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“MASONS ON THE MOVE”



Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Herman Eggleston, Jr. # 146

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2010-2011 Elected Grand Lodge Officers (L to R): R.W. Senior Grand Deacon Richard Townes #235, R.W. Grand Treasurer James Watkins, Jr. #44, R.W. Grand Secretary Isaac Hughes #314, M.W. Grand Master Herman Eggleston, Jr. #146, R.W. Deputy Grand Master Shelton Riddick #323, R.W. Senior Grand Warden Roger Brown #327, R.W. Junior Grand Warden Paige Cherry #3, R.W. Junior Grand Deacon Donald Wilson #67

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The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia Free and Accepted Masons, Inc. is a fraternal organization dedicated to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Our organization takes good men and develops them to be better men. We dispense charity, promote family values and are endeavoring to significantly aid in the uplifting of humanity.

Historic Joint Cornerstone Laying of 9/11



Grand Masters William E. Rorer, Jr. (GL of VA) and Larry D. Christian (MWPHGL) prepare cornerstone



Members of the MWPHGL of VA and the Grand Lodge of VA, F&A Masons pose for group photo

DDGM R. Sutton, III
Photos by William Baumbach

Tuesday, September 11, 2001 has been written in the annals of history in infamy with the terrorists attack upon the World Trade Center's twin towers and the Flight #77's crash into the western side of the Department of Defense's Pentagon. The many American lives lost in these terrorists acts as well as those on board the American Airlines Flight #93 lost in Stony Creek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania marked this devastation as the worst attack on US soil since Pearl Harbor.

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the heaviness of that nine year old event still weighed on the hearts of those present. However, the coming together of the Masonic Grand Bodies in the Jurisdiction of Virginia proved to be an historic event of mammoth proportion for which ALL Masons everywhere could be proud and those of Virginia could smile with the satisfaction that once again, they were pace setters. For the first time in history, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of VA, Free & Accepted Masons, Inc. and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Inc acknowledged the Universality of Freemasonry in their joint performance to complete the Masonic task of "Laying" A Cornerstone for a public building. This event took place at the new Lancaster County Judicial Building in Lancaster VA.

The Grand Masters of 2009 & 2010, Larry D. Christian (MWPHGL) and William E. Rorer, Jr. (GLofVA), both from the Williamsburg area, led their Grand Lodges jointly in conducting the Corner Stone Laying Ceremony. The Grand Masters were accompanied and ably assisted by their Deputy Grand Masters, Herman Eggleston, Jr (MWPHGL) and John M. Chambliss, Jr. (GLofVA). Each Grand Lodge had its full compliment of Grand Officers participating and sharing responsibilities in the historic ceremony. The ceremony was culminated with the cornerstone's installation and cementing by WPM Allen Jennings, #113, a Master Mason from the MWPHGL of VA. The photographs of the ceremony taken by William Baumbach portray a much better chronicle than any mere words can describe and allow the viewer to actually become a part of this historic event. A few accompany this article and all 171 can be viewed on line at <http://picasaweb.google.com/WilliamBaumbach> . The MWPHGL of VA and the GLofVA had more than two hundred fifty members in attendance and many County Officials as well to observe this auspicious occasion. Grand Worthy Matron Nettie Burrell-Warner of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, PHA and a host of her Grand Chapter Officers were also in attendance to bear witness to Masonic history in the making.

26th Masonic District Marches in Christmas Parade



ADDGM Willie Wynn #327 (3rd from left in front), RWGD Robert Leeper #23, and members of the 26th Masonic District pose for photo at Christmas Parade

On Saturday, December 4, 2011 Assistant District Deputy Grand Master Willie Wynn #327, RW Grand Director Robert Leeper #23, and brothers from the 26th Masonic District represented Prince Hall Masonry in the 2010 Dominion Christmas Parade in the City of Richmond. The weather was cold, but the participating brothers were warmly received with waves, cheers, and smiles by the thousands of spectators along the parade route. The parade was locally televised live on CBS 6 in Richmond.



WM Arnold McWilliams #264, RWSGW Roger Brown #327 (right of WM) and brothers of Pride of Hanover at Ashland Parade

Pride of Hanover #264

By
Bro. Wayne Whittle #264

On November 21, 2010 under the direction of our WM Arnold McWilliams, Pride of Hanover Lodge #264 participated in the annual Ashland Holiday Parade. We would like to give a special thank you to RWSGW Roger Brown #327 who also was in attendance. The parade was a mile and ½ walk through our community in Ashland, VA. The weather for the day was just perfect. We can't wait until next year.

Raphael Lodge #162 Dispenses Charity



Pictured (front) WM Ellis Ivy, Jr., (back l to r) SW Robert Vaughan, Worshipful Grand Asst. Marshal Ronald E. Owens, Worshipful Grand Marshal Aaron McAllister, and JW Vincent Muschett.

