



**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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- Marshal**  
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- Tiler**  
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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:** Reminder – Uniform for our Stated is Business Casual. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our first Stated Communication at the Temple.

**MARCH – JUNE 2021 TRESTLEBOARD**

**FROM THE EAST**

Wow! They say when it rains it pours! There were so many personal life, work, and Lodge happenings that I just could not keep up with them regularly! So, this Trestleboard will be very exhaustive. There is so much that begs sharing that it is just the right thing to do. It is worth the read – I promise. Again, many of our Brothers who cannot get to Lodge have shared how much they look forward to receiving our Trestleboard; I could not let it slip by!!

We will have our regularly scheduled Stated Communication May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM (Individual box dinners at 6:30 PM). I am very excited we can have 50 attendees. Don't forget, our uniform of the day is Business Casual. Come one, Come all. I know Andrew Jackson Lodge will be making a Fraternal Visit. Will you be there to greet them?! I would like to reciprocate a Fraternal Visit to Andrew Jackson Lodge on May 19<sup>th</sup>. I will be giving my Flag presentation. Please let me know if you can make the visit.

As mentioned in other correspondence, the Masonic Memorial Service for Wor. Bro Dallas "Bo" Lunceford will take place at the Lodge on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30PM. There will be food following. I ask as many Brothers and friends as possible to attend this service to support the Widow and family of Bo. He was a pillar of our Lodge. I know the family would appreciate your attendance.

The Second week of May presented two opportunities to practice the manners of our Craft. First, we celebrated the life of Rt. Wor. John Shroeder, Jr. as he was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on May 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a beautiful religious service conducted at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer, which was officiated by Wor. Bro. Thomas Little. Wor. Bro. Little also conducted final Rites at the graveside. Both of which were wholly separate from Masonic ties. He was able to fulfill this request of the family due to his previous ecumenical life. We were also able to help facilitate a last request by Rt. Wor. Shroeder. Specifically, Amazing Grace was piped by Wor. Bro. John McDowall of Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133, piping as a member of Kena Highlanders. Finally, Wor. Bro. Joseph Millirons, Past Master of Elmer Timberman in 2017, conducted a beautiful Masonic Service at the graveside following military honors and religious committal. The family appreciated the showing of Brothers from several Lodges, especially given the COVID restrictions at the time.

The Lodge suffered another loss this May. Rt. Wor. Theodore "Ted" Campbell, Jr. laid down his working tools and passed to the Celestial Lodge at his home in Elkton, VA on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Rt. Wor. Ted was born on 9/20/1934; Initiated 1/24/1972; Passed 3/13/1972; and Raised 5/8/1972. He was Master of our Lodge in 1979 and was a 48-year veteran. Lady Anna requested a Masonic Service at the Visitation on May 13<sup>th</sup>. I traveled to Elkton, VA to participate in the Service. Rt. Wor. Lonnie E. Tuthill, Past Master of our Lodge in 1996, conducted a flawless and fitting Service for Rt. Wor. Campbell. The funeral and interment took place at Culpeper National Cemetery on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. A Memorial Service took place at Elkton UMC on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. Many thanks to Rt. Wor. Tuthill for performing the Masonic Service as well as the 10 local Brothers who participated in the Service. The obituary is located in the Celestial Lodge section below.

I put out the call for service in the Line. Our Steward positions have been vacant for at least the past decade. I am pleased to announce that I appointed two volunteers to fill BOTH of our Steward positions at our April Stated. Congratulations to Bro. Gianfranco Maravi and Bro. J. Fernando Salas for volunteering to be the Senior and Junior Stewards, respectively!!

Annandale Royal Arch Chapter 77 has officially returned to ETL! They had their first in-person Convocation on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have them back!

Also, on the good new front. CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Honorary Member, Wor. Bro. Stephen Lee Brundage. We appreciate your service, Brother!

The Timberman Temple Corporation activated its scholarship application cycle for this year on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are a bit late this year, but we measured twice and cut once, deploying our first ever completely online application process. This new system will ensure 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. This system should turn an 100-150 manhour process to under 50. Please share the following links to help get the word out.

Our website which discusses our scholarship: <https://etl54.org/charities-and-scholarships>

The link to apply: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ftcscholar>

There is a link on the right side of the landing page to view the application without applying in case you are curious.

After many of meeting at Elmer Timberman Lodge, Faith Chapter OES merged with of Occoquan Chapter. We were saddened to see them go, but their merge was necessary. They have donated the organ and piano to our Lodge, for which we are grateful.

