy Newsome of Caledonia and his great-grandson, Casey Newsome, of DA Porterfield Chapter of the Order of Demolay.

## 60 Years



Guy Harold Dunaway  
Magnolia No. 86



Fred Reid  
Cornelia No. 92



Paul Bebey Haley  
Oostanaula No. 113



Lawrence Vines  
Flint Hill No. 371

Brother Vines should have received his award shortly after Flint Hill Lodge was destroyed at the hands of an arsonist but insisted on delaying the apron event until it could be presented in the new building.



John Durrell Watts  
Dallas No. 182



Tharpe A. Rhodes  
Rochelle No. 190



Edward Austion Colter  
Dexter No. 240



Max Ashley Denton  
Waycross No. 305

## 55 Years



Billy Sam Martin  
Nancy Hart No 690

## 65 Years



George Farr  
Waycross No. 305



William Preston Oliver  
Waycross No. 305



Paul Lanier Richards  
Ducktown No. 572  
Bro. Lanier received his  
award from M.W.B. James E.  
Underwood, PGM

## 67 Years



Robert Hughes Foster  
Daylite No. 125

7th District Masonic  
Brothers and Mrs. Jenny  
Warriner presented  
the Children with gift  
bags.



## Cove Waterfall Degree

On June 4, The Cove Waterfall Association will hold its 5th outdoor Masonic meeting at the Old Marble Quarry site located at **1800 Cove Rd in Jasper**. The meeting is being presented by 5 local Masonic lodges consisting of Blaine Lodge, Pickens Star Lodge, Ball Ground Lodge, Hickory Flat Lodge and Canton Lodge.

This outdoor meeting serves as part of the Masonic Lodges annual fundraiser which provides scholarships to local students and other charities in Pickens and Cherokee. As in previous years, Bar-B-Q Dinners will be available on Saturday to the public from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The lodge area will be tyled beginning at 1:00 pm on Saturday. We will begin with a Bar-B-Q Dinner available from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm for the attendees and the outdoor meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm. This year, the degree will be conferred by Dallas Fellow Craft Club.

If you have any questions, please contact this year's chairman, Kevin Cagle @ 404-314-6795 or co-chairman Tony Vaughn @ 404-425-4187.



## To Simulate Lodge Attendance

Every Worshipful Master should want to “light a fire” under his lodge members with a myriad of ideas and activities. Don’t try to do it alone. Enlist your officers and Past Masters who volunteer.

Brothers, the following is a list (in no particular order) of some of the programs you can set in motion during your year in the East (with the assistance and participation of area members). We hope these ideas will inspire you and your lodge to do the same.

Any lodge is capable of most of them. Your lodge may already be utilizing some of them. We offer them here as examples of fun, “forward thinking, outside the box, we’ve got nothing to lose,” extracurricular activities that will stimulate membership by generating interest within and without your lodge.

**1. Saturday Morning Coffee Club.** This is a no brainer. Occasionally, cook up a big breakfast or you can meet at a local fast food restaurant. When I was growing up on our farm and after my dad and I had done the morning chores, we would drive to town for a cup of coffee and some warm conversation. We often “solved” all the problems of the world. Or someone might bring a slab of bacon or sausage to the lodge. Most often it’s just good strong coffee, maybe a donut and titillating conversation. Prospects and candidates are especially welcomed. Interestingly, you might see Brothers at your Coffee Club who seldom attend Lodge meetings. These early morning conferences are the breeding ground for many lodge related activities and provide a convenient forum for ad hoc committees.

**2. Family Night Out.** Every 3rd Saturday of the month can be established as your Diners’ Night Out. We all eat out, most often with just our wives or family. Reservations can be made at a local restaurant (Dutch Treat). Give your wives a night out on the town. Brothers and wives have their favorite places, so try to gather at a different restaurant each month. Occasionally travel to a neighboring town. This occasion is an excellent opportunity for wives and significant others to get acquainted as well as creating a casual, friendly environment for new members and their families.

**3. Building Enhancement.** Install a high definition projection TV, with cable, high speed Internet, Blue Ray DVD, etc... I guarantee this will attract younger men who may be interested in or already a Mason. It’s like going to a movie theater! From Masonic Education Presentations to Monday Night Football to marathon video game tournaments, this infusion of modern technology can bring young and old together in ways we might not imagine. Plan a chili cook off during a Bulldog football game with the youth groups as impartial judges. How fun is that! Limited on money? Obtaining an entertainment

system can make for a great fundraising activity.

**4. Public Open House** These days many Lodges are celebrating landmark anniversaries and birthdays. Why not make it a community event? If you live in a small town, invite the local newspaper to do a story on the history and influence of Freemasonry in that community or in out country. Invite dignitaries, such as the mayor, town council, school board members, clergy, etc. as guests to celebrate your Lodge’s big day. Dust off those photos. Open your doors. We have nothing to hide and nothing to lose.

