

# Masonic Messenger



Official Publication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free & Accepted Masons

October 2020

## Annales:

# “A Brotherhood and a Bomber”

See pages 13-16



From The Archives:  
“The Ideal of Masonry”  
See Page 12

The Return of Esoterikos:  
“Making Good Men Better”  
See Pages 9-11

Grand Lodge Office: 478-742-1475  
 Please send changes of address to the Grand Secretary  
 at 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201  
 on your lodge secretary's monthly report.  
 The editor does NOT keep the list of addresses.

**Grand Lodge Officers**

Grand Master	Johnie M. Garmon (114)
Deputy Grand Master	Jan M. Giddens (33)
Senior Grand Warden	Donald C. Combs (46)
Junior Grand Warden	Michael A. Kessler (216)
Grand Treasurer	Larry W. Nichols (59)
Grand Secretary	Van S. McGee (26, 70)
Grand Chaplain	James R. Harris (205, 758)
Grand Marshal	F. Keith Hales (220, 724)
Grand Orator	Clyde E. Griffin (693, 1, 750, 303)
Senior Grand Deacon	Benjamin W. Polston, II (6)
Junior Grand Deacon	Mark A. Bradley (36)
First Grand Steward	Bill Shepard (717, 214)
Second Grand Steward	Brian Coffey (271, 749, 710)
Third Grand Steward	Tom Bruce (42, 216)
Grand Tyler	William White (114, 597)

**Publications**

**Editor of the Masonic Messenger Daniel P. Bennett (364,154)**  
 728 Baugh Mountain Rd. NW Sugar Valley, GA 30746  
 Email: editor@masonicmessenger.com 770-608-6232

**Chairman of Publications Brian Coffey (271, 749, 710)**

Published bi-monthly at 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201.

The Messenger goes to all Masons holding membership in Georgia  
 Subscription \$10.00 domestic, \$16.00 foreign per year.

Advertising rates on application.

Publication Deadlines for the *Masonic Messenger* to the Editor

- February Issue: January 15
- April Issue: March 15
- June Issue: May 15
- August Issue: July 15
- October Issue: September 15
- December Issue: November 15

# MASONIC MESSENGER

Vol. 118 October 2020 No. 1

**Table of Contents**

**Grand Lodge Notices and Events**

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary.....3  
 234th Grand Lodge Letter.....4-5  
 Freemasonry Around Georgia.....6  
 Publication Committee Report.....7

**Grand York Rite News.....8**

**Articles**

*Esoterikos*: "Making Good Men Better".....9-11  
*From the Archives*: "Ideal of Masonry".....12  
*Annales*: "A Brotherhood and a Bomber".....13-16  
*The Common Gavel*: "Smoke and Bees".....17-18  
 Commentary: "Masons Doing What Masons Should Do".....19  
 Commentary: "A Badge, A Journey".....20  
 Commentary: "You Are More Than Your Masonic".....21  
 Commentary: "Maintaining Fellowship".....22  
 Commentary: "Leadership on Display".....23  
 Commentary: "Perpetual Memberships".....24  
 Commentary: "But What Can I Do?".....25  
*Veteran's Corner*.....26-27  
*GA CHIP Communication Corner*.....28  
 Awards.....29  
*In Memoriam*.....30-31

Back Cover: Grand Lodge Store

**FORM FOR CHANGING ADDRESS FOR MESSENGER**

TYPE or PRINT information requested and mail to the  
 Grand Lodge address on the back cover.

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you have moved, PLEASE RETURN YOUR ADDRESS LABEL ABOVE  
 TO THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA along with your new address:

Lodge Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Brethren, it is your responsibility to make certain your address is current.

Be certain your Lodge secretary has your correct address.

Current addresses are kept in the Grand Secretary's Office in Macon.

**The Editor of the *Masonic Messenger* DOES NOT keep a list of addresses.**



## *From the Desk of the Grand Secretary*

Brother Secretaries,

It is very important immediately after the December elections of Officers the results are entered into Grand View (GLAD). Please provide phone numbers and email addresses for Worshipful Master's and Secretaries as they are to be listed in the Georgia List of Lodges. Grand View allows the Secretary to choose the mailing address for where he wants Lodge mail to be sent. This information can be entered under Lodge Info from your Dashboard. That information is what will appear in the Georgia List of Lodges for the Secretary. Remember all election returns must be entered on or before Monday, December 21, 2020.

Reminder...

On the first day of each month the Monthly Closeout of the preceding month must be completed before the end of the current month. If a Monthly Closeout has not been closed out before the last day of the third month, the closeout will be lost.

GLAD allows Georgia Masons to have one-member number, regardless of the number of Lodges he belongs to, which helps the Grand Lodge Office perfect membership records by entering all Masonic History under one number. Plural member profiles can be viewed by the Secretary of each Lodge the member belongs to. If a Secretary makes a change to that record it will generate an entry on all records for that member on the Lodge's Monthly Closeout.

Please feel free to call the office if you have a question or need a little help with the database. Julie is a wealth of knowledge and very proficient with the database, and willing to help when you call. 478-742-1475

Fraternally and sincerely,

Van McGee

Grand Secretary

  
**The Grand Lodge**  
**Of Free and Accepted Masons for the State Of Georgia**

**Johnie M. Garmon**  
Grand Master  
2019-2020

P.O. Box 1921  
Blairsville, GA 30514  
E-Mail: [jmgarmon2015@outlook.com](mailto:jmgarmon2015@outlook.com)

We as Masons have adapted to the unprecedented circumstances into which we have been thrust.

The most pressing issue we are facing right now is under what circumstances we will be able to hold the 234<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia on October 27, 2020. Hard decisions are going to have to be made. I assure the brethren that these decisions will be made for the best interest and well-being of the Masons of Georgia.

I have cancelled the Grand Master's Banquet, the picnic at the Farmers Market, and other events. Our regular communication will be for the election of Grand Lodge Officers and their installation, will be held at Al Sihah Shrine building so space is limited. Circumstances have dictated how we can proceed. We must have representation of 25 lodges to meet the quorum requirements of the Masonic Code. I have postponed all Code Bills for the 2020 session, they will be differed to the 2021 annual communication. Bills already submitted do not have to be resubmitted if found to be in proper form and not in conflict with our Masonic Code, as reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. Brethren, these are very unusual times and require us to move forward and make unusual decisions.

There will be no committee meetings on October 26, the Monday before Grand Lodge, or otherwise. I am asking each committee chairman to make use of whatever platform they choose to conduct such business as required by our Masonic Code and tender their written report to the Grand Secretary, in Word document format, for publication after the session.

Your Grand Lodge Officers met Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> and after consultation with them, I have decided the 234<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication will be held by reservations limited to 150 attendees. The guidelines for the limited session are, Ballot for the elected officers, vote for Masonic Home Trustee's, Board of Relief member's, Budget's (Masonic Home and Grand Lodge), Code Supplement, and EDICT's.

Reservations must be requested by email to [gsec@glofga.org](mailto:gsec@glofga.org) and must be received by the Grand Secretary prior to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Each District will have at least 6 slots available. All reservation shall be first-come, first-serve, based on the date and time the email is received by the Grand Secretary. Using email is the fairest way to determine when a request is sent and received. Ties will be broken, if necessary, by date and time sent. The Grand Secretary's Office will track the email reservations received by District and in order received. Slots are available only for Past and Sitting Masters of a Georgia lodge who are members in good standing of a Lodge in that District, and they can only submit a reservation for one Lodge and one District.

If requests exceed 6 for a District, those may be filled, if possible, out of the un-designated (pool) slots. If less than six requests are received for any District by the deadline the additional slots will be deemed abandoned and the unused slots will be available in the general pool. Brethren who request a

reservation will be notified by email if the request is granted on or before Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. If for some unforeseen reason, after receiving confirmation of a reservation, a brother is unable to attend the annual communication, he must notify the Grand Secretary's Office immediately at [gsec@glfoga.org](mailto:gsec@glfoga.org) , so that the slot may be made available to be filled from the waiting list maintained by the Grand Secretary.

There will be **NO** registration forms and no onsite registration. The email requesting a reservation must include the name, Lodge, and District of the Brother to be **valid** and will serve as the registration form. Email registration will be for two weeks, beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. No group reservations are allowed. Each Brother must individually submit an email to [gsec@glfoga.org](mailto:gsec@glfoga.org), All communications must be by email. The Grand Master's Address Book, including committee reports and budgets, will be distributed by email and will not be available at the door.

Grand Lodge officers' ladies and their invited guests will be admitted for installation on a space available basis.

Temperature checks will be done on everyone attending. No one with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will be admitted. Social distancing of six feet minimum is required, and all attending must wear a mask. If sick, the Brother must stay home or go home.

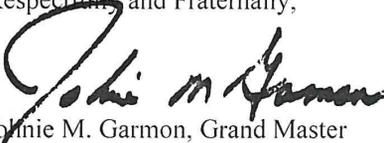
The Grand Secretary's Office will provide the Grand Tyler a list of the registered Past or Sitting Master's. The leaders of the District Deputies to the Grand Master shall assist the Grand Tyler at the doors. Each brother attending will be required to present a current dues card for admission (see MC-311) and to receive ballots, etc. The communication will be held in the Ballroom; at **Al Sihah Shrine Building, 222 Mecca Drive Macon, GA 31205-3147**.

I sincerely ask all Masons to remember our great fraternity, the Grand Lodge Officers, and especially your Deputy Grand Master and me when upon your bended knees in devotion to all Almighty God. I ask for your continued understanding and support as we move into these uncharted waters during the last couple of months in this Masonic year.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Grand Master. Eva and I have worked to make the best of this situation and have come to the belief; 'we did not cause this pandemic, and we cannot fix it'. Thank you for your continued support and prayers in our behalf.

We need to let our passions grow in our duty to God, Country, Family, Neighbor, and our Fraternity. We remember the definition of Passion which we were admonished to "keep in due bounds". Passion can be good when properly used or cause great evil when used out of "due bounds". Take a moment to look inside and find your PASSION for Masonry. Each of us are very important to the whole, we are nothing alone, but together we are strong and can accomplish great things for our communities.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

  
Johnnie M. Garmon, Grand Master



# Freemasonry Around Georgia



## GEORGIA LODGE OF RESEARCH

Brothers all, the Georgia Lodge of Research will resume its regular meetings beginning on the 30th of October 2020. We now meet at Kennesaw Lodge #33 on every month that has a 5th Friday at 6:30 pm. If you are not a member of the Georgia Lodge of Research, I encourage you to join. We have some very interesting papers presented by notable Brothers. Our next speaker will be Rev Beau Davis. RW Bro Jan Giddens is on tap to give a follow up on his paper in the near future. On behalf of our Master this year WB James House, I want to invite you to join us. Our membership is only \$30 per year. You will receive a hard-bound volume of our book, "Transactions" when published as part of your dues. We have back copies of the "Transactions" available for the price of \$10 each. Come be with us on the 30th of October for our next regular scheduled meeting.



