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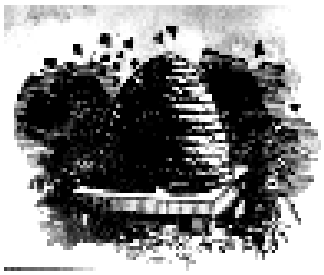

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Strategic planning is an organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees/members, and others are working toward common goals. We further establish agreements around intended outcomes, and assess and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment. It is a disciplined effort that produces fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what an organization is, who it serves, what it does, and why it does it, with a focus on the future. Effective strategic planning articulates not only where an organization is going and the actions needed to make the progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

The most fundamental reason why an organization inaugurates the development of a strategic plan is to accomplish a goal or goals for the foreseeable future. A strategic plan also provides an opportunity to restate guiding principles, beliefs, and values. This, 2019 – 2024 strategic plan of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, aims to improve an ongoing concern, which is membership. This membership strategic plan attempts to define a practical approach to managing the current challenges with membership and increasing membership in the Grand Lodge's long range vision for the Craft of Virginia.

The true accomplishment of our strategy will not be measurable or quantifiable, as it will only manifest itself in Prince Hall Freemasonry's ability to facilitate transformation in the lives of its members. However, as we make progress in executing this five-year strategy, we do intend to establish a series of milestones and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) which will assist us in tracking progress toward delivering our strategic objectives.

Each lodge will be asked to increase its total membership by at least one member per year. "**THIS IS OUR GOAL.**"

This strategic plan, if accepted, implemented, and executed to its fullest extent can end the declining membership skid that has plagued our Grand Lodge for more than a decade, and bring the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Incorporated back to prominence.

ALL members of the Craft play a role in assuring Freemasonry's future in Virginia. But it is critical that those in position of leadership, which includes all members of the Grand Lodge and all Grand Lodge Officers and each member of this Grand Body, across our jurisdiction, embrace this challenge and ensure that our Strategic plan is executed effectively and successfully.

Richard Townes

From the Editor

WPM L. J McCoy, Jr. #33

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be Light." (Genesis 1:1-3) Sometimes we metaphorically have to "die" and be born again. Leaving family, relatives, friends, and all material things, this is what we do, when we believe in a Supreme Being.

Brothers in this fraternity can relate to this and it becomes amazing to hear their stories that relate to being brought to greater wisdom. Throughout the jurisdiction, they continue to share their experiences – good, bad, or ugly – you be the judge.

Even man's best friend was not off the menu, during the Viet Nam War. **WPM Leonard Hawkins** (71) of Lord Hannibal Lodge #327 was raised in November 1992. Before retiring from Phillip Morris after 30 years, he served four years as a Marine in Viet Nam where he was wounded March 2, 1967 by a sniper and received a Purple Heart. Inspired by his father and brothers, WPM Hawkins joined Lord Hannibal and was appointed W. Grand Sr. Steward during MWPGM Larry D. Christian's term of 2008-10.

As he still manages his cattle farm of over 40 head, the former Deputy Chief of Police of Staunton **RW Grand Director Walter E. Brown** #18 (79) continues to support the MWPHGL of VA. Raised in Mt. Zion Lodge #18 in April 1966, the Norfolk State (College) University attendee and is an Army veteran. He was first elected as RW Grand Director in 1999. Losing his run for re-election in 2017, he has now had a successful re-election to the Board in 2018.

Driving the Dinwiddie Special Needs bus after retiring from Kaiser Aluminum, **Past Grand Worthy Patron Clarence E. Williams** (72) of St. Stephens Lodge #247 continues to attend lodge meetings and Schools of Instruction. Raised in St. Stephens on April 20, 1972, he remembers the fellowship and guidance from Brother Mack Jones #7 who lectured him on the Middle Chamber and King Solomon's Temple.

While retiring after 34 years as an Electronic Technician for General Electric, **WPM Oliver Grant** (71) of Mt. Zion Lodge #18 still finds time to Substitute Teach in the Waynesboro School System. As a Charleston, S.C. native, Brother Grant gained his skills from the RCA Institute of Technology, but also found time to coach AAU basketball for over 40 years.

We've Made Brothers from a variety of backgrounds and localities. Maybe, you've not only been to their hometown, but their hometown may be also a part of your origin.

As a 1960 graduate of Virginia State University, **WPM James Willard Patterson** (86) was raised as his father was in Shiloh Lodge #33 in 1956. Realizing his potential, the Hopewell native then traveled to Fort Bragg, NC for the 82nd Airborne, to Knoxville, TN for a technical degree, and back to Virginia's John Tyler for a Mechanical and Lab degree before entering Hopewell politics. WPM Patterson was appointed to the Hopewell School Board, and its Planning Commission, all prior to being elected to the City Council, then Vice Mayor, and then Mayor for two years each.

WDDGM David L. Wilson (72) of Danville Royal Lodge #104 was raised in July 1969. Born in Danville, Brother Wilson retired from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co after 30 years of service. Brother Wilson was influenced by his grandfather, father and brothers to join the Fraternity. Appointed WDDGM by MWPGM Robert Harris in 1976, he has been reappointed by the succession of Grand Masters.

This then is the message they've shared with me, and I've shared with you in order that YOU may have a story you would like to include with us. Extending your blessings may bring more light to those in the shadows of life. Let's continue to mentor our younger brothers, those building blocks of that unfinished Sanctum Sanctorum of King Solomon's Temple.

The 2018 Grand Lodge Charity Raffle

By RWSGW Donald S. Wilson #67

As the September week of our 143rd Annual Grand Session of the MWPHGL of VA was rescheduled to November due to threatening weather, it is now our pleasure to report and thank everyone who supported our efforts in making the Grand Lodge Charity Raffle a success.

The MWPHGL of VA Annual Scholarship Program will be revised and MWGM Townes has issued the details of the program to each lodge.

The result of our recent Grand Lodge Charity Drawing is listed below.

1) 1st Place ($5,000.00) / Ronald Johnson / Ticket #96669 / (Petersburg, Va.)
2) 2nd Place ($2,000.00) / (Tony Russell / Ticket # 76780 / (Chilhowie, Va.)
3) 3rd Place ($1,000.00) / Kiane Moore / Ticket # 86173 / (Martinsville, Va.)
4) 4th Place ($1,000.00) / Norma Armwood / Ticket # 39161 / (Baltimore, Md.)
5) 5th Place ($1,000.00) / "Hicks" / Ticket #55691 / (Chesterfield, Va.)

