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Be certain your Lodge secretary has your correct address.
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From the Desk of the Grand Secretary Right Worshipful Van S. “Mac” McGee

2023 District Conventions

<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>
1st District	March 25, 2023	10:00AM	Glenville @ Tattnall Shrine Club	Rising Sun Lodge No. 32
2nd District	February 25, 2023	9:00AM	Camilla	Camilla Lodge No. 128
3rd District	March 18, 2023	9:00AM	Cordele	Cordelia Lodge No. 296
4th District	August 19, 2023	9:45AM	Greenville Lodge No. 321	Columbian Lodge No. 7
5th District	September 9, 2023	10:00AM	Stone Mountain Lodge No. 449	Stone Mountain Lodge No. 449
6th District	May 6, 2023	9:00AM	Griffin @ Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26	Mabel Lodge No. 255
7th District	May 12th & 13, 2023	9:00AM	Rome	Cherokee Lodge No. 66
8th District	May 20, 2023	9:00AM	Covington	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6
9th District	September 23, 2023	9:00AM	Jefferson Civic Center	Unity Lodge No. 36
10th District	June 10, 2023	10:00AM	Sandersville	Hamilton Lodge No. 58
11th District	September 16, 2023	9:00AM	Kingsland	Camden Lodge No. 476
12th District	April 15, 2023	9:00AM	Eastman	Eugene Smith Lodge No. 279

How to register for Grand View

Below is a link to a video that will show you how to set up your user account and the step to set up your account. If you have already created your user account and forgotten your password you can click on “Forgot your password?” under the sign-in button, enter your email address in the box and click “Send me to reset password instructions.”

Video link- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

- Step 1. Enter the URL for your jurisdiction. <https://ga.grandview.systems>
- Step 2. Click on Member Portal
- Step 3. Click on Member Registration (or you can Click the “Sign up” next to forgot password)
- Step 4. Enter your Lodge Number
- Step 5. Enter your Member ID
- Step 6. Enter your Last Name - (case sensitive)
- Step 7. Click on Check Membership Status
- Step 8. Enter your email address
- Step 9. Enter a password that you can remember (password must contain at least 8 characters)
- Step 10. Enter Confirmation by entering the password again
- Step 11. Click on Submit

Procedures for Grand Lodge Communication

October 24th and 25th 2023

For ALL members including committee members: Please log into Grand View, bring up your account and click on Pre-register for 2023 (blue banner). Open the download file and print your credentials. Bring your scan bar credentials sheet with you **AND YOUR DUES CARD**.

Please remember to bring your Aprons!

****We will be using electronic voting this year, YES something new, however we believe you will like the time savings and immediate results.****

When you arrive at Grand Lodge you will check in at registration and pick up electronic fobs and voting panels, you may then enter the Grand Lodge Session and receive your Grand Master's Address. Lodge Per Capita must be up to date or Lodge Representatives will be denied voting credentials.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hickman at jhickman@glofga.org.

Grand Lodge Information

Grand Lodge 237th Annual Communication will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, convening in the EX Hall A Convention Center of the Macon Centreplex, at 8:30 AM. Out of state guests and vendors will be present. Complete information will also be posted on Grand View. More details are available in this issue of the Masonic Messenger.

2023 Code Bills

The 2023 Code Bills will be available in the next issue of the Masonic Messenger.

The Grand Master's Address and 2023 Code Bills will also be in your member portal on Grand View, on or before October 4th 2023.

Official Notice

Barry Lamar King a former member of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6; resigned from Freemasonry effective September 3, 2021, and now requests reinstatement through the Grand Lodge of Georgia, as a regular Master Mason.

Masonic Code 86-114 requires, in part, that notice of the request for reinstatement shall be published in the Masonic Messenger to allow any member to comment or object in writing. However, objections on the floor of Grand Lodge can be made orally by any permanent member of Grand Lodge, currently elected Masters, or any other Master Mason with the consent of Grand Lodge, at the annual communication.

Grand Lodge votes on the request for reinstatement. The 237th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, will be held in Macon, GA on October 24th, 2022. Written objections must be sent to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner to be considered by the investigating committee.

237th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons

The 237th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, will be held on October 24th and 25th 2022 at the Macon Marriott City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217

Banquet: The Grand Master's Banquet will be held on Monday evening, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in Ballroom A B C. Tickets are available for purchase through the Grand Lodge Office. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and limited to 175 guests. No tickets sold at the door.

Ladies Luncheon: The Ladies Luncheon will be held in the Magnolia Room at 11:00 am. Tickets are available for purchase through the Grand Lodge Office. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Grand Lodge Session: The session will begin at 8:30 am, in the EX-Hall A Convention Center, Tuesday morning, October 24th and will be set to refreshment at 5 pm.

Box Lunch: A Box Lunch will be available for purchase for the lunch break on Tuesday, October 24th. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the Grand Lodge Office.

Grand Lodge Picnic: The Tommy Irvin Farmers Market Picnic will be held Tuesday evening, October 24th at the Macon State Farmers Market, 2055 Eisenhower Pkwy., Macon, GA. The Picnic will begin at 6:00 pm for fun, fellowship, and food with special entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available through the Grand Lodge Office. Tickets will be available at the event.

PLEASE SEE THE TICKET REQUEST FORM IN THIS ISSUE OF THE MASONIC MESSENGER

Fill out the request form and mail to

Grand Lodge of Georgia

PO Box 4665

Macon, GA 31208-4665

Include your check and return address to insure prompt delivery of your tickets.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BY OCTOBER 6th.

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED AFTER OCTOBER 12th.

The Hospitality Room will be on the first floor of the Host Hotel, the Macon Marriott City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. It will be open Monday, October 23rd, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm and 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Tuesday, October 24th, 6:45 am to 7:45 am, 8:30 am to 10:45 am, (closed during Ladies Luncheon) and 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Wednesday, October 25th, 7:00 am to 8:30 am.

IMPORTANT GRAND LODGE INFORMATION

Registration for the Annual Grand Lodge Communication must be done on Grand View by clicking the blue Pre-register for 2023 banner from your member portal.

There will be no admittance to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication without a current valid dues card.

Welcome to the 237th Annual Communication

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons

THE MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER HOTEL IS THE HOST HOTEL

240 COLISEUM DRIVE, MACON, GA 31217

TELEPHONE (478) 621-5300 (MENTION THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA)

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH GOODIES AND OPEN MONDAY THROUGH
WEDNESDAY AT DESIGNATED HOURS FOR EVERYONE'S ENJOYMENT.

GRAND LODGE BANQUET
Michael A. Kessler

Marriott Ballroom A B C
Monday – October 24th
6:30 P. M.

Tickets: \$75.00
Number of Tickets _____

(Dark Suit, Formal or
Sunday Dress required)
(NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.)

LADIES LUNCHEON
Magnolia Room

Marriott Hotel
Tuesday – October 25th
11:00 A.M.

Tickets: \$35.00
Number of Tickets _____

TOMMY IRVIN FARMERS
MARKET PICNIC

Farmer's Market
Tuesday – October 25th
6:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$10.00
Number of Tickets _____

FOOD PROVIDED BY
DISTRICT LODGES
(TICKETS AVAILABLE AT EVENT)

BREAK FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM

Box Lunch Available

Tuesday – October 24th

*****TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE*****

\$20.00 Per Person

Number of tickets: _____

*****All tickets are available for purchase through the Grand Lodge Office*****

Make Checks Payable to: Grand Lodge of Georgia

Send all orders to: Grand Secretary P.O. Box 4665 Macon, GA 31208-4665

All Tickets Must Be Ordered BY OCTOBER 6th

No Tickets Will Be Mailed AFTER OCTOBER 12th

Attention Grand Lodge Office, Please send tickets to:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Guest Name: _____

Address: _____


The Grand Lodge
Of Free and Accepted Masons for the State Of Georgia

EDICT NO. 2023- 03

TO ALL CONSTITUENT LODGES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS:

I hereby issue this edict, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the large square and compasses located on a hill in front of the historic building at the Masonic Home of Georgia was created in 2013, dedicated in 2014 and has become known as the Children's Garden, and

WHEREAS, one purpose of the Children's Garden was and is to raise money by selling pavers as memorials, to honor individuals, and recognize events and occasions, and

WHEREAS, the name Children's Garden honors the children who have, are, and will be residents of the Masonic Home; and

WHEREAS, a great many pavers have been sold under that name; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Garden has always been known by that name and the name Children's Garden has been used to raise money,

NOW THEREFORE, it is my edict that:

The large square and compasses and surrounding pavers on the ground in front of the 1905 Masonic Home building shall be officially known as The Children's Garden. No other name shall be used to identify this square and compasses or the pavers contained therein or surrounding it.

SO ORDERED and this edict is given under my hand and seal as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, and under the seal of the said Grand Lodge, this 3rd day of April 2023.



Michael A. Kessler, Grand Master

Attest:



Van S. McGee,
Grand Secretary

[SEAL]




The Grand Lodge
Of Free and Accepted Masons for the State Of Georgia

EDICT NO. 2023- 04

TO ALL CONSTITUENT LODGES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS:

I hereby issue this edict, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Masonic Lodges and Masons should be active, contributing members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity benefits from positive publicity related to a lodge's community activities, and

WHEREAS, Masonic Lodges that provide significant service to their community should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting that Grand Lodge recognize Civic Engagement and that an award be created to recognize service to the community:

NOW THEREFORE, it is my edict that:

The Grand Lodge Community Engagement Award (hereinafter "the Award") is hereby created on the following terms and conditions.

