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MWGM Richard Townes poses at the Massachusetts burial site of our Founder Prince Hall

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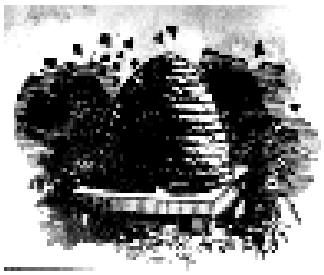

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Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes presents award to RW Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson #67 at the Awards Banquet as RW Sr. Grand Warden Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 and our MWGM's wife, Mrs. Jeanie Townes, look on.

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2. *Forever Devoted to our Grand Lodge.*
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Richard Townes #235

The 80th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, F & AM, Inc

"Rebuilding from Within"

My Brethren, as I continue to serve you in this role as your 80th Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am more and more grateful each day to my Lord and Savior for His ever present leadership and guidance. As I have known most of my life and continue to rediscover, **prayer** changes things.

With the continued support of my Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson and our entire elected line, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia has strived to attain the goals set in December of 2018. On December 1, 2018, our Strategic Plan was presented at our Cabinet Meeting and the Meeting of the Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction. Our Strategic Plan has many elements, one of which addresses our annual membership decline of 4 to 5 %. We are hard at work to assure that the Plan's guidelines are set in place and to bring all members to the understanding of the role that each one plays to assure that each member is a satisfied member in our Masonic Family.

Another Plan element addresses our future. Our **youth** are our future. We must prepare them to secure a place for themselves in tomorrow's world. We must prepare them with the best education that can be afforded to assure that they can tackle the problems which will face them in tomorrow's society and the jobs and professions of tomorrow. We can only do that with a program which provides supporting scholarship funds for tuitions, books, etc. Please pay close attention to your District Deputy Grand Masters as they explain to you and your Lodge how and why **YOUR** financial support is required to make our Grand Lodge Scholarship Program and our Grand Lodge Continuing Education Program function for **OUR YOUTH**.

Richard Townes

From the Editor

WPM L. J McCoy, Jr. #33

In recent years we've seen the weakening of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the dismantling of the Affordable Care Act (President Obama's health care), and the up rise of domestic terrorism. Yet, during these trying times, there have been individuals like Past Worthy Matron **Bessie Moorer** (93) of Petersburg Chapter OES #33 who have marched for local civil rights causes, demonstrated on the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Alabama, and joined with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1963 March on Washington. **Fighting for our Civil Rights.**

Times have evolved where our sisters continue to stand strong. For instance take Grand ADDO **Yvette Robinson's** appointment by Governor Ralph Northam to the Virginia African American Advisory Board on August 2019. Focusing in on African American concerns, this board is one of her many civil rights assignments. **Fighting for our Civil Rights**.

But hold on, brothers from all over this commonwealth have experienced the movement of civil justice that we now enjoy.

Raised on April 23, 1994, WPM **Edward T. Henderson** (70) of Hobson Lodge #23 was in the Army Reserve for 35 years and called back for four more, when he was invited to a Masonic event in Baltimore, Maryland. He was so impressed, he learned more when he returned to Richmond. After he was appointed ADDGM by the late MWPGM Kenneth Hill, he was appointed DDGM by MWPGM Larry D. Christian.

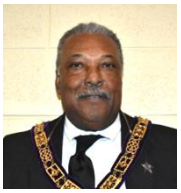
Although his father was a 32nd degree Mason in Charity Lodge #25, WPM **Ralph E. Gordon** (81) was raised in Commonwealth Lodge #81 in 1986. Brother Gordon enjoyed the position of W. Past Asst. CCFC under the late MWPGM William F. Milton, Jr. #58 and W. Past Asst. Grand Tyler for MWPGM Curtis S. Vaughan, Jr. #67. After retiring from his self-employed business of Ralph Inc. Office Supplies, he volunteers to support and serve his Lodge in any way needed.

Brother **Walter B. Lowery** (78) of King Solomon Lodge #27 was raised in June 1967. As a USF Redstar Freight retiree, Brother Lowery spent four years in the Army Paratroop, 174 Brigade and is now 50% disable. His father in King Solomon Lodge #27 and two uncles influenced him to join the Masons.

WPM **George Foultz** (71) was raised in King Solomon Lodge #27 in 1983. Before retiring after 31 years from McGuire Hospital as an X-Ray technician, Brother Foultz serviced four years in the US Navy. After working in the VA, he had a conversation with a neighbor about Masonry and he wanted to learn more about it. The WPM, not only led the State Knights of Pythagoras as State Director, but was also appointed to the USA Board of the KOP.

Born and raised in Keysville, Virginia WPM **Aaron L. Edmondson** (75) is a product of Charlotte Lodge #146. When the late Brother Deacon Wilbert Jones #146 approached him, Brother Edmondson decided to take his degrees in 1979. Appointed as Assistant Grand Marshall under MWPGM George H. Clemons #120, the brother only left the position to serve as Worshipful Grand Pursuivant under the late MWPGM Kenneth Hill #284. After retiring from the Norfolk Southern Railway of 24 years, he tried six more years as a Prince Edward school bus driver before fully retiring. In 2019, he accepted the position of Worshipful Grand Marshall under MWGM Richard Townes.

Past RW Grand Lecturer **Daniel M. Hale, Jr**. (75) was raised in Alleghany- Dunbar Lodge #109 in the 1960's. Brother Hale liked what he saw in his Masonic uncle, the late Brother Rev. Burton, and friends in Masonry and joined Alleghany-Dunbar. Brother Hale first joined the Committee on Work, then became Asst. Director of the KOP, appointed WDDGM, before being elected RW Grand Lecturer. Brother Hale is proud that he owned his own restaurant for 20 years, ran a successful janitorial & catering service, and was the first African American to manage a Dotson Pest Control Service.



Raised in Mt. Pleasant Lodge #31 in 1972, WDDGM **Danny Plummer** (72) was appointed District Deputy Grand Master by the MWPGM Lionell Spruill, Sr. #189. After 37 years of employment with the Appalachian Power Company, he decided to dedicate his divided time between his family and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. Influenced by friends and the late WPM Robert Anderson #31, Brother Plummer joined Mt. Pleasant Lodge.

