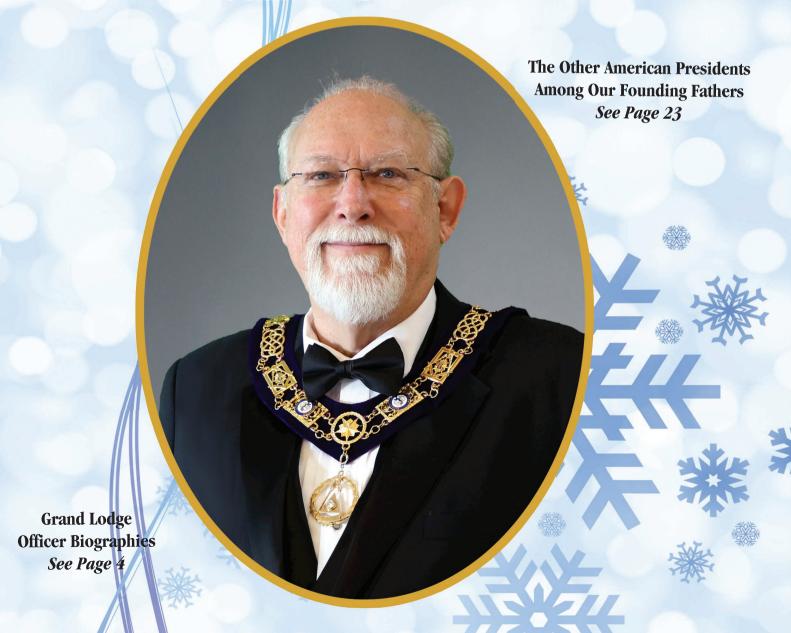


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From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Brother Secretaries,

Brother Secretaries,

50 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

It has come to the attention of the Grand Lodge Office that some lodges hold 50-year service awards throughout the year and wait to present them when the lodge holds a family night or special presentation event. Please keep in mind, the 50-year service award is a Grand Lodge Award and should be presented as soon as a Mason has reached his 50 Years of Masonic Service. Also, the 50 years of service award may be presented 30 days prior to the actual eligible date (MC Section 9-104). I ask that you please not hold this award and make every effort to present it as soon as the Brother is eligible.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

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.

MONTHLY CLOSEOUTS

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.

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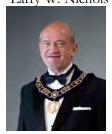
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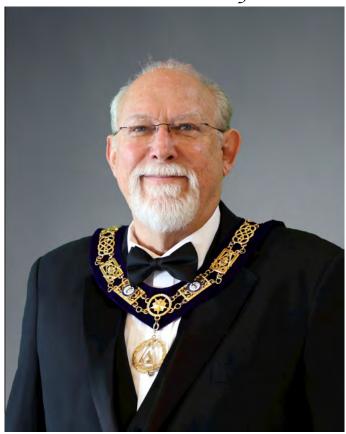


Grand Orator F. Andrew Lane, Jr.



Grand Tyler James A. Childress

Jan M. Giddens, 2021 Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia



Jan Milton Giddens was born November 13, 1953 in Cartersville Georgia, the first born child of John and Gladys both fresh out of the U.S. Air Force. The family lived in Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama before finally settling in Marietta in 1960 when Mr. Giddens began working for Lockheed. Jan has one brother Keith, who is three years younger, both boys are products of the Cobb County School System. Jan graduated from North Cobb High School and went to work for a short time before joining the U.S. Army serving in many duty assignments until receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1977. Returning to Marietta he worked and attended the Southern Polytechnical Institute receiving an Associate degree but the long work hours plus a demanding academic schedule made it difficult to be a father and husband. Hearing that U.S. Postal Service was hiring, Jan took advantage of his disabled veteran status using the extra points to help him gain employment as a Letter Carrier, a job he worked at for thirty-five years before retiring. It was while working at the Post Office that he met the love of his life Margo, they were married in 2001, together they have four children and eleven grandchildren and he will be more than happy to show you a picture of his grandchildren.

Jan had a life long interest in Freemasonry but working and raising a family always seemed to get in the way of petitioning a lodge. Noticing a Masonic ring on a Brother at church prompted him to ask the magic question, a petition was obtained and his Masonic journey began. Jan was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in January 2005 and quickly became an active member of the Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 2009. Soon after leaving the East he was appointed as District Deputy to the Grand Master serving in that capacity until he was appointed, by F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Jr." to be Third Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge line in 2012.

Jan is an active Mason in most of the bodies of Freemasonry having served or is serving in leadership positions. He is Past Master of the Cobb County Masonic Convention, a past High Priest RAM, past Illustrious Master R&SM, past Commander Knights Templar. Past Seventh District High Priest and District Illustrious Master. A member of the Knights York Court of Honor, Knight Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, York Rite College, Georgia Lodge of Research, SRICF, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Received his Scottish Rite degrees in 2006, made a KCCH in 2013, and a 33 ° in 2019. He has served with the stage crew since 2008, VMAP Chairman and a member of the Valley Executive Committee and is now the Wise Master of the Atlanta Chapter Rose Croix. Past President of the Cobb County Scottish Rite Association.

A member of YAARAB Shrine, Kennesaw Mountain Shrine Club, and the Knights of MECCA.

Our Brother feels he has found his purpose in the Brotherhood of Freemasonry and never imagined that there was the slightest chance of ever being the Grand Master of Masons in Georgia. Jan looks forward to many more years of service to the craft.

Introducing WB Scott Johnson as Third Grand Steward (





I'm married to Katy Elizabeth Johnson and we have two daughters, Cassidy Marie, 17 and Ada Elizabeth, 8. We live in Social Circle, Georgia. Cassidy is a senior this year at Social Circle High School with plans to attend college in the fall of 2021. Ada is in third grade and is

on the Redskins cheerleading squad. As a family we participate in many of the community activities held throughout the year, extracurricular school activities, sports, and city events.

I was born to Mark and Shirley Johnson in Dekalb County, Georgia, July 01, 1981 and raised in Convers Georgia close to my grandparents and extended family. The land my childhood home was built on was a portion of my great grandfather's farm land. I have one younger brother, Christopher Mark Johnson, and two younger sisters, Rebecca Ann Plunkett, and Melissa Marie Johnson. I grew up roaming the wooded areas around my home with my brother and working with my father collecting and restoring vintage automobiles. I was driving and working on cars myself from about eight years old. I enjoyed many afternoons cutting acres and acres of grass and gardening with my grandfather that lived across the street from us. My father recently retired from Southern Company after a 35year career in logistics and purchasing. I learned to do what you say you will and to under promise and over deliver from watching my father deal with people in public, at church, and other times when he has teaching me how to be a productive member of society. My mother recently retired from teaching at J. H. House Elementary where she taught many grades and special programs throughout her career. I learned that an education is vital to success and that you never really stop

learning. In many ways I enjoyed school and not just because my mom knew all the teachers and staff all throughout my school age years. I was active in Boy Scouts of America and belonged to Troup 410 which met out of St. Pius in Conyers. I have earned many merit badges and spent many summers at Bert Adams Camp learning skills that I still carry today. Several things that stand out are leadership, personal responsibility and accountability, survival skills, and respect for nature. Growing up, my family and I attended First Baptist Church of Convers GA. My parents have taught first grade Sunday School since I was in first grade and still teach today. My mother has taught many years of Vacation Bible School and my father has been on the pastoral search committee, the budget committee, served as deacon, and as chairman of the deacon board. My family and I attend First Baptist Church of Social Circle, Georgia when home and we attend First Baptist Church of Conyers when visiting my parents.

