

Yorktown Lodge no205 A.F. & A.M.



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January 2018 Trestleboard

From the East – David Murray:

Greetings Brethren and welcome to a new Masonic Year. As am writing this, we have just completed our Open Installation of Officers. Your officers are working to make the lodge a place where all good masons would like to come and share in good fraternal fellowship.

We had a successful Bring-A-Friend night in November. We were able to share some information with some gentlemen from our community who expressed interest in Freemasonry. Stay tuned for the next time we plan another and bring one of your friends.

As we look back at the financial impact on our dinners and breakfasts for 2018 it seems we broke even for the year. It is our intent to change the Community Breakfast to \$7.00 and the stated dinners to \$9.00. Any extra funds generated from these endeavors will be used towards our charitable giving.

Speaking of Charitable giving your lodge contributed about \$4500 to charitable causes in 2018. This included contributions to Masonic Home of VA, Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund, Bethel #39 JDI, Tidewater DeMolay, Hampton Assy #2 IORG, York Foundation for Public Education, The Masonic Service Association for 5 Disaster Appeals including Guatamala, Florida, South Carolina, California and North Carolina, 5 Academic Scholarships to students, Suicide Awareness and The Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation program. Some of that money was collected for charity but about \$1300 was taken directly from our general fund.

Gains from our scholarship fund supported the lodge scholarships for the last 2 years, but as we look at the performance of the funds in 2018 I am

not certain how much will be available for us to offer in 2019. For this reason we need to increase our charitable income for 2019. I will be working with our officers, looking for creative ways to offer the lodge an avenue to offer scholarships in 2019. If you have ideas we would love to hear from you.

Our January stated communication on January 21st will bring about our nomination for the District Deputy Grand Master for 2021. We will make a 50 Year Presentation in the social Hall after dinner. The lodge program will be presented by Christopher Douglas from Ocean View Lodge and Virginia Research Lodge. The topic will be “Masonry and Social Media” I hope you can come end gain some Masonic knowledge.

The Lodge will be hosting our Masonic Youth at the February Stated communication (February 18th). The meal will be a Picnic Style Dinner with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and such (as we wait for summer to get here). That meal will start at 6:00 P.M. that night instead of our usual 6:30 so we can see our youth programs prior to the meeting. Please come out and get a glimpse of what our future has to offer. It is quite refreshing to see the reality of what these youth groups offer to the community and masonry in particular. I get a real sense of hope and reassurance every time I am with them.

Our ladies night will be February 16th at 6:00 P.M. We hope will reserve the date on your calendar and bring your ladies for a fantastic meal and some good fun.

We are planning to make some fraternal visits to other lodges in our area this year in 2019. These include Portsmouth Lodge No. 100, Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Millboro Lodge No. 28 in Goshen, Westhampton Lodge No. 302 in Richmond. If you have a lodge you would like to visit, please contact one of the officers and let's see if we can do it together.

2019 Dues

The 2019 Dues are \$125. This includes an increase passed by the members of Grand Lodge in 2017. If you are not up to date on your dues, please help your lodge by paying them as soon as possible.

TRESTLEBOARD

Brethren, the success of our lodge relies on communication. It is our intent to provide every member of the lodge a Trestleboard throughout the year. Currently we are mailing it via USPS to every member of the lodge. We also e-mail the Trestleboard to those members who have provided an e-mail addresses. If you would like to receive the Trestleboard via your e-mail and eliminate the mailed copy please send the Master an e-mail (David Murray – 5dmurray@verizon.net) and we will update the mailing list. This will also reduce our mailing and printing costs throughout the year. E-mails are also used to communicate with members in-between issues of the Lodge Trestleboard.

Call-em-All

In addition to our trestleboard and e-mail we have subscribed to a phone call service. If you have not been receiving call during the past few months regarding our meetings, breakfasts and such please contact the secretary so he can update your contact number. Also if you would like to add or change the contact number being used you may contact our secretary.

Sickness

Please keep the following in your prayers. If you have someone who you would like to add to our prayer list please contact the secretary or RW Lewis Stratton (757-503-1839) who is handing communications and get-well cards for our sick brethren and families.

- Wor Raymond Sparrer has been diagnosed with Mesothelioma
- Pat Sparrer wife of Raymond Sparrer is suffering from Myasthenia gravis.
- Judy Wippermann – Mother-in-Law of David and Robert Murray is recovering from a broken hip/surgery and was diagnosed with cancer.
- RW Jerry Burks continues to battle cancer.
- Wor. Tom Bryant (Warwick 336) was hospitalized and had a pacemaker installed.
- RW Vic Shumaker of Williamsburg No. 6 passed away in December.
- Bro. Junior Wigginton is at York Convalescent center and would love visitors.

Morlock Award

The Morlock award is presented to Lodges in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5 or more to the Masonic Home in any one year. The Lodge has earned this award for many years and will be attempting to do it again this year. We will be collecting from members wishing to make a \$5 contribution at our meetings and events. If you would like to send you contribution towards this achievement you can send it to the lodge PO Box 205, Yorktown, VA 23690. We will update you on the progress in future articles.

