



# ELMER TIMBERMAN LODGE NO. 54

**A.F. & A.M.**

Chartered on the 11th of February, A.L. 5953. A.D. 1953  
Holden Under the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia

**2019 Master's Theme: Family, Brotherly Love, and Charity**

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## FEBRUARY 2019 TRESTLEBOARD

### FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren. We had an absolutely fantastic January Stated Communication. Thank you to all those that were able to make it. I think we started the evening out on the right foot with a great meatloaf dinner prepared and served by Faith Chapter OES. If you enjoyed it, then be ready for the Chinese New Year themed dinner we have coming to us at our February Stated! We also had a visitor among us who is interested in Freemasonry and has a unique family history. We have had a very eventful and memorable month with lots of news and activity to report. I will do my best to capture the highlights from our January Stated Communication, monthly activity, and the District 1A Masters and Wardens Association meeting held in late-January.

I spent a great deal of time trying to personally connect with each brother on our lodge roster. The time was well spent – we have some great brothers! I love the brotherly love that only we can experience. There are several brothers that miss us and wish they could attend lodge, but are along in years and do not drive at night. The offer was made to have a brother swing by to pick them up. Unfortunately, I learned of the passing of a few brothers as well. More on that later. If I have not spoken to you personally, it was because we do not have a working number for you. So, please do me a favor and reach out to me so that I can speak to you – I'd love to catch up! In the meantime, a fervent hunt has commenced for your updated number. I did share various news from the brothers with brethren in Lodge.

In reviewing the bylaws of the Timberman Temple Corporation (TTC) and subsequent to our desire to continue to right the ship at the Lodge, we voted on new board members to reconstitute the board. We had not elected officers earlier as required per the bylaws. The board consists of seven brothers. We elected seven new board members, some are the same as the previous board, while others are very new. The makeup of the new board brings experience and continuity with older brothers while the younger brothers offer the perspective of the future. The new board members will meet on February 13th to elect the new officers, from among them, for the TTC. Congratulations to those elected: John Shroeder, Jr., PDDGM; Michael Riley, PDDGM; Pablo A. Rocha, PM; PM; Mark Coldren, PM; Robert Pacific; Bob Rainey; and, Mike Elkins.

In keeping with my theme of charity, our lodge contributed \$1,000.00 to a joint lodge effort. On January 27th, Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42, Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64, and Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge No. 81 banded together to offer some relief to those government

employees affected by the partial government shutdown last month. It was warming to see some many brothers rally to provide a brunch and grocery store gift cards to workers and their families that were in need of a good meal and assistance. I'd like to give a shout out of thanks to WBro. Mark Coldren and Chaplain Bro. Robert Pacific who joined me in this effort the day of the event.

Also in keeping with my theme of charity, the TTC approved the purchase of a table for the Lodge at the Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite's Friend's and Family Dinner/Auction event that will take place on May 18th. For more information, visit [www.asrfe.org](http://www.asrfe.org). The table holds eight and we will give three of the seats to non-masons. The remaining five are open to any ETL54 brother and one guest that would like to have a wonderful evening. If there is more interest in attendance than seats at our table, the Lodge may consider obtaining another table. If you would like to have some seats, please let the Secretary ([secretary.etl54@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.etl54@gmail.com)) and I know.

The combined District 1A Picnic will take place at Elmer Timberman on June 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) will be held at a place and time to be determined on April 7th and September 9th. This is great for officers in line. It covers the roles and responsibilities of every lodge officer position. I encourage the widest attendance possible. You DO NOT have to be an officer to attend.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 will host a wreath-laying ceremony at WBro. George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon in honor of the President's 287<sup>th</sup> birthday. The ceremony will start at 8:00AM. There will be a banquet held the same day at the George Washington Masonic Nation Memorial, with a Social at 6:00PM, Dinner at 6:30PM, and the Grand Master of Virginia's Official Visit to the District at 7:30PM. Please visit <http://aw22.org/> for more information.

We are still looking for volunteers for some of the programs and replacements for some of our committees. Please take a look at the committee list and let me know if you would like to help out. And, as a reminder, please come out and support your lodge if it is within the length of your cable tow. If you are unable to drive yourself to lodge due to the time of day or medical reasons, please let me or the Secretary know. We can arrange someone to come pick you up so you can join in the fellowship of your Brothers!

