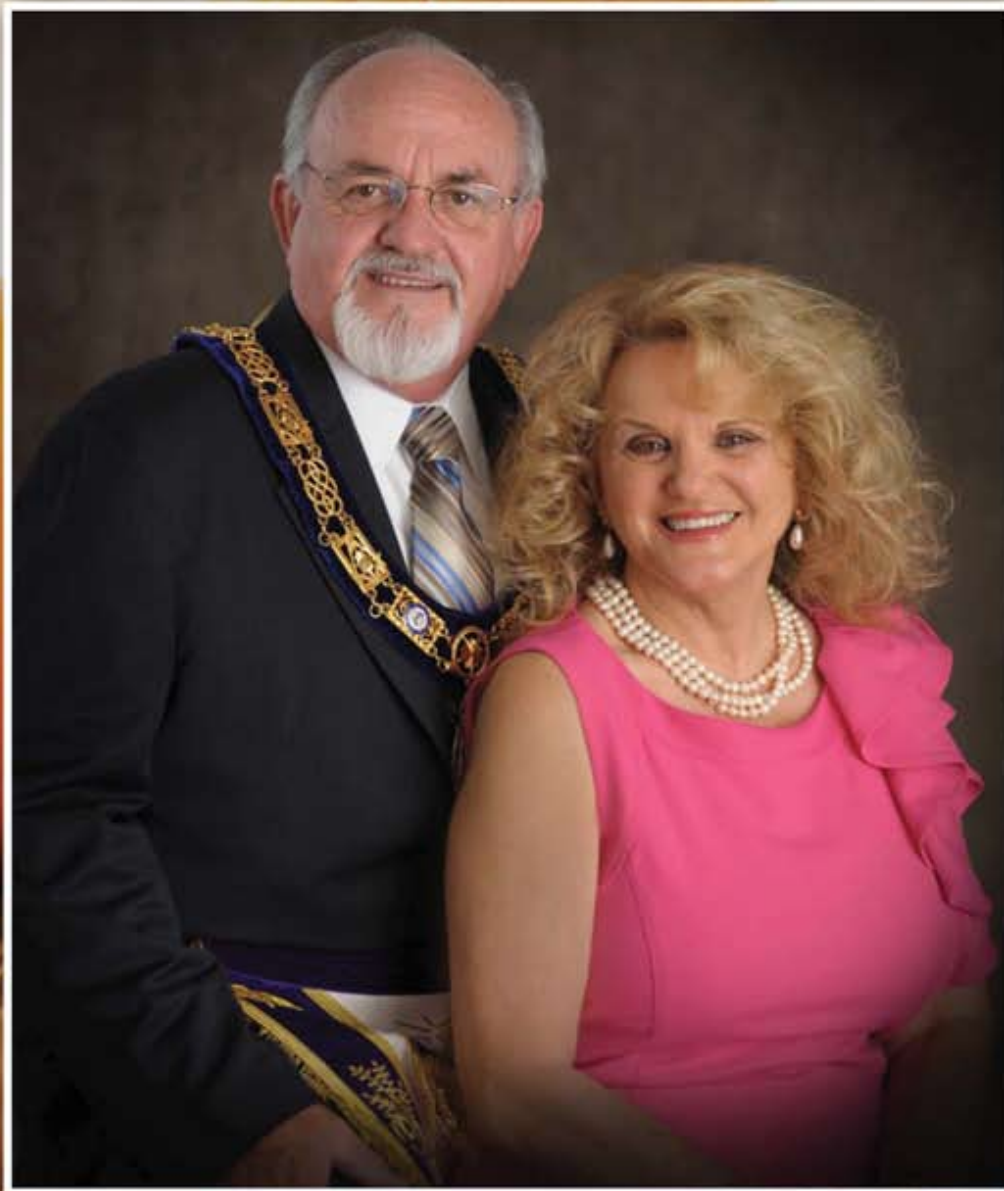


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— From Most Worshipful Grand Master  
**E. Ray Knittel**

It has been said many times that the only way to know where you need to go is to look back at where you have been. I have spent some time over the years reading the remarks of some of our Past Grand Masters. We have been most fortunate to have had some great Masonic leaders in our history and fortunately some of their writings are still preserved in publications like our "Proceedings of Grand Lodge."

One such great Past Grand Master was Most Worshipful Brother A. G. Miller, Grand Master, 1926-27. This was a historic year for our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for on Tuesday morning, October 25, 1927, just before the opening of the One Hundred and Forty-First Annual Communication of that Grand Lodge session the new Grand Lodge building was dedicated in a Masonic ceremony by the Grand Lodge Officers, officiated by Past Grand Master Frank O. Miller. It was noted that "the dedication service being public, the large auditorium was filled with many visitors. That great building still stands and serves as the offices for the Grand Secretary as well as offices for the York Rite Grand Recorder. It is located at 811 Mulberry Street in Macon. If you have never visited your Grand Secretary's office, you need to do so the next time you have an opportunity.

I recommend that you find a copy of this issue of the Grand Lodge Proceedings and read for yourself words of wisdom from a great Past Grand Master. Concluding his report, he penned the following: (Understand that this was 1927)

"A short time ago it was my privilege to pass up the Hudson River from New York to Albany. For many miles we steamed between the towering Palisades

unmatched for their beauty of scenery anywhere in the known world. Suddenly there loomed ahead of us tall cliffs through which there appeared to be no passage for our steamer. Here it seemed that our way was barred, our journey stopped. We crowded upon the deck and breathlessly watched as we neared the impending cliffs — and then, when we had almost reached their feet, to the left there broke upon our gaze a wide sweep of the river into which our steamer turned. From that point until we reached our destination the bold and foaming Palisades and bluffs disappeared to be replaced by level fields and smiling meadows dotted here and there by growing prosperous villages and cities. This is the symbol of the progress of our Grand Lodge. For more than a hundred years, within the narrow channel of tradition and meager charity we have passed. The way has been pleasing and we have received some pleasure and thrill as we passed along. Today, however, our complacency is interrupted by obstacles which loom across our way, and which seem to bar our further progress. But as we approach them we may have that calm assurance they will be passed and from the stream of our progress shall stretch away grander and more beautiful fields of usefulness and opportunity."

Please read the last two or three sentences once more. These words from a Grand Master from the past, eighty-six years ago in fact, should give us encouragement that we can work through any problem that may stand in way of our success. No matter how high and treacherous the mountains of

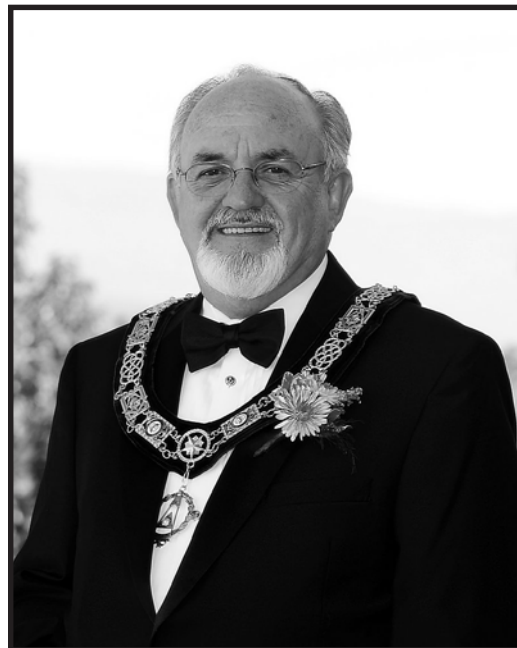


discouragement may seem we can overcome anything in our path if we are willing to apply ourselves and with determination keep moving forward. I know that there are some lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction that are struggling. I wish that I had a magic formula I could prescribe but I encourage these officers and members to stay the course, remembering that any problem can be solved and take encouragement from the words above of Most Worshipful Brother A. G. Miller of long ago, “we may have that calm assurance they will be passed and from the stream of our progress shall stretch away grander and more beautiful fields of usefulness and opportunity.”

This year has gone by so quickly and there is much that I did not finish. There were 257 meetings that I was able to attend and of that, 175 of those were to Masonic Lodges. To those lodges that I was able to get to, know that each of them were special and the pictures and names in my journal will always be with me, bringing back those great memories of this special year for me. I wish that I could have visited every single lodge but that was just not possible. I remembered this morning as I write this a comment made by Most Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson, Past Grand Master of the Great State of South Carolina, “I may not have met your expectations but you, my Brethren, have far exceeded mine.”

To the members of my lodge, Cohutta Lodge No. 64, thank you so much for the support and encouragement given to me over the years. You accepted my petition over thirty-five years ago and so enabled me to begin this journey; a journey that I could never have imagined would lead me to this position of serving the Masons of Georgia as Grand Master. There were so many of those members of that small lodge who mean so much to me, who always have an encouraging word for each other and for me and brethren. I thank you. For my district, the great Seventh Masonic District and those great Masons who make up the sixty-six lodges, you are the best. Your support and encouragement have kept me going for many years and I love you all.

I cannot begin to explain how close to being “family” these Grand Lodge officers have become to Marilyn and me. I shall miss them and the many great times that we shared. These, without a doubt, make up the finest line of Grand Lodge officers ever. Our Grand Lodge is in such great hands and I am humbled and honored to have been able to serve at a time when we have such a talented and dedicated group of great men and Masons. They are all great leaders, each with special skills and talent and I look forward to being able to be a part of the future of our



Grand Lodge. With men like these, our future is indeed very bright.

By the time you read this we will be but a few days away from our Two Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Communication and in only a few days after that, we will begin a brand new year. The coming year and those to follow will be filled with much opportunity and as we work together to solve the problems that may arise and take advantage of the opportunities presented to us. We all know that some change is inevitable, but may we never lose sight of those basic principles which set us apart from every other organization in the world. I am excited about the future as you and I will be part of the work that will bring about some of those positive changes that will make this wonderful Fraternity of ours better and stronger.

And now as I close this final article to you as Grand Master, I will leave you with this quote that I found, written by Enoch Powell, a member of the British Parliament, “If my ship sails from sight, it doesn’t mean my journey ends, it simply means the river bends.” I thank God for His love and grace, for keeping us safe and healthy enough to finish and I thank each of you for allowing me this journey of a lifetime. May His blessings be upon us and may He continue to bless each of us, this great country that we all love and this wonderful Fraternity.

E. Ray Knittel  
Grand Master, 2012-2013

# We can make a *Difference!*

## **Welcome to Grand Lodge**

**The 227th Grand Lodge Session will be held  
at the Macon Centreplex Convention Center  
October 22-23**

The headquarter's hotel is  
***The Macon Marriott City Center Hotel***

478-621-5300 or 800-228-9290

(When making reservations, be certain to say you are with the  
Grand Lodge of Georgia)

**Rates will be \$109 plus tax.**

**Cut off for room reservations is October 4.**

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Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Ray Knittel and First Lady Marilyn invite you to join our Masonic Family and enjoy our Annual Communication to renew friendships as well as meet new friends.

In keeping with tradition, the District Deputies to the Grand Master are working with their district lodges to host the Tuesday evening Grand Lodge Family Cookout. The cookout and entertainment will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday. Dress is casual and all Masons and their families are invited for great food and entertainment.

The First Lady's reception will be on Monday from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. in the Hospitality Room. Please stop by to meet First Lady Marilyn.

First Lady Marilyn invites the Ladies to a luncheon on Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. with entertainment. Purchase your ticket and come enjoy food, fun, and friends. Dress code is Sunday dress.

The Hospitality Room at the Marriott Macon Center Hotel will be supplied with homemade goodies and open Monday through Wednesday at designated hours for everyone to enjoy.



# 227th Annual Communication

## Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons

### Grand Lodge Banquet

Marriott Hotel  
Monday - October 21  
6:00 P.M.

(Coat & Tie or Sunday  
Dress required)

Tickets: \$25

Limited to 200 people

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

(NO tickets sold at the  
door.)

### Honors Breakfast

Marriott Hotel  
Tuesday - October 22  
6:30 A.M.

Tickets: \$15.00

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

### Ladies Luncheon

Marriott Hotel  
Tuesday - October 22  
11:30 A.M.

Tickets: \$25.00

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Night Cookout

Farmers' Market  
Tuesday - October 22  
6:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$5.00

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

### Military Veterans ALL

You are invited to attend YOUR free "Veteran's Luncheon" provided by the Scottish Rite Masons of Georgia during your visit to the Grand Lodge Communication at noon on October 22. You MUST obtain your free ticket through the Grand Secretary's office at 478-742-1475. This is a first come, first serve luncheon as seating is limited. We'll be serving an outstanding full meal; our Guest Speaker will be MW Bro. E. Ray Knittel, Grand Master. Transportation will be provided from Grand Lodge to the Macon Scottish Rite Temple and back to Grand Lodge. Call today to obtain your Free Veteran's Luncheon Ticket.

