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



Brethren – Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your Worshipful Master. It is a great honor to serve our historic lodge. I want to thank all of you who have helped me out along my journey to the East. I have chosen a theme of Preserving the Past, Guiding the Present, Shaping the Future, which I feel is very fitting for our lodge.

As caretakers of Historic Masons' Hall, we are surrounded by 239 years of history and reminders of the brothers who have come before us and have done so much to serve our community and Freemasonry in general. We will continue our mission to ensure that Masons' Hall remains a beacon of light for many generations to come.

We are looking forward to an active year for RR 19. In addition to degree work and welcoming new petitioners to our lodge, this year will be the 250th anniversary of our illustrious brother Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Masons' Hall. Activities commemorating this visit are already being planned with more details to come soon. We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting Robert H. Johnson, host of the "Whence Came You" podcast at our April stated meeting. Thank you to Brother Matthew Maggy for arranging this event, and to Brother Richard Meador for offering up housing during his visit.

We are working on bringing in a few other speakers throughout the year, to complement our philosophical society discussions.

Finally brethren, I hope that you continue to find your membership in our lodge and fraternity a useful and productive use of your time and treasure. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or another officer with any feedback you may have. I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Shane C. Flansburg
Worshipful Master.



MEET OUR NEW OFFICERS



On December 9, 2023, we installed our new officer line.

[See More](#)



THE TRESTLEBOARD JANUARY, 2024

January 5th

6:30 PM First Friday Social
JewFro, 1721 E. Franklin St.

January 7th

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

January 13th

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

January 24th

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

January 28th

7:30 PM Philosophical Society
Topic: Movable and Immovable
Jewels

Catechism and Ritual Schools are held every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. All Masons are welcome.



ESOTERIC CORNER

What does the Book of Constitutions Really Mean?

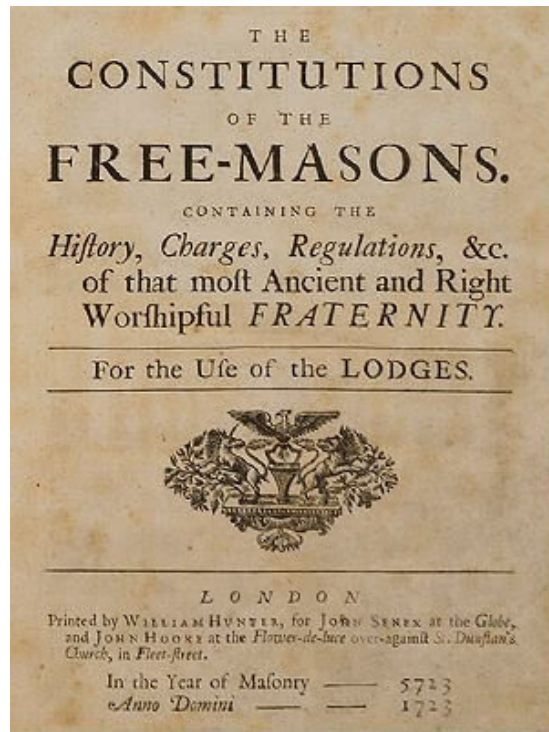
Over the course of the past year, we've done a series of serialized short articles on the Book of Constitutions, where we paraphrased all of the language to cut down to the core points, with updated language. Now that we have completed that series, I want to draw your attention to the page just before the constitutions in the Presentation Volume, which says loud and clear:

The Constitution of Masonry publication is included for historical purposes only, and is not to be considered as being the current law governing the operation of the Grand Lodge, AF & AM in Virginia.

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Within the Civil War Masonic Tent...

A person who has never been in the army would find it difficult to understand how the finer and social feelings of the men are disregarded in necessary discipline – how completely machine-like, one of a large lot of the same sort, a soldier becomes and is. No antecedent relations of officer to privates is permitted to work disrespect of discipline; there is no bond of sympathy, no level upon which the shoulder-straps and stoga-shoes



meet, save one, and that one is not disregarded. The Masonic tent only is where men, without distinction of rank, "meet upon the level and part upon the square."

People who witness this in our national armies can understand why it has been remarked that in all times of civil commotion and turbulence the institution of Masonry has flourished more vigorously than ever, and that all others during such periods have declined – even the Church. The present specially [sic] prosperous condition of the Fraternity in this country furnishes the most conclusive proof of the truth of the observation. It is because its teachings are uniform and simple, and practically inculcate principles of unity, equality, honor, Brotherly-love and truth.

"Brother Shupe", Masonic Monthly, November, 1864, from Roberts, Allen E., "House Undivided," 1990: 229-230



HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAY

Rt. Worshipful Donald Alexander King Cunningham, Jr.,
January 25, 12 Years

Brother Harold Douglas Hamner, III, January 30, 11 Years

Mt. Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr., January 30, 48 Years

Total of 71 Masonic Years



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Mt. Worshipful Frederick Garrison Martin, III

50 - 60 YEARS

Brother Irvin Franklin Beadles
Worshipful Robert Burney Bedell
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Brother Waverly Carroll Marshall
Brother Mark Lewis Perkins
Brother John Hjalmar Stenstrom



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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. Breeden
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
2022
2023

Jacob A. Crocker
Chandos J. Carrow
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