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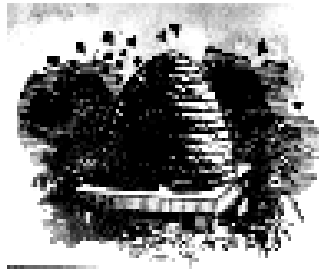
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Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown awards his Grand Pursuivant Chester Hazelwood, along with Deputy Grand Master Paige Chery and Grand Secretary Isaac Hughes at podium.

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Roger C. Brown #327

The 78th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, F & AM, Inc.



I greet you in the name of the one who is called the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

I come before you with a humble spirit to thank each one of you for supporting our 140th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Incorporated held in the city of Hampton, Virginia.

I give honor to God for all of the blessings that He has bestowed upon me, as He has lead me and guided me along this way. When I look to my right, I see the pillars of Wisdom, our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters. When I look to my left, I see the pillars of Strength, which are our RWDGM and all the elected Line Officers. And when I look out before me, I see the pillars of Beauty, the appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the Delegates, the Worshipful Past Masters, the visiting brothers, and more especially, our first time attendees. It is your display of Prince Hall Masonry that the world will see and hope to emulate.

It has been a year since you elected and installed me as your 78th Most Worshipful Grand Master. I hope and pray that I have served you with pride and dignity. My main objective for seeking this honored position was not for the glamour and glory that certainly come with the title Most Worshipful Grand Master, but to serve and guide the Craft under my theme "Living the Purpose". Then, when I think about it, there are some mighty good perks that have come along with being Grand Master, such as, prime time parking, first in line for dinner, being in the front of the line for all processions, and most important to me, no one has complained outwardly about me being late.

But seriously, all I want to do is to serve you as a body, and more especially as a brother. The Principle Tenets of Free Masonry are firmly established and my goal is to represent them and to personally demonstrate them in my daily life.

Many times I have told you during my visits to your lodges, at your council meetings, or even during a general one on one conversation, that I thoroughly enjoy being your Most Worshipful Grand Master. You have received me with

open arms and have always made me feel at home. Sometimes, I pinch myself to see if I am dreaming. I feel like I'm in Disney Land and have gotten on every ride.

In conclusion, I would like to thank God for blessing an old country boy from the big city of Louisa for allowing me to serve you as your Most Worshipful Grand Master. I thank you for re-electing me and I promise that I will continue to serve you in accordance with God's Word and our Masonic Principles and Tenets.

Thank you and may God Bless!



From the Editor

L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33

In 1975, Most Worshipful Grand Master Landon H. White issued a brass colored metallic medallion that commemorated 100 years of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masonry in Virginia. The late Grand Master had the keepsake token minted in order that the efforts of our founders would continue, not only as a tangible jewel, but also in the hearts of the brothers of the craft.

The accomplishments of our founding fathers of the Most

Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia are renewed in our minds every year during our Founders Day Program. Held at First Baptist Church Harrison Street in Petersburg, the program elevates the value of Prince Hall Masonry in lodges across the commonwealth. The history demonstrates how the Union Grand Lodge and the Ancient York Grand Lodge made a pact to select from each Grand Lodge's leadership a single Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers by uniting into the Grand Lodge we know of today. Although these 19th century lodges met in December of 1875, the event was rescheduled for May in order that daylight travel would be more accommodating.

Recognizing our founding fathers' action, Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 minted a 140th Anniversary Coin in celebration of our history. As a gesture of good faith, MW Grand Master Brown offered a new 2015 token, at no cost, to those brothers who still possess their 1975 Anniversary Coin. The new coin also has a serial number which if lost, may be traced back and returned to the original owner.

As we encounter a world that requires us to be more vigilant to the needs of young African American men, we must be diligent in the education of our history and

knowledge from whence we came. For as the writer has stated, if we don't know where we have come from, how do we know where we are going? Get your piece of history and display it proudly.



The 1975 medallion



The 2015 medallion

Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Virginia Celebrates Founders' Day



Pictured left to right Mrs. Tonya Goode, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin, Grand Worthy Patron Clarence L. Williams, Grand Worthy Matron Robin M. Brown, Mrs. Sandra Wilson, and RWJGD Donald S. Wilson.

Disputanta – On Saturday November 14, 2015, the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star of Virginia Prince Hall Affiliation celebrated their 20th Annual Founder's Day. Joined by sisters and brothers from around the Commonwealth, Grand Worthy Matron Robin M. Brown was also pleased to receive Junior Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67 who represented Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 in his absence.

Toastmistress, Mrs. Tonya Goode received entertainment in song from Miss Jada Hill and a brief history of the Grand Chapter by PGWM Mrs. Mamie E. Diggs. Founded in Richmond on November 28, 1901, the Grand Chapter has grown from a hand full of chapters in 1901 to 109 today.

The keynote address was presented by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin, Paster of Oak Street A.M.E. Zion Church of Petersburg, on "A Call to Commitment". The message reminded everyone who joins an organization, it is more important to fulfill your commitment supporting the organization's program and principles, than just belonging or being a member. In support of the keynote address, Grand Worthy Matron Brown closed by encouraging everyone to recommit themselves by expressing their love to each other with a hug, a phone call, or a card, just to say hello.

140th Grand Lodge Session

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Hampton – RW Grand Lecturers Edward Lattimore III #13 and Kerry Brown #61 promptly sealed the doors to begin opening ceremonies for the 140th Annual Grand Lodge Session at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. After opening the Occasional Lodge as Worshipful Master, PM Curtis James #13 turned the gavel over to the Grand Lecturers who began receiving the Appointed and Elected Officers.

Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Line Officers, Deputy Grand Master, and MW Grand Master Roger Brown received



Receiving the District Deputy Grand Masters, the appointed Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Directors, the Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Lodge Line officers, Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 was received under the escort of the Knights Templars.

Once they were properly positioned, Grand Master Brown then welcomed 32 first time attendees with RW Jr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler #80 extending a welcome to Brother Louis Thompson #256 who spoke on behalf of the attendees. RW Jr. Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson also gave enlightening words.