1. Any Masonic Lodge operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia may be nominated for the Award based upon the lodge's work to support programs that benefit the public.

2. Nominations must be submitted to and received by the Grand Secretary's office not later than September 1st of each year. Nominations submitted after that date will be considered the following Grand Lodge year.

3. Nominations are to be reviewed by the General Welfare committee which will select the winner of the Award by majority vote.

4. An appropriate plaque or trophy representing the Award shall be created and approved by the Education and Historical Commission.

5. The Award shall be presented to the lodge winning the Award during the Grand Lodge session.

SO ORDERED and this edict is given under my hand and seal as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, and under the seal of the said Grand Lodge, this 30th day of May 2023.

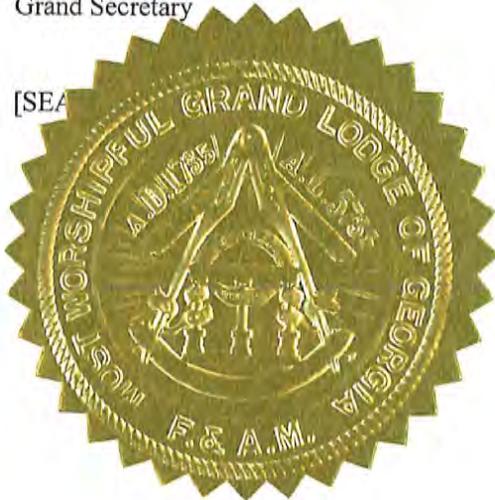


Michael A. Kessler, Grand Master

Attest:



Van S. McGee,
Grand Secretary





From the Desk of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael A. Kessler



Leadership is defined by Oxford as the action of leading a group of people or an organization. However, it is not that simple. Any Master Mason can be elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge and thereby become its “leader.” But that does not mean he will automatically possess the qualities of a good leader.

Some leaders are born. Some are made. Some never make it. The qualities to be a good leader may vary with each situation, but some basics are confidence, the ability to inspire and respect others, integrity, the ability form and communicate a vision for the organization and communicate that vision, a willingness to learn, consistency, and the ability to make a decision and follow through. All of these are essential if a Worshipful Master is going to be successful. This is particularly true because a Worshipful Master rules and governs the lodge with absolute authority rather than simply implementing the policies set by a legislative body.

A good leader, especially a good Worshipful Master, focuses on building relationships. Not just between himself and others but between the individual Brethren. He must be able to communicate what he wants the Lodge to do and how. If a Worshipful Master decides that the Lodge should hold a fund raiser nothing will happen unless the Worshipful Master can convince the brethren to participate and work

to make it a success. In this regard the Worshipful Master must lead by doing the hard work necessary to be successful, thereby inspiring others to do the same. As Brother Winston Churchill said, “attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

A good leader makes tough decisions when necessary. They do not stall or equivocate when action is necessary. They make themselves accountable for the decisions they make and are accountable for the decisions they fail to make. “It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.” (Bro. George Washington). In other words, they take action.

Humility is also essential. Many famous leaders, including President and Most Worshipful Brother Harry Truman, have said that there is no limit to what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. The Mason who constantly seek recognition for what they do, or what others do, do not make good leaders. By giving credit to others, rather than themselves, humble leaders inspire and gain the trust of others. “The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.” (Pres. Ronald Reagan). They lead their members to grow beyond what they may have thought possible.

Preparation is very essential. Always think ahead and do your homework before presenting ideas to the Lodge or making decisions. “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” (MWB Ben Franklin). Telling someone you will get back to them after considering the question is not only acceptable, it is preferred.

Leaders empower others to act in their area of responsibility, give them the opportunity to learn and improve. While the leader may set out the rules or the goals, allowing team members to carry out the mission creates new leaders. Good leaders empower team members. “There is no force so powerful as an idea whose time has come.” (Sen. and Bro. Everett Dirksen”).

Leaders should not pretend to be someone they are not. Leaders should be themselves but constantly seek to improve themselves. The consistency of being yourself builds confidence and trust with lodge members. “The best investment you can make is an investment in yourself...The more you learn, the more you will earn.” (Warren Buffet).

Communication is a key to good leadership. Having great ideas or making good decisions has little value if you cannot articulately share that with you Lodge. Communicate clearly and often with your Brethren. “Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.” (Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower).

A good leader is always a role model. Show the Brethren how a Masons should act. Telling the Brethren how a Mason is expected to act is important but if the Worshipful Master does not do so the words have little or no meaning.

“Being a role model is the most powerful form of educating.” (John Wooden).

Be there for your brethren. Listen to their opinions, answer their questions, share in their joy and be there to console in times of sadness. “Outstanding leaders go out the way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel.” (Sam Walton).

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education and Leadership Development Commission exists to inspire and create good Masonic leaders. Those resources are available to all Mason and especially to Worshipful Masters. The committee provides a number of courses that are available year-round. The committee also hosts an annual leadership conference. The conference is directed towards senior lodge officers and is designed to give them the tools to be effective leaders for their lodge and the fraternity.

During the installation of officers, the following words are spoken: “Such is the nature of our Constitution that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must, of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty.” All Master Masons have the opportunity to lead. Some choose to do so, others choose to follow. Strong leadership has always been the key to the success and longevity of the Freemasonry and it always will be.

From the Grand Chaplain's Study



“Masonic Graveside Rites”

There are two great moments in the life of a Freemason. The first is the moment that he is “Raised” to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It is the “Sublime” degree because there is no higher degree. While there are many degrees awarded or earned in the appendant bodies, none are greater than that of Master Mason. The second great moment occurs at the elevation from the Terrestrial or Earthly to the Celestial or Heavenly Lodge whose Master is the Grand Architect. A Lodge where all sit on the level with each other.

For some, the moment of passing is a relief in that it is the end of suffering. For others it comes in an unexpected moment. Whatever the cause, every Master Mason in Good



Standing is entitled to Masonic Honors. Often done at graveside, the ceremony reminds all those attending that we will someday rest in that “Narrow House” or coffin and grave. “Let us so regulate our lives

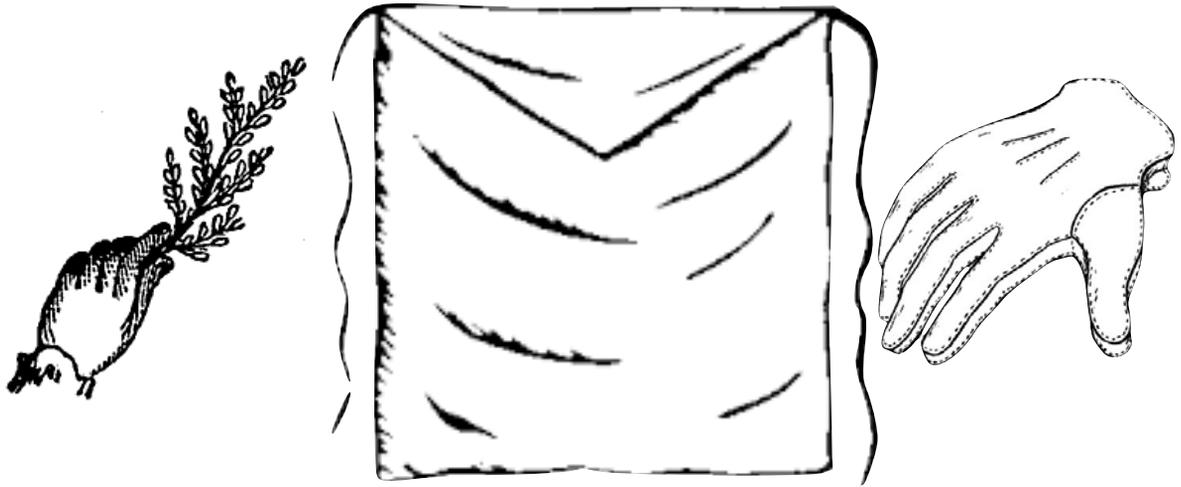
by the lines of faithfulness and rectitude and truth, that in the evening of our days we may be found worthy to be called from labor to refreshment and be well prepared for the transition from the terrestrial to the celestial lodge to join the fraternity of the spirits of justified men made perfect.” We are reminded to live according to the Plumb, Square and Level so that when death comes we will be fit to join those who passed before us.

The service says we are all equal at passing. “In death, all fallacies are detected; all ranks are leveled; all distinctions are abolished. Both the monarch at whose bidding nations pay respect, and the beggar, shivering at the gate are Equal in The House of Death (coffin).



To who is the message of the service directed? Not the Brother who is being honored! It is a message to everyone present. “The last offices paid to the dead are useful only as lectures to the living. Let each of us embrace the present moment. While time and opportunity permit, prepare for that great change which we all

know must come; when the happy reflections cast on a well spent life, afford the only consolation.”



The service goes on to explain the significance of Apron, Glove and Evergreen. The Apron, white in color, it is the emblem of innocence and the Badge of a Mason. The Glove reminding us of the Friendly or Brotherly Grip. The Master removes one glove and places on the casket as a symbol, that in the coming life we will clasp hands again in the Celestial Lodge. The Evergreen is a reminder “that we have an immortal part within us that shall survive the grave and which shall never, never, NEVER die!” Finally the sprinkling of earth on the casket with the words “Forasmuch as Almighty God has permitted the soul of our Brother to sail on out beyond the sunset, we commit his body to the ground.”

