

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



2021 Master's Theme: Continuing the "Work" of Masonry

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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:** Our Annual Stated and Elections will take place on December 6th. Dinner at 6:30 PM, Gavel Drop at 7:30 PM, Attire is Suit.

JULY – DECEMBER 2021 TRESTLEBOARD

FROM THE EAST

Writing this Trestleboard is bittersweet. It is highly likely this will be my last message as your Master. I am humbled and honored you had the trust and confidence in me to sit at the helm of this fine Lodge for three years. WE have seen a lot of change and challenge over my time in the East and you have met every challenge with honor to the Craft, and your Lodge in particular.

Each Brother in the Lodge has contributed in some way to our success. To the officers of the Lodge, thank you for your dedication and willingness to serve. Without your fervent support of the Lodge and its activities, we would not be where we are today. To the officers of the Timberman Temple Corporation, thank you for ensuring our Lodge will remain in fantastic condition for decades to come. In addition, thank you for reinvigorating the Lodge Scholarship program; converting to electronic processes and increasing the number of scholarships we provide as well as making our scholarship renewable. And, to the Brothers of the Lodge, thank you for hanging in there. Please continue to be beacons of Light in your circles and drawing new petitioners to the Lodge.

The Lodge has done a lot of great things over the past three years, and it would take too much space here to recap all you have done. However, there are four quick points I would like to draw your attention to:

- <u>We</u> have made several charitable contributions within our local and Masonic communities and have reinvigorated some relationships as well.
- <u>We</u> have may SIGNIFICANT capital improvements to the Lodge building ranging from improving external and internal security surveillance systems, to installation of an alarm system, to renovating 80% of the interior (Lodge Room and Kitchen remain).
- <u>We</u> have seen many new Brothers, and we expect a few more petitions in the coming month. We are in a position now were we have more volunteers for line positions, than we have line positions available.
- <u>But the most important point</u>, is through all the above and with your hard work and dedication, Elmer Timberman Lodge is still here, and I do not see it going anywhere any time soon!!!!!

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Stated Communication in December.

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Sincerely and Fraternally, Jason Michael Himsey, Master (2019 – 2021)



SECRETARY'S CORNER (Current Membership 138 Brothers)

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<u>Dues</u>. Dues notices for 2022 have been dispatched. Please remit your dues as soon as is possible. If you are in arrears, anticipate receiving a "show cause" notice in the "show cause" process. This is the first step in the suspension process for Non-Payment of Dues. Dues (including Grand Lodge Assessments) are \$117.00. You can stop by the lodge and pay your dues or amount in arrears, pay both by PayPal (<u>https://www.etl54.org/dues-and-fees.html</u>), or send it in the mail. The address to the lodge is: Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, 6911 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

There is a change to the Trestleboard. Rather than making all the announcements and news pronouncements in the "From the East" section, you will find a "News and Announcements" section below the "Secretary's Corner" section. Please check it out! There are lots of news bits, so please hang in there and keep reading!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Stated Communication is scheduled for December 6th. We will hold our elections and closed installation. Attire for this Stated will be Suit (Dark Suit for officers being installed). Please make every attempt to join us for this important meeting.

Please congratulate the following Brothers for significant achievements:

- Richard B. McCord (70-year Veteran)
- Harlan Lamar Hefner, Jr. (50-year Veteran)
- Carlton Alfred King, PM (50-year Veteran)
- Richard Ray Rankin (50-year Veteran)
- Robert Stanley Karas (25-year Veteran)
- Richard John Karas (25-year Veteran)
- Gregory Arthur Koondakjian (Honorary Membership for substantial service to the Lodge)

The Lodge donated \$3,000.00 to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to support the rehabilitation of General Brother George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon. Mt. Vernon has invited us to lay a wreath at Washington's Tomb. We are in discussions to coordinate the wreath laying prior to December 4th. Please be on the lookout for an email message and robocall for the date and time selected. The event will be open to all Brothers, their families, and potential petitioners.

