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From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

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 how you want information to be listed in the Georgia List of Lodges Publication. All Lodge Officers must be entered into the election return with their contact information, including email addresses. Grand View allows the Secretary, of each lodge to choose the mailing address for where he wants Lodge mail to be delivered. This information can be entered under Lodge Settings, then go to Lodge Contact Information. Remember all election returns must be entered on or before Monday, December 27, 2021.

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From the Desk of the Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Donald C. Combs

Greeting to all my Brethren wherever dispersed,

First let me say to you, "Thank You," for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master. I consider being elected to this noble position both a privilege and an honor, and pray I can serve the Craft with dignity and humility. I look forward to being with as many of you as I possibly can during the coming year, however scheduling being what it is, it would be easiest to go to those Lodges and events where there is an invitation so I can plan accordingly. That does not mean I will not show up randomly, just that it is easier to visit when scheduled.

Part of my plan to be with you, is to change the way the Grand Master Forums will be conducted. It is my intent to be in each District on a Friday evening or Saturday morning and conduct these sessions in a Town Hall format with information presented on current and proposed programs for the year and then to follow that with a period where the Brethren may ask any question of the Grand Master that they feel needs to be addressed or answered. I will pledge to you, that if I do not have an answer to your question, I will find an answer and get back with the questioner. It is also my intent, to make a list of the questions and answers so that they may shared in or with the other sessions, and with the Brethren. The dates will be published with times and locations for each district in the Planning Packet, on Grandview, through your District Deputies and on the Calendar. So, I encourage you to come out to a session near you, so that we may meet with one another in fellowship and Brotherhood.

These are exciting times Brethren. My basic program is Past, Present, and Future. With those words I challenge each of us to Remember the Past, Live the Present, and to Challenge the Future. To just touch briefly on this thought, we need to remember who we are

as Masons. Remember the reasons we joined this great Fraternity and to also remember the obligations we took upon the Holy Writings and put it all in perspective. We are a part of one the greatest organizations to grace the face of the earth and the values that we learned and teach are timeless in nature. Whenever this Fraternity was founded, whether three hundred or three thousand years ago, the core values are still valid and unchanged and may be applied to the present day just as they were in the past. If we can live up those standards as men and Masons, then we can project something steadfast that can change the world. It is my prayer, that together we can do just that. I hope you will join me in shining our light that others may see good works and want to know more about being a part of who and what we are as Masons.

I look forward to serving with each of you and spreading that Masonic light. More to come as we challenge the Future as a Fraternity! May the Grand Architect bless and keep each of you!! So Mote It Be!

Fraternally, Donald C. Combs Grand Master Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM





Friday, January 7th 8th District Philomathea Lodge No. 26, Elberton, MP Saturday, January 8th Scottish Rite, Augusta, MP 10th District Friday, January 14th 2nd District Scottish Rite, Albany, MP Saturday, January 15th 4th District Greenville Lodge No. 321, Greenville, MP Friday, January 21st Tyrian Lodge No. 111, Warner Robins, MP 12th District 3rd District Saturday, January 22nd Cordelia Lodge No. 296, Cordele, MP Friday, January 28th 6th District Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26, Griffin, MP Saturday, January 29th ATL Masonic Center, Atlanta, MP 5th District Friday, February 4th Cherokee Lodge No. 66, Rome, MP 7th District Saturday, February 5th 9th District Gainesville Lodge No. 219, Gainesville, MP 1st District Friday, February 11th Scottish Rite, Savannah, MP Saturday, February 12th 11th District St. Marys Lodge No. 109, St. Marys, MP

> Friday Forums start at 7:00 PM Saturday Forums start at 10:00 AM MP = Meal Provided

2022 District Conventions

DISTRICT	<u>TIME</u>	Location	Host Lodge
1 st March 26, 2022	9:00 AM	Garden City	Frank F. Baker Lodge No. 46
2 nd February 26, 2022	9:00 AM	Thomasville	Thomasville Lodge No. 369
3 rd March 19, 2022	9:00 AM	Butler	Fickling Lodge No. 129
4 th August 21, 2021	9:45 AM	Greenville	Greenville Lodge No. 321
5 th September 10, 202	10:00 AM 2	Marietta	Roswell Lodge No. 165
6 th May 7, 2022	9:00 AM	Griffin Meridian Sun Lodş	Hampton Lodge No. 70 ge No. 26
7 th May 13 & 14, 2022	9:00 AM	Rome	Cherokee Lodge No. 66
8 th May 21, 2022	9:00 AM	Elberton	Philomathea Lodge No. 25
9 th September 24, 202	9:00 AM 2	Cumming	Lafayette Lodge No. 44
10 th June 11, 2022	10:00 AM	Augusta	Martinez Lodge No. 710
11 th September 17, 202	9:00 AM 2	St. Marys	St. Marys Lodge No. 1094
12 th April 16, 2022	9:00 AM	Warner Robins	Tyrian Lodge No. 111



EDICT NO. 2022-1

TO ALL CONSTITUENT LODGES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS:

I hereby issue this edict, to-wit:

WHEREAS, it appears that a situation exists on the Masonic Home Board of Trustees due to the illness of one of the elected trustees which leaves one district effectively unrepresented on the Board, and

WHEREAS, each district should have representation at all times on each board, committee, or commission for which they are entitled to representation under the Masonic Code, and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Code does not cover these circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, it is my edict that:

The Grand Master has authority to appoint amember to temporarily act on behalf of any sitting member of any committee, board, or commission created by the Masonic Code and to confer upon him all the rights, powers and duties of the position if the sitting member, in the sole opinion of the Grand Master, is unable to perform his official duties due to illness or otherwise. However, if the position is designated to be filled by district, the acting member must belong to a lodge in the same district as the sitting member.

The sitting member shall resume the position and the temporary appointment shall end when the sitting member is able to do so unless his term of office expires. It shall be the sole discretion of the Grand Master to determine when the sitting member may resume his official duties. The acting member's appointment shall terminate at the end of the sitting member's term.

SO ORDERED and this edict is given under my hand and seal as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, and under the seal of the said Grand Lodge, this 29th day of November, 2021.

Donald C. Combs, Grand Master

Attest:

Van S. McGee,



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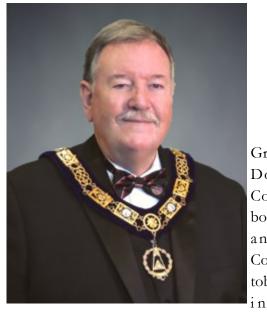
Most Worshipful Grand Master Giddens has made available this lapel pin for all who either renew or order the Masonic car tag in 2021. Simply contact any Grand Line Officer with a copy of your 2021 tag order or provide a photo of your 2021 tag to receive your **FREE** lapel pin.

Thank you for your support and having pride in our Fraternity.

Results of the Bills and Resolutions Submitted to the 235th Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM

<u>Bill #</u>	Short Description	<u>Ruling</u>
2020-01	Create GL IT Committee	Passed
2020-02	Repeal training of Ambassadors by Trustees	Passed
2020-03	Amend withdrawal of charges	Passed
2020-04	Amend accepting charges	Passed
	Amend date for Appeals and Grievances Commit-	
2020-05	tee	Passed
2020-06	Change fees paid by emeritus members	Withdrawn
2020-07	Add copy of cipher code to individual lodges	Failed
2020-08	Raise per capita dues from 9.50 to 16.00	Withdrawn
2020-09	Add no member may belong to hate group	Out of Order
2020-10	Repeal homosexual activity	Tabled until 2022

	Amend petition signers to not be member of	
2021-01	lodge	Failed
2021-02	Amend state of war to active duty	Failed
	Amend so committee can make minor	
2021-03	"housekeeping" changes	Passed
	Amend to call off and call on from one degree to	
2021-04	another	Passed
2021-05	Raise per capita dues from 9.50 to 16.00	Passed as amended
	Add "operating" to endowment and education	
2021-06	funds	Passed as amended
2021-07	Add Independence Day to processions	Passed
2021-08	Create State Director of Trial Commission	Passed
2021-09	Add regulation of clothing and regalia	Out of Order
	Clarify purpose and responsibilities of General	
2021-10	Welfare Committee	Failed (paper ballot)
2021-11	Recommender known for 6 months	Passed (paper ballot)
	Remove references to forms in Code (move	
2021-12	online)	Passed



Most Worshipful Brother Donald C. Combs Grand Master of All Masons in Georgia

Grand Master Donald C. Combs was born to LeRoy and Betty Combs on October 6, 1953 in White

Plains, New York. He graduated from Valhalla High School in Valhalla, New York in 1971 and received his Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (graduating Cum Laude) in 1991. Grand Master Combs went on to receive his Master of Aeronautical Science in Aerospace Management from Embry Riddle in 1992. Most Worshipful Brother Combs served in the U.S. Army, serving with the 82nd Aviation Brigade in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, the 501 Combat Aviation Battalion, Germany, and the 45th Support Group in Hawaii and several special attachments to special operations and drug interdiction units. He was honorably discharged in 1992 as an E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Most Worshipful Brother Combs moved to Savannah, Georgia in 1992 where he worked as an aircraft inspector and maintenance supervisor for Lockheed-Martin Aerospace before moving to Gulfstream Aerospace as a reliability engineer and quality auditor until 1999.

Reverend Brother Donald C. Combs was licensed to preach in the United Methodist Church in 1999 and became the Senior Pastor for Ellabell Methodist Church in Ellabell, Georgia, moving to pastor the Unadilla and Pinehurst United Methodist Churches in Unadilla and Pinehurst, Georgia in 2007 before serving in his current church as Senior Pastor of the Lakeside United Methodist Church. During this time

he received his Master of Divinity Degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory (2005) and became Ordained as an Elder in the Methodist Church in 2009.

Most Worshipful Brother Combs was raised in Frank F. Baker Lodge #46 in Garden City, Georgia in March of 1999 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 2001, after which he served as Treasurer beginning in 2007. He affiliated with Live Oak Lodge #137 in 2020 and is an Honorary Member of a number of Lodges around the State. Most Worshipful Brother Combs has served diligently at the District Level, serving as Chaplain for the Third Masonic District and Master of the First Masonic District Master and Secretary of the Savannah Lodge of Research #1 as well as the Editor of its newsletter publication entitled Did You Know? MW Brother Combs has been active in the day-to-day workings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia since that time serving on the Grand Lodge Endowment Committee, the Grand Lodge Charter and By-laws Committee, the Grand Lodge Youth Committee, and MELD and serves as the Grand Representative to Costa Rice for the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Most Worshipful Brother Combs was appointed to the Grand Lodge line as Third Grand Steward in 2013 by MW Brother Gary Leazer.

Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Combs is also Masonically active in the Scottish Rite receiving the Degree of Master of the Royal Secret and serving as class President for the Horace A Edwards Reunion and Class in 1994. He was Invested with the Rank and Title of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1999 and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary (IGH) in 2005. He served as both the Venerable Master of the Savannah Lodge of Perfection and Commander of the Savannah Council of Kadosh. MW

Brother Combs also served as a communicator and cast member for several of the Degrees of the Scottish Rite and has twice served on the Executive Committee of the Valley of Savannah, serving as Chairman of that body from 2006 to 2009.

Excellent and Illustrious Brother Combs has been active in the York Rite receiving his Chapter and Council Degrees having been Exalted and Greeted at the J. Walter Cowart York Rite Festival in 1995 after which he was dubbed Sir Knight Combs in Palestine Commandery #7. He has served as head of Georgia Chapter #3, Georgia Council #2, and Palestine Commandery #7 and has received the Order of the High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel (serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2020/2021), and Knight Crusader of the Cross. He has served as a District Deputy to the M.E. Grand High Priest and Excellent High Priest of the First Royal Arch District Convention. In the Council, he has served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Georgia to the Grand Council of Wyoming.

In other appendant and appendant York Rite Bodies, Most Worshipful Brother Combs is a member of Savannah Forest #217 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Alee Temple, and a member of the Knights of Mecca, Savannah Council #328 of the Allied Masonic Degrees, serving as Sovereign Master in 2002 (and a member of Georgia Council #304), a charter member of the Herman E. Freeman York Rite College #186, serving as Governor in 2011/2012 (recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross), Carl F. Lester Council #65 Knight Masons (and Crowned Martyrs Council), Georgia Priory #39 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Oglethorpe Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, (Past Puissant Sovereign), Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest Tabernacle XLV, serving as Preceptor in 2018/2019, member of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, recipient of the Order of St. Thomas of Acon, member of Neptune Chapter #153 OES and Brunswick Court #19 Order of Amaranth, member of the Order of Corks, Order of the Bath, Order of St. Patrick, member of the Quatour

Coronati Lodge of Research #2076, Georgia Lodge of Research, California Lodge of Research, Scottish Rite Research Society, and the Philalethes Society.

Dad Combs has been an Advisor for Cecil Cheves Chapter Order of DeMolay since 1996, serving as the Chairman of the Advisory Board since 2012. He has received the DeMolay Legion of Honor and the Cross of Honor as well as being designated an Honorary member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay International in addition to receiving the Grand Cross of Color from International Order of Rainbow for Girls just this year.

However, the most impressive honor that our Most Worshipful Grand Master holds is having served as Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Prelate of Grand Commandery, serving under Most Worshipful Brother Eli Stafford in 2006/2007, Most Excellent Companion Clyde E. Griffin in 2013/2014, Most Illustrious Companion Jack L. Hepner in 2003/2004, and Right Eminent Grand Commanders since 2012. In as much as can be ascertained, Most Worshipful Brother Combs is the only one in state history to do so.

Most Worshipful Brother Combs is married to the former Susan Irene Turco and has three children, Sean, Melanie, and Heather who themselves have all been active in Masonically affiliated youth organizations.

We are happy and excited to begin your year Most Worshipful Sir and we look forward to your continued service to the Masonic Fraternity.



Brother Wiley
Forrester was
born August
31,1972 in Duluth, Georgia.
His parents divorced at an
early age and he
was raised

mostly by his mother in Buford, GA. His mother Linda instilled in him at a very early age that hard work, determination, and your faith were the tools to be successful in life and not become a statistic. Bro Forrester received his education at Buford High School and after high school began working for Mti Baths Inc where he has remained employed as operations manager for almost 28 years. Bro Forrester has received many hours of training with OSHA and Hazardous materials and specializes in leadership development and implementation in addition to process management.

Brother Forrester is Married to his bride of 16 years Michelle and resides in Jefferson, GA. They are the proud parents of three grown children as part of their blended family, Bobby who is 27, Chelsea who is 27, and Austin who is 25. All three are married and very successful in their lives. They are expecting their first grandchild in May of 2022.

Brother Forrester is very involved in the community of Buford. He has spent nearly 20 years as part of the chain crew at Buford High School. He has also sat on the governing boards of youth football in both Buford and Gwinnett County. All though he has devoted many hours of service to football in his area, his love for being a baseball umpire is much larger. He has spent 17 seasons as an umpire.

Brother Forrester was raised to the sublime degree of

Worshipful Brother Wiley Q. Forrester Third Grand Steward

a Master Mason in Buford Lodge #292 in July 1997 where he is a perpetual member. He served as Worshipful Master in 2008, and while serving as Worshipful Master was appointed to serve as area director of Masonic Education and Leadership Development. A position he held until 2013 when he was appointed State Director of Masonic Leadership and Development. Brother Forrester served as State Director until 2019. While as State Director Bro Forrester was instrumental along with many others in the development of the GA Masonic Leadership Conference that is held each year in July. Brother Forrester was appointed to serve as District Deputy to the Grand Master in the Ninth Masonic District in 2019-2021. At the same appointment, he was appointed District Leader of the District Deputies to the Grand Master. A position he has held until this current appointment.

Brother Forrester is very active in Ninth Masonic District serving as Worshipful Master in 2019. Brother Forrester is a member of Taylor Chapter #48 Royal Arch Masons serving as High Priest in 2015 and currently Secretary. He is a member of NT Pirkle Council #65 R&SM serving as Illustrious Master in 2015 and currently Secretary. He is a member of Arnold de Troye Commandry #31 serving as Eminent Commander in 2020 and 2021.

Brother Forrester has been a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta since 2006, and in 2021 was invested with the rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. He is an endowed life member of the Valley of Atlanta. He also serves on the 30th Degree team at the Valley of Atlanta.

Brother Forrester is a life member of Yaarab Shrine in Atlanta where he served as President of Gwinnett Shrine Club in 2017. Brother Forrester is also a member of W. Joe Clark York Rite College #23 in Jefferson where he was awarded the Order of the Purple

Cross in 2020. He is a member of Zarthan and Georgia Councils Allied Masonic Degrees where he served as Sovereign Master in 2017 of Zarthan Council. Brother Forrester is also a member of Georgia Court #124 Order of Athelstan. A member of Carl F Lester Council #65 Knight Masons USA, and St Ambrose Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

Brother Forrester also serves as a member of the Code Supplement Committee, Educational and Historical Commission, and General Welfare. In 2017 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of Honor for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Brother Forrester and his lady Michelle look forward to serving the Masons of Georgia, and is very honored and humbled for this opportunity.



Worshipful Brother Charlie N. Rice Grand Marshal

Worshipful Brother Charlie Rice was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Frank F. Baker Lodge No. 46 in April of 1993. He served as Worshipful Master of Frank F. Baker in 1998, 2007, and 2020 serving as the Director of Work for Frank F. Baker in 2016 and the Chaplain in 2018.

Companion Rice is a member of the York Rite Bodies including Georgia Chapter No. 3, Georgia Council No. 2, and Palestine Commandery No. 7

Noble Brother Rice is a member of Alee Shrine AAONMS and a member of the Dune Cats.

Worshipful Brother Rice is honored to serve as Grand Marshal for Most Worshipful Brother Donald C. Combs

during his Masonic Year as Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother Gary H. Leazer Grand Orator



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Worshipful Brother Thomas J. Chapman Grand Chaplain

There have been only two real loves in my life. My wife and being a Mason. Now don't get me wrong, I have 4 boys and 2 great parents

that I love dearly and when I was married 25 years ago, I knew that Clemencia was my soulmate. When I became a Mason, I knew that I finally had everything I needed to begin the second half of my life. When I turned 40, I found myself in a spiritually difficult part of my life. Growing up catholic I had realized how lucky I was to have such good people around to help guide me. I was born on July 20th, 1969, the day that Brother Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon. Father Daniel Doyle baptized me and 26 years later would bond Clemencia and me together forever in marriage. Just 2 years later we were blessed to have Father Dan baptize our son Dylan.

My family and I moved to St. Mary's Georgia in 1997 where I have been fortunate to own a computer repair, network security and installation company. I will never forget the day that WB Bruce Hill came into my store. I had finally gotten up the courage to ask him, "How do I become a Mason". Thank you, Bruce Hill. The days are long, hot and lots crawling under buildings and through attics. Building computers and running miles of wire sometimes gives me the quiet time I need to memorize my lines and be reminded why and for who I work so hard to love and support.

Sometimes we take for granted that Freemasonry can make good men better. Becoming a Mason has reinvigorated my soul, rejuvenated my faith, strengthened my love for my family and given me the chance to help where I am needed. I am a Past Master of St. Marys #109 and by the will of the Brethren I am currently the Secretary of that lodge. Chaplin of the 11th Masonic District Convention. I currently sit on The General Welfare Committee for our Grand Lodge and have had the privilege to meet many brothers in my

home area. I am a dual member with Woodbine Lodge #326, and I am always excited to sit in a chair at Camden Lodge #476.

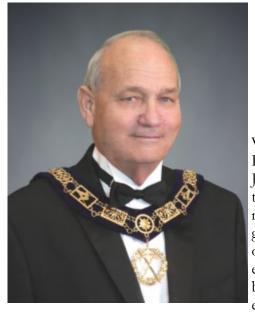
I have had the privilege to be IM in Ballard Council #16, HP Brunswick Chapter #66, and Commander of St. Elmo #21. My friend and mentor Jimmy Stevens found me to be a good records keeper and with the vote of my Companions and Sir Knights I currently am the Recorder, Secretary and Treasurer of those bodies.

The York Rite has taught me humility and with that I have been blessed with receiving the Order of the Silver Trowel, Holy Order of High Priesthood and The Order of Knight Crusaders of the Cross. I am honored to sit to the right of Bob Gill as King in the 11th District Chapter Convention and Recorder of the S.E. Georgia Council Convention. I am a dual member of Kneeknockers Council #494 and Georgia Council #304 Allied Masonic Degrees where I have been blessed to experience and receive many degrees. I belong to the Oglethorpe Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine and Georgia Priory No. 39 KYCH.

As with all brothers, traveling is a passion for me. Becoming a Grand Line Officer of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia has given me just that opportunity. This year I was elected to Eminent Grand Master of the Second Veil.

I pray for good health and traveling mercies for all and may my travels never end. The first Tuesday of the month brings me to The Valley of Savannah. 32 Degree KCCH and Captain of the Host in The Lodge of Perfection where I have received the Double Eagle Award.

My Brethren, you have given me hope. Hope in knowing that you are by my side. You have given me peace in that knowing we can come together for a common good, for the betterment of man and for Freemasonry.



Worshipful Brother James Johns Grand Tyler

Worshipful Brother James Johns is a retired U.S. Army First Sergeant who owned and operated his own business for eighteen-plus

years before medically retiring in 2010. However, Worshipful Brother Johns has kept busy serving on the Liberty County Board of Education for District 4 and the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce as a board member. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6602 in Hinesville, Georgia and a life member of the American Legion Post 168. He is married to the former Rhonda "Cheri" Groover and has two children; Melissa Johns who is a forensic scientist with the State of New Jersey and James "Jr" Johns, Jr who is employed with Rayonier Fibers in Jesup, Georgia. He has two Grandchildren, Madilynn "Maddie" Johns, and Owen "Buddy" Johns. Brother Johns attends several Presbyterian Churches in the Hinesville area.