I graduated from Georgia College and State University in 2006 with a business degree in management. My management career began with AT&T my senior year in college and, immediately upon graduation, I moved to the Athens area to lead several retail stores there. After about seven years in retail management with AT&T, I moved into banking with SunTrust and felt fortunate to be in a role I found personally gratifying and enjoyable. Today I manage a branch for Regions Bank in Madison, Georgia where I have been for about four years. My role puts me square in the middle of our country's financial world and I soak up all I can to ensure I am a source of knowledge for the community and my friends and family.

My Masonic career began in 2009 when I asked my Grandfather, WB Harold Lee Moss, how I could become a Mason. My grandfather raised me accompanied by ceremony put on by The Wool Hat Boys in 2011 at Dawson Lodge #68. Today I belong Madison Lodge #376 where I am twice a Past Master and Dawson Lodge #68, serving as Chaplain. I am a member of the Covington York Rite Bodies; Covington Chapter #71 serving as Captain of the Host, Council #41, serving as Captain of the Guard, St. Bernard Commandry #25, serving as Junior Warden. I am a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta, Yarrab Shrine in Atlanta, and a member of Loganville Shrine Club. I am an appointee to the Grand Lodge Property and Investment committee where I serve as recorder. One of my proudest moments in Masonry to date, was to follow my grandfather through the chairs in Madison Lodge #376. My grandfather relinquished his control of the lodge to me the first year I was elected. It was a special time for both of us, the members of Madison, and the visiting Brethren.

I am humbled and truly honored to have been chosen for this role. I will serve the Craft, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and the Brethren within to the best of my ability!

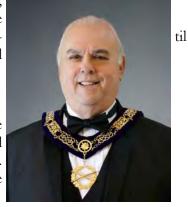


🌠 Introducing WB Rusty Cordle as 2021 Grand Marshal

Robert Cordle, better known as "Rusty" was born in Crawford Long Hospital, which is now Emory Midtown in Atlanta. He was born to Sarah Frances Cordle and James Edward Cordle on Friday, November 13, 1953. He lived in Smyrna unhe married Brenda Cordle in 2008 and moved to Powder Springs where they still live.

They have two kids Russell William Cordle and Terri Majors Small.

Rusty went to Wills High School until the 11th grade and transferred to Grace Baptist Academy where he graduated in 1972. After graduation he worked several jobs before he went to work at Coats and Clark Thread Mill in Clarkdale, Georgia. After the mill closed in 1982 Rusty went to work in the elevator trade where he retired in 2012 after a total of 30 years.



In 1998 he petitioned Inman Lodge No. 637. He was Initiated on October 1, 1998, Passed on October 15, 1998, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 19, 1998. He served as Worshipful Master in 2003 and in 2004 Inman, Leland, and Adams Lodges combined to form Mableton Lodge No 171. He is also a member of Battle Hill Lodge No. 523 and James E. Sledge Daylight Lodge No. 742 PM.

Introducing WB James Childress as 2021 Grand Tyler





Worshipful Brother James Childress was born on March 7, 1951 in Knoxville Tennessee where he was raised and attended West High School. He went on to attend The University of Tennessee, worked in the carpenter shop and later joined the US Army to serve his country with pride. He moved to Pinellas Park, Florida where he met his wife of 47 years, Rebecca Childress.

After working as a mechanic for several years, Jim and the family relocated to Georgia to raise their children. The move brought a new job with S&S Flooring where he has worked for 25 years , now serving as the company's Senior Vice President. In Taylorsville, Georgia, Jim joined John W. Akin Lodge to start his Masonic Career, becoming Master of his Lodge in 2012. Worshipful Brother Childress was voted Master Mason of the year two years in a row, and in 2014 he became Master Mason Of The Year for the 7th Masonic District.

He was appointed as the Ambassador to the children home for sub district 7G, the District Deputy for 7G, and served as the district leader for the 7th Masonic District. Worshipful Brother Childress joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Atlanta to become a 32nd degree Mason. He Joined Kingston Lodge # 394 as dual member, he was appointed to serve in the 7th Masonic Convention, and is currently serving as Senior Deacon in that line. When Worshipful Brother Childrens is not working or serving, he and his wife Rebecca love spending time with their seven children and many grand-children and great grandchildren



Introducing WB Hugh Watson as 2021 Grand Chaplain

Worshipful Brother Hugh was born on July 16, 1949 in Rome, Georgia and has lived in Marietta, Georgia since 1951. He graduated from Osborne HS in 1968 and then moved on to Cobb Vocational focusing on Machine Shop where he graduated in 1970. He went to Lockheed Martin where he retired after 35 years of service and dedication to the company. Brother Hugh married Jana G. Corn in 1971 and they have two children: Paul Watson and Carole Headrick and two grandchildren: Charsley and Laney Watson He has served several Churches where he has been Sunday school president for 25 years and Church Clerk for 14 years. Is now a member at Clarkdale 1st Baptist where he serves as a Deacon.

Worshipful Brother Hugh was Raised in Kennesaw Lodge No. 33 in 1980, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1988. He served as Kennesaw's Treasurer for twenty years and Director Of Work for twenty years. He has served as Treasurer for The Masonic Temple Company for ten years.

Wor. Bro. Hugh served as Worshipful Master of the Cobb County Masonic Convention 2000-2001, the Worshipful Master of the 7th District Masonic Convention 1999-2000 and the Secretary of the 7th District Convention from 2001-2013. He served on the Grand Lodge Entertainment Committee for twenty years with six of them as Chairman. Bro. Hugh also served as Associate State Director Of Masonic Leadership Development in 2003.

Bro. Hugh is active in many bodies of Masonry outside of the Blue Lodge. He received his Scottish Rite Degrees in 1993, served as Venerable Master of Kadosh in 2005-2006, received his KCCH in 2003 and was Coronated a 33° Degree Mason in 2009. He currently serves in the Robing Room of the Valley assisting with the costuming and wardrobe for each of the Degrees conferred there. He served as President of the Cobb County Scottish Rite Association in 2009.

In the York Rite, He joined Cherokee Chapter in 1980 and served as High Priest in 1987 going on to serve as Secretary and Treasurer for another twenty years. He

served as District High Priest in 1998-1999, as District Grand Deputy for five years and was then elected to the Grand Royal Arch Line and was elected Grand High Priest for the State of Georgia for 2004-2005. He also joined Marietta Council in



1980 and served as Illustrious Master in 1988, also serving as Recorder & Treasurer for twenty years. He served as 7th Dist. Illustrious Master in 1994-95. A year after joining Chapter and Council, Worshipful Brother Hugh joined Constantine Commandry. He served as Commander in 1989-90, was Treasurer for seven years, and as Chairman of the Grand Commandery Credentials Committee for nine years. He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple Award from Grand Encampment USA.

He also holds membership in St. Ambrose Conclave of Red Cross, is a Charter member of Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons, Cherokee Rose Priory #56 KYCH where he served as Eminent Prior in 2015, Upper room Tabernacle #XLV KTP where he served as Eminent Preceptor in 2010, North Atlanta Council #313 AMD where he served as Sovereign Master and is now Secretary and Treasurer. He is also a member of Luther G. Palmer York Rite College #123 where he received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2018. He is a member of the OES where he has served as Worthy Patron eight times, a member of Fidelity Court #6 Of the Amaranth where he has served as Royal Patron two times. He has also served on the Rainbow Assembly Board for several years and received the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color in 1986.

He received the Honorary Legon of Honor of the Order of Demolay in 2007.