**5. Public Lecture Forum** This is a **MARVELOUS** idea and relates somewhat to #4 in that it invites the public into your Lodge facility, many for the first time ever. This idea will intrigue and attract members and nonmembers alike on an intellectual level.

**Step 1.** Choose an appropriate speaker from a Speaker’s Bureau. There are hundreds to choose from in a wide variety of categories, such as Georgia History, The Arts and Literature, Living History, to name but a few. I have been to two lodges recently where local law enforcement officers were invited to lead a program on what to do in an active shooter situation.

**Step 2.** Check around the community for possible grants and apply for them. Grants are most often given to nonprofits, service organizations, education and community groups. (\*note: A stipulation to receiving a grant might be that admission to the lecture consist of a can of food to be donated to the local food bank.)

**Step 3.** Set the time and place and ADVERTISE. Place ads in your local newspaper (community newspapers are often looking for local news to publish), send PSA (public service announcement) information to the local radio stations, utilize social media such as Facebook and Twitter, canvas the town with posters, invite all interested to attend.

**Step 4.** Provide appropriate venue. Spruce up your Lodge if the lecture is being held there. When I was Grand Chaplain under Most Worshipful Brother Al Garner, he would sometimes ask me to speak about the importance of curb appeal. First impressions are lasting impressions. What is the first impression a non-Mason has when he drives past your lodge building or when he drives into the parking lot? That includes you. At a minimum, wear dress slacks, shirt and tie; a sports coat or suit would be even better.

**Step 5.** Provide light refreshments after the program and encourage interaction between the Brothers and guests. The total cost of this event should be minimal and it can bring in many guests, several of whom may ask for more information about Freemasonry! Have on hand brochures from the Masonic Service Association

(msaoffice@msana.com). Any Lodge can implement this idea. This program, and those like it, promotes Freemasonry as the intelligent, contemplative organization we declare it to be. If you pursue only one of these ideas, choose this one. It's a doozy.

**6. Past Masters Club** Past Worshipful Masters are some of our most valuable assets in that they possess experience, knowledge, and status. A Past Masters Club might consist of PMs who meet regularly outside of the stated meetings to exchange phone numbers and contact information relative to Lodge members who might be in need of "kind counseling" or a "helping hand". Their purpose is to reach out to Lodge members in a display of genuine brotherly love. Calling a Brother who might be having difficulties, taking him to lunch, inviting him and his family to dinner go a long way to strengthen the bonds of Fraternal Brotherhood

**7. Shooting Club** Area members who are interested in refining their sharp shooting skills reserve a time at the local shooting range. Invite the gals too! Have a contest, raise money for the Masonic Home or some other worthy group.

**8. Lodge Newsletter** Communication is a key ingredient in any organization. It has been observed that those Lodges who publish and distribute a monthly newsletter, either by U.S. mail or by email, to its members are the most active and healthy. Please don't forget to ask a Brother's widow if she desires to continue to receive updates of your Lodge's activities. You'll discover that many do.

**9. Visit Neighboring Lodges** Traveling to a neighboring Lodge for a visit or even a joint meeting benefits both

participants. Take your charter if necessary. Plan a dinner and a program for the occasion. Call a Brother who has not been to lodge recently or who cannot drive at night, and pick him up. That magnanimous affair is truly of benefit to all! While we realize that most of these ideas are not new. We hope that your lodge will be inspired to nurture it's own existence by taking ACTION in whatever ways it can.

**10. Email List or Calling Post** The Worshipful Master can assign a committee of three to secure an email list of members, visitors and members of neighboring lodges and two or three days prior to each meeting email those on the list with information about the upcoming meeting. Include what will be served for dinner and what is scheduled to happen during the lodge meeting. Every lodge meeting should include something that will excite and educate the Brothers and make them want to attend. It might be a speaker who will speak for ten-fifteen minutes on a Masonic or non-Masonic subject. The speaker should be someone who does not need to read his speech but can deliver it with enthusiasm. The speaker can be a non-Mason such as a fireman who could speak of home fire safety, a physician who could speak on a medical issue such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, issues that many Masons face today. The topics are endless.

A Calling Post is easy to set up and even better, it is a quick and cheap way to communicate quickly with the lodge brothers on a lot of topics, including illness or the death of a brother or a family member of a brother.

**11. The possibilities are endless so put on your thinking caps!**

## Regius & Friends – Oldest Masonic Document, Plus Companion Manuscripts, Now Available

The Regius Poem, believed to be the oldest surviving Masonic document, is considered to be one of the "Old Charges" – that is, a description of the requirements to be a Freemason.