Worshipful Brother Johns was Initiated an Entered Apprentice in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 304 in Columbus, Georgia in 1988. He was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Spessart Lodge #875 (Under the American-Canadian Grand Lodge AF&AM) in Kleinostheim, Germany (Bavaria) on December 4, 1990. Upon his return to the states, he affiliated with Hinesville Lodge No. 271, later becoming a plural member of Coastal Daylight Lodge No. 750 in Savannah, Georgia. He served as Worshipful Master of Coastal Daylight Lodge in in 2019 and is currently serving as Worshipful Master of Hinesville Lodge No. 271 and will finish his year in December of 2022. In 2020 he was appointed to serve as District Deputy to the Grand Master for District 1-E.

Worshipful Brother Johns was knighted a Master of the Royal Secret (32°) in October of 1995 and in November was obligated a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Alee Shrine. He is a life member of Alee Shrine, a life member of Cabiri International, and has been elected an Imperial Representative to Shriners International. Worshipful Brother Johns has been the Editor of the Alee Shrine Monthly Magazine since 2012 and served as Potentate of Alee Temple in 2015. He is also a life member of the Valley of Savannah and the Knights of St. Andrew. He is a member of the Acacia Guild, a recipient of the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman, a Knight of the Double Eagle, and has served as Membership Chairman before being appointed as General Secretary of the Valley of Atlanta by Illustrious Brother Ted Collins, 33°, SGIG for the Orient of Georgia. Brother Johns was invested with the Rank and Title of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2019. Brother Johns is also a life member of the National Sojourners General Elberton Camp Fort Stewart Chapter #396, Hunter Chapter #502 and a Past Commander of the Heroes of '76 as well as a Charter Member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Savannah Forest No. 217.

235TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 235th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia has come and gone, we elected a new Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and took care of two years' worth of legislation. Most Worshipful Brother Don C. Combs was elected Grand Master and brings many years of Masonic leadership and experience for the betterment of the craft. The quality of the men in the Grand Lodge line is as good as it has ever been, I encourage you to invite these Brothers to your Lodge and get to know them and see for yourself why they have been put in leadership positions. Congratulations to WB Wiley Q. Forrester being appointed as Third Grand Steward, who now begins the eight-year journey to the office of Grand Master.

During the year, as I traveled to your lodges, I spoke of the need for good attendance at our annual session. Because of COVID we had two years of bills, committee reports and the business of our Grand Lodge, and the need to be efficient in our deliberations in order to take care of business. I promised you that we would debate the issues, with proper Masonic decorum, we would vote in an open and transparent manner and keep it moving. AND move it we did! We finished all business including elections before the afternoon recess, UNBELIEVABLE. You really did come to work, peace and harmony prevailed and all of you should be proud of what you accomplished. This will a Grand Lodge session to remember.

Thank you for all the courtesies you showed me all year, I will be forever in your debt for the great honor you bestowed on me. I am confident in the future of Freemasonry in Georgia after meeting so many of you this past year, good men working hard in their lodges and communities, bettering themselves while serving others.

My theme of "BE THE EXAMPLE" I witnessed all over our great state.



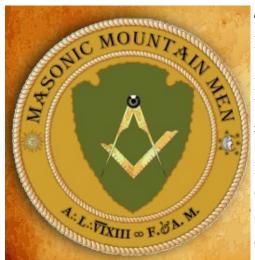
Cove Waterfall Association hosts 10th Annual Waterfall Masonic Meeting

On June 4, 2022, The Cove Waterfall Association will hold their 10th outdoor Masonic meeting at the Old Marble Quarry site located at 1800 Cove Road in Jasper.

The outdoor Masonic meeting is the 10th Annual gathering for the Cove Waterfall Association. The meeting is being presented by 5 local Masonic lodges consisting of Blaine Lodge, Pickens Star Lodge, Ball Ground Lodge, Hickory Flat Lodge, and Canton Lodge.

This outdoor meeting serves as part of the Masonic Lodges' annual fundraiser which provides scholarships to local students and other charities in Pickens and Cherokee Counties.

The Lodge area will be Tyled beginning at 3:00 pm on Saturday. We will begin with a dinner available from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm for the attendees. The outdoor meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.



This year, the degree will be conferred by Masonic Mountain Men Degree Team out of Jones County, Mississippi.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, we will be using Pickens Star Lodge No. 220, located at 193 Old Federal Road in Jasper, Georgia.

If you have any questions, please contact this year's chairman, Charles Allen @678-895-2209 or co-chairman, Joe Wright @770-598-0486. We invite all qualified Master Masons to come to the mountains and enjoy the fellowship under the waterfall.

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After the Third Step

By Worshipful Brother Christopher Chapman

Learning the Craft

Some "appendant" bodies of the Masonic Fraternity offer one the opportunity to expand their knowledge of a particular branch or body of Freemasonry. Sometimes the program focuses on the history, foundation, and philosophy of our Fraternity while others focus on leadership aspects of the individual Mason or body of Masons. This installment of *After the Third Step* will look at those groups which provide the Master Mason the opportunity to learn and study the Craft he is engaged in.



Masonic Education and Leadership Development, or MELD is an educational program of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. The program is open to all members of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The program consists of self-study courses in subjects including the Masonic Code, Masonic Etiquette, Masonic History, Rules of Order and Symbolism of the three Degrees. In addition, Grand Lodges hosts a Leadership Conference for Masters and Wardens to help them prepare to lead their lodges. Information and resources can be found on the Grand Lodge of Georgia website in Grandview. A member can log into their Member Portal, and then under the Master Mason category.



The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is a correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the

SCOTTISH*RITE MASTER+CRAFTSMAN House of the Temple in Washington, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. All three courses are available as mail-in courses, but the Ritual & History Program is available online! Those three courses and a Group Studies program constitute the SRMC. While a Scottish Rite, SJ, member may use Group Studies program at any time, the three courses are meant to be taken in the following order: Symbolic Lodge; Scottish Rite, History and Ritual; Scottish Rite Philosophy.



The York Rite Leadership Training Program was created in 2008 as a 20-minute presentation, which grew into a presentation incorporated as a part of a Departmental conference, at then

into a half-day leadership session. The Grand Commanders during the 2009-2010 Department Conference cycle requested that the Grand Encampment

make this material available to potential leaders in their jurisdictions.

The current YRL Training Program consists of three well-developed classes that are designed to give you the skills to be a better leader of yourself and others.

The first class in your journey to becoming a better leader is "YRL101 – Individual Leadership." This class will help you with assessing your current leadership skill set and abilities while teaching some principals of Leadership from Covey, Maxwell, Tracey, and others. Upon completing the class, you are expected to put into practice what you have learned to be a more effective personal leader.

The second class you will attend is "YRL201 – Group Dynamics of Leadership." In this class, you will learn how groups develop social identities that lead to better (or not better) outcomes. You will also learn the nuances of working with and motivating volunteer groups and how to be an effective leader of such groups, whether you are in charge or not.

The third class and the capstone of leadership training is "YRL401 – Influential Communications." Here you will learn how the human mind process language and how to use those processes to communicate more effectively and with greater influence. When you understand how people process language, you can construct your language to create the communication you desire.

The courses are open to all Members of Masonic Organizations including: York Rite bodies, Grand Lodges, Eastern Star, DeMolay, and Rainbow.



The York Rite Companion Adept of the Temple program is a bymail self-study program through the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry administered by the Sovereign York Rite

College of North America.

The program helps you Increase or test your knowledge of the York Rite while you read the classic texts of Albert Mackey, Jackson Chase, Jeremy Cross,

and George Conner, in addition to your local Chapter, Council and Commandery rituals. The program offers a series of exams focused on the ritualistic, philosophical, and esoteric teachings of the York Rite.

There are five exams included in the curriculum: The Degrees of the Capitular Rite: Mark Master, Past Master; The Degrees of the Capitular Rite; Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, The WORDS in Masonry; The Degrees of the Cryptic Rite: The Council Degrees, Royal Master Degree, Select Master Degree, The Secret Vault Tradition; The Orders of Chivalry: The Commandery Orders, Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, Order of the Temple; The York Rite Traditions and Freemasonry: History of the York Rite, Second Temple/Secret Vault Tradition, Royal Arch Tradition, Knighthood Tradition

This program is offered to any Knight Templar by enrollment through the Sovereign College office.



The Scottish Rite Research Society® is one of the most dynamic forces in contemporary Masonic research, pursuing a publication program that emphasizes quality—both in content and in physi-

cal form. Its publications have and continue to redefined the standards of Masonic scholarship. The SRRS was formed on May 8, 1991, when fourteen Scottish Rite Freemasons were granted a charter by the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. Since its formation, the Society has grown to over 4,000 members worldwide Anyone who is interested in deepening his or her understanding of Freemasonry would benefit from Society membership. Anyone can join the SRRS. You do not need not be a member of the Scottish Rite, or even be a Mason, to join the SRRS.



The **Grand College of Rites** is a regular Masonic body, dedicated to preserving the history and rituals of defunct and inactive Masonic orders. It

was formed on May 12, 1932 in Washington, D.C. when the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis surrendered its authority over their degrees to the GCR. After the formation of the GCR, several other Masonic organizations also transferred the authority over their degrees to the GCR, making it the only regular Masonic body in the United States with authority over the Rites of Memphis, Misraim, the Free and Accepted Architects, and many other degrees. The GCR publishes its "Collectanea" annually, which are privately printed for the fellows of the GCR. It contains the rituals of various organizations lawfully deposited within the archives. In addition, the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America meets annually at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America.

Any Master Mason holding membership and in good standing in a regular symbolic Lodge recognized by a majority of the Grand Lodges of Freemasonry in the United States of America may petition for membership in the Grand College of Rites.



A Lodge of Research exists in almost every Masonic jurisdictions, whose purpose is to help promote Masonic learning and introduce Masonic subjects and

related esoteric subjects to its members, and invited guests. Research lodges may be tiled or untiled, and many allow members of the public to attend the lectures and presentations. In fact, inviting a man who is not a Mason, but might make a good Mason, to an event of a Lodge of Research in order to introduce him to the fraternity, may be a good way to stimulate his interest in membership in Masonry.

Georgia is host to a number of Research Lodges, including the Georgia Lodge of Research, which meets several times per year to allow a member, or invited speaker, to present a lecture. The lodge publishes the collected lectures presented in a hardbound volume of annual "Transactions," a "best of" volume of research

papers, presentations and essays submitted throughout the year. Membership in the Lodge of Research is open to any Master Mason in Good Standing.