The Lodge also donated \$1,000.00 to the International Embassy to help in their endeavor to fight human and sex trafficking. The International Embassy, Inc. is a Non-Profit 501 (c)(3) established to help foster and empower children while focusing on creating awareness on child trafficking,

immigration, and culture to help enrich their, and our, lives by learning from different views and experiences. One of the founding members, our dear Brother and Senior Warden, Nelson Figueroa, has been working for over 11 years as Legal Advisor to Foreign Embassies in Washington, DC and immigration issues. After an experience meeting and learning from two little girls, victims of human trafficking, he learned how marvelous these two God's gifts were. Even though he could not understand how someone would put a child in danger, he noticed the resilience, love, and nurturing nature of these AMAZING little girls. For over 20 years of combined experience, the International Embassy team has been aiding people from all walks of life and different cultures.

Most renovations to the Lodge have been completed. All that remains is for the Lodge Room and Kitchen to receive face lifts. We also need to paint the exterior walls and rehab the awning. Thank you for your flexibility as we have taken care of our investment. Here are some pictures of the Social Hall and Anteroom upstairs.





On September 18th, Elmer Timberman Lodge supported the Zero Cancer Run/Walk for Prostate in the form of a donation of \$1,000 from the Lodge and \$150.00 from individual Brothers, for a total donation of \$1,150.00. Thank you so much for supporting such an important cause. One that is a real concern for us in particular.

On November 13th, Elmer Timberman Lodge and Rossville Lodge conducted its annual visit via Zoom. We had a great time! It is always wonderful seeing our Brothers at Rossville. We are looking to host Rossville in September 2022 and are targeting a solid 3-5 days of events in the area. Please be on the lookout for more information.

The Timberman Temple Corporation administered the ETL Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee used a completely online application process this year. The new system facilitated a near seamless experience for applicants, administrators, and board members. Every aspect of the process is online, with built in features for communication, reminders, electronic document submission, email letters of recommendation, forms for renewals, online scoring, and online result notifications. The Committee awarded four scholarships this year. Congratulations to the following students for their awards this year. We did not have applications for all of our target schools, so the committee elected to issue at-large awards.

- Aaron Suarez-Serrano (Annandale High School)
- Quentin Hoglund (York High School)
- William Heinz (Stuttgart High School)
- Katie Dawson (Brentsville District High School)

The Scholarship Committee also renewed six previously awarded scholarships. Please see reports from these students, all in varying stages of their educations, after the "Masonic Education" section at the end of the Trestleboard.

We achieved 100% of the requirement of our Lodge for blood donations and will receive the Seymour Jonas Levy Award this year. Thank you to all who donate blood. Remember, if you are a member of our Lodge, and you donate blood anywhere, please inform our Blood Coordinator of the date, location, and amount donated so he can report the activity.

As a reminder, Annandale Royal Arch Chapter 77 has returned to ETL! The High Priest this year is our own WB Jason Himsey. If you are not a Royal Arch Mason, please consider petitioning. There is room to grow!!! See WB Jason Himsey or WB Ray Kasey if you are interested.



CELESTIAL LODGE

Worshipful Brother David Howard Andelman, Past Master (2008) of Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, laid up his working tools on April 11, 2021. Worshipful Brother Andelman was born January 29, 1940; Initiated on August 26, 2002; Passed on November 11, 2002; and, Raised on January 13, 2003. This notice is especially hard for me to make as the current Master of the Lodge

because Worshipful Brother Andelman was the Master of Elmer Timberman Lodge and also the Master that raised me in 2008.

Following is the text of WB Andelman's Obituary:

"David Howard Andelman, of The Villages, Florida, and formerly of Burke, Virginia, passed away on April 11, 2021 after a brief illness. He was 81. David was born Jan. 29, 1940, in Worcester, Massachusetts, the son of the late Murray and Reva (Gordon) Andelman. He was a graduate of the University of Florida, and he spent a lifetime serving his country, first in the U.S. Air Force and then with the U.S. Department of Justice.

