



DECEMBER STATED COMMUNICATION

Saturday, December 12th A.L. 6020 at 9 AM.

Masons Hall, 1807 E Franklin St., Richmond, Virginia

Dress: Tuxedos for Officers; Dark Suits & Ties for others

Breakfast is Possible. It depends on the GMs reaction to the Governor's update.

9:00 AM: Open Master Mason Lodge

Closed Installation of Officers

- Social distancing will be observed, as will enhanced sanitizing and the use of the new "contactless" protocols for taking up the Word and other rituals.

- Everyone will be required to wear a mask at all times in the Lodge.

- Members who are in the at-risk category for Covid-19, or who are not comfortable attending, should avoid the meeting.

Upcoming Richmond Randolph # 19 Events

Fri 12/4- 6:30 PM - Virtual First Fridays Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85386897460?pwd=YUc3S3dmZStyRDEzMGM1bERRWlcxQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8689 7460

Passcode: 934218

Thurs 12/17- @ 7PM - Virtual Philosophical Meeting (See below for info)

Thurs 1/7 - Richmond Randolph Lodge #19 volunteering at Blood Drive at Regency Square Mall.

Every Wednesday Night- 6:30 PM Lodge Ritual Practice at Masons Hall.

8 PM - Adjourn to Rosie Connolly's Pub a block away from the lodge.

Every Saturday, The Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual class meets at the Tuckahoe Temple Except on days for Masters and Wardens. @ 9AM Catechism coaching; 10 AM Ritual practice. DARK IN DECEMBER

Masters and Wardens - 3rd Saturday, @ Meets online. Send email to thegrip15@gmail.com to receive announcements.

Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons
Est. Anno Lucis 5787 Oct 29th
December A.L. 6020

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2020 Lodge Officers

Wor. Donald Moro
Worshipful Master
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Bro. Jake Crocker Sr. Warden
Bro. Zachary James Jr. Warden
Bro. Lane Pearson Treasurer
Bro. Matthew Maggy Secretary
Bro. Kyle Bourne Sr. Deacon
Bro. Shane Flansburg Jr. Deacon
Rt. Wor. Bill Heltzel Chaplain
Bro. John Sibley Sr. Steward
Bro. David Allen Jr. Steward
Bro. Chandos Carrow Marshall
Bro. Earl Sale Tiler

STANDING COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES-

Rt. Wor. William Heltzel, Wor. Don Cunningham, Wor. Charles Hundley, Wor. Michael Joyner, Wor. Lee Oppenheim

ILL and/or DISTRESSED –

Bro. Zach James

PROPERTY – Bro. Kyle Bourne

MAHOVA Rep – Bro. Stuart Litvin

BLOOD COORDINATOR –

Bro. David Allen

LODGE INSTRUCTOR of WORK –

Rt. Wor. William Heltzel

LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER –

Rt. Wor. William Heltzel

HISTORIC PRESERVATION–

Bro. Don Cunningham

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Wor. Michael Joyner

Joyner

Greetings from The East - Farewell

“To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.” -- *George Washington letter to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, January 1793*

I think about the words of George Washington as I reflect on my term as your Worshipful Master. Despite the many challenges we faced as a Lodge in this year of racial, medical, and personal strife, I believe that Richmond Randolph Lodge has succeeded in providing for its members a most pleasant, harmonious, and above all brotherly home away from home.

I love Mason's Hall, and while I know that Richmond Randolph Lodge is not the building, Masons' Hall represents the soul of our Lodge: steadfast, solid, enduring, historic, secretive, and wonderful. I've said it before and I will say it again: we have one of the most unique Lodges in Virginia and I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished this past year.

- We have refined and delivered the programs our members have come to enjoy including our First Friday Socials, our Philosophical Society, and our Outings and Open Houses....sometimes virtually and sometimes in person.
- We continue to enjoy a good pipeline of men interested in joining our Lodge. We received on average one inquiry each month in the past year.
- We raised four new brethren in the One Day Conferral.
- We have righted our Lodge financially and have positioned it to remain operating in the black for the foreseeable future.
- For our beloved building we have replaced many windows, installed a new security system (that has proven its worth multiple times), buttressed the first floor stairs, cleaned and organized our museum and conference rooms, and *painted the building!*

As I pass the gavel over to Worthy Bro. Jake Crocker, I know that I leave the lodge in capable hands. I only ask that you support Bro. Jake the way you supported me.