Introducing MWB F. Andrew Lane, Jr. as 2021 Grand Orator (





Born August 13, 1962, in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, Bro. Lane and his wife Margie Dallas, live in Paulding County, where he practices law. Our Brother was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools and gradua t e d from

Northside High School in 1980 with honors. He attended Oxford College of Emory University, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree in 1982. He continued his higher education at Emory University in Atlanta, where he graduated with a double B.A. degree in History and Political Science in 1984. Drew worked his way through college at the Oxford College Library and later at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital of Emory University. After graduation, Lane edited a small newspaper and then was news director at a local radio station in Tallapoosa before entering Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, where he graduated in 1988 with a J.D. degree. While at Mercer, Bro. Lane served on the Moot Court Board for two years, the last as Treasurer. Upon graduation, Bro. Lane began practicing law with Jeffrey B. Talley and Associates, P.C. in Dallas, Georgia. He later hung out his own shingle as F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Attorney at Law, in downtown Dallas, where he practiced until being appointed an Assistant District Attorney for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit in 1995. Lane was a prosecutor for ten years before being appointed District Attorney for the Paulding Judicial Circuit in 2005 by Governor Sonny Perdue. He served in that capacity through the end of his elected term in 2010 and then worked as Director of Fraud Investigations for the State Department of Insurance before returning to private law practice. Professionally, in addition to being a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Bro. Lane is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia, as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. He served as President of the Paulding County Bar Association in 1990. Bro. Lane is a member of First United Methodist Church in Dallas, where he has sung in the Chancel Choir. He was a member of the Church's Board of Trustees from 1993 through 1995 and served as Chairman in 1995. In civic life, Lane was a member of the Paulding County Civitan Club for approximately 20 years and served as President of the local club in 1990-91. He quickly became active on a district level, and served as Governor of Civitan Georgia District North, then comprised of 43 local clubs, in 1993-94. After his year as District Governor, our Brother worked with youth as District Co-Chair of Junior Civitan Georgia District North for five years. Lane was active in public service since running for and being elected to the Dallas City Council in 1993. He served as City Councilmember from Ward 3 for eleven years, during most of which time he was the City of Dallas representative to the Paulding County Parks and Recreation Commission, of which he was Chairman in 2005. In that year, he was appointed by the Governor to fill an unexpired term as District Attorney for the Paulding Judicial Circuit, where he served the people of Paulding County and Georgia for almost six years. Bro. Lane has been an active Freemason for 30 years, having been initiated, passed and raised in Tallapoosa Lodge No. 126 in 1985. He progressed through the chairs in Tallapoosa while in law school in Macon and served as Worshipful Master in 1988, the year he graduated. He transferred his membership to Dallas Lodge No. 182, the lodge closest to his home, in 1990. Progressing through the line in Dallas, he served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and again in 2003. Draketown Lodge No. 252 admitted him to plural membership in 2001, and he was Worshipful Master there in 2002. He is a charter member of Paulding County Daylight Lodge No. 759. A Mason who enjoys

the Uniform Work, Lane served for several years as Director of Work in Dallas Lodge and at Draketown. He holds blue, white and orange cards and regularly attends schools of instruction in the Seventh Masonic District. Lane continues to be active in degree conferrals with Dallas Lodge, the Dallas Fellowcraft Club and the Grand Lodge Officers and has expressed his hope to participate further in Blue Lodge degree work over the coming year. Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Reese appointed Lane as District Deputy to the Grand Master for Sub-District 7-E mid-year in 2000, and since then, Lane has served eight more Grand Masters in that capacity. In 2001, Most Worshipful Brother C. E. (Buster) Horne appointed Bro. Lane Trial Commission Chairman for the Seventh District, which position Lane held until 2005. Lane served as Worshipful Master of the Seventh District Masonic Convention in 2013 and also Past Master of the Paulding County Masonic Convention. Bro. Drew received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Macon in 1986. He transferred his membership in 2000 to the Valley of Atlanta, where he is Past Preceptor of the Council of Kadosh. He received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2003. Lane has been active in Scottish Rite degree conferrals for years and participated in many Reunions at the Valley of Atlanta. Bro. Drew held the office of Director of Work at the Valley of Atlanta briefly, taking on the role of organizing and scheduling of the Degrees.

In the York Rite, Lane took the Royal Arch and Council degrees and Commandery orders in 2001. He is a member and Past High Priest of Dallas Chapter No. 142, R.A.M. and Douglasville Chapter No. 50, R.A.M.; a member and Past Illustrious Master of Douglasville Council No. 37, R. & S.M. and Western Council No. 29, R & S.M.; and a member and Past Commander of Douglasville Commandery No. 40, K.T. He has long been active on a district level, as well, having served as High Priest of the Seventh District Royal Arch Convention and as Illustrious Master of the Council of the Seventh District Council Convention. Bro. Lane was Division Liaison Officer for Division Four of the Grand Commandery of Georgia from 2007 to 2009.

He is Past Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood of Georgia and Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel. Lane was elected to the progressive line of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia in 2008 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2013. Bro. Lane is a member of the Yaarab Shrine and a life member of the Paulding County Shrine Club. As for appendant bodies, he belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Luther G. Palmer York Rite College No. 123. In addition, Lane is an officer and member of St. Ambrose Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Upper Room Tabernacle No. XLV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Georgia Council No. 304, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Most Worshipful Brother Drew served the Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM as Grand Master in 2016.

"FROM WHENCE WE CAME"



On December 16, 1786 four Lodges met and formed the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia of Free and Accepted Masons. The year 2021 will constitute the 235th year of the formation of our Grand Lodge and that great history will be a large part of the program for the new Masonic year. By an act of the Georgia Legislature on February 6, 1796 the Grand Lodge of Georgia was incorporated, so 2021 will mark 225 years since that act was passed. We are hoping to have a resolution passed through the Georgia Legislature commemorating this act (Covid protocols allowing) stay tuned for further details.

In keeping with a historical theme, I have created my pin and knife to reflect the 1800th century time in Georgia. In 1786 Georgia consisted of only 11 counties, that is what you see on the right side, with the western border being the Missis-





sippi River. Our Grand Lodge was formed two years before Georgia ratified the U.S. Constitution. The theme for the year will be "From Whence We Came" our effort to celebrate our rich history and how it is so much a part of the history of our great state.

The knife is a copy of an 18th century gentleman's knife, the type a man would have carried in this time period. The company that traditionally handles out Grand Master knives could not find a suitable knife so they are custom making our knife. I think you will be proud to own this unique style knife. Because it is being custom made, they could not get them here before Grand Lodge, but it will be worth the wait for those of us that love knives.

I look forward to sharing with you the history of our Grand Lodge and hearing about your Lodge history during our visits in the coming year.



January 9th Atlanta Masonic Center Atlanta 9AM January 16th Fort Benning Lodge No. 579 Columbus 9AM January 23rd Scottish Rite Building 9AM Augusta January 30th Scottish Rite Building Savannah 9AM Adel Adel Lodge No. 310 February 6th 9AM February 13th Grand York Rite Building 9AM Macon



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THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Jan M. Giddens, Grand Master

RULING NO. 2021 - 1

WHEREAS, the COVID virus continues to be a health hazard; and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry teaches us to be good citizens and "obey the executives of our local, state and national government"; and

WHEREAS, our primary concern is always the health and wellbeing of our brethren, their families, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the decisions made by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers concerning the governing of the craft will consider the executive order of the Governor, the CDC, and the Federal government health guidelines.

