

Companions,

Congratulations to our newest members! Right Excellent Companion James A. Loudermilk affiliated with us recently. Companions Romalo M. Capuno, Bryan T. Johnson, Donald E. McCallister, and Herber C. Willis III received their Holy Royal Arch degree on 7 October. Welcome companions.

We should all be looking forward to the coming months and to the events that will take place to keep us busy with our obligations. It is realistic to utilize our own Companions to portray selected Royal Arch Degrees, and it would be appropriate to really work up a distinct class of participants. For those of you in need of a Ritual Book, please see Companion Phil Graves who has them available. There are many small (but important) parts to fill. Have some fun and learn to do one.

Plans can still be made to attend the Annual Grand Chapter conclave in Williamsburg on Friday and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, with a York Rite College dinner kicking it off Thursday night. Go for it and let's have a fun time. It will be a special time as our immediate PHP John Pearson will be installed as District Deputy GHP for District # 1.

For Christmas this year consideration should be given as to helping others who are less fortunate than we. It has been suggested that the "homeless" be provided with items (Outerwear, clothing) rather than exchanging gifts among ourselves. It would be for the relief of distressed people in our community; a special positive effort by our Chapter would considerably enhance our image.

With thoughts and concerns for others, we should take time to consider what we can do for ourselves i.e a Dinner-Dance or some special event to recognize our Ladies. Valentine's Day is the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, the same date as our Stated Convocation. With several new Companions in our Chapter we need to meet and greet the wives in a gathering of our "Clan". Suggestions are in order, Here's your chance to give back to the Chapter without making a long term commitment. Let us know if you will be willing to help on either the above two committees.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ralph Taylor Woodrow  
HP Arlington RAC #35

**Trestle board**

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting  
8 November Stated at 7:30  
10-11 Nov. Grand Lodge Richmond  
17-18 Nov Grand Chapter Williamsburg  
13 December. Stated at 7:30

**"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?**

**Freelance** dates from the twelfth century when knights who lost employment with royal houses offered themselves as mercenaries. (fm W.C. Priury's Original Big Fat Bathroom Companion by Mingo and Barrett)

**Education:**

"Holiness To The Lord" is the translation of the Hebrew "Qoph Daleth Shin Lamed Yod He Vav He."

"Yod He Vav He" constitute "The Ineffable NAME" and is normally rendered in the Bible as LORD. Ineffable means "too sacred to be spoken".

Reading in Exodus 28, 36-38 (which is concerned with directions from God to Moses regarding the Tabernacle) we discover that an ornament of pure gold with this phrase was to made and tied to Aron's (the first High Priest) forehead.

The phrase appears in the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, and before that in the Arms of the Antients Grand Lodge. (Source: A talk by J. Bullach, PHP based on numerous sources)

**Laugh of the month:**

I have come down with that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

**Capitular Birthdays**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Elgin B. Kirby	1950
George D. Stevens	1953
John Sabanosh	1966
John R. Wigglesworth Jr.	1969
Robert A. Welker	1973
Orval J. Smith	1975
Jerry G. Oliver	1992
David Hull	2001

**Fifty Year Members**

John P. Funkhouser	1949
David H. Graham	1950
Elgin B. Kirby	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

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