We solicit your continued support of our new program in order to strengthen our children's financial efforts in securing a better education.

The 143rd Grand Lodge Session

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Portsmouth – On Thursday November 29, 2018, the Committee on Work opened the Occasional Lodge for the 143rd Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. The opening procession received the Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters & their Assistants, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Directors, the Past Grand Masters, the Elected Grand Lodge Line Officers, and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes #235.

The Craft was then called up to receive Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3 who was escorted by the Knights Templar. WPM Jose Ortiz #34 (acting as Sr. Grand Deacon) introduced him from the altar in fluent Spanish. After RW Sr. Grand Deacon George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 read the session proclamation, MWGM Cherry welcomed 24 first time attendees. Speaking for these brothers, Brother Ron Wyatt #15 also found wisdom in the response from RWJGD Edward E. Lattimore, III and RWJGW Beverly "Butch" Morgan, Jr. 298.

The Credential's Committee partial report of registered lodges #13, #18, #70, #125, and #128 was delivered by WPDDGME Raymond A. Sutton, III #13 indicated the session had the Constitutional required quorum to begin.

Sealing the door, RWDGM Townes presented Most Worshipful Grand Master the opportunity to deliver his address uninterrupted. First thanking those who made his tenure easier, MWGM Cherry reflected on the Memorial Day parade, the country's politics, the need for Prince Hall Masonry, the$115,00 settlement of the lawsuit, his mentor – the late WDDGM John N. Daughtry #323, the Scholarship/Raffle Program, the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington DC, recognition of other Grand Lodges, the Veterans Affairs Visitations , the Grand Lodge Cookout, his Testimonial Banquet, the Charity Golf Tournaments, the Schools of Instruction, the KOP, Appendant Bodies, the Grand Chapter, and his Official Acts. He also elaborated on the lost of insurance, the outstanding efforts from WPDDGM Curtis L. Gunn #3, and the MW Past Grand Masters support.

Taking the opportunity to present Brother Willie E. Gregg #11with his 50th year pin and apron, he presented every WDDGM and their Assistants with certificates of recognition.

In order that delegates and members better understood the 2017-18 Grand Lodge operations Annual Reports were received from the RW Grand Secretary, RW Grand Treasurer, the RW Grand Directors, the GL Budget Committee, the Golf Tournament Committee, and the Grand Directors.

Turning over the gavel to Past Grand Master Robert E. Harris #34, the body began nominating candidates for office. After RWDGM Townes was nominated as Grand Master by MWGM Cherry, Worshipful Grand Marshall James Brown #300 moved to elevate the other line officers, which was properly seconded. Motion for adoption prevailed. The Presiding Officer then received three candidates – Walter E. Brown #18, Paige D. Cherry #3, and Herman Eggleston, Jr. #146 – for two Grand Director Positions. Although there were no challengers for the RW Grand Secretary, RW Grand Treasurer, or the RW Grand Lecturers positions, four candidates – Darrick Steele #264, Alton Miles #196, Antonio Pride #43, and Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58 – were nominated for the position of Right Worshipful Jr. Grand Deacon.

Our election results determined that Brothers Walter Brown #18 (with 273 votes) and PGM Herman Eggleston #146 (with 346 votes) attained positions on the board. Also a run-off for the RWJGD position indicated that Brother Antonio Pride #43 (with 246 votes) won over Brother Julius Spain (with 122 votes).

MWGM Cherry called the session to reconvene on Saturday December 1st to receive Sister Jurisdictions from Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. After receiving the Appendant Bodies, he welcomed members of our Knights of the Pythagoras, Zorian Ricks Council #1, Omar Baker Council #8, Jermal Carter Council #8, and Pierre Dellaigle Council #8.

Escorted by the brothers, Grand Worthy Matron G. Sylvia Jackson and Grand Worthy Patron Curtis Holland seated 298 Sisters from the Order of The Eastern Star into the Session.

In a ritualistic closing ceremony, RWJGD Pride, RWSGD Lattimore, RWJGW Cutler, RWSGW Morgan, RWDGM Wilson, and MWGM Richard Townes were properly installed.

The 143rd Awards Banquet

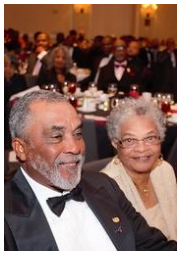
By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Portsmouth – Over 150 guests attended the Annual Grand Lodge Awards Banquet at the Renaissance Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel. Escorted in by Worshipful Grand Marshal James Brown #300, Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige d. Cherry #3 was accompanied by his wife.

Greeting guest at practically every table, the MW Grand Master then assumed the role in presenting awards to the hard working brothers throughout the jurisdiction. While he took the opportunity to first present MWPGM Lionel Spruill, Sr. #189, WM Rendell Bridges #43 presented him with an embroidered jacket from Mt. Nebo Lodge #43. Other awards included:

- Lodge that Sold the Most Raffle Tickets Holland Lodge #28
- Jewel Contest 1st Place Winner Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298
- Jewel Contest 2nd Place Winner Mt. Nebo Lodge #43
- Jewel Contest 3rd Place Winner Lebanon Lodge #34
- Secretary of the Year Small Lodge Ronald Spence #17
- Secretary of the Year Large Lodge Phillip L. Brannon #293
- Treasurer of the Year Small Lodge Moses Williams #17
- Treasurer of the Year Large Lodge Ronnie L. Williams #293
- Small District of the Year 33rd
- Large District of the Year 31st
- DDGM of the Year Small Billie Peters #12 of the 4th & 33rd
- DDGM of the Year Large Charles "CJ" James of the 31st
- DDGM of the Year Large Linwood E. Jones of the 26th
- ADDGM of the Year Large Marcus Douglas of the 3rd
- Lodge of the Year Accomack Lodge #62
- Worshipful Master of the Year Shawn Taylor #62
- Youth Advisor of the Year Alton Miles #109
- Dedicated & Faithful Service as Project Manager MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253
- Certificate of Appreciation MWPGM Robert E. Harris, Jr. #34
- Recognitions were extended to RWSGW Donald Wilson #67, William Moore #92, Ricky McKnight 28, MWPGM Shelton Riddick #323, Curtis Gunn #3, Isaac Curry #3, Floyd C. Copeland #46, Willie Wright, Jr. #3, Elbert E. Scott, Jr. #46, and James Forrest.
- The Grand Master's Cup was awarded to Isaac Curry #3.

