



TRESTLE BOARD

Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, AF&M

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Est. Anno Lucis 5787 Oct 29th
April A.L. 6021

Events This Month

Stated Meeting

Saturday, Apr. 10 at 9:00 AM
Breakfast at 8:00 AM
RSVP to:

jake@crockerstrategy.com

Dress: Coat and Tie
Location: Masons' Hall
1807 E. Franklin St.
Richmond, VA

Ritual Practice

Every Wednesday Night
6:30 PM at Masons' Hall

RR19 First Friday

Cancelled in April

Masters & Wardens Meeting

Saturday, Apr. 17 at 8:30 AM
email rwmawyer@comcast.net

Philosophical Society

Thursday, Apr. 22 at 6:30 PM
at Masons' Hall

Lodge Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 1 at Noon



FROM THE EAST

by Worshipful Jake Crocker

Brethren,

Spring is upon us and positive things are happening across the board! We are now able to have more than 10 brothers at this month's stated communication but you will need to RSVP directly to me if you'd like to attend. Please let me know at jake@crockerstrategy.com at least two days prior to the April 10th stated.

In addition to having more members at our meetings, we will also finally be able to one again read and vote on petitions as well as conduct degree work. We've have many candidates waiting in the wings and thanks largely to the efforts of Worshipful Don Moro we have stayed engaged with them and are finally able to move forward. We definitely have some rust to shake off as its been over a year since the last degree was cable to be conferred at Masons' Hall. That being said, make sure you come to Wednesday night practice!

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This month we will also begin preparing for the Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones' visit on May 8th! This will be more than just a run of the mill Grand Master's visit as following our lodge stated the new historic marker in front of Masons' Hall will be unveiled at 11am by the Commonwealth Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR). In addition DAR will also present a check to the Masons' Hall 1785 Foundation to fund the construction of a new retaining wall on the west side of the property as well as for the rehabilitation of the front door and its frame.

We will also be unveiling the new transom window above the front door with hand painted "Richmond Randolph Lodge No.19" lettering by Worshipful Charles Berger replacing the original which is now prominently hanging in our refreshment hall (dining room). The DAR chapter will also be presenting our lodge with an award recognizing our preservation efforts toward Masons' Hall over the years. It's going to be quite the day and certainly a memorable one for everyone involved.

In preparation for that event we will be holding a cleanup day the prior Saturday May 1st at noon so please make it if you can. Worshipful Donald Cunningham is already out working on sprucing up the yard as well as working on the shutter refurbishing project with Right Worshipful Bill Thomas. I've also been assured the construction on the building next door has already resolved some of the drainage issues from that building that was negatively impacting our yard.

Our lodge and its confines continues to rise as Freemasonry, our community and our country continues to climb out of the setbacks of Covid. Let's remember those that we lost through this unfortunate virus and to other causes over the past year and all work to move forward with their memory alive in our hearts and in our minds.

Fraternally,

Jake Crocker
169th Worshipful Master

THE ESOTERIC CORNER

By Worshipful David Fierro, Renaissance Lodge, 2010

From *How to Charter a Lodge*, by Brother Robert H. Johnson, published in 2021 and available in our Lodge library.

Patience-is a lesson that's been taught to us since we were old enough to walk. It's been overlooked, disregarded, and a misunderstood hindrance to our progress as adults. It appears once we find independence in adulthood, we also race to create a metaphoric fire of curiosity, a burning desire to reach feats, goals, and accomplishments before we take our last breath. What is this urge to get things done as quickly as possible? And what are the profound benefits awaiting as if we are patient?

These are not questions to be taken lightly, as they are intended for those looking for direction in achieving higher thoughts and overcoming the proverbial obstructions life places in front of us - those things that impede our progress. These questions are directed toward those who have intuitive passion, a hunger for adventure down any avenue they wish to seek. Within the Craft or any other organization where I've been a member, there exists the perception of resistance for change when it is, in fact, wise counsel to be patient. Rather than meet this prerogative with disdain or resentment, take note. Contemplate and question motives. When the time is right, move forward unabashedly, with fortitude, and never ask anyone for their permission; we become more responsible and accountable to ourselves this way.

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2021 Lodge Officers

Wor. Jake Crocker Worshipful Master
Bro. Chandos Carrow Senior Warden
Bro. Kyle Bourne Junior Warden
Bro. Lawrence Pearson Treasurer
Wor. Donald Moro Secretary
Bro. Shane Flansburg Senior Deacon
Bro. Matthew Maggy Junior Deacon
Rt. Wor. Bill Heltzel Chaplain
Bro. John Sibley Senior Steward
Bro. Sami Dodhy Junior Steward
Bro. Zachary James Marshall
Wor. Donald Cunningham Tiler

April Masonic Birthdays

Wor. Lothar Bernhard Wor. Charles Pearce
Bro. James Owens Rt. Wor. Thomas Sykes
Bro. Stephen Bland Rt. Wor. Stewart Swygert
Rt. Wor. Larry Dixon Bro. Chandos Carrow
Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh Bro. Evan Hunt

50 Year Members

Bro. Irvin Beadles
Wor. Robert Bedell
Wor. Lothar Bernhard
Wor. George "Skip" Brooks
M.W. Stuart Cook
Bro. Horace Dowdy
Rt. Wor. Wade Evans
Bro. Walter Henry Jr.
Wor. Charles Hundley
Wor. Waverly Marshall
M.W. Frederick Martin
Bro. James Owens
Bro. William Perkins
Bro. John Stenstrom

60 Year Members

Bro. Bedros Bandazian

RR #19 Living Past Masters

Life Members in Perpetuity

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
Wade Evans, Jr., 2007
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

Rt. Wor. Barry Absher
Bro. Douglas Mack
Bro. Ronnie Childs
Bro. Anthony Pearce
Wor. Paul Dierickx
Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh
Rt. Wor. James Duke Jr.
Bro. Christopher Shuman
Bro. Peter Francisco
Wor. C. Thomas Sykes
Rt. Wor. William Heltzel
Bro. Curtis Thompson
Bro. Francis Romero
Bro. Ian Nelson
Bro. Benjamin Barrett
Bro. Jacob Allen



FROM THE TREASURER

by Brother Lane Pearson

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THE THIRD DEGREE

by Brother David Allen

Discussion Topic for the April Philosophical Society Meeting

Our meeting will focus on the second section of the third degree, and the key moment in that experience. Candidates are "raised to the sublime degree of master mason" and the discussion will focus on the raising.

Questions to structure the discussion, and consider before you come, are the newspaper man's "Who, What, When, Where, How"

1. Who went through this experience?
2. What led up to the moment, and what exactly happened?
3. When did it happen in the course of the story? Does that matter?
4. Where did it occur and what meaning does that signify?
5. How did it happen? What was tried, and why did it fail?

Resources for background reading & listening prior to the meeting

- [The Story of Hiram Abiff](#), by William Harvey
- [Stellar Theology & Masonic Astronomy](#), by Robert Hewitt Brown
- [Symbolism of the Hiram Legend](#), by Sir Knight James A. Nash
- [A History of the Ceremony of Raising](#), by W.Bro. Dr. John Reginald
- [The Hiram Legend: Whence & Wherefor](#) by Bro. Madhavan

Note: Master Masons of any Lodge and Jurisdiction are welcome to attend our Philosophical Society Meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Masons' Hall, 1807 E. Franklin St., Richmond.