Ask a question of yourself. Are you preparing for the moment? Are you preparing your family for the moment. When the Great Architect calls you home will those you love know if you wish to have Masonic Rites. The Lodge cannot make that decision. The Lodge should not tell the family that you said you wanted Masonic Rites. Just as you should have a Will, you should discuss Masonic Rite with those you love. Your Lodge should know of your wishes so that the members can be prepared. A form is available in your member portal via the resources tab on GrandView.

Finally, every Brother is reminded that you will pass someday. Honor a Brother who has passed by being there, at graveside for his family. Make every effort. Be there for your Dear Departed Brother in the hope that your Brothers will be there for you. You are not saying “Good Bye.” Be there to say, “I’ll see you soon!”

NEWS FROM THE MASONIC HOME OF GEORGIA

Masonic Workday 2023 & Dedication

Saturday, April 22nd pick-up trucks began rolling onto 1417 Nottingham Drive before dawn for what would be a record-setting turnout of over 100 Masons from across the State of Georgia to help us keep the Masonic Home a special place for our young people. A special thank you to Paul Carter for recruiting those volunteer Masons who made a visit and organizing the work teams.

In addition to the workday, many Past Grand Masters joined us for the dedication of grave markers for a number of Past Grand Masters at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia.



The Best Welcome Letter Ever

Mr. Cohen,

I want to welcome you to my Home-Masonic Home! I have already heard good things about you.

My name is Mary Hunt. Let me tell you some of my history. At age 2, my brother and I were sent to Bibb County Children's Home (also called Juvenile Home). My brothers were later accepted into the Masonic Home. My younger brother was four years old. I remained at The Bibb Home until I was 6. Then I was sent to the Georgia Industrial Home. I stayed there for a year. On June 30, 1949 I went to the Masonic Home. Got there in time for supper and had cantaloupe for the first time ever.

On July 1st, we went to the best place we have ever been—camp! To this day I still love going to camp. We would spend the whole month—so much fun. No swimming pool, just the river to swim.

At the home we had to do chores; summer was busy time. We helped with canning and freezing many vegetables grown on our farm. We went to the movies once a week. Ragan Park was a favorite of ours for swimming, skating, bowling and more. Thanksgiving and Christmas were awesome!

We were involved in church. Many of went to the Baptist church. I feel like I am rambling, but I wanted you to hear about “the good old days.”

We went to school and then I went onto college. I started teaching in 1964 and in 1965 the Masons paid for my wedding.

Children are different now and their problems are so different. They still need to be loved and taught good moral values. Tough love can be a challenge! The kids are smart enough to know real caring and loving adults. They need your leadership. Let me welcome you again to my home—In my heart forever!

I have enclosed a check in the memory of my sister-in-law, Sandra Hunt. It is from Allen, Mary, and the children. Please use it for the children of The Masonic Home.

Sincerely,
Mary

I feel both great pride and great humility in serving The Masonic Home where the lives of thousands of children have been touched since 1905. It is exciting to think about the thousands we will serve in the next 118 years.....Jeff

Grand Master Kessler Visits the GPSTC

By Brother Jim Robinson
Dallas Lodge No. 182

There's no question why many Georgia Masons are drawn to public safety. The Fraternity emphasizes the importance of service to our communities and government, and the relationship between public safety and Freemasonry is long and storied, dating back to the country's beginnings.



MW Grand Master Mike Kessler, WB Dr. Jeff Smith, RWB Mac McGee, and WB Dennis Hewatt saw this allure firsthand while visiting the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in

Forsyth County. The headquarters sits on nearly one-thousand acres and is well-known to those in public service.

Ten campuses across the state offer a wide range of programs aimed at turning out highly qualified, highly-skilled police, fire, and emergency personnel who fill many vital roles within public safety.

Worshipful Brother Chuck Odom leads the Law Enforcement Operation at GPSTC. On a cool sunny day in May, WB Odom met up with Grand Lodge officers for a show and told around the massive complex. The day started with explaining the more than 280 courses on law enforcement, firefighting, communications, emergency management, coroner, and jail operations. The Correctional Training Facility includes "mock components that typify Georgia's county jails, lockups, and other correctional institutions."

Each facility on the campus is meticulously designed to simulate real-life scenarios, providing trainees with practical experience in many disciplines.

The Firefighter Complex includes buildings that are set ablaze with controlled fires, serving as the perfect grounds for real-world firefighting simulations.



If you listen closely, you'll hear squealing tires and screaming brakes as driving trainers work with future officers --

carefully maneuvering around hair-pin corners and road barriers, simulating high-speed chases and poor weather conditions. On this day, the Grand Master's car reached speeds over 110 MPH.

In another area, you'll hear the echos of gunfire ringing from the Firearms Complex. Grand Master Kessler was permitted to pick up a high-power gun and learn proper shooting techniques with a highly skilled marksman and other experts who train recruits on safely handling deadly weapons.



Grand Lodge officers walked around the mock village, a facility that allows recruits to navigate potential situations in a controlled but realistic urban environment.

There's even a dedicated area for natural resources & water rescue training and a special train & rail safety training setup. Each facility is a testament to the commitment to practical and realistic training.

The campus has also invited some of the kids from the Masonic Home of Georgia to learn about potential careers in public safety while giving them a chance to have a little hands-on time.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

of the Grand Lodge of Georgia



Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Georgia

In an attempt to standardize publication dates and deadlines, the Publications Committee has determined to put in place the following deadlines for submissions.

Spring (March) Issue: deadline for content-Feb 1

Summer (June) Issue: deadline for content-May 1

Fall (September) Issue: deadline for content- August 1

Winter (December) Issue: deadline for content- November 1

When you make a submission to messenger@glofga.org, you should receive an automatic reply noting that your submission was received. If you are submitting a 50, 60, 70+ Award, you will get a second email notifying you when your award will run in the Messenger.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL, please check the email address or call the Editor at 770-608-6232 for issues.



We Want YOU to Submit Articles to the Georgia Masonic Messenger!

Brethren,

Do you have an idea for an article? Does your Lodge have some interesting history behind it?

Are you interested in a historical topic related to Georgia Freemasonry or Freemasonry in General? Do you feel that you have an insight that would benefit the Craft at large? Does your Lodge of Research routinely have esoteric, historical, or informational papers presented? Have you read a really good book on Masonry recently? Did your Lodge host a really successful event or hold a Lodge social outing?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, please send it in to the Editor of Georgia Masonic Messenger at Messenger@glofga.org. We would love to publish it in our state Masonic Magazine.

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The Grand York Rite Session was held during the first week of May and a new slate of officers was elected. Walter D. Waddell, Jr. was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Judd J. Wolfe, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia and Ditmar W. Chavez, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Matt Sanford was elected as the Excellent Grand Master of 1st Veil, Grand Chapter of Georgia. Michael L. Hamlin was elected as Illustrious Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Georgia. William T. White was elected as Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

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Mesmeric Masonry: A Hypnotic application of Masonic Ideals

By Bro. Wesley Kirkland
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Franz Anton Mesmer was a German physician who proposed a radical theory even in the 1700s. Mesmer believed there was an invisible fluid in the body, and if blocked, it was the cause of most illnesses. Mesmer

claimed to use his energy to cure sickness by passing over the body with his hands and called it animal magnetism. Mesmer created a significant following by treating and remarkably curing many patients, including the Queen of France, Marie Antoinette; however, skepticism began to grow, causing an investigating committee to be formed which included several medical doctors and respected scientists. This investigation was led by the American Ambassador

Benjamin Franklin. While Franklin and the committee were astonished by the results, they concluded there was no evidence of any magical forces or fluids in the body. The only power Mesmer wielded was the power of suggestion.

It is believed that Mesmer joined Philadelphia Lodge in Narbonne, France, and Albert Mackey in his encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its kindred sciences (1912) said in 1782, Mesmer established a society called the "Order of Universal Harmony" based on the principles of animal magnetism. Many French writers have dignified the Order by the title Mesmeric Masonry. After the investigative commission denounced his work, he was labeled a fraud, and Mesmer fled the country to die in absurdity. Many of his followers continued to "mesmerize" patients in secrecy.

Mesmerism returned to the public eye in 1841 when a Scottish medical doctor, James Braid, separated himself from Mesmer by calling it hypnosis (Greek for sleep) and opened the subject for investigations on the matter both for and against it. Still, today, like

Masonry, because of its negative portrayal by Hollywood movies and society, hypnosis has developed many misconceptions. However, hypnosis is starting to become more legitimized. What do we know about hypnosis? Is it “woo woo” or is there a scientific explanation? If so, how can it improve Masons' lives and the world around them?

Hypnosis is described as a state of deep concentration, heightened suggestibility, and increased imagination. We enter these states multiple times per day. If you have ever been deep into thought while driving and passed your exit without realizing it or had to double check the rearview to ensure you did not run a red light, then you were in a light trance. This light trance state allows us to temporarily suspend our critical thinking and allow our subconscious mind to accept the suggestions we give it as facts. For example, while watching a movie, you may know that there are only actors portraying fiction on the screen. Yet, you begin to laugh, get scared, or cry as if the events are happening. During hypnosis you are more open to suggestions but you never lose control. Using hypnosis can help change behaviors, retrieve memories, overcome fears and phobias, and even assist in pain management treatments. Hypnosis is much like meditation, except during hypnosis you solicit your thoughts, feelings, and emotions to facilitate change.