By
PM Ronald E. Owens #162
Worshipful Grand Assistant Marshal

For over a year, Raphael Lodge #162 has been collecting and saving tabs from aluminum cans. They collected the tabs and turned them over to the ST. Andrews United Methodist Women who have other donors as well. The tabs are then taken to the recycling center and 100% of all monies received is given to the Tidewater Renal Dialysis Center in Norfolk for the Patient Emergency Fund. The money assist patients with purchasing bus passes, medical equipment, paying of utility bills to keep the services from being disconnected, and gift certificates for food. Raphael Lodge #162 also provides help at the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk, VA by taking hot meals to families while they are at the Kings Daughters/Children's Hospital. Raphael Lodge frequently donates cleaning supplies and other needed items to the Ronald McDonald House. Consequently, the staff at the Ronald McDonald House collects can tabs and turns them over to Raphael Lodge to help with this endeavor. .

Triangle Lodge No. 293 Thanksgiving Breakfast



Brothers of Triangle Lodge # 293 pose for photo

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010, Worshipful Master Thomas Jennings Jr. members of Triangle Lodge No. 293, their family members, and brothers of the 31st Masonic District prepared and served a hearty, bountiful breakfast meal to the homeless at the Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) Emergency Shelter in Dumfries, Virginia. ACTS is a community organization whose mission is to alleviate hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence, and to help people achieve self-support in the Prince William County Area.

The shelter welcomed WM Jennings and his contingency with open arms and thankfulness. Worshipful Master Thomas J. Jennings Jr., began with a word of prayer before the members of the shelter partook in their breakfast. After prayer and a quick briefing, the work began. After a scrumptious meal was enjoyed by residents and staff, the residents of the shelter and the staff thanked the members of the Lodge for coming out and being a blessing to them on this day. Triangle Lodge #293 also donated four (4) Thanksgiving baskets that contained turkeys and all the trimmings for less fortunate families.

WM Jennings, members of Triangle Lodge # 293, their families, and the members of the 31st who participated with them, truly are living the Grand Master's theme of "Masons on the Move" by helping others.

HEALTH COMMITTEE



Harold Jones III, MD, PM Berea # 114

Most people will agree the flu is a contagious virus which spreads from one person to another when the infected individual coughs or sneezes. Spread of the virus can occur as simply as wiping the nose and touching an object and someone touches that object. This is why hand washing is so important throughout the day. The symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, body aches, fever, headache, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea, etc. The typical case of the flu may last from a few days to two weeks. The flu season can began as early as October and run to May. The Center for Disease Control estimates 20,000 deaths occur each year related to the flu.

The flu or influenza results from infection with 1 of 3 basic types of influenza viruses – A, B, or C. The most common influenza is A, subtypes that infects humans are H1N1 and H3N2. The flu shot also known as the flu vaccine is given to prevent the flu, but it is still possible to contract the illness. The flu vaccine contains strains from H1N1, H3N2 and influenza B to make the trivalent vaccine. The vaccine may be given as an injection or nasally. Whenever a germ is introduced into the body, a complex reaction involving antibodies attack the germ, and destroys it. It is when the body's immune or defense system is compromised, the virus is able to enter and reproduce and the infection ensues. If given early, the body is usually able to produce adequate amounts of antibodies and the individual does not become infected. You must receive the flu vaccine each year. Now remember, those of you who are familiar with the pneumovax, it is given to prevent pneumoccal pneumonia and is given only once in your lifetime. It takes roughly 14 days after receiving the shot for the antibodies or germ fighting agents are ready to fight against the virus. So it's not too late to get your flu shot or nasal mist. Next flu season get your flu shot in late October.

For the individuals who have been infected with the virus, medications Tamiflu and Relenza may be taken by mouth or inhaled to shorten the course. These medications along with rest, fluids, and Tylenol for fever and body aches will help you to a speedy recovery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School of Instruction
Date: February 12, 2011
Location: Petersburg

Mid-Atlantic Conference
Date: March 17-19, 2011
Location: Maryland

School of Instruction
Date: April 9, 2011
Location: Charlottesville

Annual G.L. Golf Tournament
Date: May 21, 2011
Location: Williamsburg

School of Instruction
Date: February 26, 2011
Location: Victoria

Council of Deliberation
Date: March 17-19, 2011
Location: TBA

V.A. Hospital Visitation
Date: April 20, 2011
Location: Statewide

School of Instruction
Date: March 12, 2011
Location: Danville

Annual Banquet Charlotte #147 OES
Date: April 2, 2011
Location: Meherrin

G.L. Founders Day
Date: May 15, 2011
Location: Petersburg

Civil Rights Leader, Hermanze Fauntleroy Jr. Remembered

Petersburg Politician died of cancer over the weekend



PETERSBURG, VA — Hermanze Fauntleroy Jr., Civil Rights leader and politician from the City of Petersburg, died from cancer over the weekend. "Hermanze Fauntleroy was one of those unsung heroes of the tremendous sacrifice and struggle that he went through," said Herbert Coulton, Fauntleroy's friend of more than 50 years. "Many people don't realize and don't know what the man went through."

