



# ELMER TIMBERMAN LODGE NO. 54 A.F. & A.M.

Chartered on the 11th of February, A.L. 5953. A.D. 1953  
Holden Under the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia



**2020 Master's Theme: Getting Back to the "Work" of Masonry**

## AUGUST 2020 TRESTLEBOARD

### 2020 OFFICERS

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Vacant

**Marshal**

Michael Elkins

**Tiler**

Pablo A. Rocha, PM

**Stated Communication:**

3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM  
- Except December 1st  
Monday, Dinner at  
6:30 PM

**Called**

**Communications:**

When called, at 7:00 PM

**IMPORTANT NEWS:** Get ready to meet again! How good and great it is! In-person Stated on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM – NO DINNER.

**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren, As I am traveling right now, sitting in an international airport, I am constantly reminded of the new normalcy. That of face masks, gloves, social distancing, and all the quirkiness that accompanies all of this. Humans were meant to be close, to interact freely, to show expression. It is so unfortunate that we lose some aspects of normal social interaction, particularly now in our society. But I am elated to say that Elmer Timberman is walking into some sense of normalcy this month. I hope you are as excited as I to meet for our Stated Communication later this month. Of course, there will be social distancing, masks, and added precautions, but still together! Please do join your Lodge if within the length of your cable tow.

We will not have dinner before our Stated and I will try to make the Communication as short as I can. We are getting to work straight away. We have some reports of investigation to hear and some balloting to conduct. The great news is Elmer Timberman may have up to five candidates for the one-day conferral in October!!! So, exciting. We also need to have a discussion regarding our line for the ensuing Masonic year; to advance or not advance – that is the question. I know where most of our officer's stand, so this may be more of an announcement than anything. I can tell you that I have been absolutely humbled by the show of support from your officer lines during preliminary discussions. We have a fine line for sure!

The Timberman Temple Corporation has remained busy. All the lodge electrical receptacles and switches have been modernized. We are also in receipt of quotes to upgrade our security camera systems and well as the installation of a security monitoring system.

Also, on the news front, it has been decided the Annual District 1A picnic scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. There are alternate events in the panning pipeline. More on that later. In addition, planning for our fraternal visit with Rossville Lodge No. 397 is underway. I will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Following is a message from our District Blood Coordinator, WOR Alvaro G. Torrico:

"...All lodges in the district are doing well. Please let me know if any members of your lodge have donated blood previously at any other location so I can update the report and give your lodge credit. Also the ice cream was better received by donors who came later in the day, the ones who donated earlier still thought it was too early for ice cream (never too early).

Next Blood Drives dates are October 3 at ACG followed by October 6 at ETL.

You can help your lodge receive more credit by volunteering at the drives, also the drives lately have been filling up really fast so I strongly encourage you to book an appointment as soon as possible. Use sponsor code "Breakfast" or search by zip code; ACG - 22203 — ETL – 22003.

I assure you that most lodges in the district if not all will reach the 15% threshold by the end of the month, the goal is to hit 25% by August 2021. Plenty of time left.

Here is a most up-to date blood report for every lodge:

Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge - 18.17% - 54 units collected  
Kemper Macon-Ware Lodge - 19.43% - 48 units collected  
Andrew Jackson Lodge - 13.41% - 35 units collected  
Concord Lodge - 12.64% - 23 units collected  
Alexandria-Washington Lodge - 8.59% - 33 units collected  
Sharon Lodge - 8.33% - 12 units collected  
Elmer Timberman Lodge - 6.06% - 13 units collected  
Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge - 6.86% - 19 units collected  
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge - 11.67% - 23 units collected"

In closing, please stay safe and reach out to us should you have any needs, and we will assist as much as we can!

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Jason M. Himsey

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**  
(Current Membership 144 Brothers)

Dues. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please pay them now. Dues (including Grand Lodge Assessments) are \$117.00. You can stop by the lodge and pay your dues, pay by PayPal (<https://www.etl54.org/dues-and-fees.html>), or send it in the mail. The address to the lodge is: Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, 6911 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

### **MASONIC EDUCATION**

#### **5 FAMOUS (OR INFAMOUS) FREEMASONS SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 BY MASONIC TRAVELER**

Masons like to acknowledge its notable membership. We are constantly reminded of the super stars of Famous Freemasons which include George Washington, [Ben Franklin](#), [Mark Twain](#), John Wayne, and [Buzz Aldrin](#) just to name a few. But Freemasonry stretches much deeper into the soil of Americana and besides the heavy-weights there are many less well known brothers; the un-sung Famous or infamous members of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Before we meet these distant Masonic relatives, we need to remind ourselves that it was not their gentle association with the fraternity that predicated their particular place in history. No, rather that is the product of their serendipity, morals and ethics, their natural skills and talent, their inspirational calling, and personal character. The man makes the history, not his affiliations. What ever their place in history, their presence still represents an aspect of our many fraternal facets – for better or for worse.