These are just a fraction of our foundation brothers who have guided our civil rights in their own way while contributing to the craft. As we address distractions in our efforts for memberships, brotherly love, and civil liberties, let's not forget our sisters who continue to work along our side, during these trying times **"Fighting for Our Civil Rights".**

144th Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Annual Session

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Fredericksburg – On Thursday September 12, 2019 in the city of Fredericksburg, the 144th Grand Lodge opened promptly at 8:30 AM in order to conduct business and receive the honorable Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235.

Following grand honors instructions from RW Grand Lecturer W.D. Roger Redd, Sr. #109, the session properly received the Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, the Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the RW Grand Directors, the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Elected Line Officers, and RW Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson #67. The under the escort of the Knights Templar, MWGM Richard Towns #235 was properly received.

The Proclamation was then read by RW Sr. Grand Deacon Edward E. Lattimore III #13which officially called the craft to convene in the City of Fredericksburg this first Thursday after the second Sunday. In addition, a partial report of registered lodges by the Credential Committee by WPM Gregory Goode #43 and WDDGM Emeritus Raymond A. Sutton III #13 included lodges #31, #109, #187, #263, and #290.

The Grand Master was pleased to welcome over 35first time attendees to the session. Extending a welcome from RW Jr. Grand Deacon Antonio Pride #43, Brother Charles Baldwin #293 gave expressions for them where RW Jr. Grand Warden George T. Cutler, Jr. #80 brought additional greetings.

Before presenting his annual address, MWGM Townes asked Chaplain WPM Reuben Rock #125 to bless us with the aid of deity. The Grand Master gave a powerful presentation on membership, necrology, the State of the Nation, gun violence, Strategic Planning, State of the Craft, the Mid Atlantic Conference, the KOP, Veterans' Administration, Conference of Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge Cook-outs, the Grand Lodge Charity Ball, the Grand Lodge Golf Committee, Schools of Instruction, Founders' Day, Fraternal Relations, and the Order of Eastern Stars. Highlighting 215 dispensations and four healings, he had three recommendations which included making Past WDDGM David Wilson, Past WDDGM Robert Barnette and W. Grand Chaplain Emeritus status.

Reports continued with RW Grand Treasurer James E. Watkins, Jr. #44 and RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray #314 gave their reports; RW Grand Director Charles A. Jones, Sr. #81 with the Grand Director's report; Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 and Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 with the Grand Lecturers' reports; WPM Jose Ortiz #34 with the Committee on Work report; and WPM Ronald Blakely #32 with the Budget report.

In a gesture of support for the hurricane disaster in the Bahamas, MWGM Townes had the "hat" passed for $1,800 and contributed from the Charity fund to make it a round figure of $2,000.

Turning the gravel over to MWPGM Billie Thompson, the Grand Master instructed him to conduct the nominations for office. While all elected officers except two expiring Grand Director positions were motioned to remain in place, bothers nominated MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253, Ernest Prater #293, and Charles A. Jones, Sr. #81for the positions.

After the completion of the Scholarship, Education, Publishing Board, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Knights of Pythagoras, and the Veterans of Administration committee reports, election results indicated that MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253 and Charles A. Jones, Sr. #81would retain their positions as Grand Directors.

MWGM Townes then received guests and remarks from Sister Jurisdictions from the State of Washington, the AF & AM Brothers of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, North Caroline, Rhode Island, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Oklahoma.

Following greetings from the Council of Deliberation, Grand Worthy Matron G. Sylvia Jackson and Grand Worthy Patron Curtis Holland were accompanied by 215 Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star who joined the Session to give the Grand Master remarks and gifts.

The Session ended Saturday with the formal installation of MWGM Townes, RWDGM Wilson, RWSGW Morgan, RWJGW Cutler, RWGT Watkins, RWGS Gray, RWSGD Lattimore, RWJGD Pride, RWGL Redd, RWGL James, RWGD Jones, and RWGD Christian. In a surprise move, long time W. Grand Marshall James Brown #300 turned his baton over to WPM Aaron L. Edmondson #146, W. Grand Asst. Chaplain Rev. Leroy D. Evans, Jr., #7 was appointed W. Grand Chaplain, and 31 year RW Grand Treasurer James Watkins stated he would be stepping down in 2020.

LEFT, MWGM Townes displays framed article on MWGM Alston of DC,
RIGHT, Visiting Grand Masters at the 144th Grand Lodge Session.

The 144th Prince Hall Day & Lodge of Sorrow Program

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Fredericksburg – On September 11, 2019, the Prince Hall Day and Lodge of Sorrow programs begin with a procession of the Grand Lodge Line Officers entering under the Grand Master's theme song "Change Gon'na Come". Following this entrance, Master of Ceremonies RW Grand Lecturer W. D. Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 led the program of events. As program participants RW Sr. Grand Warden Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298, WDDGM Darrol Wardlaw #125, RW Sr. Grand Deacon Edward E. Lattimore III #13, and RW Grand Secretary Stevie R. Gray #314 gave their expressions, RW Grand Lecturer E.D. Curtis B. James, Sr. #67gave us the purpose of Prince Hall Day.

The service then converted into the Lodge of Sorrow. While WPM Larry T. Johnson #298 portrayed the role of the Worshipful Master, Michael Callaway #65 and WPM Travis Edmund #7served as Senior and Junior Wardens. After the dramatization, RWGL James introduced Brother Rev. James T. Spencer. Delivering his text from I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Rev. Spencer titled his sermon "Someday We Will be Together".

After singing the Masonic Hymn, RW Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson #67first recognized Grand Worthy Matron Sylvia Jackson and Grand Worthy Patron Curtis Holland before introducing Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235. The Grand Master thanked those in attendance and asked everyone to support the Thursday Gospel Program.

Visitors at the 144th Grand Lodge Session

The 2019 Annual Banquet

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Fredericksburg – After leading the official procession in by Worshipful Grand Marshall James Brown #300, Right Worshipful Sr. Grand Warden Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 properly seated our Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 and his guest at the head table.