David is survived by his devoted wife of 17, Deborah (Donohue) Andelman; sister Sheila Padoll, Virginia; son Robert (Katelyn), Rhode Island; and grandchildren Jacob and Reagan, who will forever cherish the time they spent with him. He was a loving stepfather to Martin Donohue (Eileen), Colorado; Denise Chranowski (Steve), Texas; and Dane Donohue (Jill), Pennsylvania; and step grandchildren Christopher and Shane Donohue, Steven and Hunter Chranowski, and Madison Donohue; in addition to a nephew, several nieces and cousins.

David, known for his love of both history and current events, volunteered for many at The Newseum in Washington, D.C. He was a grassroots political activist, volunteering his knowledge and time in several recent political campaigns. He loved traveling the world with his wife, Deborah, spending time with his family, and following the Boston Red Sox and the Miami Dolphins.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date and location. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or www.freedomforum.org, a foundation which supports First Amendment freedoms and which, for many, hosted The Newseum, where David volunteered." <u>https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ocala-fl/david-andelman-10149035</u>. Please keep Lady Debbie and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



CALENDAR

December 2021

06: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM; recommended donation is \$12.00) – Annual Communication; Elections and Closed Installation TBD: Wreath-laying at General Brother George Washington's Tomb at Mt. Vernon.

January 2021

17: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM; recommended donation is \$12.00)

DISTRICT RITUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- DIW Ritual School 3rd Wednesday each month (7:00 PM) at ETL54
- ETL54 Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, 1st and 4th Mondays, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS - JULY - DECEMBER *

Goff, Franklin Porter Brother - July 8, 1974 - 47 Helenburg, Woodrow Robin Brother - July 11, 1983 - 38 Rogers, George Harris Jr. Brother - July 29, 1985 - 36 Tuthill, Lonnie Edgar Right Worshipful - July 23, 1990 - 31 Brown, Andrew Douglas Brother - July 14, 1997 - 24 Greenfield, Jeffrev Clvde Brother - July 28, 2003 - 18 McCord, Richard Bernard Brother - August 30, 1951 - 70 Kennedy, Mark Wayne Brother - August 25, 1975 - 46 Flaherty, William Edward IV Brother - August 28, 1978 - 43 Reece, Jerry Ambrose Sr. Brother - August 6, 1979 - 42 Heinz, William John Brother - August 30, 1993 - 28 Leiberton, James Malcolm Brother - August 16, 2008 - 13 Kochel, John Edmund Brother - August 27, 2011 - 10 Turner, Thomas Dwayne Brother - August 29, 2015 - 6 Alam, Eftakhar Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 Pacific, Robert Dedo Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 Elkins, Michael Thomas Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 McGrath, Zachary Thomas Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 Tweedale, David Charles Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 Rainey, Robert Hamric Jr. Brother - August 4, 2018 - 3 Rankin, Richard Ray Brother - September 27, 1971 - 50 Atkinson, William Harry Right Worshipful - September 24, 1973 - 48

Milstead, Larry Gene Brother - September 22, 1975 - 46 Whitmore, Gary Wayne Sr. Brother - September 14, 1981 -40

Cook, Raymond Roscoe Brother - October 9, 1967 - 54 Shepherd, John Edward Brother - October 30, 1967 - 54 King, Carlton Alfred Worshipful - October 14, 1968 - 53 Doyle, Dennis James Brother - October 13, 1975 - 46 Roland, Lewis Wesley Worshipful - October 31, 1977 - 44 Karas, Richard Anthony Brother - October 13, 1980 - 41 Horst, Kelso William Worshipful - October 25, 1982 - 39 Carlson, Mark Allen Brother - October 8, 1990 - 31 Darrah, Michael Floyd Brother - October 18, 1993 - 28 Karas, Robert Stanley Brother - October 19, 1996 - 25 Karas, Richard John Brother - October 19, 1996 - 25 King, Paul Anthony Brother - October 19, 1996 - 25 El Bourini, Tarek Brother - October 29, 2008 - 13 Salas, Jesus Fernando Brother - October 3, 2020 - 1 Frasier, John David Brother - October 3, 2020 - 1 Saldana, Joe Brother - October 3, 2020 - 1 Burgos Moncada, Manuel Ramiro Brother - October 3, 2020 - 1

