



From the East

It's with equal amounts of sadness and elation that I sit down to pen my last remark to you as Master of our beloved Lodge. This has been an eventful year for us all, and for me personally. It's been a challenge to say the least.

In my estimation we've made ground on the restoration and preservation of our building as well as some concrete improvements on it's functionality.

We've had several memorable speakers and programs as well as continued on with our valuable philosophical discussions. I can be honest with myself and say that we're not lacking in Masonic education.

We raised a significant amount of money and material goods for our local and Masonic charities, and continued to build lasting relationships with some of those organizations. We also added a new historical marker, commemorating our Brother Lafayette, with festivities included!

All things considered, I hope the membership will remember my term as a success. An amazing part of being the Master of our particular Lodge is that you're absolutely blessed to be outshined by the character and achievements of the Masters that came before and will come after you. I know with absolute certainty that the brothers you will elect as master in the years to come will do great things for our Lodge, and will accomplish things I didn't think possible. I cannot tell you how proud I am to have served as an officer of this Lodge with the men that I did, and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Kyle D. H. Bourne, P.M.



In The Community



The Ladies of the Grand Lodge of Virginia

On November 10, during the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Grand Annual Communication, the Ladies of the Grand Lodge were treated to a private tour of Masons' Hall. Seen her directing the tour are Right Worshipful Donald Cunningham and Right Worshipful Bill Thomas.



In the Lodge

The Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The George H. Chapin Award
For
"Building Bridges"



Presented to

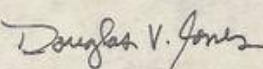
Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19

In recognition of its completion of ten acts of philanthropic service in their community during A.L. 6023, A.D. 2023, Richmond Randolph Lodge helped Build Bridges to unite mankind by relieving the distressed and working to create a more civil and caring society for all.



Given under our hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 10th day of November AL 6023, AD 2023 and in the Two Hundred Forty-fifth year of our Grand Lodge.


Grand Master

Teste:  Grand Secretary

The George H. Chapin Award for Community Service

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 was awarded a certificate of merit for completing ten community service projects in the past year.



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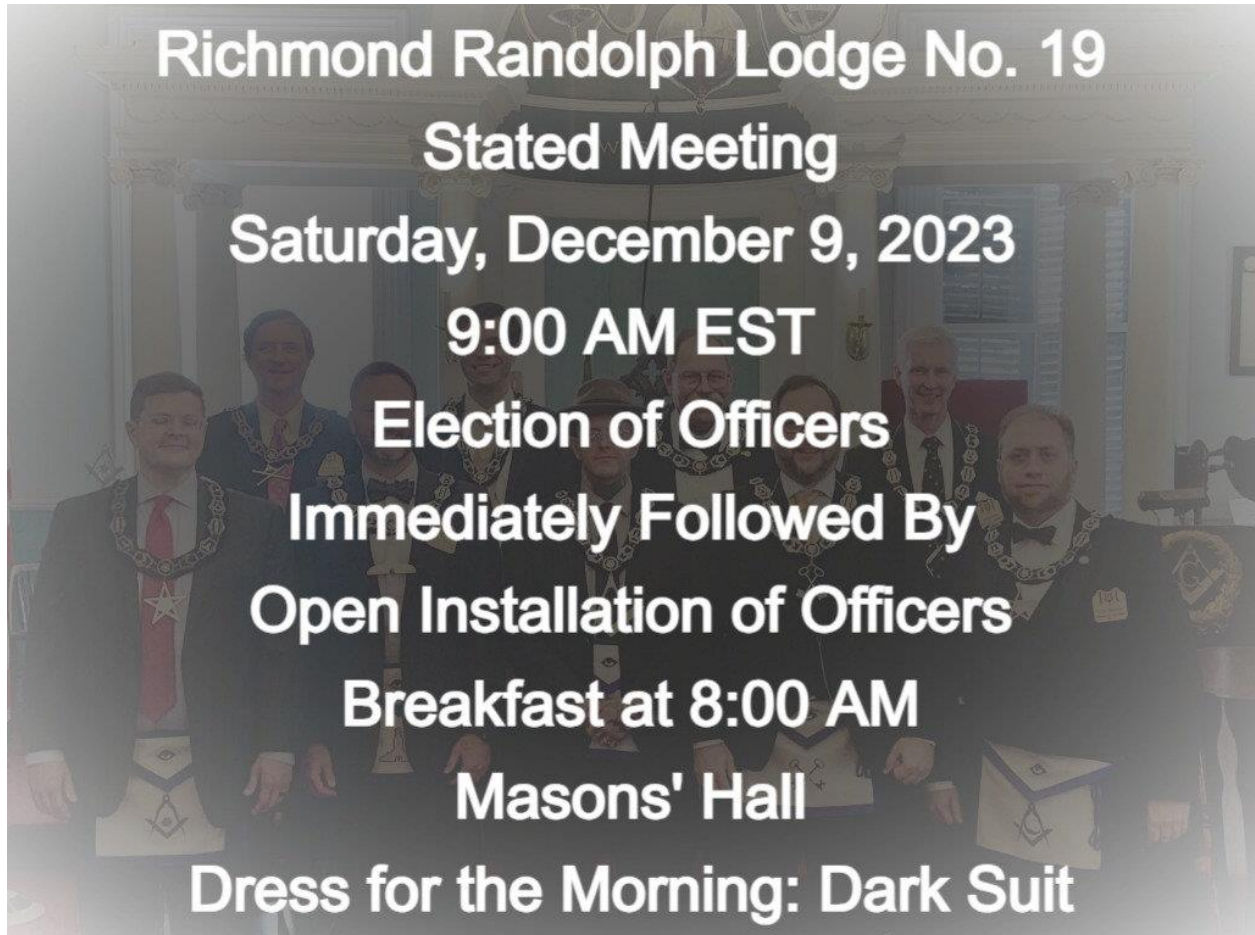


