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**November, 2022 | Issue 1**

## RECENT WORK



Congratulations to Brother William Seay, Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19's newest Master Mason. Back row: Wor. Jake Crocker, Bro. Matthew Maggy, Bro. Kyle Bourne, Wor. Donald Moro, Bro. David Wright. Middle row: Bro. David Allen, Bro. Jeremy Roland, Bro. Chris Lee, Bro. Oran Jamison, Wor. Lee Oppenheim. Front row: Bro. Richard Sena, Wor. Seth Spivey, Bro. William Seay, Rt. Wor. Bill Heltzel, Bro. Chris Martone.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Called Communication***

A Called Communication will be held on Wednesday evening, November 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM for work in the Entered Apprentice's Degree. All members are requested to attend. A light meal will be served at 6:00 PM. The dress is coat and tie.

### ***First Friday***

A First Friday Social will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Publix Aprons Cooking School, located at 5400 Windham Forest Drive, Glen Allen, VA. Current and prospective masons, spouses, and significant others are welcome. The cost is \$55 per person and includes a three course gourmet dinner, beer, and wine, and all gratuities. **RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 2.** Please RSVP to Bro. Oran Jamison at [ocjamison@gmail.com](mailto:ocjamison@gmail.com).

### ***Stated Meeting***

A Stated Meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Dress is coat and tie. Our discussion topic for the meeting will be The Journey to the Middle Chamber.

### ***Masters and Wardens***

Masters and Wardens Association of District 15 will meet on Saturday morning, November 19, 2022 at 8:45 AM. \$5 breakfast is served at 8:00 AM. The location is Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, 5500 Bethlehem Rd., Richmond. Brethren of all degrees are welcome to attend to meet masons from other lodges and to learn about the happenings in our district.

### ***Discussion Group***

Due to the holidays, the RR19 Discussion Group will not meet until January, 2023.

### ***Wednesday Night Practice and Social***

All members are invited to meet at Masons' Hall each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM for ritual practice. Following the practice at 8:00 PM, we adjourn to Rosie Connelly's Pub for refreshment and fellowship. Dress is casual.

## FROM THE TREASURER



*Worshipful Jake Crocker*

Brethren! I've stepped out of the East and a couple of steps over and into the Northeast corner to take over the responsibilities of being your Treasurer. My first thing to do is to remind you that your 2022 dues are now due. They're \$290 this year and they can be paid via our website [richmondrandolph19.com](http://richmondrandolph19.com) under the "store" tab, via Venmo @richmondrandolph19, or by check mailed to the Lodge's P.O. Box address.

Please note the lodge voted at our November stated communication to no longer absorb associated fees when paying through the website via PayPal or Venmo. If you would prefer to avoid fees then please remit payment by way of cash or check.

### Special Note from the Secretary.

Brethren, we currently have nine members who have not yet paid their 2022 dues. As a reminder, dues for 2022 were due on December 31, 2021. As per section 2.146 of the Methodical Digest, "Any member who does not pay the current year's dues by December 31 shall be liable to the penalty of suspension on the following January 1."

## 2023 DUES

Our By-Laws state that our annual dues should increase at the same rate as the consumer price index as reported on November 1 of each year by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This year's CPI increased by 8.2%, therefore our dues for 2023 will be \$314.

Dues are payable by December 31, 2022. Any member with unpaid dues on December 31, 2022 will be reported to the Grand Lodge for further action, potentially resulting in suspension on January 1, 2023.

In the October, 2022 Stated Meeting it was announced that the entire dues increase, or approximately \$1,700 would be dedicated to a capital project at Masons' Hall.

Please note that if paying by Venmo or Paypal, the dues amount with fees will be \$320.25.

## ON MASONIC EDUCATION



*Brother David Allen*

### **The Book of Constitutions - Cliffs Notes Edition**

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 all of Section 6 & 7 (p. 23 in the presentation manual). It's a short one this month.

#### **Section 6 - Of the Wardens of a Lodge**

Only Master Masons can be wardens. How they are elected and several of their duties related to the election & duties of the Master have been mentioned in earlier sections.

***Past Masters derive their authority from the Senior Warden, and cannot act until he congregates in the Lodge.***

Wardens will generally waive this privilege in honor of Past Masters present, calling on him to take the chair. Nevertheless, these Past Masters derive their authority from the Senior

The Senior Warden succeeds the Master in his duties and fills his chair when he is not there. If the Master goes abroad, resigns, demits, or is deposed, the Senior Warden shall fill his place until the next stated time of election. It was formerly thought a Master's authority should revert to the last Past Master present, but it is now the settled rule it be the Senior Warden; and in his absence the Junior Warden, even if former Masters are present.