It saddens me to report the passing of Worshipful Brother Clarence Eugene Gatton. WBro. Gatton laid up his working tools on December 31, 2018. WBro. Gatton was a 60 Year Masonic Veteran and was Master of Elmer Timberman in 1990. Our Brother was also a member of Kena Shriners and Eastern Star. WBro. Joseph Millirons and I traveled to Statesville, NC where WBro. Gatton was interred and conducted the graveside Masonic Funeral Service. WBro. Millirons did an OUTSTANDING job and provided a pristine presentation of final Masonic honors for our dear brother! Thank you, WBro. Millirons!

From phone calls, I found that Bro. Peter Franklin King, 84, of Fort Valley, VA., died peacefully, surrounded by family on January 4, 2018, at Greenfield Reflections Home of Strasburg, VA. Bro. Franklin was born March 5, 1933, in Wise, VA. After high school, he moved to Northern

Virginia to pursue a career with the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department and raise his three daughters with his former wife. After serving more than 20 years, Bro. Franklin retired as captain in 1975. Shortly after retiring, he took a job with the Police Federal Credit Union in Washington, DC and continued to work another 13 years. Once those working years were over, Bro. Franklin moved to Fort Valley, VA, where he lived with his wife, Jane, and a variety of animals, to enjoy his retirement. He loved all of his pets over the years, especially his beloved dogs. Franklin was always a hard-working man and a very generous person both with his family and friends.

From phone calls, I also found that Bro. Robert Eugene Smith, Jr., passed away on April 4, 2012. I was unable to find his obituary. Please take a moment to remember our brothers and their families.

Finally, brethren, Stated this month is February 18th. Dinner will start at 6:30 and lodge at 7:30. Please do come out to join us in fellowship before the Stated.

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Jason M. Himsey, WM 2019

### **2019 GOALS**

- Earn the Noah Hillman Award
- Exponentially increase our support of charitable causes in the community
- Recognize a Community Builder, preferably in Public Service
- Maximum officer participation in District and Grand Lodge Activities/Events
- Reinvigorate our Widows Program
- Conduct as many Fraternal visits as possible
- Attend as many District 1A ritual schools as possible
- Present Veteran Awards
- Rejuvenate the lodge room and hang memorabilia
- Update Past Master wall by obtain missing photos and affix nametags and years
- Maximum support to District Blood Drives

### **CALENDAR** (also visit our website)

Stated Communication: Third Mondays at 7:30 PM Except December, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Called Communications: When called at 7:00 PM

#### **February**

- 04: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54
- 13: Temple Corporation Meeting, ETL54
- 11: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54
- 18: Stated Communication - George Washington Night
- 27: District 1A Ritual School, Alexandria Washington Lodge (Required for Officers)

## **March**

- 04: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54
- 11: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54
- 13: Temple Corporation Meeting, ETL54
- 16: Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria Scottish Rite
- 18: Stated Communication - DDGM of 1A Official Visit
- 27: District 1A Ritual School, Alexandria Washington Lodge (Required for Officers)

## **TBD**

- District Fraternal Lodge Visits
- Annual Lodge Picnic
- Rossville, GA Fraternal Lodge visit (at GA, will take a bus)

## **SIMMONS-DEROSSI SCHOOL**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 7:00 PM - Please check the lodge calendar (on website) for updates and any added events and changes.

## **DISTRICT SCHOOL**

District 1A school is held three times a month. We require officer participation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (7:00PM) of each month at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 at 7:00PM. Please check the lodge calendar (on website) for updates. There are two additional offerings for District School if you cannot may the AW22 school. They are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays (7:00PM) at Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (7:00PM) at Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42.

## **2019 OFFICERS**

### **Worshipful Master**

Jason M. Himsey, (703) 980-2769  
[jhimsey@gmail.com](mailto:jhimsey@gmail.com)

### **Senior Warden**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez, (202) 288-2213

### **Junior Warden**

Terence H. DuVall, PM, (540) 895-9769

### **Treasurer**

Jason W. Lotz, PM, (703) 303-2805

### **Secretary**

Mark Coldren, PM, (703) 303-2335  
[Secretary.etl54@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.etl54@gmail.com)

### **Senior Deacon**

Joseph Eugene Millirons, PM, (571) 274-3221

### **Junior Deacon**

Tom Paull, II, (571) 251-8914

### **Chaplain**

Robert Pacific

### **Senior Steward**

Vacant

### **Junior Steward**

Vacant

### **Marshal**

John Kochel, (610) 246-1569

### **Tiler**

Pablo A. Rocha, PM, (571) 490-6932

### **Treasurer Emeritus**

Richard E. Hodge, PM, (540) 949-7568

### **Secretary Emeritus**

George R. Bierman, PM, (703) 280-5056

### **Marshal Emeritus**

George R. Bierman, PM, (703) 280-5056

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### **Trustees:**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM  
Michael Riley, PDDGM  
Mark Coldren, PM