Science estimates that ninety-five percent of our decisions and behaviors are made or executed at an unconscious level as if our mind is running on autopilot. The theoretical model of the mind is divided into a conscious mind and a subconscious mind. The former is responsible for analytical thinking, while the latter is a storehouse of life experiences and is responsible for automatic responses in the body. When we learn a new behavior or habit through repetition, the subconscious mind takes over the task, freeing up the conscious mind. Like a supercomputer, the mind begins to run the programs we install.

For example, the first time we learned to drive, we were consciously aware of every subtle move of the steering wheel or the slightest acceleration of the throttle. Today however for most of us, the subconscious has taken over that task. Hence that we can arrive safely in our driveway and not remember the majority of our twenty-minute drive home.



Hypnosis is no longer a fringe treatment, and thanks to research, it is now used as a natural therapy process in conjunction with regular psychotherapy treatments.

Dr. David Spiegel,
a Stanford

university psychiatrist, discovered that when subjects are in an altered state of hypnosis, that parts of the brain are visibly changed, especially the areas that play a critical role in action control and awareness. In our waking state, our brain operates in Beta waves (approx. 14-30mhz); when we begin to daydream, meditate, or go into prayer, our brain activities start to slow to the Theta level (approx. 4-8mhz). It is this state that is referred to as the hypnotic state or trance. Our brains are not a static hardwired organ. They are flexible, and “plastic.” Neuroscience calls it neuroplasticity because neurons can forge new or stronger connections with other neurons.

Think about behaviors and habits like plowing through the snow. The more you walk the path, the more manageable the path is to walk, and because our brain likes to conserve energy, it will take the easiest path. The more we use a neural pathway, the stronger it becomes *myelinated* or coated with an electrically insulating fatty material that forms a layer around the

axon of the neuron in that pathway, making it quicker and stronger. Therefore with focus and attention, we can change the hardwiring of our brains create new synaptic connections, making new paths in the snow.

Each member of Masonry have their differences in joining the Craft. Some Brothers believe that our rituals are the roadmap for our journey to the East and that the mysteries of Masonry would allow the spark within us to shine bright and encourages others to seek the light. It is said the Junior Warden is to ensure that no one converts “refreshment into excess,” and we are instructed in the Entered Apprentice degree that we are to learn to subdue our passions and to improve ourselves in Freemasonry. Hypnosis is a tool that can help us overcome these passions and gain a deeper insight into our thoughts and emotions. Just as in the example of highway hypnosis, it would seem we are already using this technique. We need to learn to use it with purpose. Mesmer’s belief in hypnotism certainly has its roots in esotericism, as Albert Pike in his work *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees* states the following:

“In every human being that lives there are four forces, each always acting, and two of them apparently antagonistic to the other two. Two of these belong to the animal, earthly, material nature of man, the animal or sensual appetites and the passions. Both of these man has in common with the animals: and so far as these rule him, he is but an animal. the other two belong to his intellectual and spiritual nature. One of them is the Moral Sense, whose conclusions are as absolute and infallible as those of the mathematic. So he knows what is right and what is wrong for him to do. And the other reason, which teaches man what is the wisest and best for him to do for his own good.”

Pike goes on to say that the moral sense and reason comes from above and the appetites and passions come from below, and although they come from below they are gifts of endowment and without them no man can be great. It is by the appetites and

passions always acting in striving to overcome, but controlled by the higher forces that true greatness is achieved. This explains the arrangement of the square and compasses in each degree. The square measuring horizontals and perpendiculars representing the two earthly forces and the compasses used to describe circles represent the two forces from above. Rather you believe in supernatural forces beyond our perceptions or the hypnotic power of our imagination. There is no denying our thoughts have a profound impact on the human experience. We should seek self-improvement continuously, and taking a journey within is a great place to start, for we believe the stories we tell ourselves. In observing himself a man notices that self-observation itself brings about certain changes in his inner processes. He begins to understand that self-observation is an instrument of self-change, a means of awakening. - George Ivanovich Gurdjieff (1866-1949)

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Masonic Interest Stories from the American Civil War

By Worshipful Brother Jerry Vogler

Temple Lodge No. 322

Recently, members of Lodge of Research No. 7 in Temple, Georgia were poring through some older editions of a couple of American Civil War relevant magazines and discovered a couple of Masonic-related stories of the Civil War that we had yet to document. As a codicil to my paper presented to the Georgia Lodge of Research in 2017, 'Brotherly Love: The Full Measure', I thought that it might be of some interest to the readers of Masonic Messenger to recount the stories that we found. I would like to mention that some of the following is graphic in nature; war is always an ugly thing to paraphrase from John Stuart Mills.

A 'Demon' with a Heart

In an article entitled, 'That Demon Called Hurst', by Joanne Collum Moore in the March/ April 2018 publication of 'Confederate Veteran', Mrs. Moore wrote about an act of Masonic charity. The article is about the ardent, pro-Union Tennessean named Fielding Hurst who was one of west Tennessee's most outspoken opponents of secession. Hurst was a planter, surveyor, and a lawyer. His family owned so much land in McNairy County, Tennessee that it was referred to as the 'Hurst Nation'. The author noted that Hurst was also a 'Charter Member of the Masonic Lodge in Purdy, Tennessee'.

In early 1861, the people of Tennessee and Gov. Isham Harris were faced with a decision whether to secede from the Union or meet Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops from the state. After two votes for secession the people of Tennessee voted to secede from the Union on 8 Jun 1861. After having given a passionate pro-Union speech, Fielding Hurst was imprisoned in Nashville for six weeks.

By February of 1862 Ft. Henry on the Tennessee River and Ft. Donelson on the Cumberland River had fallen to the Union which allowed the Federal Army to control West and Middle Tennessee including Memphis and Nashville. February of 1862, Fielding

Hurst proceeded to gather a group of pro-Unionist Tennesseans and approach the Federal Army to sign-up as Scouts and Guides; for which they were well-suited in Middle Tennessee. This would be the beginning of a war career for Hurst. Later in 1862 Hurst met directly with Andrew Johnson, the then military governor of Tennessee, who commissioned him as a Colonel in the 6th Tennessee Cavalry (previously the 1st West Tennessee Cavalry).



Col. Fielding Hurst

Fielding Hurst's behavior did not seem to apply what he had supposedly learned as a Mason during this time of war, delivering depredations and cruelty on pro-Confederate civilians with pleasure and vindictiveness. The cruelty of Hurst and the men he commanded cannot be overemphasized and included theft, murder, and 'outraging of women'. Hurst and his men were known to have nailed

the bodies of captured Confederate soldiers to trees along the roads to frighten his enemies especially Nathan Bedford Forrest (with whom he clashed numerous times). Forrest referred to Hurst and his men as 'baseborn cowards and outlaws'.

January of 1864 Union Gen. William S. Smith reported to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant that he had given Col. Hurst a roving commission to collect all serviceable stock in West Tennessee and destroy as much as possible. Hurst and his men captured Maj. Nathaniel Cheairs and his men who were part

Confederate Gen. Joseph Johnston's Commissary Dept.

Maj. Cheairs and his men were put under the guard of Capt. Albert Cook and were charged by Hurst with being spies and guerrillas; the sentence being execution by firing squad. Capt. Cook and Maj. Cheairs discovered while speaking to one another that they both were Masons and Cook told Cheairs that Col. Hurst was also a Mason. Capt. Cook told Cheairs that "[Hurst] has a heart as tender as a woman, if you approach him just right,

but if you don't strike him right, he is the meanest man that God ever made. If I were in your place I would go and see him and make myself known to him."

Maj. Cheairs requested an interview with Col. Hurst which was granted. Cheairs reminded Hurst of their meeting some years earlier at the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in Nashville; Hurst had charged a member of his own lodge, Purdy Lodge, with gross un-Masonic conduct. Maj. Cheairs had been on the Committee that heard the case which seems to have been favorable to Hurst's charges.

Col. Hurst was persuaded to drop the death sentence for Maj. Cheairs under the circumstances but not for his men. However, Cheairs said that his men were innocent of being spies; he continued that if his men could not receive clemency then he would die with them. The account has it that Hurst was impressed by Cheairs loyalty and touched to his heart, he gave Cheairs a 'Masonic sign', and said that he would revoke the death sentence of all the men. However, he would not and could not parole them. Maj. Cheairs and his men were held at Camp Chase, Ohio until February of 1865.

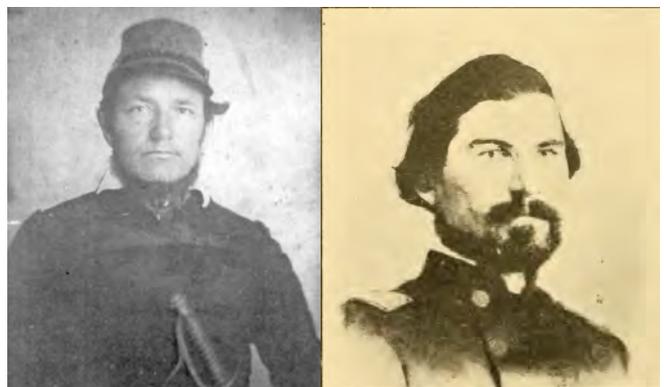
Hurst died destitute in 1882 with no heirs except for his wife. It is said that his detractors displayed their scorn for him even after his death by riding over his grave on horseback and spitting on it.

