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THE NEWSLETTER OF RICHMOND RANDOLPH LODGE NO. 19
ANCIENT AND FREE ACCEPTED MASONS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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MASONS' HALL IN THE NEWS



On September 24, Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 hosted a public open house. We welcomed dozens of visitors including tourists, families, and men interested in Freemasonry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Masonic Family Day

The annual Masonic Family Day will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Masonic Home of Virginia, 500 Masonic Lane, Richmond. This FREE event is open to families and friends and includes activities for the kids, a parachuting demonstration, parade, and free BBQ lunch for everyone. Gates open at 8:30 AM.

First Friday

A First Friday Social will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Shield N Heath Hatchet House, located at 1511 Altamont Ave, Richmond. Current and prospective masons, spouses, and significant others are welcome. RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED. Please RSVP to secretaryr19@gmail.com.

Stated Meeting

By Special Dispensation, a Stated Meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM. Dress is coat and tie. Our discussion topic for the meeting will be The Virtue of Charity.

Masters and Wardens

Masters and Wardens Association of District 15 will meet on Saturday morning, October 15, 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.

Called Communication

A Called Communication will be held on Wednesday evening, October 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM for work in the Master Masons' Degree. All members are requested to attend. A light meal will be served at 6:30 PM. The dress is coat and tie.

Discussion Group

The RR19 Discussion group will hold its monthly discussion on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. The topic for the evening will be announced in advance of the meeting.

Special Note for the November Meeting

As per our By-Laws, the November Stated Meeting of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 will be held on Wednesday evening, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Masons' Hall. This meeting time change is in place to avoid conflicts with the Grand Annual Communication being held on the weekend of November 12, 2022.

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

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.



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 under the "store" tab, via Venmo @richmondrandolph19, or by check mailed to the Lodge's P.O. Box address.

Special Note from the Secretary.

Brethren, we currently have ten members who have not yet paid their 2022 dues. As a reminder, dues for 2022 were due on January 1, 2022. 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."

ON MASONIC EDUCATION



Brother David Allen

The Master shall not take any Apprentice or Fellow into his Lodge unless he has sufficient employment for him and finds him to be duly qualified for learning and understanding the sublime mysteries of the Art. Thus shall the Lords or Founders be well-served and the Craft not despised. Thus also shall Apprentices, in due time be admitted as Fellowcrafts; and in due time be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; capable themselves to undertake the Lord's work. And so this chain continues to the higher honor of Masonry, through Wardens, Masters, Grand Wardens, and Grand Masters, according to their merit.

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

***"Thus shall the Lords or
Founders be well-served***

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 5 (p. 20 in the presentation manual). The title is "Of the Master of a Lodge, his Election, Office, and Duty".

No brother can be Master until he has served as a Warden somewhere, unless in extraordinary cases when a new Lodge is founded, and no past Warden can be found. In those situations, any three Master Masons may serve.

"No one chosen may refuse to serve without incurring penalties laid down in the chapter of fines, unless he has already served in the office before."

Masters are chosen by ballot each St. John's day. Present Wardens shall be candidates, but shall then step out of the Lodge. Every member who is paid up in dues gives his vote to whoever he deems most worthy. Each free member has one vote, and the Master two votes if and only if the total number of votes is equal.

When the ballot is closed, the Master orders candidates to be brought back and take their seats again as wardens. He shall then examine the ballot and audibly declare who has the majority of the votes duly elected.

The Master-elect then nominates a Senior Warden. The present Master and Brethren nominate one in opposition. Candidates leave the Lodge until the ballot is closed, when (as before) they are called before the Master and the result declared. The same process is followed for all inferior officers. Great care should be given not to nominate anyone because of their birth or fortune;

and the Craft not despised."

The Master has the right to call his Lodge into meeting upon a Brother's request or any emergency. It is his duty with the Wardens to attend Grand Lodge, the Steward's Lodge, and any special Grand Lodge communications. When in these forums, the Master and Wardens, or either, have full power to represent their Lodge and transact all matters as if everyone were present.