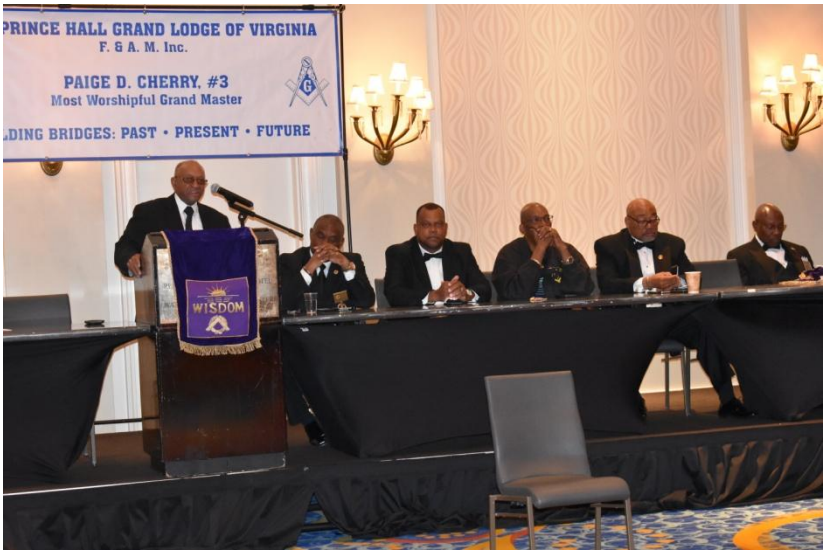
Finally, MWGM Cherry acknowledged that he could not have made this administration possible without the support of his wife who he presented a bouquet of roses and flowers.



Left to right MWGM Townes & family, RWDGM Wilson & wife, MWPGM Cherry & wife, MWPGM Christian & wife, MWPGM Thompson & wife, MWPGM Eggleston & wife, MWPGM Clemons & wife, & MWPGM Brown & wife

143rd Grand Lodge Prince Hall Day

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Portsmouth – Welcoming over 250 participants at the Annual Prince Hall Day Program, WDDGM John Amos #167 received a warm response from RWSGD George T. Cutler #80.

RW Grand Lecturer E.D Curtis B. James #67 opened the program as Master of Ceremonies with prayer by Worshipful Grand Chaplain Rev. Waverly Brown #284, a scripture reading by RWJGD Edward E. Lattimore III #13, and music by Worshipful Grand Musician Nathaniel M. Boyd #297. After a history of Prince Hall Masonry of Military Lodge #441 in 1775 which converted to African Lodge #459 in 1787, WPM James Parham #290 yielded to Grand Chapter Secretary Synthia Martin and RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray #314 who introduced Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Lodge Officers respectively.

The event then merged into the Lodge of Sorrow.

The 143rd Grand Lodge of Sorrow

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Portsmouth – Without missing a beat, RW Grand Lecturer W.D. Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 set the Committee on Work into the dramatic rendition of the Lodge of Sorrow. Acting as the Worshipful Master, WPM Morris Hicks #6 called upon COW members WPM Larry T. Johnson #298 and Phillip L. Brannon #293 to perform the roles of Sr. Warder and Jr. Warden respectively.

Brothers Clarence Diggs #65, MWPGM Robert G. Davis #124, and John H. Lewis #66 were selected to represent the many brothers we lost since the last Grand Lodge Session.

After a song of sorrow, the Grand Lecturer introduced Worshipful Grand Chaplain Waverly Brown #284 as the presenter of the session. The W. Grand Chaplain framed a text from Timothy 4:7-8 and a subject of "Fought, Finished, & Kept (the faith)". Rev. Brown convinced everyone that keeping the faith can always conquered evil.

The RW Sr, Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson #67 then introduced MWGM Paige D. Cherry #3. Giving words of encouragement, MWGM Cherry thanked those in attendance and thanked God for his blessings.

Grand Lodge Officers Received as Honorary Members

By WPM William Moore #92

Virginia Beach - The 144th Annual Conclave of King Baldwin Grand Commandery was held September 19-23, 2018, at the Holiday Inn on Greenwich Road in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Right Grand Eminent Commander Robert R. Ambrose presided over the session.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry, #3, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes, #235 and The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Donald S. Wilson, #67 were present and dubbed as Honorary Past Eminent Commanders by Right Grand Eminent Commander Robert "Rob" Ambrose, #4.

The MWPHGL of Virginia Visits the MWPHGL of DC

Photos by WPM Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28

Washington DC – The Virginia delegation accompanied Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 at the DC Grand Lodge Session.

The Grand Lodge Cook-Out

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Kilmarnock – As Easter Star Sisters scooped ice cream inside the air conditioned fellowship hall, MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253 and RWSGD Edward E. Lattimore III #13 flavored snow cones on the steamy front patio of the Palestine Lodge Hall #100.

On Saturday August 11, 2018, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free & Accepted Masons, Inc. welcomed brothers, sisters, and the community to its annual cookout in Kilmarnock. Hosting the affair, RWGJW Beverly "Butch" Morgan was not hesitant to give praise to WDDGM Louis Lee #100 and the 28th Masonic District who handled the day to day labor to make the event a success.

Along with the bouncing inflated slide outside, the kids received balloon animals and toys hand-made for them on the inside.

Long lines for hot fried fish and chicken seemed shorter as a meet and greet with those you waited in line with. As DJ WPM William Moore, Sr. #92 played old school jams, MWGM Paige D. Cherry #3 took to the mike in greeting and thanking everyone in attendance.