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**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**EDICT** No. 2013-01

By the authority vested in the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M. as provided at **MASONIC CODE 71-102.1. Rulings and Edicts of the Grand Master.** — “The Grand Master may, from time to time as he determines appropriate, during his term of office, issue a Ruling or an Edict regarding some question or issue of interest or importance to the Craft.”

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M., has the Constitutional Power; to propose, enact, and establish new regulations for the Government of the Craft, within its jurisdiction, and the same to alter, amend, explain or repeal, not contravening the ancient Landmarks of the Order, **MASONIC CODE 1-201;**

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., has the Constitutional Power to establish and preserve the traditions, lectures, work and ceremonies of the Order, and to exclude all innovations and unauthorized modifications of the same, **MASONIC CODE, 1-202;**

**WHEREAS, MASONIC CODE, 9-107. Awards Designated by the Grand Master.** - - provides in pertinent part that the Grand Master is authorized, in his discretion, to designate such awards which he, during his term of office, shall deem appropriate. He shall set qualifications, make selections and designate the award at his own preference. Awards may be for outstanding or special service, or programs, or for any other purpose. The Grand Master may designate the form of the award, whether by certificate, plaque, coin, cup, or other appropriate form, as he, in his sole discretion, may choose. The costs of such award may be paid from any Grand Lodge funds available therefor. Succeeding Grand Masters shall not be bound by such award designated by a predecessor Grand Master.

**WHEREAS** it is the will and desire of E. Ray Knittel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M., to, in accordance with said **Masonic Code Section 9-107** establish a Grand Lodge award to be designated as, “The Rupert H. Bramblett, P.G.M., Award”.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it Ordered by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M., that this Order establishing “**THE RUPERT H. BRAMBLETT, P.G.M. AWARD**” is hereby proclaimed, to-wit:

THE RUPERT H. BRAMBLETT, P.G.M. AWARD (1918-2005)

(a) There is hereby established an award to be known as “The Rupert H. Bramblett, **P.G.M., Award**”.

(b) The award may only be presented to a member in good standing for at least ten (10) years, of a Blue Subordinate Georgia Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons. The recipient shall receive the award in person at the Grand Lodge Session at which the award is made. Should the recipient due to extraordinary medical reasons, be unable to attend Grand Lodge Session to receive the award, the recipient’s duly designated representative, approved by the Grand Master, may receive the award. The award shall not be presented to anyone posthumously, but may be

presented to the Blue Subordinate Lodge of the deceased Brother in recognition of his service.

(c) The recipient must be active in religious, Masonic, community, and civic affairs. He must have contributed to Masonic growth by his writings, or through the sharing of his wisdom and knowledge of Masonry, state or nation-wide. He must be of high moral character, his conduct beyond reproach, and recognized by his fellowman as an humble servant of God and his fellowman.

(d) The award may be presented annually, but at not less than five (5) year intervals, beginning in 2013, with the presentation to be made during Grand Lodge. However, after the Grand Lodge presentation, and upon request of the recipient, with the consent of the Grand Master, there may be a second presentation in the recipient’s Blue Subordinate Lodge, provided a suitable program is prepared and presented simultaneously with the second presentation. At the second presentation in the recipient’s Blue Subordinate, a brief biography of M.W. Brother Rupert H. Bramblett, P.G.M., which is officially on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, shall be given.

(e) After Grand Lodge Session, October 22-23, 2013, the recipient must be selected by a minimum of five (5) members of a seven (7) member committee appointed by the Grand Master; two (2) Past Grand Masters, two (2) Grand Lodge Line Officers, and three (3) members of the Educational and Historical Commission. The committee shall be appointed at least six (6) months prior to the convening of Grand Lodge in the year the presentation is to be made. If no recipient is selected, the committee must be dismissed, and the next Grand Master may appoint a new selection committee.

(f) The Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Line Officers, during their term of office, members of the active selection committee, and anyone expressing a desire to be selected shall be ineligible to receive the award.

(g) No change by addition or deletion shall ever be made in the name of this award or the qualifications of the recipient; however, it may be discontinued, upon good cause shown to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in session, duly assembled. A brief biography of M.W. Brother Rupert H. Bramblett, P.G.M., which is officially on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, shall be given each time the award is presented.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the Educational and Historical Commission to select and prepare a Certificate suitable for framing with the Grand Lodge Seal located thereon, and an appropriate plaque. The plaque shall include the name of the recipient and have inscribed thereon, the Grand Lodge Seal as well as the name “The Rupert H. Bramblett, P.G.M. Award”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Edict be filed and the Brethren appropriately notified by the Grand Secretary.

s// E. Ray Knittel, Grand Master

attested// Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary

So ordered this 25th day of September 2013

[SEAL]



**THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**EDICT No. 2013-02**

IN RE: Grand Lodge Documents and Records.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that not all Grand Lodge documents and records are being filed with the Grand Secretary; and

WHEREAS, it appears that some Grand Lodge committees and others are in possession of documents and records which should be filed with the Grand Secretary and stored in the Grand Lodge office; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that some brethren are not delivering documents and records to the Grand Secretary for filing in the Grand Secretary's office; and

WHEREAS, the proper administration of the Grand Lodge and the continuity of the business records of the Grand Lodge require that all documents and records be filed with the Grand Secretary and stored by him in the Grand Lodge office; and

WHEREAS, no good reason exists for documents and records belonging to the Grand Lodge to be kept or stored anywhere other than in the Grand Secretary's office:

With due consideration to the foregoing, IT IS MY EDICT as follows:

1. All documents and records which are the property of the Grand Lodge of Georgia or pertaining to the business of the Grand Lodge of Georgia including, but not limited to, all documents and records of the Masonic Home of Georgia, Georgia, Masonic Charities Foundation, Inc., and all Grand

Lodge committees, boards, and similar bodies shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and stored in the Grand Lodge office.

2. All Masons having possession of any documents or records which are the property of the Grand Lodge of Georgia or relate to the business of the Grand Lodge of Georgia shall deliver same to the Grand Secretary on or before October 31, 2013 so that the same may be filed and stored in the Grand Lodge office thereafter.

3. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any committee, board, or other governing body from keeping copies of any documents or records essential to the business of same provided that the originals of all documents and records are filed in the Grand Secretary's office together with copies of all documents for which originals do not exist or are not available.

4. Failure to strictly comply with the provisions of this edict shall constitute unmasonic conduct.

Given under my hand as Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia and under the seal of said Grand Lodge this 25th day of September 2013.

s// E. Ray Knittel, Grand Master [SEAL]  
Attested // Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary  
So ordered this 25th day of September 2013

## PGM Brother Walter W. Thompson's Grave Marker Dedicated



Grand Lodge officers along with Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters James E. Underwood, Gary D. Lemmons and Bobby B. Simmons dedicated a Masonic Grave Marker at the grave of Most Worshipful Brother Walter Wilson Thompson, Sr., Grand Master in 1985. Most Worshipful Thompson passed away in March 2012 at age 91. He served in World War II, held over twenty patents on various designs, and was a multitasking icon in Hazelhurst. His widow Juanita and many of his family were present for the dedication.

## Camden Lodge No. 476 Presents Check to Grand Master for Masonic Home



The Worshipful Master of Camden Lodge No. 476 in Kingsland, Wor. Brother Ronald H. Wise, presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Masonic Home of Georgia to the Grand Master at a visitation of the Grand Master to the lodge on September 26.

## Cornerstones Laid by Grand Lodge



The Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone at Adairsville Lodge No. 168 on August 11. At the right, Grand Master E. Ray Knittel and his officers dedicate Adairsville Lodge in front of an overflowing number of Brothers, Ladies and guests.



Past Grand Master Jerry D. Moss (left center) leads in the dedication of the cornerstone at the Carroll County Courthouse on August 17. At the far left of the photo on the left is Past Grand Marshal Danny Boyles. At the right, Past Grand Master Moss and Grand Master E. Ray Knittel pose in front of the cornerstone.



Most Worshipful Brother E. Ray Knittel and his officers dedicated the cornerstone at the Habersham County Courthouse on September 8.



# Sanford Payne Tri-State Quadruplicate

## Past Grand Master K. I. Wright, Grand Lodge of Tennessee

What a great event Brother Sanford Payne put together when he started the Coosa All-Masons' Day in Coosa Lodge No. 622. This event Brother Payne started in 1992 has really advanced through the years.

Bro. Payne called it the Coosa Tri-State Degree with teams from Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, but he wanted to add another state to make it a four state event. He called Most Worshipful Bro. K. I. Wright and asked if he could possibly get a team from Mississippi to make it a four state event. He contacted Mississippi and they wholeheartedly agreed to come.

All state rituals are a little different but all wind up with the same meaning. It is so interesting to see other state rituals conferred at their best.

Mississippi could not make the 2013 trip so it was suggested that Louisiana confer their degree. I contacted the Grand Master of Louisiana and he agreed to have an entered apprentice degree team to confer the Louisiana Entered Apprentice Degree. This was a team from New Orleans and they work in the Scottish Rite ritual which will surely be a first for most of us.

The highlight at the end of the day was the Tennessee Yellow Dog Degree conferred by Past Grand Master Wright. This is always enjoyed by all who receive it. Brother Payne added icing to the cake by presenting the Yellow Dog of the Year Trophy and made a surprise presentation to the Head Dog and Leader of the Pack, Past Grand Master Wright.

The profit from this degree went to the Tennessee Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Fund in Tennessee; but most of all it was conferred for the fun and pleasure of all who received it. Several thousands of dollars has been made to this worthy organization.

Hopefully, this Coosa All-Masons' Day will continue. Bro. Payne made a special presentation to Past Grand Master Wright to continue the event. With this, the name was changed to the Sanford Payne Memorial All-Masons' Day.

Bro. Payne did not stop here. Although his health is declining he is still working to keep this event going. It is most proper that we honor him on the 2013 Sanford Payne All-Masons' Day and Quadruplet Day.

Bro. Payne celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 26. He was born June 26, 1925 and has been a Mason for over 65 years. He has two children; one is a doctor and the other a school principal. Bro. Payne is a retired school principal.

When Bro. Payne started this event he made a portrait of the Grand Master or the highest ranking Mason of each state represented. He has painted over 50 portraits over the years. He surprised me with my portrait on my first trip to Coosa Lodge. He first started painting as a hobby when he painted a portrait of a school principal whom he thought a



Past Grand Master K. I. Wright and Bro. Sanford Payne

lot about.

The Tennessee delegation has been a part of this event since it began. We charter a bus every year. There is a lot of fellowship and brotherly love shared between us and when we arrive in Georgia at the Coosa Lodge we meet many brothers from several states and always enjoy other states' rituals.

I cannot say enough about Brother Sanford Payne. He is indeed a Mason's Mason. He is sort of shy in the lodge but has a big heart and always a big smile on his face. He is a man of action. I'm sure he was loved by all his school students and faculty as much as we love him in Masonry.

I want to close with this poem about the bridge builder. It is so much like Brother Sanford Payne.

An old man traveling a lone highway  
Came at evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim.  
The sullen stream held no fears for him  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near  
"You're wasting your time in building here  
Your journey will end with the closing day  
You never again with pass this way.

(Continued on next page)

You have crossed the chasm deep and wide  
Why build you this bridge at even tide?  
The builder lifted his old gray head  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said  
“There followeth after me today a youth  
Whose feet must pass this way.

This stream which has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may pitfall be  
He too must cross in the twilight dim  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

That’s the way I see Bro. Payne: a bridge builder both as an educator and a Masonic leader. Many have benefited from him and many will be touched in the future from the bridge he has built for others to follow.

God bless Brother Sanford Payne and the work he has done both in schools and the Masonic Lodge.

K. I. Wright, P.G.M.  
Grand Lodge of Tennessee

Editor’s Note: The Scottish Rite ritual practiced by ten Blue Lodges in Louisiana was mentioned in the previous ar-

ticle. The Brethren who came to Coosa Lodge were from Germania Lodge No. 46 in New Orleans.

Germania Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana on April 18, 1844. Although Germania lodge is currently comprised of approximately 100 men from a broad range of heritages and backgrounds, it was founded by German-speaking gentlemen to provide an opportunity for conducting Masonic work in their native German tongue. The lodge is the oldest surviving social organization in the city with a German history. The lodge worked in the German language for one hundred years. In April, 1944, it was opened in German and closed in English and has worked in English since.