### Witness to history Abraham Zapruder



The Russian born American manufacturer of women's clothing was the only person to document the horrific assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy as his motorcade passed through Dealey Plaza, in

Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963 which has since come to be the [well known](#) as the Zapruder Film.

At the age of 15 Zapruder's Russian-Jewish family immigrated to the US leaving a 1920's Civil War torn Russia. Having only four years of formal education, Zapruder settled in Brooklyn, New York, where he studied English and worked as a pattern maker. He later moved to Dallas in 1941 eventually founding a clothing manufacturing company, whose offices were directly across the street from the Texas Book Depository.

Saying of the event he bore witness to in a [WFAA Dallas/Fort Worth television interview](#) in 1963:

*I got out in, uh, about a half-hour earlier to get a good spot to shoot some pictures. And I found a spot, one of these concrete blocks they have down near that park, near the underpass. And I got on top there, there was another girl from my office, she was right behind me. And as I was shooting, as the President was coming down from Houston Street making his turn, it was about a half-way down there, I heard a shot, and he slumped to the side, like this. Then I heard another shot or two, I couldn't say it was one or two, and I saw his head practically open up [places fingers of right hand to right side of head in a narrow cone, over his right ear], all blood and everything, and I kept on shooting. That's about all, I'm just sick, I can't...*



Zapruder passed in 1970 in Dallas.

### Congressmen Charles Rangel



The prominent Democrat, and former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has been a United States House of Representatives member since 1971, representing the [Fifteenth Congressional District of New York](#), and is the most senior

member of that state's congressional delegation. He is the founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and a decorated Bronze Star and Purple Heart veteran of the Korean War.

Born and raised in Harlem, he entered the service of the Army where he led a group of soldiers out of a deadly Chinese Army encirclement during the Battle of Kunu-ri in 1950. Following the war, he graduated from New York University in 1957 and St. John's University School of Law in 1960, working as a private lawyer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and legal counsel during the early-mid 1960s. He later served two terms in the New York State Assembly from 1967 to 1970, and then was elected to the House of Representatives.

In recent years Rangel was faced with a series of [allegations of ethics violations](#) which culminated in July, 2010, where Rangel was charged with 13 counts of violating House rules and federal laws, to which he will face a formal trial in the House to determine his fate.

Congressman Charles Rangel is a member of Joppa Lodge No. 55, in New York

### Entrepreneur James Cash Penney a.k.a- J.C. Penney

Born September 16, 1875, [J.C. Penney](#) was an entrepreneur who founded the J.C. Penney's stores in 1902 after working for four years in a small chain called the Golden Rule stores. With an offer of partnership, Penney invested \$2000 and opened a store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, with two additional stores in 1907, when he bought out his interest partnership in all three stores. By 1920, Penney had opened 120 stores and by 1929 he had opened 1400. In 1940, in a visit to a Des Moines, Iowa, store where he trained a Sam Walton on how to wrap packages, the founder of Wal-Mart.

With the onset of the Great Depression, Penney was beset by financial ruin but met store expenses by borrowing against his life-insurance policies. He recovered from the financial setbacks but at the expense of his health, to give generously to a number of charities, eventually founding the James C. Penny foundation in 1954, later to be merged into the Oakland, California based [Common Counsel Foundation](#), which partners with families and individual donors to expand philanthropic resources for progressive social movements.

Penney received his degrees in [Wasatch Lodge](#) No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 28, May 19, and June 2, 1911. Buried at [Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx](#), New York Penney passed February 12, 1971.

### **Inventor John Gorrie**



This little known father of modern Air Conditioning was a man of many talents, including physician, scientist, inventor, and humanitarian, and the inventor of refrigeration, is also a man who suffered for what he believed in.

Born October 3, 1803 on the isle of Nevis in the Caribbean Sea, [John Gorrie](#) grew up in South Carolina, moving to the port city of [Apalachicola](#) in Florida in 1833. Being very active in his community, he was



resident physician at two hospitals, and at various times a council member, Postmaster, President of the Pensacola's Apalachicola Branch Bank, founding vestrymen of Trinity Episcopal Church, and served on the founding committee of the

Masonic Lodge in 1835, where he was appointed secretary pro-tem on December 28, 1835, later serving as treasurer.