Maravi, Gianfranco Barbaran Brother - October 3, 2020 - 1 year

Hunnicutt, Charles Eugene Brother - November 13, 1953 - 68

Hayman, Robert Lenwood Brother - November 12, 1962 - 59 Adams, Kenneth Marvin Brother - November 20, 1962 - 59 Saah, Fred Wadie Sr. Brother - November 30, 1964 - 57 Kohls, Steven Lee Brother - November 28, 1966 - 55 Lee, Albert Raymond Jr. Brother - November 18, 1967 - 54 Henry, James Wesley Brother - November 11, 1968 - 53 Richmond, Dennis Kevain Brother - November 11, 1968 - 53 Siddons, Frederic A. Brother - November 8, 1969 - 52 Muenich, Dieter Horst Brother - November 8, 1969 - 52 Jones, John Marshall Brother - November 6, 1976 - 45 Frere. Robert Edward Brother - November 22, 1976 - 45 Hodge, Richard Edwin Worshipful - November 27, 1978 - 43 Hink, Frederick Paul Worshipful - November 12, 1979 - 42 Gearhart, Earl William Brother - November 9, 1981 - 40 Robinson, Alec Martin Brother - November 19, 1985 - 36 Law, Stephen Wade Worshipful - November 25, 1986 - 35 Marple, Oral McNeil Worshipful - November 9, 1989 - 32 Roustazad, Farzam Kevin Brother - November 18, 1995 - 26 Riley, Michael Arthur Right Worshipful - November 1, 1997 -24

Misch, Gary Leland Worshipful - November 1, 1997 - 24 Prosnick, Sebastien Brother - November 22, 2004 - 17 Wilkinson, Charles Everette III Worshipful - November 20, 2008 - 13

Coldren, Mark Edward Worshipful - November 21, 2013 - 8 Cowden, James Ray Brother - December 6, 1954 - 67 Bierman, George Raymond Worshipful - December 9, 1963 - 58

Mercer, Harold Graydon Brother - December 23, 1968 - 53 Kanak, Allen Melot Brother - December 11, 1970 - 51 Jones, James Clinton Worshipful - December 19, 1970 - 51 Boggs, Gregory Lee Brother - December 21, 1970 - 51 Hough, Vance Mayfield Jr. Brother - December 8, 1975 - 46 Uhlig, Barry Curtis Brother - December 15, 1980 - 41 Predmore, Thomas Reilly Brother - December 9, 1981 - 40 Roland, Edward Alden Brother - December 5, 1992 - 29 Beckner, Allen Dale Brother - December 10, 2007 - 14

* Masonic calculated as of December 31, 2021 (Does not account for "Lost Time")

NATURAL BIRTHDAYS - JULY - DECEMBER **

Trigger, Francis Kemp Brother - July 5, 1937 - 84 Kibler, Edwin Ernest Brother - July 15, 1937 - 84 Henry, James Wesley Brother - July 25, 1939 - 82 Doyle, Dennis James Brother - July 21, 1940 - 81 Thompson, Everett Willis II Brother - July 22, 1943 - 78 Elliott, Dennis Jan Brother - July 6, 1945 - 76 Flaherty, William Edward IV Brother - July 22, 1956 - 65 King, Paul Anthony Brother - July 10, 1968 - 53 Karas, Robert Stanley Brother - July 13, 1968 - 53 Saldana, Joe Brother - July 24, 1977 - 44 Robey, Donald Maynard Most Worshipful - August 4, 1933 -88 Biddle, Larry Andrew Sr. Brother - August 26, 1935 - 86 Hefner, Harlan Lamar Jr. Brother - August 2, 1939 - 82 Muenich, Dieter Horst Brother - August 13, 1940 - 81 Boggs, Gregory Lee Brother - August 8, 1945 - 76 Sayers, James Douglas Brother - August 6, 1947 - 74 Kasey, Raymond Vance Worshipful - August 31, 1949 - 72 Holmes, Stephen Baird Brother - August 16, 1953 - 68