**Daylite Lodge  
No. 125**

**Dual Qualified Brethren Wanted**  
**First Year Dues Free**  
**Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**10:30AM – Noon**  
**201 Masonic Place**  
**Peachtree City, GA 30269**  
[www.masonpost.com/ga/daylite125](http://www.masonpost.com/ga/daylite125)



Before the current pandemic put a halt to all Degree work in the state of Georgia, Mt. Hermon lodge #304 in Columbus, Georgia performed courtesy degree work to raise four new Master Masons. Mackey Carter, Sr., Donald Anthony, and James Trivillian are from Marion Lodge #14, and Patrick Harris is from Washington Lodge #311. Mt. Hermon is already scheduled to perform the degrees for three additional candidates from Marion Lodge #14.



On August 25, 2020, Lavonia Lodge No. 241, F&AM, hosted the young men, families, and Advisory Council of Lavonia DeMolay Chapter 11095 (LT), for the purpose of presenting the Merit Bars and Awards that the young men have earned.

The awards were announced by WM Mark Sewell, and were presented by Bro. Chip Pettys (Chapter Advisor and member of Nancy Hart Lodge No. 690). Also in attendance were representatives of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 14, of Elberton, Georgia.

# 2020 Annual Report of the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE of the Grand Lodge of Georgia



Georgia Masons continue to enjoy a professional publication that is recognized as one of the premier Masonic Periodicals in the United States. The 32 page magazine provides notices and events of the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges as well as articles of interest on Masonic topics, education, Lodge news and Grand Lodge Awards.

Our Editor, Worshipful Brother Daniel Bennett, strives to include articles of interest for a wide range of topics from educational, informational, and esoteric in order to provide for all differing aspects of our Craft.

We continue our longstanding partnership with our publisher, Panaprint who produces and delivers a high-quality product at a very reasonable price.

The Publications Committee met virtually during this time of Troubles and is in discussion regarding the possibility of changing from a Bimonthly to a Quarterly publication. Benefits include cost savings and more pages per edition. Drawbacks include an impression of less communication with the membership. A copy of the Masonic Messenger is available electronically on the Grand Lodge Webpage.

The Committee extends its thanks to the members of our Great Fraternity, our Advertisers, our Editor and the Publisher who continue to make the Masonic Messenger among the best publications in Freemasonry.

Respectfully Submitted:

Johnie Garmon, GM, Ex Officio

Jan Giddens, DGM, Ex Officio

Brian Coffey, PM, Chairman

E. Ray Knittel, PGM

Ross Laver, PM



**GRAND  
CHAPTER**  
Michael H. Sampsell  
ME Grand High Priest



**GRAND  
COUNCIL**  
Ron B. Wolbert  
MI Grand Master



**GRAND  
COMMANDERY**  
Mark S. Johnson  
RE Grand Commander

## **THE YORK RITE IN GEORGIA**

Editor: Michael H. Sampsell Email: [mike@thesampsell.com](mailto:mike@thesampsell.com)  
<http://www.yorkriteofga.org>

### **Why Join York Rite Masonry?**

By Michael H Sampsell

As a man in the profane world, you were moved by a desire to seek knowledge and Light. You began this quest by becoming a Freemason. In Blue Lodge Masonry, you were introduced to the Light and ultimately became a Master Mason and learned a portion of the mysteries in our institution. And while doubtless opportunities have come your way to continue your journey on to further light, there will be many, many more options to illuminate your pathway while upon this journey.

According to your teachings so far, you have received symbolic or substitute secrets through this journey in the Blue Lodge. This was done, as you were taught, since the "true secrets" were lost. The York Rite degrees work to reveal the true secrets to the uninformed Mason and attempt to "fill in the gaps" that exists within the first three degrees.

The Capitular or Chapter degrees provide you with further light with the Royal Arch degree being the completion of the whole system of Freemasonry. Having started your journey in the Symbolic Lodge, it is the duty of a Master Mason to complete that journey. Only those who have attained their Royal Arch degree may be said to have completed their Masonic Work.

The Cryptic degrees or degrees of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, provides explanation as to the circumstances surrounding the recovery of the lost work. The Royal and Select Master degrees account for the concealment and preservation of the secrets revealed in the Royal Arch.

The Chivalric Orders or the Orders of Knighthood of the Commandery elevate the informed Mason to a level that provides a sense of spiritual enlightenment. The Order of the Temple is the crowning glory of York Rite Masonry. Freemasonry demands only a belief in a monotheistic God, allowing other religions to participate in the Craft. However, as a Christian Freemason the Masonic Orders of Christian Knighthood are the only conduit for the Christian Mason's belief in Christ as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

### **Annual Christmas Observances in the Commandery**

Check with your local York Rite bodies to find out where and when the Commandery in your area will be celebrating their Christmas Observance and take the time to join in the Celebration!



**PETITION FOR YORK RITE BODIES**  
<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/bpfiles/combpet.pdf>

**GEORGIA YORK RITE WEBSITE**  
[www.yorkriteofga.org](http://www.yorkriteofga.org)

**FIND YOUR CLOSEST YORK RITE:**  
<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/yorkrite-by-city.html>

# EsŌterikos

## “Making Good Men Better” - The Secret of the Perfect Ashlar

By Brother Greg Sudmeier, 32°

The ending of Chapter 1 in Wilmshurst’s, “The Meaning of Masonry” reads:

*“But, finally, I must ask you to remember that, in accordance with the general design of our system, every Master of a Lodge is but a symbol and a substitution, and that behind him, and behind all other the grand officers of the Masonic hierarchy, there stands the “Great White Head”, the “Great Initiator” and Grand Master of all true Masons throughout the Universe, - whether members of our Craft or not. To whom let us all bow in gratitude for the invaluable gift accorded to us in this our Order; and to whose protection, and to whose enlightening guidance into its deeper mysteries, I commend you all.”*

It’s “deeper mysteries.” This idea points to the “invaluable gift” on which the entire and ancient foundation of Masonic tradition is based - the admonition in Sanskrit to “*Know Thyself and you shall know the Universe and God.*” But what does this mean? How do we understand ourselves, and how do we achieve true Masonic betterment?

From one, Matthew A.:

*We must look and see what we are, and we must have the courage to do so. There’s a sense given to us that greatly helps us find ourselves. It’s rigid, fickle, uncompromising and often uncomfortable. It is Truth. This very sense is predominant in intuitive individuals. It will shine light on both victory and defeat, blindness as well as vision. You can feel it. It’s a tuning rod. When truth is used in self-examination it can be quite painful. We have insecurities because we have flaws. If we think ourselves flawless then we blind ourselves and we lie to ourselves. When we act as though we are flawless in truth it’s a form of false pride, which is the root of misery. We seek relief from this natural imperfection and a lot of times this is the drive toward self-realization. It takes courage to look at our mistakes, but when we do, we allow ourselves the chance to*

*learn from them. How can we learn from something if we shrug it off or hide it? That would be temporary, and so dooms you to make that same mistake again.*

*But using courage to truthfully face your imperfect self will teach you quickly how to learn from your mistakes. That’s why mistakes hurt, so you’re not doomed to forget. We must process things we’ve done wrong in the past to let them go. Free yourself.*

*It is through this learning that we start to evolve. We adjust, learn from different mistakes, look at them and then grow. The more honest you are with yourself, the more potent your growth. The more you see your imperfection, the more you see the struggle in others too. Then, both compassion (because you know the fight) and despair (because you’re surrounded by what you’re fighting) manifest through the same spring of truth. This is the beginning of awakening. It does take courage and faith to stick to the path of self-realization. It will change your body, how you feel, what you can see and sense, your dream state, and how you communicate, or don’t. If you can, come to a humble place. It’s in that non-manipulative, passive state where you will be innocent and wise at the same time.*

*In this state even the outside world will come to you for rest. You’ll see little coincidences and connections start to pop up more. You feel a tangible purpose through your body. Your body will sing praise to you for your willingness to do what’s right. From there comes intuitive knowledge, timelessness, and being able to understand communication through wave forms and emotions. This is how the spirit of all will start to teach you. This all starts from using Truth to look at our flaws.*

So, introspection. When we look inside ourselves what do we find? An eternal soul having a temporal material experience. In our human condition we are each a glorious miracle of an inner pure divine spirit combined with an outer flawed materiality. Because this is true of

me, it must be true of you. Because it is true of you, it must be true of me. This is the basis of all “*on the level*” equity, which is the secret to ending all divisions, separations, and strife.

When Michelangelo was asked how he sculpted such amazing statues he said, “*I merely see the figure within and chip away what is unnecessary.*” This is a perfect analogy of the symbol of the Masonic “gift,” the **Perfect Ashlar** - knowing ourselves; seeing who we all really are underneath, and the courage to remove whatever hides it.

In the layers upon layers of academia in music, there is a tendency to get lost in the process and aggrandize the details. Many times we focus on the mere notes on the page and we lose sight of the entire purpose of art and music - the intentional movement of sound for the sake of inspiring human emotions towards mutual understanding, equity, beauty, compassion, love, truth and healing. The music on the page must become alive in and through the air. The same can be said of Masonry. We focus painstakingly (and sometimes much too pridefully) on each syllable, phrase, and physical movement of the ritual. We wear our regalia in exactitude. We follow the code as faithfully as possible.

Like the inner workings of music, for its true purpose to be fulfilled this focus on minutia must always be coupled with the larger esoteric meaning of the whole exercise, or it loses its purpose all-together.

No one cares to sit through a lifeless recital, in music or in Masonry. The notes on the page, properly interpreted, inspire the heart to grow. The many parts and pieces of our Masonic ritual and regalia, properly understood and applied, inspire the human character to grow. Our inner statue appears.