The business of the Wardens in Lodge is to assist the Master and manage the Craft. They also do his duties when he is necessarily absent. Particular Lodges may assign particular duties in their by-laws to Wardens for their own better government. Lodges have a right to do this, provided they do not transgress the landmarks, nor violate the true genius and spirit of Masonry.

#### **Section 7 - Of the Secretary of a Lodge**

***The Grand Secretary must at all times be able to know the names and numbers of all members under their jurisdiction***

The Secretary will keep a record of all proceedings of the Lodge fit to be committed to writing. These will be entered on the Lodge books from the minutes, after they are read, amended if necessary, and approved. This is to ensure that the record (or copies of it) can be laid before the Grand Lodge once every quarter if required.

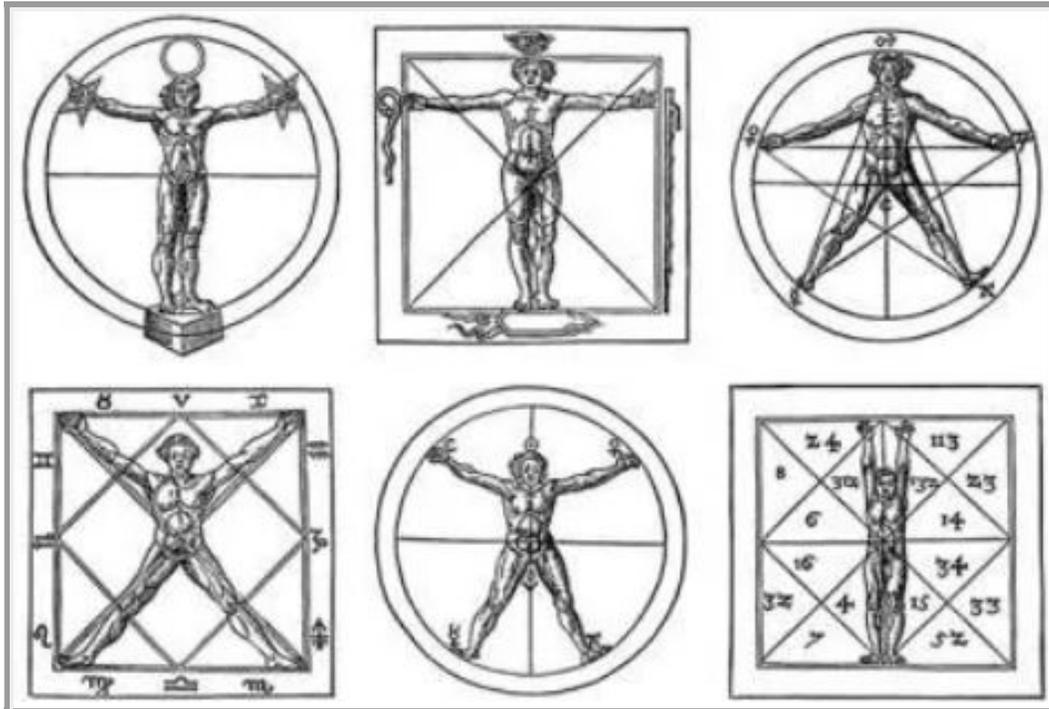
In particular, the Secretary must keep exact lists of all members, with times of admission of new members. On or near every St.

Warden, and cannot act until he congregates in the Lodge. If none of the officers are present, nor any former Master, the members can fill the places absent of officers.

John's day, he shall send the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the list of members, which must be signed by the newly installed officers, and also the last past officers. The Grand Secretary must at all times be able to know the names and numbers of all members under their jurisdiction, and to pay all due respect to the Brethren recommended or certified by them from time to time.

## HERMETICALLY SPEAKING

*From Stewart, Gregory (2010). The Masonic Traveler, Essays and Commentary by Greg Stewart. Published by FreemasonInformation.com, Encino, California*



*Illustrations from De Occulta Philosophia showing the Medieval belief in a link between geometry, astrology, and physical health.*

...Ideas from Hermetic study to create "connections between angelic hierarchies and planetary spheres" that [rose] "up happily through the stars to the angels hearing all the way those harmonies on each level of the creation imported by the Creator to his universe, founded on number and numerical laws of proportion."

These ideas are from an early Christian Cabala (c. 1525), before the open appearance of Freemasonry, and Solomon's Temple, as we know it today. Building on the ideas of Georgi, Cornelius Agrippa explored the ideas of Alchemy, Hermetic, Neoplatonic and Cabalist thought, and wrote about them in his book *De Occulta Philosophia*, published in 1533. In this text, one

important idea was that the universe was divided into three worlds (degrees), which consisted of an elemental world, a celestial world, and an intellectual world, each receiving influences from the one above it.