Bierman, George Raymond Worshipful - July 18, 1928 - 93

Hink. Frederick Paul Worshipful - July 27, 1936 - 85

Warner, Farley Witherspoon Worshipful - August 7, 1960 - 61

Millirons, Joseph Eugene Worshipful - August 20, 1963 - 58 Karas, Richard John Brother - August 1, 1966 - 55 Salas, Jesus Fernando Brother - August 6, 1972 - 49 Maravi, Gianfranco Barbaran Brother - August 16, 1974 - 47 Davis, James Arthur Brother - September 20, 1936 - 85 Rankin, Richard Ray Brother - September 11, 1937 - 84 Horst, Kelso William Worshipful - September 18, 1942 - 79 Settlemyer, John Edward III Brother - September 15, 1952 - 69

Tweedale, David Charles Brother - September 26, 1954 - 67 Beckner, Allen Dale Brother - September 30, 1961 - 60 McGrath, Zachary Thomas Brother - September 14, 1992 - 29 McCord, Richard Bernard Brother - October 14, 1927 - 94

Thorkildsen, Ray Brother - October 2, 1928 - 93 Holm, Theodore Burton Worshipful - October 17, 1930 - 91 Goff, Franklin Porter Brother - October 3, 1935 - 86 Hayman, Robert Lenwood Brother - October 15, 1935 - 86

Hinson, Charles Everett Right Worshipful - October 3, 1937 - 84

Dooley, Ronald Alfred Brother - October 9, 1937 - 84 Adams, Kenneth Marvin Brother - October 6, 1938 - 83 Gearhart, Earl William Brother - October 3, 1942 - 79 Weavil, Richard Lawrence Brother - October 14, 1942 - 79 Richmond, Dennis Kevain Brother - October 23, 1943 - 78 Reece, Jerry Ambrose Sr. Brother - October 23, 1943 - 78 Burch, Larry Spruill Brother - October 5, 1952 - 69 Jones, John Marshall Brother - October 23, 1954 - 67 Hartsoe, Joseph Robert Brother - October 30, 1954 - 67 Greenfield, Jeffrey Clyde Brother - October 14, 1967 - 54 Pacific, Robert Dedo Brother - October 18, 1968 - 53 Chavez, Christopher James Brother - October 31, 1973 - 48 Lawrence, Mitchell Payne Jr. Brother - November 30, 1927 -94

Atkinson, William Harry Right Worshipful - November 12, 1929 - 92

Moore, Jack Zebulon Brother - November 18, 1933 - 88 Roland, Lewis Wesley Worshipful - November 28, 1933 - 88 Shepherd, John Edward Brother - November 20, 1937 - 84 Riley, Michael Arthur Right Worshipful - November 5, 1943 -78

Hough, Vance Mayfield Jr. Brother - November 6, 1946 - 75 Ralston, Gary Lee Brother - November 14, 1946 - 75 Parrish, Michael Ray Brother - November 20, 1949 - 72 Walker, Daniel Dean Jr. Brother - November 27, 1961 - 60 Pederson, Claremont Leland Brother - December 17, 1925 -95

