

Well Companions,

Another year has come and gone. We haven't accomplished everything I planned and yet we are certainly better off than one year ago. We have new Companions in our ranks and three additional Brothers about to complete journey through the degrees on 7 October at the Tri-State Festival at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria. .

I am entirely confident in the abilities of Excellent Ralph Woodrow in taking the reins and making our Chapter even stronger next year. Finally, I am honored to be the District's nominee for District Deputy Grand High Priest and will do everything I can to represent our Chapter in the manner in which it deserves.

On a final note, please keep Right Excellent Dale Gurney, our Grand Captain of the Host, in your prayers. He is in real need of our support as he struggles with serious medical issues.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John Wesley Pearson
HP Arlington RAC #35

Trestle board

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting

13 Sept Stated ELECTIONS and INSTALLATION.

11 Oct. Stated and program.

“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?

The “**Eavesdropper**” in ancient times was that “would be thief of secrets” who stood and listened under the eaves of a building. Today the eavesdropper is that man who forges a good standing card or finds one and masquerades as its owner in an attempt to enter the Lodge. (Source The Virginia Masonic Herald)

Education

Examining the stone in the **Mark Master** degree has symbolic meaning, as does virtually everything else in Masonry. In some Grand Chapters, while examining a stone, the overseers are symbolically examining the candidate. The first declares the work “good”, of proper material with no flaws. The second

declares that the work is “true”, and correct in all its dimensions. The last declares it to be “square” in all its dimensions. These attributes will allow it to be inserted into the structure without causing weakness to the whole. (Daniel J. Thompson in the Virginia Research RAC No. 1753, 2004, VII) This degree also teaches that we are to be very circumspect in examining ourselves for the purpose of helping others. We are taught to carefully think it thru before seeing what can be given in charity. An often-overlooked aspect of the degree is that without fanfare a Brother assists another who is in desperation. We are told to “go and do likewise”. (“THE MAKING OF THE MARK” by J. BEADERSTADT)

Laugh of the month:

Warning! If someone comes to your front door saying they are conducting a survey on deer ticks and asks you to take your clothes off and dance around, **do not do it!** IT IS A SCAM; they only want to see you naked. I wish I'd gotten this message yesterday. I feel so stupid now.

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

Capitular Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

STEWART W. MINER	1959
WILLIAM A. BEVERLY	1963
RICHARD A. GORE	1970
RALPH W. HUSTON	1976
JOHN C. STEINBERGER	1984
SAMUEL W. POOR'E III	2005