While RW Grand Secretary Isaac Hughes #314 proposed changes to the session’s agenda, the Grand Master received a motion from WDDGM Emeritus Robert L. Chadwick #4 to adopt the changed agenda.



Opening with a prayer by Worshipful Grand Chaplain Rev. John M. Vaughan #324, MWGM Brown then gave his annual address. As he praised the Past Grand Masters for their wise counsel, he indicated that his Grand Line Officers would be greater than himself in directing this Grand Lodge forward. Grand Master Brown also took the opportunity to recognize our past members, the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters, the National Conference of Grand Masters, the Knights of Pythagoras, the Schools of Instruction, the Scholarship Charity Raffle, the Golf Tournament, the Charity Ball, the East & West Cookouts, the Appendant Bodies, the OES, and the State of the Craft. He was most pleased to recognize that membership for 2013-14 was 5,059, but an increase occurred in the 2014-15 period to 5,102. Using the analogy of the half glass of water, he looked at the glass as half full – not half empty. Finally he made several recommendations to include Restoration of Relations with the MWP HGL of Louisiana and

to bestow the title of WDDGM Emeritus upon Raymond E. Reid, Sr. #81 and John C. Harrison #142.

Committee Reports were received



RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314 submitted his report to include 18 lodges that took time to recommend their lodge Secretaries for Secretary of the Year Award and the increase in membership. His recommendation was to increase the support for the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle Program, embrace social media, and that the Strategic Planning Committee develop a complete plan for the 141st Annual Communication.

RW Grand Treasurer James E. Watkins, Jr. #44 presented his report which recognized the outstanding work of Office Assistant Mrs. Yvonne White, Administrative Assistant WPM James Fortune #126, WGA Treasurers WPM Richard C. Dotson #107, and PM Floyd M. Brown, Jr.

#128. He also recognized 16 lodges for recommending their lodge treasurers as Treasurer of the Year. Finally, he stated he would help filing of IRS Forms 990. An open discussion yielded that Palestine Lodge #100 pays no rent in return for the grounds and lodge maintenance and the Winchester property income was for the sale of the lodge.

Both reports were properly received.

The Grand Director's Report was given by RW Grand Director Floyd M. Brown, Sr. #128. He addressed the positive cash flow in excess of \$1.9 mil, the membership increase, the land initiatives, the reduction in scholarship value, the golf tournament contribution, and the VA Visitation. After discussing the Kilmarnock property and golf tournament, the report was received.

The budget report was presented by WGA Treas. Richard C. Dotson #107. The committee based the budget on the assessment of 4,800 brothers with a total revenue of \$282,300.00 and expenses of \$281,984.00. The budget was approved.

The Grand Master then turned the gavel over to MWPGM Robert E. Harris, Sr. #34 who conducted the nominations for the election of Officers. RWDGM Cherry #3 nominated MWGM Roger C. Brown #327 for Grand Master. RWGD Walter Brown #18 then moved to accept all Line Officers to include the Grand Lecturers in place for another year. Motion for adoption carried and one unanimous ballot was cast by DDDGM Curtis M. Holland #256.

MWPGM Harris #34 reminded us that there will also be on the ballot a Constitutional Change to allow the use of "PAST" on the aprons of past Grand Lodge officers and Past Masters. MWGM Brown stated he would not lift off the table a vote which would allow Past Masters to have single vote.

Fathers and sons join together at the Grand Lodge Session



Before Friday's business was conducted, the Grand Master had WGC John M. Vaughan #324 to invoke the aid of Deity with an opening prayer. The Grand Master then asked all father/son combinations present to stand before the altar. Standing before the altar were RWPGD Robert Leeper with sons Michael and Riggolite, WDDGM Willie Seward, Sr. #108 with son Willie Seward, Jr. #108, Gilbert Stills #264 with son Daren Stills #264, RWGD Floyd M. Brown, Sr. #128 with sons Floyd M. Brown, Jr. #128, Keith R. Brown #128, & grandson Demond Middleton #44, WGAP Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28 with son Ricky McKnight, Jr. #28, Arthur L. Davis #186 with son Arthur O. Davis #186, and Paul White, Jr. #314 with son Dywayne Parker #314.

More Committees Report



Following the reading of Thursday's minutes by W. Asst. Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314, the gavel was handed to MW Past Grand Master Robert E. Harris, Sr. #34 to conduct the elections. The Credentials Committee delivered their report indicating that 121 lodges were registered, ten Grand Lodge Line Officers, eleven Grand Directors, and nine Past Grand Masters present who would be voting. In addition to those numbers, each lodge would have three votes each and both the WDDGM's and the W. Past Masters would have one collective vote each for a house voting strength of 395.

After the voting was concluded, GM Brown received committee reports from the Grand Lecturers, the Charity Raffle Committee, the Constitution Committee, the Jurisprudence Committee, Fraternal Relations Committee, the Charity Committee, the Committee on Foreign Correspondents, the History, the Publishing Board, the Education Committee, the Grand Lodge Officers, the Committee on Work, and the Grand Master's Address Committee.

The registration report which was given by WPM John Royster #280 indicated that a total of 489 members had registered for the convention.



Opening with prayer on our last day by WGC Vaughan #324, MW Past Grand Master Robert E. Harris #34 submitted the voting results. The body re-elected MWPGM Herman Eggleston #146 and elected WPM Julius Spain, Sr. #58 as Grand Directors, while the Constitutional Amendment to modify aprons with "PAST" on them was approved 331 to 60.

The 140th Grand Lodge Banquet

By L. J. McCoy #33

Hampton – Highlighted as the Grand Affair of the 140th Grand Lodge Session, the Grand Lodge Banquet featured a procession with Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown and his wife. Serving as the program’s Master of Ceremonies, RW Sr. Grand Warden Richard Townes #235 invited support from W. Grand Musician Willis Barnett #6, W. Grand Chaplain Rev. John M. Vaughan #324, RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314, RW Jr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80, and RW Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3.