Of his invention, following a Malaria epidemic in 1841, Gorrie resigned from all his civic responsibilities, lowered his patient load, and dedicated his time to the illness. Malaria, it was speculated, was from the rapid decomposition of vegetation and the hot humid air which created a poisonous gas. Gorrie, in addressing these issues, surmised that by filling in the low lying areas and draining swamps would be a way to combat the problem. His second prong to the cure was to

develop a means to control his patient's body temperature and the humidity in their rooms by the introduction of hanging ice above the sick beds.

Ice at that time came by boat from northern lakes which were both inconvenient and expensive. To tackle the problem, Gorrie invented a machine in 1845 to cool air sufficiently to create ice, a patent to which was granted him in 1851. His device (a model of which is on display in [Gorrie museum](#)) compressed air in a chamber which then released it to expand rapidly, causing it to absorb the heat from water that surrounded the chamber drawing enough heat away from the water to bring the water temperature down below freezing creating ice.

Despite the significance of his development [Gorrie never made a penny](#) from his invention. Instead he and his invention were denounced by Northern Newspapers and he was ridiculed his efforts. This was followed by a strong lobby against him by northern ice suppliers, who monopolized the ice market and feared lost profits. Gorrie fell into financial ruin when he was sued for unpaid debts and the unexpected passing of his only investor having never provided the funds to commercialize the invention.

Falling into a nervous breakdown, Gorrie passed at the age of 54 on June 16, 1855. Modern air conditioning is still based largely on the principals discovered by Gorrie today, and was not re-discovered until 1902 by Willis Haviland Carrier.

### **Programmer Steve Wozniak**

Born August 11, 1950, this co-founder of Apple Computer Inc, is probably not the paragon of why to be a Freemason, but his work outside of the fraternity is every bit reason to take note of his career and accomplishments.

On the heels of selling off his and Steve Jobs possessions, the two collaborated to raise \$1,300 to assemble the prototypes of what would become the Apple computer.

Formed in 1976, Apple computer went public in 1980 and made both Jobs and Wozniak multimillionaires. After 12 year of founding his electronic empire and full-time employment with Apple, he ended his career on February 6, 1987

though he still receives a paycheck, and is a shareholder to the company.

Wozniak has since gone on to write his autobiography iWoz, and found several companies in and around electronics and technology. Describing his impetus for joining the Freemasons, Wozniak says he joined to be able to spend more time with his, then, wife Alice (married 1976–divorced 1980).

From his book [iWoz: Computer Geek to Cult Icon: How I Invented the Personal Computer, Co-Founded Apple, and Had Fun Doing It](#), Wozniak says about his experience with the Fraternity:  
I'm not like the other people who are Freemasons. My personality is very, very unlike theirs. To get in, you

have to say all this stuff about God, the Bible, words that sound a bit like they come from the Constitution, and none of this ritual stuff is the way I think, you know? But I did it, and I did it well. If I'm going to do something, I always try to do it well. And I did this for one reason, as I said: to see Alice more. I wanted to save the marriage. I would go so far as to join the Freemasons if that's what it took. That's how I was. P.234/235

Wozniak was initiated, passed, and raised in [Charity Lodge No. 362](#), Campbell, CA, in 1980.

<https://freemasoninformation.com/2010/09/5-famous-or-infamous-freemasons/>

### **CELESTIAL LODGE**

Glory! Nothing to report.

### **MASONIC BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST**

McCord, Richard Bernard Brother - August 30, 1951 - 69 years  
Kennedy, Mark Wayne Brother - August 25, 1975 - 45 years  
Flaherty, William Edward IV Brother - August 28, 1978 - 42 years  
Reece, Jerry Ambrose Sr. Brother - August 6, 1979 - 41 years  
Duvall, Terence Herbert Worshipful - August 2, 1983 - 37 years  
Komack, Michael Howard Brother - August 5, 1991 - 29 years  
Heinz, William John Brother - August 30, 1993 - 27 years  
Leiberton, James Malcolm Brother - August 16, 2008 - 12 years  
Kochel, John Edmund Brother - August 27, 2011 - 9 years  
Turner, Thomas Dwayne Brother - August 29, 2015 - 5 years  
Alam, Eftakhar Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
Pacific, Robert Dedo Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
Elkins, Michael Thomas Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
McGrath, Zachary Thomas Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
Tweedale, David Charles Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
Rainey, Robert Hamric Jr. Brother - August 4, 2018 - 2 years  
\* Masonic years calculated as of 31DEC2020 (Does not account for "Lost Time")