Ozark Blood

The second account that we recently found is equally dramatic. In the Fall 1998 publication of 'Columbiad' (Volume 2, Number 3) we find an article entitled 'An Eye for An Eye: Reprisals made the guerrilla war in southeastern Missouri particularly vicious' by Mark J. Crawford which includes an interesting Masonic account.

The viciousness of warfare during the American Civil War was not limited to Central and Western Tennessee as referenced in the earlier account; Missouri was another hotbed of vindictive and murderous behavior beyond the expected measures of combatants in warfare. Missouri practically experienced its own Civil War between pro-Union guerrillas such as Jayhawks from Kansas (and within Missouri) and Redlegs (named for their red gaiters) and the pro-Confederate bushwhackers who may or may not be wearing Union uniforms. The latter had such notorious members as Jesse James, William "Bloody Bill" Anderson, and William C. Quantrill. Neither side gave much quarter to each other or to the civilians.

Pro-Confederate raiders and bushwhackers were more often loosely organized and undisciplined; they freely preyed upon and killed pro-Union civilians plundering their property and harassed Union patrols. Pro-Union



Capt. Timothy Reves & Maj. James S. Wilson

regulars and Missouri militia took severe measures in response to these actions by shooting any captured bushwhackers and visiting their own brutalities upon

pro-Confederate civilians often burning and seizing their property.

Two combatants who were particularly confrontational with one another were Capt. Timothy Reves of the Missouri State Guard commanded by Maj. Gen. Sterling Price (pro-Confederate) and Maj. James S. Wilson of the 3rd Missouri State Militia (pro-Union) (MSM). Wilson and Reves clashed with one another on several occasions until finally in October 1863 Wilson and the MSM pressed hard on Reves and his men and forced them to drop their supplies and hastily withdraw into the swamps near the SE Missouri and Arkansas border. Two months later, on 22 December 1863, Reves and his guerrillas struck back at Wilson and captured Company C of the 3rd MSM.

Not to be outdone, on Christmas Day, 25 December 1863, Wilson was able to capture some of

Reves' pickets and force them to lead the 3rd MSM to Reves' camp. Reves and his men were preparing for Christmas festivities when the 3rd MSM launched a surprise strike against them killing 30 and capturing 35 combatants. There were 60 civilians that were also killed during the attack most of whom were family members of Reves men. The 3rd MSM and Wilson were able to free the members of Company C being held prisoner and recover their arms, ammunition, equipment, and horses. Though Reves had escaped his defeat it left his command in disarray. Following the 'Wilson Massacre', Reves and his remaining command were able to elude the Federals through the rest of the winter of 1863 and early 1864 conscripting as many more men as they could during that time.

In the spring of 1864 Reves had been promoted to Colonel and placed in charge of Company A, 15th

Missouri Cavalry. September of 1864, Reves' Company A had grown to 2,000 men and reported to Maj. Generals James Fagan and Sterling Price at Pochantas, Arkansas to participate in Price's upcoming invasion of Missouri.

On 27 September 1864 Price's force engaged in the Battle of Fort Davidson at Pilot's Knob, Missouri. Reves' Co. A, 15th Missouri was on the far right of the Confederate line. Maj. Gen. Sterling Price aligned most of his troops and artillery around Fort Davidson and

had planned a coordinated assault on the fort; however, the piecemeal attack, as it ended up, was largely repulsed. In the end, with Price holding the high ground, Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing decided to abandon the fort and blow up the magazine. He and most of his men along with civilians in the fort were able to escape. Union casualties and losses were 213, Confederate casualties and losses were

between 500 and 1,000.

Though the battle was a Confederate victory it had to be considered a pyrrhic victory for all but Reves for during the battle Confederates had managed to capture Maj. James S. Wilson and other members of the 3rd MSM who had been deployed as skirmishers. These men were turned over to Col. Reves and his men who remembered well the Christmas massacre.

What followed is a dark account which I will keep short; Maj. Wilson and the men identifying themselves as part of the 3rd MSM were taken by Col. Reves along with a column of his men to an abandoned field where they were shot; their bodies stripped of clothing, shoes, and valuables and they were left where they fell.

Paroled Union soldiers brought word of the murder of Maj. Wilson to Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans in



Maj. Enoch O. Wolf & Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans

St. Louis who was infuriated. He issued a special order publicly explaining Reves' crime and stating that a Confederate Major and six Confederate prisoners would be executed as retaliation.

On 8 November Maj. Enoch O. Wolf, who had been captured from Price's army and was being held prisoner at Gratiot Prison in Warrensburg, Missouri, was selected by the drawing of straws to be executed. He was attended by a Baptist pastor named A. C. Osborn who baptized the Major and assisted him in writing two letters, one to Maj. Gen. Rosecrans and one to his wife.

In the letter to Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, he asked the Gen. to please see that the men responsible for Wilson's death were brought to justice and he appealed as "a soldier, a gentlemen, an officer, and member of the Masonic fraternity." In his letter to his wife, Maj. Wolf wrote to her to call upon his own Masonic Brethren to assist her in raising their children.

Pastor A. C. Osborn immediately left the prison after reading Maj. Wolf's letters and spoke to prominent Masons in St. Louis. On 11 November 1864 President Abraham Lincoln received three telegrams from St. Louis Masons urging clemency for Maj. Wolf. President Lincoln sent a telegram to Maj. Gen. Rosecrans on 19 November 1864 which read in part:

"I wish you to do nothing merely for revenge, but that what you may do, shall be solely done with reference to the security of the future."

Maj. Wolf's life was spared but he spent the remainder of the war in Johnson's Island prison on Lake Erie. The fate of the remaining six prisoners to be executed is not known.

Col. Tim Reves surrendered with the 15th Missouri Cavalry in May of 1865. He was declined parole. The United States government took no further action against him following the war and he lived a quiet life as a Baptist minister in Missouri until his death on 13 March 1885.

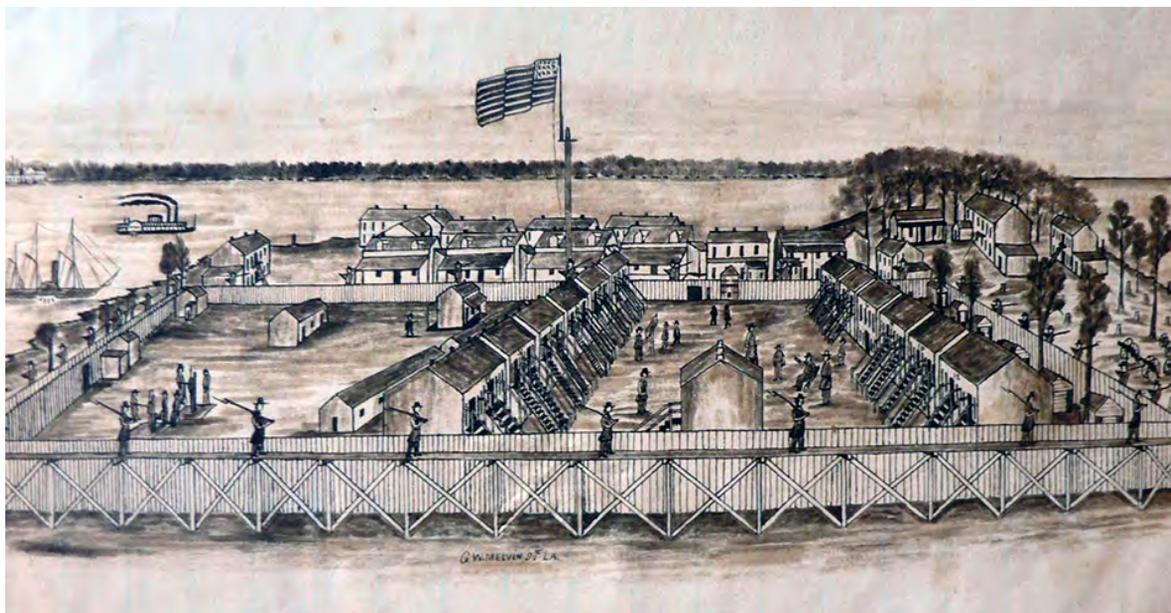
I would like to personally thank Worshipful Brothers Robby Robison and Rick Pope for their research efforts. We hope to provide more stories and accounts as our research continues.

Primary sources noted herein. All other embedded sources within primary source material acknowledged.

Further Reading of interest:

'The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry during the American Civil War' by Michael A. Halleran

'House Undivided' by Allen E. Roberts



Johnson's Island Prison, Lake Erie

Laudable Pursuit

By Worshipful Brother Brian Hennecken
Sandy Springs Lodge No. 124

Would George Washington Petition Today?

As the annual communication concluded I glanced toward the painting of George Washington donning his apron and wondered, would he petition today? Masonry is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and has a rich history dating to the early days of western civilization itself.

Imagine the pioneering Masons organizing a union of skilled laborers to protect their methods from the profane to ensure payment of master's wages. The passage of time evolved Masonry into a gentlemen's fraternity or so it would seem by an examination of the ranks during the colonial days of America. The next most damaging evolution was a place where veterans could continue their camaraderie lost at the cease of hostilities in 1945.

