



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

JUNE 2020 TRESTLEBOARD

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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: Happy Masonic and Natural Birthday to those celebrating in June!

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, we are still in a cautionary state in Virginia. I hope each of you are doing well. I pray that we can meet in person in the coming months, or course with some prudent precautions. I want to congratulate the following Brethren for in arriving at laudable veteran milestones:

Brother John P. Checkovich, 60-years, Raised on 6/18/1960
Brother James A. Davis, Sr., 50-years, Raised on 6/29/1970
Brother Everett W. Thompson, II, 50-years, Raised on 6/29/1970

We will again have a virtual, social fellowship on June 15th at 7:30 PM in lieu of our physical Stated Communication. It is open to masons and non-masons. Please join us as we welcome a special guest, RW Alexander Herbert of Ohio, for a special program. He will give his presentation on, "The Starry-Decked Heaven: Freemasonry and Spaceflight," which calls out the achievements and hijinks of the ten Masonic astronauts. You do not want to miss this opportunity! RW is a great speaker, one you will find most interesting.

Please use the below information to join online via your PC or smartphone or call to listen on your phone.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7039802769>

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I very much look forward to meeting with you all again once regular Masonic activity resumes in the Commonwealth. Until then, 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, they are payable 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

BLENDING THE LEGENDARY AND HISTORICAL IN FREEMASONRY

by Unknown Author, Appearing in "The New Age," February 1951

An interesting read.

In deciphering ancient history there is always the question as to how much is legendary and how much is historical. With an institution like Freemasonry, whose teachings reach back into thousands of years, such problems inevitably present themselves. There are indications of Masonic teaching as far back as twenty-two centuries before Christ. In one of the oldest classes of China will be found a directive that "Officers of Government apply the compasses."

Writing in The Pentagram (1949), the Official Masonic Gazette of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago (comprising the Malaysian area), C. L. Edwards calls attention, in an article "Legend or History - Which?", to the fact that in the Fifth Century B.C. a work entitled "Great Learning" says that a man should refrain from doing to others what he would not want done to himself. This the writer characterized as "acting on the square." In a similar manner Confucius and his disciple

Mencius measured proper conduct with the Compasses and the Square, together with the Level and the Marking Line.

The historic stones of Ancient Egypt give further proof were any needed.

Mysterious rituals practiced at Memphis are described by Plutarch. There were two groups of these orders. The lesser one allowed a large membership and the greater one restricted its membership. The lesser embraced dialogues and ceremonies and had signs and passwords. But the greater order confined its membership to the few who proved that they could receive the secrets of science, philosophy and religion. These had to undergo trial by ordeal before they were held eligible to receive by symbols the highest wisdom to which man had up to that time attained, namely, the fine arts and the laws of nature as well as of faith.

A central theme that of the immortality of the soul runs through many of these ancient mysteries and, spiritually at least, Masonry is

held by many to be the descendant of the Great Ancient Mysteries. For instance, along about 1800 B.C., the Grecian Mysteries depicted the death of Dionysius. There was a stately ritual, which led the neophyte from death to immortality. Similarly, the Druids, as far north as England, conducted candidates from bodily surcease to spiritual perpetuity. A considerable time prior to the coming of Christ the Mysteries preached the same general theme - birth, life, death, immortality.

Plato's interpretation of the Mysteries was that they were intended to teach purity, to lessen and, if possible, cure cruelty, improve morals and manners, and to instill a strong consciousness of human responsibility. There was clearly no mystery as to what was taught. The only secrecy was as to the rites and symbols used.

The fortified isle in lake Como of northern Italy was the seat of a colony of architects known as the Comacines. They had fled from the ruin of Rome. In the Roman Empire special privileges were extended to the Colleges of Architects. They were presided over by a Master and Wardens. They used the simple tools of the builder as their emblems. The ruins of Pompeii have revealed much information about these architects who had settled on the fortified isle in Lake Como.

They are credited with having carried their knowledge of architecture to Germany, France, Spain and England. Masonic authorities have characterized them as Freemasons because they were builders of a privileged class, relieved of the duty of paying taxes, absolved from servitude and free to travel about in times of feudal bondage.

In England, their descendants are credited with being responsible for many of England's most magnificent structures of the early centuries. And one fact stands out to show the

camaraderie of these architects and builders. During the reign of Henry II and many years after the arrival of St. Augustine, there were built in England over 150 cathedrals, churches and monastic buildings, and, despite the ravages of World War II, many of these magnificent buildings exist today and reveal superb symmetry and exquisite beauty, yet the name of no one individual is associated with any of these buildings. The theory is that they were built by communities or lodges of operative Masons living in the precincts of each building during the process of its erection, which must have been a long and laborious undertaking. When the operative element and speculative Masonry gradually merged, there remained a system of morality "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

A book setting forth a history of the Company of Masons of the City of London, published in 1375, shows that the word Freemasonry appears to have been used in England for the first time about the year 1350.