### **NATURAL BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST**

Robey, Donald Maynard Most Worshipful - August 4, 1933 - 87 years  
Biddle, Larry Andrew Sr. Brother - August 26, 1935 - 85 years  
Hefner, Harlan Lamar Jr. Brother - August 2, 1939 - 81 years  
Muenich, Dieter Horst Brother - August 13, 1940 - 80 years  
Boggs, Gregory Lee Brother - August 8, 1945 - 75 years  
Sayers, James Douglas Brother - August 6, 1947 - 73 years  
Kasey, Raymond Vance Brother - August 31, 1949 - 71 years  
Holmes, Stephen Baird Brother - August 16, 1953 - 67 years  
Warner, Farley Witherspoon Worshipful - August 7, 1960 - 60 years  
Millirons, Joseph Eugene Worshipful - August 20, 1963 - 57 years  
Karas, Richard John Brother - August 1, 1966 - 54 years  
\* Age calculated as of 31DEC2020

## CALENDAR

### **August 2019**

- 04: DIW Ritual School/ Wardens Certificate Workshop, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, 7:00PM
- 12: Temple Corporation Meeting, Via Zoom, 7:00PM
- 17: Stated Communication
- 19: DIW Ritual School/ Wardens Certificate Workshop, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, 7:00PM
- 23: DEO SLOT Training: Mentoring (Location TBD)
- 24: Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)

### DISTRICT RITUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

DIW Ritual School – 1st Tuesday each month (7:00 PM) at Kemper Macon Ware Lodge  
DIW Wardens Certificate Workshop – 3rd Wednesday each month (7:00 PM) at ETL54  
ETL54 Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)

### MASONIC DISTRICT 1A LODGES AND OTHR RELATIONSHIPS

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Stated (2nd Thursday, 7:30PM)  
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42 Stated (1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30PM)  
Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 Stated (2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM)  
Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge No. 81 Stated (4th Monday)  
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 Stated (3rd Thursday, 7:30PM)  
Concord Lodge No. 307 Stated (3rd Tuesday, 7:30PM)  
Sharon Lodge No. 327 Stated (2nd Thursday, 7:30PM)  
Henry Knox Field-John Blair No. 349 Stated (2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM)  
SISTER LODGE - Springfield Lodge No. 217 Stated (1st Tuesday, 7:30PM)  
FRATERNAL LODGE - Rossville Lodge No. 397 Stated (2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM)

### HONORARY MEMBERS (3)

William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA 1980-1981)                      Dallas "Bo" Lunceford, PM  
Donald M. Robey PGM, (VA 1987)

### 60 YEAR VETERANS (11)

John P. Checkovich	Theodore B. Holm, PM	Claremont L. Pederson
James R. Cowden	Charles E. Hunnicutt	Paul S. Walker
Ridgley E. Davis	Robert R. Jones	George T. Ward, Sr.
William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA)	Richard B. McCord	

### 50 YEAR VETERANS (26)

Kenneth M. Adams	Edwin E. Kibler	Fred W. Saah, Sr.
Larry A. Biddle, Sr.	Steven L. Kohls	John E. Shepherd, Jr.
George R. Bierman, PM	Mitchell P. Lawrence, Jr.	Frederic A. Siddons
Raymond R. Cook	Albert R. Lee, Jr.	Edgar R. Skelton
James A. Davis, Sr.	Harold G. Mercer	Everett W. Thompson, II
Dennis J. Elliott	Dieter Horst Muenich	Ray E. Thorkildsen
Tankard G. Evans	Gary Lee Ralson	Francis K. Trigger
Robert L. Hayman	Dennis K. Richmond	Roscoe C. Waltemyer
James W. Henry	Donald Robey, PGM (VA)	

### LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY (38)

William H. Atkinson, PDDGM	Gregory L. Boggs	Theodore Campbell, Jr.,
Robert L. Augustad	Stephen L. Brundage, PM	PDDGM
Allen D. Beckner	John C. Bush	Christopher J. Chavez
George R. Bierman, PM		Ridgley E. Davis

Dennis J. Doyle  
Marvin E. Feldman  
William E. Flaherty, IV  
Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM  
William J. Heinz  
Woodrow R. Helenburg  
Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM  
Richard E. Hodge, PM  
Theodore B. Holm, PM  
Kelso W. Horst, PM

