



From Worshipful Kyle Bourne:

I didn't start out with a grand plan to write about the month to come and share what I thought to be its masonically relevant history and holidays. But I've really enjoyed doing this small amount of research and as you all probably know I dearly love and cherish an interesting factoid. As we tick towards April my investigation necessarily brings me to April fools day. Seemingly ancient, as the written records make reference to it already being an established tradition as far back as they are found. It has many suggested origins, some claim the tradition started in France in 1564 when Charles the IV switched the nation from celebrating the new year on Easter like many other Christian nations to

celebrating on January 1. Those who had not heard the news or ignored it were rendered the April fool. Others have suggested that the tradition of sending someone on a fools errand originates with the Old Testament. The first April fool being the dove Noah sent out on the first of April to see if the waters had receded.

The story of the ark and flood have an important connection to Masonry! Some early Masonic degrees recount the deluge and Noah's sons preserving the knowledge of building and geometry for the world reborn. Indeed, we learn that "the ark and anchor are emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life." John Dove, former denizen of our beloved Masons Hall has a large emblem of the Ark on his cenotaph which can be found at Hollywood Cemetery. It seems to me it might be our moral and Masonic duty to honor Noah's dove and play a kind hearted prank or two.



Congratulations to Brother Tyler Esteppe on Receiving the Fellowcraft Degree on March 15, 2023
Back Row: Worshipful Michael Joyner, Brother Shane Flansburg, Worshipful Kyle Bourne, Worshipful Donald Moro
Middle Row: Worshipful Jake Crocker, Worshipful Chandos Carrow, Worshipful Oran Jamison, Brother Matthew Maggy, Rt., Worshipful Bill Heltzel
Front Row: Worshipful Michael Worrell, Brother Mark Bernstein, Brother Tyler Esteppe, Brother Christopher Martone, Brother David Allen



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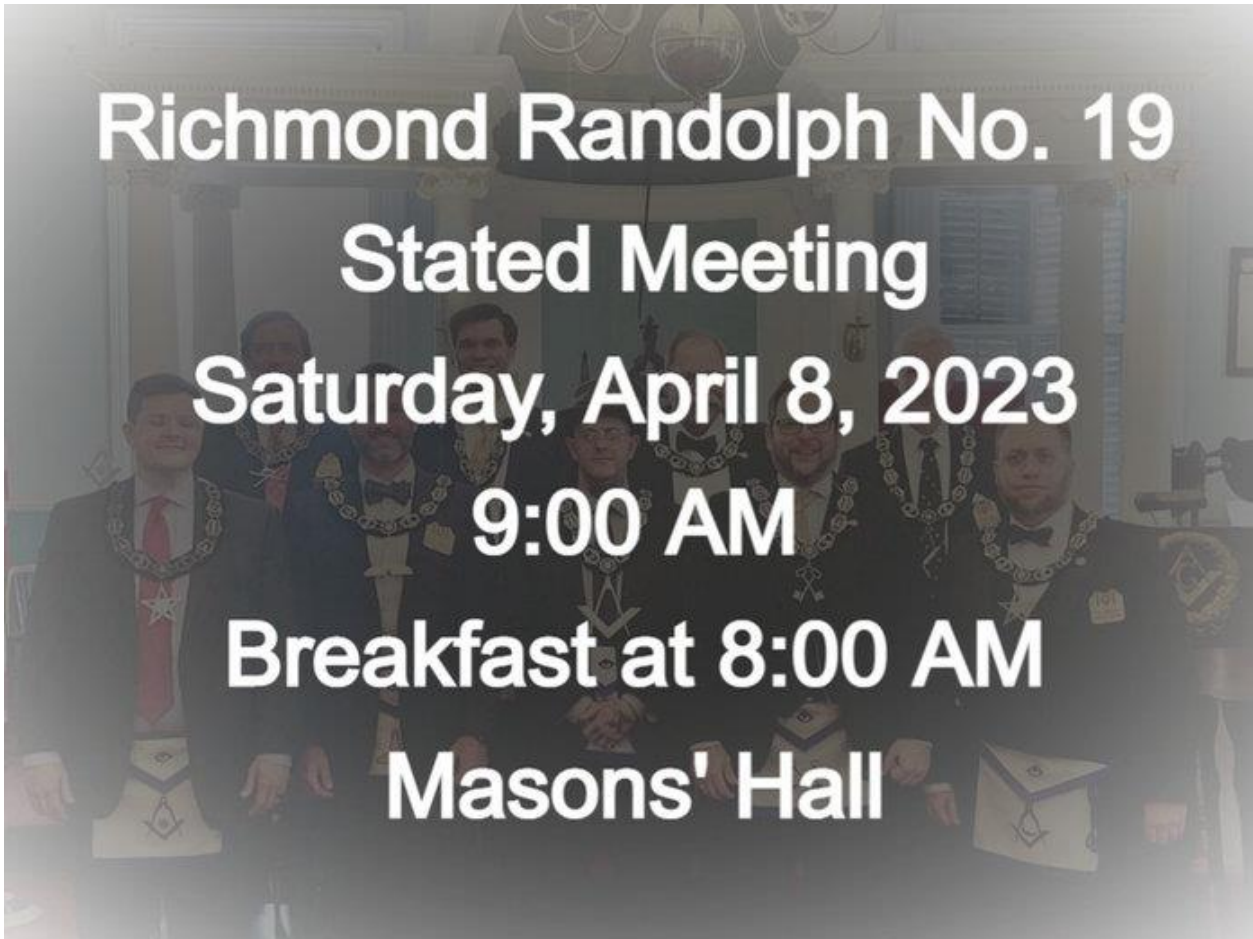