RWGSW Morgan was assisted with an invocation and grace by Rev. Franklin, then a welcome by RWJGW George T. Cutler, Jr. r #80 prior to dinner.

Following dinner, MWGM Townes was introduced by RWDGM Donald S. Wilson #67 who assisted him in presenting awards to distinguished brothers who had exhibited outstanding accomplishments throughout the year.

- Secretary of the Year for Large Lodge, Rueben T. Rock #125
- Secretary of the Year for Small Lodge, Shaun L. Howard #4
- Treasurer of the Year for Large Lodge, Derrick R. Linsey #125
- Treasurer of the Year for Small Lodge, Joseph Staton, Sr. #67
- Jewel Contest 1st Place, Mt. Nebo Lodge #43
- Jewel Contest 2nd Place, Triangle Lodge #293
- Jewel Contest 3rd Place, Lebanon Lodge #34
- Worshipful Master of the Year for Small Lodge, Michael N. Christian #253
- Worshipful Master of the Year for Large Lodge, Cyril R. Charity #298
- Small Lodge of the Year, Triple River Lodge #253
- Large Lodge of the Year, Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298
- Large District of the Year 31st Masonic District
- Small District of the Year, 4th/33rd Masonic District
- Small District of the Year, 23rd Masonic District
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Large District Charles James #11, 31st MD
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Large District Wilbert Jones #235, 14th/16th MD
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Small District Billy C. Peterson #92, 4th/33rd MD
- District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Small District Eddie M. Waugh #24, 23rd MD
- Asst. District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Large District, A. Marques Pitre #298, 31st MD
- Asst. District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Large District, Clyde A. Boyd #208, 14th/16th MD
- Asst. District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Large District, John L. Austin #146, 14th/16th MD
- Sst. District Deputy Grand Master of the Year Small District, Richard Cabell, Sr. #24, 23rd MD
- Special Appreciation Awards went to James Crocker #43, Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28, Meddle Knox #1, Frank Stokes #146, Dr. Gerard Sheppard #6, and William Christian #65
- Golf Committee Members Award went to Leonard E. Hawkins #327, Leonard C. Johnson #298, Edward E. Lattimore, III #13, John Moses #146, Curtis L. Gunn #3, Thomas L. Jefferson #94, James S. Burrell, Sr. #253, Devery Travers #11, Michael N. Christian #253, and Larry D. Christian #253
- Grand Master's Cup, Ray Green #65
- Special Recognitions were presented to Past RW Grand Secretary Isaac Hughes #314, William Christian #65, and Robert Steele
- DDGM Emeritus was presented to Robert Barnett #294 and David Wilson #104, and
- Grand Chaplain Emeritus was presented to Rev. Waverly Brown.

After the presentation of two $500.00 MWPGM Scholarship Awards by MWPGM Billie Thompson #46 for the MWPGM Council, MWGM gave flowers to Grand Lodge Administrator Ms. Yvonne White for her service and to his wife, Jeanie, for tolerating his busy travel schedule.

$96,000 of Scholarships Awarded

During the 144th Grand Lodge Session, the Education Committee appointed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 approved 135 applicants for scholarships. The Scholarship Committee Chairman, WPM Dr. Gerard McShepard #6 and members WPM Willie L. Wright, Jr. #3, WPM Learmon M. Moore #307, and WPM Albert Williams #23, distributed $96,000 in the field of education.

- 25 applicants outside of the Masonic family received $1,000 each,
- 50 applicants within the family received $1,000 each, and
- 60 applicants continuing in higher education received $350.00

MWGM Townes and this Grand Lodge encourage all high school seniors to apply for your higher education assistance by using the information below.

High School Graduate Scholarship Applications are available for
High School Seniors for the
Class of 2020
Contact Your Lodge
If your father or grandfather is in good standing or in good standing when he passed or if you are an active member of the Knights of Pythagoras
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!
Deadline for submission is
April 1, 2020
Follow the instructions on the application then Send to:
Office of Grand Secretary MWPHGL of VA
P. O. Box 14646
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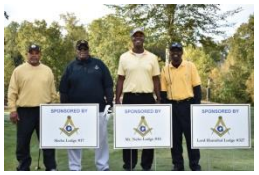
The Fall 2019 Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Williamsburg – The Fall 2019 Golf Tournament was held on October12, 2019 at KISKIACK Golf Club, the weather was beautiful. There were fourteen teams that participated in the tournament.

The winners were as follow:

- 1st Place – Score of 57: Devery Travers, Maury Walker, Nate Bonds, Chris Benjamin
- 2nd Place – Score of 61: Eric Richardson, John Wilson, Wathen Montgomery, Robert Greens
- 3rd Place – Score of 62: Leonard Johnson, Derek Brown, Kenneth Lee, Kevin Todd
- Closest to the Pin – Hole #5 – Wathen Montgomery
- Longest Drive – Hole #8 – John Amos

Grand Prize winners: Kevin Todd – 39" Insignia TV& Mike Southard – Kindle Fire

Many other gifts were drawn and all who participated enjoyed the event. In addition, the Grand Lodge Golf Committee would like to thank the 54-hole sponsors for their support. The results wouldn't be the same without them. Thanks to our RWJGD Antonio Pride #43 for attending the event.

We are looking forward to our Spring Tournament which will be held on June 6, 2020 at KISKIACK Golf Club, where we will be celebrating our 15th Year of hosting the Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament.

God blessed us to play a game that our labor of love would bless someone else, as you know the proceeds from the Golf Tournaments and sale of Masonic Merchandise assist our 2nd, 3rd and 4th year College students. Lastly, the committee would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors and the Elected Line Officers for their continued support.

The Grand Lodge Cook-Out in the West, then the East

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

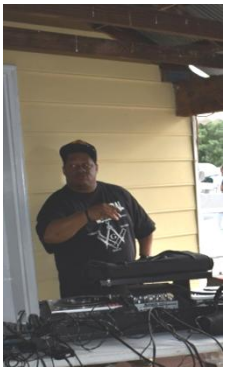
Chesterfield – While Asst. District Deputy Grand Master Morris Hicks #6 directed the cooks in the kitchen and the grill masters over the flames, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 greeted and welcomed brothers, OES sisters, and guests at the 2019 Cook-Out in the East at the Iron Bridge Rd. Ruritan Club.