Before making award presentations, MWGM Brown made a special tribute of thanks to the W. District Deputy Grand Masters and their Assistants for their role in

guiding lodges in the proper direction. Award presentations were made to:

- Secretary of the Year Robert Brown #20
- Treasurer of the Year James McDaniel #20
- Jewel Contest Winner 1st Place – Mt. Nebo #43
2nd Place – Triangle #293
3rd Place – Pocahontas #7
- Master Mason of the Year James E. Jeter, Sr. #43
- District of the Year (small) 4th & 33rd Masonic District
- Co-District of the Year (small) 27th Masonic District
- DDGM of the Year (small) Burton A. Staples 4th & 33rd Masonic District & Asst. Billy C. Peters 4th & 33rd Masonic District
- Co-DDGM of the Year (small) James S. Burrell, Sr. & Asst. Nathaniel M. Boyd
- District of the Year (large) 31st Masonic District
- Co-District of the Year (large) 14th & 16th Masonic District
- Co-District of the Year (large) 12th Masonic District
- DDGM of the Year (large) Joseph E. Diggs 12th Masonic District
- Asst. Cedric Lawrence #10
- Asst. Antonio R. Pride #43
- Co-DDGM of the Year (large) Wilbert Jones 14th – 16th Masonic District
- Asst. Clyde Boyd #208
- Asst. John Austin #146
- CO-DDGM of the Year (large) James C. Gordon 31st Masonic District
- Asst. Carl Albritton #298
- Asst. Charles James #11
- Lodge of the Year Arlington Lodge #58
- Co-Lodge of the Year Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298
- Co-Lodge of the Year Mt. Nebo Lodge #43
- Co-Lodge of the Year (small) Triple River Lodge #253
- Worshipful Master of the Year A. Marques Pitre #298
- Co-Worshipful Master of the Year Terry Taylor #43
- Co-Worshipful Master of the Year Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58
- Co-Worshipful Master (small) Ronald V. Harvey #253
- Most Improved Lodge Palestine Lodge #100
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- Co-Grand Master’s Special Support Ray O. Green #65
- Co-Grand Master’s Special Support Ricky McKnight, Sr. 28
- Grand Master’s Cup William E. Brown #113



A final Special Gift was presented to the wife of our Grand Master, Mrs. Brenda Brown, for her unselfish sacrifices in providing unwavering support to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. and our Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown.



Attendance at the Banquet



Joint Prince Hall & Memorial Service

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Hampton – “The grass may wither and the flowers may fall, but God’s love never fails” stated Master of Ceremonies RW Grand Lecturer Edward E. Lattimore III #13 as he led us into the Prince Hall Day Program. After scripture by RW Grand Lecturer Kerry R. Brown #61, Worshipful Grand Chaplin Rev. John M. Vaughan #324 offered a prayer followed by a welcome by ADDGM Henry Badgett #268 and a response by RW Sr. Grand Deacon Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298.

RWGL Kerry Brown #61 then gave a brief history of our founding Grand Master, Prince Hall, who was born around 1738. He was initiated into a military lodge #441 with Master, Bro. J. B. Batt, working under the

Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1775. When the military regiment withdrew, Lodge #441 was left with a “permit” only to bury their dead and march on St. John’s Day. Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England and eventually received their warrant to form African Lodge #459 on September 20, 1784. The charter reached Prince Hall April 29, 1797 and was recorded in the local newspapers.

GL Lattimore #13 then took the opportunity to introduce the performers of the Lodge of Sorrow as WM Antonio Hinton #13, SW Melvin Johnson #13, JW Curtis Barbour #13, Treasurer Calvin Evans #13, Secretary Raymond Sutton III #13, and Sr. Deacon WM Howard Hill #167. This ceremony was performed to commemorate all the brothers who had passed since our last Annual Grand Communication.

Building a message from Ephesians 6:10-12, WGC Vaughan taught us about the “Unconventional Battle”. He related that the battle is against the unseen Prince of Darkness and his army. As he closed, he reminded us that time is winding down, therefore let’s make a concerted effort to get our house in order.

Words of comfort were then given by MWGM Roger C. Brown #327, “to remember as you rest tonight, pray for a successful 2015 Grand Lodge Session.”

Over \$54,000 Awarded By MWPGL of VA

By L. J. McCoy #33

Hampton – The MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. Board of Directors on recommendation of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee awarded the funding of a total of 113 scholarship applications. Fifty-one students were graduating high school seniors (GHSS) and 62 were for the Scholarship Program ,s continuing education college students (CECS). After evaluation, it was recommended that the GHSS would receive \$700 each and the CECS would receive \$300 each.

These funds were raised by the efforts of brothers throughout the Jurisdiction who supported the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle. Selling these raffle tickets not only funded prizes to five lucky winners, but the profits generated funded the scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee members of WDDGME John C. Harrison #142, Keith R. Brown #128, Henry Easton #249, James D. Gardener #126, Frederick A. Harrison #108, and Willie L. Wright #3 recommended GHSS scholarships for:

Student	Hometown	DDGM Sponsor	Student	Hometown	DDGM Sponsor
Courtney J. Baliey	Amelia	Harvey Eggleston	Dejahynama Jackson	Chester	Joseph Diggs, Sr.
Micah M. Bailey	Suffolk	Cecil Davis, Jr.	Danielle Jeffers	Danville	David L. Wilson
Tatiana L. Bailey	Hampton	James Johnson, Jr.	Sydney D. Jenkins	Chesterfield	Ed Henderson, Jr.
Jamison O. Baskerville	Lawrenceville	Willie Seward, Sr.	Nia L. Johnson	Newport News	William E. Reed
Calvin F. Bembrey, II	Hagerstown, MD	Michael D. Brown	Nicole M. Johnson	Richmond	Joseph Diggs, Sr.
Deshaun M. Briggs	Chesapeake	Michael Brown	Xayvin M. Johnson	Alexandria	James C. Gordon
Darrell A. Brown, Jr.	Hampton	Joseph Diggs, Sr.	Kavic R. Kumar	Fairfax	James Burrell, Sr.
Zhane D. Brown	Chester	Joseph Diggs, Sr.	Deeyah S. Lawrence	Suffolk	Curtis Holland
Jonathaon T. Bunns	Richmond	Joseph Diggs, Sr.	Oryx J. Lee	Chesterfield	Joseph Diggs, Sr.
Taylor M. Cain	Henrico	Ed Henderson, Jr.	Kayla R. Marshall	Newport News	James Johnson Jr.
Kayla S. Clark	Alexandria	James C. Gordon	Carroll L. Mickens III	Chesterfield	Joseph Diggs, Sr.
Shakira M. Cheaton	Lawrenceville	Ed Henderson, Jr.	Justin A. Moody	Midlothian	Ed Henderson, Jr.
Kevin W. Davenport	Chester	Joseph Diggs, Sr.	Aaron M. Nedd	Woodbridge	James C. Gordon
Deonna L. Davis	Ashland	Ed Henderson, Jr.	Asia B. Nelson	Richmond	Willie Seward, Sr.
Shaquan D. Davis	Appomattox	Howard Anderson	Dwight M. Parker	Chesapeake	Cecil Davis, Jr.
David R. Dews	Phenix	Howard Anderson	Bryanna S. Rather	Accokeek, MD	Harvey Eggleston
Zachary A. Dickens	Blackstone	Harvey Eggleston	Jasmine L. Robinson	Appomattox	Howard Anderson
Briona Z. Evans	Prince George	Floyd Brown, Sr.	Jayla L. Seward	Lawrenceville	Willie Seward, Sr.
Mark S. Evans	Chesapeake	Curtis M. Holland	Alexis M. Taylor	Fredericksburg	Joseph Diggs, Sr.
Jayla Z. Futreel	Leesburg	Stephen Legette	Kori J. Terry	Leesburg	Stephen Legette
Jakea T. Harris	Suffolk	Joseph Diggs, Sr.	Essence C. Thomas	Virginia Beach	Michael Brown
Trinity J. Harrison	Lawrenceville	Willie Seward, Sr.	Nakwan J. Walker	Charlotte C. H.	Wilbert Jones
Lyric L. Hatcher	Arlington	James C. Gordon	Mia D. Ward	Hampton	James Johnson Jr.
Deaundra B. Hawkes	Blackstone	Harvey Eggleston	Sidney M. Wellons	Chesapeake	Michael Brown
Christy J. Hines	Emporia	Willie Seward, Sr.	Brittany A. Williams	Clinton, MD	James C. Gordon
Alexus N. Houchens	Louisa	Willie Seward, Sr.			

Masonic lapel Pins, jackets, polo shirts, & caps

The Charity Golf Tournament Committee members are selling lapel Pins - \$10, jackets - \$80, shirts - \$40, and caps - \$20. The proceeds will assist our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year college students.

Contact MWPGM Larry D. Christian at 757 566-2066 or lchristian2@verizon.net



A Change In Service



**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
Virginia
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
Isaac S. Hughes
September, 2002 –September, 2016**

THANK YOU!

I am very appreciative to you for allowing, wanting and trusting me to be your servant for so many years.

Thank you to the members of King George Lodge #314 for allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master
Thank you to the members of the 29th Masonic District for allowing me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master
Thank you to the members of the MWPHGL of VA for allowing me to serve as a member of your Board of Directors
Thank you to the members of the MWPHGL of VA for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary
And thanks to the world's best office staff, you guys are the greatest!
God has tremendously blessed me to serve this Great Institution for over 47 years. The journey has been and still is enjoyable. However, at this time in life's passage, I will step-down as Grand Secretary and offer my services in other areas of this Great Institution.

Again, thanks to each and every one! May God continue to bless all of us.

Isaac S. Hughes, #314



Grand Secretary Hughes got Around. From left to right: Reporting at the Grand Lodge Session, at the 7th Annual Charity Ball with his wife, at the 2003 Treasurer Secretary School, at the 7th Annual Charity Ball, MC at the 140th Banquet, and drawing raffle ticket at the 140th GL Session.





Schools of Instruction



Roanoke's School of Instruction

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



Roanoke – In the cozy Roanoke Valley, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia held its first 2015-16 School of Instruction on November 21, 2015. RW Grand Lecturer of the East Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 and RW Grand Lecturer of the West Kerry R. Brown #61 got off to a fine start with the assistance of their Committee on Work.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 was pleased to have seven first time attendees present (pictured above) where Brother Jerome Barnes #109 spoke for the brothers.

The MW Grand Master then made an appeal to the youngest brother present, Brother Justin Burford #24 (23) and the oldest, Brother Maurice Lea Almagro #217 (76, pictured right), to step forward to be presented with a 2015 Anniversary medallion.



After floor demonstrations by the Committee on Work and questions by the brethren, Certificates of Merit were awarded to Chester W. Hazelwood, Sr. #327, Broderick A. Jones #104, Eddie R. Mock #18, and Ricky P. Williams.

In finality, MWGM Brown presented Allegany Dunbar Lodge #109 with an award for the highest number of participants and Sandy Level Lodge #23 with the highest percentage of members attending.

School in Victoria

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Victoria – During a chilly but sunny December 19, 2015, the third School of Instruction was opened. Over 90 brothers were in attendance to hear first time attendee Brother Destine Tucker \$203 speak for the other three. RW Jr. Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67 provided the response.

RW Deputy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 represented Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown #327 in his absence and expressed words of wisdom to the brothers.

After formal introductions of the Grand Lodge Officers, RW Grand Lecturers Kerry R. Brown #61 and Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 demonstrated ritualistic procedures in making good men better.