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Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 Activities

Adunatio Omnis Hominibus

Wednesday March 29

Called Communication, Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Light meal is served at 6:00 PM. The Lodge opens at 6:30 PM. The dress for the meeting is dark suits. Following the meeting we will adjourn to Rosy Connelly's Irish Pub for fellowship.

Sunday April 2

The Richmond Raceway Fundraiser Brethren are invited to participate in a fundraising activity by ushering for the NASCAR race at Richmond Raceway. The race starts at 2:00 PM and should finish in the early evening. To join the event, contact Bro. Zach James at zwjames26@gmail.com.

Friday April 7

First Friday Social- Join us for our monthly First Friday social. This month we will be dining at Park Lane Tavern, 2251 Old Brick Road, Glen Allen at 6:30 PM. Reservations are recommended by sending an email to secretaryrr19@gmail.com.

Saturday April 8

Stated Meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 at Masons' Hall. Breakfast is served at 8:00 AM. The Lodge opens at 9:00 AM. The dress for the meeting is dark suits.

Saturday April 15

Foundation Painting of Masons' Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with painting the exterior foundation of Masons' Hall. Paint is provided, but we need brushes, rollers, and you! Event starts at 9:00 AM. Rain date is Saturday, April 22.

Saturday April 22

Masters and Wardens Association (Special Date) - Join Masons of any degree from the greater Richmond area for fellowship and information-sharing. Following the meeting there will be the exemplification of the Fellowcraft degree. Breakfast is served at 8:00 AM and the meeting starts at

8:45 AM. Dress for the meeting is casual. Location: Glen Allen Masonic Lodge, 3024 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA

Sunday April 23

The Philosophical Society meets via Zoom to discuss esoteric, symbolic, or historic topics of interest to the craft. This month our topic will be on the pros and cons of the progressive line. Masons of all degrees are welcome. Click on the [Lodge Calendar](#) for a Zoom link.

Every Wednesday Night

Ritual Practice - When not performing a degree, ritual practice is held every Wednesday night at Masons' Hall. We begin at 6:30 PM and finish by 8:00 PM. We then retire to Rosie Connelly's Irish Pub for refreshments.

Financial Information

Greetings Brethren,

Our Lodge is funded entirely by your dues, so it is important that you pay them on time.

For 2023, our dues are \$314. They are due by December 31, 2022. They become overdue on December 31, 2023 and if not paid by then you may be suspended from the Lodge.

I am here to help! If you have any questions about dues or any other Lodge finances, please contact me at jake@crockerstrategy.com.