Held on Saturday August 10, 2019, RWJGD Antonio Pride #43 employed the services of the 12th and 26 Masonic Districts' DDGM Darrin Hill #43 and DDGM Lynwood Jones #27 to make the event a success.

Spinning sounds of R & B hits from the present and past, disc jockeys DJXL (WPM Marcel Wilson #327) and DJ Xcel (Oliver Ford #17) shared the sounds for line dancers as well as two-steppers.

The menu included a variety of items to enhance the pickiest palates. Grilled & fried chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, green beans, hot fried fish, watermelon, hamburgers, and hot dogs complimented the roasted pig that Asst. DDGM James Parham #290 prepared and seasoned.

Since the Kilmarnock location was under renovations, MWGM Townes believed the change of location centralized the event to include a larger number of lodges and chapters. And, many agreed with his change of venue.



MWGM Townes Visits the MWPHGL of Washington D. C.

Photos by WPM Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28

MWGM Townes Visits the MWPHGL of North Carolina

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MWGM Townes Visits the MWPHGL of South Carolina

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MWGM Townes Visits the MWPHGL of Massachusetts

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Schools of Instruction

The First School of Instruction for the 2019 – 2020 Season

By WPM Ricky McKnight, Sr. #28

Harrisonburg – On November 9, 2019, the first School of Instruction was held in Lucy Simms Recreation Center. Supporting RW Grand Lecturers Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and Curtis B. James, Sr. #67, the 17th, 18th/19th, 20th, 23rd, and 32nd Masonic Districts participated in making the school a success.

As Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 greeted the brothers in attendance, he was most impressed with Tiewen Benstun, #20, Anthony Bailey #226, Darryl Barnes #20, Maurice Hall #20, and Donzell Parrish #20 as first time attendees.

The floor demonstration by the Committee On Work reflected their polished degree of labor in aiding the brothers on performing ritualistic work in their lodges.

After a roll call of lodges by RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314, the Highest Percentage of Members was presented to Omar Lodge # 226 and the Highest Attendance of Members was presented to Jefferson Lodge # 20.

The School in Lunenburg

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Lunenburg – As autumn blown leaves littered the central Virginia highway, more than 100 brothers poured into the converted high school gym for the second Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia School of Instruction.

RW Grand Lecturers Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and Curtis B. James #67 even welcomed seasoned brothers on their Committee on Work until their appointed members arrived.

Enjoying a lively conversation at the altar with first time attendee Brother Delonta Mosley #208, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 was glad to receive five more first timers. The Committee on Work with WPM Lawrence Harper, Jr. #253 acting as Worshipful Master wasted no time in their demonstration of the first, second, and third degree floor work. Brothers James Rowe #131 and Marty Davis #186 questioned the committee and worked with them.

MWGM Townes was pleased to present the lodge with the Highest Attendance of Members to Charlotte Lodge #146 and the lodge with the Highest Percentage of Members was awarded to Victoria-Kenbridge Lodge #187.

Masonic & Greek Unity Conference

Saturday, June 27, 2020

11 AM to 5 PM

Virginia State University Multi-Purpose Center

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The Richmond School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – Even on his birthday, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 did not take a break and appeared at the 2020 first School of Instruction.

With over 200 brothers assembled in the reception area of Hobson Lodge, MWGM Townes was well pleased of the overwhelming support of his administration. Stepping up to the mike to speak for the 23 first time attendees, Brother Derius Maye #44 spoke elegantly and received a robust response from RW Jr. Grand Warden George T. Cutler, Jr. #80

Challenging the brothers' support for the continuing education scholarships, the Grand Master prompted the brothers to step up and buy raffle tickets from MWPGM Larry D. Christian #253 which fund the Program

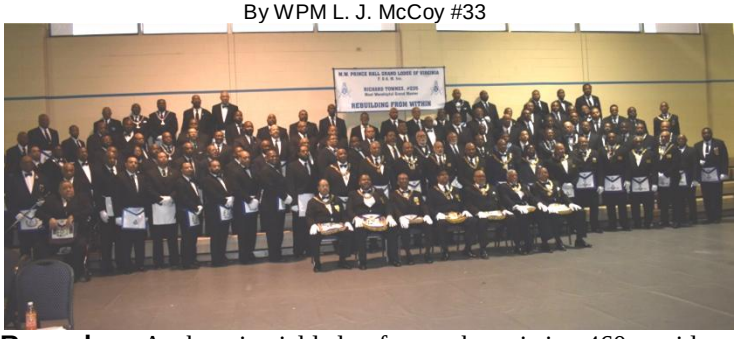
RW Grand Lecturer-East Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 and RW Grand Lecturer-West Roger L. Red, Sr. #109 then gave instructions to the brothers of the agenda they would receive for the day. Demonstrating the candidate's role in each degree, Past RW Grand Lecturer Kerry R. Brown #61 subjected himself in the role of candidate. As Committee on Work members WPM Jose Ortiz #34, WPM Larry Johnson #298, and Michael Callaway #65 set in as

Worshipful Masters for the initiations, Brothers Vernon Claiborne #233, Roy Toston #107, Lorenzo Crowder #65, and Wayne Graves #107 had questions and comments.

While a Certificate of Merit was earned by WM Edward Logan #81, Richmond Lodge #65 received the award for the lodge with the Highest Attendance of Members present and Triple River Lodge #253 received the award for the lodge with the Highest Percentage of Members present.

The Roanoke School of Instruction

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33



Roanoke – As the rain yielded to fog on the twisting 460 corridor to the Star City, RW Grand Lecturer-W Roger L. Redd, Sr. #109 and RW Grand Lecturer-E Curtis B. James, Sr. #67 prepared the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia for the January 25, 2020 School of Instruction.

The second school of 2020 drew the attention of 27 first time attendees. While Brother Aaron Smith #320 spoke on their behalf, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 asked RW Jr. Grand Deacon Antonio Pride #43 to respond to them.