The Master has the right to appoint some Brother (usually the Secretary) to keep by-laws and a book containing the members, a list of all lodges in grand communication, their meeting times and places.

The Master has a particular right of preventing moving a Masonic meeting to another venue. The following rule has been settled: "No lodge can be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor any motion to do it while he is not present. A motion to move a Lodge must be proposed, seconded, and thirded and a vote taken. If the Master is not in the majority, the Lodge still shall not be removed, unless a full two-thirds of members present have voted for it. But if the Master refuses to direct summons, either Warden may direct the same. If the Master neglects to attend the vote, the Warden may preside. But the Lodge shall not, in the master's absence, enter upon any other business. If the lodge is to be removed the Master shall send notice to the Grand Secretary so that it can be duly entered. It is good to have a certificate from the Grand Lodge that such removal is allowed and registered in their books.

"The Master's duty in making and admitting new Brethren, and some other duties of his, being as such cannot be written save on the tablet of his

merit and ability is necessary. No one chosen may refuse to serve without incurring penalties laid down in the chapter of fines, unless he has already served in the office before. The Master elect has it in his charge to ensure by-laws of his Lodge and the general regulations of the Grand Lodge are observed. He is responsible that his Wardens and officers discharge their offices. In general, he is responsible that all moneys belonging to the Lodge are truly managed, as if they were those of his own private household, according to vote or direction of the majority. No more wages than are just are to be given to any Fellow or Apprentice.

heart, are not to be found here."

The Master's duty in making and admitting new Brethren, and some other duties of his, being as such cannot be written save on the tablet of his heart, are not to be found here. Such duties expected of Masters and other officers at Grand Lodge are to be learned from the chapter which treats the Grand Lodge"

REMEMBER THE RITE OF DESTITUTION?

From Roberts, A. E. (1974). The Craft and Its Symbols. Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company



a kind word, a hearty clasp of the hand, a pat on the back, or a smile.

The Rite of Destitution is symbolic of compassion. You learned, perhaps for the first time in your life, what it means to be actually destitute. You could not produce even a simple object to attest to your initiation. You must have felt bewildered and embarrassed. It was a lesson you, and those who have preceded you, will never forget. Those who seek your aid will find it willingly given, if it's in your power to give it. But you must remember, money is not necessarily what is needed. It could be merely

IN HONOR OF BILL THOMAS



In October, we honor Right Worshipful George William (Bill) Thomas, Jr. who has worked tirelessly for many years on behalf of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 and the Masons' Hall 1785 Foundation. In recent years, he was instrumental in the replacement of the roof, the repair of the ceiling beams, the exterior building painting, the refurbishment of the doors, and the restoration of over half of the windows in the building.

The restoration of the front door transom was completed through the skilled work of a member of our Lodge, Worshipful Charles Berger.

This plaque appears below the transom.



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 to obtain your new membership number.

MASONIC CHARITY



We also support and encourage you to contribute to the funds sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Masonic Home of Virginia.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, please consider participating in one of our charities. Three ways to donate: use the Venmo QR code above, use the payment link on our [website](#), or send a check to the Secretary at P.O. Box 21360, Richmond, VA 23223. Please mark on your donation for which charity the donation is intended.

THE ROSTER

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 AF&AM

Meeting Location

Masons' Hall
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2022 Lodge Officers

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

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

October, 2022 Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Tracy Burgess	26 Years
Bro. Sami Dodhy	2 Years
Bro. Shane Flansburg	5 Years
Bro. Scott Hennarty	1 Year (September)
Bro. Walter Henry	62 Years
Bro. John Horner	4 Years
Wor. Michael Joyner	21 Years
Bro. Bailey Moro	2 Years
Bro. Michael Nelson	10 Years
Bro. Brian White	2 Years

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Total 135 Masonic
Years

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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