Committee on Work members then assisted the Grand Lecturers in bringing more light to the brothers. Questions on Masonic dress, the deacon's movements, and other Jurisdiction procedures came from brothers Jerry Taylor #158, Kent Carter #1, Thomas Hicks #170, Thomas Lewis #30, Perkins #30, and Peary Wells #146.

Certificates of Merit were earned by Brothers Otis Dailey and Reginald Clark. While the lodge with the greatest number of attendees was Randolph Lodge #30 and the lodge with the highest



percentage present was Laconia Lodge #208. Our Grand Lecturer of the West Kerry R. Brown #61 (left) and Grand Lecturer of the East Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 (right).

Schools of Instruction in Alexandria and Staunton

Contributions by W. Asst. Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314

The Schools of Instruction for Alexandria and Staunton were held on December 12, 2015 and January 9, 2016 respectively by Grand Lecturers Edward E. Lattimore, III #13 and Kerry R. Brown #61

During the Alexandria school, MWGM Roger C. Brown was pleased to present Certificates of Merit to Brothers Alex F. Armour, Cyril R. Charity, Sr., Payton R. Dade, Aaron Drohn, Rob Green, Larry L. Hinton, C. J. James, Larry T. Johnson, Nelson J. Perry, A. Marques Pitre, Israel Sanchez, Jr., Darrol A. Wardlaw, and Donald Wilson. Also at the Northern Virginia school the lodge with the greatest number attending when to Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298 and the lodge with the highest percentage of members present was Metropolitan Lodge #161.

Representing the first time attendees at the Staunton school were Brothers Freddie Watson #188 and Malcolm Thomas #226. While a Certificate of Merit from the Staunton school went to RW Jr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80, the award for the greatest number of attending members when to Mt. Zion Lodge #18 and the highest percentage of members present was awarded to Omar Lodge #226.



Top left, MWGM Roger C. Brown, left middle Past Grand Masters enter school, bottom left District Deputy Grand Masters enter school, and top picture are the recipients of the Certificates of Merit at the School of Instruction.

The 26th, 27th, & 28th Masonic District School

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – Opening with a memorial prayer from II Samuel, Pastor Malcolm Lynch #23 prayer for the brothers we lost since the last school. This prayer opened the occasional lodge on January 30, 2016 by the Committee on Work at Hobson Lodge #23 campus for the purpose of a School of Instruction.

After Grand Lecturer of the West, Kerry R. Brown #61 seated the Grand Lodge Officers, MWGM Roger C. Brown #327 welcomed first time attendee Brother James Wright III #28 who spoke for the other 15 first time attendees. A response came from RW Grand Secretary Isaac S. Hughes #314 who reflected on the Holy Bible. Identifying the youngest and oldest members present, MWGM Brown recognized brothers Roger Johnson and PGD Floyd M. Brown, Sr. #128 and presented them with 2015 Grand Lodge medallions.

The school was then under the direction of the Grand Lecturer who began by answering questions on the opening procedures. Along with the Committee on Work, RWGL Brown received questions and comments from Brothers Robert Leeper #23, Samuel Branch #81, Tyrone Harris #81, George Winfield #25, PGM Billie L. Thompson #46, Ed Mock #18, Reginal Clark #292, Larry Logan #81, Antonio Pride #43, Walter Brown #18, Julius Spain #58, George Dean #107, Curtis Gunn #3, and George Birdsong #81.

Since the Grand Master departed early, RW Sr. Grand Warden Richard Townes #235 issued Certificates of Merit to Brothers John Covin, Jr. #264, Harvey Eggleston #187, Tyrone Harris #81, Darrell Jarrell #81, Shevin Matthews #23, Ian Solomon #28, Terry Tacker #327, Ardell Walker #187, and Jacob Williams #330. The RWSGW also presented King David Lodge #28 with most members present and Lord Hanibal Lodge #327 with the largest percentage present.



Olympia #179 Donates to the Boys & Girls Club



Keeling - Olympia Lodge #179 made a monetary donation to the Boys and Girls Club of the Danville Area. "A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE".

We believe that great futures start here. We believe in our youth and do all we can to help them. This organization works hard to help educate them and to give them an alternative from the streets. We also help them to believe in themselves. Just another way Olympia Lodge #179 helps in the community. Pictured are Past Master William T. Wood, Sr. and Faith Stamps, Executive Director.

Commemorative Medallions Presented

By WDDGM C. L. Gunn #3



MWGM Roger C. Brown, at the beginning of his administration and at his cabinet meeting and at the several Schools of Instruction, introduced to the craft a medallion designed to commemorate our 140th Anniversary of Prince Hall Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Virginia. He personally presented medallions to his line officers and to selected Master Masons. Each of these medallions was numbered and had a

Certificate of Authenticity and could be purchased with or without a case. The original manufacturer went out of business however and another company was commissioned to mint the medallions. On one side of The medallions includes an image of Prince Hall with the inscription "240th Anniversary, Made a Mason in a Military Lodge Boston, Mass Mar 6, 1775" and on the other side an image of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Seal with the inscription "140th Anniversary, MWGM R. C. Brown 1875-2015", each with its own sequential number. The medallions are available from the Grand Lodge for those members who prepaid for them and can be ordered from the Grand Lodge. The medallion with case is \$15.00 and without case, \$10.00.

Washington Lodge #139 helps Students

By WPM Jordan #139



Virginia Beach – The brothers of Washington Lodge #139 of the 33rd and 34th Masonic District visited Seatack Elementary School on December 22nd. Since every Tuesday is shirt and tie day there, the lodge donated over 30 shirt and tie sets to help those young men who didn't have a shirt and tie combo to start the 2016 school year off in the classic way.

Shiloh has Widow's Breakfast

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – They talked about how the late WPM Curtis Mullins played his trumpet, they remembered Brother Russell Bennett's construction business, and they recalled the jokes by MW Past Grand Master B. B. Simmons. All this and more was shared at Shiloh Lodge #33's December 4th Widow's Breakfast.