The Temple Corporation purchased a Samsung 75" TV, sound bar, and mobile TV cart to support the equipment. This was purchased to facilitate virtual meetings for the Lodge and the Royal Arch. It will also support in-lodge presentations. I am sure you will be pleased with the quality of the equipment and appreciate the options we now have to engage our Brethren.

The Temple Corporation has also funded a bathroom remodel project. You will find the upstairs bathrooms are 95% complete and the main level bathrooms are approximately 75% complete. Here are some pictures. The next project will likely be a facelift for the kitchen and social hall.



We have been working with the Fairfax County Health Department to share information regarding the COVID vaccine. There is new method of registering for COVID vaccines. Below is a link with the most up to date information you can share with anyone you know within Virginia. Also, everyone who is interested in following what is going on within Fairfax County as it pertains to COVID can text FFXCOVID to 888777. If someone is a Fairfax County resident, they should register through the County Health Department (link below). If they reside outside of the County, they should register through Virginia Department of Health.

[https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wpcomstaging.com/2021/04/14/new-vaccine-scheduling-process-to-begin-april-18-all-people-age-16-eligible-for-a-vaccine-in-phase-2/?fbclid=IwAR2nijiHND6kU1kxh\\_Aso\\_yK3n6YpqjHnY49pZh0rJCiOjEJmVv2MxZmHIY](https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wpcomstaging.com/2021/04/14/new-vaccine-scheduling-process-to-begin-april-18-all-people-age-16-eligible-for-a-vaccine-in-phase-2/?fbclid=IwAR2nijiHND6kU1kxh_Aso_yK3n6YpqjHnY49pZh0rJCiOjEJmVv2MxZmHIY)

To register with Fairfax County Health Department: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/vaccine/registration>

To register with Virginia Department of Health: <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>

Elmer Timberman successfully recognized two people with the Community Builder Award (CBA) in the Annandale community. Each awardee contributed significantly to the area and has helped make our community a better place to live.

For the first presentation, I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Ray Kasey, Bro. Maravi, and Bro. Moncada when we presented the CBA, in person, to Sergeant Rafael Fortiz of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) Mason District during a roll call. Sergeant Rafael Fortiz is a newly promoted supervisor who has served with the FCPD for many. In 2020, the Skyline area experienced a significant increase of late-night crime, including shootings, robberies, and carjackings involving non-residents of the county due to the displacement of "night workers" from Maryland. Sergeant Fortiz tackled these issues, which directly affect Fairfax County residents of the area high rise buildings and homes in the area. Sergeant Fortiz has served as a liaison with several other agencies - including Code Compliance, Zoning, Fire Marshal's Office, Health Department, Courts, and ABC to create a multi-pronged approach to bringing establishments in Fairfax County into compliance with all rules and regulations and ensure the safety of the community. He has also educated newer officers about how to enforce violations of law. Additionally, Sergeant Fortiz has met with business owners to assist them in learning what is required to ensure safe operations and the successful future of their businesses.

I made the second CBA presentation during a Zoom meeting to Ms. Cindy Rollins of the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department. Cindy serves as the corporate Secretary of AVFD and during the past year she greatly assisted the new President in becoming acclimated with his duties and processes. She took the time to go through boxes (hundreds of pounds) of old records and file those required by regulatory statute and then shred the remainder. Additionally, she went above and beyond during COVID by coming in for every administrative event (including each fundraising Bingo) due to lower volunteerism. Not only was her presence at such events grounds for overachievement; she did so while taking extra health precautions due to her need to also care for her elderly parents. Cindy was never asked to go above and beyond, she always did it out of her sense of community service. Also, most impressively, she did all of this during a very challenging year, while maintaining a positive attitude.

The 2021 Virginia Leadership Conference will be the first-ever live event for our Grand Lodge. It will take place at 1:00PM on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I encourage all Brothers to attend if your schedule permits. It is anticipated to last about one hour. The link to register for the event is <https://tinyurl.com/VAVLC2021>.

The Reid J. Simmons Academy will take place at the Roanoke Shrine Temple August 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 1A, 1B, and Research Lodges will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Alexandria Scottish Rite. More information to follow at a later time.

Our Lodge celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its first meeting in our current Temple this May. To commemorate that history, here is a snippet of the history of Elmer Timberman Lodge. Perceiving the need for a Masonic Lodge in Annandale, a number of Masons who regularly patronized the little 10' x10' post office located in Joe Mettaurers filling station began collecting the signatures of Masons living in Northern Virginia for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Lodge of Virginia to start a new Lodge in Annandale.