### **Timberman Temple Corporation President** TBD

### **Timberman Temple Corporation Board of Directors**

John Shroeder, Jr., PDDGM  
Michael Riley, PDDGM  
Pablo A. Rocha, PM  
PM; Mark Coldren, PM  
Robert Pacific  
Bob Rainey  
Mike Elkins

### **Lodge Education Officer (LEO)**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)**

Terence H. DuVall, PM, (540) 895-9769

### **Assistant LIW**

Jason W. Lotz, PM, (703) 303-2805

### **Chief Instructor of Catechism**

Jason W. Lotz, PM, (703) 303-2805

### **Masonic Proficiency**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **Investigating Committee Chair**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **Funeral Coordinator**

Jason M. Himsey, (703) 980-2769

### **Masonic Home Ambassador**

Michael Riley, PDDGM, (703) 379-7923

### **Mentor Committee Chairman**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **Blood Coordinator**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez, (202) 288-2213

### **Community Liaison**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez, (202) 288-2213

### **Stewards' Committee Chair**

Terence H. DuVall, PM, (540) 895-9769

### **Scholarship Corporation President**

O. McNeil Marple, PM, (703) 573-8530

### **Building Superintendent**

Nelson Figueroa-Velez, (202) 288-2213  
[et54lodge@gmail.com](mailto:et54lodge@gmail.com)

### **Masonic Family Coordinator**

Vacant

### **Sick / Sunshine Committee**

Pablo A. Rocha, PM, (571) 490-6932

### **Past Masters Committee**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **OES Ambassador**

John Kochel, (610) 246-1569

### **Royal Arch Ambassador**

George R. Bierman, PM, (703) 280-5056

### **Scottish Rite Ambassador**

John Shroeder, Jr. PDDGM, (703) 321-7047

### **Community Builder Award Leader**

Vacant

### **Widows Committee Chair**

Vacant

### **Rossville Visit Coordinator**

Vacant

## LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

William H. Atkinson,  
PDDGM

Robert L. Augustad

Allen D. Beckner

George R. Bierman, PM

Richard G. Bingler, PM

Gregory L. Boggs

Stephen L. Brundage, PM

John C. Bush

Theodore Campbell, Jr.,  
PDDGM

Christopher J. Chavez

Dennis J. Doyle

Marvin E. Feldman

William E. Flaherty, IV

Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM

William J. Heinz

Woodrow R. Helenburg

Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM

Richard E. Hodge, PM

Kelso W. Horst, PM

James C. Jones, PM

Thomas H. King

Paul A. King

Stephen W. Law, PM

Oral M. Marple, PM

Gary L. Misch, PM

Dieter H. Muenich

Michael A. Riley, PDDGM

Edward A. Roland

Lewis W. Roland, PM

John Shroeder Jr., PDDGM

Howard K. Smith, Jr.

William A. Tetrault

Lonnie E. Tuthill, PM

Gary W. Whitmore, Sr.

### HONORARY MEMBERS

William E. Hargraves, PGM (GA 1980-1981) Dallas "Bo" Lunceford, PM  
Donald M. Robey PGM, (VA 1987)

### 60 YEAR VETERANS

Paul C. Allison, Jr.	Albert S. Gastoukian	Richard B. McCord
Claude S. Breeden, Jr.	William E. Hargraves, PGM	Claremont L. Pederson
Harold P. Coddington, Jr.	(GA)	Kenneth M. Soter
James R. Cowden	Theodore B. Holm, PM	Paul S. Walker
Ridgley E. Davis	Charles E. Hunnicutt	George T. Ward, Sr
Paul E. Emerson	Robert R. Jones	

### 50 YEAR VETERANS

Kenneth M. Adams	Carlton A. King, PM	Donald M. Robey, PGM
Lloyd R. Brown, Sr.	Steven L. Kohls	(VA)
John Checkovich	Lee C. Lamoreux	Fred W. Saah, Sr.
Raymond R. Cook	Mitchell P. Lawrence, Jr.	John E. Shepherd, Jr.
Dennis J. Elliott	James L. Lawson	Edgar R. Skelton
Tankard G. Evans	Albert R. Lee, Jr.	Bernard W. Stainton-Jaffe
Guilford W. Griffin	Richard D. McAllister	Ray E. Thorkildsen
Robert L. Hayman	Harold G. Mercer	Francis K. Trigger
James W. Henry	Anthony C. Pontari	Barry C. Uhlig
Edwin E. Kibler	Dennis K. Richmond	Roscoe C. Waltemyer