The initiatory ceremonies of our prehistoric ancestors were the true origin of Freemasonry according to some Masonic scholars. Masonry is an answer to those unexpressed yearnings for Light, which is to be found in all religious systems and prove that the spiritual basis of Masonry is as old as the human race itself. As Mr. Edwards so aptly states: "On the floor of the Lodge men of all races and creeds are able to meet on common ground and make their devotions to a Creator who is neither God, nor Buddha, nor Allah, nor Brahma, nor Jehovah, but who is yet each and all of these."

The symbols of Masonry, old and simple and universal, still have magnetic appeal to bring men together in a bond of integrity and brotherhood and humanity.

<https://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/blending%20freemasonry.htm>

CELESTIAL LODGE

- 1) LATE REPORT: Brother Lee Carr Lamoreux laid up his working tools and passed on to the Celestial Lodge above on 11 February 2017. Brother Griffin was a 53-year Masonic veteran at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated 23 September 1963; Passed on 27 January 1964; and, Raised on 11 April 1964. Brother Lamoreux's obituary. "STEPHENS CITY, Va. — Lee C. Lamoreux, age 81, passed away at his home in Stephens City, Va., on Feb. 11, 2017. Lee has not walked this journey alone, his wife of 37 years has been by his side 24/7. He has had so many neighbors, friends and family members here in the USA and England on his side, walking with him every step of the way with their thoughts, love and prayers. Lee was born in Shavertown on Sept. 5, 1935, and was the son of the late Earl and Thelma (Carr) Lamoreux. Lee was a veteran of the United States Air Force, a pilot with the rank of captain, having served in Korea, Thule Greenland and other posts throughout the USA. His professional life was spent in the Washington, D.C., area as director of Western Union International. While there he worked on the Apollo 11 mission to the moon on July 20, 1969, and the Skylab Program in February 1974. He was involved in the White House Telecommunication and the telecommunications during the Vietnam conflict with his company. He also flew in Air Force One, when President Nixon traveled to the Azores. He then moved on to Georgetown University where he managed the telecommunications department. He helped install the telephones systems at the Washington Dulles airport while it was being built. Lee was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, Annandale, Va. He was also a Kena Shiner in Annandale, Va. "

- 2) LATE REPORT: Brother Paul Edward Emerson, born on 5 June 1932, laid up his working tools and passed on to the Celestial Lodge above on an unknown date. He was a 60+ year Masonic veteran at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated 14 September 1956; Passed on 16 October 1956; and, Raised on 24 November 1956. Attempts to gain additional information have not been fruitful.

- 3) LATE REPORT: Brother James Lloyd Lawson, born on 20 November 1928, laid up his working tools and passed on to the Celestial Lodge above on an unknown date. He was a 50+ year Masonic veteran at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated 13 March 1967; Passed on 21 June 1967; and, Raised on 30 October 1967. Attempts to gain additional information have not been fruitful.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

Checkovich, John Brother - June 18, 1960 - 60 years
Lawrence, Mitchell Payne Jr. Brother - June 25, 1962 - 58 years
Trigger, Francis Kemp Brother - June 17, 1965 - 55 years
Thompson, Everett Willis II Brother - June 29, 1970 - 50 years
Davis, James Arthur Brother - June 29, 1970 - 50 years
Hefner, Harlan Lamar Jr. Brother - June 14, 1971 - 49 years
Lunceford, Dallas Lee Worshipful - June 17, 1971 - 49 years
Bahl, Lawrence Shelton Brother - June 12, 1978 - 42 years
Weavil, Richard Lawrence Brother - June 11, 1979 - 41 years
Brundage, Stephen Lee Worshipful - June 28, 1980 - 40 years
Moore, Jack Zebulon Brother - June 29, 1981 - 39 years
Tetrault, William Alfred Worshipful - June 22, 1987 - 33 years

Shroeder, John Right Worshipful - June 12, 1989 - 31 years
Smith, Howard Kenneth Jr. Brother - June 25, 1990 - 30 years
Hinson, Charles Everett Right Worshipful - June 13, 1992 - 28 years
Burch, Larry Spruill Brother - June 10, 1996 - 24 years
Plamondon, Ronald Lee Roy Worshipful - June 15, 1996 - 24 years
Campbell, Stephen Floran Jr. Worshipful - June 25, 2001 - 19 years
Millirons, Joseph Eugene Worshipful - June 29, 2011 - 9 years
Damian, Chester Alan Brother - June 25, 2012 - 8 years
Turner, Samuel LaVerne Brother - June 24, 2013 - 7 years