The lodge originally met on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4:00p.m. Germania now meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30p.m. The lodge works in the Scottish Rite Symbolic ritual – one of only ten lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana which work in this historic ritual. The ten Scottish Rite Lodges comprise the 16th District of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

As with some other Grand Jurisdictions, the Scottish Rite ritual of Germania Lodge was noticeably different from the Uniform Work in Georgia.

Germania’s website is <http://www.germania46.org>.



## “*A Chance to Advance*”

November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

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Friday: Atlanta Masonic Center

Registration 6:00am, adjourn about 5:00pm. Breakfast and lunch included.

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Breakfast 6:30am, Scottish Rite portion concludes at lunch time, caravan to Yaarab Shrine.

Saturday; Atlanta Yaarab Shrine Center

Lunch, Shrine ceremonial, fezzing ceremony and social. Adjourn by 5pm

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2013  
**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**  
**AND**  
**SUMMARY BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

Secretary must make available copy of the 2013 Bills and Resolutions to any member of his Lodge to read for himself or make photostatic copy at the member's expense.

See Section 3-114 of the Code.

**2013 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND  
SUMMARY BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.:

On Friday, August 9, 2013, the Jurisprudence Committee convened at the Grand Lodge Office in Macon at 10 a.m. as required by Section 3-114 of the Masonic Code and reviewed eighteen (18) Code Bills to amend, add or delete (repeal) portions of the Masonic Code.

At the request of the Grand Master, the committee also reviewed eighty-seven (87) dispensations issued by the Grand Master before August 10, 2013. Four (4) Rulings by the Grand Master were also reviewed.

The one hundred twenty three (123) dispensations reviewed were found to be properly handled in accordance with our Masonic Code as were the four (4) rulings made by our Grand Master. These will be presented for consideration at the 2013 Annual Communication along with the eighteen (18) Bills.

The Jurisprudence Committee respectfully reports that six (6) members of our committee were present for the August 9, 2013 meeting, thereby exceeding the quorum requirements of Code Section 2-224. Additionally, Most Worshipful Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, PM (154); Worshipful Brother Larry Nichols, JDG, PM (59) and Worshipful Brothers Wiley A. Gammon, PM (729); were visitors at the meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

Johnie M. Garmon, 2GS, PM (114)  
Albert F. Garner, PGM, PM (492)  
Clyde E. Griffin, PGM, PM (693), (1), Chairman  
Clarence E. Horne, PGM, PM (288)  
Michael A. Kessler, PM (216)  
A. Charles Knowles, PGM, PM (484)

**BILLS**

**CODE BILL NO. 01—2013**

A Bill to amend Section 40-101 of the Masonic Code relating to the length of time a recommender must know a petitioner for the Degrees of Masonry from twelve months to three months.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 40-101 shall be amended by deleting the words "twelve months" and adding the words "three months" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

40-101. Requisites.—An application for initiation must be signed by the petitioner and not by another. The petitioner must be vouched for by two Master Masons, known to the petitioner for a period of time not less than ~~twelve months~~ three months and one of whom must be a member of the petitioned Lodge. The petition shall state whether the candidate has been previously rejected, and if so, when, and by what Lodge. It must be read in open Lodge at a regular meeting, referred to a committee, and lie over until the next regular meeting, and shall be granted only upon unanimous secret ballot.

William Kayma, PM, Sandy Springs Lodge No. 124  
Charles Beasley, PM, Ben Hill Lodge No. 674  
James Rothrock, WM, Campbellton Lodge No. 76  
Mac McGuirt, PM, Stone Mountain Lodge No. 449  
Michael Lynch, PM, Sandy Springs Lodge No. 124

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 40-101 of the Masonic Code of Georgia as it relates to length of time a recommender must know a petitioner for the Degrees of Freemasonry.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

**CODE BILL NO. 02—2013**

A BILL to amend Section 42-111 of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to the Opening and Closing of Lodges at called communications.

Said Code Section now reads: **Section 42-111. Other Than Master's Degree.** - Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Lodges may open and close as such at a called communication.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted

Masons for the State of Georgia that: Section 42-111 be amended by the addition of the sentences:

This section shall apply only to those Lodges authorized to confer the “ancient work.” and does not apply to any Lodge operating under the “uniform work” Further, it shall be un-Masonic conduct for any script or written ritual, not of the ancient work purporting to be the opening and closing of Entered Apprentice or the Fellowcraft degree to be made or maintained by any brother.

So that when amended Section 42-111 shall read as follows:

**Section 42-111. Other Than Master’s Degree.** - Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Lodges may open and close as such at a called communication. This section shall apply only to those Lodges authorized to confer the “ancient work.” and does not apply to any Lodge operating under the “uniform work.” Further, it shall be un-Masonic conduct for any script or written ritual, not of the ancient work, purporting to be the opening and closing of Entered Apprentice or the Eellowcraft degree to be made or maintained by any brother.

Sponsors: Board of Custodians, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of GA.

- 1st William F. Pilon (693)
- 2nd Lavern A. Kistler (591)
- 3rd David Simmons (296)
- 4th Michael G. Majcher (304)
- 5th Gregory B. Foster (288)
- 6th Edmond H Shaw (691)
- 7th Earl Densmore, Jr. (221)
- 8th J. Mercer Collins, Sr (6)
- 9th Larry Bennett (572)
- 10th Thomas Scott (256)
- 11th William F. Shepard (717)
- 12th Thomas R. Gaines (111)

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 42-111 relating to the opening and closing of Lodges at called communications.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia although no code section differentiates ancient and uniform work.

**CODE BILL NO. 03—2013**

A Bill to provide for the repeal of Section 77-144. **Games of Chance of the Masonic Code of Georgia** in its entirety and to provide for the enactment of a new **Section 77-144. Games of Chance in the Masonic Code of Georgia.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that

**Section 77-144. Games of Chance**, which reads as follows:

**Section 77-144. Games of Chance.**—No Lodge should conduct a game of chance, nor should any raffle, or game such as bingo, when an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge

shall be repealed in its entirety,

~~**Section 77 144. Games of Chance.** No Lodge should conduct a game of chance, nor should any raffle, or game such as bingo, where an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge~~

and the following shall be enacted:

**Section 77-144. Games of Chance.**—No game of chance, which requires the approval of or the licensing by any local, state, or federal governmental agency. shall be sponsored by or held in a building that houses a Masonic Lodge. No Freemason shall engage in games of chance, as defined by this Code Section, for Masonic purposes.

- James E. Underwood, PM, Dooly Lodge No. 362
- Gary D. Lemmons, PM, Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to repeal Section 77-144 of the Masonic Code of Georgia and replace it with a new Section 77-144 as it relates Games of Chance.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other current section of the Masonic Code of Georgia. However, it may be in conflict with Code Bill No. 10 on the same Code Section 77-144.

**CODE BILL NO. 04—2013**

A Bill to amend Section 25-122 relating to the Master’s Duties Relative to Education and Endowment Fund concerning date of remittances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 25-122 be amended by changing the strikethrough

**25-122. Master’s Duties Relative to Education and Endowment Fund.** The Master or acting Master of each Lodge, at each communication, excepting funerals, shall cause



to be placed in or about the Lodge Room of such Lodge, during labor, a box or other receptacle for the reception of voluntary contributions by the Brethren to the Education or Endowment Funds of the Masonic Home. Such presiding officer, upon displaying said box or receptacle, shall make a brief explanation as to the purpose for which the donations are to be used. The Constituent Lodge shall designate whether these funds are to be placed in the Education Fund or the Endowment Fund or to be divided between the two funds and the manner of division. If no designation is made by the Constituent Lodge the donations shall be placed in the Endowment Fund. Funds for the Endowment Fund shall be remitted to the Masonic Home of Georgia, funds to be divided may be remitted to either. Remittances are to be made not later than ~~August~~ 31 of each year.

And replacing it with:

**25-122. Master's Duties Relative to Education and Endowment Fund.** The Master or acting Master of each Lodge, at each communication, excepting funerals, shall cause to be placed in or about the Lodge Room of such Lodge, during labor, a box or other receptacle for the reception of voluntary contributions by the Brethren to the Education or Endowment Funds of the Masonic Home. Such presiding officer, upon displaying said box or receptacle, shall make a brief explanation as to the purpose for which the donations are to be used. The Constituent Lodge shall designate whether these funds are to be placed in the Education Fund or the Endowment Fund or to be divided between the two funds and the manner of division. If no designation is made by the Constituent Lodge the donations shall be placed in the Endowment Fund. Funds for the Endowment Fund shall be remitted to the Masonic Home of Georgia, funds to be divided may be remitted to either. Remittances are to be made not later than July 31 of each year.

Charles E. Holloway, PM, Ancient York Lodge No. 127  
Bobby B. Simmons, PM, Tyrian Lodge No. 111

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 25-122 of the Masonic Code of Georgia as it relates to the Master's Duties Relative to Education and Endowment Fund concerning date of remittances.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

#### CODE BILL NO. 05—2013

A Bill to amend **Section 81-102. Peremptory Challenges of the Masonic Code of Georgia** relating to the number of trial commissioners that may be challenged and by changing the number of trial commissioners to constitute the Trial

Commission for a particular case.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 81-102. Peremptory Challenges of the Masonic Code of Georgia** be amended by striking the following word "~~six~~" from the section and inserting the word "five" in the paragraph in place of "~~six~~":

**81-102. Peremptory Challenges.**—On the date of the conference with the chairman there shall be submitted to the accused and the prosecutor a list of fifteen trial commissioners for the District, and the accused and the prosecution shall each have three peremptory challenges, and the remaining nine, or if some of the challenges are not exercised by the prosecution and/or the defense from the remaining Trial Commissioners, the Chairman of the Trial Commission or the Vice-Chairman of the Trial Commission, if he has handled the case; shall select from among the unchallenged Trial Commissioners ~~six~~ five commissioners to constitute the Trial Commission in the particular case.

so that when amended the section shall read as follows:

**81-102. Peremptory Challenges.**—On the date of the conference with the chairman there shall be submitted to the accused and the prosecutor a list of fifteen trial commissioners for the District, and the accused and the prosecution shall each have three peremptory challenges, and the remaining nine, or if some of the challenges are not exercised by the prosecution and/or the defense from the remaining Trial Commissioners, the Chairman of the Trial Commission or the Vice-Chairman of the Trial Commission, if he has handled the case, shall select from among the unchallenged Trial Commissioners five commissioners to constitute the Trial Commission in the particular case.

Robert L. Yarbrough, PM, Alpine Lodge No. 211

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 81-102 of the Masonic Code of Georgia as it relates to the number of trial commissioners that may be challenged and by changing the number of trial commissioners to constitute the Trial Commission for a particular case.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

#### CODE BILL NO. 06—2013

A Bill to amend **Section 83-101. Place of Trial** of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to the number of trial commissioners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 83-101. Place of Trial** of the Masonic Code of Georgia be amended by striking the following word “six” from the first sentence of the section and inserting the word “five” in the paragraph in place of “six”:

**83-101. Place of Trial.**—On the date fixed for the trial the six five commissioners of such Masonic District previously selected shall assemble in the lodge room of the Lodge preferring the charges, without the necessity of opening a Lodge of Master Masons, and conduct the trial.

so that when amended the section shall read as follows:

**83-101. Place of Trial.**—On the date fixed for the trial the five commissioners of such Masonic District previously selected shall assemble in the lodge room of the Lodge preferring the charges, without the necessity of opening a Lodge of Master Masons, and conduct the trial.

