



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

2019 OFFICERS

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Marshal

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Stated Communication:

3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM
Except December, 1st
Monday, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Called Communications:

When called, at 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 2019 TRESTLEBOARD

IMPORTANT NEWS: Our annual fraternal visit with Rossville Lodge No. 397, Rossville, GA will take place on October 11-13, 2019. The Shriner Circus will be in town. If you intend to go on the trip to Rossville, let the Master know as soon as is possible.

FROM THE EAST

Thank you to all who were able to come out to our September Stated, Law Enforcement Night. Many thanks to our very own WBro. Joseph Millirons for giving a fantastic presentation on the history and organization of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). As many of you know, WBro. Millirons retired from the FCPD after a long and distinguished career. This month's program will consist of a presentation of the Royal Arch / York Rite, which will be presented by Walter Benesch, PDDGHP. Please come to lodge for this exciting program. As a reminder, I am keeping lodge attire comfortable through November; so, business casual. No shorts please.

We also voted to suspend several members of the Lodge for Non-Payment of Dues. There were a high number of members, but this is also the result of significant reconciliation of lodge membership, and determining the status of dues for each member. Several of those suspended have already contacted the Lodge to establish a way forward to reconcile with the Lodge.

Also at the September Stated, I shared that we were close to qualifying for the Hillman Award this year, which in itself is a huge feat for us. All of the work we have done this year has paid off and indicates good things - everything from visits to charity. Our weaknesses were performing ritual (conferring degrees), catechism, and line officer conflicts and participation at required district events. When those truly come together, then we might just be able to earn it next year. Keep up the good work!

I am putting out a call for volunteers. Let me know if you want to get involved in the line this coming year, and in what capacity. I am also looking for volunteers to help reinvigorate the ETL Scholarship Committee. Let me know if you are interested. I have two volunteers so far. In addition, if you can volunteer for some aspect of the lodge, such as another committee, ritual or catechism coach etc, please let me know as well.

Dues notices will be going out soon! Please pay your dues as promptly as possible by check, money order, or online on our website via PayPal.

Anticipate that I will appoint the following Committees at the October Stated: Annual Audit of the Lodge; Audit of the Timberman Temple Corporation; Audit of the Scholarship Committee; and Annual Trustee Report.

Finally, brethren, dinner on the 21st will start at 6:30PM and Lodge will start at 7:30PM. Please come and enjoy the fantastic food prepared for us by Faith Chapter OES!!

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jason M. Himsey, 2019

MASONIC EDUCATION

TRADITION: In Freemasonry, written history began by reducing tradition to historical narrative, and for many years legends were accepted without evidence. But with the critical school of historians the purely traditional was separated from the evident historical. Traditions are never invented, although often exaggerated, and much elaborated through successive generations. Tradition, however, has a foundation in fact, and is valuable for the preservation of knowledge which might otherwise be lost.

THE MASON'S CHARACTER: Freemasonry has always been true to its name, and the real Mason is the builder of the temple of his own character. Its mission is to furnish high ideals for the individual that may be reflected in his actions towards his fellow men. The Masonic ideal teaches that moral and spiritual attainments are far more important than the material and physical.

A SPUR TO STUDY: The question of what is Freemasonry is one for individual interpretation, and calls forth earnest endeavor to construe the lessons taught in each degree. The question of whence it originated must necessarily be answered by facts, and as such are limited, it cannot be fully answered until more historical truths have been recovered. The various theories which have been advanced in regard to its probable origin are of value as they induce the student to verify the data on which they are founded, so as to maintain an intelligent theory of his own.

CELESTIAL LODGE

Brother Charles William Welch, born on 4 November 1929, laid up his working tools at his home on Monday, 16 September 2019. Brother Welch was a 67 year Mason at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 12 December 1951; Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 11 January 1952; and, Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 11 February 1952. The family will not release an obituary and have elected not to have a Masonic service. However, there was a small service held at the Falls Church Church of Christ (6149 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041) on 20 September 2019. Also, Bro. Welch will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Additional service information will be shared when it becomes available. Please keep Brother Welch's lady, Lady Edith, and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