There are other ancient manuscripts and documents, which also fall into the category of "Old Charges."

The archives of the Masonic Service Association contain descriptions, insights and commentary about at least four of these historic documents. They are:

- The Regius Poem (Halliwell Manuscript), circa 1390
- The William T. Boyd Manuscript, circa 1700
- The Shadwell-Cameron Manuscript, circa 1700
- The Thomas Carnick Manuscript, circa 1727

For those who want to learn more about some of the earliest historical documents about Freemasonry, MSA has assembled of packet from its archived material.

The Packet includes 2 Digests, 2 historical Short Talk Bulletins, and 2 copies of other saved documents from



MSA's archives, all of which try to explain and translate what our Masonic forefathers considered important.

These items, if obtained individually from MSA, would cost \$21. Together in the special offer, they are available for \$15, including shipping and handling.

Those interested can send a \$15 check for each packet to the MSA Office (msaoffice@msana.com), using the order code #SPRP. Or, they can be obtained at MSA's website – shopping.msana.com -- using a credit card.

Supplies are limited.



## Eagles Scouts Honored at Fraternal Lodge No. 37

Worshipful Master Vance Rosen along with Worshipful District Deputy Tim Legarth congratulates Will Shulak and Austin Thomas upon their receiving their Eagle Scout Awards. Their Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at Fraternal Lodge No. 37



## Tri-County Convention held at Faceville 487 in 2nd Masonic District



The five lodges in the Tri-County (Decatur, Seminole, and Mitchell) Convention in the 2-A Second Masonic District met at Faceville Lodge No. 487. A total of 28 Brothers attended the Convention which met at the Methodist Church next to the lodge for a fine dinner before adjourning to the lodge for the meeting. In addition to the five lodges in Sub District 2-A, Brothers from

Cairo and Whigman Lodges also attended.

Right Worshipful Bro. Gary Leazer, Deputy Grand Master, attended and spoke at the convention. Wor. Bro. Gene Jernigan, DDGM 2-A and Wor. Bro. Charlie Brown, Secretary at the Valley of Albany, also attended the convention.

The Brothers collected \$100 for the Masonic Home, gave reports on what their lodges are doing, and

elected officers.

Wor. Bro. Bennie Brookins, age 90 and a 65-year Mason, was the oldest Brother present. He has served 38 years as a lodge officer.

Wor. Bro. John David Hale, Worshipful Master at Faceville Lodge, was the youngest Brother present at age 30.

The next convention will be held September 1 at Orion Lodge No. 8.

## Snellville Lodge No. 99 Tries to Take Care of the Secretary



Some of the Snellville Brethren complained they could not see Wor. Bro. Marcus C. Dugger, III, when he sat behind his secretary's desk. So, a wise Brother decided Wor. Bro. Dugger needed a higher chair. A child's high-chair was secured. Alas, the seat was designed for a child so Wor. Bro. Dugger's problem is still not solved. The Brothers are working on the problem.

## Family Night held at Pelham Masonic Lodge No. 312

On March 29, Pelham Lodge No. 312 held its first Family Night of the year, beginning with a delicious supper of fried chicken, potatoes, beans, bread, tea and many delicious desserts, provided by several of the brothers' wives.

After the evening meal, we assembled in the lodge room, where special recognition was given to our deceased brother, Bro. Lamar Corbin Pollock, for his many years, approximately 40, of service as an officer of Pelham Lodge. Brother Pollock served in the usual chairs in the lodge, becoming Worshipful Master in 1970. He served the lodge as Secretary for more than 20 years, then moving into the Treasurer's chair, where he served the past several years, until his death in 2015. During this year, brother Pollock received his 50 years apron, pin and certificate, marking his years in the Pelham Masonic Lodge. On hand were many of his immediate and extended family, especially his three children, Marc, Pam and Barry. All his siblings, except sister Frances Warren, who was unable to attend due to her health. Lamar's recent wife, Lena Pollock, was there with her Coleman sons. Lamar's daughter, Pam P. Herring, received a gold necklace, with her father's Masonic ring attached, as a memento of his being a Mason. To mark Brother Pollock's service years, the lodge initiated a special award to be given annually to a deserving mason for being "Mason of the Year". The plaque reads: "The Lamar C. Pollock Mason of the Year". This year, it was given to two deserving new members of Pelham Lodge, brothers Johnny Barrentine and Danny Burgess, for their outstanding service in 2015.