Directed by the Grand Lecturers, Committee On Work members WPM Travis Edmonds #7, WPM Jose Ortiz #34, and WPM Larry T. Johnson #298 performed the roles of Worshipful Master for the first, second, and third degree initiations. After COW member WPM Alfred W. Simmons #124 guided "candidate" Brother Larry Day #205 through the simulated initiation, Brothers Myles Jackson #109, Douglas Jackson #24, Elroy Gwynn #217, and Willie Richardson #109 had questions and concerns.

Calling for a break during the session, MWGM Townes made a special presentation which was donated by the brothers to KOP Mother Ms. Theresa Johnson, Knight Jayden Levine, and Brother Bernard Johnson #109 to benefit their KOP Council.

After roll call of lodges by RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314, it was determined that Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 be awarded the Highest Attendance Award and Golden Rule Lodge #295 was awarded the Highest Percentage of Members in attendance.

The 8th and 10th Masonic Districts have Community Outreach

By WADDGM Lewis L. Thompson #256

Suffolk - Delivering turkeys, non-perishable food items, and canned goods to Suffolk residents, members of the 8th and10th Masonic Districts showed their Masonic Charity. In support of their "Community Outreach Program," the Brothers in the district were determined to ensure the elderly and families in need would have the essentials to enjoy a delicious meal during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Members available for deliveries included District Council President Masters/Wardens Council Todd Bowers #256, Worshipful Master James Lewis #231, WADDGM Lewis L. Thompson Sr. #256, and WDDGM Kalomo Imo #48.

23rd Annual Banquet for 14/16 and the 32nd Districts

By W Asst. Grand Photographer Ricky McKnight #28

Chase City – "Working for a Better Tomorrow" the 14th/ 16th & 32nd Masonic Districts along with the Order of Eastern Star celebrated a Joint Banquet at the Estes Community Center on November 9, 2019. With both Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 and Grand Matron Sylvia Jackson in attendance the event elevated to higher levels.

Mistress of Ceremonies PWM Thelma Jones OES #147 then had Sister Towanda Jordan OES #153 render Greetings and Rev. James Spencer #146 gave the invocation. After an introduction by Sister Trakeeha South OES #178, Guest Speaker Mrs. Helen B. Hill delivered a strong address.

Working as a team, GDDO Anna Gayles and WDDGM Wilbert Jones performed the Dignitary Introductions which were followed by Chapter and Lodge presentations. Final remarks and presentations were made by MWGM Townes.

The 17th MD has Back to School Drive

By WDDGM Walter H. Davis #295

Danville - On Wednesday August 28, 2019, the 17th Masonic District Council donated Back to School Supplies to G.L.H. Johnson Elementary School 680 Arnett Boulevard Danville, Virginia.

From Left to Right: W. District Deputy Grand Master Walter H. Davis #295, W. Past Master William Wood #179, Master Mason Gary Chappelle #163, Master Mason Steve Fitzgerald #179, Worshipful Master Carlton Womack #244, School Superintendent Stan Jones, School Principal Angela Graves, Past Master Curtis Hairston #217, Master Mason Mark Emerson #179, W. Past Master John Wilson #163 and W. Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Michael Hairston #217.

Alleghany – Dunbar #109 and KOP Parent's Club had a Profitable November

By WM Myles Jackson #109

Roanoke - "November is the month of Thanksgiving. With that in mind the members of Alleghany – Dunbar Lodge #109, the young men of the Knights of Pythagoras ES Brown KOP #2, and their KOP Parent Group made sure that the blessings they received were paid forward."

Brothers from the lodge and young men from ES Brown KOP #2 fulfilled the blessings by serving as Salvation Army Bell Ringers on a cold and rainy Saturday morning in front of a local Kroger Supermarket.

Capital City Lodge #107 donates to the Lupus Foundation

By WPM Glen Hence

Richmond - Throughout the year, the brethren of Capital City Lodge #107 raise money to support various charities and events. On October 12th, 2019, a plethora of Capital City #107 members assembled at the Bon Secours Redskin training camp to support the Lupus Foundation of America. It was a clear and warm day that started with various donors walking a mile to mark their presence and announce their support to cure Lupus.

Lupus is a disease that causes inflammation and pain in many parts of the body.

There were several activities to include donors making presentations under their team name. Capital City #107, under the team name **The Beat Goes On** was led by WM Roy Tosten. The lodge made a presentation to Mr. Zach Feueherd who is a representative from the Lupus foundation in the amount of $500.00. The team was commended for raising over $1700 dollars to provide much-needed assistance for research initiatives, increase awareness, and rally in support for an estimated 1.5 million American's who suffer from its brutal impact.

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Personally, my Mom suffered from this chronic illness at a time when not many doctors knew about the disease, or how to treat it. It is with this monetary blessing; we are forever reminded that charity is a virtue which, when our affections are perfectly ordered, unites us to God. For such sacrifices, he is pleased.

MWGM Towne Visits Brighten Rock Lodge #79

W. Grand Photographer William E. Moore #92

Chesapeake – On October 28, 2019, Brighten Rock Lodge #79 welcomed Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 and RW Deputy Grand Master Donald S. Wilson #67 to their lodge meeting and Social. WM Williams Jones #79was pleased to turn the gavel over to our Grand Master who extended words of wisdom.

While WM Jones encouraged the brothers' participation, MWGM Townes gave expressions on an outstanding event. Joining the Grand Master at Brighten Rock Lodge were Past Grand Directors Maurice Holland & Robert Ambrose, Asst. Grand Photographer Rickey McKnight, Sr. ##28, Asst. Grand Pursuivant Frank Stokes III #46, W. Grand Sr. Steward Ray Green #65, and a number of WDDGM's & their Asst.'s.