In the early 1950's, Annandale was a bedroom community of Washington D. C. Many of the Masons who picked up their mail at the little post office worked for the Federal Government and had relocated to Fairfax County from other locations.

Eighty Masons petitioned the Grand Lodge of Virginia for a charter in December 1952. The future Lodge in Annandale would be named Elmer Timberman Lodge in honor of Right Worshipful J. E. W. Timberman, a prominent and active Mason who operated a drug store in Alexandria, Virginia.

On December 12, 1952, the District Deputy Grand Master, Frank McNulty Steadman, of Kemper Lodge No. 64, Falls Church, Virginia received the dispensation and charter from the Grand Lodge. The Lodge opened in the North Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on December 15, 1952, with Right Worshipful Steadman presiding. Worshipful Charles Calvin Whitmer was installed Worshipful Master by Right Worshipful Brother Timberman, who was also the first person formally received by the new Worshipful Master. Brother Timberman thanked the Lodge and was deeply honored.

The first regular communication was held on January 19, 1953, in the Social Hall of the Annandale Methodist Church. Meetings were regularly held at the Church and other temporary quarters until construction on the present temple at 6911 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia, was completed in the Spring of 1961. The first meeting in the new temple was in May 1961, with Right Worshipful J. E. W. Timberman present and Right Worshipful Frank Steadman as the first guest speaker.

In January 1970, the Lodge established the "DeRossi School of Instruction," in honor of Worshipful Ludwig D. DeRossi.

From our DIW, WB Troy Van Winkle, "We will hold the DIW School this Wednesday 5/19 at 7pm at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54. This is open to all Master Masons. I'd like to encourage anyone that is working on the Wardens Certificate requirements to attend. Masons working on other roles will also have the opportunity to participate. We've already had three members of District 1A Lodges qualify for their WC's this year through individual work. In the group setting, it will give the participants a chance to speak and hear the words multiple times."

As a reminder, dues notices have gone out. Thank you to those Brothers that have already paid their 2021 dues. Dues cards were mailed out for those that we have checks or PayPal payment on record. Please pay your dues soon, if you have not done so already. See the "Secretary's Corner" below for additional information on how you can pay your dues.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing you at our Stated in May.

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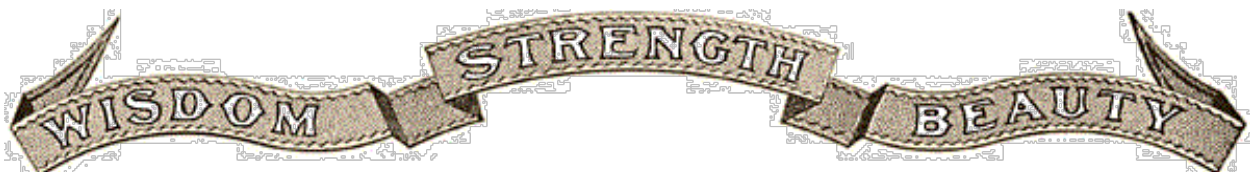
Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Jason M. Himsey



### **SECRETARY'S CORNER**

(Current Membership 139 Brothers)

Dues. Dues notices for 2021 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 (<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 BIRTHDAYS – MARCH, APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE \***

Pederson, Claremont Leland Brother - March 25, 1952 - 69  
Biddle, Larry Andrew Sr. Brother - March 10, 1969 - 52  
Chapman, Roland Wine Brother - March 31, 1975 - 46

Kasey, Raymond Vance Worshipful - March 4, 1976 - 45  
Kuhn, Harold Franklin Brother - March 30, 1981 - 40  
Moore, James Buxton Brother - March 22, 1982 - 39

