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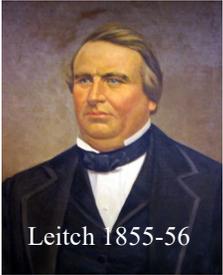
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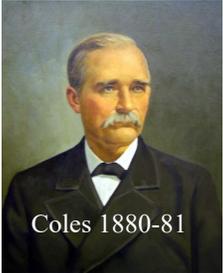
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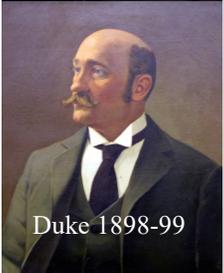
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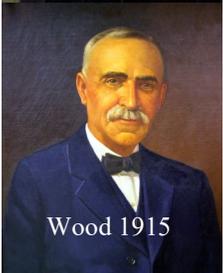
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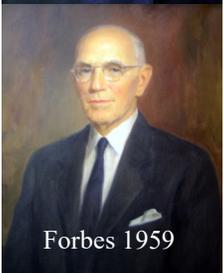
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

In November we remember the holiday of Thanksgiving and the veterans who sacrificed so much that we may enjoy the blessings provided by our country.

I want to thank Right Worshipful Tom Woolfolk for his presentation on the history of the Masonic Ritual. His message was well received by the members of the lodge.

Our meal for November will be roast turkey and all the fixings. In addition, we will have the special cakes that the Faulknier's bake for dessert.

The message in November will be presented by Right Worshipful Bill Hughes. He will speak on the veterans of the United States.

The scriptures say I will be with you always even to the end of the world. During these times that might be scary let us not forget in whom we put our trust. The great coach Vince Lombardi said, "The quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence regardless of his chosen field or endeavor".

Let us strive to be a brother to the fellow members of our lodge so that we may have peace and harmony through any trials that may befall us. May God be with each of us in our daily life.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Eddie O. Creasy

2022 Worshipful Master



**Masonic Birthdays!**  
**Call a Brother and wish**  
**him a Happy Masonic**  
**Birthday.**

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Thomas V. Anderson	11/04/1974
C. Victor Armstrong	11/10/1971 (51 Yrs)
Henry Booth	11/23/1959 (63 Yrs)
Mark A. Chamberlain	11/21/1995
Gregory H. Faust	11/12/1973
Wayne W. Ferguson	11/17/1978
George D. Hale, Jr.	11/28/1966
Devan E. McPherson	11/30/2015
M. Shane Parsons	11/21/1994
William T. Randolph	11/28/2001
Brian Q. Truong	11/01/2018



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Nov 6th, 1:00 PM—Called Communication for Masonic Rites for Bro. Powell, see page 7 for details

Nov 7th, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting via Zoom

Nov 21st, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting  
 6 pm Meal in 2nd Floor Dining Room

Nov 22nd, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter #58 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

**GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**  
 Nov 11–12th. See Page 5 for more details

### 10th Masonic District Lodge Stated Meetings:

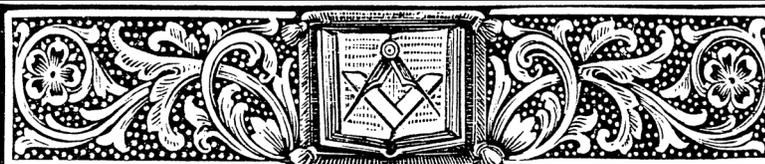
Day Lodge No. 58 Stated—1st Thursday 7:00 PM

Murray Lodge No. 175 Stated—2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM

Waddell Lodge No. 228 Stated—2nd Monday 7:30 PM

Mineral Lodge No. 311 Stated—3rd Thursday 7:30 PM

Cabell Lodge No. 328 Stated—1st Wednesday 7:30 PM



## 215th Grand Annual Convocation

**Companions, the Call to**  
**Grand Chapter is happening.**



**November 18-19th, 2022**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, VA**

**<https://virginiaroyalarch.org/grandconvocation/>**

# THE MILITARY AND FREEMASONRY

BY: JAMES M. POLLARD

Freemasonry came to the new world in large part with the military Lodges attached to various British regiments. Thus, it is that almost from the very beginning to this country Freemasonry and the military have gone hand in hand through our history. Unfortunately, the written history of our Fraternity in the early years is almost non-existent.