LATE REPORT. Brother Joe B. Roles, born on 14 December 1932, laid up his working tools at his home in Annandale on 20 August 2019. Brother Roles was an 11 year Mason at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 5 February 2007; Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 24 September 2007; and, Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 25 February 2008. The family did not desire a masonic service. From Bro. Roles' obituary, "ANNANDALE, VA --- Joe B. Roles, age 86, of Annandale, VA and formerly of Union, WV, passed away on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 at his home in Annandale, VA. Born December 14, 1932 near Union, WV, he was the son of the late Brown S. Roles and Myrtle Talbott Roles. Joe graduated from Union High School and went on to earn a BS at

Concord University and serve in the U.S. Army. His career included owning his own commercial construction company and real estate sales. He retired from his home inspection business in the early 2000's. He was an active Concord Alumni; a committed member of his Toastmasters group; a storyteller and the author of the book, "Mary Jane's War"; an amateur genealogist and a professional sharp dresser. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Caldwell Roles; his brother Jim Roles and wife Dorothy (Dot) Roles; his brother-in-law Paul Stephens and his stepmother Evelyn Roles. Survivors include two daughters, Cary Talbott Roles and Samantha Roles Wood and husband Charles (C.T.) Wood; sister Wanda Stephens of TN; niece Christy Stephens Fuller, husband Mitch Fuller and great nephew Graham Fuller; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. In keeping with Joe's wishes, his remains were cremated and there was a graveside service held on 28 September 2019 at Green Hill Cemetery in Union, WV. Those wishing to send the family of Joe Roles online condolences or sign the online guestbook may do so by visiting www.groves-mann.com" <http://www.grovesfuneralhome.com/obituary/joe-roles>

LATE REPORT. Brother Harold Penn Coddington, Jr, born on 05 December 1926, laid up his working tools at his home in Belle Isle, Florida on 16 December 2017. Brother Harold was a 64 year Mason at Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 of Annandale, VA; Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 16 April 1952; Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 11 August 1952; and, Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 15 October 1952. No further information is available.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

McAllister, Richard Douglas Brother - October 26, 1964 - 55 years
Cook, Raymond Roscoe Brother - October 9, 1967 - 52 years
Lawson, James Lloyd Brother - October 30, 1967 - 52 years
Shepherd, John Edward Brother - October 30, 1967 - 52 years
King, Carlton Alfred Worshipful - October 14, 1968 - 51 years
Doyle, Dennis James Brother - October 13, 1975 - 44 years
Roland, Lewis Wesley Worshipful - October 31, 1977 - 42 years
Karas, Richard Anthony Brother - October 13, 1980 - 39 years
Horst, Kelso William Worshipful - October 25, 1982 - 37 years
Carlson, Mark Allen Brother - October 8, 1990 - 29 years
Darrah, Michael Floyd Brother - October 18, 1993 - 26 years
Karas, Richard John Brother - October 19, 1996 - 23 years
King, Paul Anthony Brother - October 19, 1996 - 23 years
Karas, Robert Stanley Brother - October 19, 1996 - 23 years
El Bourini, Tarek Brother - October 29, 2008 - 11 years

* Masonic years calculated as of December 31, 2019

NATURAL BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

Checkovich, John Brother - October 10, 1917 - 102 years
McCord, Richard Bernard Brother - October 14, 1927 - 92 years
Thorkildsen, Ray Brother - October 2, 1928 - 91 years
Griffin, Guilford Wayne Brother - October 11, 1929 - 90 years
Holm, Theodore Burton Worshipful - October 17, 1930 - 89 years

Skelton, Edgar Roland Brother - October 26, 1930 - 89 years
Goff, Franklin Porter Brother - October 3, 1935 - 84 years
Hayman, Robert Lenwood Brother - October 15, 1935 - 84 years
Hinson, Charles Everett Right Worshipful - October 3, 1937 - 82 years
Dooley, Ronald Alfred Brother - October 9, 1937 - 82 years
Gearhart, Earl William Brother - October 3, 1942 - 77 years
Weavil, Richard Lawrence Brother - October 14, 1942 - 77 years
Richmond, Dennis Kevain Brother - October 23, 1943 - 76 years
Reece, Jerry Ambrose Sr. Brother - October 21, 1946 - 73 years
Burch, Larry Spruill Brother - October 5, 1952 - 67 years
Jones, John Marshall Brother - October 23, 1954 - 65 years
Hartsoe, Joseph Robert Brother - October 30, 1954 - 65 years
Greenfield, Jeffrey Clyde Brother - October 25, 1966 - 53 years
Maseda, Victor Hugo Brother - October 14, 1967 - 52 years
Pacific, Robert Dedo Brother - October 18, 1968 - 51 years
Chavez, Christopher James Brother - October 31, 1973 - 46 years