"I think that, for every community, there has to be some bold person that comes up, stands up, and says I will do this, I will take the heat and I will be the trailblazer," said Delegate Rosalyn Dance of the 63rd District. "He was that person. He stood up and said, 'I will run,' and he took the sacrifices." The civil rights leader fought for change in the late 1950s and through the 1960s, and his family was keenly aware of the dangers he faced. "I was afraid that every time we walked out of the door, that he was going to be assassinated," said Sharon Fauntleroy Williams, Fauntleroy's youngest daughter.

Fauntleroy's Civil Rights efforts led to an involvement in politics. When he was elected to city council in 1966, Fauntleroy faced his greatest challenge: choosing between serving the people or keeping his teaching job. "When he won that seat on council, he was told that he could not keep his job at Peabody. So he left," said Germaine Fauntleroy, Hermanze's Wife of 57 years. "He said, 'That's the choice I have to make. The people have made their choice, and I have an obligation to serve those individuals.'"

In 1973, Fauntleroy was elected the First African American Mayor of Petersburg, also the first in the Commonwealth. He became a major force in the political arena. "Anything political that went on in Petersburg - 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's - it usually went by Hermanze Fauntleroy," said Nelson Bland, a friend of Fauntleroy.

"I had his grace at times and at times I didn't, but I knew that he was a force to be reckoned," said Delegate Dance. "You never disrespected the fact that he was a major factor in the political arena, and he wielded a lot of power." Even after his time in office, Fauntleroy continued his involvement on the city's political scene. On Friday, Fauntleroy had a letter to the editor printed in the local Petersburg paper talking about a political candidate. He has also already voted in the upcoming election because he was due to be out of town come election day.

Still, Fauntleroy's biggest legacy may be his family. "Daddy was daddy," said Fauntleroy Williams, "and he was a fantastic father."

Fauntleroy's burial is scheduled for Saturday, a week after his death, because the family knows he wouldn't want his grandchildren to miss any school.

GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF VIRGINIA, P.H.A.**WORTHY MATRON'S MARCH**

Worthy Matron Nancy Hawkins, of St Alethia Chapter No. 83

Submitted by GDDO Cassandra Barnes

The Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Virginia, Prince Hall Affiliation held the Worthy Matron's March at the Children's Home located in Petersburg, Virginia on Saturday, December 18th, 2010.

Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Nettie Burrell-Warner beamed very proudly as she watched the Worthy Matrons and their escorts showcase the colors of the Order of the Eastern Star, adding an elegant visual to her theme for the event "A Parade of Shining Stars". It was truly a beautiful sight to see.

Worthy Matron Nancy Hawkins, of St Alethia Chapter No. 83, District No. 6, raised \$2130.00 and was crowned Queen by GWM Burrell-Warner.

Winning this contest was a great personal achievement for WM Hawkins because it identifies with the personal theme she has set for her life.

"If God brought you to it – He will bring you through it"

WM Hawkins is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, where she actively serves as a Deaconess and an Usher.

She has been employed by the Portsmouth and Norfolk Public School Systems for several years as an elementary school teacher. Though being a teacher is extremely demanding, she finds joy and satisfaction in the opportunity it provides to shape and form lives. WM Hawkins still finds time to work on a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

GWM Burrell-Warner thanks all Worthy Matrons, members and their families who participated and supported the Worthy Matrons' March. Due to the help of many Sisters and Brothers, it was a huge success. She was overjoyed by the attendance and the Grand Chapter received proceeds of over \$21,000.00. These funds will be used to operate the Grand Chapter and will assist in funding charities that we donate to during the Grand Chapter Session.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BEEHIVE EDITOR



Greetings Prince Hall Masonic Family,

First and foremost, the Publication Committee would like to sincerely thank MW Grand Master Herman Eggleston, Jr. for entrusting us with providing your Beehive. As your Editor for the 5th year, I am deeply honored and appreciative for the opportunity to serve you. We also congratulate MW Grand Master Herman Eggleston, Jr. on being elevated to the pinnacle of our fraternity. I would like to sincerely thank DDGM Raymond Sutton, III #13 for his significant contribution to the Publication Committee over the past five years. Finally, the Publication Committee would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May peace and brotherly love prevail from now, henceforth, and evermore!

Fraternally yours,

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