THEREFORE, in order to comply with health officials and their recommendations and to allow the craft to meet for the betterment of the fraternity, IT IS MY RULING as follows;

- The Worshipful Master, in consultation with the Wardens, of all constituent lodges should make the decisions concerning their lodges, i.e. meetings; including the Annual Communication, hold no meetings, or one or both meetings a month, length of meeting,
- 2. The substitute for the secret word shall remain in the East until further notice.
- The Stewards shall remain at their station, NO coping, as the Senior Deacon displays or closes the Three Great Lights.
- 4. Hand sanitizer and masks should be used at all times Masons are gathered.
- Brethren not feeling well must stay home. The Worshipful Master should not allow any Brethren not feeling well into the Lodge.
- Meals are allowed to be prepared at the lodge, anyone preparing, handling, or serving food MUST wear gloves and a mask. Spacing during dining observed and enforced by the Master and Wardens.

- Social distancing should be observed so everyone feels safe.
- Balloting should be by paper ballot, marked in some manner to reflect your vote. A
 receptacle such as a hat or basket placed on the alter. The Worshipful Master and the
 Wardens ONLY are to see the ballot, after which the Master will declare the ballot.
- 9. NO degree work or ritual except opening and closing until further notice.
- Schools of Instruction will be allowed, the Custodians will have to adjust to more instruction and less actual floor work.
- 11. Steps should be taken to safeguard all Volumes of Sacred Law and the Square and Compass, such as nitrile gloves and cleaning after handling.
- Family nights should only be held if proper spacing is possible, taking all other precautions.
- 13. Examinations and balloting may be conducted for pre-initiations through Master Mason.
- 14. Investigation may be conducted by one investigation committee member at a time permitting the petitioner will allow them in their home. Mask MUST be worn while in another's home.
- 15. Great care should be practiced during the presentations of all awards.

This constantly changing situation will be followed closely by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. Changes to this ruling will come as the situation will allow.

SO ORDERED this 27th Day of October 2020

Attact

Van S. McGee, Grand Secretary

Jan M. Giddens, Grand Master





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Tiftarea Daylight Lodge #745 F&AM concluded their recent fundraising raffle on Saturday, November 14th with a drawing from all eligible tickets. The prize package (\$1,000 value) was provided by Chris' Mower Clinic. Chase

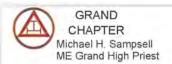
Courson drew the lucky winner, Craig Bevan's ticket. All proceeds (\$4,450) from the raffle are being used to help fund a scholarship at Southern Regional Technical College in conjunction with Tifton Lodge #47 F&AM.

At the beginning of the school year, Beulah Lodge donated over \$7,000 for the backpack programs of local Union County Elementary Schools. Grand Master Johnie Garmon assisted the Master of the Lodge to present checks to be delivered by Brothers Jacob Griffith and Jerry Bullock to three Union Elementary Schools. The Principals of the schools were unable to attend the Lodge meeting due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The money was raised with contributions from Carroll Electric, Cheeseburger Bobby's, and by the members of the Lodge.

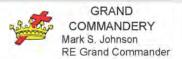
On Sunday October 4, 2020 the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free & Accepted Masons conducted a cornerstone ceremony at the new Paulding County Sheriff's Office. Grand Master Johnie M. Garmon along with the Grand Lodge Officers facilitated an impressive and awe inspiring ceremony. The Officers of Dallas Lodge # 182 F&AM along with Deputies, community members, local elected officials, and Paulding County citizens were in attendance for the event. The event was originally scheduled to occur on May 9, 2020 just after the new Paulding County Sheriff's Office opened, but the COVID-19



pandemic halted that. Nonetheless, the event was well attended and was very meaningful for those who were present. We would like to give a special "Thank You" to Worshipful Brother Eddie Gurley for his help in making this event possible. Without his hard work and due diligence, none of this would have occurred. We would also like to thank Brother Bobby Hulsey and Brother Wesley Maulding of Affordable Monuments in Hiram, GA for making and donating the cornerstone to the Sheriff's Office.







THE YORK RITE IN GEORGIA

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10 Reasons You Should Be A Royal Arch Mason



- 1. York Rite Masonry greatly expands and clarifies the teachings of Craft Masonry. The events commemorated in the York Rite Degrees, like those of the Symbolic Lodge, pertain to the building, completion, and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. In the York Rite, we discover what happened after the Temple tragedy, and thus, the legacy of Hiram is taken to a very meaningful conclusion.
- 2. The Degrees are conferred in a Blue Lodge setting, and are directly tied to the teachings of the Blue Lodge. The ceremonies of the York Rite are similar to what you have already experienced in your Lodge. The lessons are conveyed as ritual dramas, very much like the Master Mason Degree. Every Degree conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has a familiar connection to and greatly expands your understanding of the lessons which were introduced to you in the Blue Lodge.
- 3. The True Word of a Master Mason is discovered and explained. The Degrees of the Chapter revolve around one great central archetype the True Word. In the Lodge, that Word was lost. It is re-discovered in the York Rite, and a powerful explanation is finally given as to its importance, meaning, and significance to Masonry.

- 4. The real wages paid by the Senior Warden are revealed. The duties of the Senior Warden are explained at the opening of every Lodge. Among other things, it is he who pays wages on behalf of the Master. In the Mark Master Degree, we learn what these wages actually are in the eyes of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and how they are dispensed.
- 5. The building of King Solomon's Temple is completed and a profound mystery is unveiled. In the Most Excellent Master Degree, we learn that every monument of beauty, each human achievement, regardless of how superbly planned, erected, and perfected, is not truly complete until a great secret is unveiled in the soul of its builder.
- 6. An obligation every Master Mason takes at the altar of Freemasonry is finally met. Every Master Mason promises, at the altar of Freemasonry, to conform to and abide by the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, It is through the Royal Arch Degree of the York Rite that the Second Landmark, which was adopted at the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, is finally fulfilled.
- 7. It broadens one's fraternal participation and involvement. Each brother's individual and spiritual growth is greatly facilitated through Masonic experiences which he enjoys beyond his home Lodge. As his Masonic world expands, his knowledge of Masonry and its many benefits greatly increases.

- 8. It expands opportunities to make connections and forge Masonic friendships beyond your community and state. The universal love and practice of Brotherhood is truly discovered when one travels to other communities, states, and foreign countries. There one discovers that there are no strangers in Freemasonry.
- 9. It provides occasions for further group and self-study of important Masonic themes and traditions. Masonry is steeped in traditions. In the journey of the Blue Lodge, we learned about the Initiatic tradition, the Knowledge tradition, and the Hiramic tradition; to name but a few. In the York Rite, we learn about the Mark tradition, the Royal Arch tradition, the Secret Vault tradition, and the Knighthood tradition. All of these traditions add significantly to our understanding of who we are and what we are to be doing with our life.
- 10. It makes one a member of the oldest Rite in Freemasonry. There is no older tradition in all of Masonry than that of the Mark Degrees of Operative Masonry. The York Rite is the only Rite of Freemasonry that makes this important connection to our operative ancestors of the Middle Ages.

10 Reasons Courtesy Of Oklahoma York Rile

In Craft Masonry, you learned only a portion of the story of Freemasonry. If you are interested in seeking "...further light in Masonry", we encourage you to fill out a petition or talk to a York Rite Mason.

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W.B. Wayne Barnes to Become National President of National Sojourners Next Year



WB C. Wayne Barnes, National President Elect (Acting), National Sojourners, Inc.