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research lodge, established over 135 years ago. QC was established in 1884 and consecrated in 1886, the founders adopted an evidence-based approach to Masonic history that replaced the more imaginative writings of earlier authors; it became known as the 'authentic school' of Masonic research. QC holds meetings incorporating lectures five times a year, usually at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London; publish the lectures, research papers and 'Notes & Queries' in Ars Quatuor Coronatorum - AQC, the annual Transactions of the Lodge. They also arrange conferences & symposia on many different aspects of freemasonry. QC shares its research and encourages scholarship via the QC Correspondence Circle -"OCCC".

QCCC is an international community with membership from the Americas to Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia & New Zealand and QCCC is open to everyone.

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REDEDICATION OF FICKLING 129 AND 101 YEAR CELEBRATON HELD AT BUTLER

Fickling 129 at Butler

hosted a 101 year celebration of the cornerstone laying by Grand Lodge Officers July 10, 1920. Grand Master Charles L. Bass and other Grand Lodge Officers opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia on that date at the Rivoli Theater Building in Macon. Thereafter Grand Lodge Officers traveled to Butler for the ceremony.

After the stone was affixed to its permanent position the Elements of Consecration were applied by Grand Master Bass. Thereafter a metallic box containing deposits provided by lodge members was placed in the cornerstone repository.

In addition to Most Worshipful Grand Master Jan M. Giddens, nine other Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance for the "Occasional Lodge Ceremony". The officers included: Donald C. Combs, DGM, Michael A. Kessler, SGW, Benjamin W. Polston, II, JGW, Van S. McGee, G. Secretary, Hugh F. Watson, G. Chaplain, Robert R. Cordle, G. Marshall, William F. Shepard, JGD, Brian C. Coffey, FGS, Scott W. Johnson, TGS, and James A. Childress, G., Tyler.

Past Grand Masters Bobby Simmons and Ted Collins were also in attendance, as were several District Deputies to the Grand Master, Custodian of Uniform Work, William Vaughn and Third District Trustee of the Masonic Home of Georgia, Edward Benns.

About 85–90 visitors assembled at 2:30 in front of Fickling Lodge in the heat of a Sunday afternoon sun. Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Henry C. Griggs Jr. presided by introducing the Grand Lodge Officers and welcoming them, as well as other lodge members from the area, distinguished guests and the general public.

After the ceremony was opened by MWGM Giddens the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guest soloist Madison Sloan sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. The Grand Lodge Officers assisted in applying the Elements of Consecration at the cornerstone.

Grand Master Giddens was escorted to the repository of the Capsule of Time where the sentinel ghosts of 110 years were disturbed and sent scurrying from their century long vigilance. MW Brother Giddens retrieved the metallic box and displayed its contents to those in attendance. The elements of time had deteriorated most of the deposits. With one exception, the contents were items of paper which included a roster of members, a 1920 copy of The Butler Herald, and a neatly wrapped package, apparently containing a small masonic apron, too fragile to display. A single item of interest was a hand crafted kaolin disc, about 3" in diameter, with engraving noting the high quality of white ware kaolin marketed in the area at that time.

The Capsule of Time was refurbished with contributions from members of Fickling Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers. It will once again be deposited in the corner stone vestibule, there to remain until the contents are revealed by generations of the future.

Following the ceremony those in attendance enjoyed a cool reprieve from the mid evening heat with a delightful reception in the lodge dinning room. Delicious pastries were attractively displayed and plentiful.

Gate City No. 2 Raises Nine Master Masons at Double Cemetery Degree

ate City Lodge No. 2 held its 11th Annual Cemetery Master Mason Degree conferral at Forest Lawn Cemetery in September this year. This year, the Lodge had the opportunity to hold two nights of degrees at the cemetery, as they had a group of nine Brethren who had been patiently waiting since before the pandemic to receive the degrees, especially that of Master Mason.

The Lodge held their first fun night of ceremony and fellowship raising five proficient and worthy Fellowcrafts to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 25th 2021. They again we Raised another four Brethren on Saturday October 2nd 2021. Both nights began with a dinner and the Lodge was opened thereafter.

This particular Masonic Lodge is set in a corner of the memorial gardens of Forest Lawn in the Masonic section. It is surrounded by trees and set well back away from the local but thankfully infrequently trafficked roads. It is about 144 ft from the chair in the East to that in the West and puts the Altar at about seventy-seven feet from ei-

ther chair. The chairs and Altar were erected initially by College Park Lodge, but Gate City No. 2 has been maintaining the furniture and masonry of the Masonic Memorial section since it we began holding our Master Mason degrees there in 2010.

The Cemetery Degree is a truly unique experience for our candidates. Worshipful Master Ray S. Magill was raised at the cemetery and stated that, "It was an incredible feeling to receive the degree in the midst of Brethren who have truly gone before us and journeyed onward to that Celestial Lodge." He went on to explain that the Lodge once had a Brother share how he had never sat in Lodge with his relative and Masonic Brother until he attended the Cemetery Degree as his dearly departed relative was actually buried in the Cemetery Lodge section. "The tears flowed in plenty that evening and the effect was solidifying, lasting, and memorable," said Worshipful Master Magill. "I find my own understanding and joy for the Degrees is enhanced with every experience of it. So, come join us whenever you can and we'll be happy to have you there. 'We meet upon the level' is truly felt when the memento mori is in the atmosphere itself. It is a solemn time and yet a joyous one."

Behold how good and how beautiful It is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

If you couldn't make one or both of these Degrees this year, Worshipful Master Magill encourages Master Masons to stay in touch with Gate City No. 2 and keep an eye out for next year's cemetery degree. All Master Masons are welcomed; provided a current dues card and the usual proofs are satisfactory. He cautions though that if you plan to attend that the Lodge recommends bringing a lawn chair. Dress Code should be appropriate for the solemnity and pageantry of the occasion. At a minimum, attire should be in accord with the standards set forth in the Masonic code of Georgia. Gate City Officers will be in tuxedo/dark suit and tie.

"History and Homecoming at Lyerly Lodge No. 338" By WB Jeff Smith

Lawrenceville Lodge No. 131

This past July, Worshipful Brother Randy Rush, a Past Master of Lyerly Lodge No. 338 in Lyerly, turned to social media to assist the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Rush posted photos of the frames containing the pictures of Past Masters of his Lodge (some of them empty) to a local Facebook group – Lyerly GA Memories – in hopes of finding photographs of Past Masters the Lodge did not have.



Lyerly GA Memories · Join Randy Rush · Jul 20 · ❸

On our wall when you first come into the Lyerly Masonic Lodge, we have pictures of our Past Masters back to 1890. As you can see we are missing several. Would you take a minute and look and see if you may have a picture we could copy so we can put a face to the name? They are 8x10 pictures. I hope you can see them. I think you will recognize some of the names. Any help would be greatly appreciated so that we can honor these Worthy Brethren who came before us.

Thank you all!
Randy Rush
P. S. The Rany Rush shown is Randall Rush



A fellow Mason, over one hundred miles away in Lawrenceville, Georgia, saw the post. Worshipful Brother Jeff Smith, Past Master of Lawrenceville Lodge No. 131, was a member of the Facebook group, as his family had lived in the Lyerly area for several generations. Smith was born in Chattooga County, and many of his ancestors were members of Lyerly Lodge. In fact, five

generations of Smith's family (numerous branches) were buried in the nearby cemetery. Worshipful Brother Smith scanned the names on the plaques on the empty frames, and he was pleased to be able to come to the aid of Worshipful Brother Rush and Lyerly Lodge in order to fill one of those empty frames and finally put a face with a name.

Lyerly Lodge was chartered in 1890. Their first treasurer, and second Worshipful Master was A. J. Lee, a local merchant, innkeeper, and mayor of the town. A. J. Lee was also Worshipful Brother Jeff Smith's great-great-grandfather, and he had a photo of Worshipful Brother Lee.



A. J. Lee was born on March 23, 1853 Gwinnett County, Georgia. He was the son of **Jackson James** Lee and Maryann (Jordan) Iudv Lee. He was the third of nine children, and he was raised in DeKalb County. Lee was

married to Mary Rebecca McLeod – the daughter of Angus McLeod and Martha Ann (Ozmer) McLeod – on November 11, 1877 in DeKalb County, Georgia. They were the parents of nine children: Annie Belle Lee – m. Winfield D. Martin, Benjamin F. Lee, Mary Rebecca Lee, Sarah M. Lee, Laura Pricilla Lee, Nelle G. Lee, Ruby B. Lee, Alfred Law Lee, Fitzhugh Malcolm Lee

Of the nine children, all are buried in Lyerly Cemetery apart from Alfred Law Lee, who is buried in Cedartown.

The census records of 1870 show Lee living in the Evans District of DeKalb County with his parents and working as a laborer on a farm (his father was listed as a farmer). In 1880, the census records show Lee and his young family living in the Wildcat District of Cherokee County. His occupation was listed as a merchant.

Several land deals are found in the Cherokee County records pertaining to Lee. We are not certain when Lee moved to Chattooga County, but he is found there in the 1900 census, and based on the records of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, we know he was in Lyerly in 1890.

Lyerly Lodge #338, F&AM, was chartered on October 30, 1890. In their first return to Grand Lodge, filed in 1891 (the years of the town's incorporation), A. J. Lee was listed as the treasurer. There were 17 members of Lyerly Lodge at that time. It is not clear where or in what Lodge he joined Freemasonry. Lyerly Lodge shows he was Worshipful Master in 1892-1893.

A newspaper report in the October 28, 1895 Atlanta Constitution describes Lee being the victim of a brutal assault.

Last night L.C. Gross and C. H. Gross, two well-known young men of Chattooga county, were arrested and lodged in Summerville jail on a very serious charge. They went to Lyerly during the afternoon and tried to hire a horse and buggy for a drive from A. J. Lee, one of the most prominent business men of the town. They wanted him to credit them, which he declined to do. Hot words ensued, when they attacked him with rocks and knives. Lee was badly beaten and stabbed in several places and was left in a very serious condition. Officers went in pursuit of the young men and soon apprehended them. Lee is dangerously hurt and his wounds may prove fatal. The young men will be held to await the result of his injuries.

In 1900, Lee and his family are found living in Lyerly, Chattooga County, and his occupation is manufacturing. He continues to be shown in Lyerly in the census records of 1910 (as a farmer) and 1920 (no occupation) living on Railroad Avenue.

Lee is credited with installing the town of Lyerly's first water system in 1911, and town records show that he was Mayor of Lyerly from 1917 to 1921. An article in the Atlanta Paper on January 8, 1914, discussed the current mayor, A. J. Lee, not seeking re-election, so he apparently was a mayor of the town in 1913. During his term as mayor, the electric plant to bring electricity to Lyerly was built on the river in 1920.