Charles E. Hunnicutt  
Robert R. Jones  
James C. Jones, PM  
Paul A. King  
Thomas H. King  
Stephen W. Law, PM  
Jason W. Lotz, PM  
Oral M. Marple, PM  
Gary L. Misch, PM  
Dieter H. Muenich

Michael A. Riley, PDDGM  
Edward A. Roland  
Lewis W. Roland, PM  
John Shroeder Jr., PDDGM  
Howard K. Smith, Jr.  
William A. Tetrault  
Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM  
Gary W. Whitmore, Sr.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **Timberman Temple Corporation Directors**

President, Robert Pacific (Term 2021)  
Secretary, Bob Rainey (Term 2021)  
Treasurer, Mike Elkins (Term 2020)  
Jason W. Lotz, PM (Term 2022)  
Jason M. Himsey (WM, 2020)  
Nelson Figueroa-Velez (SW, 2020)  
Ray Kasey (JW, 2020)

#### **Trustees:**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM  
Michael Riley, PDDGM  
Mark E. Coldren, PM

#### **Lodge Education Officer (LEO)**

Jason W. Lotz, PM

#### **Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)**

Joseph E. Millirons, PM

#### **Investigating Committee Chair**

As Directed

#### **Funeral Coordinator**

Jason M. Himsey

#### **Masonic Home Ambassador**

Michael Riley, PDDGM

#### **Blood Coordinator**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

#### **Community Liaison**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

#### **Stewards' Committee Chair**

Ray V. Kasey

#### **Scholarship Corporation President**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

#### **Building Superintendent**

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#### **Sick / Sunshine Committee**

Pablo A. Rocha, PM

#### **Past Masters Committee**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM

#### **OES Ambassador**

Jason M. Himsey

#### **Royal Arch Ambassador**

Ray V. Kasey

#### **Scottish Rite Ambassador**

Mark E. Coldren, PM

#### **Grotto Ambassador**

Jason M. Himsey

#### **Shriners Ambassador**

Jason W. Lotz, PM

#### **Community Builder Award Chair**

Jason M. Himsey

#### **Widows Committee Chair**

Jason M. Himsey

#### **Rossville Visit Coordinator**

Jason M. Himsey

### LIVING PAST MASTERS

1979 Theodore Campbell, Jr, PDDGM\*\*  
1982 William H. Atkinson, PDDGM  
1983 James C. Jones  
1984 Dallas L. Lunceford  
1986 Lewis W. Roland  
1989 Frederick P. Hink  
1991 Richard E. Hodge  
1992 Stephen W. Law  
1994 Kelso W. Horst  
1995 John Shroeder, Jr, PDDGM  
1996 Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM\*\*  
1998 Theodore B. Holm  
2001 Michael A. Riley, PDDGM  
2002 Gary L. Misch

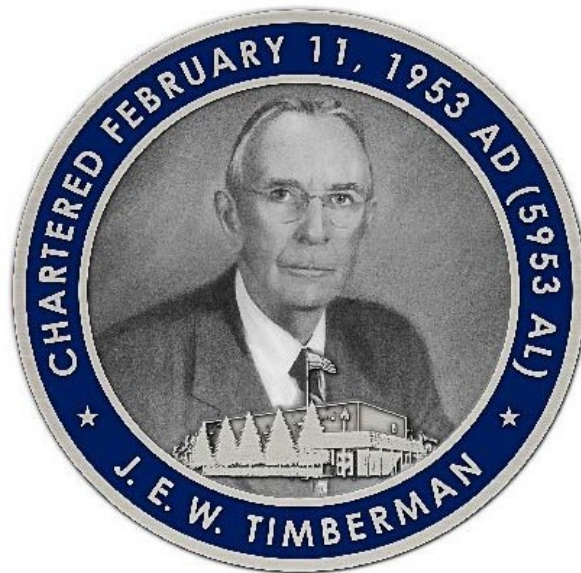
2003 O. McNeil Marple  
2004 Joseph R. Hartsoe  
2005, 2010, 2011 Terence H. DuVall  
2006 Steven F. Campbell  
2007 Jason W. Lotz  
2008 David H. Andelman  
2009 Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM\*\*  
2012, 2014 Charles E. Wilkinson, III  
2013 Pablo A. Rocha  
2015, 2016 Farley Warner  
2017 Joseph E. Millirons  
2018 Mark E. Coldren  
2019 Jason M. Himsey  
\*\* PDDGM in District other than ETL's District



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