Blood Program

There are 3 ways to contribute to our Lodge Blood Program. You can donate at our blood drive or at any Red Cross blood drive. You can recruit family and friends to donate during the year and report that to the lodge. You can volunteer your time at a blood drive to assist as needed. If you are kind enough to report your blood donations or volunteer time please contact our secretary who will pass that to our Blood Coordinator, Wor. Chris Dearhart.

2019 College Scholarships

Applications will be available by the end of January.

Youth Programs

Our Grand Master has asked each lodge to place an emphasis on our youth groups this year. Our youth will be with us before our February stated communication; they will also be preparing and serving some of our stated meeting dinners during the year. Our lodge will be making visits to our youth groups in the month of April. Details of all of this will be coming. Please join us when you can.

Contacts

We will again be reaching out to our brethren with Masonic Birthday cards each month. If you can attend our stated meeting in your Masonic Birthday month please come and share some fellowship. If you are unable to attend, we would love to hear from you by a letter, e-mail or even a phone call to our secretary. We will report on brethren and their communications each month. If you know of any widows or brethren who have needs the lodge might be able to help with please contact the master or secretary.

Upcoming events

The next Lodge Community Breakfast will be January 19th from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. The cost is \$7. Please bring your family and friends.

January 13th and 27th – Bethel 39 Jobs Daughter meeting at 2:00 P.M.

January 21st – Yorktown Lodge Stated Meeting
Dinner :6:30 (\$9.00) Meeting at 7:30

Feb 4th – District School at Mann Page No 157,
7:00 P.M.

Feb 8th – Blood Drive @ Yorktown Lodge
12:00 – 5:00 P.M. goto redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appt.

Feb 16th – Ladies Night, 6:00 P.M. Dinner and
Entertainment.

For our Lodge Officers and interested members,
the Grand Lodge Division Leadership Conferences
are occurring locally on the dates listed below.

Each elected lodge officer should plan to attend one
of the following:

Jan 26th - Richmond Scottish Rite
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

March 1st – Granby Temple (Norfolk)
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

March 2nd – Newport News Scottish Rite
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Grand Lodge Golf Tournament

The Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf
Tournament is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund of
the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, and is being
held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Kiskiak Golf Club
in Williamsburg. In addition to golfers, all types of
donations for door prizes and goodie bags are needed.
Every sponsor WILL be acknowledged. This is a great
way to get you, your business, or your Lodge involved
with our great event! Contact our secretary if you would
like more information.

Masonic Birthdays

Please wish these brother a Happy Masonic
Birthday.

January Birthdays

John Henry Schuster Jr.	01/19/69	50 YRS
Robert Wesley Sherman Jr.	01/23/69	50 YRS
Charles Hubert Capps	01/27/69	50 YRS
William Peter Piper	01/25/93	26 YRS
James Russell Thompson	01/31/94	25 YRS
Charles Robert Morrow	01/24/00	19 YRS
Billy Ray Kirkpatrick Jr.	01/10/05	14 YRS
Nathan Christian Faison	01/12/12	7 YRS

February Birthdays

Phillip Freeman Walker	02/24/69	49 YRS
William Earl Rorer Jr.	02/22/71	47 YRS
Dewey Clayton Engle Jr.	02/02/73	45 YRS
William Joseph Reed Jr.	02/28/94	24 YRS
Gary Dora Coxton	02/24/97	21 YRS
David Asher Bates	02/27/12	6 YRS

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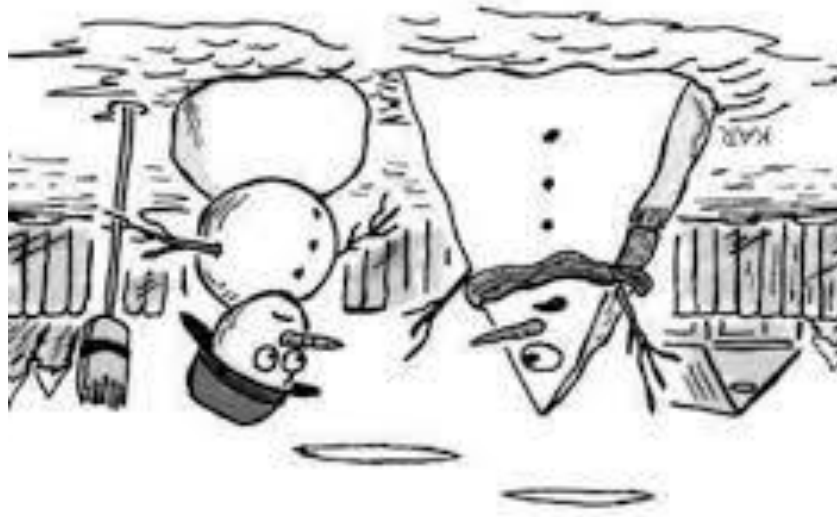
2021 RW David C. Westcott

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