Good humans become better ones. But why? From The Grand Lodge of Universal Mysteries:

*To portray adequately the wonder and the destiny of the human kingdom and race lies beyond the powers of any human pen, for it is the custodian of the hidden mystery, the veritable Treasure-House of God—and this is the great Masonic secret. Only in the human kingdom are the three divine qualities and aspects found in their full potentiality—and together!*

*In man is hidden the secret of life; in man is secreted the treasures of wisdom and love; in man is implanted the mystery of manifestation...Humanity, and humani-*

*ty alone, can reveal the nature of eternal life and divine consciousness, and portray what has lain hidden in the Mind of God, the Most High. This Mind must dwell in us in increasing efflorescence and revelation, for as human beings, we are intrinsically a part of this divine Mind, and this mind must reveal itself in the human race in ever greater fullness. To man is given the task of raising “matter” up into heaven, and thus glorifying rightly the form side of life through his conscious manifestation of divine powers. The goal before humanity at this time—as we enter the Age of Aquarius, and for the 1006th time since the individualization of man upon our globe, 21,688,411 years ago [written in 2011], and the Age for which the Spiritual Hierarchy have been preparing since the individualization of man—is the attaining of the cooperative, group spirit, wherein we come to know ourselves truly as the keeper of the needs of our brothers, and thus produce a world-wide culture and civilization expressing this realization. This must indicate the part which the unit plays within the whole, and the interaction of the part within the greater structure. Nowhere is this type of realization more soundly and effectively learned than in the Masonic training in fraternal group relations. The hour has now come when the manifestation of this reality can—and for the first time and in truth—manifest itself on the physical plane in an organized group form. This is the coming glory, and the next revelation in the evolutionary cycle of the consciousness of humanity, of which Masonry is a prophetic symbol and seed of future effort.*

This is why we strive to chip away what is unnecessary from our outer rough ashlar. It is anything but a selfish endeavor. When we begin to see the perfection of our divine inner nature emerge from the roughness, we begin to act differently, better - for the good of others, for the enormous benefit of the world.

Masonry is alive! It isn't a mere set of dead rituals or codes to be memorized and repeated for no ultimate reason. It is the active antidote to human strife! Our Masonic tradition, based on the principle of the smoothing of the rough Ashlar, is the modern practice of the Ancient truths about who we all really are!

***On Becoming the Perfect Ashlar, see pg. 12***

# On Becoming The Perfect Ashlar

Me: Hello...Great Architect?...

GA: Hello!...

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

GA: ...I would rather not.

Me: Why?!

GA: Because, you aren't a "puzzle."

Me: What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

GA: It's the Way! Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you really need any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I feel like I'm really breaking down!

GA: Actually, you don't understand, yet. You are breaking - through! What you are feeling are the growing pains of your improving character. You are shedding the things, and habits, and ego traps, and maybe even some of the people in your life that are holding you back. It can be painful, but you aren't "falling apart." You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the rough pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

Me: But, once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

GA: Only the very best piece of you. Your smooth Ashlar. Your wiser, enlightened character and pure spirit.

Me: But I'm scared of changing.

GA: I keep telling you - YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE BECOMING...a Perfect Ashlar!

Me: Becoming a what?

GA: A Perfect Ashlar; who you are designed to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and

courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. You are made for more than the shallow and rough pieces that you cling to with such greed and...fear. The pins, the buttons, the regalia, the titles, all well and good in their own way...if you can learn to avoid the Ego gratification they tempt. Let those things fall off of you. You are loved! You matter! Don't just "change!"... Become! Learn your lessons and become who you are designed to be. Wake up! I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it, and start to live it!

Me: Wow, there goes another piece.

GA: Let it be.

Me: So...I'm not broken?

GA: Of course not! But you are breaking, like the dawn. It's a new day. Your Perfect Ashlar - your character - is becoming smoother! Become!!!

~ From an original piece by author John Roedel, Adapted for Masons by Greg Sudmeier



# From the Archives

*This article was originally written by PGM W.G. Meador and published in the April 1931 issue of the Georgia Masonic Messenger. I am graciously indebted to Right Worshipful Brother Jan Giddens and Worshipful Brother Joe Turner for the continued publication of gems from the Archives such as this. If you see them soon, please tell them "thank you."*

## **Ideal of Masonry to Teach Men to Think**

The one ideal of Masonry is to teach men to think. If our service and allegiance to the Order does not prompt us to study and think out the many and various problems which are presented in all the Masonic allegory and symbolism, then we will have failed in our objective of presenting Masonry.

If the novice coming into the first service in a Masonic body had a complete and thorough knowledge of that ritual in its entirety, it would of course, be of no avail, and decidedly of no interest. He comes to us with no knowledge whatever of our secret Landmarks, and in such condition, if he measures up to the proper degree of intelligence, he is then peculiarly fitted to receive the teachings and to apply them. It is our province as the exemplars of Masonry to qualify in all the essentials of the art of pedagogy in making plain to him the reasons, and the causes for those reasons of the various processes of his venture in the initiatory service. To his mind, the consistencies of it all soon become apparent, yet the reasons for it can only be gained through a study, and through the experiences gained in such study.

How great, then, is the opportunity of those of us in our several places as leaders and teachers, to take advantage of every possible occasion in the conferring of the degrees, to first make that part impressive, and when the service is complete, to give to this novice the benefit of a detailed instructive lecture, to the end that he may have in this generalization a ground work

for his contemplation and study, in addition to his application in the study of the required tests.

So many members of Lodges have gone through all the requirements of mutual tests, and fitted themselves to assume the last part of their obligations and instructions and then, for lack of further lectures, or instructions on the part of the Lodge, they conclude that their part is finished, and being given no incentive for further effort, become indifferent or dormant.

Why may not we, as they purveyors of Masonry, interest ourselves in an effort to carry further this study of Masonry for the benefit of the newest member, to the extent that we do not let him understand that his part is finished. In other words, why not continue this intensive effort of instructions for stated times, with a program made for that particular purpose.

It would indeed be well if the Masters of the Lodges be actuated entirely by their own initiative, institute such a program of instructions to the end that they themselves may become better informed, and in the doing of this, give further instructions to whom we usually term our less informed brethren.

The Landmarks of the Order are a part of the property of every Mason, and should be given to him with the interpretation of the Master, so that he may understand what these Landmarks are, how many there are, and something of the history of their origin. The unwritten Landmarks are given to him in the course of the ritualistic service, and of course these Landmarks should be exemplified to him in the most impressive manner.

The art of being a Mason can be comprehended in the words: devotion and unselfishness. The meaning of this term can be put into vivid practice, if we gain our consent to make intensive effort to know and to understand all that term implies.

# Annales or "a Chronicle"

## By Daniel P. Bennett, Editor

### "A Brotherhood and A Bomber"

Between 2014 and 2017, I produced my Graduate thesis at the University of North Georgia, in Dahlonega. I had stumbled upon the topic of Masonic Persecution in a World War Two class, and intent on writing a term paper that didn't involve military history (I enjoy social history much more) and with a professor (and soon to be thesis committee chair) behind me, I began researching the persecution of Freemasons in Nazi Germany. It was definitely not the story I expected to find. Regardless, in the process of expanding the term paper into the thesis, I had to look outside of Germany to flesh out my argument. I examined other fascist countries in Europe during the same time period which took me to France, Spain, and Italy. A great deal of the material in my thesis related to Masonic conspiracies. Many of these centered upon a convoluted concept known as the "Judeo-Masonic Conspiracy" which pitted a three-in-one cabal of Freemasons, Jews, and Communists against the various governments discussed. In the process of researching the persecution of Freemasons in Francoist Spain and Nazi Germany, I came across information relating to a particularly intriguing Masonic conspiracy. This particular conspiracy involved the purchase of airplanes.

Propaganda regarding the "Judeo-Masonic Conspiracy" circulated for many years, much of which was highly questionable. For example, in 1936 the Berlin newspaper *Der Angriff* "reported that Free Masons in the United States had assembled an air fleet of 18 planes piloted by Masons and each bearing the name of a prominent Mason. Its purpose was to join the fight against Franco's forces in Fascist Spain, and then to assist China which was fighting against Japan because Japan was supporting the Fascist states that oppose Masonry."

When I initially read this little piece of propaganda, I chuckled to myself thinking about the trope generally

used to counter Masonic conspiratorial thinking, "Masons have to form a committee to even decide on a meal for the next meeting!" Masonic airplanes! Who ever heard of such a thing.

However, during a recent discussion with Worshipful Brother Mike Kessler, Grand Junior Warden, I found out a little Masonic secret involving Fulton Lodge No. 216 and a "Masonic Bomber."

This story begins with Brother Moses Moskowitz who served as Worshipful Master of Fulton Lodge No. 216 in 1942.

Moskowitz was born in November of 1905 in Soroca, Russia the son of Max and Celia Moskowitz. The Moskowitz' left Russia and moved to New York sometime after his birth possibly due to pogroms. In either event, the family settled in Kings, New York. New York over the next years would become home for a burgeoning Jewish community. Again, at some point, the Moskowitz family—or Moses himself—moved to Georgia. Per his enlistment record he was a citizen of the US, obtained two years of high school education, and worked as a sales clerk. He was married. Moskowitz enlisted in the service shortly after serving as Master of Fulton Lodge. He enlisted at Fort McPherson on June 5, 1943 as a private and was placed with Troop E of the 18th Mechanized Cavalry

1. SERIAL NUMBER No 3190	2. NAME (Print) Moses (None) Moskowitz	ORDER NUMBER 3010
3. ADDRESS (Print) 552 Parkway Dr. N.E. Apt 15 Atlanta, Fulton, Ga.		
4. TELEPHONE Atlanta Ja 0478	5. AGE IN YEARS 34	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Soroca
7. DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 7, 1905	8. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Russia	9. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE U.S.A
10. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Moses Moskowitz		11. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
12. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Same as above		
13. EMPLOYER'S NAME Self.		
14. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 383 Lovejoy St. N.W. Atlanta, Fulton, Ga.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1		15-2715 Moses Moskowitz Captain's Signature

The Enlistment Card of Wor. Bro. Moses from 1943.

Reconnaissance Squadron per his headstone application.

Moskowitz was involved in the infamous “Battle of the Bulge” in 1944. Troop E had been in the region along with the 106th Infantry since mid-October. The Battle—also known as the Ardennes Counteroffensive—began on December 16, 1944. The encounter saw the German Army Group B consisting of the 5th and 6th Panzer Army and the German 7th Army attempt to overrun a combined force of U.S. Allied units. Americans took heavy losses in the battle, bearing the brunt of the attack and suffering the highest casualties from any operation during the war and making the engagement the bloodiest single battle fought during World War II.

