



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

2020 OFFICERS

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Tiler

Pablo A. Rocha, PM

Stated Communication:

3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM

- Except December 1st
Monday, Dinner at
6:30 PM

Called

Communications:

When called, at 7:00 PM

JULY 2020 TRESTLEBOARD

IMPORTANT NEWS: VA Masonry is beginning to return to normal with specific directions and caveats promulgated by the Grand Master.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I am pleased to announce the Timberman Temple Corporation selected four (4) recipients for the Lodge scholarship. Each awardee will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship designated for the school of their choice. We also approved the renewal of two (2) scholarships for previous awardees, in the amount of \$1,000.00. The competition was fierce! We had 28 total applicants this year; most likely a record for our Lodge in the recent past. I am also very excited to announce that all the lights in the lodge have been converted to energy-saving LEDs! We are looking at replacing all the switches and outlets, replacing the security surveillance system, and looking to approve lodge social hall/restrooms/lodge room upgrades over the coming months.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is moving forward with some level of normalcy. On June 5, 2020, Virginia entered the second phase of the "Virginia Forward" reopening plan (Executive Order 65). Accordingly, effective July 1, 2020, Lodges Holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia were permitted to resume their regularly scheduled stated communications. The Grand Master has given Worshipful Master's the prerogative to not hold a stated communication if he believes such action is in the best interest of preserving the health and safety of the members of the Lodge. This is authorized until September 1, 2020.

Some of the Lodges in our District have resumed their normal Stated Communications. I have given the matter a great deal of thought as it relates to Elmer Timberman. There is a lot to consider in today's environment. The chief concern I have is balancing the desire to return to normal operations at the Lodge while also considering the fact COVID-19 cases have increased in various parts of the country. Accordingly, I will exercise the prerogative vested in me by the Grand Master and will delay our next official, Stated Communication to August. I will share our precautions in the August Trestleboard. So, we will again have a virtual, social fellowship on July 20th at 7:30 PM in lieu of our physical Stated Communication. It is open to masons and non-masons. Please join us for a surprise guest. Please use the below information to join online via your PC or smartphone or call to listen on your phone.

Topic: ETL54 Virtual Gathering

Time: Jul 20, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

Meeting ID: 703 980 2769

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While on the theme of COVID-19, I wanted to share some additional nuggets disseminated to Virginia Lodges:

- 1) Plans are being made for a One-Day Conferral Saturday October 3rd and/or Saturday October 10th at the traditional six to eight sites across the State. We should have 5 or so in that class, to include our EAs and those in the pipeline.
- 2) Until further notice, no called or stated communications for the purpose of conferring any of the Degrees in Freemasonry will be held in any Lodge Holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
- 3) With proper safety practices in force, the Lodge building may be used for practice of catechisms, degree work and working on proficiency for Warden's certificates, lectures, etc.; however, in all cases, practice of the Ritual must forgo those steps requiring personal contact. Additionally, the Lodge building may be used for Lodge Officer meetings and other Masonic activities deemed appropriate by the Worshipful Master provided the guidelines for safety are observed by all present.
- 4) All elected and appointed Grand Line Officers and DDGMs will remain in place through the 2021 Masonic year.
- 5) Lodges have the option of not advancing their progressive line as well; however, should the Lodge choose to do so, they may proceed with the election and installation of officers.
- 6) An abbreviated and significantly scaled back Grand Annual Communication (GAC) will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2020, at The Hilton Richmond Short Pump Hotel and Spa. The purpose of this special session, the duration of which is anticipated to be one-half day, will be to address only the most urgent and necessary business of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. All non-essential business, to include resolutions, awards, and recognition will carry over to the 2021 GAC. Attendance will be limited to elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters,

DDGMs, one representative from each subordinate Lodge Holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and those whose attendance is deemed necessary by the Grand Master.

- 7) Executive Order No. 1 for 2019 – 2020, dealing with the recommendation of candidates for the office of DDGM, will remain in force. The term of service for the nominees will shift from the 2022 Masonic year to the 2023 Masonic year. The deadline is hereby extended to December 31, 2020.
- 8) The term of service for the DDGM nominees selected by Deputy Grand Master Golladay will shift from the 2021 Masonic Year to the 2022 Masonic year.
- 9) Work and accomplishments toward achieving the James Noah Hillman Award and Seymour Jonas Levy Award will carry over and be counted in the 2021 Masonic Year.
- 10) The Perfect Ashlar Award will be presented for 2020; however, the venue for the presentation will be other than the GAC. The 2020 recipient will be recognized at the 2021 GAC along with the 2021 recipient.
- 11) The 2021 Division Leadership Conferences will be scheduled for the late spring or early summer of 2021, when again, hopefully, the situation with the virus is more under control.