Worshipful Brother Lee died October 4, 1922, in Rome, Georgia, where he had been carried for an appendix operation. Lee is buried in Lyerly Cemetery along with his wife, eight of his nine children, and his in-laws (Angus and Martha McLeod). An obituary in the Atlanta Constitution (Friday, October 6, 1922, p. 24) provides information about Worshipful Brother Lee:

A. J. LEE, EX-MAYOR OF LYERLY, GA., DIES

Lyerly, Ga., October 5. – (Special.) A.J. Lee, former mayor of Lyerly, and one of the most prominent citizens of Lyerly and Chattooga county, died Wednesday night at 10:30 o'clock following a brief illness at the Harbin hospital at Rome, where he was carried for an operation for appendicitis. His condition would not permit operation.

Born in DeKalb county in March, 1853, Mr. Lee was nearing his 70th year. He moved to Chattooga county early in life and made Lyerly his home for nearly half a century. He was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years and also was proprietor of the Lee hotel, of this city. He served the town in various ways, being mayor for a number of terms. He is one of the largest property owners in this section.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the Methodist church, of Lyerly, of which Mr. Lee was a steward. His pastor, Rev. W. H. Speer, conducted the service. Surviving are two sons: Alfred L. Lee, of Pueblo, Col., and Hugh Lee, of Lyerly; five daughters, Mrs. W. D. Martin, Misses Sarah, Mary, and Nelle Lee, of Lyerly, and Miss Ruby Lee, of Chattanooga.

On September 16, 2021, Smith had an opportunity to visit Lyerly Lodge and present the Lodge with a photograph of their second Worshipful Master, A. J. Lee, who served the Lodge in 1892 and 1893. Smith also gave a brief historical biography of Worshipful Brother Lee and expressed his pleasure in being able to finally visit a Lodge in the county of his birth and especially be in the Lodge where his ancestors had labored.

Worshipful Brother Rush was able to successfully harness the good that still exists in social media by posting a historical desire of the Lodge to a group with historical roots and historical interest in the area. His efforts paid off. Perhaps other Lodges may find similar success by following this example.

Once Lost, Now Found

Dahlonega's Blue Mountain Lodge #38 Helps Brackett Family Locate Ancestor's Gravesite

By Bro. Rick Harris, Blue Mountain No. 38



Bradford W. Brackett lived a full life from 1819 to 1884. Almost forty of those sixty-four years he resided in a house he built in a mountain town called Auraria in Lumpkin County, Georgia. He was a husband to one wife, and a father of ten children. He was a merchant, a businessman, a postmaster, a farmer, a grocer, a distributor of spirits, a war veteran, and a Master Mason and member of Dahlonega's Blue Mountain Masonic Lodge No. 38.

Fast forward 137 years from Bradford's death in 1884. Three of Bradford's great-great- granddaughters got together to research and write a book about their kinfolk entitled, "The Brackett Family of Auraria." They had been unsuccessful in attempts to locate gravesites for Bradford and his wife Julie Ann and several of their children. During their search of early historic newspapers, it was discovered that Mr. Brackett was honored with a Masonic funeral.So, in June 2021, his great-granddaughter Debra Brackett Garmon wrote a letter to the members of Blue Mountain Lodge and asked a single question:

Do your records show the burial location for Bradford W. Brackett?

The letter was received by Secretary Mitch Ridley, who passed it along to local historian and Lodge brother, Richard W. "Rick" Harris.

Rick Harris was the right person at just the right time to assist the Brackett descendants in their quest. His own great-great-grandfather was W. H. McAfee, Lodge Secretary at the time of Bradford Brackett's death. The two men were contemporaries, and probably knew each other well. Rick reviewed the information provided in Debra's letter, which included a rendering of the Masonic Tribute of Respect drafted by the Lodge and published in the *Signal* newspaper soon after Bradford's burial. The brethren acknowledged that he was, "...condemned in the sale of spiritous liquors for many years," however, his otherwise good character and civic contributions spanning

three decades overcame any negative judgements.

Rick successfully located the original 1884 Lodge records, inscribed by the elegant hand of his ancestor, Secretary McAfee. In addition to the original handwritten Masonic Tribute of Respect, he found

Attachment: Transcription of Masonic Tribute of Respect
To the W. M. Wardens & Brethren of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 F&AM
Tribute of Respect

In the midst of life we are in (the) valley of death; again the fraternal chain of Masonic brotherhood (has) been broken by the decease of our brother Bradford W. Brackett who was a member of Blue Mountain Lodge No 38 of F&AM, and was also a prominent citizen of Lumpkin County, Ga for more than thirty years. This is the fourth time within a few weeks past that this Lodge has been called to perform the funeral obscquies of our departed brethren, which warns us all in its language of our Supreme Grand Master, to be ye also ready for ye know not when the Son of Man cometh.

Brother Bradford W. Brackett was born in Hall County Ga on the 22nd day of June 1819, and died at his home in Lumpkin County Ga on the 29th day of May 1884, age 65 years.

Therefor(e) be it resolved

First That in the death of our brother Bradford W. Brackett, the Lodge of which he was a member has lost a brother true and faithful. The country has lost a good citizen and his family a good husband and father and friend.

Second We deeply sympathize with the surviving widow and children of the deceased and tender them our condolence.

Third We are aware of the fact that among those who are acquainted with the history of our departed brother there may be some persons who will criticise and perhaps doubt the correctness of our statements as to the general good character of our deceased brother when judged by a strict moral code, as he was known to have been concerned in the sale of spiritous liquors for many years, which we do not approbate. But in making up the general estimate of his character and conduct through life, we take into consideration his early associations and education and in the exercise of that charity which is kind and hopeth all things and endureth all things, we are constrained to omit his errors and approve his virtues leaving him hopefully in the hands of Him who doth all things well.

Fourth That a blank page be left on the records of our Lodge for the inscription of his name and date of birth and death of said deceased brother.

Fifth That the foregoing peamble and resolutions be entered on the minutes of our Lodge and that a certified copy thereof under the Seal of the Lodge be furnished by our Secretary to the widow of our deceased brother and that a copy also be furnished to the Editor of the Mountain Signal and that he be requested to publish the same.

Respectfully submitted June 4th 1884 Committee Wier Boyd W. H. McAfee W. J. Worley the Lodge minutes for the first day of June. The minutes detailed a calledmeeting of the officers to recognize Mr. Brackett's passing. That document confirmed Mr. Brackett was buried at the Baptist church cemetery in Auraria on June 1, 1884 with Masonic honors. The Baptist cemetery in Auraria was, and is to this day, affiliated with Antioch Baptist Church.

Attachment: Transcription of Meeting Minutes – Reproduced as written Call Meeting of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 F & AM Met in Lodge Room Dahlonega, Ga June 1, 1884

Present
P. M. Sitton, WM
John B. Thomas, SW
C. H. Jones, JW
John W. Weaver, Treas Protem
W. H. McAfee, Secretary
Joseph M. Gurley, SD
Micollins N. Stow, J. D. Protem
F. D. Boartfield, Tyler

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due and ancient form for the purpose of paying the last Tribute of respect in attending the Burial Service of our Deceased Brother Bradford W. Brackett. The Lodge repaired to Auraria, Ga and attended the funeral service conducted by our Broth Rev. David Wade at the Baptist Church; after which the Fraternity repaired to the semetary and interred the body with the usual Masonic honors. It was moved and carried that the dues of our dec brother be remitted and be restored to membership in said Lodge his name having been drop on our roll which could not be found to ascertain the amount of his dues, he having several times before his death desired to pay his dues and be so restored to membership. The Lodge returned to the Lodge Room and the following committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions (illegible?) the death of our deceased brother W. M. McAfee, Wier Boyd, and W. J. Worley, and repost at the next regular as communication. There being no further business, the Lodge was close in due and ancient form.

W. M. McAfee, Secretary

Who was Bradford W. Brackett?

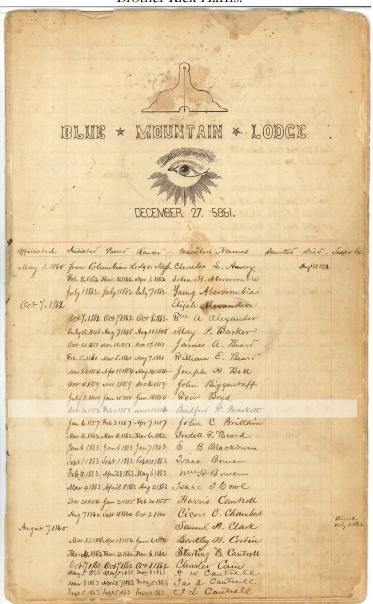
Auraria was a gold mining town, and the site of our nation's first gold rush. The name Auraria means "gold." Bradford W. Brackett, although not a gold miner himself, was a successful businessman and merchant who saw the potential of providing goods and services to the men and women who came by the hundreds to find their fortunes in the hills of North Georgia. Bradford Brackett's occupation was listed in an 1866 IRS Tax Assessor Report as a 'Retail Liquor Dealer,' probably the most in-demand commodity of the time. In the 1880 Sholes & Co. Business Directory, B. W. Brackett was listed as a grocer in Auraria. On the Federal Census of that same year, he listed himself as a farmer. He was a landholder of almost 300 acres, built one of the first houses in Auraria, which still stands today and is known as the 'Old Brackett Homeplace.' Julie Ann Reeves married Bradford in 1846, and they spent the rest of their lives there, birthing and raising 10 children on their land and livingin the house he built.

He was appointed Auraria's postmaster, once in 1857 and again in 1874. He was a captain of his Auraria District 821 Georgia Militia, and also served as both a confederate soldier and as a member of the Home Guard during the War Between the States. When he died May 29, 1884 at age 64, the *Signal* newspaper reported, "A large crowd of citizens attended the funeral sevices of Mr. B. W. Brackett, one of Lumpkin's old settlers, at Auraria, who died last Friday and was buried Sunday with Masonic honors."

So, was the mystery solved? Not quite.

To be continued...

The Masonic Record of Bradford W. Brackett. From the Records of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 provided by Brother Rick Harris.



Jewell's Mill – Warren County, Georgia

By Worshipful Brother Larry Lynn Rabun Gap No.265

Situated about midway between Augusta and Macon is the forgotten town of Jewell, Georgia, once known in 1818 as "Shivers." A three story cotton mill was erected there on the banks of the raging Ogeechee River, so massive that the buildings eventually covered ground in two counties, Warren and Hancock. The mill and community was once named "Rock Factory" perhaps to note a relationship with a nearby grist mill in Mayfield also owned by Mr. Shivers known as "Rock Mill". In 1856, just prior to the War for Southern Independence, the mill sold to Brother Daniel "Ashley" Jewell, Sr. who moved to Hancock County from Winchester, New Hampshire. The town of Jewell's Mill was ultimately incorporated in 1872. Brother Jewell expanded the mill to eventually accommodate 3600 spindles with 120 looms.

At one time a Masonic lodge, a Good Templars lodge, a Grange Hall, an Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, and even a brass band were maintained in Jewell. Records indicate that W.P. Haynes Lodge #253 was chartered there from 1865 to 1946.