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Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19
Stated Meeting
Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:00 AM EST
Election of Officers
Immediately Followed By
Open Installation of Officers
Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Masons' Hall
Dress for the Morning: Dark Suit

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The Trestleboard



Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 Activities

Building Better Leaders

Friday December 1

First Friday Social- Join us for our monthly First Friday social at 7:00 PM. This month we will be enjoying gourmet burgers at Burger Bach, located at 3426 W. Cary St. in Richmond. Reservations are recommended by sending an email to secretaryrr19@gmail.com. Free parking in their parking lot and on the street nearby.

Saturday December 9

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. During this meeting we will hold the election of officers. Following the meeting (approximately 10:30 AM) there will be an open installation of officers. The public is welcome to attend the installation.

Sunday December 10

Masons' Hall Open House. Masons' Hall will be participating in the annual Venture Richmond Winter Wander from noon to 4:00 PM. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

December

Masters and Wardens Association. No Masters and Wardens meeting in December. The next meeting will be a special event on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

December

The Philosophical Society. The society will not meet in December.

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 Connolly's Irish Pub](#) for refreshments.

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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.

For 2024, our dues are \$326. They are due by December 31, 2023. They become overdue on December 31, 2024.

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

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Operational Information

Greetings Brethren,
GRANDVIEW

We remain stuck at 56% of our members connecting 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 secretaryr19@gmail.com. The link to connect to [Grandview is https://va.grandview.systems/membership_registration](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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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