Jake Crocker, Treasurer

Operational Information

Greetings Brethren,

GRANDVIEW

Fewer than 50% of our members have connected to Grandview!

If you have not yet connected to Grandview, our Masonic database, you are missing out on a lot of information! You will need a special member number to access Grandview. This is not the member number on your dues card. I can provide the special member number if you email me at secretaryrr19@gmail.com. The link to connect to Grandview is https://va.grandview.systems/membership_registration

DUES PAYMENTS

Here are the ways that you can pay your dues:

- **Paypal** - Click here to access our Paypal site where you can use a credit card or your own Paypal account.
- **Venmo** - If you have a Venmo account, you can send the dues to us at @richmondrandolph19 or scan the QR code on this page.
- **Check** - Checks may be made out to Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 and presented to the Secretary.

Note: Paypal and Venmo incur transaction fees which are added to the total amount due.



Donald Moro, Secretary



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2032 OFFICERS



WOR. KYLE DOUGLAS HOLLAND BOURNE

Worshipful Master

Brother Bourne was raised in Richmond Randolph No. 19 in 2017 and has leveraged his mechanical skills with some repair work at Masons' Hall. He is also a member of Richmond Washington No. 3-9 Chapter of the Royal Arch and George Potts Council No.73 of the Allied Masonic Degrees. When not working in Masonry, Kyle is a hobby farmer in Louisa, VA.



BRO. SHANE CHRISTOPHER FLANSBURG

Senior Warden

Brother Flansburg is proud to have been raised in Richmond Randolph No.19 at historic Mason's Hall in 2017. Originally from Denver, Colorado, Shane moved to RVA with his wife in 2014 – trading the Rocky Mountains for the rivers and bay of the Mid-Atlantic. Currently working in the new home building industry, Shane was formerly the Executive Director of an influential trade association focused on the growth of the energy efficiency industry. He was also a Technical Director and Designer for a number of professional and educational theaters. Shane currently lives in Richmond with his wife and two sons in the historic Church Hill neighborhood. In his spare time enjoys woodworking in his workshop that he hand-built a few years ago.



BRO. MATTHEW AUGUST MAGGY

Junior Warden

Brother Maggy is originally from Richmond.... California and was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Mt. Rose Lodge No. 40 in Reno, NV in 2010. Matthew loves history and historic buildings. in 2014 he founded the Richmond Tour Guys the number one ranked walking tour company (per Trip Advisor) in Richmond. In 2016 he married the love of his life; a very patient and understanding woman. He will apply all of his accumulated and varying skills to the betterment of Richmond Randolph #19, Historic Masons Hall, and Freemasonry in general.



WOR. JACOB ALAN CROCKER

Treasurer, Past Master

Brother Crocker served as Worshipful Master for the lodge in 2021 after moving through the line of officers and now take on the role of Treasurer. Within the local Masonic community, he is the Past Master of Kadosh for the Richmond Scottish Rite, Principal Sojourner of the Richmond-Washington RA Chapter, Sovereign Master the Allied Masonic Degrees Council and Monarch for Samis Grotto. Jake is a resident and native of Richmond, having been born within sight of Masons' Hall at MCV's (VCU) West Hospital. He is a Marketing and Small Business Consultant and the Executive Director of the Virginia National Guard Management Group. Formerly an award winning restaurateur, Crocker was named Top 40 Under 40 by Style Weekly and voted one of Richmond's Best Entrepreneurs by the readers of Richmond Magazine. A graduate of Radford University with an MBA from Virginia Tech, Jake has presided over and served on the board of many professional, cultural, educational, and civic organizations. He also enjoys traveling, concerts, visiting historic sites and spending time with his wife, dog and two cats in their Fan District home.



WOR. DONALD FRANCIS MORO JR.

Secretary, Past Master

Brother Moro was raised in Metropolitan No.11 in 2010 and affiliated with Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 in 2012 and served as Worshipful Master in 2020. Born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, Don met his wife in Atlanta, lived for a while in Denver, and finally moved his family to Richmond in 2008. When he is not selling software, Don plays the pipe organ as a substitute organist for many churches throughout the Richmond area and was appointed as the Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Don lives in North Chesterfield with his wife, Deborah. He has two grown sons, Bailey (who was raised in Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 in 2020) and Ethan who serves in the United States Navy.