Nimmer, David Clare Brother - March 11, 1985 - 36  
 Feldman, Marvin Earl Brother - March 3, 1987 - 34  
 Rocha, Pablo Alejandro Worshipful - March 23, 1992 - 29  
 Figueroa-Velez, Nelson Brother - March 23, 1993 - 28  
 Maseda, Victor Hugo Brother - March 11, 1996 - 25  
 Holm, Theodore Burton Worshipful - April 7, 1952 - 69  
 Waltemyer, Roscoe Carroll Brother - April 28, 1962 - 59  
 Kibler, Edwin Ernest Brother - April 25, 1966 - 55  
 Ralston, Gary Lee Brother - April 12, 1969 - 52  
 Settlemyer, John Edward III Brother - April 22, 1974 - 47  
 King, Thomas Harry Brother - April 10, 1989 - 32  
 Smith, Robert Eugene Sr. Brother - April 25, 1994 - 27  
 Walker, Daniel Dean Jr. Brother - April 22, 1996 - 25  
 McMillan, Winston Gabriel Brother - April 28, 2014 - 7  
 Evans, Tankard Garrison Brother - May 15, 1964 - 57  
 Sayers, James Douglas Brother - May 10, 1982 - 39  
 Parrish, Michael Ray Brother - May 23, 1987 - 34  
 Bush, John Clark Brother - May 16, 1988 - 33  
 Koondakjian, Gregory Arthur Brother - May 28, 1990 - 31  
 Paul, Thomas A. II Brother - May 1, 1999 - 22  
 Patnaik, Jacob Brother - May 10, 2004 - 17  
 Himsey, Jason Michael Worshipful - May 12, 2008 - 13  
 year  
 Lawrence, Mitchell Payne Jr. Brother - June 25, 1962 - 59

Trigger, Francis Kemp Brother - June 17, 1965 - 56  
 Davis, James Arthur Brother - June 29, 1970 - 51  
 Thompson, Everett Willis II Brother - June 29, 1970 - 51  
 Hefner, Harlan Lamar Jr. Brother - June 14, 1971 - 50  
 Bahl, Lawrence Shelton Brother - June 12, 1978 - 43  
 Weavil, Richard Lawrence Brother - June 11, 1979 - 42  
 Brundage, Stephen Lee Worshipful - June 28, 1980 - 41  
 Moore, Jack Zebulon Brother - June 29, 1981 - 40  
 Tetrault, William Alfred Worshipful - June 22, 1987 - 34  
 Smith, Howard Kenneth Jr. Brother - June 25, 1990 - 31  
 Hinson, Charles Everett Right Worshipful - June 13, 1992 - 29  
 Burch, Larry Spruill Brother - June 10, 1996 - 25  
 Plamondon, Ronald Lee Roy Worshipful - June 15, 1996 - 25  
 Campbell, Stephen Floran Jr. Worshipful - June 25, 2001 - 20  
 Millirons, Joseph Eugene Worshipful - June 29, 2011 - 10  
 Damian, Chester Alan Brother - June 25, 2012 - 9  
 Turner, Samuel LaVerne Brother - June 24, 2013 - 8 year

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

#### **NATURAL BIRTHDAYS – MARCH, APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE \*\***

Augustad, Robert Lyle Brother - March 17, 1926 - 95  
 Hodge, Richard Edwin Worshipful - March 8, 1932 - 89  
 Lee, Albert Raymond Jr. Brother - March 13, 1939 - 82  
 King, Thomas Harry Brother - March 6, 1940 - 81  
 Karas, Richard Anthony Brother - March 16, 1943 - 78  
 Uhlig, Barry Curtis Brother - March 19, 1946 - 75  
 Bahl, Lawrence Shelton Brother - March 15, 1949 - 72  
 Carlson, Mark Allen Brother - March 19, 1956 - 65  
 Predmore, Thomas Reilly Brother - March 24, 1959 - 62  
 Elkins, Michael Thomas Brother - March 6, 1975 - 46  
 McMillan, Winston Gabriel Brother - March 20, 1976 - 45  
 Alam, Eftakhar Brother - March 5, 1992 - 29  
 Nimmer, David Clare Brother - April 10, 1939 - 82  
 Tuthill, Lonnie Edgar Right Worshipful - April 7, 1940 - 81  
 Brundage, Stephen Lee Worshipful - April 25, 1943 - 78  
 Feldman, Marvin Earl Brother - April 12, 1945 - 76  
 Koondakjian, Gregory Arthur Brother - April 6, 1946 - 75  
 Mercer, Harold Graydon Brother - April 11, 1947 - 74  
 Frere, Robert Edward Brother - April 17, 1949 - 72  
 Rainey, Robert Hamric Jr. Brother - April 27, 1950 - 71  
 Paul, Thomas A. II Brother - April 5, 1977 - 44  
 Jones, Robert Rhydderch Brother - May 28, 1924 - 97  
 Davis, Ridgley Edward Brother - May 11, 1929 - 92  
 Hunnicutt, Charles Eugene Brother - May 15, 1931 - 90  
 Chapman, Roland Wine Brother - May 17, 1931 - 90  
 Rogers, George Harris Jr. Brother - May 2, 1939 - 82  
 Jones, James Clinton Worshipful - May 23, 1941 - 80  
 Whitmore, Gary Wayne Sr. Brother - May 15, 1946 - 75  
 Misch, Gary Leland Worshipful - May 15, 1950 - 71  
 Damian, Chester Alan Brother - May 31, 1962 - 59

