

Companions:

First, it my sad duty to tell you of the loss of two Companions. Companion **John F. Kelley** died on 10 October, and Companion **Robert A. Welker** on 7 December. Please remember their families. On a positive note, Companion **William M. Sisk** will be 102 YEARS OLD on 22 January. Send him a card in care of his daughter Wilma S. Trader 8219 Nevis Place, Wellington, Florida 33414. We also voted to confer the degrees on another candidate.

Thanks to all of you who took the opportunity to provide clothing and accessories to support the needy in our community during our December drive. It would be a generous consideration if we could plan to do this every year.

We are now in a new year and another year in which to excel and attain those goals we have set for ourselves. Welcome those challenges.

Get out your planning calendars and mark Monday, 3 January 2007 as our first important date. This will be a "practice session" for all RAM Chapters in Capitular District #1 for the reception of our Grand High Priest's Official Visit. Arlington Chapter will fill the stations of Principal Sojourner, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, and Secretary for the joint Convocation. The venue will be Elmer Timberman Lodge at 6911 Columbia Pike in Annandale at 7:00 P.M.

Plan to attend (dinner 6:30 P.M.) our Stated Convocation on Wednesday, 10 January 2007 and welcome our own **Right Excellent Companion John Wesley Pearson** on his Official Visit to

our Chapter as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District # 1.

The scheduled Official Visit of **Most Excellent Companion Charles "Buddy" Wagner**, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, will be held at the Herbert Hunter Memorial Temple (Springfield Lodge) 7001 Backlick Road at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, 19 January. This "Command Performance" will be for all Royal Arch Masons in Capitular District # 1. A dinner, prepared by Nellie Custis Chapter # 169, O.E.S., will be served at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be available at our Stated Communication in January.

It is my wish that we should all attend the Stated Communications of our respective Lodges to extol the benefits of being a Royal Arch Mason. Make sure you have a petition(s) available, and wear your Red Jacket. We too, need to fulfill our obligation to "Rebuild the Temple." Take a proactive stance and see how we can grow our Chapter.

Remember that the **Grand Master of Masons in Virginia** reaffirms that the first day of the month will be "Masonic recognition Day". Wear something with a Masonic symbol on it on the first of each month.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ralph Taylor Woodrow
HP Arlington RAC #35

Trestle board

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting
Jan 3rd District school
Jan 10th Stated DDGHP Visit
Jan 19th GHP visit to district #1
Feb 7-10 Masonic Week ,
Washington DC
Feb 14. Stated

"Rebuilding the Temple"

Fifty Year Members

<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
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956

Laugh of the month:

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon #14
First Tuesday
George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria

Annandale #77
Third Wednesdays
Elmer Timberman Masonic Temple

Capitular Birthdays

JANUARY	
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Robert F. Brown	1958
Howard E. Pirkey	1961
George D. Gilbreath	1977
John D. DeMartini	1980
M. Mickey Ander	1986
Larry K. Bellos	1986
Sheldon H. Avenius	2002