Decades later as the greatest generation wane, we are left with a fraternity rich in history but thin on purpose. Clearly, the ranks of masonry have declined quantitatively and qualitatively (present company excluded of course). I embark this year to examine Masonry in Georgia from the East of my lodge. Masonry dwells in the shadow of what has been and as the sun progresses west many are searching for that which was lost, but what has been lost exactly? Numbers, influence, relevance, all the above? Most focus on volume of dues payers, thus the various schemes to increase membership. Will Masonry's next chapter be that of a de facto multi-level marketing collective struggling to support grand lodge operations? Most efforts to increase membership have served only to weaken the brand which took centuries to create but barely a generation to destroy. What if, there were far too many Masons and far too many lodges in Georgia? We should reconsider this race to

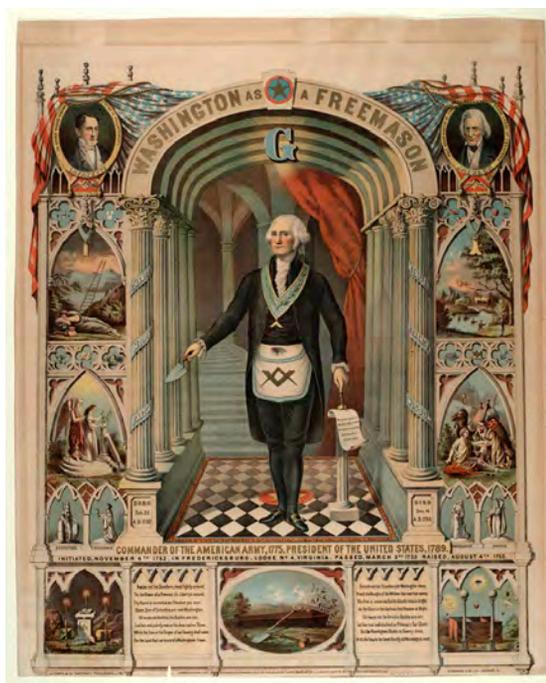
the bottom, how many dilapidated buildings will Masons abandon before standards are raised? Even in the most prosperous areas, lodges suffer from neglect inflicted by its own membership, a permanent state of privation unyielding and intensifying each year. Now why is that? Who owns your lodge exactly? Is the ownership structure of your lodge as clear as the bill you received for dues owed? Do you experience the pride of ownership of your lodge or are the dues more of a burden than an investment? Much emphasis is placed on guarding the inner door, but would that be so difficult if the candidate entering the temple was handed shares of ownership in your lodge? You'd have far more motivated investigators if the successful candidate diluted the existing owners because of their raising and an investigation course would scarcely be needed to motivate proper diligence. How often do investigations reveal problems at your lodge? How often do you affirm a brother you have never met? Despite the petitioning procedure and the degrees, it's too easy to become a Mason. Investigations are not meticulous and even avoid discovery of any disqualifier out of desperation to raise new members (dues payers). How low must we set the bar to maintain the churn? The result, an eclectic collection of apathetic members disrupting the peace & harmony of the dedicated brothers still among us. The wider we open our inner door, the fewer will care about coming through and the more accessible we make our craft, the less worthwhile it will be. No one covets what anyone can get and people respect what is difficult to achieve. Competition among the many options modern life offers vying for every second of our attention eventually overwhelms the desire to sit in lodge and we ask what happened to JWJ, haven't seen him in a while... This is a volunteer organization, there best be some payoff for the investment of time. I was

told early on that you'll only get from Masonry what you put in... what a mission statement! If Masonry doesn't clearly define an agenda, then why not hit a Braves game instead? Do we expect people to come and vote on paying bills for 30 years or listen to some ill prepared lecture? Will that attract the elite of society as in days of yore? The correct foundation compels people to pledge with most weighed measured and found wanting.

Hiding behind a shield of charity or other activity perceived benign enough to deflect criticism is not the stuff of greatness. I promise you that no Mason requires the craft to make charitable donations and is taking selfies in front of big checks truly charitable anyway? We hold sacrosanct the avoidance of anything remotely divisive but is silence on the consequential truly a call to arms? Is having a place to peacefully dwell with the arsonists while the city around us burns really that important?

Give me ten or fifteen dedicated men, fanatics of common interest fortified by the bonds only time can forge against a lodge of one hundred disinterested brethren ready to give little more than a name I can scarcely recall and their \$150 buck dues as they come and go. I say this, let's shut the inner door, increase dues substantially and see what remains. Let us divest

ourselves of those holding the craft back. Let us sell the dilapidated buildings and remove Masonry from the discussion of blight at the local town hall. Let us establish fewer lodges with grand appointments. Let us transform the face of our fraternity to something glorious. What has been opened we must close. Let us better educate our brethren in the ways of Masonry, past present & future, the lessons within the MELD program lay a sound foundation for any lodges work & lecture. Before we rush amnesty to the NPD in our ranks, why not be thankful their journey has taken them elsewhere and promote an institution of the highest standard. I don't suppose it can be done overnight, if I have learned anything on my Masonic journey, it's that the wheels of Masonry turn slowly. Maybe on a small scale starting with a single lodge, perhaps my own. In any event, why not experiment? it's not up to me or anyone to save Masonry, but we can rescue a single lodge or a single idea steering toward a road less traveled but highly desired. In conclusion, let's return to the opening question, would George Washington petition today? I will leave that to you to ponder, but safe to say he was not seeking a place to dwell among the loyalists and had more pressing concerns than how long we should defer replacing the leaking window for lack of funds.



POP: The Power of Perspective



COMMENTARY

By Worshipful Brother Erik Davis
Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154

Perspective. What is it?

Perspective refers to an individual's unique interpretation of the world around them. It is shaped by their personal experiences, values, and beliefs, and it influences the way they perceive, understand, and react to events and situations. Our perspective plays a crucial role in shaping our understanding of the world and our place in it. It shapes the way we perceive and interpret the events and situations that we encounter, and it can significantly influence our actions and decisions.

However, it is important to remember that our perspective is just one of many possible viewpoints. Different people may have different experiences, values, and beliefs, which can lead to different points of view. By considering multiple perspectives, we can gain a more well-rounded and nuanced understanding of any given situation or issue. This is especially important when it comes to complex or controversial issues, where different people may hold strong and opposing viewpoints.

Taking the time to consider multiple perspectives can also help to broaden our own understanding and widen our perspective. It can help us to see things from a different angle and gain a deeper understanding of the world and the people around us. Therefore, it is always good to keep an open mind and be willing to

consider other viewpoints, even if they differ from our own.

Throughout history, mankind has had numerous perspectives on the concept of God and the search for divinity. These diverse viewpoints have often led to conflicts and wars, as people have fought to defend and promote their own beliefs. In many cases, the voices and perspectives of certain groups have been silenced or suppressed in the pursuit of dominance

and power. However, despite these challenges, the search for divinity and understanding of the divine has persisted throughout the ages, with people from various cultures and backgrounds seeking to understand the mysteries of the universe and their place within it.

Our journey towards divinity is one that requires us to constantly seek out new perspectives and ways of understanding the world around us. By embracing this attitude of openness and curiosity, we can help ourselves grow and evolve as individuals. As we become more mindful of our perspective and actively choose to shift it, we have the potential to bring about positive transformation in our lives. It's important to recognize the influence that our perspective has on our reality and to take responsibility for the thoughts and beliefs we hold.

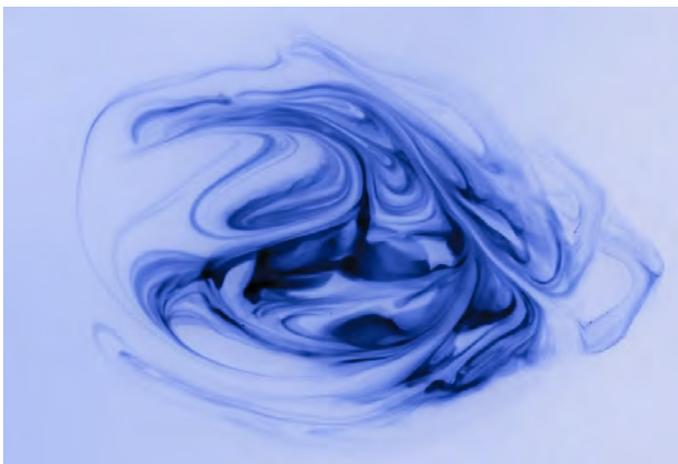
Perspective is a critical component of spiritual enlightenment. It allows us to see beyond our own limited experiences and understand the



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interconnectedness of all things. By looking at the world from different angles and considering the viewpoints of others, we can gain a deeper understanding of the complexities and nuances of the world around us. This can help us move beyond our own ego and limited perspective, and towards a greater sense of unity and connection with others.

In order to truly achieve spiritual enlightenment, it is essential that we continue to seek out new perspectives and challenge our own understanding of the world. This may require us to engage with different cultures, philosophies, and belief systems, and to be open to the possibility that our current understanding may not be the complete truth. By constantly striving to expand our perspective and understanding, we can continue to grow and evolve spiritually, and ultimately, move closer towards divinity.



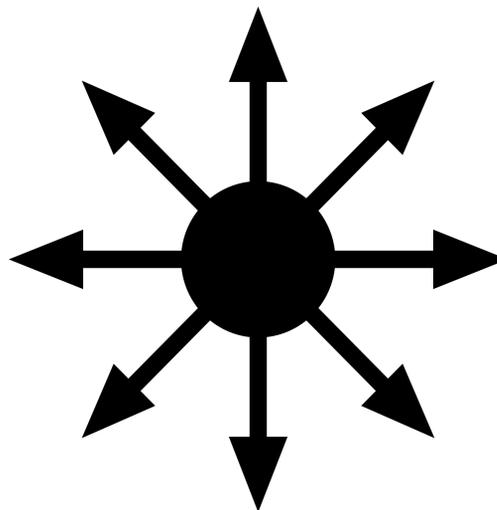
Take Chaos Magick for example. It is a modern spiritual movement that emphasizes the power of the individual to shape their own reality through the use of belief, intention, and action. According to Chaos Magick, the universe is inherently fluid and mutable, and we have the ability to shape it in whatever way we desire, as long as we are willing to take the necessary steps to change our perspective and beliefs. This can be done through a variety of techniques, such as meditation, ritual, and the use of symbolism and sigils.