* Age calculated as of December 31, 2019

CALENDAR (also visit our website)

OCTOBER

- 05: District Blood Drive, Sharon Lodge, (8AM – 12PM. Also encourage all to donate if within the length of your cable tow. Please schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and use our sponsor code: "54THMASONICVA". We still have slots open that need to be filled, so please share this event with friends and family.
- 07: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)
- 09: Temple Corporation Meeting, ETL54, 7:00PM (All members are welcome to attend)
- 10: AW22's Stated: Will be hosting a concert, in conjunction with Westminster Presbyterian Church, to benefit ALIVE! Masons can attend Stated while the Ladies enjoy the concert. Admission for the event is a non-perishable food item to stock ALIVE!'s food pantry going into the holiday season.
- 11-13: Rossville, GA – Annual Fraternal Visit (at GA, will commute, contact Master if you would like to attend)
- 14: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)
- 21: Stated Communication - York Rite Night
- 22: Masters and Wardens Association Meeting, ETL54, Dinner 5:30PM, Meeting 7:00PM (Venue changed so the district can participate in Faith Chapter OES' annual fundraising Octoberfest)
- 23: District 1A Ritual School, Alexandria Washington Lodge, 7:00PM (Required for Officers, all others encouraged)
- 23: Catechism, TBD, 6:00PM

NOVEMBER

- 04: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)
- 06-09: Grand Annual Communication, Richmond, VA

- 11: Simmons-DeRossi Lodge School, ETL54, 7:00PM (Catechism 6:00PM)
- 13: Temple Corporation Meeting, ETL54, 7:00PM (All members are welcome to attend)
- 18: Stated Communication
- 25: Catechism, ETL54, 6:00PM
- 27: District 1A Ritual School, Alexandria Washington Lodge, 7:00PM
(Required for Officers, all others encouraged)

OTHER RITUAL OPPORTUNITES

- 1) LIW, Warden Certificate, and Catechism training is offered at Kemper Macon Ware Lodge every Tuesday (except the 2nd) at 6:30 PM in two different locations in the lodge.
- 2) LIW training offered at Sharon Lodge on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

DISTRICT SCHOOL

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

Timberman Temple Corporation Directors

- President, Robert Pacific (Term 2021)
- Secretary, Bob Rainey (Term 2021)
- Treasurer, Mike Elkins (Term 2020)
- Pablo A. Rocha, PM (Term 2019)
- Jason M. Himsey (WM, 2019)
- Nelson Figueroa-Velez (SW, 2019)
- Terence H. DuVall, PM (JW, 2019)

Trustees:

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

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

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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

- Jason M. Himsey, (703) 980-2769

Royal Arch Ambassador

George R. Bierman, PM, (703) 280-5056
Scottish Rite Ambassador
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Community Builder Award Leader
Jason M. Himsey, (703) 980-2769

Widows Committee Chair
Jason M. Himsey, (703) 980-2769
Rossville Visit Coordinator
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HONORARY MEMBERS

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

60 YEAR VETERANS

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|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| James R. Cowden | William E. Hargraves, PGM | Richard B. McCord |
| Ridgley E. Davis | (GA) | Claremont L. Pederson |
| Paul E. Emerson | Theodore B. Holm, PM | Paul S. Walker |
| Albert S. Gastoukian | Charles E. Hunnicutt | George T. Ward, Sr. |
| | Robert R. Jones | |