Another special presentation, a 60 years Masonic apron, was presented to brother D. Jack Baker by our special brother and friend, Right Worshipful Bro. Joseph Watson,

### 70 Years



Charlie Morrison  
Waycross No. 305

### William Brock Jackson Receives 75-Year Award

Bro. William Brock Jackson, a member of Bigham Lodge No. 53 was awarded his 75-year award by Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

Pictured from left are Wor. Bro. Jamie Newsome, Grand Marshal; Grand Master Lane, Bro. Jackson; Wor. Bro. Bryant Collins, Junior Steward and Wor. Bro. Bryan Blair, Secretary (both from Bigham Lodge), and Douglas Schoolar, Worshipful Master of Bigham Lodge No. 53.



the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Georgia. Brother Joe graduated from Pelham High School the same year as Tony Pollock Parrish, one of the guests at this event. Brother Baker's two sons, Dan and Bill, were on hand to witness this milestone in Brother Jack's Masonic career. Brother Baker served as Worshipful Master more than once in Pelham Lodge, as well as being a representative to the Masonic Children's Home in Macon, GA for many years. He was also very active in carrying children to the Shriner's Hospitals for treatment, logging in thousands of miles while doing so.

Following the special recognition and awards, we were blessed with the amazing Harpers, Chip, Flip and Marian, who brought us several songs that touched everyone in attendance. Due to the evenings events lasting quite a while, we had to cut short their number of songs, but they happily agreed to return whenever we needed them. They are so special!

Brother Lamar would have been so proud of the evening's events. The attendance was perhaps the most for a Family Night we've had in many years, 73.

The next Family Night is to be held May 21, 2016 and everyone is invited to return for another great gathering in Pelham Masonic Lodge No. 312.



D. Jack Baker - 60 Years  
Pelham No. 312

## A Nice Letter to Wor. Bro. Ben Polston, Junior Grand Steward

Ben,

I wanted to say thank you once again for the warm welcome from everyone at Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6 Tuesday. You had asked about my family's history in the lodge, so I wanted to give you some background.

My Grandfather, Charles B. Kitchens, was Master of the Lodge in 1961. He and my Grandmother, Dorothy Kitchens, were also members of the Eastern Star, and past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron of the Order. My Grandfather Passed away in 1993, and Grandmother in 2001.

My Father, Michael H. Kitchens, was Master of the Lodge in 1988. He and my Mother, Alice Kitchens, were also members of the Eastern Star, and they too were past Worthy Grand Matron and Patron of the Order. My Father passed away in 2003.

I am a Master Mason in North Carolina, and a current member of Gaston Lodge No. 263, raised in 2013. It was a long journey for me, and a commitment that I had made to my father before he passed away. I only wish that he were here in person to share this with me.

I grew up in Covington and have many stories and wonderful memories of spending time with my family in the lodge. While walking around the lodge prior to the meeting, I was reminded of a funny story that I was told as a child, which now makes perfect sense after being raised as a Master Mason. I would run around and play while my Father and Grandfather were getting the lodge



ready for upcoming meetings. There is a set of stairs inside a storage room that always peaked the curiosity of my youth. I would never venture up the stairs because it was too dark, until one day where I had built up the courage to see what was at the top. Little did I know at the time, but Grandfather was watching the entire time I was exploring. As I got about half way up, my Grandfather popped his head into the storage room and scared the ever loving bejesus out of me. He warned me that I should never go up those stairs! When I inquired as to why, he warned me that there was an old goat that lived up there, and that only a few select people were ever allowed to see him. It was about that time that my Father had quietly crept to the other side of the wall (into the dining area) and started making goat noises and banging on the wall. I was only about three-foot tall at the time, so it sounded like the goat was coming down the stairs and was about to land on my head, and I just knew that I was about to be eaten! I remember blasting past my grandfather in a full sprint, running into the lodge as fast as my feet would carry me, and hiding behind the piano at the opposite end of the room. It was there that I heard the hysterical laughter of my Grandfather, Father, and a couple of the other Brothers. Now, every time someone in the lodge mentions a goat, I get a smile on my face and remember this, and many other memories of growing up in the lodge.

I am truly looking forward to being able to attend meetings at the lodge every chance I get. I now understand the friendship, charity and brotherly love that comes with being a Mason.

Sincerely,  
John B. Kitchens

## Freemasons borrowed "Worshipful," "Right Worshipful" and "Most Worshipful" from our English Cousins

I took a photo of this sign in a London Tube station in 2010 when my family and I visited London. Freemasons borrowed the terms "Worshipful," "Right Worshipful" and "Most Worshipful" from our English cousins who still use the terms.

The Tube or London Underground is a public rapid transit system serving Greater London. The world's first underground railway, the London Metropolitan Railway, opened in 1863. In 2014-15 the London Underground system carried 1,305 billion passengers, making it the world's 11th busiest metro system. The system has 270 stations and 250 miles of track. Despite its name, only 45% of the system is underground in tunnels.



