



From Worshipful Kyle Bourne:

May will be a busy month for Richmond Randolph No. 19 and Masons' Hall!

We start the month with our ever-popular social event on Friday, May 5. We will meet at Brambly Park in Scott's Edition. We have secured a covered table in case of rain so come out and enjoy the fellowship.

Then, on Saturday, May 6, we will attempt, for the third time, to paint the foundation of Masons' Hall. We have been thwarted twice due to rainy conditions. Our goal is to spruce up Masons' Hall in time for our big day the following Saturday.

The Big Day. On Saturday, May 13 we will receive Grand Master Donald Strehle for his official visit to Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19. Most Worshipful Strehle is no stranger to Masons' Hall, having been the keynote speaker for our last Table Lodge. We expect a large crowd for breakfast at 8, so get there early! Immediately following our Stated Meeting, Grand Master Strehle will assist us in unveiling the newest plaque to grace the front yard of Masons' Hall – a Lafayette Trail Marker. This marker publicly proclaims that the Marquis de Lafayette was a guest at Masons' Hall in 1824, and puts us on the map with other national sites.

On Wednesday evening, May 17, we will confer the Master Mason's degree. Please join your brethren to experience the magic of a candlelit degree at Masons' Hall. Dinner at 6:00 PM, open Lodge at 6:30 PM.

On Thursday evening, May 18, we will be volunteering at ChildSavers for the annual fundraiser, Supper at Sunset.

We will attend the Masters and Wardens meeting on Saturday, May 20. Following the business meeting, our own Junior Warden, Brother Matt Maggy, will be a part of the team exemplifying the first section of the Master Masons' Degree.



Congratulations to our newest Brother Brian Barte' who was Initiated on March 29, 2023

Back Row: Worshipful Chandos Carrow, Worshipful Kyle Bourne, Brother Shane Flansburg, Worshipful Donald Moro

Middle Row: Worshipful Michael Worrell, Brother Scott Hennarty, Worshipful Jake Crocker, Worshipful Oran Jamison, Right Worshipful Bill Heltzel, Brother Matthew Maggy, Worshipful Lee Oppenheim

Front Row: Brother Gary Norton, Brother Christopher Martone, Brother Brian Barte', Brother David Allen



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Richmond Randolph No. 19
Stated Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2023
9:00 AM
Reception of the Grand Master
Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Masons' Hall

The Trestleboard

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 Activities

Adunatio Omnis Hominibus

Friday
May 5

First Friday Social- Join us for our monthly First Friday social. This month we will be dining under the stars at Brambly Park Winery, 1708 Belleville St., Richmond at 6:30 PM. Reservations are recommended by sending an email to secretaryrr19@gmail.com.

Saturday
May 18

Re-Rescheduled Painting Event. Join us to help paint the foundation of Masons' Hall. We will have two shifts: one from 4 - 8:30 or from 8 - 9 PM. More details and signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f44abaa2faaf49-childsavers#/>

Saturday,
May 20

Masters and Wardens Association. 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 Master Masons' Degree first section. Breakfast is served at 8:00 AM and the meeting starts at 8:45 AM. Dress for the meeting is casual. Location: Tuckahoe Masonic Lodge, 5500 Bethlehem Rd., Richmond

Sunday
May 28

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 a review of the film, "They Live," through a Masonic lens. 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



Jake Crocker, Treasurer

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.

Operational Information



Donald Moro, Secretary

Greetings Brethren,

GRANDVIEW

More 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.



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RICHMOND RANDOLPH NO.19 A.F.&A.M.
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 Marshal, 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

May Birthdays

Bro. Bedros Bandazian 61 Years	Wor. Robert Bedell 57 Years	Rt. Wor. William Heltzel 20 Years
Bro. Zachary James 13 Years	M.W. Frederick Martin 61 Years	Wor. Greg McCarney 15 Years
Bro. David Allen 4 Years	Total 231 Masonic Years	

Masonic Veterans

60 Years or Better

Bro. Bedros Bendazian
61 Years

Bro. Walter Henry
62 Years

M.W. Frederick Martin
61 Years

50 - 60 Years

Bro. Irvin Beadles
51 Years

Wor. Robert Bedell
57 Years

Wor. Lothar Bernhard
57 Years

M.W. Vernon Cook
57 Years

Wor. Charles Hundley
52 Years

Bro. Waverly Marshall
54 Years

Bro. Mark Perkins
50 Years

Bro. John Stenstrom
57 Years

Living Past Masters

Robert Bedell 1971	Lothar Bernhard 1988	Larry Dixon, PDDGM 1995
Anthony Pearce 1997	Marc Graham 1999	Gordon Sprigg, Jr. 2000
Barrye Absher, PDDGM 2005	Thomas Breeden 2006	Edward Winder 2008
Charles Sykes, PDDGM 2009	William Heltzel, PDDGM 2010	James Duke, PDDGM 2011
Paul Dierickx 2012, 2013	Lee Oppenheim 2014	Michael Joyner 2015, 2016
Charles Hundley 2017	Preston Chad Vanderpool 2018	Donald Cunningham, PDDGM 2019
Donald Moro 2020	Jacob Crocker 2021	Chandos Carrow 2022