Over $44,000 Awarded By MWPHGL of VA

From Past MWGM Paige Cherry's Annual Report

Portsmouth – The Annual Scholarship raffle raised $44,156.57 to provide scholarships for deserving students in the amount of $1000.00 for each student. The raffle did not provide enough funds this year to cover the 56 applications. The Board voted to transfer funds from other line items to make up the difference. In addition, the Board voted to transfer funds from other line items to cover the 78 applications to award $150.00 for each student in the continuing scholarships for second, third, and fourth year students. Receiving awards were:

Student	DDGM Sponsor	Student	DDGM Sponsor
Loren Albergottie	Elbert Scott MD #3	Sierra Lewis	Eddie Waugh MD #23
Sha'Khan Amos	John Amos MD #6	Rockia Marable	Wilbert Jones MD #14
Hannah Ashby	Joe Williams MD #2	Malcom McCoy	Harvey Eggleston MD #15
Diamond Boyd	Wilbert Jones MD #14	Desiree Mosely	Lynwood Jones MD #26
DeRon Briggs	Alton Miles MD #1	Damarius Mosely	Wilbert Jones MD #14
Cassietta Broadhead	John Amos MD #6	Kevin Nixon	Raymond Moore MD #24
Khiandra Broadnax	Robert Barnett MD #32	Dontrell Norvell	Elbert Scott MD #3
Nicole Brown	Antonio Pride MD #12	Alexis Olds	Kalomo Imo MD #8&10
Nigel Brown	Antonio Pride MD #12	Analeah Overby	William Lee MD #28
Tamia Carter	Alton Miles MD #1	Zoe Pair	Darrol Wardlaw MD #29
Lawrence Claiborne III	Alton Miles MD #1	Alexis Patterson	Antonio Pride MD #12
Tyrone Clark Jr.	Wilbert Jones MD #14	Tyrus Pincham	Charles James MD #31
Ahmir Crawley	Harvey Eggleston MD #15	Demya Preston	Alton Miles MD #1
Amari Crawley	Harvey Eggleston MD #15	Ciara Pryor	Darrol Wardlaw MD #29
Joshua Deloatch	John Amos MD #6	Tavion Richardson	Walter Davis MD #17
Kenya Dillard	Robert Barnett MD #32	Ayana Sellee	Elbert Scott MD #3
Tyrelle Ellison	Harvey Eggleston MD #15	Cornelius Scott	Joe Williams MD #2
Makala Felton	Antonio Pride MD #12	Ashley Simmons	Kalomo Imo MD #8&10
Cameron Fortune	Darrol Wardlaw MD #29	Jada Smith	Lynwood Jones MD #26
Immanual Garcia	Darrol Wardlaw MD #29	Zion Smith	Alton Miles MD #1
Kameron Gray	Alton Miles MD #1	Kevin Travers, Jr.	Nathaniel Boyd MD #27
Breyona Harvey	Nathaniel Boyd MD #27	Lakyah Walton	Walter Davis MD #17
Shadarina Hite	Willie Seward MD #13	Brandon Ward	James Johnson MD #7
Jessiah Hutchinson	John Amos MD #6	Cameron Watson	Lynwood Jones MD #26
Bradley Jackson	Charles James MD #31	Jocelyn Watson	Eddie Waugh MD #23
Lamar Jones	Kalomo Imo MD #8&10	James Watson, Jr.	Harvey Eggleston MD #15
Lamont Jones	Kalomo Imo MD #8&10	Kimberly Whitehead	Nathaniel Boyd MD #27
Tyrelle Lee	Charles James MD #31	Blake Williams	Antonio Pride MD #12
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Schools of Instruction

The Lynchburg School of Instruction

Contributions by WADDGM Walter Davis #295 & WGAP Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28

Evington – Through the winding roads of Campbell County, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia opened its first 2018-19 School of Instruction at the Chapel Grove Baptist Church. Sitting in for the extended office of Most Worshipful Grand Master Paige D. Cherry #3, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Richard Townes #235 recognized four first time attendees. Brother Courtney King #179 spoke on their behalf before RW Sr. Grand Warden Donald Wilson #67 gave words of encouragement.

The Committee on Work then began instructions on the first steps of a candidate's initiation.

The lodges with the highest percentage present were Mt. Pleasant Lodge #31 and Shockoe Lodge #244. Long Mountain Lodge #204 had the highest number of members present.

29th, 30, and the 31st MD School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Falls Church – After a recent snowy northeasterner weather system passed through, the second School of Instruction enjoyed blue skies, but chilly temperatures. The Northern Virginia school took place at the James Lee Community Center on November 17, 2018 in Falls Church.

As Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master continued in the role of Grand Master, he welcomed seven first time attendees where Brother Michael Paige #293 spoke for them. RW Jr. Grand Warden Beverly Morgan #298 then responded.

RW Grand Lecturers Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and Curtis B. James, Sr. #67then activated their Committee on Work and "candidate" Brother Shawn Hill #293 to demonstrate the course of study for the day. Highlighting all three degrees of initiation, Brothers Andre Beary #292, Steven E. Goodson #293, Rudy Tyson #58, Collin Nole #121, Cyril Charity #298, DDGM Charles James, and RWGD Julius Spain, #58 expressed questions of interest.

After a roll call of lodges, Triangle Lodge #293 was awarded the lodge with the most members present and Metropolitan Lodge #161 was awarded with the greatest percentage of members.

Victoria - The Final 2018 School

By WPM L. J. McCoy, Jr. #33

Lunenburg – As a misting rain joined blankets of fog along the Southside Virginia highway, RW Grand Lecturer Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 watched from the west and RW Grand Lecturer Curtis B. James, Sr. #67watched from the east as the third School of Instruction opened at the Central Lunenburg High School.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 then welcomed five first time attendees where Brother Marcel Edmonds #108 spoke for them and RWJGW George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 extended words of wisdom.

With WPM Jermaine Jones #67 as Worshipful Master, the Committee on Work then conducted the initiation floor work. Using Brothers Courtney Bailey #170, Fran Jackson #203, and Marcel Edmonds as candidates, the committee gave each degree instructions.

After the roll call of lodges, West Lodge #57 had the largest percentage members and Mecklenburg Lodge #280 had the highest number of members present.

Louisa has first 2019 School

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Louisa – The meeting room of the Betty J. Queen Center overflowed with over 130 brothers attending the first School of Instruction for 2019.

First pointing out two former Committee on Work members, WPM James Parham #290 and WPM Morris Hicks #6, RW Grand Lecturer Curtis James #67 and RW Grand Lecturer identified all first time attendees. After Brother Cedric Martin #293 spoke for them, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 asked RWJGD Antonio R. Pride #43 to deliver a welcome and RW Deputy Grand Master Donald Wilson #67 to present certificates of attendance.

