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LIVING PAST MASTERS OF LAKE DRUMMOND LODGE NO. 178

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| S.D. Archer – 1981 | K.P. Strickland – 1991 | W.R. Manier – 2005 | W.M. Mutter – 2015 |
| R.B. Holmes – 1982 | W. R. Manier – 1995 | R.G. McEvoy – 2006 | J.W. Conroy, Jr. – 2016 |
| H.M. Hatfield – 1984 | G.R. Tester – 1996* | R.D. Reed – 2008 | D.L. Bagley – 2017 |
| R.S. Best – 1985 | P.W. Morley, Jr. – 1998 | K.W. Strickland - 2009 | J.W. Snow – 2018 |
| +J.V. Matthews, Jr. – 1986 | T.W. Magas – 1999* | K.E. Stephens, Jr. – 2010 | H.P. Strickland - 2019 |
| L.P. Fields – 1987 | +H. C. Slaughter, Sr. – 2000 | K.L. Hobbs, Jr. – 2011 | |
| C.R. Jefferson – 1988 | R.L. McDaniel – 2001 | R.T. Smith – 2012 | |
| M.B. Joyner – 1989 | +M.F. Mansfield – 2003* | C.A. Allsbrook – 2013 | |
| G.E. Brown – 1990 | +F.T. Whittington, Sr. – 2004 | H.P. Strickland – 2014 | |

+ - denotes PDDGM, * - denotes demitted

LIVING MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER MASONIC LODGES

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| J.V. Matthews, Jr., PDDGM-NC | Garland #664, NC | 1997-2001 |
| A.W. Densley | Princess Anne #25 | 2012 |

LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

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| F.N. Boalt | Ancon Lodge – Balboa, Rep. of Panama | 1981 |
| B. R. Faulkner, PDDGM-SC | Solomon's #1, SC | 1976, 1999, 2008 |
| | Old Fort #420, SC | 1981, 1982, 2016 |
| | Egeria #71, SC | 2014 |
| T.S. Ferrell | Great Bridge #257 | 2009 |
| F.E. Small | Elizabeth Lodge #34 | 1995 |
| R.G. Underdown | Campbell #316 | 1981 |
| B.H. Wilson, PDDGM | South Norfolk #339 | 1990, 2013 |

Master's Message

“Navigating Uncharted Waters”

Brethren

Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia has sent out the message that subordinate lodges are allowed to reopen for stated meetings beginning on July 1st. Lodges also have the choice to continue to suspended meetings without special dispensation from the Grand Lodge up to September. I have thought about this, long and hard, and have consulted with several brothers, and have decided that we can slowly and safely begin to reopen the Lodge for stated communications. The Grand Master has prescribed a set of rules, based on the governor’s phase III guidelines, and guidelines agreed upon by the Grand Line Officers.

The following are the basic Rules and Guidelines until further word from the Grand Master:

Rules

- 1) No More than 50 (fifty) Officers AND Brothers can be admitted to the Lodge Hall.
- 2) Social Distancing is mandatory, so brothers are required to sit 6 feet from each other during the meeting, which will cut the maximum number down considerably. (Chairs will be designated as appropriate.)
- 3) We will NOT take up the word or grip during the meeting.
- 4) There will be NO meals or snacks served before or after the meeting in the Lodge. (Therefore, we discourage bringing your spouse and/or family as the dining hall will be closed)
- 5) Hand Sanitizer will be readily available.
- 6) Various signs are require to be posted at key places at the entrance or in the building.
- 7) The Lodge will be wiped down all hard surfaces with disinfectant after the meeting.
- 8) There will still be NO “Called Communications”, Work Nights, or Schools as of yet.