BRO. DAVID ALLEN

Senior Deacon

Brother Allen was raised in Richmond Randolph No.19 in 2019 and helps coordinate the monthly Philosophical Society meeting and education work. Born and grown in Richmond, he is an entrepreneur and software engineer who serves on the VCU Engineering Foundation board, and has a passion for local Richmond art, and music in any form. He has two children and enjoys traveling and all kinds of new experiences.



BRO. CHRISTOPHER ROBERT MARTONE

Junior Deacon

Bro. Christopher affiliated with Richmond Randolph No.19 from Ashlar Lodge No.98 in St. Augustine, Florida after relocating to Richmond in 2017. He is currently employed as an Engineer for Amtrak and serves on the District of Columbia State Legislative Board for BLET. He is also an Advisor at his son's DeMolay Chapter at Westhampton Lodge No.302.



RW WILLIAM ROBERT HELTZEL

Chaplain, Lodge Instructor of Work, Past Master

Right Worshipful Bill Heltzel became a Master Mason in 2003 and affiliated with this historic Lodge in 2006 and became a Life Member in Perpetuity that same year. Bro. Bill served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2010 and has been the Lodge's Instructor of Work since 2011. He holds a Life Membership in Perpetuity in this and two other Virginia Lodges. Bro. Bill has also served as Worshipful Master for Richmond No. 10 in 2008.



BRO. ZACHARY WAYNE JAMES

Marshal

Brother Zach was raised in Westhampton VA Lodge #302 in 2010 and became a member of Richmond-Randolph in 2014. Masons and Oddfellows run deep in his family, and his father was a 53-year Master Mason. A former History teacher and Director of Admissions at The Webb School, Zach has spent the past 33+ years as a Sales Representative in the educational publishing industry; currently with Savvas Learning. While not performing his duties as the lodge Marshall, you might find Zach road biking, walking/hiking with wife, Ginger, of 37+ years and our rescue dog, Stonewall, singing Tenor with the Richmond Symphony Chorus, serving Third Presbyterian Church as a Deacon, acting in movies, attempting to play various string instruments, contemplating my next Antique purchase, or doing genealogical research.



WOR. MICHAEL DERWIN JOYNER

Tiler, Lodge Education Officer, Past Master

Worshipful Joyner was Raised in Joppa Lodge # 40 Richmond Va in October 2001. He continued through line shortly thereafter and served as Worshipful Master of Joppa in 2007. He now has Life Membership in Perpetuity in Joppa. In that year, he affiliated membership in Richmond Randolph No.19. Since that time he spent a year as Senior Deacon for No.19 before serving two years as Tiler and then entering the Officer's line. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Richmond, and a member of the Knights of St Andrew. He is originally from Emporia, Virginia where his grandfather Sankey L Joyner Sr was a member of Widow's Son Lodge # 150. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a BFA in Art History. He resides in Hanover County Va. and is employed by Wells Fargo. He has been married to Diane Robinson Joyner, a former Job's Daughter from Maryland, since 2000. Wor. Joyner served as Master of a No.19 from 2015 to 2016.



WOR. ORAN CURTIS JAMISON, II

Senior Steward

Brother Jamison was raised in Florence Lodge #14, Florence, Alabama in 2006 and served as that lodge's Worshipful Master in 2011/2012. He relocated to the Richmond area in 2017 with his family as a result of a work relocation and is happy to call Richmond home. Brother Jamison affiliated with Richmond Randolph No. 19 in 2022 and now can be found on the mornings of stated meetings cooking breakfast for the brethren as Senior Steward. He currently resides on the south side and is pleased to be a part of the entire local masonic community and Richmond Randolph in particular.

Lodge Trustees

William Heltzel, P.D.D.G.M

Lee Oppenheim, P.M.

Charles Hundley, P.M.

Michael Joyner, P.M.