WM Michael Kidd #33 was pleased to receive eight of the fourteen widows on their Role of Honor. During the annual event, brothers welcomed the ladies of the lodge with breakfast, a gift bag, and a

widow's pin for those who had not received one.

The Worshipful Master was also supported by SW WPM Larry Turner, JW Jerrail Brown, and several other brothers to included 50+ year member Ray Edmonds who was also the first African American Vice Mayor of Hopewell.

After posing for pictures, hugs and farewells were extended to plan for our next annual breakfast.



Brighton Rock #79 Awards Scholarships

By WM Wendell Patrick #79



Chesapeake – Brighton Rock Lodge #79 awarded two Grand Lodge scholarships to students from the Hampton Roads area. Sr. Warden V. Steele #79 and Sr. Deacon W. Jones #79 presented Ciarra Elliott and Cameron Stokes with the awards.

Arlington Lodge #58



Arlington Lodge #58 has Widows and orphans luncheon on November 21, 2015

33rd MD St. John Day

Virginia Beach - On Sunday, June 7, 2015 the 33rd Masonic District held their St. John's Day Celebration Service at Heritage United Methodist church Virginia Beach where Rev. Dr. Alexander Duncan Jr., #24 is the pastor. The Message he delivered was a universal and powerful message to all Prince Hall Masons around the globe that we should pattern ourselves after our Patron Saint and that hypocrisy & deceit should always be unknown to us and „sincerity & plain dealing“ should always distinguish us. This message reached 35,808 people on our Grand Lodge Face Book page where the sermon, in its entirety can be viewed. Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter Officers present were WDDGM Buddy Staples #93, WADDGM Billy Peters #92, GDDO Jeanette Cherry, WPDDGM Albert Atkins #92, WPADDGM Kelvin Murray #69, RWPGD Ronald Carter #92, and WPGSS Clifton Pierce #197,

Celebrating 100 Years & More

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



On Saturday November 21, 2015, Nehemaih Lodge #66 celebrated 100 Years of Life and Living for Bro. Comrade Joe Alexander Dixon. He is the first picture on the wall as Commander of American Legion Post #29. As the oldest living member of Golden Rule #66 / Nehemaih Lodge #295. Commander/WADDGM Walter Davis presented the 140th Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Medallion Coin to Bro. Dixon on the behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown.

Shiloh has 12th Annual Gospel Program

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Hopewell – On a steamy fifth Sunday in August, the 12th Masonic District enjoyed the Annual Gospel Program as their Divine Sunday Service hosted by Shiloh Lodge #33. WADDGM Antonio Pride #43 assembled over 25 brothers from the district at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church to hear the combined men's choirs of First Baptist Church City Point, Friendship Baptist Church, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Master of Ceremonies WPM Larry Turner #33 welcomed Bro. Rev. Rudolph Dunbar #33, JD Marquell Tucker #33, and WPM Odell Williams #33 as program participants of the evening. The lodge also took the opportunity to award Mr. Cameron Jones a 2015 Shiloh Lodge Scholarship. As a freshman at Virginia State University, Mr. Jones is majoring in biology and plans a career as a pharmacist upon graduation.

Closing remarks were given by WADDGM Pride who thanked the lodge for their outstanding efforts in remembering the late PM Taylor L. Jones #33 who started the program in 2003 to raise funds for the scholarship program.

Danville Royal Donates

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295



Danville – The 17th Masonic District's Prince Hall Masons from Danville Royal

Lodge # 104 had "Making A Deposit Into the Lives of Others" Program. The Lodge donated clothes, food and toys to the Salvation Army on October 12, 2015. Pictured from Left to Right: W. Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Walter H. Davis, Past Master Jessie Mayo, W. Past Master Rayfield Motley, Food Service Manager David Terrell, Worshipful Master Broderick A. Jones, Senior Warden Willie Richardson, W. Past Master Charlie Ferrell, W. Past master Wyatt Watkins and Tiler Corkie Womack

W. H. Plummer Lodge #271 Adopt's a Street

By WM W. Joshua Wilson #271



Suffolk - Beginning in 2013, William H. Plummer Lodge #271 elected to begin a two year commitment to keep approximately 1.5 miles of land and roadway along Route 17 (Bridge Road, Suffolk, VA) clean by participating in Suffolk's Adopt-A-Street program. The overview of the Adopt-A-Street program is to reduce litter, enhance the appearance of our communities, and promote education of litter control benefits. In late July of 2015, William H Plummer Lodge fulfilled the two year commitment and we have elected to begin another two year commitment.

In the photo will you see the brothers of William H Plummer Lodge #271 standing below the Adopt-a-Street sign. This sign is located both North and Southbound on Route 17 approximately 1.5 miles apart. May God bless and keep you is our collective prayer.

East End #233 gives away Backpacks

By WM Jerry A. Smith #233



Richmond – East End Lodge #233 had its Annual Backpack Supply Drive which was held in the Whitcomb Court Community on August 22, 2015. We supplied backpacks filled with supplies, music, food, and vendors who provided assistance with social and health related needs of the community.



Welcome Home PM Delaney



Governor Terry McAuliffe and Va. Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran awarded WPM James H. Delaney Jr., a member of the Evergreen-Benjamin Masonic Lodge #131 of Crewe, VA, the Governor's National Service Award upon his successful return from his last tour of duty in Iraq. This was WPM Delaney's third overseas tour in Iraq and he was awarded The Bronze Star for his accomplishments there. The Craft of Evergreen-Benjamin #131 congratulates our Brother and Worshipful Past Master and welcomes him safely home.



Royal & Select has Session

By WADDGM Walter Davis #295

Danville - On December 5, 2015 Prince Hall Grand Council Mid Year Session Royal and Select Masters was held in Danville, Virginia. Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master is Brother David L. Wilson Sr. of Danville. (Photo by WADDGM Walter Davis)

Holland Lodge reaches out to school

By WM Byron Lawrence #256



Suffolk - Holland Lodge #256 donated school supplies to the C Faye Tillery, during their "Back To School Drive" held at the Salvation Army in Suffolk Virginia.