Robert L. Yarbrough, PM, Alpine Lodge No. 211

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 83-101 of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to the number of trial commissioners at the place of trial.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

#### CODE BILL NO. 07—2013

A Bill to provide for the repeal of **Section 83-104. Quorum of Four, Majority Necessary to Convict** of the Masonic Code of Georgia in its entirety and to provide for the enactment of a new **Section 83-104. Quorum of Four. Majority Necessary to Convict** in the Masonic Code of Georgia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE AND ACCEPTED’ MASONS that **Section 83-104. Quorum of Four. Majority Necessary to Convict** which reads as follows:

**83-104. Quorum of Four, Majority Necessary to Convict**—It shall be the duty of all trial commissioners to attend and participate in all trials in their District when selected unless disqualified or prevented by providential causes. In that event four commissioners shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the trial commissioners present, excluding the chairman, shall be necessary to convict and fix punishment. In the absence of a majority vote for conviction the accused shall stand acquitted. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a trial by the Trial Commission be held with less than four nor more than six commissioners (excluding the Chairman) in

attendance. See Section 83-101.

shall be repealed in its entirety,

~~**83-104. Quorum of Four, Majority Necessary to Convict.** It shall be the duty of all trial commissioners to attend and participate in all trials in their District when selected unless disqualified or prevented by providential causes. In that event four commissioners shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the trial commissioners present, excluding the chairman, shall be necessary to convict and fix punishment. In the absence of a majority vote for conviction the accused shall stand acquitted. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a trial by the Trial Commission be held with less than four nor more than six commissioners (excluding the Chairman) in attendance. See Section 83-101.~~

and in its stead, the following shall be enacted:

**83-104. Quorum of Four, Majority Necessary to Convict**—It shall be the duty of all trial commissioners to attend and participate in all trials in their District when selected unless disqualified or prevented by providential causes. In that event, three commissioners shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the trial commissioners present, excluding the chairman, shall be necessary to convict and fix punishment. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a trial by the Trial Commission be held with less than three nor more than five commissioners (excluding the Chairman) in attendance. See Section 83-101.

Robert L. Yarbrough, PM, Alpine Lodge No. 211

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to repeal Section 83-104 of the Masonic Code of Georgia and replace it with new Section 83-104.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form but in conflict with itself in that the title disagrees with the body of the bill.

#### CODE BILL NO. 08—2013

A Bill to repeal **Code Section 39-112. American Indian**. Said Code Section now reads:

**39-112. American Indian.**—An American Indian, being necessarily free by birth, is eligible as an applicant, if otherwise qualified.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Code Section 39-112. American Indian**. Be and the same is hereby repealed.



Charles E. Holloway, PM, Ancient York Lodge No. 127  
Bobby B. Simmons, PM, Tyrian Lodge No. 111

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to repeal **Section 39-112. American Indian.** of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

#### CODE BILL NO. 09—2013

A Bill to amend Section 24-101 of the Masonic Code relating to restricting any member of holding the corresponding office of Treasurer or Secretary in more than one lodge simultaneously.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 24-101 be amended by deleting the strikethroughs so that amended section shall read as follows:

**24-101. Elective and Appointive Officers.**—The officers of the Lodge shall be as follows:

1. Worshipful Master
2. Senior Warden
3. Junior Warden
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Chaplain
7. Senior Deacon
8. Junior Deacon
9. Senior Steward
10. Junior Steward
11. Tyler

The first five officers above shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting on or next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, and the installation, if circumstances will permit, shall be had at the same meeting. The other officers shall be appointed as follows: the Chaplain and Senior Deacon by the Master-elect; the Junior Deacon by the Senior Warden-elect; the Stewards by the Junior Warden-elect; and the Tyler, in the absence of By-Laws providing for his election, shall be appointed by the Master-elect. No member shall hold the corresponding office of Worshipful Master, ~~Treasurer or Secretary~~ in more than one lodge simultaneously, but is not prohibited from serving in any other elective or appointed office in another lodge during the same time period.

E. Ray Knittel, PM, Cohutta No. 64  
James L Brown, PM, Western No. 91  
James R. Hood, Jr., PM, Western No. 91  
David Wilkerson, PM, Lyerly No. 338

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 24-101 of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to restricting any member of holding the corresponding office of Treasurer or Secretary in more than one lodge simultaneously

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

#### CODE BILL NO. 10—2013

A Bill to amend Section 77-144 of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to a game of chance, so as to allow raffles done by lodges in order to raise funds for charities and other functions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that the phrase “nor should any raffle” be removed, and the phrase “with the exception of raffles” be added at the end of the bill.

**77-144 Games of Chance**—No Lodge should conduct a game of chance, ~~nor should any raffle~~, or game such as bingo, where an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge with the exception of raffles.

so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**77-144. Games of Chance.**—No Lodge should conduct a game of chance, or game such as bingo, where an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge, with the exception of raffles.

Brandon Little, PM, Tallapoosa Lodge No. 126  
John Lester Little, Current Master, Kansas Lodge No. 683  
Roger Blue, PM, Tallapoosa Lodge No. 126

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 77-144 of the Masonic Code of Georgia as it relates to games of chance.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia. However, it may be in conflict with Code Bill 3 on the same Code Section 77-144.

**CODE BILL NO. 11—2013**

A bill to amend Section 77-144 of the Masonic Code

BE IT ENACTED AT THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON that

The phrase “should any raffle, or” be deleted and adding the phrase “with the acceptance of raffles” from Masonic Code 77-144.

The code as written

**77-144. Games of Chance.**—No lodge should conduct a game of chance, nor should any raffle, or game such as bingo, where an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge.

The code as amended

**77-144. Games of Chance**—No lodge should conduct a game of chance, nor game such as bingo **with the acceptance of raffles**, where an entrance fee is charged the players and in which one player may receive more than other players as a result of the game, be permitted in a Masonic Lodge building, or be engaged in to raise funds for Masonic purposes or under the direction or sponsorship of a Masonic Lodge.

James M. Walraven Jr., PM, Dacula Lodge 433

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend **Section 77-144 Games of Chance** of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form.

**CODE BILL NO. 12—2013**

A bill to provide for the governing of raffles, by adding Section 77-145. Raffles

BE IT ENACTED AT THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON that

**77-145. Raffles.**—A Masonic Lodge or an appended body coming under the jurisdiction of the GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON may conduct a raffle. Said raffle will comply with all Federal and State laws, and county ordinance. The master of a Lodge conducting a raffle will be totally responsible for insuring all laws and

ordinances are complied with. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds from any raffle will be given over to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home.

James M. Walraven Jr., PM, Dacula Lodge 433

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to add **Section 77-145. Raffles** to the Masonic Code of Georgia.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form.

**CODE BILL NO. 13—2013**

A bill to provide for the creation of a Grand Lodge Development Committee by amending CHAPTER 2-2 PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, that the Masonic Code CHAPTER 2-2. PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE, Code Section 2-201, Permanent Committees, be amended by adding a new Committee to-wit: 28. Development Committee (Sec. 2-226).

Said Code Section presently reads, prior to the proposed Amendment as follows;

CHAPTER 2-2. PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE

2-201. Permanent Committees. - There shall be the following permanent committees of the Grand Lodge:

1. Committee on the Grand Master’s Address (Sec. 2-202)
2. Committee on Appeals and Grievances (Secs. 2-203 & Chs. 78-1, 79-1, 83-1, 83-2, 85-1 & 86-1)
3. Finance Committee (Sec. 2-204 & 4-903)
4. Committee on Foreign Correspondence (Sec. 2-205)
5. Credentials Committee (Sec. 2-206)
6. Board of Relief (Sec. 2-207)
7. Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Committee (Sec. 2-208)
8. Educational and Historical Commissions (Secs. 2-209, 2-210, 3-115(b), 9-101(b), 9-104, 9-105 & 9-106, and Ch. 66-1)
9. Code Supplement Committee (Secs. 2-211 & 3-115(c))
10. Publications Committee (Sec. 2-212)
11. Board of Custodians [of the Uniform Work] (Secs. 2-213 & 2-214)



12. Properties and Investment Committee (Sec. 2-215)
13. Committee on Tax (Secs. 2-216A & 23-134)
14. Committee on Laws (Secs. 2-216B & 23-134)
15. Entertainment Committee (Sec. 2-217)
16. Higher Education Fund Committee (Sec. 2-218)
17. Youth Council Committee (Sec. 2-219)
18. General Welfare Committee (Sec. 2-219.1)
19. Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors [a commission] (Sec. 2-223)
20. Committee on Jurisprudence (Secs. 3-113, 3-114, 3-115a)
21. Retirement Committee (Sec. 4-906)
22. District Deputies to the Grand Master [a commission] (Ch. 5-1)
23. Board of Trustee of the Masonic Home (Sec. 6-101)
24. Board of Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund (Sec. 6-102)
25. Dewey Harold Wollstein Award Committee (Sec. 9-101)
26. Charters and By-Laws Committee (Sec. 22-103)
27. GACHIP Committee (Sec. 2-225)

Said code section shall be amended so that said section shall read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 2-2. PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE

2-201. Permanent Committees. - There shall be the following permanent committees of the Grand Lodge:

1. Committee on the Grand Master's Address (Sec. 2-202)
2. Committee on Appeals and Grievances (Secs. 2-203 & Chs. 78-1, 79-1, 83-1, 83-2, 85-1 & 86-1)
3. Finance Committee (Sec. 2-204 & 4-903)
4. Committee on Foreign Correspondence (Sec. 2-205)
5. Credentials Committee (Sec. 2-206)
6. Board of Relief (Sec. 2-207)
7. Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Committee (Sec. 2-208)
8. Educational and Historical Commissions (Secs. 2-209, 2-210, 3-115(b), 9-101(b), 9-104, 9-105 & 9-106, and Ch. 66-1)
9. Code Supplement Committee (Secs. 2-211 & 3-115(c))
10. Publications Committee (Sec. 2-212)
11. Board of Custodians [of the Uniform Work] (Secs. 2-213 & 2-214)
12. Properties and Investment Committee (Sec. 2-215)
13. Committee on Tax (Secs. 2-216A & 23-134)
14. Committee on Laws (Secs. 2-216B & 23-134)
15. Entertainment Committee (Sec. 2-217)
16. Higher Education Fund Committee (Sec. 2-218)
17. Youth Council Committee (Sec. 2-219)

18. General Welfare Committee (Sec. 2-219.1)
19. Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors [a commission] (Sec. 2-223)
20. Committee on Jurisprudence (Secs. 3-113, 3-114, 3-115a)
21. Retirement Committee (Sec. 4-906)
22. District Deputies to the Grand Master [a commission] (Ch. 5-1)
23. Board of Trustee of the Masonic Home (Sec. 6-101)
24. Board of Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund (Sec. 6-102)
25. Dewey Harold Wollstein Award Committee (Sec. 9-101)
26. Charters and By-Laws Committee (Sec. 22-103)
27. GACHIP Committee (Sec. 2-225)
28. Development Committee (Sec. 2-226)

Furthermore, be it enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, that the Masonic Code CHAPTER 2-2. PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE, Permanent Committees, be amended by adding a new Code Section 2-226 as follows;

Immediately after Code Section 2-225, GACHIP Committee; an additional Permanent Committee of Grand Lodge, to-wit 2-226, Development Committee, shall be added so that when enacted Code Section 2-226 of CHAPTER 2-2, PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE, shall read as follows:

2-226. Development Committee - (a) This Committee shall be known as the Development Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons. It shall be the duty of this Committee to establish and administer efforts and activities regarding public charitable contributions and fundraising to, of and for The Grand Lodge of Georgia of Free and Accepted Masons including actively soliciting funds and properties for The Grand Lodge of Georgia, The Masonic Home of Georgia, and the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation including, but not limited to funds for the administration and operation of this committee.

(b) The Development Committee shall consist of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, the Deputy Grand Master, and five additional members appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master who shall serve until the close of the next Grand Lodge. The Grand Master shall, in his sole discretion, appoint one member of the Committee as chairman. Any vacancies that occur due to death, resignation or incapacity of persons serving on the Committee shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired terms, by appointment made by the Grand Master in office at the time of the vacancy.

(c) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary but at least quarterly. The Committee shall keep minutes of all its meetings, and shall place the same on file in the office of the Grand Secretary. The committee and shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, at its annual meeting, to include, but not be limited to, its income from every source, its expenditures for every purpose, a review of the goals and accomplishments of the Committee for that year and a full account of its acts and doings.

(d) The Committee may solicit donations of monies and properties for use to support the projects, programs, and efforts of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, including any expenses related to the administration and operations of said Committee. Funds or property received as the result of the efforts of the Committee shall be promptly paid over to and deposited in the name of the Masonic Home of Georgia, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, or the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporation, in accordance with the direction of the donor. No funds or property shall be solicited or received from any City, County, State or Federal Government agency or other agency funded by taxpayer monies.

No section of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia is being repealed hereby.