Arlington Lodge #58 Celebrates 131st Anniversary

By PRWGD Julius Spain #58

Arlington - "In 1879, two farmers and laborers who were community leaders in Freedman's Village, William H. Butler and Henry Louis Holmes, purchased parcels of land west of Fort Myer in what is today Penrose. They built their own homes here, relocating with their families around 1879, and improved the area with substantial construction of freestanding dwellings. In 1882, the neighborhood was ultimately platted as the Butler-Holmes subdivision. This was the first impetus for growth in Penrose from its rural farming setting. Penrose was first platted and subdivided in 1882 by William H. Butler and Henry Louis Holmes, prominent leaders in the African American community. Because of its close proximity to Freedman's Village and the lack of restrictive covenants, Penrose was initially home to a vast number of African Americans including renowned medical researcher Dr. Charles Drew."

On Sunday October 20, 2019, members of Arlington Lodge #58 attended morning worship service at St. John's Baptist Church in celebration of our 131st Lodge Anniversary. Shortly thereafter, we visited with one of our extraordinary members, WPM Samuel Avery, who is now home recovering from a brief illness.

The 17th Masonic District has Divine Sunday

By WDDGM Walter Davis #295

Blairs - On Sunday December 29, 2019, the 17th Masonic District of MWPHGL of VA, F & AM, Inc. under WDDGM Walter H. Davis #295 and WADDGM Michael Hairston #217 celebrated a Divine Sunday Service. The event was held at New Mind Creek Progressive Primitive Baptist Church under Elder Donnie Tinnin Pastor.

They were joined by Grand District Deputy Organizer Luberta Petty Chapter #168 and members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star PHA of Virginia along with Almagro Chapter #75. Lodges assembled included Danville Royal Lodge 104, Murdock Lodge 163, Olympia Lodge 179, Judah Lodge 205, Almagro Lodge 217, Shockoe Lodge 244, Brandon Chapel Lodge 282 and Golden Rule/Nehemiah Lodge 295.

Celebrating Homecomings with the HBCU's

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond & Petersburg – The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. has experienced a rich history in supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Continuing these efforts on Saturday October 19, 2019, the 12th and 26th Masonic Districts made their presence known at the Homecoming activities of both Virginia State University and Virginia Union University respectively. While DDGM Darrin Hill #43 and the brothers of the 12th MD tailgated at VSU, DDGM Lynwood Jones #27 enjoyed the company of over 60 brothers on the campus of VUU.

Both Districts grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for brothers and guests who came by their tailgating facilities.

Not to be out-done, the 16th District Order of the Eastern Star, PHA featured a float in the Annual VSU Homecoming Parade.

King Baldwin Grand Commandery Annual Conclave

The Session of the King Baldwin Grand Commandery Annual Conclave for Knights Templar was held the last weekend of September 2019 in the city of Virginia Beach.

During the session Grand Standard Bearer Gerard McSheppard recognized MWGM Richard Townes #235.

A Presentation to Shiloh Lodge

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – It was the brainchild of our AF & AM Brother James "Jimmie" Jones #177 and Brother Campbell Ray Edmonds #33 to give Shiloh Lodge #33 a token of remembrance.

Prior to the January meeting of the lodge, Brothers Jones presented a framed sketch of the lodge building to WM Marquell Tucker and the members

Since the members could no longer afford the historical upkeep of the lodge, they made careful consideration to sale the historical building to the City of Hopewell. The 1735 building was purchased by the original members of the Masonic and Temperance Society of City Point (Shiloh Lodge) back in 1877 as its Masonic Lodge.

As the meetings are now held at the Petersburg Temple, members plan to find its home back in the City of Hopewell.

Danville OES has Community Event

By WDDGM Walter Davis #295

Danville - On Saturday August 24, 2019 at Danville Royal Lodge #104 425 North Main Street Danville Virginia, Worthy Matron Rose Wood and Worthy Patron William Wood of Gladiola Chapter #194 Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation had a Community Event. They proudly served free hot dogs, chips, and beverage for the Community Lunch.

Celebrating Divine Sunday with MWGM Townes

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Richmond – As temperatures climbed to record breaking highs on the fifth Sunday in September, the 12th and 26th Masonic Districts assembled at Second Baptist Church in Richmond for a 2019 Divine Sunday Service.

Accompanied by RW Jr. Grand Deacon Antonia Pride #43, WDDGM Lynwood Jones #27, WDDGM Darrin Hill #43, W. Grand Chaplain Leroy D. Evans, Jr. #7, RW Past Grand Lecturer James Williams #44, W. Grand Sr. Steward Ray Green #65, and 97 brothers, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 was pleased to present a Distinguished Service Award to Pastor Ralph S. Hodge for his contributions to the community. With over 80 Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star in attendance, it was difficult to find seating.

Senior Pastor Hodge then delivered a message from II Chronicles 32:1-10 entitled "Young and Faithful". Encouraging everyone to walk with God right now, he stated the message was for the youths, as well as the adults.

Alleghany-Dunbar Presents Scholarship

By WM Myles Jackson #109

Roanoke - Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 assists an aspiring young college student in their pursuit of higher education. The lodge presented a $300.00 college scholarship to Christian Miller who is attending Virginia Tech and majoring in International Cyber-Security. Mr. Miller is the grandson of the late WPM Tony Reed #109.

Capital City Lodge #107 Donates to FeedMore

By WPM Glen Hence #107

Richmond - On December 17, 2019, brethren from Capital City Lodge #107 assembled at the FeedMore facility located at 1415 Rhodemiller Street, Richmond, VA to donate $170.00 to the organization.

FeedMore is Central Virginia's core hunger-relief organization, dedicated to providing citizens in need with healthy meals.Ms. Kathy Erhardt, a representative from Feed More stated"that for every dollar donated, it would provide four meals to a family".

With this donation, Feed More will be able to help as many children, families and seniors who struggle with hunger. FeedMore helps nearly 200,000 children, families and seniors in Central Virginia who need nutritional assistance. Our mission on this day was quite simple; to reflect the values of Masons that seek to improve the community in which we all live and work.

Hampton Roads OES Assist Schools

By Ann Beverly, Grand District Deputy Organizer of District #2

Hampton - This past summer, the Order of the Eastern Star chapters of District #2 (Queen Esther New Thomas Wheaton #2, Adah #20, Rising Sun #32, Excelsior #82, Margaret Francis #101, Blooming Light #111 and Adeline Ward #197) conducted a school supply drive. Their goal was to supply schools in the

Norfolk area with much needed school supplies to stock their closet.