50 YEAR VETERANS

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

LIVING LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

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| William H. Atkinson, PDDGM | William E. Flaherty, IV | Stephen W. Law, PM |
| Robert L. Augustad | Albert S. Gastoukian | Oral M. Marple, PM |
| Allen D. Beckner | Joseph R. Hartsoe, PM | Gary L. Misch, PM |
| George R. Bierman, PM | William J. Heinz | Dieter H. Muenich |
| Gregory L. Boggs | Woodrow R. Helenburg | Michael A. Riley, PDDGM |
| Stephen L. Brundage, PM | Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM | Edward A. Roland |
| John C. Bush | Richard E. Hodge, PM | Lewis W. Roland, PM |
| Theodore Campbell, Jr., PDDGM | Theodore B. Holm, PM | John Shroeder Jr., PDDGM |
| Christopher J. Chavez | Kelso W. Horst, PM | Howard K. Smith, Jr. |
| Dennis J. Doyle | Robert R. Jones | William A. Tetrault |
| Marvin E. Feldman | James C. Jones, PM | Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM |
| | Paul A. King | Gary W. Whitmore, Sr. |
| | Thomas H. King | |

PAST MASTERS (* denotes deceased)

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| Charles C. Witmer* | 1953 | George R. Ragen* | 1985 |
| Herbert Moran* | 1954 | Lewis W. Roland | 1986 |
| Walter H. Stanford, PDDGM | 1955 | Richard B. Baldwin, PDDGM* | 1987 |
| John A. Tilley* | 1956 | Wayne C. Linder, Jr.* | 1988 |
| John G. Fox* | 1957 | Frederick P. Hink | 1989 |
| Arthur F. Dick, PDDGM* | 1958 | Clarence E. Gatton* | 1990 |
| Charles W. Wood* | 1959 | Richard E. Hodge | 1991 |
| James M. Kanak, PDDGM* | 1960 | Stephen W. Law | 1992 |
| Norman E. Watkins* | 1961 | David A. Hetzer* | 1993 |
| Ludwig D. DeRossi* | 1962 | Kelso W. Horst | 1994 |
| George C. Armon* | 1963 | John Shroeder, Jr, PDDGM | 1995 |
| Charles M. Wicks* | 1964 | Lonnie E. Tuthill, PDDGM** | 1996 |
| Thomas J. Hepler* | 1965 | Gary A. Yerace* | 1997 |
| Elmer W. Williams, PDDGM* | 1966 | Theodore B. Holm | 1998 |
| Robert L. Johnson* | 1967 | Richard G. Bingler* | 1999 |
| Edward K. Uhler* | 1968 | E.A. "Doc" Viereck, Jr* . | 2000 |
| Reid J. Simmons, PDDGM* | 1969 | Michael A. Riley | 2001 |
| Frank L. Roberson* | 1970 | Gary L. Misch | 2002 |
| J. Carroll Wine* | 1971 | O. McNeil Marple | 2003 |
| Bernard V. Wood* | 1972 | Joseph R. Hartsoe | 2004 |
| Edward K. Uhler, Jr.* | 1973 | Terence H. DuVall | 2005, 2010, 2011 |
| Carl E. Simpson* | 1974 | Steven F. Campbell | 2006 |
| Francis M. Shoemaker, PDDGM* | 1975 | Jason W. Lotz | 2007 |
| Henry L. Lassiter* | 1976 | David H. Andelman | 2008 |
| Cecil C. Ward* | 1977 | Charles E. Hinson, PDDGM | 2009 |
| Clarence L. Lanier* | 1978 | Charles E. Wilkinson, III | 2012, 2014 |
| Theodore Campbell, Jr, PDDGM** | 1979 | Pablo A. Rocha | 2013 |
| David G. Mathews, Jr.* | 1980 | Farley Warner | 2015, 2016 |
| Richard C. Fox* | 1981 | Joseph E. Millirons | 2017 |
| William H. Atkinson, PDDGM* | 1982 | Mark E. Coldren | 2018 |
| James C. Jones | 1983 | * Deceased Mason | |
| Dallas L. Lunceford | 1984 | ** PDDGM in District other than ETL's District | |

MASONIC DISTRICT 1A LODGES

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Stated (2nd Thursday, 7:30PM)
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42 Stated (1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30PM)
Kemper Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 Stated (2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM)
Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge No. 81 Stated (4th Monday)
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 Stated (3rd Thursday, 7:30PM)
Concord Lodge No. 307 Stated (3rd Tuesday, 7:30PM)
Sharon Lodge No. 327 Stated (2nd Thursday, 7:30PM)
Henry Knox Field-John Blair No. 349 Stated (2nd Tuesday, 7:30PM)
SISTER LODGE - Springfield Lodge No. 217 Stated (1st Tuesday, 7:30PM)



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