Bradley J. Williams, PM, Roswell Lodge No. 165  
Mike H. Wilson, PM, Lithonia Lodge No.84  
Johnie M. Garmon, PM, Allegheny Lodge No. 114  
Jan M. Giddens, PM, Kennesaw Lodge No. 33  
Robert Whitlow, PM, Philadelphia Lodge No.73

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Chapter 2-2 PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE by the creation of a Grand Lodge Development Committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

### CODE BILL NO. 14—2013

A Bill to provide for a change to the fees payable per annum by Masons obtaining Emeritus Status after December 31, 2013 by amending Sections 23-129, 31-114, and 31-115 of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 23-129 of the Masonic Code, relating to Dues to Grand Lodge, be amended so that said section as amended

shall read as follows:

**23-129. Dues to Grand Lodge.**—Every Lodge shall pay the Grand Lodge on or before August 1st of each year Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$9.50) for each member in good standing on June 30th of that year and who is not a perpetual member, and Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each member reinstated, and also Three Dollars and Fifty Cents for each candidate initiated since June 30th of the preceding year and prior to July 1st of the current year. Every Lodge which fails to make such payment, in full, on or before September 1st of each year, shall in addition thereto pay ten percent on the unpaid balance of such sum as shall have been due on August 1st of each year; and the Grand Secretary Is authorized to charge and collect the additional ten percent in the same manner as other dues to the Grand Lodge are collected. The Grand Master upon cause shown, may remit this penalty. No such Subordinate Lodge, shall be chargeable with dues to the Grand Lodge on members in good standing who have been awarded, on or before December 31, 2013, the Fifty-year award (see Sec. 9-104) by this Grand Lodge or who have reached, on or before December 31, 2013, the age of seventy-five years, provided they have been, on or before December 31, 2013, contributing members for a period of thirty years as a member of a lodge or lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia or any other Grand Jurisdiction with which the Grand Lodge of Georgia is in Fraternal Relationship. See Secs. 7-110, 31-115.

And that Section 31-114 of the Masonic Code, relating to Life Membership Authorized, When, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**31-114. Life Membership Authorized, When.**—The Subordinate Lodge may grant life membership to a member exempting him for life from the payment of dues to the Subordinate Lodge, provided that only one life member shall be permitted for each fifty members of such Lodge in good standing at the time of such election, and that any life membership which may be granted thereafter shall be granted only upon a special dispensation by the Grand Master upon a showing that such exemption from dues will not jeopardize the financial status of such Lodge. However, the Subordinate Lodge shall be liable to the Grand Lodge for the per capita tax on all life members who have not attained, on or before December 31, 2013, the status of Emeritus Masons.

And that Section 31-115 of the Masonic Code, relating to Emeritus Members, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**31-115. Emeritus Members.** ~~An exemption from dues to Masons who have been awarded the Fifty-year Award (see Sec. 9-104) by this Grand Lodge or who have attained seventy-~~



~~five year's of age is allowed by the Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodge, provided they have been a contributing member for a period of at least thirty years, not necessarily continuous, nor in the same jurisdiction, nor any other Grand Jurisdiction with which the Grand Lodge of Georgia is in Fraternal Relationship, and such Masons shall be known as Emeritus Masons, but they~~ A Subordinate Lodge may request Emeritus status be granted to any member of such Subordinate Lodge who has been awarded the Fifty-Year Award (see Sec. 9-104) by this Grand Lodge or who has attained seventy-five years of age, provided they have been a contributing member for a period of at least thirty years, not necessarily continuous, nor in the same jurisdiction, nor any other Grand Jurisdiction with which the Grand Lodge of Georgia is in Fraternal Relationship: and such Masons shall be known as Emeritus Masons. An exemption from dues to Masons who have been awarded Emeritus Status, on or before December 31, 2013, is allowed by the Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodge. All Emeritus Masons are still liable to the Subordinate Lodge for dues to it unless such Subordinate Lodge shall exempt them by Bylaw. An Emeritus Card shall be issued annually to each Emeritus Mason which shall bear the current year printed thereon and stating that this card is valid only through the current year. See Sec. 23-129.

(a) No Mason may hold Emeritus status in more than one Lodge concurrently.

(b) A Mason who is a plural member of Subordinate Lodges in Georgia, upon becoming eligible to hold Emeritus status, may be made an Emeritus Mason in any one of such Subordinate Lodges of which such Mason is a member.

(c) A Mason's Emeritus status, once ~~established~~ established with a Subordinate Lodge, shall remain with such Subordinate Lodge until such Emeritus Mason is no longer a member of such Subordinate Lodge.

E. Ray Knittel, PM  
Cohutta Lodge No. 64

Edgar M. Land, PM  
Oak Bowery Lodge No. 81

Douglas W. McDonald, PM  
Mount Airy Lodge No. 141

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Kennesaw Lodge No. 33

Jerry D. Moss, PM  
Mountain Park Lodge No. 729

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Sections 23-129, 31-114, and 31-115 of the Masonic Code of Georgia as it relates to fees paid per annum by Masons obtaining Emeritus Status after December 31, 2013.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

**CODE BILL NO. 15—2013**

A BILL to provide for the establishment of a Spending Policy for the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund which is consistent with the goals and mission of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund and in compliance with all Federal and State of Georgia laws applicable to the fund, by amending Sections 2-215 and 6-102 of the Grand Lodge of Georgia Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 2-215, relating to Properties and Investment Committee, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**2-215. Properties and Investment Committee.**

(a) The Properties and Investment Committee shall consist of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, a member of the Finance Committee appointed by the incoming Grand Master and three other members experienced in investments and financial matters.

The incoming Grand Master shall appoint one member for a term of three years to succeed the member whose term has expired. The Grand Master shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to serve as Chairman during his term of office. The Committee shall elect for a one year term a Secretary who shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee.

(b) This Committee shall be in charge of and have supervision over all real estate and intangible properties not specifically used by other Grand Lodge Committees, Boards and/or Councils;

(c) This Committee shall have the control and management of all funds of the Grand Lodge of Georgia made available to the Committee for investment by the Grand Lodge and or the Grand Treasurer; and, shall have the authority to invest and reinvest the corpus of said funds only as permitted under the laws of the state of Georgia for executors and trustees, and in making investments and managing the corpus shall exercise the judgment and care that a prudent person would acting in a like capacity. In 1999-2000 Grand Lodge year no more than 45% of the corpus may be invested

in equity securities, i.e. common and preferred stocks; in subsequent years, if approved annually by Grand Lodge, additional incrementals of up to 5% of the corpus may be invested in equity securities, but at no time may more than 50% of the corpus be invested in equity securities. This committee may employ agents, advisors and/or counsel. Equities purchased shall have a grade equality of "A" or better.

(d) The Chairman and Secretary of this Committee may Sign for the Committee in the transferring or surrendering for payment of any securities authorized by the Committee to be transferred or surrendered;

(e) It shall be the duty of this Committee, and none other to handle on behalf of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home, any and all matters of a legal and or business nature involving all estates and trusts in which the Grand Lodge and/or the Masonic Home is a beneficiary, personal representative, trustee or is involved in any other matter;

(f) The Chairman of this Committee shall be authorized to acknowledge legal service on behalf of the Grand Lodge and/or the Masonic Home, and shall further be authorized to take such action, legal or otherwise, as the Committee deems appropriate in all matters, including the right to compromise claims, employ legal counsel, initiate, join in and/or respond to any legal action now or hereafter being litigated;

(g) The Committee shall submit a full and complete report of all its actions to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

(h) It shall also be the duty of this Committee to prepare a Statement of Spending Policy for the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund which is consistent with the goals and mission of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund and in compliance with all Federal and State of Georgia laws applicable to the Fund. The purpose of this Policy is to put in place a consistent plan that will enable the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund to approve and disburse funds that fulfill the goals and mission of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund while working to further strengthen the financial base of the Fund. Such Statement of Spending Policy, upon being approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of this Committee, shall be referred to the Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, and, shall be adopted upon being approved by a majority of such Trustees.

And that, Code Section 6-102, relating to Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

#### **6-102. Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund.**

1. The Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund is hereby declared always to have been, and now is, a perpetual trust fund for the use and benefit of the Masonic Home of Georgia and (or) orphans. The corpus of this fund shall not be used except for investment or reinvestment in the manner herein expressly provided and only the income thereof shall

be expended and that, each year, the Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund shall make a distribution available for the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home and (or) orphans under the direction of the Trustees of said Home, and for expenses necessary for continued efforts to obtain contributions to the fund and management of the fund. Said annual distribution shall be made consistent with the spending policy adopted pursuant to this Code Section. Such available distributions which are not disbursed for any reason shall be available for disbursement in future years. However, by a majority action of the Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, amounts previously made available for distribution, or any portion thereof, which remain undistributed after one year, may be added to the corpus of the fund on a case-by-case basis. All monies contributed to or otherwise acquired for the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, including but not limited to proceeds from the sale of property donated to said fund, shall become a part of the corpus of said fund, for investment or reinvestment as herein stated. Expenses of maintaining and managing the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, and expenses of promoting the continued growth thereof shall be paid from the ~~interest income received~~ available distribution from the existing fund. The usage of ~~interest income~~ the available distribution for this purpose shall have priority over the use of such ~~income~~ available distribution for any other purpose.

The only exception to the requirement concerning all monies being deposited in the Endowment Fund without deduction being made for any purpose, shall be in the event of legal expenses made necessary by litigation proposed or encountered regarding money or property bequeathed to the Endowment Fund. If the Trustees of the Endowment Fund decide that the amount of such cost involved is greater than should be paid from ~~interest income derived~~ the available distribution from the existing fund, the actual cost of such legal expenses may be deducted from the proceeds of that particular bequeathed gift before depositing same, but only by unanimous vote of all three Trustees of the Endowment Fund duly recorded in the minutes of their meeting at which the decision was made. Should legal expenses be incurred, however, and litigation result in loss of the bequeathed gift involved, said expenses shall be paid from ~~interest income derived~~ the available distribution from the existing Endowment Fund, and not from the corpus of said fund. These provisions are effective with the beginning of the fiscal year ~~1982~~ 2014.

2. Title to said fund is vested in the Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, who shall consist of the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home, then or at any time serving as such. This Board of Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, by a majority vote of the whole Board at a duly called meeting, shall have authority to sell, redeem, accept payment, invest or reinvest and to make



transfers of any item or asset of said fund, and to sign transfers of all or any part thereof for any purpose herein provided and ~~shall pay over~~ to authorize the payment to the Trustees of the Masonic Home of the ~~interest thereon~~ available distribution, subject to all priorities and exceptions established in this Code Section, for the purpose hereinbefore stated.

3. The said fund shall be held by said Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund and may be retained in their present form in the discretion of the Trustees. No future investment of the corpus thereof shall be made except in securities now or hereafter authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia as lawful investments for fiduciary or trust funds. All bonds and securities capable of registration, shall be registered in the name of Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund and their successors in office as such trustees.

4. The said Trustees may elect officers and prescribe their duties and powers and may act in any matter through any two of said trustees to the extent of authority given by resolution at a regularly held meeting. Any two Trustees may sign for the Board in the transferring or surrendering for payment of any securities authorized by the Board to be transferred or surrendered. The Grand Treasurer shall be Treasurer of said Board of Trustees and shall give such bond as the Board shall prescribe. The Trustees shall keep minutes of all their proceedings. See Sec, 4-403.

5. The term income, as used in Code Section 6-102, Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund, shall be defined as interest, dividends, or net realized capital gains or losses from the sale, exchange or liquidation of a principal asset or investment. This definition shall not be construed to allow the use of any portion of the corpus of the perpetual trust fund known as Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

E. Ray Knittel, PM  
Cohutta Lodge No. 64

Jerry D. Moss, PM  
Mountain Park Lodge No. 729

Bobby B. Simmons, PM  
Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge No 756

Ted C. Collins, PM  
Millwood Lodge No. 198

Douglas W. McDonald, PM  
Mount Airy Lodge No. 141

Joseph W. Powell, II, PM  
Fort Benning Lodge No. 579

Larry W. Nichols, PM  
Atlanta-Peachtree Lodge No. 59

George Williams, PM  
Tyrian Lodge No. 111

James N. Cline, PM  
Clarkston Lodge No. 492

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Sections 2-215 and 6-102 of the Masonic Code of Georgia by establishing a spending policy consistent with the goals and missions of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund and in compliance with State and Federal Laws governing such fund.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia; however, the Committee notes that Bill No. 16 also seeks to amend Code Section 2-215 and if passed would conflict with this Bill.

## CODE BILL NO. 16—2013

A Bill to provide for a change to the authorized investment of corpus of funds under the control and management of the Properties and Investment Committee by amending Section 2-215 of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 2-215 of the Masonic Code be amended so that Section 2-215 as amended shall read as follows:

### 2-215. Properties and Investment Committee.

(a) The Properties and Investment Committee shall consist of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, a member of the Finance Committee appointed by the incoming Grand Master and three other members experienced in investments and financial matters. The incoming Grand Master shall appoint one member for a term of three years to succeed the member whose term has expired. The Grand Master shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to serve as Chairman during his term of office. The Committee shall elect for a one year term a Secretary who shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee.