As in the previous 2018 schools, the Grand Lecturers and the COW gave full initiation procedures. Using WPM Alfred Simmons #124 as a "candidate", Brothers Jerome Johnson #293, C. V. Goodson #293, Oliver Grand #18, Linwood Cowins #40, Christopher Jones #226, Ron Noel #293, Ronald Jackson #188, Edward Mock #18, Allen Jones #293, Walter Brown #18, Sylvester Smith #113, and Troy Lewis #113 asked questions or made comments on the training.

After a roll call of lodges by RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314, the largest percentage of members present when to Omar Lodge #226 and the greatest number of members present went to Louisa Lodge #113. Completing all three obligations as a new Certificate of Merit standard, WPM Alfred Simmons #124 was the only brother to receive the award.

Finally, Grand Master Townes made his comments including the $10 per member assessment to regenerate the scholarship program which replaced the Grand Lodge Raffle.

The Richmond School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – As Committee on Work members WPM Lawrence Harper #253 and Larry T. Johnson #298 verified membership cards in the newly located Northside Masonic Temple of King David Lodge #28, the lodge room overflowed with over 200 brothers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 was contented to receive 15 first time attendees where Brother Waddell Blackston #23 spoke for them. RW Deputy Grand Master Donald Wilson #67 not only welcomed them, he also presented them with certificates of their attendance.

Following the directions of the previous Schools, the RW Grand Lecturers proceeded in demonstrating the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree initiations. After the procedures were complete, Brothers James Wright, III #28, Larry Redden #107, Reginald Dave #300, Roy Todston #107, Leonard Hawkins #327, George Bowser #23, Greg Darrisaw #23, Anthony Streeter #107, Edward Henderson #23, Edmond Logan #81, Jeff Chandler #28, Robert Hancock #23, Lance Watkins #81, and Samuel Branch #81 asked questions or gave expressions on the school.

RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314 roll call of lodges found that King David Lodge #28 had the lodge with the highest attendance and Triple River Lodge #253 had the highest percentage of members present.

Finally, Certificates of Merit went Brothers Michael Mitchell #65 and Robert McDonald #233.

School of Instruction in Tidewater

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Portsmouth – On a chilly but sunny January 26, 2019, the Tidewater School of Instruction was held at the Masonic Scottish Rite Temple in Portsmouth, Virginia. Brother Reginald Tims #69 took the opportunity to speak on behalf of the 18 first time attendees. While Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson #67 stood in for Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235, he asked RWJGW George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 to respond.

Under the directions on RW Grand Lecturers Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and Curtis B. James, Sr. #67, the Committee on Work simulated the initiation procedures on WPM Joseph Atkins, Jr. #69. Observing every detail of the work, Brothers James R. Tabron, Jr. #93, Jeremy Johnson #34, Melvin Johnson #13, Stanly Warrior #34, Todd Bowers #256, Thomas Hinton #94, Donald Boone #94, Cedrick Raynor #268, Jonathan Davis #106, Vincent Forbes #80, and Billy Johnson #124 gained more knowledge for their lodges.

Alpha & Omega Lodge #46 received the honors for the most members present and Campbell Lodge #67 had the highest percentage of members present. While five brothers competed for a Certificate of Merit, only Brother Kevin A. Lewis received an award.

Petersburg has 2018-19 Final School

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – On the edge of Virginia's executive government's unrest, the last School of Instruction was held February 9th at the Halifax Temple. Attending their first SOI, seven brothers stood before the alter where Brother Darius Johnson #43 spoke on their behalf (left top). Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 charged RW Sr. Grand Deacon Edward Lattimore, III #13 in extending a welcome to them.

It was then the task of the Committee on Work to execute the labor of the floor demonstrations of the initiation procedures. Employing Brothers Rahje Sumler #153 and Ty Taylor #43 as "stand-in-candidates", WM Travis Edmonds #7, "SW" WPM Larry Johnson #298, and "JW" WPM Lawrence Harper, Jr. #253 conducted the work. Brothers Carroll Mickens #16, Carlton Brown #15, Myles Jackson #109, Tony Hines #43, A. J. Walker #187, Cyril Charity #298, Gregory Goode #43, Kevin Wheeler #298, and Patrick Hope #161 asked questions and made comments.

Before making his closing comments, MWGM Townes awarded Mt. Nebo Lodge #43 the certificate with the most members; Moses-Gravel Run Lodge #290; and Darryl Talley #290 (left bottom) received the only Certificate of Merit.

Prince Hall Lodge #61 helps the Homeless

By WM Darwin Leavell #61

Fredericksburg - The brothers from Prince Hall Lodge #61 donated 50 beanies and 50 gloves to be given to Mt. Hope Baptist Church. The church will give the items out to the homeless in the Fredericksburg, Virginia area.

The 2nd MD has "Operation Back to School"

By WPM PM Vernon Long II & Pictures by William E. Moore #92

Chesapeake - The 2nd Masonic District gave back doing what we are suppose to do. Taking care of our kids and doing our Operation Back To School Drive Saturday, September 1, 2018. While serving hot dogs and hamburgers, students also received backpacks full of school supplies.

Hobson Lodge #23 Donates for Back to School

By WPDDGM Edward Henderson #23

Richmond - Brothers Robert Barber, Wilktion Shaw, PM David Pankey, PM Roger Johnson Sr., Wadell Blackston, Ronald Hicks, Willie Mcmillian, Justin Young, WM James Thomas, and PM Edward Henderson presented 30 backpacks. Each was filled with school supplies to Ms. Kate Outten principal of Blackwell Elementary School. Blackwell is the adopted school of Hobson Lodge #23.

Fellowshipping with the AF & AM Brothers

WM Rashad Gregory #31

On August 13, 2018, Mt. Pleasant Lodge #31 had the opportunity to host visiting subordinate lodges from The Grand Lodge of Virginia. The Lodges that were represented during this meeting were from Wise, Pound, Coeburn, Appalachia and Big Stone Gap. Prince Hall lodges represented were St. John Lodge #35 from Christiansburg, and Alleghany Dunbar Lodge #109 from Roanoke.

We had an enjoyable time of brotherly love and fellowship. The lecture that night was by Worshipful Master Rashad Gregory "The Ugly Truth". The meeting was organized by District Deputy Grand Masters Jacky Fannon and Danny Plummer #31.

