

Companions: The weather is cooling down, there is a "new" slate of officers installed and we are ready to get moving into a new Capitular year. If you haven't had a few minutes to get those dues into the Secretary, please carve out a few moments and drop your check in the mail. If you have a few extra pennies in your possession and want to send a little extra in for Alzheimers, so much the better. If you prefer to save a 37 cent stamp, show up at the Stated and pay in person. I can promise good food and warm fellowship.

A little about me as your new High Priest. I believe business meetings need to be no more than 1 hour. If we have a program or degree work, that might slip to an hour and a half. I am open to any suggestions from Past High Priests and our Companions on program types or speakers you might want to see.

I want to thank **Most Excellent Jim Smith** for being pressed into service as our Installing Officer. I also want to thank **Right Excellent George Bierman** for serving as our Installing Marshall. Everyone enjoyed the installation.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of **Companion Dale L. Thurman**, who died last month.

I want to welcome our newest **Companion Samuel W. Poore III** who received his Royal Arch Chapter degrees at the one day Festival on September 17th. We are going to complete his Council Degree and Virginia unique requirements at the District School on October 5th at 7:00 P.M. at the Elmer Timberman Lodge (Annandale Chapter). Please stop by if you can and show your support for our new Companion.

There is degree work going on fairly often over the next 6 weeks, if you are interested in getting together with some Companions and carpooling over to another Chapter to visit, participate or simply sit and watch, please let me know. I will provide E-mail or telephonic updates as you prefer.

Again, thanks for confidence you demonstrated by electing me as your High Priest. I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you as your schedules permit you to attend Chapter. If there are transportation issues keeping you from Chapter, please let me know. I will confidentially find a way to get you there if you like. My contact information is:

John Wesley Pearson

home phone is (703) 750-3562 (I'm not normally home from work until after 7:00 P.M.)
 cell phone is (703) 505-7140 (this is your best bet; especially if I'm at a Masonic function)
 work phone **for emergencies** is (202) 231-1428.
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 7035 Leestone Street
 Springfield, VA 22151

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Companion John
 HP Arlington RAC #35

JOKE OF THE MONTH: WHY?

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
 Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon #14

First Tuesday
 George Washington Masonic National
 Memorial, Alexandria

Annandale #77

Third Wednesdays
 Elmer Timberman Masonic Temple

**Commitment to
 Mankind**

Trestle board

October 12th Gary Bouck - "The Copper Kings"
November 9th John Steinberger - "Who Shot the Sheriff?"

DID YOU KNOW?

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American Flag.

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 L. Mason	1946
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
Robert A. Dudley	1953
John F. Kelley	1954
Wilbert N. Kahoun	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955

DISTRICT 1 Officers for 2005

Mt. Ex. Gordon Hector Sprigg Jr. GHP
Royal Arch Masons in Va.

Rt. Ex. George R. Bierman, DDGHP
And Lecturer District 1

DISTRICT 1 High Priests for 2005-6

Ex. James F. Hutson, HP
Mount Vernon # 14

Ex. Jason W. Lotz, HP
Annandale #77

Capitular Birthdays

OCTOBER	
Robert B. Dix	1961
Lewis S. Carter	1966
Arthur L. Gore	1969
John L. Hayhurst	1981
Raymond M. Ridgeway	1981
William A. Wiggins	1981
John R. Stone	2002