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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	R.S. Anderson - 2020
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

J.V. Matthews, Jr., PDDGM-NC	Garland #664, NC	1997-2001
A.W. Densley	Princess Anne #25	2012
G.L. Hanson	Edmond #37, OK	2018

LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

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
W.E. Irving, PDDGM	Great Bridge #257	1984
F.E. Small	Elizabeth #34	1995
R.G. Underdown	Campbell #316	1981
B.H. Wilson, PDDGM	South Norfolk #339	1990, 2013

Master's Message

Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all,

Have you ever been asked, ‘What is Masonic labor?’ As we head into the month of May we look toward a time of sunshine and of being outdoors. We are planting our gardens and are laboring in our yards. This labor is in addition to our jobs or occupations, this is a labor of love. It is not something that we have to do, it’s something that we want to do and that we look forward to doing. Such is the case with Masonic labor. Masonic labor is truly a labor of love, one that we choose to do. As we travel through our day, let us be reminded of the twenty-four-inch gauge. This valuable instrument helps us organize our day and allows us time for Masonic labor if we so choose to do it. As Masons we have obligated ourselves to be held to higher standards, we value friendship, morality, and brotherly love. We belong to a voluntary family and have solemnly vowed to help one another. This is only a small portion of Masonic labor. If this is all that we consider then it is like starting a springtime garden without finishing it. We have plowed our fields, as we prepare for the garden; much like as we prepared ourselves to become Masons. Then we toiled in the fields to make the rows ready to receive our plants and seeds. This is like learning our obligations and developing our bonds of friendship and brotherly love. We plant our garden much like we began our journey into Freemasonry, with excitement and anticipation. While this is part of the process, it is not the only part we need to attend to. Just as we must water and care for our gardens on a daily basis, it is extremely important that we tend to and care for our Brethren. Never should we lose sight of what our commitments are to each other. While it can be time consuming to tend to our gardens, the fruits of our labor far exceed the work put into it. The same can be said with tending our Masonic relationships. Please remember to call a Brother that you have not seen in a while, try to reach out to a member that is sick or distressed, and be kind to one another. Let us be the example of what Masonry should be.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Paul A. Wotring
Worshipful Master

Getting to know our 2021 Senior Deacon

Brother Marshall Worth “Bubba” Tatem is a native of Hampton Roads and brings with him the spirit of the past and hope for the future. He is always willing to help out either at the Lodge or for a Brother in need. Bro. Tatem is an asset to any organization or group that he belongs to. He always has a smile on his face and a kind word of encouragement. He was initiated as an EA on May 18, 2017, passed to a Fellowcraft on August 3, 2017, and raised to Master Mason on August 17, 2017. He loves to go over ritual work and wants to learn as much as he can about the craft. He is a perfectionist, and regularly seeks out counsel and instruction to improve himself.

Getting to know our 2021 Junior Deacon

Brother Bradley Aaron Phelps is a Deep Creek native. He graduated from Deep Creek High school in 2016 before attending and graduating from Longwood University in Farmville, VA in 2020. Bro. Phelps was initiated as an EA July 18, 2018, was passed to a Fellowcraft on August 10, 2018 and was raised to Master Mason on August 16, 2018. He is a 3rd Generation member of Lake Drummond Lodge, following his father’s and Grandfather’s lead. He is a fast learner, hard worker, and enjoys helping others. Since becoming a Master Mason, he has strived to learn as much about Masonry as he can. He has been a wonderful addition to our Lodge, as well as our line of Officers.

Moment of Light from Wor. Chris Allsbrook

"Ruth and Boaz at the threshing floor"

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” And she replied, “All that you say I will do.” So, she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.” So, she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So, she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’” She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”
Ruth 3:1-18 ESV

NOTICE

The Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the following Appendant Bodies to meet at Lake Drummond Lodge: Portsmouth Scottish Rite, Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, and Portsmouth Commandery No 5. The following resolution will be presented and voted on at our May 13 Stated Communication.

That with recommendation from the Board of Trustees (BOT) the following Masonic bodies be allowed to meet at Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 for the mutually agreed upon Temple maintenance fee as follows:

Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies – once monthly on the first Monday of every month, and/or as requested with the Worshipful Master’s approval.