When General Sherman's raiders came through Warren County in 1864, a Union captain and two privates traveled up the Ogeechee River toward Rock Mill to the Jewell family residence in Hancock County. They asked if any horses were on their lot and were told there were none (the horses had been hidden). They also asked for tobacco which was turned over.

The raiders crossed the bridge from the Hancock County side of the river into Warren County where the cotton mill was located. Here they found Brother Jewell and asked him for matches saying they intended on burning his mill as they had just done to the wool mill five miles downriver in Shoals.

While Brother Jewell stalled the raiders, the captain noticed a Masonic emblem and letter "G" carved into

the granite chimney. The carving had been cut by Brother George Denning of Social Lodge #1 in Augusta. The captain asked Brother Jewell if he was a member and Brother Jewell replied in the affirmative. He was a member of Stith #2 in Hancock County and W.P. Haynes #253 in Jewell serving as Secretary for many years. (He later moved his lodge membership to Crawfish Springs Lodge #300 in Chickamauga, Georgia.)

The Union captain then ordered his two privates to pass on, saying he would attend to the matter. The captain left the structure untouched. The captain's next stop was a short distance away at the home of Brother Adam Cason (W.P. Haynes #253) where he burned five hundred bales of cotton saying it was set as a signal fire for Sherman's army to follow the route to Savannah.

Unknown years following the war the chimney was taken down and the carved granite stones were placed in a set of steps at "Idylwilde", the home of Daniel Ashley Jewell's daughter, Mary Emma and her husband Colonel Wylde Lyde "Latham" Bowen (CSA). After the Bowen home was destroyed by fire the stones were secured by Brother Cason Jewell Callaway (Union Lodge #28) and placed at Callaway Gardens with an appropriate plaque telling their history. Cason Jewell Callaway's mother was Ida Jane Cason Callaway, grand-daughter of Daniel Ashley Jewell and a resident of Jewell until, at age 18 she married Brother Fuller Earle Callaway, Jr. (50-year member of Union #28) from LaGrange. Cason's son, Howard Hollis Callaway, became well known by his nick name, "Bo" as the first Republican Congressman elected from Georgia since reconstruction, then later as the Secretary of the Army under presidents Nixon and Ford. In 1967 he lost the election for Governor of Georgia to Brother Lester Maddox (Emeritus member from John Rosier #608 and Sandy Springs #124) even though Brother Maddox received less votes.

Little remains of this former mill except for drawings and photographs that are on display in the Warren County Courthouse. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1927. Brother Daniel Ashley Jewell died in Chickamauga, Georgia in the summer of 1935. He had moved from Jewell about thirty years prior. While in Chickamauga he owned and operated the Crystal Springs cotton mill, along with his son, Daniel Ashley Jewell, Jr. (Crawfish Springs #300) and became one of the most widely known textile mill owners in the nation.

Image #1 - Jewell's Mill about 1920 prior to fire that destroyed all structures

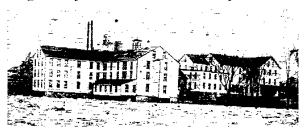




Image #2 - Stone bench at Callaway Gardens.



Image #3 - Plaque at Callaway Gardens,

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Image #4 - Close up of Square and Compasses and letter "G" carved in granite slab.

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WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN:

Anabasis, Katabasis, and Their Roles in the Craft

By P.D. Newman Tupelo Lodge No. 318

Anabasis, ascent to the heavens, and katabasis, descent to the underworld, are both common themes in shamanism, initiatory societies, and religious traditions the world over. In the paragraphs which follow, we will analyze several examples of anabasis and katabasis, and explain along the way their roles within the context of Freemasonry.

In his New York Times bestseller, *Iron John: A Book About Men*, American poet and writer, Robert Bly, said in regard to katabasis,

The mark of Descent, whether taken con sciously or unconsciously, [...] is the whirlpool, the sinking through the floor, the Drop, what the ancient Greeks called katabasis.

There is something more than a little frighten ing about this Drop. Our ego doesn't want to do it and even if we drop, the ego doesn't want to see it. [Initiation then] is finding the rat's hole. The rat's hole is the "dark way," [...] the way down and out.

Katabasis is the sudden demotion from a station of life to one existing on a lower topos. Practically, this might manifest as being beyond the realm of one's immediate control, including physical or emotional depression, job loss or destruction of property, divorce or death of a loved one, restriction, traumatic injury, etc.

Conversely, *katabasis* may also be undertaken purposefully, such as in the form of a ritualized descent. In this case, *katabasis* may manifest as a retreat to a cavern or valley, ritual mourning or ceremonial simulation of death, humility, seclusion or isolation, *pratyahara*, somnambulism or trance, etc. However, in every case, the latent content of the action is the symbolic descent to the underworld—Hades—the half-created realm of gods, ghosts, and ghoulish phantasms of the gaping unconscious. The ancient Ionian Greek philosopher, Pythagoras of Samos (c. 570—c. 495 BC), for example, symbolically descended to Hades by entering a cave.

[The] subterranean tomb-like chamber represents Hades for Pythagoras. Hence, Pythagoras descended into Hades, that is, the subterranean holy chamber (like the Holy of Holies, entered by the Jewish High Priest on the occasion of Yom Kippur) that he had made himself, according to Diogenes Laertius (Vitae phil. 2). When he came up, withered and looking like a Shaiva ascetic, he said that "he had been down to Hades and even read out his experiences."

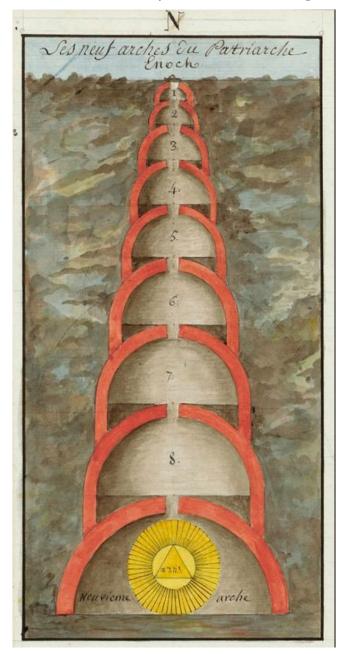
Pythagoras' descent was an act of katabasis. Similar stories are told of the Egytian Christian monk, Saint Anthony the Great, who is said to have spent no less than two decades secluded inside a cave.

Now, Saint Anthony (the spiritual hero of Athanasius' Life of Antony), like Pythagoras redivivus, emerges from the cave after twenty years. The Syriac version describes this as follows: "When he came out like a man who rises from the depths of the earth, they saw his face as that of an angel of light." The Greek text presents the Hellenized version which stands in accord with the Pythagorean pattern of initi-

ation: "Antony came forth like a mystic initiate full of the power of God from some sacred shrine."

Not unlike the Jewish lawmaker following his *katabasis* from Mount Sinai, Anthony resurfaced from the abyss with his face shining like "an angel of light;" like "a mystic initiate full of the power of God." Therefore, in addition to horrific imagery, like its antithesis, *katabasis* is often associated also with images of light and notions of divination and divinization

The most obvious example of *katabasis* in Freemason-ry appears in the degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Enoch. In this ceremony, the candidate is obliged to



descend into a vault or crypt having nine consecutive arches, one arch for each branch of the Cosmic Tree, according to at least one model presented by religious historian, Mircea Eliade (Mar. 13, 1907—Apr. 22, 1986), in his seminal study, Shamanism: Archaic Techniques of Ecstasy. There, at rock bottom—at the veritable end of the world, of all places—the candidate discovers the fabled Lost Word of Freemasonry, for which Masons have been searching since the murder of the chief architect of King Solomon's temple, Hiram Abif. The motif of ultimate salvation being found in the most unlikeliest of places is in fact a universal mainstay of initiatory systems and religious traditions alike. According to the Hymn of the Pearl, for instance, it is by his descent into the "middle of the sea" that the "son of the king of kings" is able to retrieve the golden fleece-like pearl guarded by the "hissing serpent"-after which the descender is rewarded his "glorious garment."

If [you would go] down into Egypt
And bring [back] the one pearl,
Which is in the middle of the sea
Surrounded by the hissing serpent,
Then you will put on your glorious garment...

In alchemy, this katabatic formula was concealed under the Hermetic, seven-lettered acrostic, V.I.T.R.I.O.L.: Visita Interiora Terræ Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem, "Visit the interior parts of the earth and by rectification thou shalt find the hidden stone."

While the familiar, modern forms of the Royal Arch ritual, as described above, express an ennead of arches, earlier examples of the Enochian initiation instead compare the archways to the septenary rainbow.

Q: What is represented by the rainbow?

A: The Arch in its more perfect form.

Not surprisingly, the rainbow is another common motif used to illustrate the bridge which leads to the Lurianic Sitra Achra, the "Other Side."

In the Hawaiian Islands [the hero] is said to climb the rainbow...6 [This symbolizes] the

[rainbow] road by which the shaman will reach the realm of the spirits...

The learned Dr. Uždavinys illustrates,

In Akkadian myth, the rainbow is likened to a gamlu weapon, the divine curved scythe which is the weapon of the gods: the rainbow surrounds the sun like a gamlu, being Ishtar's cosmic jewelry...

As we shall see below, Ishtar-Inanna makes her own prismatic descent to the Sumerian Kur. Moreover, Ishtar-Inanna'a *katabasis* is the prototype for later models of descent to the underworld—including that of the Holy Royal Arch.

Anabasis, then, is the diametrical opposite of katabasis. Examples of anabasis include manic, mantic, and ecstatic or frenzied states, enthusiasm, inspiration, aspiration, expansion and inflation, epiphany, revelation, satori, transcendent and unitive states, etc. Ritual applications of anabasis include such symbolic acts as the ceremonial climbing of trees, ladders, poles, ropes, stairs, or mountains, the lifting of the arms, ritual jumping, pilgrimage, star-gazing, etc. We might also include here the ordered method of dialectical or theoretical ascent, per the Classical paideia of the ancient Athenian philosopher, the "Divine Plato" (c. 428/427 or 424/423—c. 348/347 BC), which itself is said to culminate in the contemplation of the Forms.

Perhaps one example of *anabasis* in religious texts is the episode recounted in the New Testament regarding a chief tax-collector at Jericho. In his attempt to contemplate divinity more perfectly, Zacchaeus performed the ritually-loaded act of scaling a sycamore—a tree which has enjoyed a long history as a token of the *axis mundi* or world tree that connects the various levels of the cosmos. Scaling the world tree is one example of an anabatic phenomenon known as *shamanic flight*. Although, in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Zacchaeus' story is read on the final Sunday preceding the liturgical preparation for Great Lent, known as "Zacchaeus Sunday." This is so due to the plebeian, katabatic significance of Christ's humbling call to Zacchaeus to descend from the height of the

tree. Thus, the chief tax-collector's tale is possessed of elements both anabatic and katabatic.