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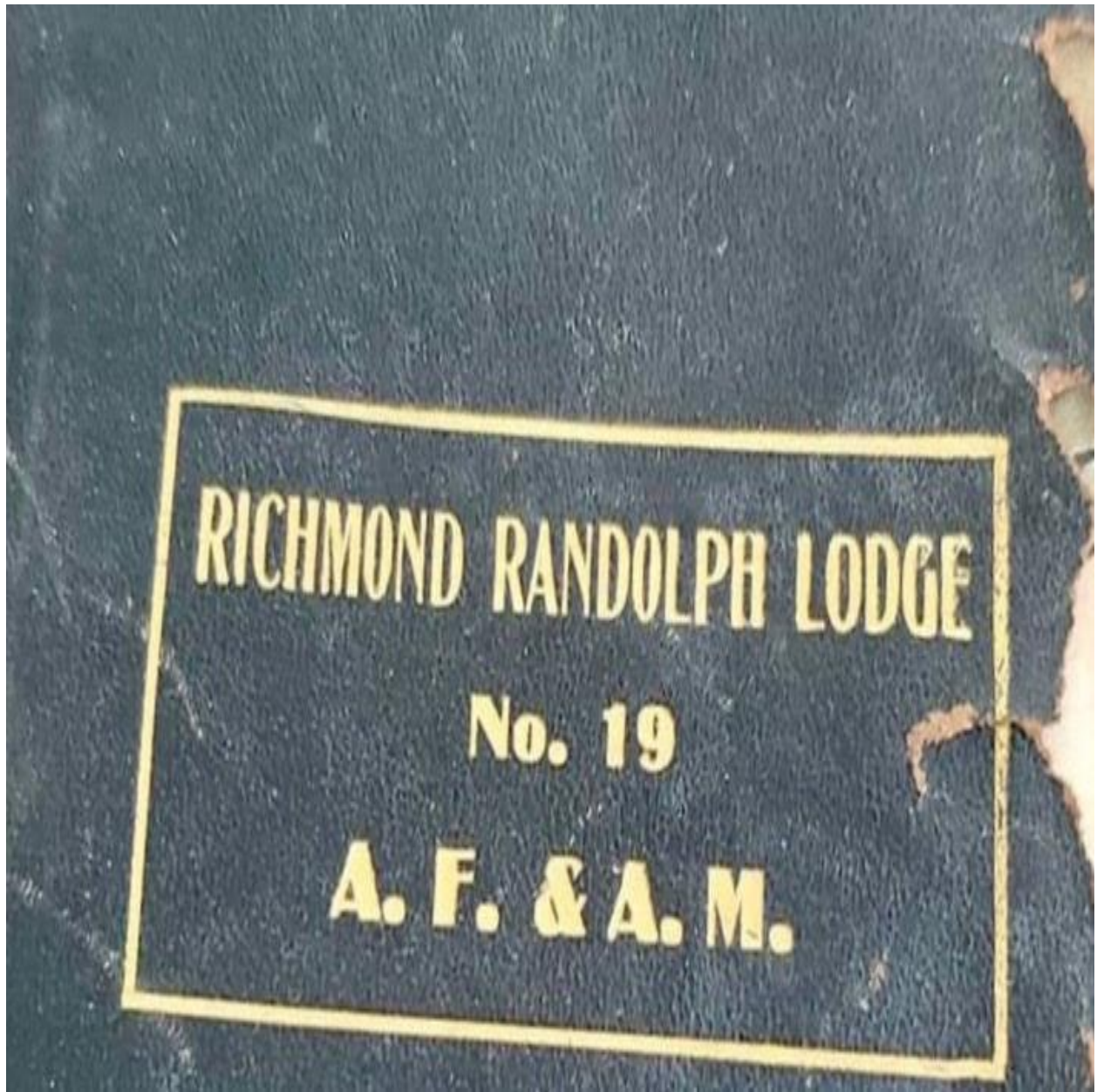


December Birthdays

Bro. Earl Sale

49 Years

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Masonic Veterans

60 Years or Better

Bro. Bedros Bendazian

61 Years

Bro. Walter Henry

63 Years

M.W. Frederick Martin
61 Years

50 - 60 Years

Bro. Irvin Beadles
52 Years

M.W. Vernon Cook
57 Years

Bro. Mark Perkins
51 Years

Wor. Robert Bedell
57 Years

Wor. Charles Hundley
53 Years

Bro. John Stenstrom
58 Years

Wor. Lothar Bernhard
57 Years

Bro. Waverly Marshall
55 Years

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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

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RICHMOND RANDOLPH LODGE
No 19 XG A.F. & A.M.