Himsey, Jason Michael Worshipful - May 29, 1977 - 44  
 Hargraves, William Eugene Most Worshipful - June 13, 1930 - 90  
 Kanak, Allen Melot Brother - June 23, 1933 - 87  
 Leiberton, James Malcolm Brother - June 9, 1938 - 82  
 Plamondon, Ronald Lee Roy Worshipful - June 19, 1938 - 82  
 Cook, Raymond Roscoe Brother - June 30, 1941 - 79  
 Kohls, Steven Lee Brother - June 20, 1942 - 78  
 Moore, James Buxton Brother - June 19, 1944 - 76  
 Milstead, Larry Gene Brother - June 4, 1945 - 75  
 Kochel, John Edmund Brother - June 6, 1947 - 73  
 Kennedy, Mark Wayne Brother - June 8, 1950 - 70  
 Tetrault, William Alfred Worshipful - June 23, 1950 - 70  
 Marple, Oral McNeil Worshipful - June 29, 1951 - 69  
 Roustazad, Farzam Kevin Brother - June 10, 1959 - 61  
 Darrah, Michael Floyd Brother - June 7, 1961 - 59  
 Robinson, Alec Martin Brother - June 1, 1962 - 58  
 Law, Stephen Wade Worshipful - June 30, 1964 - 56  
 El Bourini, Tarek Brother - June 16, 1965 - 55  
 Burgos Moncada, Manuel Ramiro Brother - June 16, 1966 - 54  
 Padilla, Alex Bernard Brother - June 9, 1971 - 49  
 Roland, Edward Alden Brother - June 9, 1971 - 49  
 Prosnick, Sebastien Brother - June 21, 1975 - 45  
 Wilkinson, Charles Everette III Worshipful - June 9, 1978 - 42

\*\* Age calculated as of December 31, 2021

## CELESTIAL LODGE

"Theodore Campbell, Jr., age 86, of Elkton, Va., passed away May 5, 2021, at his home. A son of the late Theodore Sr. and Jewell Ferrell Campbell, he was born September 20, 1934, in Durham, N.C.

Mr. Campbell served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1955. He began his career in typography as an apprentice with the Durham Herald-Sun, and then later worked for the Chapel Hill Weekly and Raleigh News & Observer. He relocated to Washington, D.C. and was employed for over 25 with the Government Printing Office, until retirement. Ted was a member of Columbia Typographical Union No. 101-12 in Washington, D.C. for over 60. A Free and Accepted Mason, he was a member of the Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, Annandale, Va. (Master 1979), Charles Franklin Shuler Lodge No. 74, Elkton, Va., and Ocean Lodge No. 405, Morehead City, N.C. During his retirement, he also helped build 5 habitat homes in North Carolina. Ted was a member of Elkton United Methodist Church and had a great interest in family genealogy, golf, stock car racing, classic cars and WWII aircraft.

On May 31, 1958, he married Anna Baker, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Malcolm S. Campbell and wife, Belinda of San Antonio, Texas, and Michael S. Campbell and wife, Rachelle of Nampa, Idaho; a daughter, Michelle R. Champ and husband, Gary of Leesburg, Va., a sister, Arcell Sawyer of South Boston, Va.; seven grandchildren, Leyna Campbell, Kelsea Champ, Sidney Campbell, Melody Champ, Summer Champ, Logan Champ, and Alexander "Alex" Campbell; several cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Charles Sawyer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or Elkton UMC.

Condolences may be shared at [kygers.com](http://kygers.com)."

## CALENDAR

### May 2021

- 17: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM)  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Meeting in the Building - Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
- 19: Fraternal Visit to Andrew Jackson Lodge; Location TBD.
- 22: Memorial Service for WB Dallas "Bo" Lunceford; 12:30PM at ETL's Social Hall
- 22: Virtual Division Leadership Conference. Link <https://tinyurl.com/VAVLC2021> will allow you to add it to your calendar.