Guidelines

- 1) Please bring and wear a mask, the safety of the brethren, officers, and families are of the utmost concern to us, under no circumstances is the safety and wellbeing of you, your family, and those you come in contact with is worth attending a meeting.
- 2) Use hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
- 3) Please refrain from shaking hands, many have not seen other brothers in some time but remember social distancing!
- 4) I cannot stress this point enough!! If you are ill, have had recent surgery, or have a condition that compromises your ability to ward off COVID-19 or any other bug or virus, PLEASE consider staying home!! I, and the other brethren will miss your company, but we would miss you more if you were to catch something and became ill.
- 5) Make the Stated Meeting as brief as possible. (Therefore July will not have a guest speaker).

Dress code for July is Coat & Tie optional, officers may wear a button-down shirt/polo and khakis.

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Now that I have “Beaten” the highlights of the rules for Stated meetings for half of the trestleboard. Let’s address the Stated on July 9th 2020 at 7:00PM, (remember no dinner or snacks will be served before the meeting) along with recent decisions of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

To begin, our Stated will be brief, and as I have pointed out, we will not take up the word or grip, and will not have a guest speaker. We currently have no pending petitions or other items requiring ballot or vote. Anything discussed at July’s meeting will be addressed or summarized in a follow up to this trestleboard so that all of the members can be on the same page.

The Grand Lodge has cancelled the Grand Annual Communication in the fall, and will only hold a brief 1/2 (half) day meeting with the Grand line, and 1(one) voting representative from each lodge. Additionally, and most importantly The Grand Master, and The Grand Officers, in concert with the Past Grand Masters, have decided to “stay in place” for the coming Masonic year, this will include all DDGMs that so choose. The Grand Lodge is still hammering out details affecting the Craft in Virginia as I type this.

I hope this finds you, and your loved ones healthy and safe, please continue to pray for the sick and distressed. Finally, I wish to apologize to W. Chris Allsbrook, our Chaplain for not including a **Moment of Light**, in this trestleboard, if you have a chance and ability, please visit the Lodge FaceBook page, as he has been posting one every Thursday since we had to suspend our meetings, and I want to thank him for his work in the quarries to keep some normalcy in our Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
 Brother Raymond S. Anderson, WM 2020

July Masonic Birthdays

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| Bro. R.S. Hayes, Jr. | July 06, 1967 - 53 years |
| Bro. N.H. McIntosh | July 15, 1971 - 49 years |
| Bro. E.E. Snell, Jr. | July 22, 1971 - 49 years |
| Bro. H.V. Cashwell | July 19, 1973 - 47 years |
| Rt. Wor. H.C. Slaughter, Sr. | July 11, 1974 - 46 years |
| Bro. S.A. Furman, Sr. | July 31, 1975 - 45 years |
| Bro. W.A. Vanderploeg | July 19, 1979 - 41 years |
| Bro. R.J. Gay, Jr. | July 30, 1981 - 39 years |
| Bro. D.L. Langemeier | July 16, 1987 - 33 years |
| Bro. S.V. Smith | July 22, 1993 - 27 years |
| Bro. H.E. Chetister | July 07, 1994 - 26 years |
| Bro. J.W. Oakes | July 26, 1997 - 23 years |
| Wor. R.G. McEvoy | July 23, 1998 - 22 years |
| Bro. D.R. Allen, III | July 07, 2000 - 20 years |
| Bro. T.A. Reese | July 20, 2006 - 14 years |
| Bro. S.D. Kilborn | July 05, 2007 - 13 years |
| Bro. J.W. Bridgeman | July 18, 2013 - 7 years |
| Bro. J.C. Turner | July 25, 2013 - 7 years |
| Bro. B.R. Johnson | July 20, 2017 - 3 years |

Total Years of Masonry 564 Years

Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 Schedule of Events

The Grand Lodge of Virginia will be monitoring how well this soft opening goes and will continue working with the Governor’s office to determine when it is appropriate for Lodges to re-open fully in the future. We await a time with patience till we can open the lodge safely to all Masons, dine together, and have family nights again!

Victory Chapter No. 16, OES and Cradock Royal Arch Chapter No. 72 will announce their plans as they come to light.

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| Annual Barbecue Fundraiser | <u>UPCOMING</u> To Be Determined | Annual Fish Fry |
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