They knew many teachers use their own money to buy supplies to aid and teach our children; and so it was our goal to assist those teachers with supplies. They collected enough supplies to donate to 4 schools and on September 30th and October 1st; representatives from District #2 presented St. Helena Elementary, Lindenwood Elementary, Richard Bowling Elementary and Chesterfield Academy with enough supplies to hopefully take them into the New Year.

KOP in Homecoming Parade

By WPM Milton Montgomery #7

Petersburg - Luke N. Robinson Council #3 Knights of Pythagoras participated in the October 2019 Virginia State University Homecoming parade. The 12th Masonic District provided the float for the occasion.

Pocahontas Donates Turkeys

By WPM A. Price, Sr. #7

Petersburg - On Wednesday November 27, 2019, Worshipful Master John L. Epps II and members of Pocahontas Lodge #7 donated 11 Turkeys to Petersburg Social Services to help some misfortunate families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The KOP has a Purple and Black Banquet

By WPM Milton Montgomery #7

Petersburg – On November 25, 2019, the Twelfth Masonic District sponsored their first Purple and Black Club Banquet for a fund raiser at the Petersburg Temple. The Knights of Pythagoras received donations for the affair from the Leonard Cox Council #6, Petersburg Court #3 of the OES, Saint Marks Commandery #3, Zipporah Court #8 of the OES for a total of $500.00. Petersburg Assembly #144 PHA Tennessee also contributed $175.00 to Luke N. Robinson Council #3.

Showing approval of the event, Divisional Commander Morris Mitchell, the District Deputy Thrice Illustrious Master, was also in attendance.

Brothers and Sisters recognized that supporting our youth was truly an investment and a blessing in the future of our organizations.

The 17th Masonic District has St. John's Day

By WDDGM Walter Davis #295

Danville – On December 15, 2019, the 17th Masonic District Prince Hall Masons celebrated St. John the Evangelist Day at Juah House of Worship 3280 Mount Road, Danville, Virginia. Rev. Dr. J. Rolan Cohen, Sr. the church's pastor delivered the sermon.

Lodges present included Danville Royal #104, Murdock #163, Olympia #179, Judah #205, Almagro #217, Shockoe #244, Brandon Chapel #282, GoldenRule/Nehemiah #295, Brothers from St James # 138, Madison # 563, and two Past Grand Chapter Officers of the GrandOrder of the Eastern Star PHA Chapter # 75 also attended.

Alleghany-Dunbar Donates to school and homeless

By WM Myles Jackson #109

Roanoke – During the Thanksgiving holidays, Alleghany-Dunbar Lodge #109 collected four turkeys and thanksgiving fixings which they donated to Hurt Park Elementary School in Roanoke.

The lodge also collected forty bags of shoes and clothing donating them to the Roanoke Area Ministry's Homeless Shelter

Capital City Lodge #107 donates Thanksgiving Baskets

By WPM Glen Hence #107

Richmond - On November 19, 2019, a long-standing tradition continued among brethren from Capital City Lodge #107 which was to prepare bins of food to deliver to those who asked for help during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The morning started with prayer, a word from WM Roy Tosten, and final instructions from SW Anthony Streeter who was the coordinator of the event. They loaded bins with boxes of uncooked food items, can goods, celery, onions and a 14-lb turkey. You couldn't help but hear the chatter, especially among the newest members of the lodge that we were doing a great deed. Within the hour, the brethren were prepared to deliver meals to over 12 families throughout the city of Richmond. (next page)

As stated by various individuals "Thank God" they did not have to worry about not having a meal for their families on Thanksgiving Day. After receiving thank you letters and notes from families, it gave special meaning why we do fulfill our mission as Masons; to dispense charity, and deliver on our promise to help those in need.

The 12th Masonic District has St. John Day

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Petersburg – As the Sisters flourished along with the brothers during the 12th Masonic District St. John the Evangelist celebration on December 15, 2019, it was inspiring that the unity was still present.

Grand District Deputy Organizer of the 16th OES Magnolia Rivers was joined with 20 other sisters to support W. District Deputy Grand Master Darrin Hill #43 efforts in a successful event. While worship leader WM Jeryle Jones #17 led program participants Worshipful Grand Chaplain Leroy Evans #7, WM John Epps #7, WM Marquell Tucker #33, WM Dwayne Gilliam #317, and WM Earnest Howell #15 in order, Brother Wendal Givens #317 introduced our guest speaker.

Pastor Herbert Holly led everyone to I Corinthians 15 where he crafted a message of "We still have Work to Do". After stirring the assembly with work edits, he gave us three changes we must apply in this life.

Before presenting Love offerings, WDDGM Hill yielded to RW Jr. Grand Deacon Antonio Pride #43 who also enjoyed the lodges and chapters participation.

Ruth Lodge #92 Brightens Thanksgiving

by WM Anthony Ricks #92

Virginia Beach - The Brothers of Ruth Lodge #92 met to assemble and deliver 17 Thanksgiving Baskets to their Lodge Widows and other less fortunate families, in their community. This is an Annual charity event for Ruth Lodge.

Shiloh Lodge Celebrates their Widows

By WPM L. J. McCoy #33

Hopewell – Widow Edna Mason's card sent a heart-warming "Thank You" for the many years Shiloh Lodge #33 has sponsored a Widow's Breakfast or Dinner.

WM Marquell Tucker and the lodge held its Annual tribute to its widows on December 6, 2019 for their support in making the Lodge an icon in the surrounding community. After sharing reflections, each widow received a special gift prepared by WPM Jerrail Brown #33.

MWGM Townes Makes his 100th Lodge Visit

By W. Grand Asst. Photographer Rick McKnight, Sr.

Concord – Making a self-commitment to visit every lodge in the Virginia Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes #235 made his 100th lodge visit on Saturday January 25, 2020.