The Warrant or Charter of the early military Lodges was usually given to the Regimental Commander and all of a Lodge's furniture, ornaments, lights, jewels, etc., as well as the Warrant itself, was usually limited in size to that which could be carried in one small military chest. Membership in these Lodges was usually limited to officers of the regiment normally, civilians were not admitted although in some few cases this rule seems to have been overlooked.

The first Warrant for a military Lodge was issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1732 to the First British Foot Regiment. Within a few years the Grand Lodge of Scotland and both the Grand Lodge of England, Modern and Ancient were issuing Warrants to military Lodges. The naval service was not very active in the formation of military Lodges, with only three such lodges known to have existed, all being warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge of England.

There were also military Lodges formed on the continent of Europe but these did not follow the form of the English Lodges. The continental Lodges were all stationary in nature rather than traveling Lodges. This, I think, was mostly due to the empire building of the British, as opposed to the continental power staying mostly land locked to Europe.



The first record of a military Lodge Warrant being issued in the new world happened during the French and Indian Wars. It was issued by the then Provincial Grand Master at Boston to the 28th British Foot in an expedition against the French at Crown Point. Several other such Lodges followed and during the American Revolution one was issued to a Lodge named the 'Movable Lodge.'

During the American Revolution there were 10 Lodges working in the American army. One of these Lodges was the American Union Lodge and that Lodge exists to this day under the Grand Lodge of Ohio as American Union Lodge No. 1.

There were at least two instances during the war in which some of a British Lodge's furniture, Warrant and jewels were captured by the Americans. In both known cases there is also a record of these items being restored to their owners by an honor guard under a flag of truce.

One item of interest to the Marines is that the same Tun Tavern of Marine Corps fame was also the early home of the Masons of Philadelphia.

# THE MILITARY AND FREEMASONRY ~CONTINUED

The War of 1812 found no military Lodges being formed, I suspect in large part because most of the fighting was of a naval nature and what ground fighting there was more of the naval raid nature than that of an extended land campaign.

During the Mexican War there were at least 12 traveling military Lodges formed and at least two of them accompanied our army to Mexico, although nothing is known of their work. One of these Lodges was from Virginia, Virginia Military Lodge 1 being attached to the Virginia Regiment of Volunteers. All of these Lodges worked under dispensation and none of them were ever chartered.

During the War of Northern Aggression, or War Between The States, there were, depending on the source, between 77 and almost 200 military Lodges. Virginia is reported to have had from 7 to 28 Lodges with the southern armies. Indiana led the list with 37 Lodges in the north and Texas is estimated to have had some 50 military Lodges, although firm records do not exist to support that figure.

Several Grand Lodges issued no dispensations, feeling either that the military Lodges were making Masons who could not have gained admission back home, or that such Lodges were an infringement on the Grand Lodge where the troops were stationed.

Of local interest in this respect is the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia following the union occupation of Alexandria, Virginia early in the war. This happened in 1862 when several residents of Alexandria petitioned the Grand Lodge of D.C. for a dispensation to form a Lodge to be known as 'Union Lodge.' It was stated that there was no Lodge working in the city, that the Charter of Alexandria-Washington Lodge had been ransacked and forced to disband. The Grand Lodge of D.C. granted this dispensation and this act was to cause strained relations between the two Grand Lodges for some years. Not until after the war was this problem resolved by the merger of these two Lodges.

Many Grand Lodges, and also Grand Master, came to regret what later was regarded as their too liberal issue of dispensation and never again would anything like the number issued during this period of our history be repeated. This was due in part to the lack of any reports or returns to the Grand Lodges by most of the military Lodges.

The Spanish-American War found only two military Lodges, one from Kentucky and one from North Dakota, although California granted three dispensations for formation of Lodges in the Philippines, which later led to the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

World War 1 saw only a few military Lodges granted dispensations. Only three were granted for work within the United States. Nine more were granted for work in France and Germany during the occupation. There were also four dispensations issued but never used. By this time there were only 17 Grand Lodges which favored military Lodges, Virginia being one of them, while there was an equal number which were opposed to such Lodges with 15 additional Grand Lodges whose attitude was unknown.