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

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The One Day Conferral, by Brother David Allen

On Saturday, April 29th 2023, Virginia held one-day conferrals all over the state. This initiative is supportive of the Grand Master's goal of making masons this year, and it's a fitting time to get a little bit of background history, and data on the One Day Conferral (ODC). Our current Grand Master Strehle himself became a Master Mason via an ODC.

One-day conferrals are the practice of conferring all three blue lodge degrees in a single day. Generally there is one exemplifying candidate who goes through the process of the degrees, while all others in attendance watch. The ODC has gone by other names as well, such as the one-day class, the Grand Master's Class and even "Blue Lightning".

membership statistical basis, ODCs may outperform the traditional method, as member loss during the multi-month traditional conferral is not known, but is not zero. Supporters tend to focus on the outcome (more Master Masons) not the process.

Both opponents and supporters of the ODC often miss that whether your masonic birthday took 6 months or a single afternoon, that window of time will seem insignificant should you one day receive a 50-year pin. We are only discussing how a man becomes a mason, when the "being" is what matters.

Author Chris Hodapp put it this way: "retention and participation comes down solely to the way that members are treated and mentored once they start attending their lodges, and rests on the interest and dedication of each individual Mason. A one day class conferral of the three lodge degrees doesn't let the lodge duck their responsibility to provide a trusted, knowledgeable mentor to those brethren who need more coaching and education, not less."

Opinions about the practice will differ among free-thinking men. Irrespective of your opinion, all should acknowledge that a brother is a brother no matter how he came through. And now that he's through, what matters is what we all are going to do next for ourselves and lodges. This viewpoint would urge Worshipful Masters to set ODC conferrals off on the right foot by assigning them a mentor immediately, with primary consideration given to how a new member will make friends and find productive, rewarding tasks in the lodge context. For those going through the traditional method, the same advice applies, with a twist: catechism instruction is excellent, but by itself insufficient, and not the same thing as mentorship. The newly made Master Mason can not yet be expected to know how to do this for himself.

For more information, consider watching The Masonic Roundtable episode 60 [hosted a detailed conversation about the goods and bads of One Day Conferrals](#) that can be referred to as needed, or check out Chris Hodapp's [Freemasonry for Dummies](#) blog which has covered numerous ODCs in various states over the years.

The Enochian Temple of Freemasonry, Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas, *Uriel's Machine*, Fair Winds Press, 1999

The Masonic temple is said to be based on King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, and it therefore has the astronomical characteristics of an Enochian Temple.

The room that is the temple faces east, with a door that is usually either north or south of west. In the center of the eastern end sits the worshipful master representing the sunrise at the equinox, and either side of him are two pillars, said to represent the pillars Boaz and Jachin which stood at the porchway of King Solomon's Temple.

Opposite the worshipful master in the west, sits the senior warden, who represents the setting sun at the equinox, and in the south sits the junior warden representing noon.

In the ceiling of an English Masonic temple is a blazing star with the letter "G" at its center. This is said to represent the sun at noon, which is God most high. Around the blazing sun is a five-pointed star which has no explanation within Freemasonry, but it is certainly a representation of Venus' movements around the sun as viewed from Earth. The Grooved Ware People knew that an understanding of the 40-year cycle of Venus, through five of these five-pointed star cycles, was a perfect calendar/clock. In fact, until atomic clocks were invented a few years ago, there was no more accurate means of checking the passage of time than studying the position of Venus against the backdrop of the stars.

There are two other key figures in the Masonic temple who are designated as deacons (a word which comes from the Greek, *diakonos* meaning "attendant"). The senior of these officers is stationed in the north-east and the junior in the south-west, and it is their job to escort the candidate around the temple during the various ritual. Each carries a six-foot-high staff that is usually termed a "wand" in English Freemasonry.

The "wands" are the measuring rods that the Canaanites and the first Jews called Asherah; named after the goddess who was the mother of the dawn and the dusk. As with the [gigantic prehistoric carving of the chalk man at Wilmington in Sussex](#), the purpose of these *asherah* is to determine the angles of the sunrise and sunset indicated by the shadows cast from the vertically held staffs.