Donald Cunningham, P.D.D.G.M

April Birthdays

Wor. Lothar Arthur Bernhard

57 Years

Rt. Wor. Johnnie Larry Dixon

46 Years

Wor. Anthony Charles Pearce

30 Years

Rt. Wor. Charles Thomas Sykes

21 Years

Bro. Stephen Leslie Bland

47 Years

Bro. Joseph Evan Hunt

6 Years

Rt. Wor. Charles S. Sarbaugh

46 Years

Bro. Stephen Ron White-Berry

1 Year

Wor. Chandos Jade Carrow

13 Years

Bro. James Darius Owens

57 Years

Wor. Stewart William Swygert

16 Years

Masonic Veterans

60 Years or Better

Bro. Bedros Bandazian (60 Years)

Bro. Walter Henry (62 Years)

M.W. Frederick Martin (60 Years)

50 - 60 Years

Bro. Irvin Beadles (51 Years)

Wor. Robert Bedell (56 Years)

Wor. Lothar Bernhard (57 Years)

M.W. Vernon Cook (57 Years)

Wor. Charles Hundley (52 Years)

Bro. Waverly Marshall (54 Years)

Bro. James Owens (57 Years)

Bro. Mark Perkins (50 Years)

Bro. John Stenstrom (57 Years)

Living Past Masters

Robert Bedell

1971

Anthony Pearce

1997

Barrye Absher, PDDGM

2005

Charles Sykes, PDDGM

2009

Paul Dierickx

2012, 2013

Charles Hundley

2017

Donald Moro

2020

Lothar Bernhard

1988

Marc Graham

1999

Thomas Breeden

2006

William Heltzel, PDDGM

2010

Lee Oppenheim

2014

Preston Chad Vanderpool

2018

Jacob Crocker

2021

Larry Dixon, PDDGM

1995

Gordon Sprigg, Jr.

2000

Edward Winder

2008

James Duke, PDDGM
2011
Michael Joyner
2015, 2016
Donald Cunningham, PDDGM
2019
Chandos Carrow
2022

Life Members in Perpetuity

Barry Absher, PDDGM

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The Book of Constitutions - Cliff's Notes Edition, by Brother David Allen

The very first pages in your presentation volume, and in the methodical digest is the Book of Constitutions. This brief article is a summary of Chapter 4, Sections 1-4 (p. 31 in the presentation manual). The most notable part of this excerpt is the Book of Constitution's absolute insistence that Grand Lodge officers never run unopposed. Given the Book of Constitutions, not only is the sitting Grand Master obliged to nominate an opposition candidate for the office of Grand Master if there is not one nominated, but the same is true for the wardens as well. In the original language: "The Grand Lodge has the inalienable right of nominating one or more in opposition; (for an opposition is essentially necessary in the choice of all the officers)".

Chapter 4 - Of the Election, Office, and Duty of the Grand Officers

The election of the Grand Officers will be the first order of business after receiving subordinate Lodge reports.

Section 1 - Of the Election of the Grand Master

The GM will call on the Grand Lodge to nominate a Brother for GM. If there is only one nomination, the present GM shall nominate another in opposition, but if the GM is eligible to have another term, his Deputy GM shall make this nomination. After the ballot, two members shall examine the ballot, and deliver to the GM the number of votes in writing. The winning brother will be "thrice proclaimed" by the Grand Secretary. The GM-elect will be conducted to the chair and clothed with the badges of the office and installed in due form. All members shall salute.

Section 2 - Of the Election or Appointment of the Deputy Grand Master

The GM-elect shall nominate and appoint the Deputy GM. This has always been his right, because the GM is of "first eminence" and cannot attend every emergency. So he is allowed not only a Deputy, but a person he can confide in and have full harmony with. A case may arise where the GL may exercise the right of rejecting the Deputy, but only with a majority of Lodges. The Deputy, being chosen, will be introduced, installed, congratulated, and saluted.

Section 3 - Of the Election of the Grand Senior Warden

The GM-elect will nominate a Grand SW; the GL has an inalienable right to nominate one or more in opposition (for an opposition is essentially necessary in the choice of all the officers). The candidate with the majority of the votes will be introduced, installed, and saluted in due form.