A Georgia Mason is serving as the National President Elect of the Military Masonic Order, National Sojourners, Inc. Worshipful Brother C. Wayne Barnes has risen to the pinnacle of this International Order of Freemasons that have served in the United States Military. He will be installed as National President in June of 2021 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The National Sojourners, Inc. purposes are to cultivate Masonic ideals and support all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, and to develop true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation. It brings together current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States, and Honorary Members who are Master Masons, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members.

WB Barnes is the first Noncommissioned Officer to achieve this position, breaking ground for all who come after him. He has served in many capacities in the National Sojourners including the Committee of 33 (the advisors to the National President), Chairman of National Committees and as a Region and Area Representative. WB Barnes was awarded the Memphis Cup as the outstanding Area Representative of the Year and in 2014 he was recognized with the Houghton Award, the second highest award in the National Sojourners. His hard work and dedication doubled the number of Chapters in Georgia from 5 to 10 over the last 4 years.

WB Barnes is a 48-year Mason, Past Master of Coastal Daylight Lodge 750 and served 10 years as District Deputy to the Grand Master for District 10A. WB Barnes belongs to, and is active in, three 1st District Lodges: Hinesville 271, Altamaha 227; and Coastal Daylight 750

Worshipful Brother Barnes is active in the Scottish Rite Valley of Savannah serving in many capacities over the years. He is also an Active Shriner in Alee Temple and as a member and Past President of the Hinesville-Ft Stewart Shrine Club.

Worshipful Brother Barnes is extremely active in all aspects of Masonry and he makes huge contributions to any Masonic organization to which he belongs. He and his Lady Floretta are outstanding ambassadors for Georgia and Freemasonry in this International organization.

COMMENTARY

Disinterestedness

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

Years ago, I used to assist with the Ninth Degree of the Scottish Rite, Elu of the Nine at the Valley of Savannah Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. I was one of the Elu and we would light a candle and name one of the nine special virtues of the Degree which serve as additional weapons for the Mason: disinterestedness, courtesy, devotion, firmness, frankness, generosity, selfdenial, heroism, and patriotism. I was always given "disinterestedness"; I think because it was hard to pronounce and I was the young guy that would take whatever he was given.

The Nine Elus of the Degree were those selected to search for the murderers of Hiram that represent *ignorance*, *error* and *intolerance*. The attributes of: *disinterestedness*, *courtesy*, *devotion*, *firmness*, *frankness*, *generosity*, *self-denial*, *heroism*, and *patriotism* are those that will destroy these ruffians whose goal is to destroy the best in human nature.

I recently mentioned disinterestedness in a conversation and the people I was talking to did not understand the term; many think that it means uninterested or a lack of interest. It actually means something very different. The definition is, Disinterestedness: the quality or state of being objective or impartial. Key synonyms are: fair-mindedness; impartiality; justice; neutrality; objectivity; impartialness.

In Freemasonry we celebrate disinterestedness as a key attribute of a good man and Mason. It is that attitude that we serve in the Craft and in our community; not for our own glory, but for the betterment of the Fraternity and Society. This disinterestedness is not easy for us because it strikes at the root of our own pride and egoism.

We must always remember that one of the key goals of Freemasonry is to build in men the character of a Gentleman. Shortly after I had the conversation listed above, I read the following in Gordon S. Wood's *Revolutionary Characters: What Made the Founders Different.*

When John Adams asked himself what a gentleman was, he answered in just these terms of a liberal arts

education. "By gentlemen," he said, "are not meant the rich or the poor, the high-born or the low-born, the industrious or the idle: but all those who have received a liberal education, an ordinary degree of erudition in liberal arts and sciences. Whether by birth they be descended from magistrates and officers of government, or from husbandmen, merchants, mechanics, or laborers; or whether they be rich or poor."

Disinterestedness was the most common term the founders used as a synonym for the classical conception of virtue or self-sacrifice; it better conveyed the threats from interests that virtue seemed increasingly to face in the rapidly commercializing eighteenth century. Dr. Johnson had defined disinterested as being "superior to regard of private advantage; not influenced by private profit," and that was what the founders meant by the term.

Among the other virtues mentioned in the disinterestedness could also be looked at as a characteristic. The men who developed our Ritual in the early days of Speculative Freemasonry were the same type of men who led our Revolution against tyranny. They identified these as key characteristics of a good man and developed lessons and Rituals to help us to understand and direct our paths in the right direction to achieve the Character spelled out in these virtues.

By valuing and practicing disinterestedness, it does not mean that we are not affected by the results of our work. Nor does it mean that complacency should creep into our actions or that we should not act to improve the outcomes of our efforts. It means that we should not do this work for our own glory, but for the glory of the GAOTU, the craft and Society as a whole. "Be disinterested; that is what really matters." Does this statement ring true in your life? "Disinterestedness is essential in the pursuit of knowledge." Do you agree with this statement? When you achieve a position, do you accept because of the rewards you expect or do you consider only how you can advance the organization and your fellow man? Do you pursue knowledge without an agenda, without any bias towards the knowledge you pursue?



Rethinking Masonry in Georgia

By Worshipful Brother Christopher Chapman Jonesboro Lodge No. 87

The time has long come for us to re-think our Masonic fraternity in Georgia. Masonry came to Georgia with the founding of the colony of Savannah, by a warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of England. After the formation of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, all regular lodges began to operate under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. Masonry was born in the British Isles, and imported into the U.S., with oldest recorded references to Masonry and the oldest Grand Lodges in England, Scotland and Ireland, respectively.

As our membership continues to decline and the average age of a Mason in Georgia continues to rise, perhaps we should look at some of the initiatives that the oldest Grand Lodges are doing to address the same kinds of challenges with regard to membership.

The Higher Education system in the British Isles does not have a "fraternity system" like we have in the U.S. Therefore, young men of character look for other groups and organizations to join and find a sense of belonging when away from home. The UGLE has responded over the past few years with their University Scheme. The have special dispensation concerning age, residence and other factors involved with University students. They have been bringing new Masons in at a good rate and with much success. Given the number of Colleges and Universities around the state, and the challenges being faced by "Greek "fraternities on college campuses, maybe we should try and develop a similar program to "fill this void." Of course, the lodge needs to understand that after graduation, these men typically move away. The scheme is good for the fraternity, but it does create membership turn-over in the University Lodges. In the alternative, the lodges could also rely on alumni for support and be a place for events related to the school, such as graduation, homecoming, etc.

Another approach currently being pursued by the UGLE are Specialty Lodges. These lodges are identical

to regular lodges, but with a new twist, the lodge has a "special interest" theme to promote activities outside of the lodge and promote a deeper interest in Masonry and the other interest. For example, a lodge near Lake Lanier could have a sailing lodge, where the members have an added interest in sailing. Another example is a sports lodge, where all the members are fans of the same sports team. Other examples include Military lodges, Police Service, Fire Service, Alumni Lodges, etc. The specialty can be anything, but the idea is to share a common interest in addition to Masonry to promote activities and brotherhood both in the lodge and outside of the fraternity structure.

And now, it is unavoidable that we must consider changing some long-held traditions in Georgia. The absolute prohibition of alcohol in the lodge is an impediment to the future of the lodge. I am no way suggesting that our lodge halls should be turned into bars, but I am suggesting that each lodge should have the ability to have functions and activities at their lodge with the OPTION of reasonable alcohol consumption. The Code could provide that any consumption would require the approval of the Master and regulated by the Junior Warden, as a part of his duties. Furthermore, the lodge could use proceeds from this activity as a regular source of extra funds, or rent lockers to members for personal storage, etc. In addition, the ability to have alcohol on the lodge property would also allow the fellowship area of lodge halls to be rented as event space and, again, provide some funds for the lodge. Finally, and of utmost importance, lodges could engage in Festive Boards for the lodge without violating the Masonic Code.

