

Companions:

At the July stated convocation we continued to bring three of our four candidates along the path to more light. The Select and Royal Masters degrees were conferred. One of our candidates went to Fredericksburg on July 22 and received his last two degrees. Congratulations to our newest **Companion Jake Carlisle!** The August meeting will be "Past High Priest Night" so we will be able to see if our "Past's" can remember the ritual. It will certainly be a fun event, and we hope to see you there. Remember that we have a supper at 6:30 before every convocation. We will also have a memorial for the Companions who passed into the celestial Lodge this Capitular year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John Wesley Pearson
HP Arlington RAC #35

Trestle board

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting
9 Aug Stated. PHP Night
13 Sept Stated ELECTIONS

"Pass It On"

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon #14

First Tuesday
George Washington Masonic National
Memorial, Alexandria

Annandale #77

Third Wednesdays
Elmer Timberman Masonic Temple

DID YOU KNOW?

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the people. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars who were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "**gossip.**"

Education

The first use of a mark by a Mason was in a Masonic lodge on 8 June 1600 in Edinburgh. A 1670 Mark Book of Aberdeen lodge shows nearly 50 names with marks. In ancient operative masonry no stone could be accepted without the

craftsman's mark. They identified the person who did the work, and any imperfect piece could be traced back to the workman. The mark established ownership and assurance of quality. No one would put his mark, i.e. name, on something unless it was good work. The Mark penny received by all new Mark Masters is a relative recent development dating back to the late 1800's. Before that time a Mark Master Mason would make his mark on something of value, often a watchcase or perhaps on a fob on a watch chain.

Fifty Year Members

<i>Homer G. Bauserman</i>	1948
<i>John P. Funkhouser</i>	1949
<i>David H. Graham</i>	1950
<i>Elgin B. Kirby</i>	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Guy D. McCombs	1943
William M. Sisk	1944
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
Edward E. Buckley	1947
Robert A. Kelly	1949
Elwood S. Nichols	1949
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Robert L. Connor	1951
John E. Wise	1952
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
George D. Stevens	1953
John F. Kelley	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Wilbert Kahoun	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956

Laugh of the month:

Why do sharks live in saltwater?
Because pepper makes them sneeze.

Capitular Birthdays

AUGUST

William H. Sisk	1944
John P. Funkhouser	1949
William T. Guise	1950
Harry R. Applegate	1962
Paul H. Shelton	1971
Oral L. Hash	1973
Rex M. Phares	1979
Arthur R. Wise Jr.	1981
James R. Marshall II	1987
Paul M. Bessel	1988
Dennis D. Kirk	1990
W. Ray Wiseman Jr.	1990
Richard E. Robinson	1995
Donald L. Gray	1998