



# TRESTLE BOARD

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, AF&M

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Est. Anno Lucis 5787 Oct 29th  
December A.L. 6021

## *Events This Month*

### **Stated Meeting**

Saturday, December 11  
at 9:00 AM

Breakfast at 8:00 PM

Dress: Coat & Tie

Location: Masons' Hall  
1807 E. Franklin St.  
Richmond, VA

### **Open Installation of Officers**

Saturday, December 11  
Immediately following Stated  
Meeting (~10:00 AM)

### **Ritual Practice**

Every Wednesday Night  
6:30 PM at Masons' Hall  
(Except December 15)

### **Friday Holiday Social**

Friday, Dec. 10 6:30 PM at  
Rosy Connelly's Pub, 1548 E.  
Main St., Richmond

### **Called Communication**

Wednesday, December 15  
6:30 PM at Masons' Hall  
Work in the Fellowcraft Degree  
Dress is Coat and Tie



## ***FROM THE EAST***

**by Worshipful Jake Crocker**

Brethren,

This is my final "From The East" that will be writing you. I have spent the past year using this space to highlight the monthly progress of the lodge and contributions by its members. This is so years from now future members of Richmond Randolph No.19 would have a glimpse of how much dedication and commitment went into ensuring this lodge would be great for us now and there for them to experience in their time.

Serving this lodge and you all as the 169th Worshipful Master has been an honor of a lifetime and I will be forever thankful to have been entrusted with the opportunity to guide this lodge as it moves forward. In spite of entering the year with the burdens of Covid still present, our theme this year was RISE and we found ways to do just that. I can honestly say this year we continued to positively build off of the progress of my predecessors and I am leaving this office as I came into it, with a tremendous amount of momentum for my successors to continue to keep the ball moving forward.

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It's hard to believe it's been a year as it seems like it was yesterday I was installed as Master. It also like it was twenty years! While I am excited to have met most of the goals we set out to achieve, I'm most grateful for the team of lodge officers, past masters and dedicated members that helped me along the way. As anyone who has occupied this seat can tell you, this isn't a solo gig!

I look forward to continuing my service to our lodge, Masons' Hall and Virginia Freemasonry in other capacities next year, but it will have been my time this past year in the East that I will always cherish the most. Masonry came into my life when I was making changes and I was search for something meaningful. I wasn't searching for this but through a series of unrelated events happening at around the same time, I found myself unexpectedly knocking on the door. I'm glad someone answered it and I'm glad I knocked on the right one because I found more than meaning, I found another home.

Happy holidays to you and yours and cheers to a healthy and harmonious 2022!

Fraternally and Gratefully,

Jacob A. "Jake" Crocker  
169th Worshipful Master  
Richmond Randolph No.19



## FROM THE TREASURER

by Brother Lane Pearson



In accordance with our By-Laws, 2022 dues increased by 5.3%. To receive your 2022 Dues Card, please send your dues payment of \$290 to the Lodge using the Store link on our web page, by Venmo, by check mailed to P.O. Box 23160, Richmond, VA 23223 or you can pay the Secretary at the next meeting. Please pay 2021 dues by the end of 2021 to avoid being liable to the penalty of suspension.

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2021 Lodge Officers

Wor. Jake Crocker Worshipful Master  
Bro. Chandos Carrow Senior Warden  
Bro. Kyle Bourne Junior Warden  
Bro. Lawrence Pearson Treasurer  
Wor. Donald Moro Secretary  
Bro. Shane Flansburg Senior Deacon  
Bro. Matthew Maggy Junior Deacon  
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel Chaplain  
Bro. John Sibley Senior Steward  
Bro. Sami Dodhy Junior Steward  
Bro. Zachary James Marshall  
Wor. Donald Cunningham Tiler

November Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Earl Sale (47) Bro. Stuart Litvin (29)

50 Year Members

Bro. Bedros Bandazian  
Bro. Irvin Beadles  
Wor. Robert Bedell  
Wor. Lothar Bernhard  
Wor. George "Skip" Brooks  
M.W. Stuart Cook  
Rt. Wor. Wade Evans  
Wor. Charles Hundley  
Bro. Waverly Marshall  
M.W. Frederick Martin  
Bro. James Owens  
Bro. John Stenstrom