Patnaik, Jacob Brother - December 1, 1936 - 84 Saah, Fred Wadie Sr. Brother - December 30, 1937 - 83 Heinz, William John Brother - December 1, 1938 - 82 Evans, Tankard Garrison Brother - December 28, 1940 - 80 Smith, Robert Eugene Sr. Brother - December 27, 1951 - 69 Lotz, Jason Weber Worshipful - December 6, 1977 - 43 Frasier, John David Brother - December 13, 1990 - 30

** Age calculated as of December 31, 2021



MASONIC DISTRICT 1A LODGES AND OTHER 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 (4)

Stephen Lee Brundage, PM William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA 1980-1981)

Ridgley E. Davis

Donald M. Robey PGM, (VA 1987) NEW Gregory Arthur Koondakjian

70 YEAR VETERANS (2)

NEW Richard B. McCord

60 YEAR VETERANS (6)

James R. Cowden William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA) Theodore B. Holm, PM Charles E. Hunnicutt

50 YEAR VETERANS (31)

Robert R. Jones Claremont L. Pederson

Kenneth M. Adams Larry A. Biddle, Sr. George R. Bierman, PM Gregory Lee Boggs Raymond R. Cook James A. Davis, Sr.

Dennis J. Elliott Tankard G. Evans Robert L. Hayman NEW Harlan Lamar Hefner, Jr. James W. Henry James Clinton Jones. PM Allen Melot Kanak Edwin E. Kibler <u>NEW Carlton Alfred King, PM</u> Steven L. Kohls Mitchell P. Lawrence, Jr.

William Harry Atkinson, PDDGM Robert Lyle Augustad Lawrence Shelton Bahl Stephen Lee Brundage, PM Larry Spruill Burch John Clark Bush Mark Allen Carlson Roland Wine Chapman Michael Floyd Darrah Ronald Alfred Dooley **Dennis James Doyle** Marvin Earl Feldman Nelson Figueroa-Velez William Edward Flaherty, IV **Robert Edward Frere** Earl William Gearhart Franklin Porter Goff **Daniel Gumenuk** William John Heinz Woodrow Robin Helenburg Frederick Paul Hink, PM

William H. Atkinson, PDDGM Robert L. Augustad Allen D. Beckner Gregory L. Boggs John C. Bush Christopher J. Chavez Ridgley E. Davis Dennis J. Doyle Marvin E. Feldman William E. Flaherty, IV Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM William J. Heinz Albert R. Lee, Jr. Harold G. Mercer Dieter Horst Muenich Gary Lee Ralson <u>NEW Richard Ray Rankin</u> Dennis K. Richmond Donald Robey, PGM (VA) Fred W. Saah, Sr.

25 YEAR VETERANS (62)

Charles Everett Hinson, PDDGM Richard Edwin Hodge, PM Kelso William Horst, PM Vance Mavfield Hough, Jr. John Marshall Jones **Richard Anthony Karas** NEW Robert Stanley Karas NEW Richard John Karas Raymond Vance Kasey Mark Wayne Kennedy Thomas Harry King Gregory Arthur Koondakjian Harold Franklin Kuhn Stephen Wade Law, PM Oral McNeil Marple, PM Victor Hugo Maseda Larry Gene Milstead James Buxton Moore Jack Zebulon Moore **David Clare Nimmer** Michael Ray Parrish, PM (397)

LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY (34)

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 John E. Shepherd, Jr. Frederic A. Siddons Everett W. Thompson, II Ray E. Thorkildsen Francis K. Trigger Roscoe C. Waltemyer

Ronald Lee Roy Plamondon, PM **Thomas Reilly Predmore** Jerry Ambrose Reece, Sr. Alec Martin Robinson Pablo Alejandro Rocha, PM George Harris Rogers, Jr. Edward Alden Roland Lewis Wesley Roland, PM Farzam Kevin Roustazad James Douglas Sayers John Edward Settlemyer, IIII Howard Kenneth Smith, Jr. Robert Eugene Smith, Sr. William Alfred Tetrault, PM Lonnie Edgar Tuthill, PDDGM Barry Curtis Uhlig Daniel Dean Walker, Jr. **Richard Lawrence Weavil** Garv Wavne Whitmore. Sr.