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Life Members in Perpetuity



Barry Absher, PDDGM
Jacob Allen

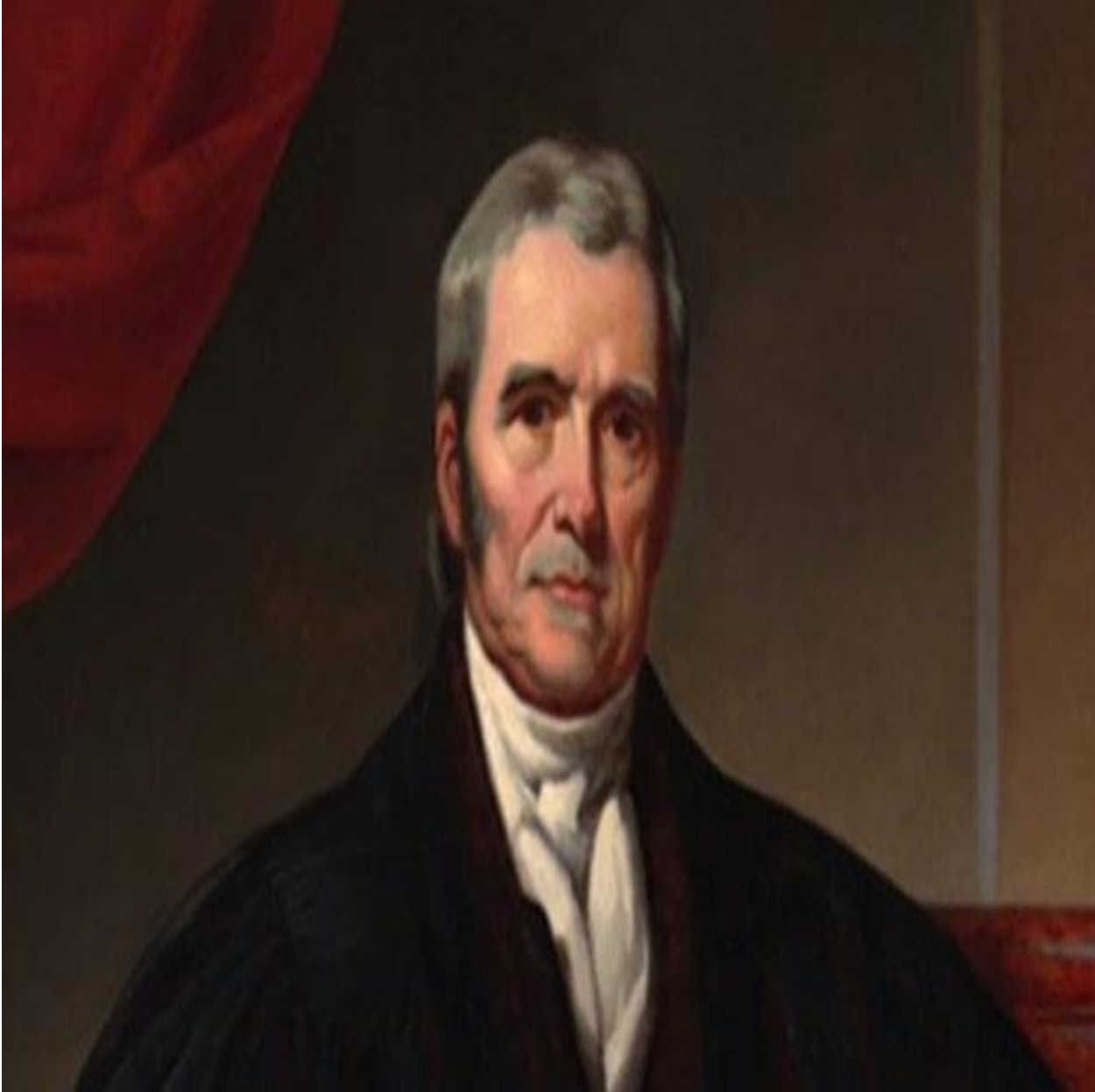
Tyler Ayers
Benjamin Barrett
Ronald Childs
Paul Dierickx, PM
James Duke, Jr, PDDGM
Peter Francisco
William Heltzel, PDDGM
Douglas Mack
Ian Nelson
Anthony Pearce
Francis Romero
Charles Sarbaugh, PDDGM
Christopher Shuman
Charles Sykes, PM
Curtis Thompson

Per Section 5.0 of the Methodical Digest, a Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP) eliminates a member's annual dues and can be purchased for 25 times the current dues rate.

The current year dues must be paid before an LMIP may be purchased.

For 2023, the LMIP costs \$7,850.

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Brother David Allen

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The Book of Constitutions - Cliff's Notes Edition

I bet you thought we were done! Oh no - after a brief hiatus, we're back for the final installment in our series, because we've reached the end.

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 IV, Sections IX (p. 36 in the presentation manual) as well as Chapter V and VI. In this section, we learn several forms of bad behavior that could get you thrown out of Grand Lodge, and why DDGMs exist (Chapter VI). This appears to stem from Proverbs 3:1-6, rephrased somewhat in the Masonic constitutions.