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Palmetto Masonic Lodge #74 Moves into the 21st Century!

Palmetto Lodge #74 is a small "farmer's" Lodge located in Palmetto, GA, just off Interstate 85 about 20 minutes south of the Atlanta Airport. The Lodge charter was granted on November 1, 1848. The present Lodge was built mostly by the Brethren of the Lodge in both donations of materials and their labors to complete the building. The current building was dedicated in October 1992. Many original items in the Lodge were here when the Lodge was dedicated. Some of the original items have had some revisions or modifications throughout the years.

the clutter previously in the Lodge room. On May 14, 2019, Fairburn Lodge #180 surrendered their charter and merged with Palmetto Masonic Lodge #74. Prior to the remodeling, previous members of Fairburn #180asked for their Past Master's picture to be displayed as well. The request was taken

into advisement and they were promised they would

pictures. The new display places all PM pictures on

one wall whereas before they were on two walls. This gave us much more wall space and cleared much of

Membership has grown in the last few years and accompanied with the merger of Fairburn #180 now has 95 Master Masons, 37 of which are perpetual. Although many of the Brethren are professionals and business owners, membership is mostly made up of a lot of "good old"

be displayed.

boy" Masons who don't wear coats and ties but never give a second thought to helping the community, Lodge or a Brother in need.

During the closure of all Georgia Lodges this past year, a few of the Brethren, while maintaining all the provisions of the Grand Master's Ruling 2020-5, worked to accomplish some long discussed and needed updates to their Lodge. As often happens, when one task was accomplished, another one would soon crop up. One thing led to another and when the Lodge was allowed to reopen, the Lodge room had been completely remodeled except for replacing the carpet, which will be done some time next year.

We removed many older items deemed unnecessary from the walls. We relocated some of the items to the dining room and other locations within the Lodge. Many of the items that were removed were placed in storage and offered to any Brother who desired to take them home or who were aware of anyone who might have another use. Among other things, we patched the holes and painted the walls, refurbished our original letter "G", installed a cell booster in order to have cell service within the Lodge, redesigned and purchased new drapery for the Holy Altar, Master's and Warden's stations, and built a new display for our Past Master's

With the completion of the remodeling, it was obvious the wall space was not available to display an additional 167 years of Past Masters. It became necessary to step back, think outside the box and approach the subject from another angle. It was decided that the best approach

was for the Lodge to purchase a 50", flatscreen TV set to be hung on the Lodge Room wall. A slideshow was developed with a short history of Fairburn #180 and all available Past Master's pictures were identified and included along with the names of the Past Master's whose pictures are not available. The slideshow is started before each Lodge dinner and runs through the Lodge meeting.

We also decided that it would be nice to have a Trestle Board to announce future events for the Lodge. The Trestle Board is presented on a TV in the dining room. The Trestle Board includes such information as what is planned for dinner for the next few meetings along with any fundraiser or other event that is planned. This is a very flexible system that we are using and in terms of electronic media it is rudimentary and easy to update. We believe it will grow in importance to the Lodge as we continue into the future.

Needlessly to say, the new approach to the PM's and the Trestle Board have been very well received by the Brethren. Many of the Brethren have come forth with additional ideas for additional uses of the TVs during different times of the year. One planned item is a video of the Staircase Lecture. We are looking forward to using these devices in future endeavors.

The Common Gayel

By Brother Tim Henry, 32°

BUSH HOGGING AND BAD DECISIONS

I was thirteen years old when I got my first job. I was referred by a lady that we went to church with, to the wife of the owner of the golf course near our house. Please don't get any ideas of grandeur, this is not a golf course surrounded by huge homes and swimming pools. The course had nine holes and it had been bought and sold several times through bankruptcies. These particular owners lived off of the sixth green just below the club house. They kept a watchful eye

on all goings on and were very involved in the day to day running of the course. My first job was to clean out and weed the garden spot behind the club house. I worked for several days weeding, hoeing and clearing the area to reveal only one tomato plant and a

pepper plant had survived. The head greenskeepers' name was Bobby. He had embraced me over that week and become a Godsend. I didn't know at that time how influential he would be in my life. Many of my stories have referenced that I grew up without a dad for a role model. Bobby was one of the amazing people that God put into my life at that exact time. He was a pastor of a small church in AL and a great outdoorsman. He was insistent and rigid in his belief to teach me to own my own mistakes, stand up for myself and above all else, be honest. I worked for Bobby until I was eighteen years old. Five years of my formative life were spent with this wonderful mentor and he would shape a lot of who I am.

Life lesson number one: The summer I was fifteen

years old I had gotten a burr under my saddle blanket to clean up the pasture at my house. The golf course owned a large, closed cab, airconditioned tractor and a 10' bush hog. I devised a plan and felt confident that I could run the tractor to my house and bush hog the pasture on a Saturday morning after I finished mowing the greens and raking the sand traps before anyone was the wiser. I drove the tractor the mile and ½ trip to home and started the work. Everything was going

> exactly to plan, until it didn't. I started up the hill in our pasture and had no idea there was an old stump about 8" high I couldn't see in my I hit that path. stump, it stalled the tractor and made a godawful noise. Of course, I panicked, jumped out of the



tractor to find I had sheared off the output shaft on the left side of the gear box. As I stood there, fear overwhelmed me about what to do next. Questions began to flood over me, how do I fix this? How do I explain it? What will Bobby say? Will I get fired? After what felt like hours had passed I succumbed to my situation. I struggled, tugged, fought and lifted the plate and blades back onto the deck of the bush hog. Returning that tractor that mile and ½ seemed like a lot longer that day. My mind swirled around what Monday would bring.

I look back on this situation as a grown man now and see how my actions placed Bobby in a bad predicament. As a young man I had no idea of what all he would have to explain. He had to tell the owners some sort of reason the tractor was torn up. He had to explain how we would fix it. He had to stand up and assume my stupidity. This became one of my most teachable moments. Bobby was mad to say the least, he scolded me and decided my punishment. I was going to fix this alone. He would offer advice on how, but this was my screwup, my decision, and my deceptive nature that caused this issue. For that I would own the outcome. No matter how long it took, no matter how many times I wanted to quit, walking away was not an option. Bobby sat in a chair for what seemed like days and watched me struggle with this job. Nothing on a bush hog is easy, or light, or quick. However, I did it. I repaired my mistake. I fixed the broken machine. It took much longer to repair my relationship, I had broken Bobby's trust. I had made myself an unreliable, deceptive teenager with no regard for how my actions would reflect on me.

I look back on my mentors now and reflect on decisions they were making and wonder am I doing them justice? Am I using the lessons taught to me wisely? Is this world that we now live in capable of learning from old school, hard knocks ways?

My hope as Masons is that we continue to lead from the lessons we were taught. I hope that we can reflect on the first knock that you heard and remember the question that was asked. Why are you here? Exactly why did you come here? As we embrace this life under the shadow of the men that we are led by my hope is that those lessons have value, they have influence and most of all they direct our steps. As we close 2020 take a moment to reflect on how 2021 might look if we use our light to guide its outcome.

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Festive Boards are an integral part of lodge membership around the world and would benefit the lodges in Georgia.