> Oral M. Marple, PM Gary L. Misch, PM Dieter H. Muenich Michael A. Riley, PDDGM Edward A. Roland Lewis W. Roland, PM Howard K. Smith, Jr. William A. Tetrault Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM Gary W. Whitmore, Sr.

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2021) Secretary, Bob Rainey (Term

2021)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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1982 William H. Atkinson, PDDGM
1983 James C. Jones
1986 Lewis W. Roland
1989 Frederick P. Hink
1991 Richard E. Hodge
1992 Stephen W. Law
1994 Kelso W. Horst
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 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 ** PDDGM in District other than ETL's District



MASONIC EDUCATION

This month, we will highlight our scholarship recipients by sharing their annual reports to the Lodge.

<u>Caitlyn Joseph</u>: My year went really well. I challenged myself both in my academics, but also in my leadership skills. I was elected, and am currently serving, as the Service and Giving Chairwoman for my sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha. I have thoroughly enjoyed creating service projects and events for my Sisters to make an impact on both the campus and local communities. I am extremely proud of our annual Polar Plunge fundraiser event for Special Olympics, because we were able to raise over \$7,000 (the most our organization has ever raised). I created innovative ways to make service fun and accessibly while staying COVID-19 guideline friendly. In addition to my sorority service, I have continued in my second year in my school's service scholar program: Bonner's. I completed over 150 service hours with my site the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank and on campus service events. After signing to my majors (Social Work and Leadership Studies), I joined the Social Work Association which works to improve the major program and commit to service work within the local community. I really pushed myself to get more involved in my campus, especially service, because I have been fortunate enough to live a safe and comfortable life, especially during the current pandemic. I am happy to say I finished both semesters this year on the Academic Dean's List, maintaining straight A's in all of my courses! I have big goals for this

upcoming year and am hoping to increase my involvement by running for Sorority President and maintaining my grades!

<u>Alyssa Himsey</u>: My year went differently than expected. I have been a part of my school's nursing track for the past three years now. The first two years of nursing school included prerequisites and university requirements. After the first two years and after passing the Kaplan Nursing entrance exam, then I was able to apply to the nursing program. I am grateful for passing the entrance exam last Spring 2020, being accepted into the nursing program, and conquering my first full year of nursing courses and hospital clinical rotations all during a global pandemic. While this year looked different than all the rest, I am stronger after facing it and walking through it. I look forward to my last year of nursing school and taking my NCLEX at the beginning of Summer 2022 to become a licensed Registered Nurse (RN). Thank you for your continued support of my educational and career journey.



<u>Charlotte Terrill</u>: My year went well, if a bit unconventional. I got A's and B's in all my classes, reached out and joined several extracurricular clubs, got a job on campus and signed a lease for an apartment for the fall, and met many new, diverse people. The college experience was exciting and so different, and I have loved my time at James Madison University so far.

Zachre Andrews: My freshman year has been really good! I was a bit apprehensive about how COVID would alter everything. I was afraid that I was not going to have the "normal" freshman year experience. Fortunately, Rice did their best and I am so satisfied. From strict social distance rules and mandatory weekly COVID tests, I felt comfortable around my peers. In early February 2021, Rice rolled out vaccines for everyone which was really nice and allowed us to destress a little bit. I met tons of new people and had such amazing experiences. I learned more about what I want out of my future and what I want to do with my life. I've explored new subjects and have determined what I like and dislike. I've experienced a whole new city and have been able to grow as a person. Although my year has been affected so much by COVID, I truly feel like I've been lucky enough to have a really great year with really great people. I'm sad to go back home, but I cannot wait to back in the Fall to tackle sophomore year.