With the return of the Charter of Lahneck Military Lodge Number 1186 to the Grand Lodge of Texas in July of 1922, the last military Lodge in the United States ceased to exist. Although there were several requested for dispensations during World War II, none were granted. To find military Lodges today we must look to those chartered under the Grand Lodge of England and there are still some of these in existence.

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The 244th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Friday November 11, 2022 at 8:30am. The Address of the Grand Master will be delivered after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

## **Committee On Work Schedule**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 7:30 pm**

Exemplification of the Degree of Entered Apprentice

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Exemplification of the Degree of Fellowcraft and Degree of Master Mason



<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/grand-annual-communication/>

# OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS



The Worshipful Master recognized brothers present with Masonic Birthdays in October. L-R: RW Russ Snodgrass, RW Mike Griffin, RW Seth Spivey, WM Ed Creasy, Bro. John Hutchens, Wor. Mark Chapman.



RW Thomas Woolfolk presented a program on Masonic Ritual. The WM thanked Bro. Tom for his presentation by giving him a Masonic beer stein.



MW Jeffery E. Hodges presented WSL60 the Chapter Centennial Bridge of Light Award. MW Hodges presented a certificate and bust of George Washington to WM Ed Creasy.

The Charlottesville Masonic Team was able to raise over \$3200 for the Alzheimer's Association at the October 22nd CVILLE Walk event.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE FREEMASON TEAM.

L-R:  
Bro. Hank Hagenau  
Wor. Mark Chapman  
Freemason Team Cap.



## Elected Officers for 2022

Worshipful Master: Wor. Eddie O'Hare Creasy  
Senior Warden: R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison  
Junior Warden: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin  
Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman  
Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.

Senior Deacon: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook  
Junior Deacon: Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens  
Senior Steward: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos  
Junior Steward: Vacant  
Marshall: Bro. James Thomas O'Kelley, Jr.  
Tyler: Bro John Coulter Maddox

# SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA SYMPOSIUM



Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial    Date: Nov 4th to 6th, 2022

The Symposium will present several outstanding speakers, including both academic and Masonic historians, and American and Scottish Freemasons. Scottish food, drink and music will be featured at the Saturday evening banquet. A Scotch whiskey tasting will also provide ample refreshment for those in need of a wee dram. Other activities, including a gold event in Fredericksburg, are still being planned.

Friday, November 4th—8 AM Golf Tournament, Tours of Memorial and Fredericksburg No4 Lodge and Special Meeting to Commemorate the 270th Anniversary of George Washington's Initiation.

Nov 5th—Various Presentations all day. 6:00 to 9:00 PM Formal Banquet in the Grand Masonic Hall with the Whiskey Tasting beforehand entitled "Three Degrees of Scotch Whiskey".

Nov 6th—Various Lectures until 11 then the Farewell Speech.

EVENT DETAILS and REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/news/scottish-masonic-event>



## Eugene Mack Powell

Brother Eugene M. Powell was born in Charlottesville, VA on December 15, 1935 and passed away on October 24, 2022. He received Masonic degrees at Widows Sons Lodge No. 60 and was a 60 yr Masonic Veteran member. The dates of his degrees are as follows: EA Dec 16, 1960, FC – Jan. 13, 1961, and MM – Jan. 31, 1961. Masonic Rites will be held for Bro. Powell at a Called Communication to be held at Monticello Gardens Cemetery on Sunday Nov. 6 at 1 pm.

His spirit to God

His memory in our Hearts

His body to the Earth.

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## The Masonic Roundtable

Do you want to hear some great discussions and conversations on Masonic Topics?

The Masonic Roundtable is a weekly program with Masons from across the country.  
Thursdays at 9:30PM Eastern / 8:30PM Central.

Every week is a new topic on a Masonic theme, ideal or program. Topics include the 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Scottish or York Rite, Youth Groups, Masonic Ghost Stories, Volumes of Sacred Law and much, much more!!!!



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