I will leave you with these words from our closing charge. "...do good unto all; recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace; and may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you."

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Don Moro

Blood Drive

Richmond Randolph #19 will be participating in the Masonic Blood Drive on Thursday, January 7th at Regency Square Mall. Please contact Bro. David Allen <david.allen@oldhat.org> to get involved; we will be looking for volunteers to staff the collection point, interact with donors, and help the American Red Cross conduct safety protocols.

2021 Dues

2021 dues are now due. 2021 dues are **\$275 payable to Richmond Randolph Lodge #19**. \$220 goes to the lodge to support our regular activities and operations, building maintenance, charitable giving, and all of the wonderful things that our lodge does and \$55 goes to the Grand Lodge capitation which funds the Grand Lodge Library, Museum, GW Masonic Memorial, GL operations, the Masonic Home, and many other important functions of the Grand Lodge. You can pay one of three ways:

- 1) Mail a check to:
Richmond Randolph Lodge #19
PO Box 23160
Richmond, VA 23223
- 2) Pay via Paypal at: <http://richmondrandolph19.com/store/>
- 3) Give the Secretary) cash or a check at the next stated.

I understand times are tough at the moment and if you are having some financial difficulty, please reach out to Worshipful Moro, Brother Crocker, and/or the Secretary.

Philosophical Meeting

Our next Philosophical Society Meeting will be held on December 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM ET via Zoom. Check our website calendar at www.richmondrandolph19.com for connection details.

You have heard about the comparison of Freemasonry to other secret societies. You know they are out there, but you don't know much about them. And you want to know more....

In December, our Philosophical Society will explore some secret societies; how they began, what they are all about, and how they relate to Freemasonry. In preparation for this meeting, you should pick a secret society of your own choosing and do a little research on it.

When and why was it formed?

Who can join?

What is the initiation ritual?

What is it doing today?

How does it relate to Freemasonry?

Here are a few secret societies to consider: Knights of Malta, Knights Templar, Teutonic Knights, Grand Orange Lodge, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Opus Dei, Illuminati, Rosicrucians, Order of the Golden Dawn, Skull and Bones.

Open to Masons of all degrees and all Lodges.

DECEMBER MASONIC

BIRTHDAYS

Ian Nelson (17 yrs)

50 yr members

Bro. Bedros Bandazian
Wor. Robert Bedell
Bro. Ralph Braun
Bro. Horace Dowdy
Bro. Walter Henry Jr.
Bro. William Perkins
Bro. John Stenstrom
MW Fred Martin
MW Stuart Cook
Wor. Waverly Marshall
Wor. George "Skip" Brooks
Wor. Charles Hundley

60 yr members

Bro. Bedros Bandazian

RR #19 Living Past Masters

Robert G. Bedell, 1971
Lothar A. Bernhard, 1988
Larry Johnnie Dixon, 1995
Anthony Charles Pearce, 1997
Marc Daniel Graham, 1999
Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr., 2000
Barry Lane Absher, 2005
Thomas Edward Breedon, 2006
Wade Vestal Evans, Jr., 2007
Edward Keith Winder, 2008
Charles Thomas Sykes, 2009
William B. Heltzel, 2010
James H. Duke, 2011
Paul A. Dierickx, 2012, 2013
Lee Oppenheim, 2014
Michael Joyner, 2015, 2016
Charles Hundley, 2017
Chad Vanderpool, 2018
Don Cunningham, 2019

LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

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

Note to Distant Brethren

I have been Secretary of the lodge for four years. I have enjoyed a much more intimate relationship with the inner-workings of the lodge, masonry, the Grand Lodge, our connection to many genealogies, and relationship to the broader world. One of the things that I will miss is the intimate familiarity with our lodge roster. It's given me a chance to at least touch base with brethren who may not have been in the lodge years. One of my biggest regrets in retrospect is never engaging distant brethren as much as I should have. It's easy when the same group of guys show up to forget brothers who have moved away or family obligations have kept away from the lodge.

Brothers who are not around, you are more than a dues card or a name on a roster. You are a part of one of the most historic lodges in the most historic Masonic building in the United States. You are just as important to the lodge as people who show up to practice every week, hold an office, or attend meetings regularly. We would love to have a note or an email or any sort of update as to what you are up to, any Masonic activity you are engaged in, and generally a life update. When I do receive these, I read them aloud in the lodge. I think this would be great to be able to read one of these during correspondence every month.

Also, for the sake of our incoming Secretary and lodge, please pay your dues early!