SECTION IX - Rules to be Observed During the Time of Public Business

The Master's gavel silences everyone; those who still speak should be reprimanded. Everyone keeps their seats until the MW calls to order. At Grand Lodge, members should sit according to their lodge number, and not move around, with the exception of Grand Wardens and other officers. No brother can speak more than twice on the same subject, unless to explain himself or when called on.

Everyone who speaks should stand, address the chair, and should not be interrupted unless he is wandering from the point. Members who are guilty of breaking these rules three times should be asked by the chair to leave the Grand Lodge room for that night. Whoever laughs or hisses at any other brother should be excluded from the Communication, and declared incapable of being a member of Grand Lodge until he publicly owns his fault and is forgiven.

No motions for regulations can be made until they are handed in writing to the Chair, perused by the GM, moved publicly, read by the Grand Secretary, and if then seconded and thirded, it should be immediately considered by the whole. Then the question can be put pro or con. Sometimes counters or ballot boxes may be used, at other times holding up hands or verbal "aye" / "no".

Chapter V - Regulations for Charity to be Observed in the Grand Lodge

The committee on Charity consists of five Past Masters appointed by the GM and others who may be appointed. They meet four times per year, and may hear petitions to relieve distressed brethren. Only registered masons who have contributed to the Grand Charity Fund and were

members of a warranted lodge can be considered and relieved. Sojourners can be relieved by private contributions, as the majority thinks is appropriate.

The committee has the right to dispose of Grand Charity under those restrictions, provided always that no Brother made in a clandestine manner, or who has assisted in a clandestine making, can ever be qualified.

All transactions are to be entered on the record and read by the Chairman before all the members of Grand Lodge, at the Annual Grand Communication.

Chapter VI - Of Grand Visitations and Communications

All lodges should observe the same rules as much as possible.

"Solomon, my son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments, and remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set"

And so the GM's duty is to appoint Grand Officers to visit all lodges to see that ancient customs and usages are strictly observed. This laudable duty has become impracticable, due to the size of jurisdictions and number of lodges, and so the Grand Master shall create districts, and allow one or more visitors to each district, who should make faithful report to the Grand Communication.

The Brethren so appointed, shall have a dispensation signed by the GM or his deputy, explaining the nature of their business, whose duty is to visit every Lodge.

The foregoing is the Constitution of Masonry, as compiled and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1791.

Excerpt from Chapter IV, "Stalemate", Allen E. Roberts, *House Undivided, the Story of Freemasonry and the Civil War*, Macoy Publishing and Supply Company, 1990

During the year 1850, the Grand Lodge of New York, "by a compact and resolutions" affected a union with the "St. John's Grand Lodge" of that state, a body that was considered "Clandestine" by every grand lodge in communication with the Grand Lodge of New York. In 1859, a union was affected between the two bodies, and in the same year the Grand Lodge of Virginia objected to the manner in which the two were united. Virginia claimed the members of the rival grand lodge should be "healed" (made legal) before they could be recognized as Masons. In 1860, the deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of New York, John W. Simons, stated in a report that there was a "a great diversity of opinion" about what the term "healing" meant. He "finally adopted as the safest plan for all concerned, a remaking" of those who had been members of the St. John's body, so he did just that.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia contended Simons was correct and the members of the Phillips Grand Lodge should be treated in like manner. A lengthy report was made in the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1858, and while no specific action was taken, subordinate lodges in Virginia refused to let Masons from New York enter their lodges. A definite statement had to be forthcoming from the Grand Lodge, so the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved. That the Lodges and Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, are hereby forbidden and prohibited from holding converse on the subject of Free Masonry with any person hailing from the State of New York, or in any other manner extending masonic intercourse and recognition towards them; and this Grand Lodge feels it to be in its imperative duty to discontinue all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York, until such time as the difficulties new

existing in New York shall be adjusted in accordance with strict Masonic law and usage, as laid down by M. Wor. Jno. W. Simons, the present Grand Master, while acting as D.G. Master.

Resolved. That this regulation shall have full force and effect from its adoption, and continue in operation until the grand Lodge of New York shall revise the union of 1858 with the Phillips' Grand Lodge, and adjust a settlement on the principles and "conditions set forth" when "the matter of the St. John's Grand Lodge was finally disposed of in June, 1860."

John R. Purdie
John Dove
Lewis B. Williams
Powhatan B. Starke