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUARY

Robert L. Augustad	Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM	Joe B. Roles
Christopher J. Chavez	Stephen B. Holmes	Farley W. Warner, Jr., PM
Daniel Gumenuk	Jason W. Lotz, PM	

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS - MARCH

Larry A. Biddle, Sr.	Harold F. Kuhn	Leo S. Shepherd
Roland W. Chapman	David C. Nimmer	Joel A. Starr
Marvin E. Feldman	Claremont L. Pederson	
Nelson Figueroa-Velez	Pablo A. Rocha, PM	

### PAST MASTERS (\* denotes deceased)

Charles C. Witmer*	1953	Ludwig D. DeRossi*	1962
Herbert Moran*	1954	George C. Armon*	1963
Walter H. Stanford*PDDGM	1955	Charles M. Wicks*	1964
John A. Tilley*	1956	Thomas J. Hepler*	1965
John G. Fox*	1957	Elmer W. Williams, PDDGM*	1966
Arthur F. Dick, PDDGM*	1958	Robert L. Johnson*	1967
Charles W. Wood*	1959	Edward K. Uhler*	1968
James M. Kanak, PDDGM*	1960	Reid J. Simmons, PDDGM*	1969
Norman E. Watkins*	1961	Frank L. Roberson*	1970

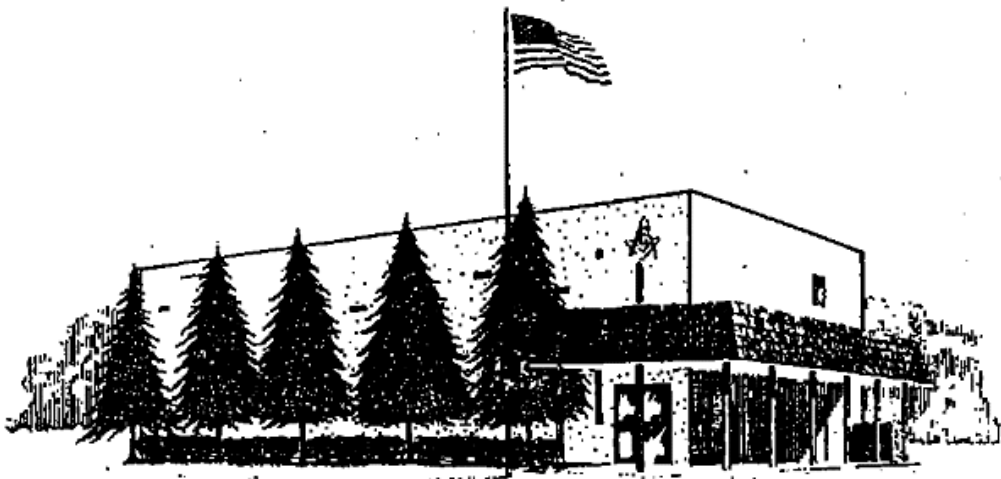
J. Carroll Wine*	1971	David A. Hetzer*	1993
Bernard V. Wood*	1972	Kelso W. Horst	1994
Edward K. Uhler, Jr.*	1973	John Shroeder, Jr, PDDGM	1995
Carl E. Simpson*	1974	Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM	1996
Francis M. Shoemaker, PDDGM*	1975	Gary A. Yerace*	1997
Henry L. Lassiter*	1976	Theodore B. Holm	1998
Cecil C. Ward*	1977	Richard G. Bingler	1999
Clarence L. Lanier*	1978	E.A. "Doc" Viereck, Jr*.	2000
Theodore Campbell, Jr, PDDGM.	1979	Michael A. Riley	2001
David G. Mathews, Jr.*	1980	Gary L. Misch	2002
Richard C. Fox*	1981	O. McNeil Marple	2003
William H. Atkinson, PDDGM	1982	Joseph R. Hartsoe	2004
James C. Jones	1983	Terence H. DuVall	2005, 2010, 2011
Dallas L. Lunceford	1984	Steven F. Campbellll	2006
George R. Ragen*	1985	Jason W. Lotz	2007
Lewis W. Roland	1986	David H. Andelman	2008
Richard B. Baldwin, PDDGM*	1987	Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM	2009
Wayne C. Linder, Jr.*	1988	Charles E. Wilkinson III	2012, 2014
Frederick P. Hink	1989	Pablo A. Rocha	2013
Clarence E. Gatton*	1990	Farley Warner	2015, 2016
Richard E. Hodge	1991	Joseph E. Millirons	2017
Stephen W. Law	1992	Mark E. Coldren	2018



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