45-292-7 filed ORIGINAL

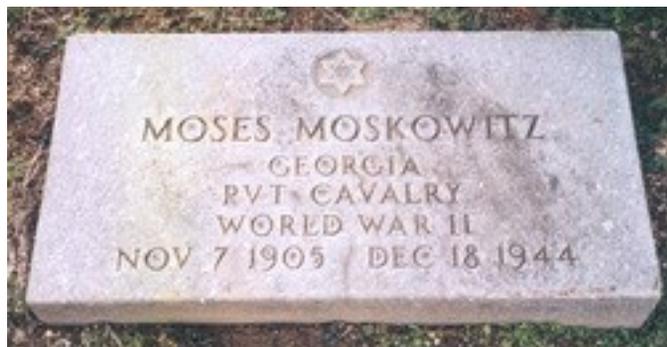
**APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER**  
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

SERIAL No. 34822/45	EMBLEM (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEBREW <input type="checkbox"/> NONE
PENSION No.	
STATE New York	RANK Private
Georgia	18 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Rcn Sqd.
U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION	
Troop E - 18 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Rcn. Sqd. Mechd Cav.	

FLAT GRANT

Headstone application indicating Wor. Bro. Moskowitz' company designation.

Moskowitz did not survive the battle. He was killed on the second day (December 18, 1944) of the Battle of the Bulge most likely after a move to the area around the village of Manderfeld in Büllingen, Belgium. (For more information on the Battle of the Bulge, I highly



The headstone of Wor. Bro. Moskowitz in Hebron Cemetery

recommend *The Ardennes: Battle of the Bulge* by Hugh M. Cole). Moses Moskowitz is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, a historic Jewish Cemetery, in Flushing, New York. (The Editor has contacted the cemetery to have them indicate Moskowitz as a Jewish Veteran as they were actively soliciting assistance in identifying these individuals).

The minutes of 1945 are filled with evidence of the war. (I have transposed sections of the minutes of Fulton Lodge as faithfully as possible and have only included clarifying insertions where I feel they are needed.)

In January of 1945 it was proposed by Worshipful Brother Isadore Heiman “that in the event of a 7th War Loan Drive, that Fulton Lodge have its own drive among its own members to sell enough to buy a bomber which would be named in the honor of Fulton Lodge in the Service”

At the February 7, 1945 meeting, a letter from “Mrs. Moe Moskowitz” was read informing the Lodge of the death of “Wor. Bro. Moe Moskowitz on the battlefield in Belgium on Dec. 18, 1944.” of Fulton Lodge after an Entered Apprentice examination was given, according to the minutes

*The Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment [sic]. Wor. Bro. I. Heiman was asked to introduce the speaker and briefly presented Brother, Rabbi Harry H. Epstein [of Congregation Ahavath Achim], who gave a touching eulogy in memory of our departed Wor. Brother Moses Moskowitz killed in action Dec. 18th.*

Exactly a month later, Wor. Bro. Heiman rose and gave a report on the proposed bond drive:

*Wor. Bro. Heiman gave some information regarding the proposed Bond Drive that the Members of Fulton Lodge would undertake to raise the sum of \$700,000 toward the seventy [sic] war loan which would be earmarked for a B-29 Bomber to be bought in honor of the members of Fulton Lodge serving in the armed forces and in Memory of our late Brother Moe Moskowitz who was killed in action. The drive is to get under way May 16th. He [Bro. Heiman] stated that members of Fulton had already pledged about \$200,000. Wor. Bro. Jack D. Weinkle was asked by Bro Heiman to assist him in working out details.*

Thus, the War Bond drive came to be specifically linked to the loss of Wor. Bro. Moskowitz

The Bond drive was immensely successful. By the March 21 meeting \$400,000 of the \$700,000 had been pledged to the bond drive and by April 4, 1945 “Wor. Bro. I. Heiman stated that approximate [sic] \$500,000.00 has been pledged by the members of Ful-



The Boeing B-29 Superfortress

ton Lodge on [the] drive which drive [sic] would be presented before the lodge on May 16th at which time the Grand Master and other notables would be present.” By April 18th that number had went up another \$50,000.

At the May 2nd meeting “Wor. Bro. Heiman announced that over %625,000.00 [sic] in purchases had already been pledged in [the] Drive for \$750,000.00 (note that the total had increased). The meeting which was scheduled for May 16th had at some point been moved to June 6th, but was touted to host many “Masonic and Civic notables” including the Grand Master Dave Shannon and Governor and Brother Ellis Arnall (a member of Coweta Lodge No. 60 and another one of my favorite Georgia Governors to teach about.) The night of the Bond meeting, the Lodge was closed in short form “to permit all members to report to the Scottish Rite Hall” scheduled at 8:00. “The announcement which the Secretary issued in a sumon-like announcement which was responded to by approximately 200 Members of Fulton Lodge. Talks were made by The Most Worshipful Dave Shannon,

Grand Master of Masons of Georgia, Mayor Hartsfield, [and] Charles J. Curry, former Chairman of Bond Drives.”

The minutes go on to state

*Wor. Bro. Jack Weinkle was master of Ceremonies who also presented the W.M. Meyer Levy who welcomed members and guests on behalf of Fulton Lodge. Before coming to the meeting the Bond Committee had worked diligently and secured subscriptions and sufficient cash with which to purchase \$818,000.00 in Bonds. At [the] meeting an additional \$100,000.00 was sold totaling \$918,000.00 in Bonds. The original intent of the drive was to sell enough Bonds with which to purchase a B-29 superfortress Bomber in honor of members serving in the armed forces and in memory of our Past Master Moe Moskowitz who was killed in action in Belgium. The amount required was oversubscribed by almost \$200,000.00.*

The minutes of that night close by stating “This meeting marked one of Fulton’s most gigantic accomplishments.”



Token of Fulton Lodge No. 216. Note the image of the “Masonic Bomber” appears on the left side of the coin.

The final report given by Wor. Brother I. Heiman came on June 20th

*The Bond Drive Committee made a final report on Bonds sold as follows: E Bonds \$340,825, F. Bonds 9,500., G Bonds 19,700, Negotiable Bonds \$330,500,*

*C Bonds 225,000, Total \$925,525. However, he stated that after the close of the meeting 4 other members announced the purchase of an additional \$100,000 to be added to the above bringing the total to 1,025,525.00. Brother Heiman thanked the few members of the Committee who worked diligently to put the drive over. The W.M. asked all brethren to rise and to give a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Heiman for the fine work that he had done on the drive.*

The Lodge had achieved success, they had purchased a B-29 superfortress. The Boeing B-29 was the largest and most technologically advanced bomber to see service in World War II. Submitted in 1940 before the United States entered World War II, Boeing built a total of 2,766 B-29s at the plants in Wichita, Kansas and Renton, Washington. Bell Aircraft Company in Marietta, Georgia built 668, and the Glenn L. Martin Company built 536 in Nebraska.

Primarily used in the Pacific theater of the war, the B-29 ended production in 1946 with the last plane being completed at the Renton factory in May of 1946. It's hard to know if Fulton's—and Moskowitz's—B-29 was ever built seeing as the Bond Drive ended in June of 1945. Many aircraft which were produced in those years went into storage or were scrapped, though some would see service in Korea or as reconnaissance or nuclear monitoring aircraft.

Regardless of when, or if, Moses' B-29 saw service or was even produced, the immensity of what Fulton Lodge accomplished should stop all of us in our tracks today. In less than six months, the Brethren of Fulton Lodge No. 216 raised over one million dollars in war bonds to assist in America's great struggle of World War II and to memorialize their departed Brother.

That being said, Fulton Lodge was no stranger to this type of patriotic endeavor. In 1918, the Lodge purchased \$50.00 in "Service Cards" for the Brethren in the Military and Naval Services. A year later, the Lodge subscribed to \$300 in "Victory Bonds" for WWI. In 1920 the Lodge raised \$400 by individual Brothers for the Jewish War Relief. Fulton Lodge participated with other Masonic Lodges to operate a center for servicemen at the Atlanta Masonic Temple that provided food, beds, showers and entertainment for over 20,000 servicemen. It donated to the Red Cross War Relief efforts and bought war bonds. Fulton Lodge bought

the first war bonds to replace the USS Atlanta when it was destroyed in the Battle for Guadalcanal.

Fulton Lodge also sent its Brethren. At least 33 active members of Fulton Lodge were called to duty during World War II and saw service in Europe and the Pacific. Those members were sent paid up dues cards complements of the Lodge.

The night Worshipful Brother Kessler and I had our conversation, he walked me back to a room in the Atlanta Masonic Center and opened a drawer and pulled out a commemorative coin. On it, one can clearly make out a B-29 Bomber. The Moskowitz Bomber. The Fulton Bomber. The Masonic Bomber.

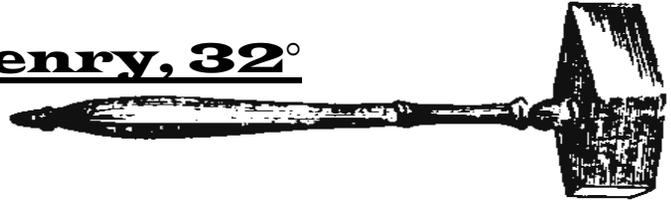
Maybe the Germans weren't crazy about the Masons after all.

*I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Mike Kessler and a host of others including the Editor of the Fulton Lodge No. 216 webpage, Brethren, friends, and family for making this article possible. I would like to especially thank Wor. Bro. Andy Frazier for graciously allowing me to borrow his Ancestry.com account so that I could get the images included in the article including Wor. Bro. Moskowitz' draft card and headstone application.*

# The Common Gavel

**By Brother Tim Henry, 32°**

## Smoke and Bees



I have always loved things in nature, I am mostly intrigued by the simplicity of that. I like to watch animals as they assert the way they approach life and their basic undertaking of day to day tasks. I had always been an admirer of the honeybee for sure. Often I would tell Angie how I wanted to raise bees and be a honeybee keeper. My wife is always supportive of my dreams and one week before our anniversary a heavy box arrived with a do it yourself beehive inside. I was so excited and began putting my plan into action. We had no idea about where to get bees or any of the pitfalls that we might encounter, so we embarked on the adventure of finding out what this was like.



The first year of beekeeping was glorious. We were able to extract honey and thought this thing was so easy we could have great success. Bees are awfully finicky. They are susceptible to a variety of predators and disease that can annihilate them overnight. I learned very quickly that an aggressive hive is much better at survival and a mild hive often falls to problems. A few years passed and we had our successes and failures, but all and all we were learning.