These items helped over 75 youth with backpacks full of school supplies as well as clothing. WPM John Pitchford SW William Lawrence and Brother Morris Evans passed out supplies and served food to the Youth of Suffolk.

PH Masons Come to the Aid of our VA

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – When Ms. Sharon Rome needed help for their Veteran's Family Resource Fair on August 22, 2015, she knew she could count on the local Prince Hall Masons. RWGD Charles Jones #81

was quick to find brothers from the 12th and 26th Masonic Districts who volunteered to support the event.

In the obligation of our Masonic vows, we are not only required to come to the aid of our distressed brethren, but also to our neighbors. Our Book of Light also encourages us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

It should be hope and expected that we continue to support the surrounding communities for our veterans and anyone who may be physically or mentally impaired.



PM Robert L. Leeper #23 shows the sister and DDGM Henderson #23 how "it's" done.

Local Boy Scout Recognized

By WPM Frank Davis, Sr. #33

(Cover Story)

Franklin - Arthur Johnson a rising senior at Southampton High School received a double dose of recognition for his accomplishment of receiving his Eagle Scout award. Johnson and members of his family were present at the Franklin Star Lodge #288 on Thursday, July 9th to receive this deserving award. Not only was Johnson recognized by the Franklin Lodge but also from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Mason, Incorporated. Both Eric Myrick, Worshipful Master of the Franklin Star Lodge and the Honorable Roger C. Brown, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia presented Johnson awards for his accomplishments. The two leaders also gave Johnson words of wisdom to encourage him to continue to reach for higher goals in life.

Johnson, a member of Franklin Boy Scout Troop #17 received his Eagle Scout award after completing his work on a project at the Courtland Community Center. Arthur is the son of Forrest & Joyce Johnson of Southampton County.

12th MD gives back to the Community

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Pictured with kids from left to right David Johnson, Rev. Leroy Evans, WDDGM Joseph Diggs, Councilman John Hart, Petersburg Mayor W. Howard Meyers, B. Washington, Petersburg School Board Chair Kenneth Pritchett, Clinton Gordon, William Brown, and Terry Webster

Petersburg – Over 80 children from local schools with their families enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at the Petersburg Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 19th. W. District Deputy Grand Master Joseph Diggs #43 received the services of Brothers Terry Webster #17 and Clinton Gordon #10 to coordinate the affair with assistance from city administrator Ms. Bennetta Washington.

The 12th Masonic District was in their 26th year of their Operation Santa Claus. In addition to the lunch, the Brothers gave each child a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate and each family received a turkey and fruit basket. Filling the need of joy back to the community, the fraternity raises funds through fish fries, bingo, and donations to grant wishes that may otherwise have been just dreams.

The afternoon was climaxed with a visit from Santa Claus (Brother William Brown #10) who posed with the kids to give complimentary photos by Brother William Porter #10 to each family.

MWGM and WPM Receive Awards for Meritorious and Distinguished Service

By: RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58



From Left to Right: President of NAACP Arlington Branch Ms. Karen Nightengale, Dr. Patrick Murphy, Dr. Alfred Taylor,

Imperial Potentate Mr. Rochelle Julian, WPM Elmer L.H. Lowe, Sr., MWGM. Roger C. Brown, Ms. Robin Brower, Vice-President of NAACP Arlington Branch Mr. Julius D. Spain, Sr.

Arlington - On Saturday, October 24, 2015 before a crowd of more than 270 people at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger Brown #327 received the Arlington Branch NAACP President's Award for Exceptional Meritorious Service and Worshipful Past Master Elmer L.H. Lowe, Sr. #58 received the Arlington Branch NAACP President's Award for Distinguished Service. These two awards are given yearly to a group or community leaders who by their leadership actively challenge others, embrace diversity, and ensure greater opportunities for all people. Also receiving honors at the event were the Northern Virginia chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (Henry L. Holmes Meritorious Service Award); Arlington County Schools Superintendent Patrick Murphy (Willard W. Brittain Community Appreciation Award); Imperial Potentate Rochelle Julian of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc. (Arlington Branch NAACP President's Award for Exceptional Meritorious Service); and Community Activist and Historian Dr. Alfred Taylor Sr. received the Charles P. Monroe Civil Rights Award.

Almagro Chapter #75 has Anniversary

Contributed by ADDGM Walter Davis #295



Danville – On September 26, 2015, Almagro Chapter #75 OES PHA celebrated their 93rd Anniversary. The speaker for the event was WM Shirley W. Cosby who is also the Grand District Deputy Organizer for the 20th District.

While the Betts/Page Youth Department served as hostesses, Sister Janie Cunningham served as mistress of ceremonies and Past Grand Sentinel Charles Logan introduced the speaker.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Sisters Ella Inge, Mary Logan, Patricia Mallow, Bro. Roosevelt Robertson, PGWM Nettie Burrell-Warner, and HPGWM Virginia Robertson. Finally, special recognition was presented to Past Grand Worthy Matron Nettie Burrell-Warner for serving as Grand Worthy Matron from 2010 to 2012.

Lord Hannibal Lodge #327 Celebrated 33 Years of Masonic Distinction

By RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58



RICHMOND On the evening of Saturday, January 16, 2016, members, family and friends of Lord Hannibal Lodge #327 celebrated 33 years of distinction and existence. The event was held at St. James Baptist Church and the speaker for the evening was Reverend Alonzo Chapman. Rev. Chapman's spiritual message was, "Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying." Lord Hannibal Lodge #327 is also the home lodge of The Honorable Roger C. Brown, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. The entire jurisdiction praises all the brothers Lord Hannibal Lodge for their selfless service while remaining an example for others to emulate.

Arlington Lodge #58



Arlington Chapter #173 visits the lodge on November 19, 2015.