In order to make these and other changes to reverse the current decline of Masonry in Georgia, we need to embrace our creed and 'take all good men by the hand" when considering membership in Free Masonry. The Masonic Code needs to be amended to remove ANY and ALL prohibitions on who is an eligible member by the Grand Lodge. Again, I am not suggesting that we allow anyone who wants to petition for membership into our fraternity. Rather, I am suggesting that all arbitrary prohibitions be removed from the Code, and that each lodge properly tyle their lodge room and use their ballot box to elect eligible members based on their individual character, integrity, and honor "to the satisfaction of THEIR lodge." Given that visitation to another lodge is a privilege and not a right, and that any member of a lodge can object to a visitor from sitting in their lodge, there exists no reason for the Code to prohibit membership to any man of good reputation. Every man that petitions for membership to a lodge of his choice should be permitted to do so. After becoming a member of the lodge, any subsequent behavior by the member that brings the lodge, or the fraternity, into disrepute is a disciplinary matter for THAT lodge to address.

I understand that many in our fraternity will protest these changes. I can hear the cries of "that is the way we have always done it," but the reality is that if we continue to do the same things in the same way, we can expect the exact same outcome. I do not pretend to have the answers, I am only asking the hard questions. If any other members have ideas to reverse the current trend, then let them be heard. All of these suggestions for reversing the trends of declining membership and closing lodges are linked. The Masonic experience must become more relevant for the modern man, but it must also maintain its Ancient Landmarks. Nothing I am proposing is in conflict with Masonry, in fact all these changes speak to the true heart of Masonry- Fraternity, as embodied in the three Mother Grand Lodges.

The Other American Presidents Among Our Founding Fathers

By Tom D. Bruce, P.M.

Freemasonry has a lot of historical events that we simply cannot verify. Things become lost in the fog of history, fires, wars, etc. And, then there are those like me who also like to put a little "mustard on the sandwich," so to speak. I know of one Lodge Master who continues showing me pictures of larger and larger fish that he caught. I am not saying that he uses Pho-

toshop, I'm just saying.



Many times, I have been in a Masonic Lodge building where I would see references to the 14 Masonic presidents of the United States. I have even seen placemats with their names and pictures in some of the fellowship halls.

What if I told you that this could be wrong? What about the other American presidents? Other presidents? And were they Brothers in our great Fraternity? The United States Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776 and the Constitution in 1789. Brother George Washington was not inaugurated until April 30, 1789, so who were the presidents for those first thirteen years?

Many would say that the United States had as many as 14 additional presidents, patriots who ran the country through the Continental Congress which started in 1774. They were just not the constitutional presidents.

Further, the actual number of those may be disputed. These patriots did many wonderful deeds and held many other offices than those listed below. This will be a short article to spur your interest in diving deeper into our patriotic and Masonic history.

So, who was the first president who was a Freemason?

Peyton Randolph



Brother Peyton Randolph's original Masonic affiliation is not certain, but he may have been raised in London when he was in school there. He was made a Master of Lodge #6 at Williamsburg in a warrant from Lord Petrie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of England, dated November 6, 1773.

In 1774, he was elected as the first president of the territory known as the United States. He also served as speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses and chairman of the Virginia Conventions. And he was serving as Provincial Grand Master of Virginia while he presided as president of the first Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1774.

Henry Middleton



Brother Henry Middleton was said to be an active Mason in the colonial period. In 1774, he was elected as the second president of the Continental Congress. He served as president for only a few days in 1774.

John Hancock



During a trip to Quebec in 1762, Brother Hancock was made a Freemason in Marchants Lodge No. 277. Upon his return to the colonies later that year, he became a member of the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston.

In 1775, he was elected as the third president. Additionally, Brother Hancock also served twice as governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Henry Laurens



Brother Henry Laurens was also said to be an active Mason in the colonial period. In 1777, he was elected as the fourth president. Brother Laurens succeeded Brother John Hancock as president and was a signatory to the Articles of Confederation, and president when

the Constitution was passed on November 15, 1777.

John Jay



Although there exists no direct evidence, Brother John Jay is listed as a Mason in 10,000 Famous Freemasons. Brother Jay is most known as the first Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court but is considered a prominent figure of the Revolutionary times as he

was a member, and president for two years, of the Continental Congress. He was also Minister to Spain; signer of the Treaty of Paris;

U. S. Secretary of Foreign Affairs; was one of the authors of what would be known as the Federalist Papers; and served the people of New York as governor. Many believe that John Jay was a Freemason as he wrote to Brother Washington on April 21, 1779.

Samuel Huntington



On June 3, 1795, Samuel Huntington appeared at a meeting of Wooster Lodge at Colchester, Connecticut. His reputation and character being well known and above reproach, the bylaws were suspended, and a ballot taken. The ballot was clear, and Samuel

Huntington was immediately initiated as an Entered Apprentice. The next day, at a special communication of Wooster Lodge, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

In 1779, Brother Huntington was elected as president from 1779 to 1781, chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court from 1784 to 1785, and the 18th governor of Connecticut from 1786 until his death.

Thomas McKean



Brother Thomas McKean was noted as a frequent visitor to Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (Parenthetically, a close friend of mine is a Past Master of Perseverance Lodge No. 21 and I have visited there, and likewise he has visited Lodges here

in Georgia.) Brother McKean's genealogy alleges that he was a Mason, although his name is not found on the records of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was not organized until the close of the American Revolution. I believe that Brother Samuel McKean was probably a member of the Fraternity.

In 1781, Brother Thomas McKean was elected as president of the Continental Congress. He signed the United States Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

John Hanson



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. In 1781, Hanson was elected president and became the first official to serve a one-year term under the provisions of the Articles of Confederation.

Elias Boudinot



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. In 1782, Elias Boudinot was elected as president from 1782 to 1783. He also was elected U. S. congressman for New Jersey following the American Revolutionary War and was appointed by

Brother and President George Washington as director of the United States Mint, serving from 1795 until 1805.

Thomas Mifflin



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. He was a major general in the Continental Army and the 1st and 3rd quartermaster general during the American Revolution, a member of the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly, a Continental congressman

from Pennsylvania, and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787. In 1783, Thomas Mifflin was elected as president.

Richard Henry Lee



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. He was a signatory to the Articles of Confederation and his resolution of June 1776 led to the United States Declaration of Independence, which he signed. In 1784,

Richard Henry Lee was elected to a one-year term as the president and was a United States senator from Virginia from 1789 to 1792.

Nathaniel Gorham



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. In 1786, Nathaniel Gorham was elected for six months to serve as president. He also attended the constitutional convention and was one of the signers of the United

States Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Arthur St. Clair



Brother Arthur St. Clair was a petitioner for the charter of Nova Caesarea Lodge #10 in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1791. During the American Revolutionary War, he rose to the rank of major general in the Continental Army. Brother St. Clair was elected president in February 1787.

Cyrus Griffin



There is no evidence of membership in the Fraternity that I could find. In 1788, Cyrus Griffin was elected as the last president before Brother George Washington, holding office from Jan. 22, 1788, to Nov. 2, 1788. He resigned after the ratification of the United

States Constitution and was later a United States federal judge.

In conclusion, have there been other Masonic presidents before the fourteen that we normally hear mentioned at Lodge meetings?

Yes, likely maybe eight more. They were all patriots and forefathers of this wonderful nation that we inherited. May it long survive.

From the Irchives

George Starr Peck (if it is the correct one I have identified) is known for the creation of Chastain Memorial Park and the Fulton County Parks Department. I am unable to confirm if he was a Mason. The article below was originally published in the July 1948 issue of the Masonic Messenger.