Students Receive Backpacks from Providence Lodge #189

By RWGD Julius D. Spain, Sr. #58

Chesapeake - Providence Lodge #189 donated Backpacks for the "Annual Backpack Giveaway" held at First Baptist West Munden Church, Chesapeake Virginia. This year, 55 Boys and Girls from Pre- K through 12th Grade received Backpacks as well as school supplies. The night was filled with fun, games, and refreshments. Kudos to the Brothers of #189.

Gospel Program is Divine Sunday

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – Singing their signature song, "He's been looking out for that little sparrow", the joint men's choir entered their 15th year of Shiloh Lodge #33's Gospel Program.

On September 30, 2018, the 12th Masonic District and the 16th District Order of Eastern Star jointly celebrated Divine Sunday at the Mt. Cavery Baptist Church in Hopewell, Virginia. District Deputy Grand Master Antonio Pride #43 and District Deputy Grand Organizer Magnolia Rivers responded to the event Chair WPM Odell Williams in making it a successful program.

Out numbering the brothers, the OES district made a special donation to support the event.

The 3rd MD gets Custom Kutz for Kids

By WPM William E. Moore #92

Portsmouth - The 3rd Masonic District Masters & Wardens Council in partnership with Custom Kutz barbershop barbers hosted its annual Back-to-School free haircuts for young students. The brothers grilled and provided hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and sodas for the kids and their parents.

Spiral notebooks and other school supplies were passed out as well. A total of 153 youngsters received haircuts.

"Start where you are, Use what you have, Do what you can."
Arthur Ashe

The 17th MD donates to Big Brothers and Sisters

By WDDGM Walter Davis #295

Danville - On Friday December 21, 2018 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons presented a donation to Big Brothers and Big Sister.

From Left to Right: District Deputy Grand Master Walter Davis, Past District Deputy Grand Master David L. Wilson #104, District Deputy Grand Master Assistant Michael Hairston, Master Mason John Mayo, Pat Daniel Director received the check from Council President Past Master Curtis Hairston, Worshipful Master Carlton Womack, Past Master Charlie Lea, Worshipful Master Charlie Hightower, Worshipful Master Clyde D. Wood, Past Master Rodger Hall, Past Master Rayfield Motley and Master Mason Billy Inge.

Prince Hall Lodge #61 holds Food Drive

by WM Darwin Leavell #61

Fredericksburg – On August 25, 2018, the brothers of Prince Hall Lodge #61 held a food drive at the Celebrate, Virginia Giants Food Store. They have plans to give the food to the Fredericksburg Food Bank.

Triangle Lodge Delivers the Goods for Thanksgiving

By WPM Phillip Brannon #293

Triangle - On Sunday, November 18, 2018, Brothers of Triangle Lodge # 293 and Sisters of Grace Chapter #239 OES gathered on a cloudy Sunday afternoon to conduct their Eleventh Annual Thanksgiving Basket Day event. The baskets included all the fixing for a great Thanksgiving dinner to include a large turkey and ham.

Over 60 members of both organizations and their family members participated in this early afternoon event. The goal of the Lodge and Chapter was to provide baskets for 50 families. This year's event surpassed the goal and issued 70 baskets to families in the Prince William County and Stafford County Virginia area. Over the past eleven years, this event has provided baskets to over 750 families in the local area.

The 12th MD St. John the Evangelist Day

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – Newly appointed WDDGM Darrin Hill #43 appeared visibility disturbed by the late arrival of the program's designated speaker. Fortunately, Rev. Brother George Washington Carver Lyons, Jr. #43 appeared just prior to his appointed time.

On December 16, 2018, the 12th Masonic District held their St. John the Evangelist Day Celebration at the Petersburg Masonic Temple. Humoring the guests with one-liner jokes, Master of Ceremonies WM Harold Johnson #15 gained support from WADDGM Hosza Bagley, Sr. #17, WM David Wright #16, WM Travis Edmonds #7, WM William Porter, III #10, and music by Brother Wendal Givens #317.

After formal Grand Chapter introductions by GDDO of the 16th District Magnolia Rivers and Grand Lodge introductions by WDDGM Hill, Rev. Lyons led us to Matthews's chapter 2 with a subject of "The Way of the Wise."

Following a proper introduction by WADDGM James Parham #290, WDDGM Hill introduced newly elected RWJGD Antonio R. Pride #43. Brother Pride reminded the brothers of their obligation in support of Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 and was proud to serve in the position.

The 33rd MD Welcomes Students Back to School

By WM Anthony Ricks #92

Virginia Beach - Brothers from the 33rd Masonic District and a Sister from The Order of Eastern Star visited Seatack Elementary, in Virginia Beach to welcome the students back for the 2018-2019 school year.

The students were greeted and received words of encouragement from the Prince Hall Masons and Eastern Star. Thanks to Principal Vincent Darby and his courteous staff for allowing the Prince Hall Family to help start Seatack's new school year.

Of all the things I ever lost, I miss my mind the most. – **Mark Twain**

Donations to God's Store from the 17th Masonic District

By WDDGM Walter Davis #235

Danville - On Friday December 21, 2018 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons presented a donation to God's Store House. From Left to Right: District Deputy Grand Master Walter Davis, Past District Deputy Grand Master David L. Wilson, District Deputy Grand Master Assistant Michael Hairston, Master Mason John Mayo, Kerns Harris Director receive the check from Council President Past Master Curtis Hairston, Worshipful Master Carlton Womack, Past Master Charlie Lea, Worshipful Master Charlie Hightower, Worshipful Master Clyde D. Wood, Past Master Rodger Hall, Past Master Rayfield Motley and Master Mason Billy Inge.

School Bags are Delivered by Prince Hall Lodge #61

By WM Darwin Levell #61

Fredericksburg - The brothers of Prince Hall Lodge #61 in Fredericksburg, VA donated book bags for Falmouth elementary school on August 27, 2018.

The brothers of the lodge prepared a total of 24 book bags filled with school supplies to the elementary school and the local community. In a mode of charity, 12 book bags were donated to Mt. Hope Baptist Church in which the church will donate to local schools also.