## Flag Etiquette

It is the universal custom to display the American flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

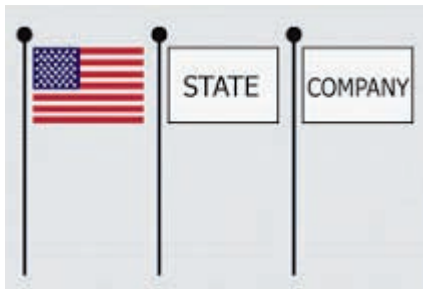
When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the American flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. No other flag or pennant should be placed above, or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea...for personnel of the Navy...when the church pennant may be flown above the flag.



When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak with six inches between each flag.



When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the American flag should be joust first and lowered last. No such flag or pen-



nant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's left.

The American flag, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its

staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

The American flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and



displayed from staffs.

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the



clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker or the right of the audience.

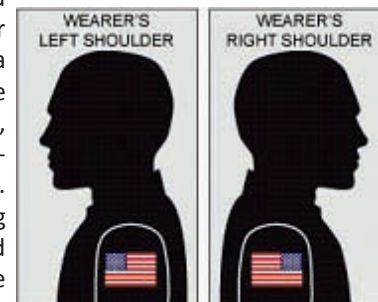


The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day, the American flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of the State, territory or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory.

The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of the President or a former President; ten days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until internment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.

Flags flown on poles affixed to a home or building are not to be flown at half staff but a memorial streamer may be affixed to the top of the flagpole.

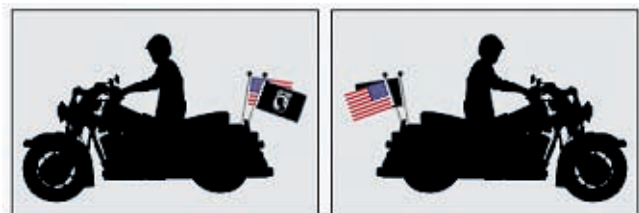
"No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart."



The National Flag Foundation suggests "...we recommend that the flag patch on the left sleeve of a uniform should have the union to the viewer's left while a patch on the right sleeve should be displayed with the union to the viewer's right so that, in both cases, the flag is facing forward and is streaming to the back as the person moves forward.

When the US flag is flown alone, it needs be at the center on the back of the motorcycle, or to its "marching right." The

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# Welcome Brother!

## Newly Raised Master Masons - January 1 - April 6, 2016

I am going to list the newly raised Master Masons in Georgia Lodges each quarter. I want to thank the ladies in the Grand Lodge office for cheerfully accepting this additional assignment.