(b) This Committee shall be in charge of and have supervision over all real estate and intangible properties not specifically used by other Grand Lodge Committees, Boards and/or Councils;

(c) This Committee shall have the control and management of all funds of the Grand Lodge of Georgia made available to the Committee for investment by the Grand Lodge and or the Grand Treasurer; and, shall have the authority to invest and reinvest the corpus of said funds only as permitted under the laws of the state of Georgia for executors and trustees, and in making investments and managing the corpus shall exercise the judgment and care that a prudent person would acting in a like capacity. ~~In 1999—2000 Grand Lodge year no more than 45% of the corpus may~~ At no time may more than 60% of the corpus be invested in equity securities, i.e. common and preferred stocks. ~~in subsequent~~

years, if approved annually by Grand Lodge, additional incrementals of up to 5% of the corpus may be invested in equity securities, but at no time may more than 50% of the corpus be invested in equity securities. This committee may employ agents, advisors and/or counsel. Equities purchased shall have a grade equality of "A" or better. Any debt securities purchased by this committee shall be rated investment grade or higher, based on the credit rating assigned by a credit rating agency registered as such with the Securities and Exchange Commission, such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

(d) The Chairman and Secretary of this Committee may Sign for the Committee in the transferring or surrendering for payment of any securities authorized by the Committee to be transferred or surrendered;

(e) It shall be the duty of this Committee, and none other to handle on behalf of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home, any and all matters of a legal and or business nature involving all estates and trusts in which the Grand Lodge and or the Masonic Home Is a beneficiary, personal representative, trustee or is involved in any other matter;

(f) The Chairman of this Committee shall be authorized to acknowledge legal service on behalf of the Grand Lodge and/or the Masonic Home, and shall further be authorized to take such action, legal or otherwise, as the Committee deems appropriate in all matters, including the right to compromise claims, employ legal counsel, initiate, join in and/or respond to any legal action now or hereafter being litigated;

(g) The Committee shall submit a full and complete report of all its actions to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

MWB Ted C. Collins, PM  
Chairman, Property & Investments Committee  
Millwood Lodge No. 198

MWB E. Ray Knittel, PM  
Grand Master  
Cohutta Lodge No. 64

Merrill L. Clark, Sr., PM  
Grand Treasurer Emeritus  
Walton Lodge No. 200

Joseph W. Powell, II, PM  
Fort Bennlng Lodge No. 579

Larry W. Nichols, PM  
Atlanta-Peachtree Lodge No. 59

MWB Bobby B. Simmons, PM  
Grand Treasurer  
Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge No. 756

James N. Cline, PM  
Chairman, Finance Committee  
Clarkston Lodge No. 492

Sam R. Whitfield, PM  
Grand Treasurer Emeritus  
Neims Lodge No. 323

Douglas W. McDonald, PM  
Mount Airy Lodge No. 141

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 2-215 of the Masonic Code of Georgia by providing for a change to the authorized investment of corpus of funds under the control and management of the Properties and Investment Committee

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia; however, the Committee notes that Bill No. 15 also seeks to amend Code Section 2-215 and if passed would conflict with this Bill.

**CODE BILL NO. 17-2013**

A Bill to provide for a change to the fees payable to fund the pensions and retirement pay of the employees of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home per annum by amending Section 7-101 of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 7-101 of the Masonic Code be amended to add the following, "For every Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge on the 30th day of June in each year and who is not a perpetual member and charged with dues, per annum, for funding the actuarial determined shortfall of the defined benefit pension plan for employees of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home, until such date as benefits under the plan are fully funded.....\$3.50", so that Section 7-101 as amended shall read as follows:

**7-101. Fees.**—There shall be paid to the Grand Lodge as follows:

- For a Warrant ..... \$70.00
- For a Dispensation to hold Lodges ..... \$15.00
- For a Dispensation to hold Elections ..... \$3.00
- For a Dispensation to Initiate, Pass or Raise more than five Brethren at one Communication, for each additional Brother..... \$1.00
- For a Dispensation to Examine, Ballot for Advancement, and Confer Degree not on a regular meeting night or within two weeks of the preceding degree, for each candidate for





For every Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge on the 30th day of June in each year and who is not a perpetual member and charged with dues, per annum, for pensions and retirement pay for employees of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home (\*as changed 1999) ..... \$1.00

For every Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge on the 30th day of June in each year and who is not a perpetual member, for the operation and maintenance of the Masonic Home per annum ..... \$ ~~6.00~~ 10.00

For every Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge on the 30th day of June in each year and who is not a perpetual member, for Masonic Relief administered by the Board of Relief, per annum ..... \$ 2.00

Joseph W. Powell, II, PM  
Fort Benning Lodge No. 579

Robert C. Whitlow, PM  
Philadelphia Lodge No. 73

Joe V. Bolin, PM  
Travelers Rest Lodge No. 65

J. Lynn Turner, Sr., PM  
Doerun Lodge No.151

Bradley J. Williams, PM  
Roswell Lodge No. 165

Carlton T. Ethridge, PM  
Riverdale Lodge No. 709

James B. Phillips, PM  
Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154

A. Joe Clark, PM  
Mount Vernon Lodge No. .22

D. Rodney Gibson, PM  
Blame Lodge No. 534

Charles R. Johnson, PM  
Harlem Lodge No. 276

Huey P. Davis, Jr., PM  
Blackshear Lodge No. 270

Austin E. Roberson, PM  
Lyons Lodge No. 49

Ted C. Collins, PM  
Millwood Lodge No. 198

Bobby B. Simmons, PM  
Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge No. 756

Merrill L. Clark, Sr., PM  
Walton Lodge No. 200

George Williams, PM  
Tyrian Lodge No. 111

James N. Cline, PM  
Clarkston Lodge No, 492

E. Ray Knittel, PM  
Cohutta Lodge No. 64

Edgar M. Land, PM  
Oak Bowery Lodge No. 81

Douglas W. McDonald, PM  
Mount Airy Lodge No. 141

F. Andrew Lane, Jr, PM  
Dallas Lodge No. 182

Joseph W. Watson, PM  
Rutland Lodge No. 298

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Atlanta-Peachtree Lodge No. 59

Michael H. Wilson, PM  
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6

Johnie M. Garmon, PM  
Allegheny Lodge No. 114

Jan M. Giddens, PM  
Kennesaw Lodge No.33

**(Summary)** This bill seeks to amend Section 7-101 of the Masonic Code of Georgia by providing for a change to the fees payable to the maintenance and operation of the Masonic Home per annum.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Masonic Code of Georgia; however, the Committee notes that Bill No. 17 also seeks to amend Code Section 7-101 and if passed would conflict with this Bill.



**RULING NO. 2013- 08**

IN RE: Alcohol at Masonic Events and in Masonic Buildings in Georgia

WHEREAS, several inquiries have been made regarding the priority of alcohol consumption and use at Masonic events or in Masonic buildings; and

WHEREAS, tradition and custom in Georgia for almost 100 years has been that alcohol, other than as noted below, has not been allowed at Masonic events or in Masonic buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Code may not speak to this issue but Masons live by many rules, customs and traditions which are not codified in the Masonic Code including, but not limited to, the ancient landmarks; and

WHEREAS, there is no uniform Masonic Lodge ritual in the State of Georgia which provides for or requires the use of alcohol:

With due consideration to the foregoing, IT IS MY RULING as follows:

1. Alcohol is not to be used or consumed in any portion of a Masonic building, including the grounds, under the control of any Masonic Lodge, Masonic temple company, or similar organization in Georgia except as hereinafter provided. Space leased to non-Masonic tenants for commercial use for non-Masonic purposes shall not be deemed to be under the control of a Masonic Lodge and shall not be subject to this ruling except when used by a Masonic Lodge.

2. Masonic lodges in Georgia shall not hold or sponsor events in a facility at which alcohol is served other than a stadium, golf course, arena, theater or similar venue where Masons will be attending as part of a larger crowd and not as a private party.

3. While a toast may be part of the York Rite rituals, I am not aware of any Blue Lodge ritual in Georgia that includes the use of alcohol. In addition, any wine used by the York Rite is used only during the ritual and/or ceremony and is not made available or served to all of those in attendance. Not allowing Masonic Lodges to serve alcohol to those attending lodge meetings or related activities is not inconsistent with the York Rite ritual.

4. Alcohol should not be served as a part of any table lodge or similar Masonic ceremony.

5. The term alcohol as used herein shall include wine, distilled liquors, beer, and all other fermented drinks containing any percentage of alcohol whether homemade or commercially obtained.

6. In accordance with established customs, which have existed for decades in Georgia, there is to be no alcohol served during a regular, called or any other meeting/communication/special event, of a regular Lodge (Blue Lodge) working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. To further clarify, just as a church building is not "the church," neither, in my opinion, should the building (or lodge room) be

interpreted to be "The Lodge." The Lodge is the Officers and members who are the "Lodge." Regardless of where a Lodge meets or holds an event, a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons working under the Grand Lodge of Georgia and is bound to the same rules that I have outlined herein.



Given under my hand as Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia and under the seal of said Grand Lodge this 25th day of September, 2013.

E. Ray Knittel, Grand Master  
Attest: Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary  
[SEAL]

**ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS**

August 6, 2013 Thru September 26, 2013

**\$500 OR MORE**

Blue Mountain Lodge      No. 38  
Sandy Springs Lodge      No. 124  
Richard S. Bailey, Sr.

**\$1000 OR MORE**

James Lewis Freeman Estate  
Jack Stephens  
Helen S. McPheeters Estate  
Ruskin Family Trust  
Shady Dale Rodeo, Inc

Editor,

I would like to inform you that we were able to raise 20 units of blood during our July 19<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. Please put the results in the *Messenger* and pass on as needed.

Fraternally,  
Craig A. McCamish  
Human Resources Technician  
University of North Georgia ROTC Det.  
82 College Circle  
Dahlonega, GA 30597

## Stephens Lodge No. 586 Hosts 4th Masonic District Convention

The 109th Annual Communication of the 4th Masonic District Convention was held on August 17 with 37 District lodges represented. District Master Doyle Hatfield and his officers opened the convention before welcoming Grand Master E. Ray Knittel with private grand honors.

A roll call of District lodges was taken by Wor. Bro. Len Davis, District Secretary/Treasurer.

A memorial service for Past Grand Master James E. Miller was led by Wor. Bro. Paul Wells, DDGM.

Committee reports were given. Wor. Bro. Joseph W. Powell, II, reported 27 children and youth were at the Masonic Home.

All five DDGMs answered the roll call. Wor. Bro. Bill Davis was recognized for making the most lodge visitations. The brethren of Long Cane Lodge No. 424 were recognized for making the most lodge visitations.

Rose Hill Lodge No. 484 presented a check for \$1,258.24 for the Masonic Home. Another \$233 was collected by the brethren present for the Masonic Home.

Grand Master Knittel installed Wor. Bro. Earl Byrom, Turin Lodge No. 337, as District Master for the ensuing year, after which he installed the rest of the district officers.

A fine meal was served the brethren after the convention adjourned.



Top photo shows the DDGMs receiving the Grand Master. Bottom photo from the left are Grand Master Knittel, a Brother from Lone Cane Lodge, Wor. Bro. Bill Davis, and Wor. Bro. Doyle Hatfield, District Master.

## Azalea Lodge No. 716 Hosts 11th Masonic District Convention

Azalea Lodge No. 716 in Valdosta hosted the 108th Annual Communication of the Eleventh Masonic District Convention on September 21.

Wor. Master Wendell L. Browning and his officers opened the convention and found Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Ray Knittel in waiting. He was received with private grand honors.

The convention was conducted in peace and harmony. Blackshear Lodge No. 270 won the attendance award.

The Sam Owens Award for Mason of the Year was presented to Wor. Bro. James Harrell Smith. Bro. Smith's uncle, Wor. Bro. James E. Herring, a charter member of Moody Lodge No. 719 and a 61-year Freemason was recognized and presented a coin by the Grand Master.

Wor. Bro. Richard S. Bailey, DDGM-11B, was elected District Master for the ensuing year and was installed with his convention officers by the Grand Master.

The 2014 Convention will be hosted by Waycross Lodge No. 716 on the third Saturday in September.

