

## **Message from East**

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

We had a very busy month in January. Please extend a warm Ashland welcome to Brother Kyle Carlson and Brother Ed Hunt as our newest master masons and be sure to congratulate them! We had six brothers attend the Division Leadership Conference in Richmond, as well as a very productive Stated Meeting where we discussed community service events for this masonic year. We had two fraternal visits in January, one to Richmond #10 in early January and the second in late January at Westhampton for a Master Mason's degree. The spring is gearing up to be a busy time for us. Here are some dates we announced:

- February 16 Stated Meeting, Roast Beef Dinner provided by the Doswell Ruritan.
   Cost is \$15/person. Please RSVP with Wor. Six by 2/9 if you plan on attending the meal.
- March 16 Stated Meeting, bring a toiletry or non-perishable food item for donation to the Patrick Henry High School student food pantry.
- April 8, Sausage Sale Fundraiser More information coming soon.
- April 11, 1-5PM Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross @ Ashland Lodge
- May 13 8-10AM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser @ Ashland Lodge
- May 17, 7-9AM Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast @ Ashland Lodge
- August 1, times TBD, Our first National Night Out event @ Ashland Lodge

We are working on many more community service acts and those will be announced in the coming weeks.

Most importantly, during our February stated meeting we will be holding a vote to change our by-laws for our meeting times. The proposal will be to move from 7:30PM to 7:00PM. Please come out and voice your opinion on this important topic.

Be safe and see you all soon.

# **Upcoming Events**

Lodge Practice FEBRUARY 2, 6:30PM

Lodge Practice FEBRUARY 9, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting
FEBRUARY 16 @ 7PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6PM
ROAST BEEF DINNER, RSVP
WITH WOR. SIX BY 2/9

Optional Lodge Practice EA

Degree

FEBRUARY 21, 7:00PM

Called Communication Entered Apprentice Degree FEBRUARY 23, 7:00PM

District Ritual Class Fredericksburg, VA FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:30PM



### **Masonic Education Corner**

BY WOR. JOHN PARRISH

Brethren of Ashland Lodge,

If you have been engaged in Virginia Masonry at all over the last two years, you are probably familiar with the buzz words "Grand View." Although many of you may be aware of the term, some of you may not understand what services it provides, and how this can be a benefit to both you and the lodge.

Grand View is an online membership management portal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Rather than your membership information being filed in a dusty filing cabinet, it is now stored in the online Grand View system. This provides each member quick and easy access to their profile information and allows the user, and the secretary, to easily update their contact information.

In the past, if you needed to change your address you would have to call the secretary, and then the secretary would have to call or email the Grand Lodge of Virginia to make sure your information was updated in both systems. Now, from the convenience of your home, or your phone, you can change your address and contact information in one place, and it is instantly updated across the system!

Not only is this system useful for updating your contact information, the Grand View system is also a repository for all files, forms, and Masonic Education. On the old Grand Lodge website, there used to be a page where you could access this information. Now, all of the handouts, manuals, and education brochures are available in Grand View.

Unfortunately, very few of our members have registered their accounts. If you are interested in registering for Grand View and seeing what all the fuss is about, please reach out to me! I can easily have a registration link sent to your email and the registration process only takes seconds.

If you need help, I am always a call, text, or email away!

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## **Masonic Birthdays**

BRO. JEREMY NATHANIEL WILLIAMS FEBRUARY 10 - 1 YEAR

BRO. JAMES EDGAR WICKHAM FEBRUARY 13 - 65 YEARS

BRO. KENNETH GORDON SANDS FEBRUARY 14 - 15 YEARS





# **Highlights from last month**



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#### Living Past Masters

1964- C.M. Reece 1992- W.T. Marshburn, Jr. 2014- A.M. Boor 1976- D.M. Pearson, Jr. 1994- S.F. Stone, Sr. 2015- J.U. Harrison 1976- I.L. Harris 1998- D.F. Lyons 2016(17)- R.R. Seitz 1980- D.M. Boor 2004- A.L. Christiansen, Jr. 2018- R.L. McIntire 1981- W.B. Howard 2019- G.C. Duvall 2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr. 1987- W.T. Cage 2010- M.P. Coyle 2020(21)- G.C. Corker 1988- E.E. Fisher 2011- M.S. Ball 2022- J.M. Parrish

1989(90)- A.S. Peyton 2013- L.T. Hall, III

#### Past District Deputy Grand Masters

 1960- RW M.B. Young
 2001- RW E.E. Fisher

 1969- RW J.D. Nelson
 2005- RW L.J. Sloppy (1B)

 1975- RW D.M. Pearon, Jr.
 2007- RW J.L. Harris

 1976- RW R.L. Gibbs (15C)
 2013- RW L.S. Ball

 1982- MW A.W. Adkins
 2019- RW D.M. Boor

1995- RW S.F. Stone, Sr.

#### <u>Life Members in Perpetuity</u>

1996- C.H. Burnette 2005- J.M. Puryear, Jr. 1996- W.T. Cage 2011- K.G. Sands 1995- S.F. Stone, Sr. 2012- J.M. Parrish 1996- A.L. Traylor, Jr. 2012- R.R. Seitz 1997- E.F. Fisher 2016- M.P. Coyle 1998- D.F. Lyons 2016- J.C. Perry 2000- J.C. Beck 2016- L.T. Hall, III 2002- L. Nuckols, Sr. 2017- D.A. Emerson 2004- R.C. Nuckols 2018- J.U. Harrison

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#### <u>Upcoming District 8 Events</u>

February 10 Fredericksburg # 4 Stated @ 7:30PM DDGM Visit

February 13 Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated @ 7:30PM DDGM Visit

February 14 Hudson-Morris #80 Stated @ 7:30PM DDGM Visit

February 16 Ashland #168 Stated @ 7:00PM

February 22 Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated @ 11:00AM

February 23 Stafford # 279 Stated @ 7:30PM DDGM Visit

February 27 Spotsylvania #26 Stated @ 7:00PM DDGM Visit

District 8 DDGM: R.W. Dan Thompson

Remaining DDGMOV:

March 16 Ashland #168

\*\*\*DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS\*\*\*
Saturday February 18 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

<u>Upcoming Grand Lodge Events</u>

February 20, 2023 Cornerstone Laying Ceremony George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Don E. Strehle

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