I have a dentist that is a friend who lived up the road and he had always wanted to have bees. However, he had no interest in keeping or working them. He offered to sit and watch me from afar, but no offer to get involved. This leads me to the tale for today. I had captured a couple of wild hives of bees that spring and felt like these would be the perfect fit for the “Ole Tooth Doctor’s” farm. They were not push overs and would be a little testy when provoked, so for an offsite hive I felt like they were the perfect fit. The great thing about the location was it had plenty of water and I could set them right on a creek and their flight path was clean and clear from obstructions. I felt like we had the recipe for success. I started working these bees early that spring and felt sure I was staying ahead of them with housing and storage. You see, bees do two things above all else, make honey and make more bees. You must navigate those waters carefully: too much room and they get overwhelmed, too little and they will split.

One sunny afternoon I was heading to check hives and Macy, our youngest daughter, went with me to be the 911 operator if something went wrong. I pulled my little truck up to the front of the hives and began to ready my tools. Now, Macy’s job was simple, sit in the truck, keep the windows rolled up, and call for help if something happened. I believe that its important for me to state here in this part of the story my truck was a manual transmission and I had not refined my daughter in the ways of “stick shifting” at this time.

I proceeded to ready my tools and prepare to open the hives. Now understand I am an experienced beekeeper and only “cool” experienced beekeepers open hives with very little protective clothing. I slipped on my veil

and went to work, no gloves, no jacket just my veil. As I usually did, I puffed some smoke in the entrance and another puff or two in the top and waited the minute or so for the distraction to work and I popped the top.

Smoke is a lot like the noise of life that you and I encounter. It is a distraction. Some bees gorge themselves on honey to prepare for the journey if they must leave home, some bees look at it as an alarm and feel threatened by the upcoming event. Our reaction to the threat or distraction is very telling of where we are in life. Many times there are the “bees” that run to the entrance and start buzzing away to alert others that something is going on. Some “bees” fill their bellies and allow the situation to overtake them and they have consumed so much of the world they can’t feel it overtaking them. Then there’s the fight “bee.” I believe the fight “bee” is where I want to be.

We as Mason’s have taken vows that we will protect those that can’t protect themselves, fight for those who are voiceless in the crowd, and above all else protect our house and home no matter how much smoke is pouring in.

Now, when I popped the top on that hive it boiled over like pinto beans on high. There were enough bees coming out of that hive you could have made a horror film from the scene. I tried a little more smoke.

NOPE!

I tried to slow down my approach.

NOPE! I was getting stung at a considerable rate. It was not a couple of stings or two they were everywhere, and I could not shake them. Now, back to Macy. She was watching her Dad have an awful encounter and my intention was to get her to pull away from the hives so I could get in the truck. I certainly could not open the door where she was for fear all the bees would go in the cab with her.

I am going to offer a small amount of parental advice here. A bee attack is a poor time to instruct your child in the nuances of driving a manual truck. As the events continued to unfold for what seemed like an hour, Macy and I finally got the truck pulled far

enough away and I got on enough protective gear to finish the job.

Some valuable lessons were learned that afternoon.

I have given up bee keeping, a couple of hospital visits and close calls have forced me to rethink choices I make.

My mind never stops exploring the greatness that surrounds us, its what draws me towards the fire of life.

My Brethren, this little tale of bees and panic is just a reminder that life itself has a sting. It will end in death at some point and our calling is to have robbed the hive of life of all its goodness. To have waded in where no man dares to tread and faced down the fears that keep most men at bay. Ours is a treasured path ripe with pitfalls and adversity, however to our right and left stand the columns we must lean upon for strength. Stand up right and true. Take care and I hope to see you all soon.





# COMMENTARY

## THE GENEROSITY OF MASTERS LODGE NO. 295

### MASONS DOING WHAT MASONS SHOULD DO

As Masons we learned about Masonic charity at our first meeting; the night we were initiated and went through the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Charity Lecture is one of the most meaningful lectures in Masonry. The brethren of Masters Lodge No. 295 learned those lessons well.

Masters Lodge No. 295 was created as the successor to three lodges after a series of consolidations; Oglethorpe Lodge No. 655, chartered in 1923, Morningside Lodge No. 295, chartered in 1930, and Decatur Lodge No. 723 chartered in 1958. Masters Lodge No. 295 was chartered in 1999. Unfortunately Masters Lodge surrendered its charter on September 30, 2020.

In recent years Masters Lodge had struggled with the same issues many Lodges face. While financially strong, attendance was poor. Masters Lodge transitioned to a daylight lodge to make it easier for older members to attend. However, members still did not participate. After careful consideration and discussion, the members decided to surrender the charter and use their substantial assets to benefit Masonic Charities and the community.

The Lodge building was sold and the proceeds, \$850,000.00, were donated to the Cottage Campaign to fund the construction, furnishing, and support of the Masters Lodge Cottage. The Masters Lodge donation concluded the Cottage Campaign which was successful in funding five cottages for the children at the Masonic Home. Masters Lodge also made generous donations, in various amounts, to Georgia CHIP, DeKalb Masonic Memorial Club, DeMolay, Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, National Sojourners, Royal Arch Research and Assistance, Tall Cedars, the Shrine Hospital in Greenville, S.C., various food pantries and lodges.

In order to permanently carry on the name of Masters Lodge and its predecessors, Masters Lodge took ad-

vantage of opportunities offered by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia. For a donation of \$25,000 to an endowment the Foundation will present a named scholarship or a RiteCare Chair annually honoring whoever the donor designates. Masters Lodge donated \$100,000 that will create four \$1,000.00 annual scholarships each in the name of one of the four lodges. Masters Lodge donated an additional \$100,000 to create a RiteCare Chair in the name of Masters Lodge which will provide annual funding of \$1,000.00 each to four RiteCare Clinics for the treatment of children with speech, language, and communication disorders, including dyslexia, who need financial assistance.

While Masters Lodge will be missed it will not be forgotten and its generosity will be renewed every year.



# “A Badge, A Journey” by Brother Drew Martin



# COMMENTARY

## Social Lodge No.1

“Have you ever attended a Lodge and worn a borrowed apron pulled from a drawer or box outside the door of the Lodge? Have you ever seen that one apron with coffee stains on it? If you grab one of those old worn out loaner aprons from the box and tie it around your waist as you hurry into the Lodge room, do you ‘wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity?’”

-Bro. Patrick Craddock

A Masonic apron should never be an afterthought of lodge preparation. It is the badge of a mason...meaning the wearing of it is literally the identity of the wearer as a mason.

Aprons were not always mass produced cotton, they were handmade leather or cloth aprons with embroidery, cross stitch, or painting that reflected the individual’s Masonic journey. Working tools and symbols that were of particular interest or meaning to the mason that owned the apron.

Being a mason is more than sitting in a lodge meeting. It is more than wearing a ring or pin.

Freemasonry is when, in a moment of quiet reflection that every man finds at least once in the day; he looks to the lessons taught in lodge. He ponders the working tools, symbols and the meanings thereof. Applying them to himself in every word spoken or action taken.

“To a thoughtful Brother the apron should remain the focal point of his self examination and reflection – and should be the focus of continued reflection and self examination – year after year – as he grows and

matures in life and in Masonry. He will consider what it means to be worn with dignity and honor. He will reflect on his actions and will consider the apron as a reminder, or standard, for his actions and deeds.”-  
Bro. Patrick Craddock

We as freemasons and as men, should strive to live a life worthy of this honored badge, this apron that is an outward sign of an inward obligation to live justly and upright.

We must take pride in our craft. We must remember that, although we travel together, our journey is that of individual growth.

Look to the east; see the goal. Walk upright upon the steps of the degrees. Take with you the tools to build your spiritual temple, dedicated to Almighty God. Work with zeal and wisdom.

We are more than a fraternity, more than a lodge...we are a sacred band... dedicated one to another and to Almighty God by our obligations. Tasked with the pursuit of wisdom that we may live morally and act with generosity.

Take pride in your badge. Wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity.



Apron worn by Bro. Robert Burns



# COMMENTARY

## You Are More Than Your Masonic Résumé

By Worshipful Brother Jerry Wood

Clarence H. Cohen Daylight Lodge No. 749

The title of this article is a little misleading; I already know that there's more to each of you than the Masonic titles and honors that you've accumulated. The article's title, however, pretty well encapsulates a particular frustration I've encountered.

I'll start by setting the scene.

Once upon a time, our Lodge was looking at some activities we might be able to do outside of our regular meetings. We were interested in making a short trip for an outdoor Degree, attending a baseball game, setting up an inter-Lodge bowling night — several different things.

One of the other ideas that had been floated was that of foregoing Masonic Education during an upcoming meeting. Instead, we would close Lodge early — we are a Daylight Lodge — and visit a few Masonic historical markers that are posted in the area. Afterward, we might have lunch or visit a local brewery. At those historical markers, each of which represents a Brother who has impacted history, we would present a paper.

That all sounds great. So, why the frustration?

Outside of reading these Brothers' Masonic titles and the ways in which they helped shape history, we don't have a lot. My frustration lies in that I'd like to get to *know* these Brethren. I'm interested in their *thoughts*. I would have liked to present papers that *these* Brethren wrote. Unfortunately, as far as I can

tell, none of them left behind any Masonic writings.

This article isn't really about these particular Brethren, though. We may never have their thoughts to reflect upon; what's in the past remains in the past. The issue I'd really like to discuss is immediate and more broad; it extends to almost *all* of our Lodges.

This article is a charge to *write* — and I extend this charge to *all* Brethren. Preserve your thoughts, insights, and reflections. Write *something* — whether it's a research paper or a poem — it doesn't matter. Leave something behind so that future generations of Masons can have your perspective. You never know — it may be read by your son.

It may be read by your great-great-grandson. There is no price tag we can put to this.

Let's leave behind a connection — a bridge to the past — so that tomorrow's Master Masons can feel more interconnected to us. Let's give them something more than a collection of titles so that, rather than *infer* what kind of men we *might* have been, they can *know*.

If Freemasonry has any treasures, surely this is one of them.





# COMMENTARY

## Maintaining Fellowship During Social Distancing

By Worshipful Brother Brian Coffey, Second Grand Steward  
Hinesville Lodge No. 271

I have often quoted a Chinese Curse, “May you live in interesting times.” I have since discovered that this is probably not a Chinese curse at all, but the sentiment is still the same. Interesting times are rarely calm and peaceful. Well Brethren, I believe that we are living in “interesting times.” In order to try to protect ourselves from the possibility of a Pandemic, we have virtually shut down our society, and our Society. Our sacred band or Society of friends and Brothers have been directed not to meet face-to-face for a period of time, awaiting further guidance from the Health Officials.