One key aspect of Chaos Magick is the idea that our beliefs and expectations shape our reality. In other words, if we believe that something is possible, it

becomes possible for us. This is because our beliefs and expectations act as filters through which we view the world, and they have the power to shape our experiences and the outcomes we achieve. By shifting our beliefs and expectations, we can fundamentally change the way we experience the world, and thus, create our own desired outcomes.

In order to achieve this, practitioners often engage in a variety of practices designed to shift their perspective and beliefs. For example, a practitioner may create a sigil - a symbol that represents a specific intention or desire - and then meditate on it in order to plant the seed of that intention in their subconscious mind. Over time, this practice can help to shift the practitioner's perspective and belief system, making it easier for them to manifest their desired outcomes in the physical world.

In conclusion, perspective plays a crucial role in shaping our understanding of the world and our place in it. Seeking out new perspectives and being open to change can help us grow and evolve as individuals. We have the ability to shift our perspective and create a new reality for ourselves through the power of our thoughts and beliefs. By being mindful of our perspective and actively choosing to shift it, we can bring about positive transformation in our lives. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and create the reality that YOU truly want.



A Lodge of Brotherhood: A Test of Time By Brother Tracy Palmer Buchanan Lodge No. 78

In the heart of Georgia, steadfast and true,
Stands Buchanan Lodge, a symbol tried and true.
Since October 31st, 1878, it has stood,
A testament to brotherhood, brotherhood of good.

Through the passage of time, it has endured,
The trials and triumphs that it has secured.
A beacon of light, guiding the way,
Buchanan Lodge No. 78, standing strong each day.

From humble beginnings, its foundation was laid,
By brethren of vision, unyielding and unswayed.
Their dedication and wisdom set the stage,
For a legacy that would transcend each age.

Through the changing tides of history's flow,
Buchanan Lodge No. 78 continued to grow.
Amidst challenges faced and obstacles overcome,
Its spirit remained relentless, undeterred, and unbroken.

Generations of brethren have passed through its door,
Each one adding to the lodge's cherished lore.
Their names etched in the annals of time,
Their contributions woven in a tapestry sublime.

The rituals performed, the lessons learned,
In the lodge's hallowed halls, the flame still burns.
Freemasonry's teachings, principles upheld,
Buchanan Lodge No. 78, a sanctuary where they meld.

In brotherly love, they gather as one,
Embracing the virtues that have always been done.
Charity, truth, and integrity's creed,
Guiding their actions, fulfilling their need.

For nearly a century and a half,
Buchanan Lodge No. 78 has faced every path.
With resilience and unity, it has stood tall,
A testament to the bonds that enthrall.

Thus, let us raise our voices and sing,
To the lodge that has endured since its beginning.
Buchanan Lodge No. 78, a beacon of light,
Guiding Freemasons through the darkest of night.

May its flame continue to shine bright,
Illuminate the hearts with its radiant light.
And as the years march on, may it persist,
Buchanan Lodge No. 78, forever on the Masonic list.

In honor of the brethren who came before,
We celebrate Buchanan Lodge No. 78 evermore.
Through the sands of time, its legacy thrives,
A symbol of brotherhood that forever survives.



Brother Herbert Hughes made Trustee Emeritus



Brother Herbert Hughes received his "Trustee Emeritus" status with the Grand Lodge Masonic Home trustees. Brother Hughes served as a trustee to the home for more than ten years. On hand for the presentation was Cordelia Lodge Worshipful Master Louis New, DDGM and current Third District Trustee Ed Bennis, PGM Bobby Simmons, SGW Mark Bradley, Herbert Hughes, and DDGM Tommy Kimbrel.

Floyd County Convention Honors 50 Year Masons



On August 20, 2023 The Floyd County Convention Honored all Fifty Year Masons. The Convention presented Three New Fifty Year Grand Lodge awards and one 60 year award. There were fifteen Fifty Year Masons in attendance.

Grand Lodge Rededicates Samuel Elbert Marker



The Officers of the Grand Lodge of Georgia recently rededicated the Historical Marker to Brother Samuel Elbert who was not only a Revolutionary War Hero, Governor, but also a member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1 and the last Provincial Grand Master of Georgia. The marker had been corroded over time and was restored for the rededication. There were a number of Revolutionary heritage groups present at the rededication and it was a very solemn and important event to all involved.

WB Hugh Crawford Installed as Worshipful Master in 70th year at the age of 92



WB Hugh Crawford was installed as Worshipful Master of Emerson Lodge at the age of 92. He was installed by PGM Jan Giddens. This year he will also receive

his 70th year apron in September. WB Crawford is also Past Master of William G England Daylight Lodge #747, East Point Lodge #288, and Daylight #125.

Middle Georgia DL Hosts Past Masters Meeting



Middle Georgia Daylight Lodge celebrated past masters day on March 6, 2023. A program detailing the history of the lodge was presented and several past masters spoke of accomplishments that occurred during their year in the east.

Martinez Lodge Has Excellent Meeting



It is amazing what can be accomplished at a Masonic Lodge meeting. We had a great meeting at Martinez Lodge No. 710 at our Regular Communication on 6 March.

WM Pierson presented Brother Ralph Neitzke his 25-year Certificate, pin, and Apron. DDGM, WB Lloyd McCoy, conducted an Official visit, complete with education on how to receive the MWGM. We had a visit by Master of the 10th Masonic District Convention, WB Stuart Turner.

Brothers Paul Baughman and Robert Reynolds successfully returned their MM Proficiency. Brothers Clint Harris and Raul Albornoz, Jr. were presented with their Perpetual Membership Certificates, Membership Cards, and pins. We had the First Reading of a Petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry. A donation was made to the Family of WB Barry Davis of Grovetown Lodge to help his family after he laid down his Working tools. WB Davis was an Honorary member of Martinez Lodge. We donated to other worthy causes including the Scottish Rite and the Shriners Iron Butt Ride for the Shrine Hospitals. The business of a Masonic Lodge is to do the Work. Our Lodge does the work, and we still closed the Lodge before 11:30!

Third Masonic District Installs Master



At the recent Third District Masonic Convention hosted by Cordelia Lodge No. 296, the Worshipful Master Rossi Ross passed the torch of the District off to WB Glenn Haynes for the ensuing year.

Yonah and Lula Hold Joint Communications



On February 24th, Yonah Lodge #382 held a joint meeting with Lula Lodge #352 and Lula Lodge assisted Yonah Lodge with conferring two Entered Apprentice Masons. Then on March 16th Lula Lodge #352 held a regular meeting and also conferred four Entered Apprentice Masons, Clermont Lodge #512 held a joint meeting with Lula Lodge #352 and Gainesville Lodge #219 took home the traveling 9D gavel. 46 masons were present, 12 lodges were represented, and 7 current Worshipful Masters were present. All Lodges enjoyed the fellowship.

MWGM Visits Waycross Lodge



MWGM Michael Kessler completed a successful journey through the 11th District in March with visits to Ocean Lodge #214 and Waycross Lodge #305. Representatives from several lodges attended, including Frank C. Folks Lodge #192, Douglas Lodge #386, Nahunta Lodge #391, and Hoboken Lodge #740. Guests included Jr. Grand Warden Bill Sheppard, Richard Bailey, 11th District Masonic Home Trustee; Rusty Bennett, EGCG; and Matt Sanford, 11th District Deputy to the Grandmaster. The highlight of a historical presentation given by WB Larry Purdom on the history of Lodge #305 was the displaying of a commemorative apron presented to Capt. Lemuel Johnson in 1882.

Randal Jewart Honored



On March 13, Cornelia Masonic Lodge #92, F&AM honored Randal "Randy" Jewart for six years of service as Treasurer. Worshipful Brother Jewart is also Past Master of Cornelia Lodge. Randy was presented a plaque and gift card by Worshipful Master Clarence Lewallen.



Plainville #364 Installs Master



WM for 2023 is Clyde Young

Fickling Lodge Donates Flag Pole



The brethren of Fickling Lodge No. 129 responded to a request by erecting a 35 foot flagpole in the Butler city cemetery. The Lodge acquired a plot in the cemetery for the flagpole. The pole is up surrounded by a concrete base and Old Glory is flying over the cemetery. Additional work will be done to provide landscaping.

Grand Master Visits the 8th District Golf Tournament



Grand Master Kessler visited the 8th District Golf Tournament and shared the green with the University of Georgia Women's Gold Team. The 8th District Golf Tournament raises funds for scholarships for deserving students.

Grand Master Visits PGM F. Ray Jackson



After the consecration of the Past Grand Master grave markers on Saturday, April 22, Grand Master Kessler paused to place a stone on the grave of Past Grand Master F. Ray Jackson who passed to the Celestial Lodge above almost a year before. Most Worshipful Brother Jackson served as Grand Master in 2006.