Here is a note from our DIW on the DIW Ritual School:

“Due to social distancing our DIW program has to be altered. I never want to limit the number of Masons that want to learn our sacred Ritual, but alas, we have to. Since some Lodge lines in the district will advance and others will remain as is, we will be focusing solely on the Wardens Certificate through December 2020. Unfortunately, since we will need to limit the number of attendees, I ask that you only send those brothers that are actively working on their Wardens Certificates and yourselves as Worshipful Master. Also, everyone present must wear a face mask.

We will not work on the physical parts of tokens, nor practice the raising. We will practice all words and floor-work.

The program will start again on July 7th at Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 at 7pm.

Our Ritual separates us from all other civic, community and Fraternal organizations and we must continue to move forward to ensure that the next generations of Masons can carry our Craft into the future.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely & Fraternaly, Troy Van Winkle, PM; District 1A DIW”

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

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jason M. Himsey

SECRETARY'S CORNER
(Current Membership 144 Brothers)

Dues. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, 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

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

by Unknown Author, Appearing on Masonicworld.com

The first question that is usually asked by a non-Mason is "What is freemasonry?" There are many definitions of the word, but none are complete since the organization embraces a wide scope of activity. A very short definition provided by this website is: "Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, religious in character, based on the principle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man which does charitable work in the community through its members. In addition, its teachings and ceremonies seek to make good men better and thereby make the world a better place in which to live."

Freemasonry is a "voluntary" society in that no one is invited to become a member. Unlike college fraternities and other organizations, Freemasonry never solicits anyone to become a member. As a matter of fact, it is a violation of Masonic law for a member to invite anyone to join. A prospective member must truly come of his own free will and accord.

Freemasonry is not a religion. Sometimes outsiders claim that Freemasonry is a religion. Most Freemasons do belong to an established Church. Freemasonry is religious in that one cannot become a Freemason unless he believes in God, but there is no religious test applied to the prospective member, nor is he required or asked to subscribe to any religious tenet or dogma. It is forbidden to discuss religion or politics in the Lodge.

Freemasonry is not a "secret society." A secret society is one that keeps its existence in secret, and whose members do not make known their affiliation with the group. Freemasonry is not a secret society because it does not hide its existence, and members do not hide their membership. On the contrary, the organization meets in buildings located in public, announces its meetings in newspapers and magazines, engraves the words "Masonic Temple" on many of its buildings, publishes periodicals, and has homes for orphans and the aged.

The degrees of Freemasonry consist of ceremonies of a strictly serious nature, which teach basic moral truths in an impressive and solemn manner. When the degrees are completed, the new member is provided a ritual that contains a philosophy of rite that provides the new member with something on which to build a hope that is eternal.

Freemasons are proud to proclaim to the world that we are a serious organization of mature men and woman. An organization that instills a love of God, teaches charity in its broadest sense, and shows each member how to live a better life.

Non-Masons sometimes wonder at the close bond that exists between Freemasons. There is a simple explanation: Masons are bound together by the deep and abiding knowledge that each of them, during the ceremonies of the degrees, has accepted certain high ethical standards of conduct. These standards ensure a bond of faith and confidence.

Thousands of books have been published on the subject of Freemasonry. The matters discussed in this website are just a few of the things about the organization, but it contains enough to information to show that Freemasonry is one of

the great organizations of the world and a steady influence in a faltering civilization.

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(<https://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/whatisfreemasonry2.htm>)

CELESTIAL LODGE

Glory! Nothing to report.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS – JULY

Goff, Franklin Porter Brother - July 8, 1974 - 46 years
Helenburg, Woodrow Robin Brother - July 11, 1983 - 37 years
Rogers, George Harris Jr. Brother - July 29, 1985 - 35 years
Tuthill, Lonnie Edgar Right Worshipful - July 23, 1990 - 30 years
Brown, Andrew Douglas Brother - July 14, 1997 - 23 years
Greenfield, Jeffrey Clyde Brother - July 28, 2003 - 17 years

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

NATURAL BIRTHDAYS – JULY

Ward, George Truman Brother - July 24, 1927 - 93 years
Bierman, George Raymond Worshipful - July 18, 1928 - 92 years
Hink, Frederick Paul Worshipful - July 27, 1936 - 84 years
Trigger, Francis Kemp Brother - July 5, 1937 - 83 years
Kibler, Edwin Ernest Brother - July 15, 1937 - 83 years
Henry, James Wesley Brother - July 25, 1939 - 81 years
Doyle, Dennis James Brother - July 21, 1940 - 80 years
Thompson, Everett Willis II Brother - July 22, 1943 - 77 years
Elliott, Dennis Jan Brother - July 6, 1945 - 75 years
Flaherty, William Edward IV Brother - July 22, 1956 - 64 years
King, Paul Anthony Brother - July 10, 1968 - 52 years
Karas, Robert Stanley Brother - July 13, 1968 - 52 years

* Age calculated as of 31DEC2020

CALENDAR

July 2019

07: DIW Ritual School/ Wardens Certificate Workshop, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, 7:00PM

08: Temple Corporation Meeting, ETL54, 7:00PM

15: DIW Ritual School/ Wardens Certificate Workshop, ETL54, 7:00PM

17: District Blood Drive, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, 10AM to 2PM

NOTE: Make a reservation: You can search for the Drive for by going to

www.redcrossblood.org and search zip code: 22046 for July 17th. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no canteen and masks will be required.