### June 2021

- 21: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM)

### July 2021

- 19: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM)

### August 2021

- 13-14: Reid J. Simmons Academy, Roanoke Shrine Temple
- 16: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM)

### September 2021

- 18: Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 1A, 1B, & Research Lodges, Alexandria Scottish Rite
- 20: Stated Communication, 7:30PM (Individually Served Dinner at 6:30PM)

## DISTRICT RITUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- DIW Ritual School – 3rd Wednesday each month (7:00 PM) at ETL54
- ETL54 Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 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)**

Stephen Lee Brundage, PM

William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA 1980-1981)

Donald M. Robey PGM, (VA 1987)

**70 YEAR VETERANS (1)**

Ridgley E. Davis

**60 YEAR VETERANS (7)**

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

Charles E. Hunnicutt  
 Robert R. Jones  
 Richard B. McCord

Claremont L. Pederson

**50 YEAR VETERANS (28)**

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  
 James W. Henry

James Clinton Jones  
 Allen Melot Kanak  
 Edwin E. Kibler  
 Steven L. Kohls  
 Mitchell P. Lawrence, Jr.  
 Albert R. Lee, Jr.  
 Harold G. Mercer  
 Dieter Horst Muenich  
 Gary Lee Ralson  
 Dennis K. Richmond

Donald Robey, PGM (VA)  
 Fred W. Saah, Sr.  
 John E. Shepherd, Jr.  
 Frederic A. Siddons  
 Everett W. Thompson, II  
 Ray E. Thorkildsen  
 Francis K. Trigger  
 Roscoe C. Waltemyer

**NEW ADDITION! 25 YEAR VETERANS (62)**

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  
 Harlan Lamar Hefner, Jr.  
 William John Heinz

Woodrow Robin Helenburg  
 Frederick Paul Hink, PM  
 Charles Everett Hinson, PDDGM  
 Richard Edwin Hodge, PM  
 Kelso William Horst, PM  
 Vance Mayfield Hough, Jr.  
 John Marshall Jones  
 Richard Anthony Karas  
 Raymond Vance Kasey  
 Mark Wayne Kennedy  
 Thomas Harry King  
 Carlton Alfred King, PM  
 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)  
 Ronald Lee Roy Plamondon, PM  
 Thomas Reilly Predmore  
 Richard Ray Rankin  
 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 Settlemeyer, 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

Gary Wayne Whitmore, Sr.

**LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY (35)**

William H. Atkinson, PDDGM  
Robert L. Augustad  
Allen D. Beckner  
George R. Bierman, PM  
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  
Woodrow R. Helenburg  
Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM  
Richard E. Hodge, PM  
Theodore B. Holm, PM  
Kelso W. Horst, PM  
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## MASONIC EDUCATION

### **CORN, WINE, AND OIL As Published in Short Talk Bulletin – Volume VIII August 1930, No. 8**

The wages which our ancient brethren received for their labors in the building of King Solomon's Temple are paid no more. In the lodge we use them as symbols, save in the dedication, constitution and consecration of a new lodge and in the laying of cornerstones, when once again the fruit of the land, the brew of the grape and the essence of the olive are poured to launch a new unit of brotherhood into the fellowship of lodges; or to begin a new structure dedicated to the public use.

Corn, wine and oil have been associated together from the earliest times. In Deuteronomy the "nation of fierce countenance" which is to destroy the people "shall not leave thee either corn, wine or oil." In II Chronicles we read "the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil -." Nehemiah tells of "a great chamber where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine and the oil -" and later "then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, the new wine and the oil into the treasures." There are other references in the Great Light to these particular forms of taxes, money and tithes for religious purposes; wealth and refreshment. In ancient days the grapes in the vineyard and olives in the grove and the grain of the field were not only wealth but the measure of trade; so many skins of wine, so many cruses of oil, so many bushels of corn were to them as are dollars and cents today. Thus, our ancient brethren received wages in corn, wine and oil as a practical matter; they were paid for their labors in the coin of the realm.

The oil pressed from the olive was as important to the Jews in Palestine as butter and other fats are among occidentals. Because it was so necessary, and hence so valuable, it became an important part of sacrificial rites. There is no point in the sacrifice which is only a form. To be effective it must offer before the Altar something of value; something the giving of which will testify to the love and veneration in which the sacrificer holds the Most High. Oil was also used not only as a food but for lighting purposes; more within the house than in the open air, where torches were more effective. Oil was also an article of the bath; mixed with perfume it was used in the ceremonies of anointment, and in preparation for ceremonial appearances. The "Precious ointment upon the

head, which ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment;" as the quotation has it in our entered Apprentice Degree, (and Nevada's Master Mason opening and closing) was doubtless made of olive oil, suitably mixed with such perfumes and spices as myrrh, cinnamon, galbanum and frankincense. Probably oil was also used as a surgical dressing; nomadic peoples, subject to injuries, could hardly avoid knowledge of the value of soothing oil. With so many uses for oil, its production naturally was stimulated. Not only was the production of the olive grove a matter of wealth, but the nourishing and processing of the oil gave employment to many. Oil was obtained from the olive both by pressing - probably by a stone wheel revolving in or on a larger stone, mill or mortar - and also by a gentle pounding. This hand process produced a finer quality of oil. "And thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always." (Exodus, 27-20.)