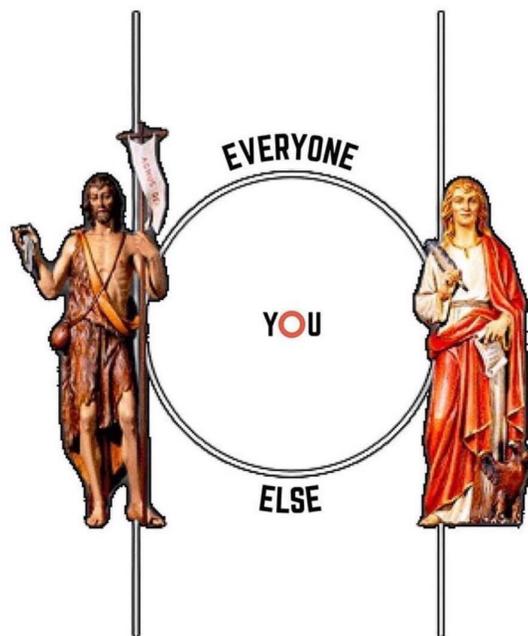
How do we maintain fellowship with our Brethren during this time of Social Distancing and Quarantine? Be deliberate; have a plan. Do not leave it to chance encounters or leave it to others to do. If you are coming up on a time that, under normal circumstances, you would be attending a Lodge Meeting, or other Masonic-related function, call the Brethren with whom you would normally interact. Set a Conference call or Video Conference to discuss items of interest or just to visit with your Brethren. There are many free options that will facilitate these types of meetings. If you do not use the various versions of Social Media, communicate by text, email or best of all, a phone call.

Challenge your Brethren to consider a part of the Ritual (that can be discussed outside a Tyled Lodge) and hold virtual discussion groups. Send out a link to an interesting Blog Post or Masonic Article (better yet, write your own) then gather your Brethren together, virtually, to discuss. At the scheduled time for our last meeting of Clarence H. Cohen Daylight Lodge 749, we held a meeting via Zoom to respond to questions posed in advance. Brothers Forrester and Moore initiated a Video Cast to share Masonic ideas with the Brethren that login. You are only limited by your imagination, and the Grand Master’s Ruling.

Remember to call and check on your widows and shut-ins (which is most of us now.) Worshipful Masters should develop a calling tree and task his Officers to call and check on all members of the Lodge.

On the other hand, use this time to spend time with your family, as important as Freemasonry can be, it is not more important than your family.

Finally, make plans for a major time of fellowship when we are allowed to gather once again. Make it a purely social event so we can reestablish those bonds of friendship and brotherhood in person.



**LEARN FROM THE TWO ST. JOHNS  
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING**



# COMMENTARY

## Leadership on Display

By Right Worshipful Brother Jan Giddens, Deputy Grand Master  
Kennesaw Lodge No. 33

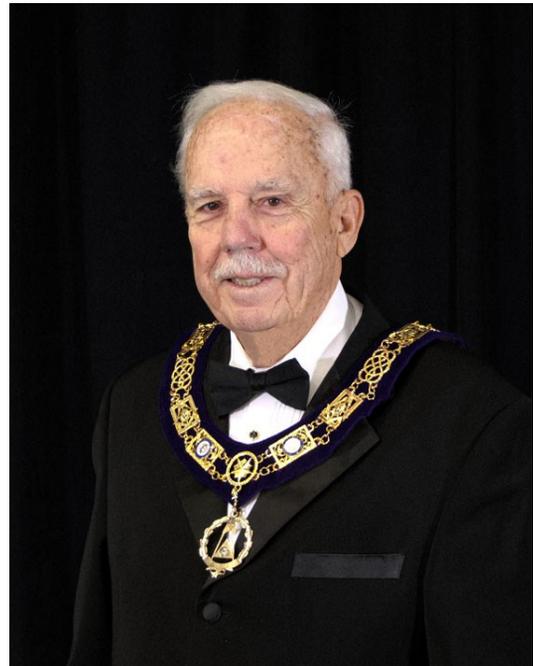
I'm not sure if this is a year to forget or one that we will never forget, but it has been unprecedented and challenging. Our nation and our fraternity have had to face a problem not seen in over one hundred years, the Spanish Flu of 1918. Covid 19 is a virus and has spread rapidly across our country causing many of our national leaders to make difficult decisions. Scientists and health care professionals are working to find a cure and a vaccine to stem the spread and the deaths of many of our citizens. So alarmed has our National leadership been that they shut down the whole country to slow the spread until more information could be obtained as to the seriousness of the pandemic.

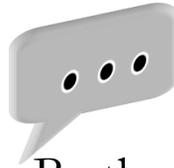
Freemasonry nationwide had to make many hard decisions for the health and wellbeing of its members. In Georgia we were blessed to have Most Worshipful Brother Johnie M. Garmon as our Grand Master, his life work of running State facilities that included the health and management of large numbers of persons prepared him for this moment. The plans and decisions he has made since March are not the ones he has worked on for the last eight years in preparation for being the Grand Master of Masons in Georgia. Our Grand Master had to sacrifice his plans for the health and wellbeing of ALL the Masons in our state.

The weighty decisions were not made without much prayer and consultation with Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers, many conference calls were held to discuss all the options. In the end the Grand Master knew the final decision was his and his alone. Many times we heard him say, "you can delegate authority, but you cannot delegate responsibility." The result was a series of Edicts and Rulings designed to govern the craft until the threat has passed. Not everyone was happy but leadership is hard and he acted

within his authority and in our best interest. We should be grateful for a leader that is willing at all cost to do what is best for the many.

MWB Johnie Garmon has said that "I didn't cause it and I can't fix it," but he has provided strong leadership under difficult circumstances.





# COMMENTARY

## Perpetual Memberships May Be the Way to Save Your Lodge

By Worshipful Brother Christopher Chapman

Jonesboro Lodge No. 87

The current global pandemic has placed many Masonic lodges into financial difficulty, or it has increased an already bad situation concerning the finances of many lodges, making the prospects for the future dark indeed. There are several possible solutions to the current and future situation, but I will suggest a solution to keep your lodge alive and your charter intact.

**The Lodge is not the Lodge building.** The lodge is the members of the lodge. Too often members associate their lodge with the building in which they meet. At its start, Lodges met in upper rooms of pubs, stores and other convenient locations. The concept of each lodge having its own building, and the cost of maintaining a building is a significant drain on the finances of each lodge. In many jurisdictions, lodges have come together and shared the buildings as Masonic Centers. Perhaps the time has come for Georgia Masonry to consider doing the same.

**Membership Dues will continue to Increase.** As membership continues to shrink in most lodges, and the cost of maintaining aging buildings continues to increase, lodge dues and Grand Lodge dues will continue to rise. There is simply no alternative. If your expenses continue to increase, then you must increase your income at the same rate.

**Emeritus Membership.** In most instances Emeritus Membership must end. I personally know of several lodges where the Emeritus Membership is 30-40% of the current membership. Half of the lodge cannot carry the expenses for the other half. In addition, many members believe they are entitled to Emeritus Membership, although they may not have set foot in the lodge for decades. There is a place to recognize members for Meritorious Service, but the current scheme of Emeritus Membership cannot continue due to the financial impact to the lodge. There are alternatives to recognize worthy brothers.

**Perpetual Membership.** Perpetual Membership is an immediate solution to the present situation. Here is how it works. A member applies for Perpetual Membership in his lodge. The costs are twenty-one (21) times your present dues. Thus, if your lodge dues are \$50.00, then the costs for your Perpetual Membership is \$1,050.00. If your lodge dues are \$100.00, then the costs for Perpetual Membership is \$2,100.00. Under the Grand Lodge pro-

gram, you can make payments on your Perpetual Membership over a five (5) year period, in addition to your regular dues, until the full payment is received. Once you are a Perpetual Member, you never pay dues to your lodge again. The Grand Lodge pays your dues in Perpetuity. This is more than a Life Membership; this is a lasting legacy to your lodge.

Every year, even after your death, your lodge receives a payment in your name for your dues. You are protected from a dues increase. Regular Memberships, Life Memberships, and Emeritus Memberships do not continue after death and are of no benefit to your lodge.

In the case of a lodge in decline, and one facing imminent closure, here is a solution to your current problem. Do not close the lodge. Do not surrender the charter. Keep your charter and sell your building. After the sale of the building, move your charter to another lodge building. Use the proceeds of the sale of your building to purchase Perpetual Membership for all your current members, or as many as the proceeds will allow. This move will preserve your charter and keep the lodge alive. In addition, the lodge can then contribute to the expenses of maintaining the building with the annual payment from Grand Lodge. Multiple lodges can join together and form Masonic Centers, save their charters, meet on different nights, help each other, and enjoy the bonds of fraternal friendship.

Jonesboro Lodge #87 is promoting and encouraging Perpetual Membership with a fundraiser for the lodge. The winning brother will apply for Perpetual Membership in his lodge, or a lodge of his choice, and Jonesboro Lodge will contribute the funds for the Perpetual Membership directly to Grand Lodge, up to \$2,100.00. The tickets are \$25.00 each and available from our Secretary, WB Tony Kelley.678-360-3345, or any member of Jonesboro Lodge. The drawing for the winning entry will be on November 10, 2020 at Jonesboro Lodge. You do not have to be present and you will be notified if you are not able to attend. This event does not guarantee membership in any lodge. All membership rules are pursuant to the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. The lodge receiving the Perpetual Membership must be a Regular Lodge operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.



# COMMENTARY

## “But What Can I Do?”

By Worshipful Brother Jim Hood, 1st District Masonic Home Trustee  
Frank F. Baker Lodge No. 46

You often ask yourself “What Can I Do?” This was not the case for the Vidalia Lodge No. 330 in Vidalia, Georgia.

There was an old Ford tractor at the Masonic Home of Georgia that is used multiple times during the year such for such tasks as bush hogging the grounds, pulling a needed wagon, or to haul various things around the Masonic Home campus.

The tractor was in need of some major repairs and rather than buying a new one, Vidalia Lodge No. 330 decided to refurbish the one that was there. They asked, “what can we do” and as a Lodge, they took on the project of restoring the tractor

This project took approximately three months to complete and was only accomplished through the dedication of the members of Vidalia Lodge No. 330 under the direction of Brother Joel Grier at his shop in Vidalia. They completely dismantled the machine and went to work. Their work included sand blasting all the rusted parts and repairing or replacing some parts that evidenced wear and tear. They pulled the head off the engine and replaced the gaskets; rebuilt injectors; replaced the water pump; replaced the ring gear on the flywheel; made repairs to the hydraulic system and replaced some hoses. They added roll-over protection bar and finished with a complete paint job to restore the original colors, making it look brand new inside and out. As an added touch, the Lodge installed the token of Grand Master Johnie Garmon for 2020 in the steering wheel to let the future generations know when the work was completed.