<u>Dahin Song</u>: This year was the definition of an awkward struggle-- the transition into college from high school, the distance between the comfort and convenience of my home versus living alone in the city, and the pure academic rigor that an Ivy League brought on. The added hardship of COVID-19 was the cherry on top, making it extremely difficult to meet new people and potential friends, as well as adding to that pure academic rigor I talked about earlier. This year was one big awkward trial run of adulthood, one that I signed up for with no choice, fully knowing that I was not mature enough to handle such an environment. Despite knowing this, I had a set an intention to thrive at college, setting high standards for myself as I had always done.

So, did I accomplish what I intended to do? No, I did not. This first year of college greatly deviated from my "ideal" freshman year that I had dreamt up as a high school senior. Granted, I had fulfilled the bare minimum of college life (learning copious amounts of material, receiving satisfactory grades, successfully living alone away from my family), but I couldn't do anything more, and that haunted me initially. Some things were out of my control: being stuck with pre-requisite and general education classes instead of flashy bioengineering courses and being unable to socialize the way we all wanted to. However, I missed many opportunities to tap into Penn's diverse student

body and make meaningful connections by joining study groups, clubs, or other online activities. I also was not able to produce outstanding results academically despite my efforts and was unable to join any research projects or labs. I was not able to do better.

It was frustrating to look back and regret the lifestyle and the priorities I had set for myself throughout the year. When I first reflected back on my year, I only thought about all of my missed opportunities and thought of a billion "what if..." statements, the biggest of which was "What if I wasn't so idle this year?" I cursed my past self for sleeping a full 8-hours instead of 4-5 hours or for taking frequent breaks or for being unproductive for what felt like the majority of the time. I felt I had rested too much for my own good, so much so that it made me miss so many opportunities. This led me to think that I wasted my freshman year at university.

But the more and more I think about it, this is the year I grew the most out of any year of my life-- I learned the importance of taking care of yourself no matter how stressed I may be: making sure I eat three times a day, keeping my living space clean, letting myself sleep-in or take breaks when you need it so that I don't burn-out before the end of the year. I realized that prioritizing your wellbeing first is no counterproductive or lazy. So, while I do still feel frustrated that I didn't do anything more, I have learned that part of maturing is learning how to find genuine balance in your life, not one that you are trying to force upon yourself. I am still stubbornly ambitious; I am continuing to pursue my lifelong interests in the STEM fields and my steadfast childhood dream of having a career in the health sector and my more spontaneous novel dream of becoming an engineer. But finding balance so that dream or myself does not burn-out is equally as important for my growth as a human.

<u>Megan Le</u>: College during a pandemic is hard. However, I am pretty grateful for the opportunity to go to school and have some in-person classes, so this year somewhat resembles a normal school year. I will admit I struggled a bit to make some friends since it was Covid times and that I don't have the same structure that I did in high school where I could see my friends during school. I learned a lot about who I am as a person and what dynamics work best for me. Going to UVA has made it hard to find a balance between social life and schoolwork when it seems that everyone around me is always going out, but I'm excited about going out and hanging out with friends more since that was not something I did often in high school. I can't say that I am happy with the things I did in my first year, or lack thereof. However, I think I have learned how to relax more so that getting a bad grade is not the end of the world to me. I have gotten better at not prioritizing school over my mental health, which is a skill that will help in the long run.

One of my favorite memories from this year was when it snowed. I didn't bring any snow pants or boots, but I still went outside and had a lot of fun with my friends. I was outside in my Crocs for hours and my feet never got wet. That same night I spent a whole hour tossing snowballs at my friends' windows to try and get their attention. That night was around the same time that Taylor Swift re-released "Love Story", so I really felt like Romeo throwing pebbles at Juliet's window.

Before starting my first year I thought that my entire freshman experience would be a bust because of the pandemic, but in all honesty, I had a pretty good time in college despite all the COVID restrictions. I gained a new sense of independence that was thrilling, and I met a group of people who I am extremely happy to call my friends. I'm content with the way everything turned out.



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