After being installed at the delayed Grand Lodge Session in December of 2018, the Grand Master made a promise to himself to visit every Prince Hall Lodge in the State of Virginia before the end of his term. Starting at Hobson Lodge #23 in Richmond, MWGM Townes traveled to Long Mountain Lodge #204 in Concord, Virginia immediately after the Roanoke School of Instruction.

Along with Brothers W. Sr. Steward Ray Green #65, WPM Ricky McKnight #28, and WPM Nelson J. Perry #11 who traveled the distance with him, the Grand Master stated he has only 39 more to go.

Capital City #107 Supports Operation Santa

By WPM Glen Hence #107

Richmond - An early morning visit to any Walmart during the Christmas holiday can be a daunting task to the individual shopper. However, if you showed up at the Walmart on Sheila Lane on December 14th, 2019 you couldn't help but notice the holiday nostalgia; men and women wearing various shades of Masonic paraphernalia congregating throughout the store.

Not far behind were various families who were treated to a few hours of shopping in preparation for Christmas. It was also the time for the brethren of Capital City Lodge #107 to sponsor a family consisting of a mother with three kids, ranging in ages from 5, 9, and 10 years old. As the brethren trailed along, stopping at every toy truck, doll and clothing rack, with the question "is this what you want" or offering up a little guidance about getting more for the price of one.

At the end of the day, everyone seemed quite happy with what was in their baskets. The mother of the three kids stated "this was the first Christmas she was able to take her kids shopping for the holiday season". This serves as a reminder that God gave his greatest gift to us on that first Christmas day, and the wonder of it would always guide and light our way. Thanks for keeping that light shining Capital City #107.

50th Year Pens Presented at Louisa/Temple Lodge

By Brother Lewis Stephens #113

LOUISA – Sunday, September 29, 2019 was a historic day for Louisa/Temple

Lodge # 113. Assembled at County Line Baptist Church's Hour of Power Service, WPM Henry Robertson, WPM Paul Lewis, Master Mason Ivor Shelton, and Master Mason William Brown were recognized for achieving the distinction of serving as Prince Hall Masons for 50 years.

These four Prince Hall Masons have faithfully committed themselves to the principles of Freemasonry for a combined total of over 200 years. Their devoted and dedicated service to the Lodge and the community is a shining example for each of us to live by.

Presenting the framed certificate and pin to each of the recipients were ADDGM Raynard Moore and DDGM Emeritus Morris Nelson. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Roger Brown proudly assisted in making the presentation to William Brown, his 90 year old father.

Capital City #107 Goes Back to School

By WPM Glen Hence #107

Richmond - The annual tradition continues on the first weekend of August; take advantage of tax-free weekend to purchase school supplies. On August 3, 2019, a day no different than past years of sitting in the hot, and humid air, waiting for brothers to drive up and drop off their donations. Boxes, bags, and totes filled with an ample supply of book bags, pencils, ink pens, or let's just say practically everything a teacher, and or student could use in the classroom in grades one through five.

On August 30, 2019, just hours before the doors opened to begin another school year, brothers of Capital City Lodge #107 returned to Woodville Elementary, located on the east end of Richmond, to unload an abundance of school supplies.

As the principle officer to coordinate this effort, SW Anthony Streeter assembled the brothers, and school representatives to present our traditional back to school supplies. Ms. Washington, the school principle was elated and stated "we are so blessed by the contributions you deliver year after year," and "we are extremely grateful for your continuous support". The sentiments of some of the teachers were "these donations will go a long way in providing each student with the resources needed to learn".

WM Roy Tosten also offered a special Thanks to the Resource Company, for their continuous support of our charitable program in donating school supplies. The motto on the Woodville Elementary billboard seems to sum up our efforts best: "Education is a Team Effort".

King George Lodge #314 and the King George Social Services provide Community Services

By RW Grand Secretary Stevie Gray #314

King George - On November 26, 2019, members of King George Lodge #314 and the King George Social Services organization provided meals to Families in the King George area.

On December 17, 2019 members of King George Lodge #314 and the King George Social Services organization also made the Christmas holidays a little better for families in the King George community that were a little less fortunate during the holidays. King George Lodge #314 and the King George Social Services organization have been working together to provide these types of services for over 35 years.

Pictures from left to right & down 30th MD in MLK Parade (3), sisters giving, Arlington #58 BACK THEN, MWGM Brighten Rock visit, Divine Sunday, Hobson's Nigh Out, OES at VSU, MWGM at King Baldwin Conclave, MWGM Shiloh visit, MWGM at Richmond SOI, MWGW with GWM & GWP at Awards Banquet, W. Grand Marshalls, and MWGM presenting KOP donation in Roanoke.

Grand Master's Agenda of Events for 2020

JANUARY !8, School of Instruction in Richmond
25, School of Instruction in Roanoke,

FEBRUARY 8, School of Instruction in Hampton,
22, School of Instruction in Petersburg,
29, School of Instruction in King George,

MARCH Mid-Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters
29, Divine Sunday,

APRIL 15, State-Wide Veteran Visitation,
18, GWM Sylvia Jackson Appreciation Banquet

MAY Conference of Grand Masters
17, Founder's Day, Petersburg, VA,
31, Divine Sunday

JUNE 6, Grand Master's Annual Golf Tournament,
13, Grand Master's Testimonial, Double Tree Hilton Richmond
14, St. John Day,
20, Grand Lodge Cook-Out in Chase City,
27, Masonic & Greek Unity Conference at VSU MPC

JULY KOP Summer Encampment
28 -31, Grand Chapter Session OES

AUGUST 8, Grand Lodge Cook-Out in Richmond at the Dale Ruritan in North Chesterfield
30, Divine Sunday

SEPTEMBER 17th – 19th, 145th Grand Lodge Session at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel 1021 Koger Center Richmond

The Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 6, 2020 at The KISKIACK Golf Club, 8104 Club Dr., Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
$400 per team or $110 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 $20.
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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The late Worshipful Past Grand Master B. B. Simmons greets Virginia Governor Holton

A Tribute to Our Sisters of the Order of Eastern Star

A proverb from the Akan People: "A bitter heart devours its owner."

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