Section 4 - Of the Election of the Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand JW election is conducted exactly as the Grand SW, but sometimes both Grand Wardens are elected together in balloting.

A Chat about Richmond Randolph No. 19 with ChatGPT

David: You will play the role of a wise and trusted advisor who has been a member of a Masonic Lodge for 50 years. You visit Richmond Randolph Lodge #19 AF&AM for a stated communication and witness a discussion among the brethren about how best to support the historical building where they meet over the long term. What is your advice? Be brief.

Brother AI: Brethren of Richmond Randolph Lodge #19 AF&AM, it's an honor to be here. To ensure the long-term support and preservation of your historical building, I suggest the following:

1. Establish a Building Preservation Fund, with dedicated fundraising events and regular contributions from members.
2. Pursue grants and partnerships with local historical societies or preservation organizations, to access additional resources and expertise.
3. Conduct regular maintenance and inspections, addressing issues proactively to prevent costly repairs.
4. Engage the local community by hosting events and educational programs, showcasing the historical significance of the building and fostering support.
5. Document and preserve the building's history through photographs, records, and testimonials, to maintain its legacy for future generations.

By implementing these measures, you'll create a strong foundation to support your historical building's preservation and longevity.

David: The brethren inform you that they already have a building preservation fund, and regularly repair the building as funds allow. Further, open houses are conducted as well as tours for other Masons so that the community is aware of the building. Is there any further advice you can give the brethren?

Brother AI: It's great to hear that you have already taken important steps to preserve your historical building. Considering your existing efforts, I offer the following additional suggestions:

1. Develop a long-term strategic plan, outlining goals and priorities for the building's preservation, including potential improvements, renovations, and energy efficiency upgrades.
2. Consider expanding your fundraising efforts, such as through online platforms, social media, and by reaching out to alumni or affiliate organizations.
3. Explore opportunities for tax incentives or credits, which may be available for historic preservation projects.
4. Build relationships with local businesses and organizations to create sponsorships or in-kind support for your preservation efforts, such as material donations or professional services.
5. Establish a volunteer program, encouraging members and the community to contribute their time and skills towards maintenance, event planning, or fundraising activities.

By expanding your efforts in these areas, you can further strengthen the long-term support and preservation of your historical building.

David: These are good ideas, but are there any more creative or slightly more out of the box ideas you would like for the brethren to consider?

Brother AI: Certainly, brethren. Here are a few more creative and unconventional ideas for your consideration:

1. Collaborative Art Project: Organize a local art event or contest, where artists create works inspired by the building's history or architecture. Sell or auction the art pieces to raise funds for preservation.
2. Adopt-a-Brick Program: Allow individuals to "adopt" a brick or other architectural element of the building by making a donation. Recognize the donors with a display or plaque inside the lodge, or create a virtual wall on your website.
3. Historical Escape Room: Convert a room or area of the building into a themed escape room, incorporating elements of Masonic history and symbols. Charge admission for the experience and use the proceeds to support the building's preservation.
4. Film Location: Offer the lodge as a location for film and television production, leveraging the building's unique architecture and historical ambiance. Rental fees can provide additional revenue for preservation.
5. Time Capsule Fundraiser: Organize a time capsule event where members and the community can contribute personal items, letters, or memorabilia. Charge a fee for inclusion in the capsule, and hold a ceremony to bury or seal it, with plans to open it in a predetermined number of years.

These creative approaches can help generate additional interest and support for your historical building while providing new ways to engage with the community.

Change Your Mood, from The Kybalion

"To change your mood or mental state - change your vibration." -- The Kybalion

[Editor's Note: this excerpt relates to the Richmond Randolph No. 19 Philosophical Society discussion for March, 2023: "The Kybalion, A Study of Hermetic Philosophy of Ancient Egypt and Greece," Published in 1919, No Rights Reserved.]

One may change his mental vibrations by an effort of Will, in the direction of deliberately fixing the Attention upon a more desirable state. Will directs the Attention, and Attention changes the Vibration. Cultivate the Art of Attention, by means of the Will, and you have solved the secret of the Mastery of Moods and Mental States.