Fort Benning Lodge Observes Memorial Day



Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Memorial Day hits differently to many of those Veterans like myself and Gold Star families. Americans nationwide are firing up their grills, stores providing sales deals, general public enjoying their time off from work. As they should because they have this freedom.

Freedom- to those who have never fought for it, has a flavor the protected will never know. That is said not to sound elitist but to convey that days like this hit a bit differently. Fort Benning Lodge Number 579 recognized that those that stepped up to the plate when called upon, fully knowing the danger of their chosen profession, and ultimately paid in blood to ensure the freedoms we take so often for granted are kept and maintained.

As a humble gesture, the brethren from Fort Benning Lodge with the assistance of candidates and family members placed flags at grave sites at the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. This was done as a token of appreciation and remembrance of these fine warriors and their sacrifice wasn't in vain. One careless footstep away is all it takes to lose one's freedom.



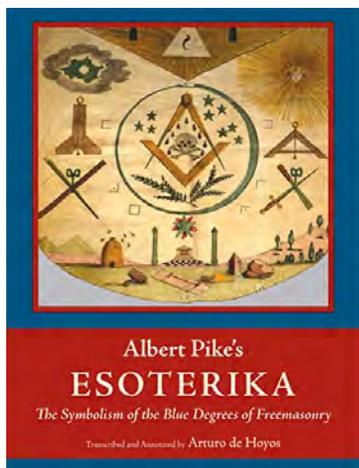
Book Review by F. Scott Kroll

Albert Pike's Esoterika

Albert Pike, transcribed and annotated By Arturo De Hoyos

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In my previous book review of "The Craft and its Symbols" by Allen E. Roberts, I discussed how it was a great primer for studying the various symbols and symbolism of Blue Lodge Masonry. I liked particularly how it was presented as an easily digestible introduction, avoiding the more esoteric roads that those particular symbols can

take us down. Remembering, of course, that when we were first brought into the lodge, we were taught meanings for the various working tools, the different sciences, and various items on the Masonic tracing boards. We were also told that some meanings would only become apparent to us through further study. "Albert Pike's Esoterika" is the book that delves into the deeper significance of our symbols and becomes an excellent gateway into the further study of Masonic Symbolism.

When we see Pike's name attached to anything, we usually assume whatever it may be, it will be associated with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. In this instance that assumption is incorrect. Pike stays firmly within the bounds of the first three degrees of the Blue Lodge. Pike originally compiled this book from his study of many different sources, tracing the origins of several of our symbols. While he was going through the degrees, he was not satisfied with the explanations that he was given for the meaning of the various Masonic Symbols. He states that there had to be answers with deeper meaning. He found some of the explanations given in the degree work to be wholly unsatisfactory, or in some instances, absurd. This book is Pike's quest for the origins of some of the most basic tenants in Freemasonry.

In editing this compilation, Brother Arturo DeHoyos presents Pike's work with annotations and citations for the primary source material that Pike uses, and any source material he uses for clarification in relation to

Pike's work. In some instances Pike may have incorrect data in regards to a subject that he didn't have the benefit of several centuries of further study. Brother DeHoyos does an excellent job in pointing these out and providing citations and descriptions correcting these issues. Pike had an amazing memory and recall for details, but even then, with the depth and breadth of these subjects, even his recall can use a modern perspective from time to time.

The book begins with an excellent table of contents which lays out the structure of the book. It opens with a foreword by Ronald A. Seale, who was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite when this book was published. It also has an extensive preface in which Brother Arturo list out the aims of the books are and also give context to the creation of the book, and to the subjects of the various sections of the book. It also contains extracts from some or Pike's other works that have bearing upon the subject matter of the book. The first section of the book is entitled "Of Some Symbols of the Blue Lodge." It covers the meaning and origins of The Compasses and the Square, The Weapons and the Blows of the Assassins, the Three Grips, The Substitute for the Master's Word, and the 47th Problem of Euclid. It also contains fragments of other work on such subjects as The Cable-tow, Corner Stones, Tubal Cain, and Solomon and Hiram.

The book also has an extensive Appendix covering several other areas, including Pike's dependance on other sources, and Pike's faith and how it relates to his view of Freemasonry. The appendix also contains four early exposès of the Degree Work from 1723, 1725, 1730, and 1762. There is a note section which lists the various citations and annotations Brother Arturo makes throughout the book. If I have one minor complaint about the layout of this book, it would be that I would rather have the citations and annotations as footnotes on the page where they are mentioned.

This book is an excellent read, and it is an excellent value as it collects writing from various sources that you would be hard pressed to find outside of the Library of the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. I would recommend this book to anyone who has any interest in the deeper significance of Masonic Symbolism. The index in the back also makes the book highly useful as a reference source. Order your copy from the Scottish Rite Online Store for an excellent resource into your further studies into the Craft.

50 Year Awards



Dennis G. Baxter
Solomon's #1



Furman C. Brand
Sincerity #430



William I. Horton
Villa Rica #72



John A. Kastner
Rabun Gap #265



Homer L. Leslie
Sincerity #430



Bruce Townsend
Morning Star #349



Lamar Brantley
Waycross #305



Ray Swain
Waycross #305



Huey Thigpen
Waycross #305



Randy C. Chester
Etowah #222



Carroll S. Lee
Rabun Gap #265



Russell C. Bennett
Generous Warren #20



Jack W. Summers
Guyton #428



Johnny Chastain
Sharptop #680



Douglas Payne
Sharptop #680



Ray Willcocks
Fayetteville #711



Randy V. Cooper
Springville #153



Dennis E. Bellamy
Springville #153



Bobby G. Clayton
Rex #251



Emory L. Walden
Rex #251



Keith James
San Marino #34



Thomas Blackmon, Sr.
Mountain Park #729



Blanding B. Young
Alpine #211



Jack Deleshaw, Jr.
Riverdale #709



Dee McMonigle
Riverdale #709



Max Fuller
Fayetteville #711



Ted Holt
Adel #310



Richard Morse
Oak Bowery #81



Roger Futch
Oak Bowery #81



James G. Lassetter
Chipley #40



John H. Harris
Phi Delta #148



Dennis Stowers
Canton #77



Gene Boggs
Yonah #382



Gene Griffin
Riverdale #709



David McMurrain Jr.
Palmetto DL #755



Jerry Thompson
Coosawattee #306



David L. Waters
Landmark #231



Ray Power
Dougherty #591
65 Years

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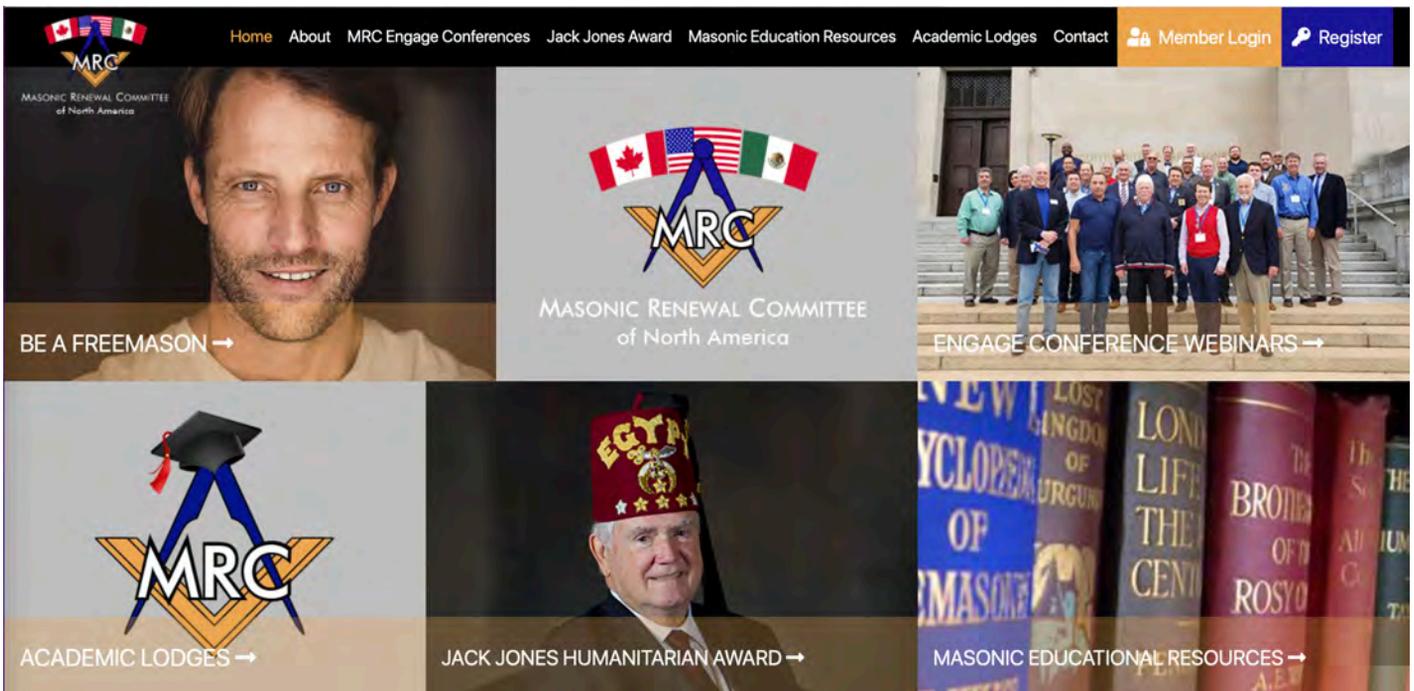
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