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# March, 2024 Bulletin

For Members and Friends of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19  
Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons  
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## FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

I wanted to start off by thanking all of you for a very successful February stated communication and reception of our District Deputy Grand Master. We had a lot of guests, including a fraternal visit from our

brothers with Purdie Masonic Lodge No. 170 from Bristol, VA, along with their DDGM Right Worshipful James Jones, Jr. from Masonic District 31. I was especially pleased with the great turnout of our members. At one point during the ballot, we started to question whether we had enough white balls in the ballot box to accommodate everyone (thankfully we did)!

The signs of the coming spring are all around us. The days are getting longer and my wife, an avid gardener, is spending most of her free time tending to the seedlings in the greenhouse she built in our garage. Brother Scott Hennarty, on leave from his job in Japan, even made the trip up to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to witness Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow, confirming an early spring.

Spring is a time of rebirth, and masonically, a time to review and renew our obligation to our brethren and the craft. Dust off your copy of the Presentation Manual, and take a moment to review the working tools. If you haven't been to a Wednesday practice in a while, try to make some time to attend one. Besides the fun fellowship, we start each practice with a group review of one the catechisms before moving into ritual practice. In my opinion, when you are involved in learning a part in the rituals is when you really start to understand them. It prompts deeper exploration into the words, movements, and hopefully the meaning of the lessons being taught.

I hope to see you for our Entered Apprentice Degree on Wednesday, March 6th as we welcome a new brother to our craft, and then again at our Stated Communication on Saturday, March 9th.

Wishing you all Love and Luck.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Shane C. Flansburg  
Worshipful Master



# District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit DAMON LANIER RIDDELL

On February 10, 2024, we greeted Rt. Worshipful Riddell with a fine breakfast by our stewards followed by the appropriate welcoming ritual and honors. Joining us were members of Purdie Lodge No. 170 from Windsor, VA.



## MAHOVA STOKES AWARD

At the February 10, 2024 Stated Meeting, Rt. Worshipful Donald Cunningham presented Worshipful Shane Flansburg with the John Powers Stokes award for 2023. The award is in recognition of donations to MAHOVA exceeding \$25 times the number of members on the lodge roster.



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**FROM THE SECRETARY**



Greetings from your Secretary. Here are a few important reminders:

2024 dues of \$326 were due on December 31, 2023. You have until December 31, 2024 to pay them. As our lodge is funded primarily on dues, we hope that you will pay your dues sooner than later.

On the GrandView system you can always see your current dues balance. Just log into Grandview and look at the bottom of the screen for your balance. Click on Actions / View Membership Details / Transaction History to see your financial transactions.

If you have not yet logged into GrandView, just [click on this link](#) to register. You will need a special member number (not the number on your dues card) which you can [get from me](#).



## THE TRESTLEBOARD March, 2024

### *March 1st*

6:30 PM First Friday Social  
Crafted, 4900-151 Libble Mill E.  
Blvd., Richmond

### *March 3rd*

7:30 PM Officers Meeting  
[Via Zoom](#)

### *March 6th*

6:00 Light Meal  
6:30 PM Called Communication  
Work in the EA Degree

### *March 9th*

8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 Stated Meeting  
Masons' Hall

*March 24th*

7:30 PM Philosophical Society

Topic: Leadership - Who and Why

Location: Two Pillars Tattoo

*March 30th*

NASCAR Volunteer Weekend

*Catechism and Ritual Schools are held every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted on the [lodge calendar](#). All Masons are welcome.*



## **ESOTERIC CORNER**

**Aristotelian Ethics and Freemasonry:  
Expanding Our Understanding of the  
Cardinal Virtues  
by Brother Matthew Maggy**

The moral philosophy of Aristotle has been modified through the years by later Greek Philosophers and people like Thomas Aquinas who rectified Greek philosophy to Christian teachings which, along with enlightenment expansions to them, is where we Masons derive many of our teachings from. With this in mind, I've always wanted to dive into Aristotle but don't have the mental/temporal bandwidth to sit down and read his original texts.