The brethren were treated to an awesome steak and chicken dinner at the conclusion of the convention.



Newly installed District Master Richard S. Bailey (left) and the Grand Master present Wor. Bro. James Harrell Smith the Sam Owens Award as Mason of the Year.

(Left) Wor. Bro. James E. Herring congratulates his nephew on receiving the Sam Owens Award.



# The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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**Valley of Savannah:** Our annual golf tournament to raise funds for RiteCare will be held on October 12 at Sterling Links Golf Course in Richmond Hill. Details and registration form can be found on our webpage at <http://www.savannahscottishrite.org>. The Fall Reunion in the Valley of Savannah on November 16 will be in memory of Robert Shig Porter.

The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection meets on the first Thursday of each month, Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M. with the communication at 8:00 P.M. Our Fall Reunion went very well with a net of 7 new Scottish Rite Masons.

The Valley of Augusta hosted the statewide KCCH Investiture on October 5. We celebrated the Feast of Tishri at our October LOP meeting on the 3rd. PGM and Dr. Gary Lemmons was our guest speaker and also presented the Augusta Lodge of Research with their charter.

November's guest speaker will be the Command Sergeant Major from Fort Gordon on the 7th, and we will be entertained by a 5 piece brass band playing Christmas music at our December meeting on the 5th. Please join us at the Scottish Rite Center if you are in the Augusta Area.

The **Valley of Albany** observed the Feast of Tisri and capping ceremony for our (3) new 32° Scottish Rite Masons on October 8. The Albany Valley had a slow class for the degrees and it worked out wonderfully and all (3) new 32° Masons are now members of degree teams. There is a lot of fund raising going on and being accepted very well. There will be a Cowgirl calendar contest for girls from 4-14 — there are no losers — to be held November 23 at 1:30 P.M. at the Scottish Rite Temple in Albany.

Please come to our regular meetings and enjoy our fellowship at 7:30PM and remember bring your lady with you.

Greetings from the **Valley of Columbus**. Ill. Bro. A. Charles Knowles announced the 2013 Honourmen for the Valley of Columbus. Congratulations to Brother and now Illustrious Richard Derwood Brogdon, 33°, and Robert Stephen Poydasheff, 33°.

We have 6 members recognized for their hard work and received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour: Sidney Ray Cooley, Sr., Charles Eason Hall, Jr., Isaiah Timothy Hardin, Daniel Jackson East, Joseph Peterman Vollrath Jr., Ditmar Wieduwilt Chavez.

We invite all Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30 P.M. and enjoy a fine dinner before our monthly

meetings. Please visit our web site at [scottishritecolsga.com](http://scottishritecolsga.com) for more information.

Congratulations to our Brothers in the **Valley of Atlanta** who have been elected 32° Knights Commander Court of Honour. This special honor identifies those members of Scottish Rite who extend themselves in many different ways to the purposes of Scottish Rite. They may be active in Degree Work as Cast Members or on the Stage Crew or in the Sound Booth or in the Robing Room. They may be one of those great Hospitaliers who make sure that our meals are served pleasantly. Perhaps they give of themselves in other areas of Freemasonry or to the community in general. They are a "Freemason's, Mason". Our newest members James Nelson Cline, Jan Milton Giddens, James Alan Goodman, James Russell Hazelwood Jr., Jerry Lynn Irvin, William Michael Jones, Elmer Ray Knittel & Daniel Allen White received their Red Caps at the Investiture Ceremony Oct. 5th in Augusta. Additionally we applaud our Brothers who have been elected to receive the 33rd and Final Degree. It is the Zenith of honors bestowed. While congratulating brothers, Johnie Michael Garmon & Lloyd John Leinbaugh we also extend the greatest thanks for the many things done to earn this great honor. Illustrious Brothers Garmon 33° and Leinbaugh 33° Inspectors General Honourary received their White Caps when coroneted October 19th in Atlanta.

As we approach the end of the year, we look forward to our meeting in November 7th when we will honor those who served our Great Nation and those who made the ultimate sacrifice; our Veterans. Because we honor the good things our youth do, we will enjoy seeing members of Sea Explorers Present the Colors.

Finally but most importantly, our joint effort with the Yaarab Shrine to welcome new members is paying off. As this is being written we already have over 20 candidates for the Reunion honoring Sheldon Little, 33°, and Horace F. Miller, 33°, to be held November 1st and 2nd. In addition to new members, we are also welcoming back some brothers requesting and being granted Reinstatement. Petitions for both Scottish Rite & Shrine are available at <http://atlantascottishrite.org>. Click "Fall Reunion" on the left. Your phone or computer camera can get you to the petition with this QR code.



**Valley of Macon** news is on the next page (page 28).



## Blood Donations Stand at 5,031 This Year



Our Grand Lodge blood drive chairman, Wor. Bro. Steve Fishman, gives his 264th donation — that's 33 gallons — and the Grand Lodge's 5,000th donation since the last Grand Lodge Communication. Since Bro. Steve's donation, Masonic Lodge No. reported 31 donations to raise the total to 5,031 since October 2013.

That's awesome! Thank you to all Freemasons who rolled up their sleeves, leaned back and gave the gift of life.

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## Eagle Scouts Receive Masonic Awards



C. B. Wren wanted to do something different in his quest to earn his Eagle Scout Award. "I've seen people get their Eagle from building something," he said, "I wanted to do something different. I wanted to help people."

C. B., a member of Troop 7 of the Georgia-Carolina council of Boy Scouts of America, decided to educate the public about the importance of immunizations. He was promoted to Eagle Scout on November 28, 2012. The 15-year-old has given a number of presentations on the topic including to the South Augusta Rotary Club and to nursing staff at the Richmond County Health Department on Laney Walker Blvd. in Augusta and the East Central Health District of Georgia.

C. B. is the grandson of Bro. Arthur Smith, M.D., 32° KCCH. Right Worshipful Bro. Joe Watson presented C. B. his award.

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## Scottish Rite News from Valley of Macon

Fall is in the air in the Valley of Macon, and we are hard at work; by the time you receive your Messenger, the Valley of Macon will have six new 32° KCCH brothers, and two new 33° brothers, congratulations not only to our new honorees but to each new honoree in Georgia.

Our November meeting will be dedicated to several very special brothers that have attained 65 years in the Rite. Please be with us on November 1st at 6:30 for a great home cooked meal and at 7:30 thank our 65 year members for their dedication to our order.

We will close out the year with two very important fund raisers for RiteCare. On November 29th and 30th the Valley

will host a Dove shoot in Pinehurst Georgia, exit 117 on I-75. The cost will be \$75.00 per shooter, and you can hunt either day or both days for \$75.00. This Hunt will be on a sun flower field so it promises to be a great one. See our ad on line at: [maconscottishrite.com](http://maconscottishrite.com) or in the November issue of GON magazine. On December 7th the Valley will have our second annual Christmas Program, The Macon Concert Band. The Concert Band is a 65 piece band and the Music is for young and old alike. Last year when the band played and acted "The Night Before Christmas", the children were on the edge of their chairs, eyes and ears glued on the Band. Don't miss the excitement in the Valley of Macon, see you soon!



**GRAND  
CHAPTER**  
Clyde E. Griffin  
M. E. G. H. P.



**GRAND  
COUNCIL**  
F. A. "Drew" Lane  
M. I. G. M.



**GRAND  
COMMANDERY**  
C. Danny Wofford  
R. E. G. C.

## THE YORK RITE IN GEORGIA

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### Riverdale Lodge No. 709 Donates to the Good Shepherd Clinic

Riverdale Lodge No. 709 recently showed its support for the residents of Clayton County by making a donation to the Good Shepherd Clinic, a 501 c (3) non-profit corporation, which relies on grants and donations to provide much needed services. The clinic provides medical services for adult residents of Clayton County who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, do not have private insurance and cannot afford to see a doctor. They provide primary health care, health assessments by select medical specialists, lab tests, EKGs, health education, medical assistance programs, Pharmaceutical patient assistance program registration, and certain sample medications.

The clinic was developed by Dr. Thomas Kelly and Reverend (and Brother) Jimmy Lewis who had a vision that all residents of the county should have access to quality health care without consideration of their ability to pay. The doors of the clinic opened in the year 2000. Several thousand Clayton County residents have received services of the many volunteers who serve the clinic, financial support from the community, and many prayers.

During the regular communication of Riverdale Lodge on September 12, Mrs. Lisa Page, Clinic Administrator, and Mr. Jim Phillips, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, visited Riverdale Lodge and presented a program on the clinic and its services.

Worshipful Brother Ray Morgan made a presentation to Mrs. Page in the amount of \$1,000 for the Good Shepherd Clinic.



Wor. Bro. Ray Morgan (center) presents a \$1,000 check to Mrs. Lisa Page and Mr. Jim Phillips from the Good Shepherd Clinic.

### Attention! All Senior Deacons and Lodge Secretaries!

Per the Masonic Code 81-110, "The Junior Warden in all cases shall be the prosecuting officer" in a lodge trial against a brother in the lodge. This is one of the most important duties of a Junior Warden. The Lodge Secretary is required to attend all trials and make or have made a record of the evidence presented in the trial and transmit the same promptly to the Grand Secretary (83-202).

To assist these officers with their duties a trial commission workshop will be held November 23 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon at the Scottish Rite Center in Macon. Please notify the Grand Secretary that you will attend so enough workbooks may be prepared. Wor. Bro. Johnie Garmon will be the facilitator.

Donuts and coffee will be provided at 8:30.



# 50 Year Awards



Thomas James Cowart Jr. and Ann  
Frank F. Baker No. 46



Don Alsa Deloach and Catherine  
Frank F. Baker No. 46



Bruce Freyeremuth, Sr. and Elbert  
Frank F. Baker No. 46



J. William Harrall, Jr. and Bobbie  
Frank F. Baker No. 46

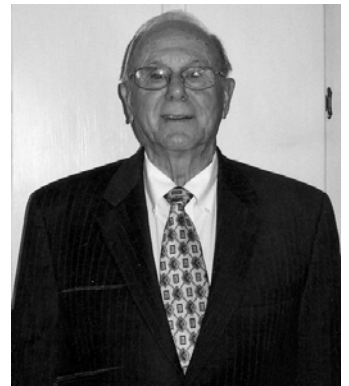


Allison Augustus Fuqua  
St. Johns No. 45



(Left) Grand Master Knittel presented a 50- year award to Brother Edgar Leroy Bowers of Frank F. Baker Lodge No. 46 of Garden City. The presentation was made at "The Place" Nursing Home in Pooler, GA on Tuesday, September 24.

Shown are (R - L) Mrs Elizabeth Bowers, Brother Bowers and the Grand Master.



Freddy Jackson  
Bacon No. 56

This is a picture of the 50-year plus Masons who were honored at Cherokee Lodge No. 66 on August 17 by the Floyd County Masonic Convention. James Meeks and James Tate are from Cherokee Lodge. Robert Milam is from Lindale Lodge No. 455. Names of 50-year plus from left to right are Joseph Greene, Ken Owen, J.W. Scott, Robert Milam, James Tate, James Meeks, A.C. Loftin, Charles Miller, Gary Miller.

Randy Payne  
Secretary  
Cherokee Lodge No. 66







Nathan Lee Autrey  
Cartersville No. 63



Billie Gordon Davis  
Mackey No. 120



Harold Lee House  
Mackey No. 120



Fred C. Scarborough  
Gordon No. 240



Exale Pritchard  
Bremen No. 456



Joseph W. Ledbetter  
Sharptop No. 680



Eugene M. Griffin  
Riverdale No. 709



Kenneth E. Ray, Sr.  
Riverdale No. 709

# 65 Years



Walter Wilbur Dumas and his family  
Frank F. Baker Lodge No. 46



John Coker Cagle receives his 65-year award from Most Worshipful E. Ray Knittel. Bro. Cagle was raised in Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 and has been a member of that lodge since then.



