

Companions,

At our September Meeting, I challenged each and every companion to share your valuable expertise and energy to make our chapter vibrant.; to take an active part in our chapter. This capitular year is off to a great start and I look forward to continuing the momentum throughout the year.

At our October Meeting, Ex. Hamilton E. Pape gave an exciting presentation on “the Bible”, the Great Light in Masonry. Ex Pape accepted the challenge and gave the first presentation of the year, which was well received. Thank you for a job well done.

The District School is held at Annandale Chapter on the first Weds of the month. Our District Lecturer, Rt. Ex. George Bierman conducts this school, which is focused on learning the work. Every part, regardless how large or how small, is valuable when it comes time for degree work. This valuable school is conducted for our benefit. Don't pass up an opportunity to brush the rust off a part we haven't done in a while, or to learn a new part.

At our November Meeting on Nov 12, Rt Ex. Terrance Duvall will be our speaker and provide insight to the past capitular year and thoughts to looking forward to Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter will be held in Williamsburg, VA on Nov 13 thru 16, 2008. If you need a registration packet, please do not hesitate to contact me, reservations are due. Be sure that your reservations are made for this very important event.

The committee exploring the possibility of moving the meeting location of the chapter will be contacting every member

living within 30 miles of Arlington. Please be prepared to tell them your thoughts about a possible move. We also want to hear from all Companions who wish to be a part of this discussion. You may do so by calling or e-mailing the Secretary, or Bulletin Editor.

Remember Companions, refreshments are served before chapter at 6:30pm. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30pm. Business will be conducted in a thorough, yet efficient manner. Our speakers are sharing their valuable insight and let us show our appreciation. The most valuable asset of the chapter is the members. I look forward to seeing each and every companion this month at our various functions.

S&F  
Mark A. Harford

**“200 Years of Royal Arch Excellence”**

**"Be A Part Of it"**

**Trestle board**

Remember, we serve refreshments at 6:30 before every meeting.  
5 November district School at Annandale Chapter. 7 PM.  
12 November Stated at 7:30  
14-15 November Grand Chapter in Williamsburg

**Laugh of the month: Halloween Humor**

Goblin:  
How you eat the snickers bars you got for Halloween.

Invisible Man:

What a guy becomes when there's housework to be done. Also, see Mr. Hyde.

Jack O' Lantern:  
An Irish Pumpkin.

Fifty Year Members

John P. Funkhouser	1949
David H. Graham	1950
Elgin B. Kirby	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
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
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Wilbert Kahoun	1954
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956
Wallace D. Thompson	1956
James H. Banton Jr.	1958
Robert F. Brown	1958
Roland R. Russell	1958

**From the editor:**

Companions as I have stated previously, my access to less expensive copy services has come to an end. Currently 13 members receive copies via e-mail. We also post the newsletter to [www.varorkrite.org](http://www.varorkrite.org) If you would like to join the electronic distribution, either via e-mail or thru the web, please contact me. John Bullach. Editor at [WMSharon32706@aol.com](mailto:WMSharon32706@aol.com)

# Capitular Birthdays

## NOVEMBER

<b>Elgin B. Kirby</b>	<b>1950</b>
<b>John Sabanosh</b>	<b>1966</b>
<b>John R. Wigglesworth Jr.</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Orval J. Smith</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Jerry G. Oliver</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>David Hull</b>	<b>2001</b>

**Educational point:** From Dr. Rev. Rt. Ex. Edwin Elliott of Manassas Chapter. The MARK MASTER Degree. In some jurisdictions the Mark Lodge operates independently. In England the institution is powerful and impressive. The annual Grand Lodge is noted for its pageantry. The Mark degree is part of the Fellow Craft and for a long time was conferred on Fellow Craft Masons before they moved on to the Master Mason's Degree. It is a peculiar characteristic of the York Rite that each succeeding degree both advances and retraces. Several important lessons first appear in the Mark Degree but more importantly the three preceding degrees in our present system fit together better with the added information. There are actually three different emphases in the Mark Degree and one can see how the degree could function well as its own institution in England and Wales. The form of the degree practiced in Virginia recalls the long connection of the degree with the Knights Templar. The Rejection-theme also ties the degree to the Master Mason's Degree.