The Destiny of Democracy

Our of the travail of oppression, conceived in idealism and born in hope, a Democracy is forged—and thrives until demagogues sink to trading tarnished votes for spoils which had been treasures. Polluting the ground where its roots found nourishment, panderers replace patriots while parasites suck its sap. Anemia weakens it and rottenness gnaws its heart. Without the strength to support its leaches or itself the giant totters—and the leaches curse its emptiness.

What distillation fires the servant enfranchised only by the trust of his people to think first—often only—of his own perpetuation in office? How indispensable he holds himself to be! When his vote is sought to be swayed by threat of reprisal, better it were he fall facing forward and let another replace him in the fight. Cesspools are purified in the sunlight of merciless publicity. Honor was never the fruit of corruption.

If the press be truly free, fired by zeal for liberty, untwisted by the lure of blemished gain; if all the servants of the people remain conscious of their holy trust; if every citizen but cherish, as his hope of heaven, his sacred right to vote, and scorn to yield it for the hope of selfish gain; if every son of God in universal brotherhood concedes to every other, rights equal to those he claims; then as Democracy spreads to the fringes of humanity, it shall grow with right-eousness; thrive with justice; and endure in fulfilment of its divine mission.

VETERANS CORNER

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER RICK CONN

Several Veterans groups have dispatched a letter to the Director of the Defense health Agency (DHA) requesting a 12-month reinstatement period in lieu of the current 90-day reinstatement period during the implementation of the new TRICARE Select enrollment fee that will take effect Jan. 1, 2021. It is now even more essential to allow sufficient time to notify beneficiaries about the new enrollment fees, since the consequences of failing to pay are so severe. Military retirees earned their health care benefit through decades of selfless service to our nation. Missing a communication from TRICARE should not result in them losing their essential benefit.

In an Aug. 7, 2020 NewsBytes, those TRICARE Select beneficiaries under age 65 that joined the military before Jan. 1, 2018 (Group A) will be required to pay a monthly fee beginning Jan. 1, 2021. The monthly fee for an individual is \$12.50 and \$25 for a family. This must be done via allotment, if feasible. In order to maintain health care coverage, TRICARE Select Group A retired beneficiaries must pay their TRICARE Select enrollment fees.

The DHA notes that **FAILURE TO PAY WILL MEAN LOSS OF COVERAGE** until the following open enrollment period. Beneficiaries who fail to set up their TRICARE Select enrollment fee payment by Jan. 1, 2021 will be disenrolled from TRICARE Select for non-payment. Those beneficiaries will have 90 days from their termination date to request reinstatement. If a beneficiary does not act, they will only be able to get care from a military hospital or clinic if space is available (i.e. all civilian health care costs will be their full responsibility). The fees are waived for Chapter 61 retirees and their family members and survivors of deceased active duty service members.

The House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) recently held a hearing to re-authorize the Women's Veterans Task Force and to discuss pending legislation. The HVAC agreed to extend the Women's Task Force and Rep. Julia Brownley (Calif.) Chairwoman of the Task Force highlighted the wins of the task force including the passing of the FRA supported Deborah Sampson Act (H.R.2452) and looks forward to accomplishing more in the next session of Congress.

Also of Note, comedian John Stewart, who was instrumental in advocating and passing the 9/11 first responders bill, was back on Capitol Hill trying to help veterans who have claimed health issues due to the exposure to toxins from burn pits. Stewart was there to support the introduction of two bills that would provide compensation and health benefits by listing burn pit exposure as a presumptive condition for any service member who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act (S.4524, H.R.8261) was introduced by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.) and Rep. Raul Ruiz (Calif.) in the Senate and House respectively. "More than three million service members could have been exposed to toxic burn pits, yet the VA continues to deny them care by placing the burden of proof on veterans suffering from rare cancers, lung diseases, and respiratory illnesses. Congress cannot sit by as the VA ignores its duty. The bottom line is that our veterans served our country, they are sick and they need health care-period," said Gillibrand. "The Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act will finally establish a presumptive service connection for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins and streamline the process for obtaining vital VA benefits."

Stewart stated "I'm not a doctor, I'm not a scientist. But I'm also not an idiot. If you live next to a toxic smoke plume filled with cancer-causing elements, and you're breathing it in day in and day out, it's going to make you sick," referring to the use of burn pits during the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

The provisions of the bill include the establishment of a new list of diseases resulting from a veteran's service as a presumptive condition. The following medical conditions are included in the proposed laws:

- Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease [COPD]
- Cancers of any type



Georgia ChIP Communication Corner

By Worshipful Brother Cabot Rohrer

Brethren, Families, and Friends,

We are almost there! Starting out my article using these nating the donation from Masters Lodge No. 295. Inwords, makes me think of those many car trips as a cluded is a picture of our Worshipful Brother Craig child when my parents would say 'we are almost there'. Knowlton receiving the check on behalf of GACHIP This of course was all relative depending on the length from Worshipful Master Jim House. of our journey and encouraging us to be patient. We can certainly say this about the end of 2020. 2020 is We are so blessed by the charity of our Lodges across finally winding to a close! For all of us, our families, our great state. Over the course of the past 5 years, and friends, we will depart this year with life lasting Lodges have donated nearly \$50,000.00 to our Promemories. Our Brother Roosevelt summed this up gram. These donations have provided that crucial fiwhen he said 'will live in infamy'. Yes, 2020 will be a nancial stability and foundation to improve many facets year in 'infamy'. Our struggles, fears and anxieties have of our Program by updating and upgrading equipment, been at the forefront since early in the year. Although purchasing of promotional material, supplies and numore recent news regarding a Coronavirus vaccine merous other assets to ensure we are at the ready for gives us a light of hope for our future.

ters Lodge No. 295 under the leadership of Worshipful cruiting volunteers supporting events. Master Jim House. This donation will more than cover our minimal amount of expenses in the early part of I hope that you, my Brethren, will place support for the 2020 prior to the Pandemic and sets a sound budget for GACHIP Program at the top of your Lodge priority future years.



We are so truly grateful to our GACHIP District 5 Director, Worshipful Brother Craig Knowlton for coordi-

upcoming events.

Even amidst all this uncertainty we end this year for Our beloved Brother Franklin said it best "When Georgia Child Identification Program on a super high! you're good to others, you're best to yourself." Truly I am delighted to share with you that our Georgia Child the Brethren and the Lodges of our great state have Identification Program has received a donation of exhibited the highest level of being good to others \$20,000.00! This gracious donation was given by Mas- through their timeless generosity of donations and re-

> 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 through providing time and monies to our beloved charity. Please reach out to the team via the contact information on the Grand Lodge site or at: SD@GACHIP.org.

> Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Happy Holidays to ALL of our Brothers and Families!





Perry O'Neal presented to his widow and two children. Perry Andrews III, Genelle O'Neal (widow), Sandra M. Oka. Doerun #151



Carol L. Brown Doerun #151



Herman I. Tucker Willacoochee #197



Harold D. Dillingham Willacoochee #197



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Alton L. Rogers Fergus #135



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Benny F. Brookins Orion #8

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Georgia Brethren: Brainerd Lodge #736, of Tennessee suffered devastating damage on Easter Weekend 2020, as a tornado swept through the Chattanooga, TN area causing irreparable damage to the Lodge building. In order to rebuild to the new State building codes, and to potentially replace what can't be salvaged, our "Bricks for Building Brainerd #736" program was created. Each brick will permanently be placed in the sidewalk of the new lodge building, commemorating your loved ones or brothers/sisters past on these etched bricks. These bricks are also available with/without an Eastern Star or Masonic Lodge emblem. Please consider your Masonic Lodge coming together to help another with your support of the rebuilding of this esteemed lodge with the purchase of one of their bricks at this link:

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