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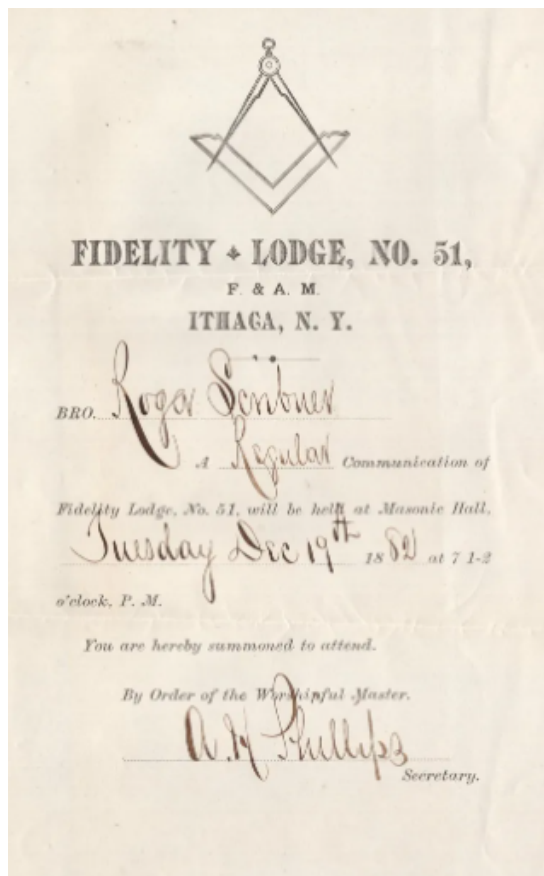
## What is a Summons and What is My Duty as a Brother

by Lee Oppenheim, P.M., D.E.O. 15A  
(Reprinted from The Grip with permission)

Albert Mackey, a distinguished Masonic scholar, sheds light on the concept of a Masonic summons, describing it as a formal notice to members regarding the time and place of a lodge meeting. Beyond its practical implications, Mackey underscores the symbolic importance of the summons—a call to unite brethren for Masonic labor and fraternal fellowship.

As a brother, your duty upon receiving a summons is twofold, aligning with Mackey's emphasis on commitment and duty to the craft. First and foremost, it is an obligation to attend all called and stated communications. This not only honors the symbolic call to duty but also demonstrates dedication to the principles and ideals of Freemasonry. Second, a failure to attend or notify the Master of your absence, as discussed by Mackey, may disrupt the cohesive workings of the lodge, potentially diminishing the collective strength of the Masonic community.

In essence, a Masonic summons is both a practical notice and a symbolic call to unite in Masonic endeavors. Your duty as a brother is to actively participate in response to this summons, thereby contributing to the vitality and strength of the lodge. Remember my brother your obligation to respond to all summons sent to and received by you. We look forward to seeing you in lodge.





# HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAY

Mt. Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook, 3/17, 58 Years  
Worshipful Oran Curtis Jamison, II, 3/13, 18 Years  
Brother Mattjew August Maggy, 3/10, 14 Years  
Brother Pheylan Blue Martin, 3/31, 4 Years  
Brother Ryan Richad Mumby, 3/19, 5 Years  
Brother Francis Love Romero, 3/26, 11 Years  
Brother Michael Erik Schroeder, 3/31, 19 Years  
Brother Christopher Lee Shuman, 3/1, 18 Years

Total of 147 Masonic Years



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Brother Tyler Cole Esteppe, Junior Steward

Brother Zachary Wayne James, Marshal

Worshipful Michael Derwin Joyner, Tiler



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Rt. Worshipful Donald A. K. Cunningham, Jr.  
Rt. Worshipful William R. Heltzel  
Worshipful Charles W. Hundley  
Worshipful Michael D. Joyner  
Worshipful Lee A. Oppenheim



## MASONIC VETERANS

### 60 YEARS OR BETTER

Brother Bedros C. Bendazion  
Mt. Worshipful Frederick Garrison Martin, III

### 50 - 60 YEARS

Brother Irvin Franklin Beadles  
Worshipful Robert Burney Bedell  
Worshipful Lothar Arthur Bernhard, Jr.  
Worshipful Charles William Hundley  
Brother Waverly Carroll Marshall  
Brother Mark Lewis Perkins  
Brother John Hjalmar Stenstrom



## LIVING PAST MASTERS

1971	Robert B. Bedell
1988	Lothar A. Bernhard
1995	Larry J. Dixon, P.D.D.G.M.
1997	Anthony C. Pearce
1999	Marc D. Graham
2000	Gordon H. Sprigg, Jr.
2005	Barrye L. Absher, P.D.D.G.M.
2006	Thomas E. Breedon

2009	Charles T. Sykes, P.D.D.G.M.
2010	William R. Heltzel, P.D.D.G.M.
2011	James H. Duke, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.
2012, 2013	Paul A. Dierickx
2014	Lee A. Oppenheim
2015, 2016	Michael D. Joyner
2017	Charles W. Hundley
2018	Preston Chad Vanderpool, D.D.G.M.
2019	Donald A. K. Cunningham, Jr., P. D.D.G.M.
2020	Donald F. Moro, Jr.
2021	Jacob A. Crocker
2022	Chandos J. Carrow
2023	Kyle D. H. Bourne



# LEGACY MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

Barrye L. Absher, P.D.D.G.M  
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Tyler A. Ayers  
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James H. Duke, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.  
Peter Francisco \*  
William R. Heltzel, P.D.D.G.M.  
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Douglas G. Mack  
Ian Nelson  
Anthony C. Pearce  
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