The corn of the Bible is not the corn we know today. In many, if not the majority of the uses of the word, a more understandable translation would be simply "grain." The principal grains of the Old Testament days were barley and wheat; corn represents not only both of these, but all the grains which the Jews cultivated. Our modern corn, cultivated and cross-bred was, of course, unknown to the ancients, although it might be going too far to say they had no grain similar to the Indian maize from which our great corn crop has grown.

An ear of grain has been an emblem of plenty since the mists of antiquity which shroud the beginnings of mythology. Ceres, goddess of abundance, survives today in our cereals. The Greeks call her Demeter, a corruption of Gemeter, our mother earth. She wore a garland of grain and carried ears of grain in her hand. The Hebrew Shibboleth means both an ear of corn and a flood of water. Both are symbols of abundance, plenty and wealth. American Masonic use of a sheaf of wheat in place of an ear of wheat - or any other grain such as corn - seems rather without point or authority. As for the substitution occasionally heard, of "water ford" for "water fall," we can only blame the corrupting influence of time and the ignorance of those who have permitted it, since a water

“Ford” signifies a paucity, the absence of water, while a water “Fall” carries out both the translation of the word and the meaning of the ear of corn - plenty.

Scarcely less important to our ancient brethren than their corn and oil, was the wine. Vineyards were highly esteemed both as wealth and as a comfort - the pleasant shade of the “vine and fig tree” was a part of ancient hospitality. Vineyards on mountain sides or hills were most carefully tended and protected against washing away by terraces and walls, as even today one may see the hillsides of the Rhine. Thorn hedges kept cattle from helping themselves to the grapes. The vineyardist frequently lived in a watch tower or hut on an elevation to keep sharp look-out that neither predatory man nor beast took his ripening wealth.

The feast of Booths, in the early fall, when the grapes were ripe, was a time of joy and happiness. “New Wine” - that is, the unfermented, just pressed-out juice of the grape - was drunk by all. Fermented wine was made by storing the juice of the grape in skins or bottles. Probably most of the early wine of Old Testament days was red, but later the white grape must have come into esteem - at least, it is the principal grape of production for that portion of the world today.

Corn, wine and oil form important and necessary parts of the ceremonies of the dedication, consecration and constitution of a new lodge.

Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, but as we all know, our modern lodges are dedicated to the Holy Sts. John. “and since their time there is represented in every regular and well-governed lodge a certain point within a circle, embordered by two parallel perpendicular lines, representing those saints.” This symbol of the point within the circle is far older than King Solomon’s Temple. The two lines which emborder it, and which we consider represent the Saints, were originally representative of the summer and winter solstices. The Holy Sts. John have their “days” so closely to the summer and winter solstices - (June 24 and December 27 are almost coincident to June 21 and December 21) that there can be little doubt that both lines and dates represented to our “ancient brethren” the highest and lowest points which the sun reached in its travels north and south. They are, most intimately connected with the time of fecundity and harvest, the festivals of the first fruits, the depths of winter and the beginning of the long climb of the sun up from the south towards the days of warmth which that climb promised.

Hence corn, wine and oil - the produce of the land - are natural accompaniments to the dedication of a lodge which it is hoped will prosper, reap in abundance of the first fruits of Masonic cultivation and a rich harvest of ripe character from the seeds it plants. Corn, wine and oil poured upon the symbolic lodge at the ceremony which creates it, are essential to “erection” or “consecration.” All lodges are “erected to God and

Consecrated to the services of the Most High.” From earliest times consecration has been accompanied by sacrifice, a free-will offering of something of real value to those who thus worship. Hence the sacrifice of corn, wine and oil - the wealth of the land, the strength of the tribe, the come-fort and well-being of the individual - at the consecration of any place of worship or service of God.

Like so much else in our ceremonies, the idea today is wholly symbolic. The Grand Master orders his Deputy (or whatever other officer is customary) to pour the Corn, the Senior Grand Warden to pour the Wine and the Junior Grand Warden to pour the oil upon the “lodge” - usually a covered structure representing the original Ark of the Covenant. The corn is poured as an emblem of nourishment; the wine as an emblem of refreshment and the oil as an emblem of joy and happiness.