Lodge Name	Master Mason	Lodge Name	Master Mason	Lodge Name	Master Mason
RISING STAR 004	SMITH, JESSIE MATHEW	ROCKMART 097	MCDOWELL, SEAN MICHAEL	FLOWERY BRANCH 212	
ORION 008	ENFINGER, STEVEN M.	ROCKMART 097	SLOAN, DARRIN LEE		ROBERTS, TIMOTHY MARTIN
M. B. COUNCIL 013	SMITH, CHARLES L.	WHITEFORD 101	BROWNING, JEFFERY C.	PICKENS STAR 220	SMITH, CHARLES RAY
PHILOMATHEA 025	OSHIELDS, ROBERT G.	RIDGEWAY 104	BRINSON, BENJAMIN	ALTAMAHA 227	WALKER, DON DAVID
PHILOMATHEA 025	STROUD, MICHAEL K.	RIDGEWAY 104	GIBBENS, MICHAEL DON	EUGENE SMITH 279	DOSS, MARK ALLEN
FRATERNAL 037	OSTERHOUT, JAMES F. JR.	RIDGEWAY 104	STAVELY, BENJAMIN F. JR	HUDSON 294	FLEMING, TROY RAY
FRATERNAL 037	WRIGHT, MARK OTIS	RIDGEWAY 104	SWEET, PATRICK DAVID	HUDSON 294	MCCLURE, DARRELL
BLUE MOUNTAIN 038	CLAUSON, JIMMY E.	QUITMAN 106	EDWARDS, CHRISTOPHER B.	MOUNT HERMON 304	NISHIMURA, KEVIN M.
BLUE MOUNTAIN 038	DIUTERLE, EDWARD	OOSTANAULA 113	KELLEY, BRUCE KENNETH	MOUNT HERMON 304	PITZ, JAMES MARTIN
TUCKER 042	KELLEY, PATRICK BRIAN	OOSTANAULA 113	WILLIAMS, ADAM LEWIS	COOSAWATTEE 306	DUVALL, TIMOTHY RAY
TUCKER 042	NOBLE, CHRISTIAN (NMN)	RICHARD T. TURNER 116		TEMPLE 322	LOTT, CHARLES ARTIS III
LAFAYETTE 044	BRIGGS, JAMES MICHAEL		DORCH, CHARLES BUFORD JR	CLARKESVILLE 325	LAWRIE, THOMAS JOHN
LANDRUM 048	MCCONAGHY, DAVID	RICHARD T. TURNER 116		CLARKESVILLE 325	PATTON, JONATHAN H.
LANDRUM 048	MCCONAGHY, JIMMY		ENGLISH, GENE EDWARD	WOODBINE 326	GRAHAM, NICHOLAS LEE
LANDRUM 048	MOORE, CORNELIUS	RICHARD T. TURNER 116		WOODBINE 326	SANFORD, RAYMOND C.
LANDRUM 048	O'NEAL, CHARLES DANIEL		LONG, AUSTIN THOMAS	WOODBINE 326	SMITH, SCOTT AARON
LYONS 049	DARDEN, MATTHEW CHARLES	RICHARD T. TURNER 116		SAND HILL 350	SHIREY, JOSEPH AUSTIN
LYONS 049	POWELL, JODY DWAYNE		STEPHENS, CRAIG ANDREW	PINE LEVEL 353	PRESCOTT, RONNIE ALAN
LYONS 049	SOTO, CHRISTOPHER SHAYNE	OCILLA 134	CREWS, MICHAEL RALPH	KINGSTON 394	SOSEBEE, WILLIAM T. III
WALESKA 057	BUCHANAN, LARRY TYLER	DOERUN 151	TURPIN, ALBERT DEWAYNE	HARMONY 405	HACKLE, ADAM GRANT
HAMILTON 058	LEWIS, DRAYTON DAVID	SPRINGVILLE 153	SINES, DELBERT GLENN JR	HARMONY 405	PARRISH, WESLEY EARL
BLUE RIDGE 067	DYE, KEVIN RONNIE	TRION 160	WATKINS, JOHN FRANKLIN	HARMONY 405	POWELL, WESLEY STEPHEN
LAURENS 075	BEARDEN, CONNER JOSEPH	DALLAS 182	BOWMAN, CHARLES EDWARD	CAMDEN 476	METTY, MICHAEL RAYMOND II
CAMPBELLTON 076	BIXLER, RONNIE LEE	DALLAS 182	KENNEDY, RANDALL TYRONE	CAMDEN 476	WALKER, EATHREN BENJAMIN
CAMPBELLTON 076	DOUGHTY, ETHAN	WORTH 194	BOOTH, BRETT DWIGHT JR	GLENWOOD 479	JOINER, JONATHAN PETE
CAMPBELLTON 076	GRAHAM, ZACKARY S.	WORTH 194	DUNN, MATTHEW WADE	GLENWOOD 479	WHITE, FRED ALLEN JR
OAK BOWERY 081	ALSOBROOK, DAVID	WORTH 194	GRAY, FLEM HOWARD III	HAPEVILLE 590	HYDE, MATTHEW DONAVAN
OAK BOWERY 081	COBB, JERRY LEE	WORTH 194	HARTSFIELD, BRANDON E.	STOCKBRIDGE 691	DEES, PRENTICE OLAN JR
OAK BOWERY 01	HEMILFARB, RICHARD	WORTH 194	METTS, CAMERON COLE	MOODY 719	RYAN, MICHAEL STEVENS
JONESBORO 087	PARKER, JAMES A.	WORTH 194	WATSON, MATTHEW DYLAN	EMERSON 738	RICHMOND, JERRY DEWAYNE
JONESBORO 087	PEPPERS, JEFFREY D. W.	FLOWERY BRANCH 212	COLE, JOHN D.		
JONESBORO 087	WATKINS, RICHARD S.				

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“marching right” is on the right side of the motorcycle to the rider’s perspective when facing forward. If the US Flag is on your bike with another, it should be to its “marching right.” All flags flown with the US Flag are the same size and at the same height of the US Flag. While the US Flag is on your bike with several other flags the US flag is placed at the center and highest. Other flags should be arranged in alphabetical order and in decreasing importance - Nations first, states (in order of admittance) and territories second, military third (in order of establishment), and then any others.



Four recently raised Master Masons attended their first District Convention, the 12th District Convention. They are Bros. Andrew Hill, Junior

Warden; Joseph White, Senior Deacon; Eli Smith, Tyler; and Josh Willis, all Brothers in Glenwood Masonic Lodge No. 479.