* Masonic years calculated as of 31DEC2020 (Does not account for "Lost Time")

NATURAL BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

Hargraves, William Eugene Most Worshipful - June 13, 1930 - 89 years
Kanak, Allen Melot Brother - June 23, 1933 - 86 years
Leiberton, James Malcolm Brother - June 9, 1938 - 81 years
Plamondon, Ronald Lee Roy Worshipful - June 19, 1938 - 81 years
Cook, Raymond Roscoe Brother - June 30, 1941 - 78 years
Kohls, Steven Lee Brother - June 20, 1942 - 77 years
Moore, James Buxton Brother - June 19, 1944 - 75 years
Milstead, Larry Gene Brother - June 4, 1945 - 74 years
Kochel, John Edmund Brother - June 6, 1947 - 72 years
Kennedy, Mark Wayne Brother - June 8, 1950 - 69 years
Tetrault, William Alfred Worshipful - June 23, 1950 - 69 years
Marple, Oral McNeil Worshipful - June 29, 1951 - 68 years
Roustazad, Farzam Kevin Brother - June 10, 1959 - 60 years
Darrah, Michael Floyd Brother - June 7, 1961 - 58 years
Robinson, Alec Martin Brother - June 1, 1962 - 57 years
Law, Stephen Wade Worshipful - June 30, 1964 - 55 years
El Bourini, Tarek Brother - June 16, 1965 - 54 years
Padilla, Alex Bernard Brother - June 9, 1971 - 48 years
Roland, Edward Alden Brother - June 9, 1971 - 48 years
Prosnick, Sebastien Brother - June 21, 1975 - 44 years
Wilkinson, Charles Everette III Worshipful - June 9, 1978 - 41 years

* Age calculated as of 31DEC2020

CALENDAR

June 2020

All FORMAL masonic activity has been suspended by order of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia until a time to be determined.

July 2020

To be determined.

DISTRICT RITUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

IMPORTANT NOTE: On hold; listed for awareness for when regular schedules resume.
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 James R. Cowden Ridgley E. Davis William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA)	Theodore B. Holm, PM Charles E. Hunnicutt Robert R. Jones Richard B. McCord Claremont L. Pederson	Paul S. Walker George T. Ward, Sr.
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50 YEAR VETERANS (26)

Kenneth M. Adams Larry A. Biddle, Sr. George R. Bierman, PM Raymond R. Cook James A. Davis, Sr. Dennis J. Elliott Tankard G. Evans Robert L. Hayman James W. Henry	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 Edgar R. Skelton Everett W. Thompson, II Ray E. Thorkildsen Francis K. Trigger Roscoe C. Waltemyer
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LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY (38)

William H. Atkinson, PDDGM Robert L. Augustad Allen D. Beckner George R. Bierman, PM Gregory L. Boggs Stephen L. Brundage, PM John C. Bush Theodore Campbell, Jr., PDDGM 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 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.
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Jason W. Lotz, PM (Term 2022)
Jason M. Himsey (WM, 2020)
Nelson Figueroa-Velez (SW, 2020)
Ray Kasey (JW, 2020)

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Jason M. Himsey

Rossville Visit Coordinator

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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
2002 Gary L. Misch

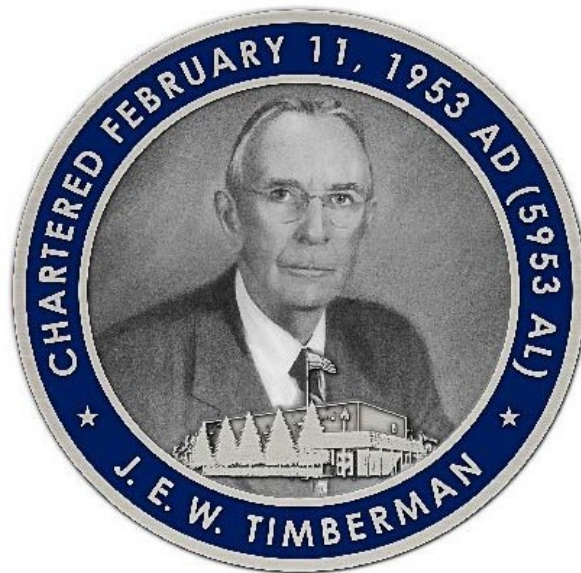
2003 O. McNeil Marple
2004 Joseph R. Hartsoe
2005, 2010, 2011 Terence H. DuVall
2006 Steven F. Campbell
2007 Jason W. Lotz
2008 David H. Andelman
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2012, 2014 Charles E. Wilkinson, III
2013 Pablo A. Rocha
2015, 2016 Farley Warner
2017 Joseph E. Millirons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