The first world was believed governed by natural magic (element) and arranged substances "in accordance with the occult sympathies between them."

The second world s concerned with celestial magic that governed "how to attract and use the influences of the stars." Agrippa himself called it "a kind of mathematical magic because its operations depend on numbers."

The third world represented ceremonial magic "as directed toward the super celestial world of angelic spirits."

Beyond that, Agrippa says, is the divine itself. These ideas are not about the physical temple, but instead I see it representing an unseen or perhaps inner temple, the travel in what we call today the self.

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER



*Worshipful Donald Moro, Secretary*

Brethren, are you missing out on important masonic bulletins? The Grand Lodge of Virginia regularly sends communications to us using the new Grandview system. If you have not activated your account on Grandview, you may not be receiving these messages.

Every member of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 already has an account on the system. There are two ways to activate your account:

1. Use this link: <https://va.grandview.systems/membership>
2. Look for a recent email from Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19. At the top of the email is a link to "Login to Our System."

You may be prompted for your member number. **This is a new number and not the one imprinted on your dues card.** Please contact the Secretary at [secretaryrr19@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryrr19@gmail.com) to obtain your new membership number.

## THE ROSTER

# Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 AF&AM

## **Meeting Location**

Masons' Hall  
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## **Mailing Address**

P.O Box 23160, Richmond, VA 23223

## **Email Address**

secretaryrr19@gmail.com

## **Website**

www.richmondrandolph19.com

## **2022 Lodge Officers**

Wor. Chandos Carrow	Worshipful Master
Bro. Kyle Bourne	Senior Warden
Bro. Shane Flansburg	Junior Warden
Wor. Jake Crocker	Treasurer
Wor. Donald Moro	Secretary
Bro. Matthew Maggy	Senior Deacon
Bro. Sam Dodhy	Junior Deacon
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel	Chaplain
Bro. John Sibley	Senior Steward
Bro. Christopher Martone	Junior Steward
Bro. Zachary James	Marshall
Bro. Ryan Mumby	Tiler

## **November, 2022 Masonic Birthdays**

Bro. Bernard Adams	16 Years
Bro. Lothar Bernhard, Jr.	41 Years
Bro. Richard Meador	1 Year (October)
Bro. Ian Nelson	19 Years
Bro. Link Parikh	11 Years

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Total 88 Masonic  
Years

## **50 Year Masonic Veterans**

Bro. Irvin Beadles  
Wor. Robert Bedell  
Wor. Lothar Bernhard  
M.W. Stuart Cook  
Wor. Charles Hundley  
Bro. Waverly Marshall  
Bro. James Owens  
Bro. Mark Perkins  
Bro. John Stenstrom

## **60 Year Masonic Veterans**

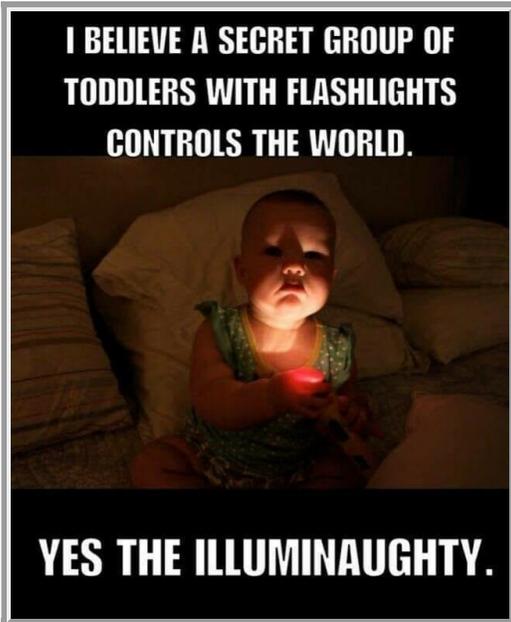
Bro. Bedros Bandazian  
Bro. Walter Henry  
M.W. Frederick Martin

## **RR19 Living Past Masters**

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

## **Life Members in Perpetuity**

Rt. Wor. Barry Absher  
Bro. Jacob Allen  
Bro. Benjamin Barrett  
Bro. Ronald Childs  
Wor. Paul Dierickx  
Rt. Wor. James Duke Jr.  
Bro. Peter Francisco  
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel  
Bro. Douglas Mack  
Bro. Ian Nelson



Bro. Anthony Pearce  
Bro. Francis Romero  
Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh  
Bro. Christopher Shuman  
Wor. C. Thomas Sykes  
Bro. Curtis Thompson



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