20: Virtual ETL54 Gathering

27: Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)

28: Masters and Wardens Association Meeting, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, 7:30PM

DISTRICT RITUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

DIW Ritual School – 1st Tuesday each month (7:00 PM) at Kemper Macon Ware Lodge

DIW Wardens Certificate Workshop – 3rd Wednesday each month (7:00 PM) at ETL54
ETL54 Simmons-DeRossi Ritual School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)

MASONIC DISTRICT 1A LODGES AND OTHR RELATIONSHIPS

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

HONORARY MEMBERS (3)

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

60 YEAR VETERANS (11)

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

50 YEAR VETERANS (26)

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

LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY (38)

William H. Atkinson, PDDGM	Ridgley E. Davis	Charles E. Hunnicutt
Robert L. Augustad	Dennis J. Doyle	Robert R. Jones
Allen D. Beckner	Marvin E. Feldman	James C. Jones, PM
George R. Bierman, PM	William E. Flaherty, IV	Paul A. King
Gregory L. Boggs	Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM	Thomas H. King
Stephen L. Brundage, PM	William J. Heinz	Stephen W. Law, PM
John C. Bush	Woodrow R. Helenburg	Jason W. Lotz, PM
Theodore Campbell, Jr., PDDGM	Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM	Oral M. Marple, PM
Christopher J. Chavez	Richard E. Hodge, PM	Gary L. Misch, PM
	Theodore B. Holm, PM	Dieter H. Muenich
	Kelso W. Horst, PM	Michael A. Riley, PDDGM

Edward A. Roland
Lewis W. Roland, PM
John Shroeder Jr., PDDGM

Howard K. Smith, Jr.
William A. Tetrault
Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM

Gary W. Whitmore, Sr.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Timberman Temple Corporation Directors

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

Trustees:

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

Lodge Education Officer (LEO)

Jason W. Lotz, PM

Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)

Joseph E. Millirons, PM

Investigating Committee Chair

As Directed

Funeral Coordinator

Jason M. Himsey

Masonic Home Ambassador

Michael Riley, PDDGM

Blood Coordinator

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

Community Liaison

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

Stewards' Committee Chair

Ray V. Kasey

Scholarship Corporation President

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

Building Superintendent

Nelson Figueroa-Velez

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Sick / Sunshine Committee

Pablo A. Rocha, PM

Past Masters Committee

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM

OES Ambassador

Jason M. Himsey

Royal Arch Ambassador

Ray V. Kasey

Scottish Rite Ambassador

Mark E. Coldren, PM

Grotto Ambassador

Jason M. Himsey

Shriners Ambassador

Jason W. Lotz, PM

Community Builder Award Chair

Jason M. Himsey

Widows Committee Chair

Jason M. Himsey

Rossville Visit Coordinator

Jason M. Himsey

LIVING PAST MASTERS

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

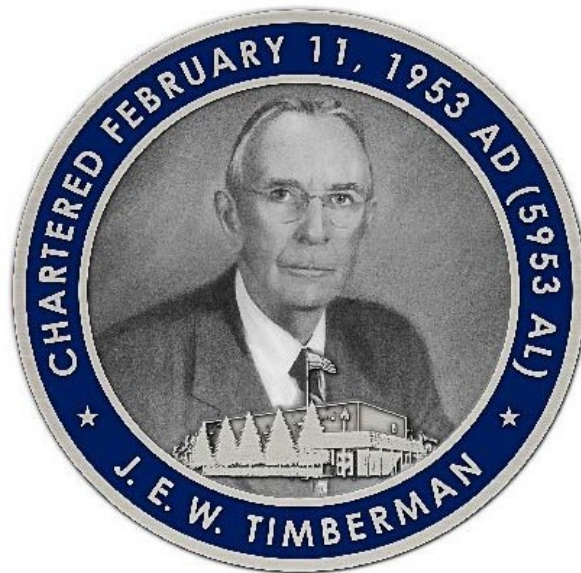
2003 O. McNeil Marple
2004 Joseph R. Hartsoe
2005, 2010, 2011 Terence H. DuVall
2006 Steven F. Campbell
2007 Jason W. Lotz
2008 David H. Andelman
2009 Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM**
2012, 2014 Charles E. Wilkinson, III
2013 Pablo A. Rocha
2015, 2016 Farley Warner
2017 Joseph E. Millirons
2018 Mark E. Coldren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



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