Those who contributed to this endeavor were: Joel Grier, Marvin Beasley, Josh Moxley, Ray McGee, Cable Wilson, Taylor Mc Clelan, Ronnie Tyson. A spe-

cial thanks goes to Russ Bell owner of Handy Andy Building Supply store who provided many of the nuts, bolts, and specialty parts needed to restore the tractor. Another special “thank you” goes out to AAA Injectors in Alma, GA for the work completed on the injectors and injector pump.

This is just one example to show everyone that we are Georgia Masons and when we put our minds and hands to work we can accomplish a lot. Thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for his help and guidance in all the things we do.



# VETERANS CORNER

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER RICK CONN

New information on Veterans burials if you want other than a cemetery burial. (HR.5639 | Chuck Osier Burial Benefits Act) Three House members have introduced a bill that could help a U.S. military veteran who uses a body disposition option other than a cemetery burial. H.R. 5639, the "Chuck Osier Burial Benefits Act" bill, would provide a free urn or plaque for an eligible veteran who used cremation, a burial at sea, or another alternative to inhumation in a cemetery. Under current law, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides a kind of preneed memorial benefit. Veterans Affairs gives free headstones or grave markers to veterans who are interred in a cemetery, and who have received any kind of discharge other than a dishonorable discharge, according to a department guide to veterans burial and memorial benefits.

H.R. 5639 would make an urn or plaque available for any veteran, upon the request of the family, who would be eligible for a headstone for a traditional cemetery burial but was using another body disposition option, according to the text of the bill. The new benefit would make the free plaques and urns available to veterans who will be using, or have used, nontraditional body disposition options and who served on or after April 6, 1917, according to a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis of H.R. 5639. CBO analysts estimate that about 45,000 veterans would use the new benefit in 2021, and that about 56,000 veterans would use the benefit in 2030. The analysts predict that about half of the veterans would use urns and half would use plaques, with urns costing an average of \$171 each and plaques costing an average of \$57 each. Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D-NY) sponsored the bill. The two cosponsors are Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL) and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

Brothers that are using TRICARE Health Care Providers, a new Proposal Would Give Some Users a Wider Choice The next iteration of Tricare will give some military families and retirees the option to choose a health network other than the two selected to manage the Tricare East and West regions, according to a report delivered by the Pentagon to Congress in August. The new contracts, known as T-5, will re-

quire the winning contractors to partner with local health plans or networks in their regions to provide health services to Tricare beneficiaries -- a test of the "multiple provider network" concept to determine how effectively the expanded opportunities might work.

The Defense Health Agency will also implement a separate pilot program to test the concept in certain areas, issuing contracts directly to provider networks so they can accept Tricare beneficiaries, according to the report sent 14 AUG to leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "We believe this approach, which will allow local and regional contracted health plans and providers to focus solely on delivering health care services rather than these back office activities unique to Tricare, will lead to more plans and providers competing for Tricare business," defense officials wrote.

The fiscal 2017 National Defense Authorization Act required the DoD to make significant changes to the military health system and to Tricare, the department's program for managing private health services for military beneficiaries and retirees. The law also required the DoD to report on the structure of its managed care contracts and explain how it plans to comply with previous legislation requiring the department to give patients more health care choices, part of an effort to improve access and quality and lower costs. In the report, the DoD said it plans to offer broader selection in phases, first as demonstration or pilot projects before rolling them out program-wide. "This demonstration will require education of beneficiaries on new options, assessment of the cost structure and other requirements of the innovations to ensure they improve care, quality and access, and analysis and evaluation to understand what could work," the report states.

To understand how the new system may work, Tricare beneficiaries can look to Atlanta, where Tricare East Region contractor Humana Military has partnered with Kaiser Permanente, the not-for-profit health care company, to offer Tricare Prime to area residents. Under the agreement, which runs through 2023, Kaiser Permanente is to provide "valuebased care" to retirees and military family members, defined as a health pro-

gram that rewards providers based on performance, quality and value, as defined by the DoD. The pilot, according to Humana Military, is a test as to whether Kaiser Permanente's version of managed care "can improve health care quality and reduce health care costs for Tricare beneficiaries."

The Pentagon released a draft request for proposal last week for the two T-5 contracts, which could be worth up to \$58 billion. Currently, Humana Military Healthcare Services holds the contract for Tricare East, while Health Net Federal Services manages the Tricare West contract. Responses to the draft RFP from interested bidders are due Sept. 18.

Do you understand the SSA Payroll Tax Break and How It Works? Payroll taxes might be the last thing you want to think about during the pandemic, but now is the time to understand how the new payroll tax break works. This payroll tax deferral opportunity, recently established by President Donald Trump, is available only from September through December. So, there is limited time for employers to take advantage of it—not that they necessarily should. For workers, the deferral is akin to postponing a debt. For retirees, the deferral will not reduce tax revenue for the already-worrisome level of Social Security reserves, but it could affect those reserves in another way. Confusion has surrounded Trump's executive memorandum about the payroll tax deferral since he issued it on 8 Aug. But new guidance from the IRS and clarification from Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee provide further details of how it works.

Basically, the executive memorandum allows—but does not require—employers to postpone the employee portion of the Social Security taxes that they normally must withhold from employees' paychecks. These taxes are 6.2% of an employee's pay. So, if an employer opts to defer them, eligible employees will have bigger paychecks from September through December because 6.2% of their pay would not be withheld from their checks during those months. The catch is that employers must withhold the deferred taxes from eligible employees' checks within the first four months of 2021. This means that the employees who see bigger paychecks than usual from September through December will see smaller paychecks than usual from January through April. In effect, employers who opt to participate in the deferral are merely postponing a governmental debt on behalf of their eligible employees. Defense and military officials confirmed

over the weekend of 5 SEP that active-duty military personnel and federal civilian employees cannot opt out of the payroll tax deferral.

Employees who make less than \$4,000 biweekly — or less than \$104,000 annually — are eligible for the deferral. Being eligible does not guarantee you a deferral, however: It's up to your employer. As the House Ways and Means Committee writes in a blog post, the executive memorandum "does not provide a right for employees to demand that an employer participate in the deferral." Self-employed people are not eligible for the deferral at this time. "Additional guidance would be required in order to apply the deferral to self-employment taxes," the committee explains.

Technically, the payroll tax deferral will have no net effect on Social Security funding because it merely postpones Social Security payroll taxes. It does not eliminate any Social Security payroll taxes, so it will not shortchange the Social Security coffers of any such taxes. In fact, the IRS guidance states penalties and interest will apply to deferred Social Security payroll taxes that are not paid by May 1, 2021. There is one way in which Social Security trust funds might be negatively affected by the payroll tax deferral, however. Social Security reserves generate interest, which is its own source of revenue for the Social Security coffers. So, any Social Security payroll taxes that are not paid as usual in September through December will not have the opportunity to generate interest during that time.

This issue I want to leave you on a happy note. As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, "All right! All you dummies fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention. The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

I hope this information has helped in some way, If there is ever any information you want me to research you can contact me at: [rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net) and I will be glad to get the information for you. Thanks

I want to thank my contact in the RAO for a lot of my information. Lt. James (EMO) Tichacek, USN (Ret). Fair winds Lt with following seas. To my Brothers, Thank you for your service and may God Bless each and everyone of you, your family, our Flag, and May God Bless America.



## **Georgia ChIP Communication Corner**

### **By Worshipful Brother Cabot Rohrer**

#### **Brethren, Families and Friends,**

I write this annual report for Georgia Child Identification Program (**GACHIP**) from a much different place as compared to previous years. Let begin with a quote: *“It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.”*

Such a quote clearly exhibits the strength of our Brotherhood. Our Masonic teachings and the continual search for more light is represented by that inner brilliant light within ourselves. Sharing the Masonic light with the world that surrounds us differentiates us from others ensuring that the gift of light can never, ever be dimmed.

We all know that over the past eight months our fraternity, our nation, and our world has experienced some of the most significant upheaval of everyday life as we come to know some sort of ‘new normal’. The changes we have experienced have caused us to question what is meant by this ‘new normal’. Even our current generations cannot remotely recall such dramatic, and at times, extremely scary times. The world-wide pandemic has challenged us to our very inner core and has had a direct impact on the institutions and routine practices we have come to take for granted. For many of us we have carried on at times in silence and suffered the loss of family members, Brothers, friends, and people in our communities. **Even in this great time of diversity our brilliant inner light cannot be dimmed!**

Even though we paused events beginning in the February/March timeframe, your GACHIP program donated swabs from our program to Atlanta hospitals on two separate occasions. The volunteer coordinators we know at the hospitals were filled with gratitude for our charitable gift. It was reported to us that the donated swabs from our GACHIP would be used to fill a critical need in the labs for testing. **Our brilliant light within ourselves cannot be dimmed!**

Although our yearly season of GACHIP events was only a short segment of time this year, we achieved a new record of ID Kits. Our cumulative number of ID Kits increased by over 1,200 to 123,290. Since the inception of the program your GACHIP District Directors, Lodge and volunteers have supported over 1,700 events.

As we look forward to a new year, we ask for your suggestions for event venues, such as Day Care Centers, Back to School Programs, City Fairs, and safety events. Your suggestions and reaching out to community organizations is the ‘fuel’ for our program. We all know that ‘people’ make it happen. It is the volunteering of time, traveling to deliver equipment, circulating brochures, and sharing the good news of GACHIP that are the vital ingredients of such a worthwhile charity of the Grand Lodge. Yes, people like you, your families and your friends facilitating events, meeting families, and going through the process of ID’ing children is what makes us proud and successful.

Your GACHIP District Directors have a ready supply of GACHIP brochures to share with your Lodges. As we all know, the best enthusiasm of what we do as Masons begins in our Lodges. In addition, through the great creativity of one of our District Directors we struck a lapel pin called our ‘GACHIP Lodge Champion’. Each Lodge GACHIP Champion receives a lapel pin as recognition and appreciation for their tireless efforts in coordinating events.