King George Lodge #314 honor their Widows

King George - The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Brethren of King George Masonic Lodge #314 was very proud and honored to celebrate a full course dinner with our widows during this CHRIST Centered holiday season. Under the leadership WM Tony L. Thompson our attending widows: Leverne Bumbry, Idabel Bushrod, Louise Campbell, Dorothy Grant, and Evelyn Lewis had a God blessed evening eating and fellowshipping with the members of Guiding Star #216 (our sisters), King George #314 (our brothers) and other family and community members.

Our hats are tipped to the top rated Chefs in King George (members of #216 and #314) who prepared the gorgeous meal. Our prayer is that GOD will continue to Bless our widows, both our organizations and the communities that we proudly serve. THANKS!!!

Shiloh Lodge and Lily of Valley have Cookout

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – Overlooking the banks of the Appomattox River, Shiloh Lodge #33 and Lily of the Valley OES #44 fellowshipped adjacent to the lodge for an evening of fun.

WM Jerrail Brown #33 and Worthy Patron Monique Jones-Carlisle OES #44 arranged the event to strengthen the relationship with the lodge, the chapter, and the community. Serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and hot fried fish, everyone shared stories and thanks for the blessed gathering.

Mt. Nebo Welcomes Students back to School

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – As students from John Vernon's Middle School disembarked the buses, the Mayor of Petersburg, Virginia State University President, School Superintendent Marcus

Newsome, Police Chief Kenneth Miller, and of course Mt. Nebo Lodge 43 greeted them.

WM Redale Briggs #43 encouraged his lodge brothers of the 12th Masonic District to join them in celebrating the return of students to the 2018-19 school classes. In a yearly tradition, the lodge has made it a custom in welcoming the children back to school in order to encourage positive behavior and increase academics.

JW Jones Re-Elected Mayor

Harrisonburg – The Jr. Warden of Omar Lodge #226 was re-elected Mayor of Harrisonburg on November 6, 2018.

Brother Jones was raised on sight in 2017 by Past MWGM Paige D. Cherry #3. Serving as a Councilman from 2017 – 19, he then became mayor. He has again won election for the 2017 – 2019 Session.

Prince Hall #61 distributes Thanksgiving Baskets

By WM Darwin Levell #61

Fredericksburg - Prince Hall #61 and Celestial Chapter #38 donated over 30

Thanksgiving baskets to Rappahannock Healthy Families to distribute throughout the local community.

Richmond Lodge #65 Celebrates Men's Day

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Chesterfield – WM Albert N. Rogers #65 and Richmond Lodge #65 attended Men's Day at Brown Grove Baptist Church on Sunday August 19, 2018. About 20 brothers from the lodge and surrounding areas supported the church's event and made a sizable contribution for the development of its community projects.

Creating a festive weekend, church member WPM Roy Green #65 was instrumental in the church having a "Cruise-In Car Show" on the church grounds on Saturday before the Sunday event. With good food and over 30 show cars, the brothers made the church affair a showcase for the community.

Shiloh Lodge's Widow Breakfast

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – On December 7, 2018, Shiloh Lodge #33 found time to celebrate moments with the lodge's widows. Worshipful Master Jerrail Brown opened the event with a welcome which was followed by scriptures and prayers.

After the widows and brothers enjoyed the buffet breakfast, they began sharing the memories of the past brothers who had contributed so faithfully to the lodge and the community.

The Worshipful Master closed by giving each widow and female guest with a gift bag of cosmetics and surprises.

St. John Celebration in the 17th MD and 20th OES District

By WDDGM Walter H. Davis #295

Keeling - On December 16, 2018, District Deputy Grand Master Walter H. Davis and Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Michael Hairston with the 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons along with District 20th Order of the Eastern Star Celebrated St. John the Evangelist day at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Keeling, Virginia.

Master Mason Reverend Larry D. Dav Pastor delivered the message. Lodges participating included Danville Royal #104, Murdock #163, Olympia #179, Judah #205, Almagro #217, Shockoe #244, Brandon Chapel #282 and Golden Rule/Nehemiah #295.

Special Grand Chapter Session

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – The last occasion a special session of the Grand Chapter was conducted was during the 2000 administration of Past Grand Worthy Matron Mary F. Keeling. On Saturday August 25, 2018, the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Virginia convened to properly elect the three Executive Board members.

During the regular 118th Grand Chapter Session in July of this year, it was determined the election results of the board were faulted. Delegates were misdirected to the designated voting machines which resulted in more votes than represented delegates. In a desire for confidence in the election procedures, both Most Worthy Grand Master Paige D. Cherry and Grand Worthy Matron G. Sylvia Jackson coordinated the one day session for the sole purpose of resolving the issue.

After a nail bitter of a wait, elected were Robin Brown, Cheryl Hicks, Claudette Eggleston, Ivery Knight, and PGP Clarence Williams.

Prince Hall Lodge #61 Feed the Homeless

By WM Darwin Leavell #61

Fredericksburg – On Sunday October 28, 2018, brothers from Prince Hall Lodge #61 prepared meals for the homeless at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Worshipful Master Darwin Leavell #61, Senior Warden Eddie Mackey #61, Junior Deacon David Holmes #61, and Entered Apprentice Eyan Lee did the actual cooking and feeding the homeless at the shelter.

Divine Sunday in the 17th MD

By WDDGM Walter H. Davis #295

On Sunday September 30, 2018 District Deputy Grand Master David L. Wilson and the 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons and Order of the Eastern Star, PHA celebrated 5th Sunday Service Divine Worship at Vance Street Missionary Baptist Church 206 Vance St. Danville, Virginia. Maurice Ferrell Pastor.

MWGM Townes Celebrates MLK Day with the 1st MD

By WPM Raymond A. Sutton, III #13& WDDGM Alton Miles #196

Norfolk - On Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 1:30PM, the Craft assembled at Greater Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church located at 822 E. Brambleton Avenue in Norfolk, VA. Our MWGM Richard Townes #235 was at the helm, assisted by our RWDGM Donald S. Wilson #67. They led approximately 50 Brethren of the Tidewater Area Masonic Districts as they processed from the church to the City of Norfolk's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. monument. MWPGM Lionell Spruill, Sr. #189 and MWPGM Curtis S. Vaughan, Jr. #67 were in attendance to offer guidance and support, if required, for this day's intended purpose. Many of the Tidewater Districts responded to this invitation to the First Masonic District's 21st Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring the memory of Rev. Dr. King. The First Masonic District's WDDGM Alton Miles #196 guided the ceremony at the MLK Monument located at the intersection of Church Street and East Brambleton Avenue.