Christ's gentle admonition, urging Zacchaeus to descend from his admittedly harmless and clearly symbolic hubris, is in stark contrast to the remonstrance exhibited by the Jewish deity in the Torah concerning a particularly arrogant arche of anabasis. In this wellknown narrative, a united postdiluvian people have migrated to the "Land of Shinar," where they conspire to erect a towering city that will reach the very heavens of Adonai. Incensed by his people's insolence, the tribal deity responded by striking them down, Icaruslike, for the dovelike transgression of flying too closely to the sun. Anabasis therefore comes with a caveat. Where the humility inherent in katabasis often precipitated, upon return, imagery associated with angels and illumination, anabatic aspirations, conversely, apparently aroused anger in-and admonishment fromauthority. This caution may be entirely practical. Indeed, the pendulum swing being equal and opposite, what goes up must come down.

As cultural historian, Jeremy Naydler, pointed out, "the mystical ascent to the sky is as central to the Hermetic tradition as it is to both Egyptian and Platonic mysticism." The clearest instance of *anabasis* within the rituals of Freemasonry is without a doubt in the degree of Fellowcraft. In the earliest versions of this degree, the candidate is guided up a flight of seven steps, alluding to the septenary model of cosmic ascent so common to both shamanism and to many of the world's religious traditions. Eliade notes,

The identification of the seven-branched Cosmic Tree with the seven planetary heavens is certainly due to influences originally from Mesopotamia. But, [...] this does not mean that the idea of the Cosmic Tree [or] Axis of the World was conveyed to the [shamans] by Oriental influences. Ascent to the sky along the Axis of the World is a universal and archaic idea...

In later versions of the degree, the number of steps were increased, but the underlying, latent content of the manifest act remains the same. The ascent up the winding staircase in Freemasonry is a veritable *anabasis* along the *axis mundi* bridging the various levels of the created cosmos. After all, is King Solomon's temple not a microcosmic, fractal-like model of the created world?

Of course, as one might expect when treading such liminal, soul-territory, nothing is quite as up and down as it may at first glance appear. To illustrate, the path of descent for a deity or a heavenly discarnate being may not be the same as that taken by an incarnate being. In most cosmological models, men exist in a 'middle' realm—betwixt Olympus and Hades, for example. Obviously, a descent for an incorporated man results in his arrival in the nether-world below. A descent for a god or a discorporated soul, however, might land them in either the middle realm or in the underworld. In the Indian Archipelago, for instance, Sol himself is requested to descend the seven steps from his heavenly throne and join the shaman in his mystic rite.

[The] Sun God is invited to come down to earth by a ladder with seven rungs. [...] The World Pillar had seven stories [...], the Cosmic Tree seven branches, etc.

In this case, the god's descent is clearly only to the physical plane—but no further. The same is true also in regard to the path of ascent for a discarnate being already in the underworld (such as concerns the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, for instance), and for an incarnate being about to perform a magical ascent to the heavens. They're each clear examples of *anabasis*, but the starting points and destinations are not the same.

Moreover, there are a number of cases of *anabasis* and *katabasis* from the domain of mythology which, like dreams, exhibit a sharp tendency toward enantiodromia. This should come as no surprise considering the post-Jungian observation of the late professor of literature, Joseph Campbell (Mar. 26, 1904—Oct. 30, 1987): "Dream is the personalized myth, myth the depersonalized dream." The Mesopotamian goddess of

love and war, Ishtar-Inanna, for example, executes a series of descents to Kur, the Sumerian underworld. Note that her's is not a descent to the 'middle realm,' but to Kur. This nether-world is obviously modeled upon the seven planets visible to ancient cultures, including the Mesopotamians. In encountering the arches of the seven heavenly orbits upon her underworld descents, Ishtar-Inanna would in fact appear to be making a series of veiled ascents, only in this case, the anabasis may be modeled as being directed inward—that is, her anabasis may indicate a retreat into the innermost core of her own being.

Put another way, in initiation you experience an outwards explosion of normal spatiotemporal boundaries or, conversely, the inwards implosion of pre-birth and post-death worlds into the here-and-now. [The] inside is larger than the outside; the contained is larger than the container. [...] Accordingly, you have entered a space which, qua initiate, you apprehend as both larger than and containing that which you left on the outside [...] and much, much more.

One appropriate comparandum may be the dynamic role of *kundalini shakti* in tantric yoga. While the practical modality of yoga involves *pratyahara*—that is, the turning inward of the senses— and therefore verges on the katabatic, the actual technique and goal of the method constitutes the raising of *kundalini shakti* along the *sushumna* to the *sahasrara chakra*. The process is therefore also interpreted as anabatic.

In the soulful words of the late jazz musician, Herman Poole Blount, better known by his stage name, Sun Ra,

Our realm is not based upon highness. Space is not only high, it's low. It's a bottomless pit. There is no end to it.



FILLING THE RANKS OF FREEMASONRY

by Ray Mayer, PM

Some years ago, I submitted an article to the Masonic Messenger entitled, The Vanishing Mason, presenting the facts as reported in a Grand Master's Address of the steady decline in the ranks of Freemasons in Georgia and offering remedial ideas. In my opinion, it cannot be disputed that Freemasonry in Georgia has been in a steady decline for at least two decades, roughly on average of more than 2% a year. It does not take a mathematical genius to conclude that is not good. That other major institutions and organizations suffer similarly is of no practical consolation. There is no consensus as to the cause(s) of the decline. The "blame game," however, is rarely productive and I will not venture into it. Instead, the focus here is on what positive steps Lodges and individual Masons can take to eliminate the decline locally.

The prudent starting point is to identify what we *cannot* do. Masonic Code section 77-111, entitled "Solicitation Prohibited," provides as follows: "Any Mason who shall solicit a profane to join the Fraternity, or who shall directly or indirectly make such overtures as would conflict with the spirit of the unwritten law forbidding such solicitation, shall be charged with gross un-Masonic conduct, and if found guilty, shall be punished as in other cases of un-Masonic conduct [that is, per Code section 83-501, expulsion, suspension or reprimand]."

Well, that's scary. So, let's review and construe that rule. Clearly, no lodge or Mason can ask, invite, entice, entreat, or recruit an individual to join the lodge. On the other hand, that rule cannot be reasonably construed as forbidding either telling another or others of that prohibition (e.g., the familiar "2B1ask1" bumper sticker with the square and compasses has never, to my knowledge, been disapproved of) or general promotion of Freemasonry. (I, for one, a third generation Mason, would have become one ten years sooner had I known that it was up to me to take the first overt step.)

So, what can we do, short of proscribed solicitation, to gain members? Lots. Here are some ideas (listed in no order of priority):

- 1. Be a good man; be a good Mason; be proud of being a Mason; don't be shy about it; and maybe a good man out there will connect the dots.
- 2. Be a good lodge; do good stuff for people and the community; and let people see you doing it.
- Put a Masonic emblem on your vehicle (but not if you can't refrain from driving like a fool).
- 4. Wear jewelry and/or attire with a Masonic emblem and lodge designation (but not if you can't refrain from acting the fool while wearing it).
- 5. Get your Lodge in the paper. We are not a secret organization and while we by nature ought to be humble, humility does not demand anonymity or obscurity. Submit to your local newspaper press releases of Lodge events, e.g., annual installation of officers, including photograph and caption with names; anniversary

- events; years of service awards; hosting or participation in community events (if only participating, insist that the Lodge get due credit in the host's press release); conducting a GACHIP event; scholarships awarded; school supplies distributed free; awards given by the Lodge, e.g., Teacher of the Year, Officer of the Year, Good Citizen; etc.
- 6. Further to #2 above, don't let a local festival go by without your Lodge having a booth, well -manned by friendly guys in Lodge attire under an attractive Lodge banner, where something (e.g., water, ice cream, or anything practical and appealing) is given away free, while having available for the taking information about the Lodge and Freemasonry, as well as having on hand a folder with "Petition for the Degrees of Masonry" blanks in case the opportunity arises (see #8 below).
- 7. Also further to #2 above, consider partnering with another respected local organization, group or business (e.g., fellow lodge, church, business or government (or agency thereof, e.g., Sheriff's Office)) to produce an event(s) (e.g., Public Safety Appreciation BBQ) beyond the means of the Lodge alone. (The partnership itself may be productive.)
- 8. Do not ever fail to jump on the opportunity presented by a worthy man expressing interest in joining the Lodge or in Freemason generally, while being mindful and cautious not to overstep the bounds of 77-111. How do you do that? My suggestion is that after the prospect initiates the topic, you clarify the conversation, e.g., by asking him a question like, "Are you saying or suggesting you are interested in maybe becoming a Mason?" or, "Are you saying or suggesting you are interested in maybe joining the Lodge?" Once that is satisfactorily established, you can extol the virtues of the

- order and the Lodge, and, I believe, you can safely tell him how he can make it happen. Be cautious, but not to the point of being timid.
- 9. Invite a prospective candidate to dinner at the Lodge or other fellowship of the Lodge, but not before admonishing all members of the Lodge of the constraints imposed by 77-111.
- 10. When you learn of a lodge impressively growing in your area, contact them and find out how they are doing it; maybe even invite them to your Lodge to give a tutorial.
- 11. Have a web site and/or social media page(s) (but only if you have a Lodge member able and willing to do it well and keep it up).
- 12. No doubt there are other, maybe many other, things you can permissibly do. Think on it. Talk about it in Lodge. If you have concerns whether an idea may be permissible, contact your DDGM or Grand Lodge directly. (An example would be whether having a sign on the exterior door or wall of your Lodge to the effect of, "We welcome good men," would be okay. I can't give you a confident answer to that one.)

Freemasonry is a great institution, indeed a necessary one. It deserves to thrive. In order to thrive, however, it first needs to survive. History is telling us that survival won't happen by itself, it just won't.

VETERANS CORNER

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER RICK CONN

New Covid-19 Misinformation Update.

The VA Will Not Withhold Benefits for Those Refusing Shots. A Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Georgia sent an emergency email alert 22 OCT about a false news story on a satirical site that veterans are misconstruing as true. The false article - 20 - states President Joe Biden ordered the VA to withhold health care benefits from veterans who refuse to receive coronavirus vaccines. The story was published by DelawareOhioNews.com, which describes itself as a satire and parody entertainment website.

The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga., issued the email alert to inform veterans that the article is **NOT TRUE**. "It's sick," the email reads. "There is nothing funny about spreading false stories of stripping our heroes of their hard-earned benefits."

The false article was posted online in September. It was shared widely after a Republican lawmaker from Iowa, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, tweeted about it. Along with a link to the story, she tweeted: "If true, this is insane!" As of 22 OCT, Miller-Meeks' tweet had not been deleted, despite the story being marked as satire.

In a legal statement on its website, DelawareOhioNews.com states "all stories herein are parodies (satire, fiction, fake, not real) of people and/or actual events."