It is with the highest level of gratitude that we call out and thank our District Directors and their teams: David Pollett, Darryl Moye, Craig Knowlton, Michael Bowman, Bob Mount, Mike Rentz, Joel Turpin, Greg Gibson, Nathan Wade, David Winkler, John Shaw, Keith Nelson, Jeff Ozburn, Jimmy Johnson and Walter Ashby. In addition, a special call out to Harold Culpepper, Steven Fishman and Richard Gibson for their tireless work in supporting our equipment and supply requirements across the state. The state-wide team are the TRUE unsung Masonic Heroes of the GACHIP Program who travel hundreds of miles across their districts, maintain and deliver equipment, work events, organize volunteers and who best emulate the brilliant light within ourselves.

I hope that you, my Brethren, will place support for the GACHIP Program at the top of your Lodge priority list, when we once again begin scheduling events. GACHIP is one of our most visible charities and a great opportunity for your Lodges to provide a lasting community outreach. Remember as we live each and every day that: ***Our Brilliant Light within Ourselves cannot be Dimmed!***

Please reach out to the team via the contact information on the Grand Lodge site or at: [SD@GACHIP.org](mailto:SD@GACHIP.org).

# 50 Year Awards



James E. Myers  
Meyerhardt #314



Dayton Dyer  
Young Cane #597



Morgan T. Fordham  
Eugene Smith #279



James A. Ball  
Mableton #171



James Dycus  
Quitman #106



Arthur F. Adams  
Philomatheia #25



Randal L. Butler  
Bryan #303



Ned G. Christiansen  
Bryan #303



Bill Messer  
Chamblee-Sardis #444



Gerald McCannon  
Shannon #404



Ray Saunders  
Doerun #151



Charles E. Peacock  
Landrum #48



Herbert L. McGrew  
College Park #454



Wyatt Spann  
Hazlehurst #283



Zack H. Williams Jr.  
Walter C Dancer #115



Lawson F. Bell Jr.  
Tyrone #644



Daniel C. Hester  
Ducktown #572



Joe Bearden  
McCay #423



Eugene Free  
Pickens Star #220



Larry Black  
Coosawatee #306



Gary Causby  
Coosawatee #306



Frankie D. Andrews  
Grove #652



Elmer Alexander  
Douglas #386

# 60 Year Awards



Rufus J. Smallwood  
Landrum #48

# 65 Year Awards



James Holcombe  
Chamlee-Sardis #444

# *In Memoriam*

**Members Reported Deceased August 1  
—September 30, 2020**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Lodge No.</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Lodge No.</b>
AGAN, JEROME K.	120	EDWARDS, SAMUEL BOWMAN	46
ARMOUR, BOB FRASIER	352	ENSLEY, FRANK MCKINLEY	414
AUTREY, NATHAN LEE	63	ERWIN, BILLY JOE	221
BAILEY, LARRY ALLEN	222	FLETCHER, BILLY RAY	369
BAIN, EDWARD EVERETTE III	59	FORBES, TEDDY WAYNE	42
BARTLETT, JEFFERY CLYDE	690	FOSTER, CHARLES EDGAR	7
BARTON, JAMES HOWARD	68	FOUNTAIN, JACOB FRANKLIN	340
BENNETT, JASON ROBERT	572	GALLMAN, JERRY MCARTHUR	291
BENNETT, JOSEPH LANIER	572	GERMAN, BOBBY JOE	483
BILES, ARTHUR DONALD SR.	105	GILLILAND, FRED LEO	111
BLAIR, DENNIS JEROME	369	GODFREY, HORACE	214
BOWER, WALTER JENE JR	178	GODWIN, ALTON H	503, 440, 757
BOYD, JAMES ELLIS	491	GOODMAN, WILLIAM LARRY EUGENE	397
BRANTLEY, RONNIE LAMAR	405	GRAHAM, JAMES EDWARD	63
BRIDGES, JAMES CLINTON	444	GRAHAM, JOE WILMONT	720
BROOKS, EMORY MYRON	36	GRANT, RICHARD ANSLEY	113
BROWN, BILLY SYLVESTER	27	GRIFFIN, LEMUEL VAN	24
BRUNNER, BERNARD A	81	GUEST, ALLEN BRUCE	234
CALLAWAY, ROY DOUGLAS	3	GUY, LAMAR WILSON	3
CAPE, DONALD HEARD	4	GUY, NAYLOR JR	139
CARMON, THOMAS PENDLETON SR	91	HAMMOND, ROBERT DONALD	544
CARTER, HARRY JACKSON SR.	251	HARDWICK, CLIFFORD HAROLD	165
CHRISTOPHER, PHILLIP CARL	572	HARPER, ARTHUR C JR	214
CLAY, FRANK JACKSON	590	HARPER, AUBREY CARON	289
COKER, STANLEY LEE SR.	77	HARPER, MAX WILLIAM	754
COOPER, KENNETH WILLIAM	106	HARPER, WILLIAM BURT JR	11
COPELAND, JIMMIE DEAN	369	HASS, TRAVIS EDWIN	397
CROOK, JERRY EUGENE	28	HEATH, ROBERT EDWARD	428
DALTON, BOB FRANK	251	HEMRICK, CHARLES BRYAN	429
DAVIS, JOHN HAIR	113	HILL, JIMMIE CHARLES	590
DAWSON, HENRY VIRGIL	289	HOLTZCLAW, WILLIAM JASPER	205
DEAN, JERRY HILL	544	HOOVER, EDWARD	116
DICKERSON, RICHARD BRYAN	49	HORNE, JERRY LEE SR	14
DODGENS, LARRY MANNING	690	HORNSBY, MURRY LANIER	8
DOVER, JAMES NORMAN	412	HUFF, LUTHER MARION JR	20
DULANEY, BRUCE WILEMON	176	HUGHES, JAMES EARL	234
DUTTON, STEPHEN BRADLEY CRAZYWOLF	304	INGLETT, CHARLIE HOWARD	730
DYER, STEVE OSCAR	160	IRVIN, CHARLES FARRELL	141
EDENFIELD, JIMMIE DESCOMBE	710	JOHNSON, CHARLES VINSON	405

# *In Memoriam*

**Members Reported Deceased August 1—  
September 30, 2020**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Lodge No.</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Lodge No.</b>
JONES, ERNEST GRADY	207	POSS, ROY EUGENE	444
JONES, RICHARD HARLAN	205	POWELL, JOHN MILTON	120
KELLEY, MARION CHARLES	42	POYDASHEFF, ROBERT STEPHEN	579, 760
KESSLER, CHARLES EDWARD	440	RAGAN, HAROLD JAMES	299
KNIGHT, BENJAMIN PINK	513	REESE, JAMES PRITCHARD	82
LANIER, ROBERT DEWEY	66	RICHARDSON, ROY DANIEL SR.	352
LAWRENCE, JAMES WILLIAM	31	ROLLINS, ERNEST CLIFTON	289
LEE, LARRY JUNIOR	6	SAPP, ARTHUR ALLEN JR.	192
LEWIS, CHARLES ALBERT JR	4	SHIRLEY, DEWEY LOYD JR	734
LEWIS, MAURICE HOWARD	368	SHUMATE, KARY BENTON JR	756
LINDSEY, DONNIE EDWIN	486	SLEETH, EARL	718
LINDSEY, JACKIE DWIGHT	715	SMITH, BANNER	42
LOCKLIN, SAM	486	SPIVEY, JAMES LEROY	270
LOVERN, CHARLES BURNEY JR	444	STANLEY, JOHN WILEY JR	512
MARTIN, BOBBY GRAY	220	STEELE, DOUGLAS DWIGHT	300
MASSEY, JERRY WAYNE	113	STEPHENS, HOWARD MORRIS	292
MAY, DONALD EARL	691	STEVENS, JACK	295
MCGUIRE, CHARLES RONALD	292	STROUD, DONALD RAY	165
MEEKS, JAMES ROY JR	75	TAM, JAMES ELTON JR	98
MELTON, GREGORY LEONARD	171	TATE, PAUL MICHAEL SR	36
MENDEL, JEROME MARVIN	216	TAYLOR, JIMMY JACK	393
MILLER, STEVEN WAYNE	289	TOWE, EARL LESLIE	168
MILLIANS, WILLIAM DAVIS JR	61	TURNER, EUGENE WORTH	220
MONCRIEF, JOHN SCOTT	224, 434	TYRE, JAMES LARRY	270
MOORE, JIMMIE JOE	454	VALENTINE, JOHN CARL	7
MORGAN, CHARLES GARY	428	VEALE, CORRY EDGAR	444
MOSLEY, RANDY	310	WARD, NORMAN ARTHUR	12
MOYE, CARROLL	283	WARD, ROBERT ALTON	484
MUSIC, KENNETH FERRELL	192	WARRINER, JAMES WALTER	267
NICHOLS, MORRIS WOODSON	306, 291	WASDEN, WILLIAM RICHARD	720
NORTH, RICHARD BERNARD	397	WATERS, WILEY JAMES	4, 112
NORTON, ROY DAVIS	109	WHEELER, CLINTON MARTIN	228
O'NEAL, GEORGE EDWARD JR.	423	WHITAKER, PHILIP GLEN	323
PARKER, DENNIS ALAN	701	WHITAKER, WILLIAM GORDON	314
PARRIS, CHARLES DAVID	120	WILLIAMS, JAMES PAUL SR	301
PARSON, RONALD HERMAN	294	WINBURN, JOSEPH DWIGHT	335
PATRICK, NEAL SULLIVAN	543	WOODWARD, HERMAN ANDREW	219
PAYNE, JONATHAN MARLIN	211	WRIGHT, MICHEL LAWRENCE	364
PEAVY, JOHN HENRY JR.	46	YOUNG, WILLIAM H.	206
POPPELL, RAYMOND EUGENE	356	ZUPP, RICHARD DUCMARQUE JR	454

## GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA STORE Merchandise

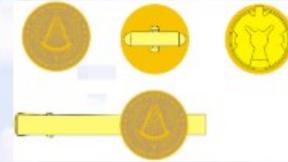
[Click to View  
GLofGA Patches](#)



[Click to View  
GLofGA Clothing Items](#)



[Click to View  
GLofGA Clothing Accessories](#)



[Click to View  
GLofGA Ballcaps](#)



[Click to View  
GLofGA Coins](#)



The "Grand Lodge of Georgia" Store is now online at  
<https://av8rstuff.com/GLofGAindex.html>

While many items are from the "Kids Store" (we're working in partnership with them), we are also going to be offering many new and unique items for our many Masons in Georgia to show their pride, leading their friends and neighbors to inquire as to what a Freemason is and what we're all about. We are excited about the new outlet we Georgia Masons have to obtain the items we want.

You can also find the link on the Grand Lodge of Georgia website or can contact "Whitey" White (478-997-1011) or Ivy Smith (478-731-6050)