60 Year Members

Bro. Walter Henry

RR #19 Living Past Masters

Life Members in Perpetuity

Robert Bedell, 1971  
Lothar Bernhard, 1988  
Larry Dixon, 1995  
Anthony Pearce, 1997  
Marc Graham, 1999  
Gordon Sprigg, Jr., 2000  
Barrye Absher, 2005  
Thomas Breeden, 2006  
Wade Evans, Jr., 2007  
Edward Winder, 2008  
Charles Sykes, 2009  
William Heltzel, 2010  
James Duke, 2011  
Paul Dierickx, 2012, 2013  
Lee Oppenheim, 2014  
Michael Joyner, 2015, 2016  
Charles Hundley, 2017  
Chad Vanderpool, 2018  
Donald Cunningham, 2019  
Donald Moro, 2020

Rt. Wor. Barry Absher  
Bro. Jacob Allen  
Bro. Benjamin Barrett  
Bro. Ronald Childs  
Wor. Paul Dierickx  
Rt. Wor. James Duke Jr.  
Bro. Peter Francisco  
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel  
Bro. Douglas Mack  
Bro. Ian Nelson  
Bro. Anthony Pearce  
Bro. Francis Romero  
Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh  
Bro. Christopher Shuman  
Wor. C. Thomas Sykes  
Bro. Curtis Thompson

# THE ESOTERIC CORNER

## Excerpt from *Turning the Templar Key*,

by Robert Lomas

Your admission into Freemasonry, in a state of helpless indigence, was an emblematical representation of the entrance of all mankind into this, their mortal term of existence. It inculcated the striking lessons of natural equality and mutual dependence; it taught you in the active principles of universal beneficence and charity to seek the solace of your own distress, by extending relief and consolation to your suffering fellow creatures; but above all, it taught you to bend with humility and resignation to the will of the Great Architect of the Universe and to dedicate your heart. Thus you were purified from every baneful and malignant passion and fitted only for the reception of moral truth and virtue, as well to His glory and to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### *Freemasons and Beer*

#### From the Midnight Freemasons Podcast

Of course when you think of Freemasons and beer, most people think of one Freemason in particular. Samuel Adams.

And rightly so. The Samuel Adams Brewery produces in my opinion (which is backed up by years of extensive field research) some of the most finely crafted beers in America. But in reality, all evidence seems to discount the fact that Samuel Adams was a brewer. Sam Adams was a malter--he worked in a malthouse which produced malt that was used in beer, but he was not a brewer himself. But he was a great American Patriot, a Founding Father, and also a man that enjoyed a nice dark ale.

You might even think about Benjamin Franklin. He was a man that enjoyed all the pleasures that life had to offer, and sometimes to excess as he would be the first to admit. He also coined the famous quote that all beer drinkers know by heart, and share enthusiastically the sentiment.

But in reality, it was George Washington that perhaps knew his beer better than any other of the Founding Fathers.

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And after the Revolutionary War, George Washington had a strictly "Buy American" policy about beer as he told his friend Lafayette in a letter, "We have already been too long subject to British prejudices. I use no porter or cheese in my family, but such as is made in America; both these articles may now be purchased of an excellent quality."

George Washington bought his porter from a brewer in Philadelphia. In fact, it was his secretary's job to make sure he was well supplied when he returned to Mount Vernon. Washington's secretary, Tobias Lear once wrote to the brewer:

"Will you be so good as to desire Mr. Hare to have if he continues to make the best Porter in Philadelphia 3 gross of his best put up for Mount Vernon? as the President means to visit that place in the recess of Congress and it is probable there will be a large demand for Porter at that time."

I take that to mean that when George was home, it was important to make sure the fridge was well-stocked with cold beer. Of course, if George ran it, all wasn't necessarily lost--he had his own beer recipe.

That's right, it wasn't Sam Adams that was the brewer, it was George Washington. In fact, he wasn't only a home brewer, he was a distiller as well. In 1799, Mount Vernon was the largest producer of rye whiskey in the United States.

Ever since the birth of our nation, beer has been the beverage of choice for Americans. In fact, at a large parade in Philadelphia that celebrated the ratification of the Constitution, several of the local brewers marched in the parade under a banner that read: "Ale--proper drink for Americans."