The VA urged people to stop sharing the false article. "The president has not and will not withhold benefits to veterans who choose not to be vaccinated," said Terrence Hayes, the VA press secretary. "The spread of this misinformation is extremely detrimental to our veterans and their families and should cease immediately." [Source: Stars & Stripes]

For those Veterans out there that are looking for a job,

the VA has help for you, Fort Gordon will host a Veterans Career Summit on February 08, 2022 at 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET. You can go to the website, events.hiringourheroes.org to get information about all events. There are events available that are looking to hire veteran's spouses also available on this site. You can also check with the various VSO's in the area. American Legion, VFW, DAV, PVA, and others to also check for local Veterans job fairs coming up. Being a member of one of these Veterans organizations can benefit the veteran in so many ways. You can go to the Georgia Department of Veterans Service online to find a complete list of veterans services that are able to help you with any needs you may have. Their website is: https://veterans.georgia.gov.

There are almost 700,000 veterans living in Georgia at present. Here is some information you may be able to use to help, aide, or assist you in your needs:

- 1. Atlanta VA Event Schedules 404-321-6111 x5385
- Augusta VA Event Schedules 706-733-0188
 x1742 / x7501 Dublin VA Event Schedules
 478-274-5440
- 3. South Georgia VA Event Schedules 352-548-6000 x106648
- 4. The VA Regional Office is located next to the VAMC on Clairmont in Decatur and can be reached at 800-827-1000.
- 5. All above have Facebook /Twitter and websites available for your use.

Attention all Veterans.

All 2022 Retirement, VA Disability, SBP and SS Re-

cipients Military retirees and veterans receiving disability payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will see their paychecks go up by 5.9% for 2022, triggered by inflation and an annual adjustment to the federal Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). That annual adjustment has averaged around 1.5% for the last 10 years. The adjustment rate was announced Wednesday by the Social Security Administration. The VA is required by law to alter disability payment rates by that amount. While military retirement is not legally required to follow suit, the change is traditionally the same.

For 2022, retired military members will see a \$59 increase for each \$1,000 of military retirement pension they receive each month. Retirees who entered military service on or after Aug. 1, 1986, and opted for the Career Status Bonus (CSB/Redux retirement plan) have any COLA increases reduced by 1%, so they will see a smaller increase in 2022. They should see a monthly increase of only \$49 per

\$1,000. Survivors receiving Survivor Benefit Plan payments will see the same increase of \$59 per

\$1,000 in their monthly payments.

Disabled veterans will also get a bump. The average VA disability check will go up about \$8.50 per month for those with a 10% rating, and \$185.65 for those rated at 100%. Military retirees and VA beneficiaries aren't the only ones who benefit from the COLA increase. Civil Service retirees and Social Security recipients also will see the 5.9% jump in their monthly checks. For Social Security recipients, the monthly increase will mean an extra \$91 per month for the average beneficiary.

How is the COLA Is Determined?

Each year, military retirement pay, Survivor Benefit Plan Annuities, VA Compensation and Pensions, and Social Security benefits are adjusted for the rate of inflation. The Department of Labor determines the annual COLA by measuring the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is a measure-

ment of a broad sampling of the cost of consumer goods and expenses. The CPI is compared to the previous year; if there is an increase, there is a COLA. If there is no increase, there is no COLA.

The COLA affects about one in every five Americans, including Social Security recipients, disabled veterans, federal retirees and retired military members. Retirees saw a 1.3% increase in 2021. The COLA increase was 1.6% in 2020. [Source: Military Officers Association of America | Jim Abshe | October 13, 2021 ++]

Lastly, did you know this about Military

Discounts? If you know of a business that would like to promote the fact they offer discounts for Veterans, you can refer them to 4VetsProject.org and they will pay 50% of all revenue they receive from them back to you as an individual or your organization as a non-profit! For further details call Joseph C. Walterbach at 503-636-0586 or email jwalterbach@4vetsproject.org.

Gwinnett County Masonic Association with the help of the Ga Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol put up the tree for the Veterans at the VAMC in Decatur

This is an annual event for the GCMA and the kids of the CAP's. Small Service flags are also provided for the Veterans who want to take one may do so.

The 10 ft tree is put up in the Atrium in front of the Pete Wheeler Auditorium at the main entrance from the back parking deck.





Georgia ChIP Communication Corner

By Worshipful Brother Cabot Rohrer

Hello Brethren,

GACHIP is 'On the Road Again'! Willie Nelson said it best in his Song lyrics, 'And I can't wait to get on the road again'. After nearly 21 months, our District Directors are hosting (with precautions) GACHIP Events. As Brethren we should be so proud of our District Directors and Past Grand Masters who have through their dedication ensured our GACHIP flame during the Pandemic was NOT extinguished.

It has been great news to hear of a successful event in District 10 and events are planned in District 9 and 6. As Brothers across the state we should be encouraged by the commitment and enthusiasm of District Directors in championing our program as we maneuver through a much different set of protocols to hold events to ensure the public's safety and most importantly confidence in the Program. Certainly, we have discovered "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 21 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!

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, Jeff Ozburn, Jimmy Johnson, Walter Ashby and a recent addition to our team for District 7 - Dereck Roberts. 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. 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.

75 Year Masons Of The Greatest Generation

In my time as Grand Master, I had a distinct opportunity to be part of several historic events in the history of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. One of the most inspiring to me has been my ability to present five seventy-five year Grand Lodge awards to long-serving and distinguished Brethren from across the state, many of whom have also distinguished themselves in service to our Nation during one of its most trying periods, 1941-1945.

On October 20, 2021 myself and the Grand Marshal made an early morning trip to Macon for the purpose of presenting a 75-year membership award.

When we arrived, we were directed around to the back where we found Brother Horace Rowland Pritchett sitting on the back porch. Bro. Horace was relaxing with many family members around him, he was looking dapper with his U.S. Navy hat and a big smile on his face. The Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Roy Jeffer-



ies and the Secretary Jim Huffman of Strict Observance No. 18 were present for the presentation.

Brother Horace was born in Juliette Georgia in 1924 and lived there until he enlisted in the US Navy during WWII.

Our Brother served on an amphibious landing craft and was present at the operations in France, Sicily, and Italy where he helped to land US forces from the troop ships.

After his time in the Navy, he worked many jobs around Georgia including as a cotton mill worker, a laundry mat in St. Simons and finally working at Robbins Air Force Base in Warner Robbins.

Brother Horace was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 12, 1946, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft later that month, and then Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Strict Observance Lodge No. 18 on April 9, 1946. He received his 50 Year Award in 1996.

After several minutes visiting with the family, we made the presentation of his 75-year apron, pin, veter-

ans dog tag, GM pin and coin. Brother Horace made a few remarks, and we all enjoyed some refreshments provided by the family.

What an honor to visit with one of the "greatest generation" members, a great example of a citizen, a veteran and a Mason.

We left feeling blessed and took with us memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

75 Year Masons Of The Greatest Generation

For the fifth time this year I had the distinct honor and privilege of presenting a 75-year membership award, and this Brother is a member of my own Lodge, Kennesaw No. 33. At the regular communication of November 16, a fine meal was served, the members of Kennesaw No. 33 and visitors gathered in the Lodgeroom prior to opening to make the presentation.

The guest of honor was Oscar Nathan Gore a Master Mason for more than 75 years, surrounded by his family. With the assistance of the Worshipful Master, Don Beckwith, we tried to make our Brother feel special. But, all of us present felt honored to share this moment with a man who has been a Master Mason longer than most of us have been alive.

Brother Oscar was born in Florida on August 26, 1924, where he lived until his time in the military during WWII. Brother Oscar served in the U.S. Army Air Corp, where he was a member of the 384th Bomber Group, 8th Army Air Corp, the same bomber group that the actor Jimmy Stewart served in. Part of a ten-man crew aboard a B-17 Brother Oscar had a distinguished flying career. Shot down twice, once with only four survivors he walked across Germany and France eventually making his way back to England. Brother Gore was awarded a number of awards including, two Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and several others. He was part of a group personally awarded by President and Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt alongside Jimmy Stewart.

After the war our Brother was made a Mason at a Lodge in Florida. He was Initiated on June 10, 1946, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on the 14th of that month and finally Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 26, 1946.

Eventually making his way to Georgia he affiliated with San Marino Lodge No 34 and then Kennesaw No. 33 in 1975. Brother Oscar received his 50 year award in 1996, 70 year award in 2016 and his 75 year award being present in Lodge on each occasion.

I told him we would all gather here in five years to present his 80 year award.

What a blessing to be present for this event, a fine man, his family gathered around him, and a Lodge of Masons of all ages. Brother Oscar and his family left, we opened Lodge and had a good meeting, but it was pale in comparison to what happened earlier.







Tyus #671



George Robison Jack Joyner presented to Judy Joyner Tyus #671



Jimmy Cagle Pickens Star #220



Robert Broussard Pickens Star #220



Max Cornett East Floyd #728



Robert E. Blackwell Ball Ground #261



Blayne Elliot III Snellville #99



John D. Hooker, Charles E. Tow, David L. Camp Adairsville #168



Williamson S. Stuckey Eugene Smith #279 Floyd Springs #167



James L. Woodall



Winston D. Williams Floyd Springs #167



William T. Vincent Tyrone #644



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Loyd Anderson Blue Mountain #38 Plainville #364



Milton Payne



Howard F. Davis Toccoa #309



William S. Segars Toccoa #309



David N. Bean Quitman #106



Ronald E. Ray Trion #160



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Floyd James Chatsworth #644



Markey Crowe Chatsworth #644



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Eugene Anderson Sharptop #680



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Larry M. Clinton Winter Haven #186 55 Year





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Walton #200



James French Coosawattee #306





James Quinton Pickens Star #220



Robert Foster Daylite #125

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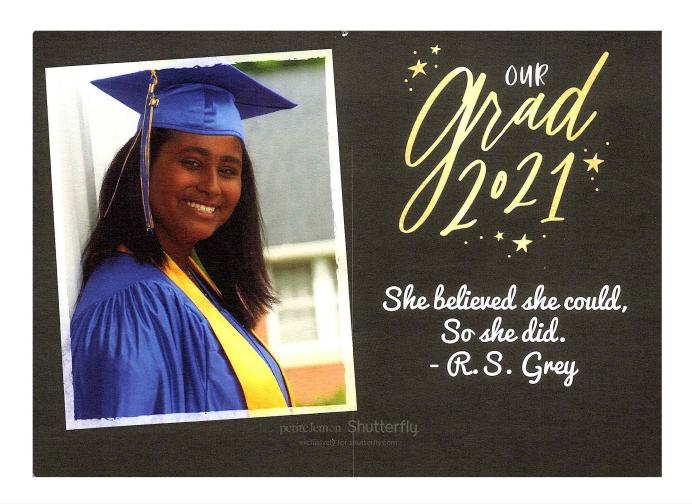
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While many items are from the "Kids Store" (we're working in partnership with them), we are also going to be offering many new and unique items for our many Masons in Georgia to show their pride, leading their friends and neighbors to inquire as to 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.

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