# In Memorium

Members Reported Deceased  
from February 5, 2016  
to April 1, 2016

Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.
DENISON, LEWIS ADAM SR	1SOL	RUDD, JAMES WILLIAM SR.	066	COLLINS, CHARLES WENDELL JR	198
SMITH, BENJAMIN VESTER	1SOL	GRICE, FRANK WINFORD	067	HELTON, JAMES LONNIE	202
MARBERRY, PHILLIP DARRELL	005	CLODFELTER, JACOB FRED	068	BOGGS, JOE BILL	206
SMITH, WILLIAM CECIL	005	ANDERSON, CHARLES WEBSTER	075	COCHRAN, WAYNE CECIL	207
FARMER, JAMES THEODORE	006	JACKSON, WILBUR LEE	076	PENDLEY, DONALD (NMN)	207
MCGIBONEY, RONALD LEWIS	006	MORRIS, HENRY MARVIN	076	GROOMS, CLYDE EDWARD	213
COLE, ULIA JAMES	007	EVANS, KENNIE JAMES	077	ASHER, EUGENE SAMUEL	216
SHEPARD, JAMES DANIEL	008	HEFNER, RONNIE BURRELL	081	BLOOM, LEON (NMN)	216
JONES, ERNEST WILLIAM	009	HILL, ARTHUR LAFAYETTE	081	GOLDWASSER, NATHANIEL WILLIAM	216
MARLOW, CHARLES FREEMAN	009	ELROD, EUGENE BELTON	082	HELD, OSCAR (NMN)	216
EIDSON, RONNIE JOE	012	WOODALL, ROBERT BAUGH JR	087	SARFATY, MACK (NMN)	216
FRICK, ROBERT WALLACE	012	RIGGS, JAMES OTIS	091	SEITZ, HARRY (NMN)	216
SEWELL, HENRY LAWTON JR	012	MANUS, JOSHUA MANUS	102	TENENBAUM, STANLEY EDMOND	216
JARRETT, WILLIAM EDWARD	013	SPANN, GLENN NEIL	105	ZWERNER, HERBERT HAROLD	216
HALL, RONALD KENNETH	014	FISHER, DOYLE DEWAYNE	106	LYLES, JOE DEASON JR	217
MAHONEY, RONALD JOHN	014	CASTLEBERRY, PIERCE CLAYTON JR	110	O'NEAL, WILBUR RAY	217
AARON, THOMAS DANIEL JR	022	BIRD, WILLIAM JOHNSON	112	SHEPARD, RONALD MELVIN	217
MCHAN, FRANK	022	BLANTON, DAVID JOSEPH	112	SINGLETON, BILLY RAY	222
PRUET, CHARLES CLINTON	022	BOWEN, WILLIAM GRADY	112	CHESTER, CALVIN WESLEY	243
RUCKER, JERALD JUAN	022	CLEVELAND, JAMES EARL	112	RINER, MORRIS T (IO) JR	243
SMITH, JAMES GORDON	022	DONICA, FREDERICK MORRIS JR	112	HESTER, HANSEL (NMN)	255
WAGGAMAN, MICHAEL DALE	022	DUKES, DAVID BASIL	112	JOHNSON, EUGENE BRISCO	255
SMITH, WILLIE CALVIN	027	CURTIS, WALTER RAY	113	JOHNSON, O P (IO)	255
NIX, DOUGLAS MELVIN	031	HARPER, THOMAS GLENN	113	SMITH, CHARLES RANDALL	256
MCCALL, GEORGE EDGAR	032	MCDURMONT, GEORGE RUDOLPH	113	GILMER, ROBERT ALLEN	257
BRITTON, RICHARD KEENAN	033	GARRETT, JAMES WESLEY	114	BROWN, ROBERT EDWIN	259
VICKERY, LARRY BONNELLE	034	SHURLING, ROBERT EDSSEL	114	UNDERWOOD, CAROL (NMN)	259
EVANS, HUBERT ALVIN	035	ASKEW, CHARLES LANIER	116	FOSTER, JACK CHARLES	262
LIVINGSTON, THOMAS BELVIN JR	035	BUTLER, MIKE JOE	121	MUER, JULIUS ALEXANDER JR	262
WILSON, CHARLES KENNETH	040	IVIE, ARVEL WILLARD	125	MCNORRILL, PAUL LAFAYETTE	274
BRADFORD, HOWARD THOMAS JR	042	WILLIAMS, HENRY CARLTON	125	MULLIS, PARKER NUE	279
CHADWICK, BASCOMB JOHN JR	042	NICHOLS, EPHRAIM ERNEST	131	TURNER, HUGH RONALD	288
MOON, GEORGE DENNIS	042	THURMOND, C. S. (IO)	131	MCKENNON, RALPH ISAAC	289
THURMAN, HARRY PADEN SR	042	WILLIAMS, ROGER BENTON	131	HARTLEY, EUGENE PATRICK	291
HUTCHCROFT, ROBERT LEWIS	044	PARAMOURE, WILLIAM WALDO	134	LORD, PAUL THOMAS	294
PATRICK, JOHN WILLIAM	044	FLANAGAN, GEORGE MICHAEL	137	GRUBB, TRUMAN JERRY	295
SNYDER, WILLIAM DEAN	045	POPPELL, ADAM STRAIN JR	137	STEWART, NORDEAN DUANE	295
CARTER, WILLIAM HOMER	047	OAKES, CYRIL JEROME	151	KELLY, JIM MOORE	301
WEEKS, STEPHEN ELMO	048	JONES, GRADY JULIAN	153	TOWLER, NORMAN EARL SR	301
ROBERSON, AUSTIN EUGENE	049	RICHARDS, THOMAS EUGENE	153	CONNER, GROVER CECIL	302
NEVILLE, BENNIE ELDRED	054	TEDDER, JOHN ALEXANDER	153	SPENCE, IVEY LEROY JR	303
GOOD, ODED A	056	PERRY, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	160	BROOKS, OSCAR EDWARD	304
LEE, LOWELL COLQUITT	056	FIELDS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	168	BURGIN, CHARLES WILLIAM	304
STEWART, JAMES WESLEY	056	CULPEPPER, JAMES CLIFFORD	176	MISKELLEY, ROY LEE	304
BECKMEYER, JERRY GENE	059	MCCLURE, LEONARD ANDREW SR	176	WILSON, CHARLES KENNETH	304
CUMBIE, VAN FRANKLIN	059	HICKS, STARLING ALEXANDER JR	178	AREHEART, ROBERT GEIGER	305
HIGHTOWER, WILLIAM JUSTIN SR	059	ALEXANDER, HARRY WAYNE	182	MURRAY, WILLARD EARL	305
SUDER, HENRY NORMAN	059	HOOVER, JOHNNY EDWARD	184	WESTBERRY, RONALD DARRELL	305
UNDERWOOD, EARL REAGH	060	ADAMS, ALLEN WILLIS	185	LEDFORD, KINSEY LANIER	314
BEAN, WILFRED GEORGE	063	ATKINSON, WILLIAM MARSHALL	186	MYERS, ALBERT DANNY	314
HILL, JODIE LEON	063	EARLE, LARRY WILLIAM	186	LODEN, WILLIAM EMERSON	316
JONES, WILLIAM BENNIE	065	BOWEN, ROONEY LILLY JR	198	BRANCH, JOSEPH CARL	321