OCEANA #69 Celebrates Renovation

By WM Kelvin D Murray, Sr. #69

Virginia Beach - On January 2nd 2016 Oceana Lodge dedicated their Lodge renovation in the presence of the MWGM Roger C. Brown and other Grand Lodge officers. During the rededication event WPM George Haynes was honored with the distinction of having the Fellowship Hall named after him (WPM George Haynes Jr. Fellowship Hall).

In 1956, WPM Haynes along with WPM Vernon Gary and WPM Ananias Ferebee use their own homes as collateral in order to secure a loan from the bank for the erection of what currently stands today as the Lodge of Oceana #69. With his sacrifice and commitment it was an honor for Worshipful Master Kelvin Murray and the brothers of Oceana Lodge to recognize WPM Haynes for his supreme sacrifice.

MWGM Brown visits the South Carolina Grand Lodge Session

By RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58



On Tuesday December 8, 2015, MWGM Roger C. Brown attended the 147th Grand Lodge Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Joining him at the session were RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58, W. Grand Pursuivant Chester

Hazelwood #327, Asst. WGP Ray Green #65, and Asst. Grand Photographer Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28

31st Masonic District Celebrates St. John the Evangelist Day

By: RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Falls Church - On Sunday, December 13, 2015, members of the 31st Masonic



District celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist at Galloway United Methodist Church in Falls Church, VA. According to McCoy's Masonic Dictionary, the Festival of St. John in summer is a duty of every Mason to participate in, and should serve to be a renewal and strengthening of fraternal ties and a celebration of Masonry from "olden-times". It functions as a connection between the past and the future. For a long period only St. John, the Baptist, was patron saint of Freemasonry. It was not until after the 16th century that St John, the Evangelist, was also adopted as a patron. The "Old Charges" of Freemasonry speak of St. John, the Evangelist, as a "Saint of the Craft." He was constantly admonishing the cultivation of brotherly love. Of all the gospels, The Gospel of St. John is the most Masonic for the central theme is LIGHT. It portrays God as "the Light of the World."

Past Grand Orator of CA Attends School of Instruction



Richmond - The Past Grand Orator of California, Brother Millard Lowe, attended the School of Instruction at Hobson Lodge in Richmond. Formally a member of Angel City Lodge #18 in Los Angeles, Brother Lowe demitted to King

David Lodge #28.

Willing to assist the lodges in any way he can, he was proud to be an educator in the fields of math and the sciences.

As a Grand Orator, Brother Lowe would make presentations at the Lodge of Sorrow and cornerstone layings, as well as introducing the Most Worshipful Grand Master at events. Born in Texas, he started his Masonic journey in Jamaica, and then on to the Golden State where he served as the Grand Orator from 2006 to 2015.

MWGM Roger C. Brown #327 was pleased to have the Past Grand Orator present and welcomed him to the Virginia Jurisdiction.

"No matter how long the night, the day is sure to come". Old African Proverb.



The 17th Celebrates MD has St. John the Evangelist

By ADDGM Walter Davis #295

Chatham - On December 13, 2015 the 17th Masonic District celebrated St. John the Evangelist Day at Greater Triumph Baptist Church located in Chatham Virginia.

Rev. Michael Ferrell, the Pastor, delivered the message to the Brethren of Danville Royal #104, Murdock #163, Olympia #179, Judah #205, Almagro #217, Shockoe #244, Brandon Chapel #282 and Golden Rule/Nehemiah #295.



Just a few more
faces at the
Grand Lodge
Session



Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger C. Brown
TESTIMONIAL BANQUET
 Saturday, June 4, 2016
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
 Conference Center
 1021 Koger Center Blvd.
 Richmond, VA
 Contact RW Sr. Grand Deacon Beverly "Butch" Morgan

Don't Miss It!

Grand Master's Agenda of Events for 2016

JANUARY 9, School of Instruction in Staunton
23, School of Instruction in Richmond,
31, Divine Sunday

FEBRUARY 6, School of Instruction in Tidewater,
20, School of Instruction in Petersburg,
27, GC-OES School of Instruction Hobson Lodge in Richmond

MARCH 5, GC-OES School of Instruction in Fredericksburg

APRIL 1 -2, Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters
9, GWM Brown Appreciation Banquet – Richmond Doubletree
20, State-Wide Veteran Visitation,
23, OES Smith, Claiborne, Butts, & Roberts Day Luncheon,
23, GC-OES School of Instruction in Victoria

MAY 10 -15, Conference of Grand Masters,
22, Founder's Day, Petersburg, VA
15, Order of Eastern Star Whit Sunday,
29, Divine Sunday

JUNE 4, MWPHGL Charity Golf Tournament, Williamsburg, VA
4, MWGM Brown Testimonial Banquet, Richmond, Koger Center
Double Tree
12, St. John the Baptist Day

JULY 24 -28, Grand Chapter Session OES – Doubletree 1021 Koger Center
Blvd, Richmond 23225
23, Grand Lodge Cook-out in the West, Chase City,
31, Divine Sunday,

AUGUST 13, Grand Lodge Cook-out in the East in Kilmarnock,

SEPTEMBER
10, Grand Lodge Raffle Drawing,
15th – 17th, 141st Grand Lodge Session at Doubletree 1021 Koger
Center Blvd. Richmond 23235 804 379-3800

The Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at The KISKIACK Golf Club, 8104 Club Dr., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188

\$320 per team or \$85 per player, Registration 7 AM – Shotgun Start 8 AM

Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places, also Longest Drive, Closest to pin, \$5000 for Hole in One, & a Putting Contest.

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RW Deputy Grand Master Robert G. Davis passes gavel to MW Grand Master Robert E. Harris, Sr., for his Annual Address at the 106th Annual Communication - from the 1981 Bee Hive Vol. 26.

A Tribute to Our Sisters of the Order of Eastern Star

"T'was mercy brought me from my pagan land, Taught my benighted soul to understand, That there's a God – that there's a Saviour, too: Once, I redemption neither sought nor knew." First verse of a Phyllis Wheatley poem

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