James Boswell English  
San Marino No. 34



Silver Lee Lord  
San Marino No. 34



Nathan Lee Autrey  
Cartersville No. 63



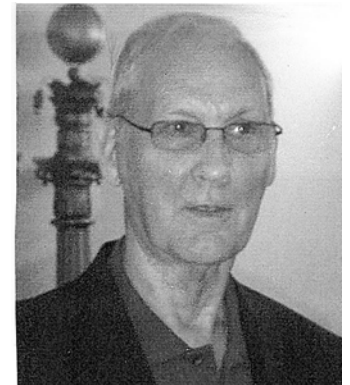
Charles William Mercer  
Rockmart No. 97



Wor. Bro. John Mock, DDGM; Wor. Bro. Dr. Daniel Massa;  
and Bro. Robert F. Griner; Swainsboro No. 244



Wilbur Reed  
Adel No. 310



Geoffrey Ernest Thrower  
Elm City No. 544



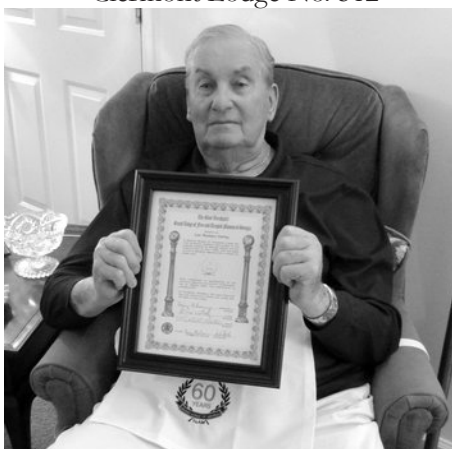
John Wiley Stanley  
Clermont Lodge No. 512

***65 Years  
to the left.***

***60 Years  
to the right and  
along the bottom  
row.***



Walter Brown, Jr.  
Generous Warren No. 20



Lee Reden Darby  
Shannon Lodge No. 100



William H. Pelfrey, Sr.  
Shannon Lodge No. 100



Jack McClanahan  
Davidson Lodge No. 334



## Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 Hosts 108th Annual Ninth Masonic District Convention

Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 hosted the 108th Annual Communication of the Ninth Masonic District Convention on September 28. District Master E. C. Kelley, Jr. and his officers opened the Convention. The Colors were posted by Pickens County Chapter No. 47, DAV; Brooke Kelley, daughter of Wor. Bro. E. C. Kelley, Jr. and Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, State of Georgia led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance; and the Angel Spirit Trio led in the singing of the National Anthem.

Grand Master E. Ray Knittel was presented by the District Deputies to the Grand Master. He, in turn, introduced his officers who were present and other distinguished guests. Bro. Donnie Craig, Sheriff of Pickens County and a member of Blaine Lodge No. 534, welcomed all to Pickens County.

The Convention was then put at ease to award 21 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving college students. Ninth District scholarships have totaled almost \$40,000 since the effort began with its annual golf tournament. Wor. Bro. Bill Neal, chairman of the scholarship committee, was presented a plaque in appreciation of his years of hard work to make the annual tournament a great success. A list of the 81 golf tournament hole sponsors was listed in the convention program.

The minutes from the 2012 Convention were accepted as printed in the program, as were all other reports.

Registered Freemasons and guests totaled 267. An offering of \$620 was received for the Masonic Home. Duluth Lodge No. 480 presented a check for \$9,850 from its 11th Annual "Motorcycle Ride for the Children" for the Masonic Home. Duluth Lodge has raised over \$101,000 for the Masonic Home since it began its "Ride."

Bro. Blake McFarland, a member of Pickens Star Lodge and a K-9 unit deputy with the Pickens County Sheriff's Department, was presented a Civil Service Award.

Wor. Bro. Larry C. Bennett, Custodian of the Uniform Work for the 9th District, reported he had issued 394 white cards, 290 blue cards, 50 orange cards and 38 green cards during the past year.

Wor. Bro. Larry Curtis Bennett, a member of Ducktown Lodge No. 572, was named Mason of the Year. The attendance banner was won by Blaine Lodge No. 534. Snellville Lodge No. 99 was named Lodge of the Year.

Wor. Bro. D. Rodney Gibson, a member of Blaine Lodge, was elected District Master for the ensuing year. Grand Master Knittel installed Wor. Bro. Gibson and his officers.

Wor. Bro. Storey Tate presented the Past Master's apron and case to Wor. Bro. E. C. Kelley, Jr.



Ninth Masonic District Scholarship Recipients



Snellville Lodge No. 99 was named Lodge of the Year



Blaine Lodge No. 534 won the attendance award



On September 27, DDGM State Chairman Mark Bradley presented Grand Lodge of Georgia Eagle Scout Awards to 6 new Eagle Scouts from Statham Troup No 789 at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Winder. Receiving the awards were Nathan Kelley, Austin Bagwell, Coby Smith, Will Pursell and Zach Brooks. Not able to attend but also receiving an Eagle Scout Award was D.J. Smith.



# In Memorium

Members Reported Deceased  
from August 6, 2013  
to September 26, 2013

Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.
EUBANKS, BOBBY GENE	1SOC	MIXON, HARRY [NMN]	134
MASSEY, CHARLIE POWELL	003	ETHRIDGE, THOMAS EDWIN	151
PAYNE, VINSTON EUGENE JR	006	SHORT, HERBERT JACK	151
ZAHN, MICHAEL PHILIP	006	SEARS, JOHN ALFRED	166
JOHNSON, CALVIN COOLIDGE	007	SMALLWOOD, MARVIN EDWARD	171
SMITH, JAMES MATTHEW	009	TILLISON, CLYDE LAMAR	171
SMITH, HOWARD OSBIN	012	LOVELACE, FRANCIS MILLARD JR	180
PERRY, ELDRIGE WELLS	014	ALBERSON, REGINALD OTTO	210
FUNDERBURKE, CHARLES EDGAR	018	PERRY, CHARLES BUTLER	210
ZELLNER, WILLIAM PEARCE	018	WEST, JOHN FRANCIS	213
DEHIL, ROBERT JOSEPH	023	FREEBURG, ROY WERNER JR	214
SMITH, MITCHELL MARRIL	025	WILSON, THURMAN ARTHUR	220
COOK, PAUL HOWARD	026	COOK, JAMES MILTON	221
JOHNSON, WINARD ODUS	026	NEAL, WILLIAM HERBERT	221
GUTHRIE, WILLIAM CLEVELAND	028	HELMS, JAMES DONALD	229
JONES, FRANK HENRY	031	WEBB, JOHN PATTEN SR	234
BRINSON, ROBERT HENDRICK JR	033	BOSS, JERRY LEE	262
SERAPHIM, CONSTANTINE (NMN)	033	FRENCH, ERNEST DALE	262
WILLIAMS, THOMAS LUTHER	033	DIXON, FRANK CUNOVA	270
BENNETT, WILLIAM F	035	RATLIFF, ALVIN MCINTOSH	270
CLOUD, MATTHEW MELTON	035	HENDRIX, JAMES VINSON	279
MULLIS, JOHN EDWARD	035	KEAPPLER, ERNEST WILLIAM	288
FLOYD, ROBERT LOUIS	040	ROSSER, JAMES HUDSON JR	288
WEEKS, JAMES LEWIS	041	SIMS, CHARLIE HULL	288
COPELAN, NEWTON BERRY JR	044	SMITH, BENJAMIN LEE	292
SMITH, GORDON BURNS	048	MCMAHAN, CHARLES WESLEY	294
COWART, TAPP JEFFERSON	054	O'KELLEY, WILBURN [NMN]	294
HOWARD, DOUGLAS LAMAR SR	054	REEMS, PLEDGER (NMN)	294
PLAGEMAN, JOHN ALLIE JR	070	DODD, RUFUS CAM	298
AGAN, ASTER V. [IO] JR	072	BROCK, ROY FRANKLIN	300
BENTLEY, JOHN MARVIN	072	LEE, LARRY FRANKLIN	301
HOLLOWAY, HERMAN [NMN] JR	072	DANIELS, JAMES ALTON	304
JUDD, CHARLES LEE	075	PERRY, GEORGE DONALD	304
TEEMS, WILLIAM PAUL	077	ROBINSON, WILLIAM RALPH	304
WATERS, CHARLES COLUMBUS	081	ROSS, DAVID MARTIN	304
TURNER, GEORGE CICERO	082	FRENCH, A. W. [IO]	306
BUSH, RAIFORD GLEN	085	ELROD, SAM (NMN)	309
LEVIS, RICHARD HOWARD	087	WILLIAMS, JOHN LEMAN	310
SASSER, LAWRENCE BRYAN	087	BOWEN, TRAVIS LATRELL	316
BROWN, ROBERT TIMOTHY	097	DOYLE, STEPHEN CAREY	316
SATTERFIELD, GURLEY ESBURN	102	JONES, WENDELL C. [IO]	334
ELLIS, WILLIAM TROY	105	SWANSON, WALLACE KENNETH JR	350
LOCKE, ROBERT HOWARD JR	105	POPPHAN, WINFORD LEWIS	352
GAINES, THOMAS RAYMOND	111	HAMMER, WESLEY EVAN	364
MORRISON, HAROLD LLOYD	111	MCDANIEL, STEVE JEROME	364
LILES, RALPH HUBERT	121	THOMPSON, ELMER CHARLES	367
STEPHENS, JAMES RALPH JR.	121	GANDY, WILLIAM STANLEY	369
SUTTON, MORRIS LEONARD	121	MATHEWS, WILLIAM LEE	371
GOFF, LEROY ROBERT JR	128	GIVINS, JOHN MARSHALL	376
EASON, ROY CLARK	131	JONES, FRANK HARRIS	390

Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.
PALMER, RONALD LEE	390	BARNES, HARRY JORDAN	586
LINDSEY, JOHN RICHARD	404	TEMPLES, INMAN (NMN)	595
TURNER, JIMMY PORCHER	404	BLANKS, DONNIE JOE	600
TURNER, GEORGE CICERO	429	PARKER, GEORGE MARION	603
HAMRICK, CHARLES HARRISON	444	SMART, WILLIAM GUY	603
MAGIN, FREDERICK BENARD	444	PENDERGRASS, CHARLES LEWIS	622
MOSS, WILBERT GEORGE	444	GLADNEY, CECIL EVERETT	639
KELLY, WILLIAM LLOYD JR	452	SILVEY, THOMAS AUBREY	639
MILLER, VUNARD CLYDE	454	WHITE, JOHN MARION	644
REAVIS, JOSEPH ANTHONY	454	WALDEN, JERRY ALVIN SR	683
HEAD, CLYDE EDWARD	455	BUNDRICK, ELI LYNEAR	691
COUEY, WILLIAM BARKWELL	479	BURTON, JAMES VERNER	691
JOHNSON, JOEL RALPH JR	484	DENNARD, JAMES STEPHEN	709
SMITH, GORDON BURNS	503	HARDY, WALLINGTON [NMN]	710
BOWEN, IRA AVERY	509	HEINHOLD, CHARLES RONALD	710
ANDING, SHELDON MICHAEL	523	RAMSHUR, JAMES WILLIAM	720
MCRAE, WILLIAM HENRY	536	RICH, LOUIS JOSEPH JR	721
LANIER, JAMES ROY	537	BARNETT, SAMUEL CLARENCE	743
SETTLE, ALBERT VON	543	WHITED, FRANCIS GERALD	743
ZEFF, BERNARD IRVING	543	RAMSHUR, JAMES WILLIAM	753
MARDEN, JACK MORTIMER	579	PERRY, GEORGE DONALD	760
STEWART, WILKIE JAMES	579		

### Traveling Men Ride for Austin

Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders participated in Austin's Make A Wish Ride-Biker For A Day on September 29th. Austin is a 10-year-old boy in Macon who has been diagnosed with sarcoma cancer. His only wish is to be a biker for a day and have his front yard full of bikes. There were over 100 bikes in this event. His front yard was full of bikes as well as the driveway and roadway. A vest was presented to Austin by the organizers of the event. Austin was presented a Steel Goat Riders patch for his vest and a Shriner's Potentate pin.

Pictured from the left are Spud Fordham, Jim Hill, Jims wife Gloria, and Robert Harrington.



The editor apologizes that this photo is late, but this is a photo of the 2013 officers of Stephens Lodge No. 586 who were installed by Past Grand Master B. Palmer Mills, assisted by Past Grand Marshal Harold Culpepper. The lodge officers are Dorsey Wilson, Worshipful Master; Doyle Harfield, Senior Warden; Ed Withrow, Treasurer; Robert Eubanks, Chaplain; Jimmy Durham, Senior Deacon; K. W. Arnold, Junior Deacon; Ricky Moran, Senior Steward; Will Cunningham, Junior Steward; and Arthur Pearson, Tyler. The name of the secretary was not provided.

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### Zachary Nadel receives Eagle Scout Award



(Left) Eagle Scout Zachary Nadel is presented his Eagle Scout award from Grand Lodge of Georgia by Past Grand Master Clyde E. Griffin at an awards ceremony held August 19 at Georgetown Community Center in Savannah.