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MCELVEEN, WILLIAM LAURENCE	321	HATCHELL, JAMES F (IO)	449	BELOTE, ROBERT ASHLEY	753
KELLEY, SHERMAN GILBERT SR.	326	LUNSFORD, ALEXANDER STEVENS	449	HEATH, VALDER (NMN) JR	753
NELSON, ROY CLARENCE	330	NEAL, SIDNEY BURNS	449	FREELS, OTIS RAYMOND	754
WILLIAMS, ELON BRONNON	330	DAVIS, HUEY LEON	457		
LANGLEY, RALPH KERMIT	333	JACKSON, JOSEPH ANDREW JR	457		
MOUNT, LESLIE WAYNE	333	WHITE, GEORGE EDWARD	469		
BUTLER, ROBERT PUTMAN	334	IRWIN, CLARENCE BLACKWELDER JR	486		
HALL, THOMAS NEAL	334	BRINSON, CHARLIE FRANK	491		
TURNER, HUGH RONALD	334	DINGS, GEORGE LUTHER	523		
WALKER, SAMUEL EDWIN	334	BURNS, CICERO EZRA	537		
CARTER, DALE ROYCE	337	MULL, WAYMOND GUY	537		
HOBBS, HARVEY RICHARD	340	BOLDING, JOSEPH SWAIN	543		
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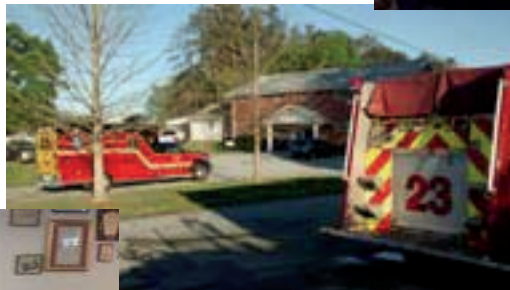
### Sweetwater Lodge No. 421 Hold Successful Free First Responders' Breakfast



For an opportunity to say "Thank You" on Saturday morning, April 2nd, Sweetwater Lodge No. 421 at Lilburn cooked a FREE "First Responder's Breakfast." The response was overwhelming, we had a great turn out from Police departments, Fire stations and EMT's



They came in from different locations, departments and shifts, which kept us busy from 7:00 through 11:00 am. WOW, what a great event! All who attended were so appreciative, but the honor was ours!



We are really considering making this an annual Sweetwater Lodge event.