The sacrifice we thus make is not actual, any more than Masonic work is physical labor. The ceremony should mean to those who take part in it, to those who form the new lodge, that the symbolic sacrifice will be made real by the donation of the necessary time, effort, thought and brotherly affection which will truly make the new lodge an effective instrument in the hands of the builders. When the Grand Master constitutes the new lodge, he brings it legally into existence. A man and a woman may be married in a civil ceremony of consecration. But as the joining of a man and woman in matrimony is by most considered as a sacrament, to be solemnized with the blessing of the Most High, so is the creation of a new lodge, but the consecration is also its spirit.

In the laying of a corner stone the Grand Master also pours, or causes to be poured, the corn, wine and oil, symbolizing health, prosperity and peace. The fruits of the land are poured upon the cornerstone to signify that it will form part of a building which shall grow, be used for purposes of proper refreshment, and become useful and valuable to men. The ceremonies differ in different Jurisdictions - indeed, so do those of the dedication, consecration and constitution of a lodge - but the essential idea is the same everywhere, regardless of the way in which they are applied in the ritualistic ceremonies.

It probably matters very little what varieties of grain, of oil and juice of the grape are used in these ceremonies. The symbolism will be the same, since the brethren assembled will not know the actual character of the fruits of the earth being used. The main theme is that “Fruits of the Earth” are being used, no matter which fruits they are! To be quite correct though, barley or wheat should be used for the corn, olive oil for the oil, and sacramental wine, such as is permitted by the Volstead Act (during the days of the prohibition!) for religious purposes for the wine. It may be noted, however, that “new wine” or unfermented grape juice was used by the children of Israel as a sacrificial wine, the ordinary grape juice in no way destroys the symbolism. Mineral oil, of course is

oil, and is a "fruit of the earth" in the sense that it comes from the "clay which is constantly being employed for man's use." The oil of Biblical days, however, was wholly vegetable, whether it was the olive oil of commerce, or the oil of cedar as was used in burials. Corn, wine and oil were the wages paid our ancient brethren. They were the "Master's Wages" of the days of King Solomon. Masons of this day receive no material wages for their labors; the work done in a lodge is paid for only in the coin of the heart. But those wages are no less real. They may sprout as does the grain, strengthen as does the wine, nourish as does the oil. How much we receive and what we do with our wages depends entirely on our Masonic work. A brother obtains from his lodge and from his Order only what he puts into it. Our ancient brethren were paid for their physical labors. Whether their wages were paid for work performed upon the mountain and in the quarries, or whether they received corn, wine and oil because they labored in the fields or vineyards, it was true then, and it is true now, that only "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." To receive the equivalent of corn, wine and oil, a brother must labor. He

must till the fields of his own heart or build the temple of his own "house not made with hands. "He must labor to his neighbor or carry stones for his brother's temple.

If he stands, waits, watches and wonders he will not be able to ascend into the Middle Chamber where our ancient brethren received their wages. If he works for the joy of working, does his part in his lodge work, takes his place among the laborers of Freemasonry, he will receive corn, wine and oil in measures pressed down and running over, and know a Fraternal Joy as substantial in fact as it is ethereal in quality; as real in his heart as it is intangible to the profane of the world.

For all of us then corn, then wine and then oil are symbols of sacrifice, of the fruits of labor, of wages earned. For all of us, "SO MOTE IT BE!"

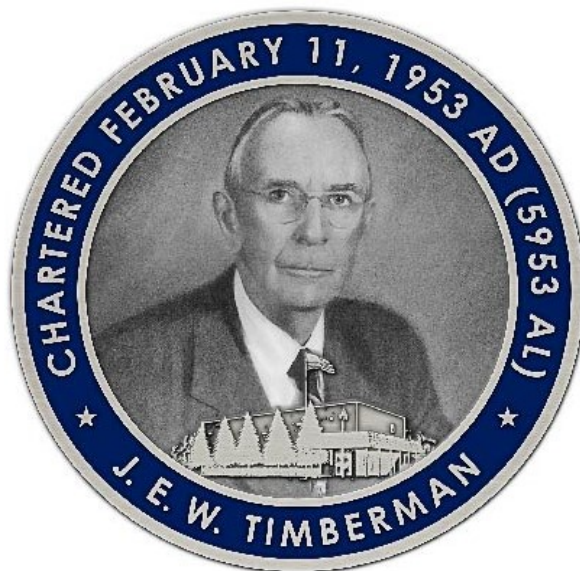
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