



MAY - 2023

# TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

## Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren... I have three words for you: WE ARE ROLLING!!!!

We are finishing up an incredible month for our lodge with a lot of momentum as we head into the summer months. We conducted our first blood drive in partnership with the Patrick Henry YMCA and the American Red Cross. Our goal was to collect 32 units and we finished with 39! These units can save up to 117 lives in the Metro Richmond community.

We completed our annual sausage fundraiser on April 8 and as of the date of this article, I am pleased to report that all sausage has been sold and delivered. We ordered and processed over 500 pounds and will make approximately \$1,200 for our lodge. Next year, we'll aim for 600+ pounds!

We also assisted the Hanover Chapter of the Eastern Star with their annual Easter egg production and although their final numbers are still being tallied, we believe we will make over \$2,500 for our lodge.

Thank you to all those who participated in these three events. Our next blood drive is scheduled for May 23 from 12-5PM at the Patrick Henry YMCA. Please let me know if you are able to assist. We hope to grow participation in our sausage and Easter Egg fundraisers next year with even bigger numbers!

This past weekend, we raised FIVE NEW MASTER MASONS at District 8's One Day Conferral at Fredericksburg Lodge # 4. Welcome to Brothers Austin White, Brad Berg, Joe Strohmman, Matt Raab and Brian Carlucci on their raising to the sublime degree of master mason. We are excited to have you in our lodge!

Please contact me if you need help with anything and as always, thank you!

## Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice

MAY 4, 6:30PM

Lodge Practice

MAY 11, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting

MAY 18 @ 7PM

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM

MEAL @ 6PM

DEO CHRIS TRIPP

MM CATECHISM RETURN

Lodge Practice

MAY 25, 6:30PM

District Ritual Class

Fredericksburg, VA

MAY23 @ 7:00PM

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

MAY 13, 8-10AM

ASHLAND LODGE 168

PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN

US FOR BREAKFAST!!!



## Masonic Education - History of MAHOVA

BY WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

The series of events that led to the founding of MAHOVA brings into history's limelight the story of two men, one with a burning desire for action, the other with property and a purse. Verbal history suggests that following the absorption of the Masonic Academy by the Richmond public school system in 1871, Masons in the Richmond area of Virginia began discussing the need for a Masonic Orphanage.

Several different committees were appointed by the Grand Lodge between the years 1871 and 1888. When the committees reported back to the Grand Lodge, they consistently stated the establishment of such an institution was not feasible.

Dr. George Potts, born in Canterbury, England and a member of Astrea Lodge No. 85, made several eloquent appeals to the committees and to Grand Lodge, encouraging the establishment of a home for orphans, but without success. In December 1889, Dr. Potts made a particularly eloquent plea to Masons assembled in Grand Lodge.

Moved by the reasoning and passion of Dr. Potts' speech, Captain A. G. Babcock offered a gift of \$5,000 in cash and a conditional pledge of further assistance if the home were established.

In response to the Committee report and the pending gift, a groundswell of support emerged among the delegates to Grand Lodge and a resolution was adopted, authorizing the establishment of a Home for orphans of Virginia Master Masons. The committee assigned to the task petitioned a charter from the General Assembly, which was adopted on January 7, 1890. Legally, that is the date of the founding of MAHOVA.

Subsequent to the chartering, on February 18th, 1890, Captain Babcock donated real estate consisting of "44 ½ acres of excellent farming land on Nine Mile Road, with a dwelling of ten rooms in good order, a large barn and stable recently built, and all of the other necessary outhouses." This property made up the bulk of what is today the grounds of the Masonic Home. Additional parcels from Captain Babcock and others were added over the years to achieve the total of today's ninety acres.

From this humble beginning, our Masonic Home raised 839 children of Virginia Master Masons from 1890 to 1975 and has cared for 1,200 adults since the adult division began in 1955. The Home owes its existence to the persistence of one man and the generosity of another, two heroes whose foresight and courage began the journey that led to today's Masonic Home of Virginia, a place where life is celebrated and enjoyed.