On this wintery day, Mother Nature battled the stalwart Brethren, hurling winds and rain in her attempts to deter their mission. Many photos were taken of the gathering by WAGP James N. Clinton #19 and posted on his website @ www.jnclinton-photography.com and the Grand Lodge's face book page. The Brethren persevered and accomplished their mission, placing the wreath to honor the memory of our Nation's most prolific Civil Rights Leader. They then prepared for the second half of the day's mission.

The second half of this day's celebration was a program held at Metropolitan AME Zion Church, 1710 Springfield Avenue in Norfolk, VA. The program further honored the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. under the theme "The Power of One". This program started at 3:30 P.M. and was sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Norfolk District, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Grand Worthy Matron G. Sylvia Jackson of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Virginia, PHA was in attendance, accompanied by approximately 30 sisters of the Order. MWGM Richard Townes #235 led approximately 50 Masons into the service which signaled the program's beginning.

The speaker for the afternoon was Bishop William D. Moore, the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District. His powerful message, "Do You See Me", spoke to the need to see individuals 'in their humanity'. In doing so, you may eliminate the hate and division that surrounds a lot of the national dialogue and should result in policies that would benefit society and our communities. This program was rounded out with the melodious voices of the Norfolk District, AME Zion Church Combined Choir. The program elements were skillfully guided by Rev. Kenneth W. Crowder, Presiding Elder, Norfolk District and Rev. Darwin D. Little, the Host Pastor.

Mt. Nebo Lodge Donates for Federal Workers

By RWJGD Antonio Pride #43

Petersburg - On Friday January 25, 2019, Past Master Marquis Campbell #43 (2nd from left), presented a check in the amount of $1000.00 to the FCC Petersburg Employees Club to provide assistance to Federal workers that were furloughed at the time. This presentation was made on behalf of the Brothers of Mt. Nebo #43.

Oldest 3rd MD Master Mason Called from His Labors

By WDDGM –E C. L. Gunn #3

The oldest continuously serving and dedicated Master Mason in the Third Masonic District, Brother Elwood Norman Jr., 102, of Brighton Rock Lodge #79 entered eternal life on December 7, 2018. He was one of 13 children of the late Elwood Sr. and Ellen Hedgebeth Norman. He was born March 8, 1916, in Roper (Washington County), NC.

At the present age of 102, brother Norman's life was a testament to the goodness of God. Well Done, Brother Norman, Well Done!!!

The Fall Grand Lodge Charity Golf Tournament

By MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253

Williamsburg - The weather didn't not deter the 12 teams who participated in the Grand Lodge's Fall Golf Tournament, it was a wonderful day. The morning started with prayer from PM Kenneth Lee and then the fun began.
- 1st Place winners were: Devery Travers, Nate Bonds, Maury Walker & Robert Greene with a score of 57.
- Closest to the pin - Hole #10 - Robert Mabry
- Closest to the pin - Hole #2 - Kenny Lee
- Longest Drive - Hole #1 - Eddie Jones
- Longest Drive - Hole # 18 - Maury walker
- Grand prize winner - 32" TV - RWSGW Donald Wilson
- $25.00 Gas Card - Devery Travers
- Last place team with a score or 74 - John Amos, Rodney Thomas & Kenion Hughes received a needed free round of golf

PGM Christian presented a surprise gift to the team that went to Delaware and won the tournament there. That was the team of Devery Travers, Nate Bonds, Maury Walker, and Robert Greene

Most Worshipful Grand Master Cherry assisted with the drawing and thanked everyone for participating. Echoing comments from MWPGM Larry D. Christian indicated that our efforts support our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year college students.

Lynchburg Schoo of Instruction

Grand Chapter 2018 Fou nder's Day Luncheon

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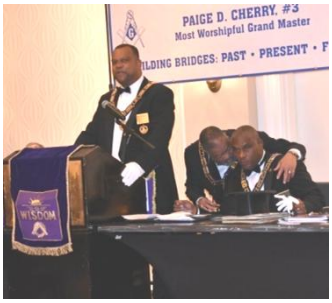
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More Schools of Instruction & 2018 Grand Chapter Session

Grand Master's Agenda of Events for 2019

JANUARY 5, School of Instruction in Louisa
26, School of Instruction in

FEBRUARY 9, School of Instruction in Petersburg,
16, Holland Chapter #163 OES Banquet,
16, Youth Black History Norfolk,
23, Youth Day OES Petersburg,

MARCH 2, BOD meeting Richmond,
15-17, Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters
31, Divine Sunday,

APRIL 6, Charlotte Chapter #147 OES Banquet,
13, DDGM Workshop
13, Triangle Lodge #293 Banquet,
17, State-Wide Veteran Visitation,
20, Richmond Lodge #65 Banquet,
27, OES Smith, Claiborne, Butts, & Roberts Day Luncheon,

MAY
15-19, Conference of Grand Masters
19, Founder's Day, Petersburg, VA

JUNE 1, Grand Master's Annual Golf Tournament,
15, BOD meeting Richmond,
9, Grand Chapter OES Whit Sunday,
22, Joint Charity Ball,
23, St. John the Baptist Day
30, Divine Sunday,

JULY 17-19, KOP Summer Encampment
23 -27, Grand Chapter Session OES –
27, Grand Lodge Cook-Out in Chase City,

AUGUST 10, Grand Lodge Cook-Out in Richmond

SEPTEMBER 11th – 14th, 144th Grand Lodge Session 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at The KISKIACK Golf Club, 8104 Club Dr., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
$340 per team or $90 per player, Registration 7 AM – Shotgun Start 8 AM
Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places, also Longest Drive, Closest to pin, & Hole in One. Non-player lunch $15.
Make checks payable to **MWPHGL of VA** and mail to PGM Larry D. Christian, 241 Reflection Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188 or 757 566-2066, or email PGM Christian at lchristian2@verizon.net

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After hurricane Isabel caused extensive damage and power outage at the 2003 Grand Lodge Session in Richmond, the late MWGM Franklin D. R. Lyons, Sr. #324 explained how we would complete the session.

A Tribute to Our Sisters of the Order of Eastern Star

"If you are depressed, you're living in the past. If you are anxious, you are living in the future. If you are at peace, you are living in the present." **Lao Tzu**

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