## Masonic Birthdays

RW LARRY SPENCER BALL  
MAY 1

BRO. DAVID FELIX HUBER  
MAY 1

BRO. LOWELL WADE LANTZ  
MAY 2

BRO. CHARLES RANDALL AYLOR  
MAY 5

WOR. WILLIAM THOMAS CAGE  
MAY 5

WOR. ROBERT ROWLAND SEITZ  
MAY 5

BRO. GERALD WAYNE MAXEY  
MAY 12

BRO. "THE" ROBERT LEE TRIBBLE III  
MAY 12

RW LEE JACKSON SLOPPY  
MAY 19

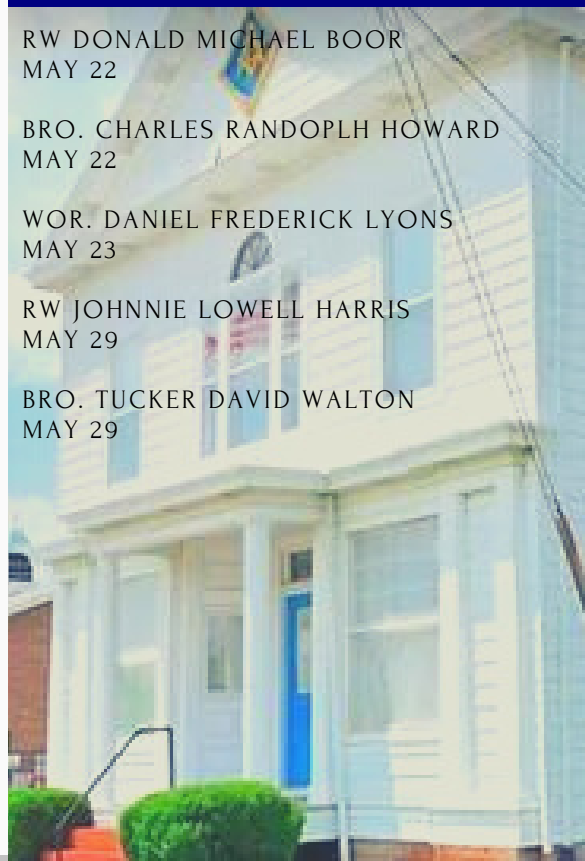
RW DONALD MICHAEL BOOR  
MAY 22

BRO. CHARLES RANDOPHLH HOWARD  
MAY 22

WOR. DANIEL FREDERICK LYONS  
MAY 23

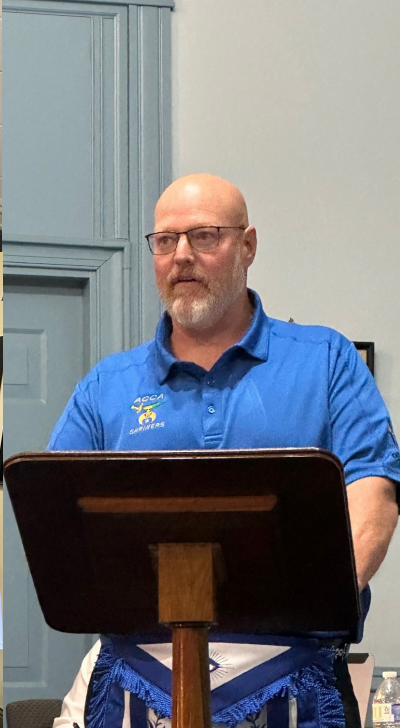
RW JOHNNIE LOWELL HARRIS  
MAY 29

BRO. TUCKER DAVID WALTON  
MAY 29





# 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- J.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	2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2019- G.C. Duvall
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. Pearson, 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.	

Life Members in Perpetuity

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- J. L. Nuckols, Sr.	2017- D.A. Emerson
2004- R.C. Nuckols	2018- J.U. Harrison

Trustees

R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris  
 Wor. Robert Leroy McIntire, III  
 Bro. R. Allen Davidson

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Upcoming District 8 Events

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated May 12 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated May 8 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated May 9 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated May 18 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated May 24 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated May 25 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated May 22 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson

\*\*\*DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS\*\*\*  
 Saturday May 20 @ Tuckahoe Lodge  
 Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

\*\*\*OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE GRANDMASTER TO DISTRICT 8  
 Saturday June 10, 2023 @ 6PM  
 Tickets are \$25/person. See Wor. Six to purchase tickets.  
 Doswell Community Center  
 16433 Washington Highway  
 Doswell, VA 23047

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- May 12 GMOV District 12
- May 13 GMOV District 20
- May 19 GMOV Districts 5 & 6
- May 20 GMOV District 2

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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