Mount Horeb RAC No. 11 - once monthly on the third Wednesday of every month, and/or as requested with the Worshipful Master’s approval.

Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, KT - once monthly on the third Monday of every month, and/or as requested with the Worshipful Master’s approval.

If you have any questions please contact the Secretary, or Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Masonic Affiliations

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ACON	DEMOLAY	RITE
ALLIED	EASTERN	ROYAL
ARCH	GIRLS	SCOTTISH
BLUE	JOBS	SHRINE
CEDARS	KNIGHT	SOCIETY
COLLEGE	LEBANON	SOJOURNERS
COMMANDRY	MASONS	STAR
CRYPTIC	NATIONAL	STTHOMAS
DAUGHTERS	RAINBOW	TALL
DEGREES	RESEARCH	YORK

Masonic Trivia

Test your Masonic knowledge

- Q1:** The first Masonic library was founded in this state in 1844.
Q2: This Nebraska Mason was made Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI.
Q3: He was a Freemason and U.S. President who established an important doctrine in 1823.
Q4: He wore a pin depicting the Masonic square and compass when he flew to Paris in 1927.
Q5: This Freemason coined the term "iron curtain".

Answers:

- A1:** Iowa
A2: General John J. Pershing
A3: James Monroe (The Monroe Doctrine)
A4: Charles Lindbergh
A5: Winston Churchill



Tentative Schedule Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 for 2021



May 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lodge Ritual School	3 MWD in person at BDI 6pm with District school to follow	4 South Norfolk 339	5	6 Berkeley 167	7	8
9 Mother's Day Lodge Ritual school cancelled and was moved to May 2	10 OES Victory Chapter No. 16 ODC Practice at BDI 6:30pm	11 Doric 44	12 Lake Drummond Officer Meeting Officer Practice	13 Lake Drummond 178 Speaker Wor. Best	14	15 Lodge Rented
16	17 ODC Day 1 EA-FC at Lake Drummond Check in 6pm No District School	18 Indian River 252	19 ODC Day 2 MM 1, 2 at Lake Drummond Check in 6pm	20 Lake Drummond Zoom	21	22 Barbeque Fundraiser 12pm - 5pm
23 Lake Drummond Ritual School	24 OES Victory Chapter No. 16	25 Credok RAC No. 72	26 Great Bridge 257	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	Notes: Mention Mother's Day, Flowers for Widows delivery on 5-7-21 through 5-8-21, Speaker Stephen Best 5-13-21, Barbecue Fundraiser 5-22-21 Worshipful Master will out of town from 5-26-2021 through 6-1-2021 Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for all of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Please keep the families of the fallen in your thoughts and prayers.				

Brethren, during this time of uncertainty please verify meeting dates and know that things are subject to change.

Fundraising

With the relaxed COVID-19 restrictions, the Lodge will hold our Spring Barbecue Fundraiser on **Saturday, May 22, 2021** from noon until 5:00 PM. Barbecue dinners will be available to-go for \$10.00, anyone willing to help during this event please contact Wor. Kenny Strickland.

Pledge cards have been sent to each member to help raise funds to offset building repairs and maintenance. Donations and/or pledges of any amount are greatly appreciated. Each member will receive a Lake Drummond Lodge face mask as a gift from the Lodge. Thank you for your generous donations!

Sunshine Committee Report

Please keep our sick and distressed raised up in your thoughts and prayers. The best thing that you can do for someone is to pray for them. If you know of a Brother, widow, or family member that is sick, injured, or distressed, please inform either the Sunshine Committee, or one of your Lodge officers. We want to ensure we are praying for every need any of our Lodge members may face. In this unprecedented time, we need to readily reach out to one another and share each other's burdens. All reported needs will only be shared based on the privacy and discretion requested by each member.

Get Well Cards

Bro. Tatem's Mother Ann Tatem, Hospitalization
 Bro. Chris Turner, Heart Surgery

Thinking of You

Bro. Scott Smith, Eye Surgery
 Wor. Luke McCoy, Hospitalization
 Bro. Ron Hepler, Hospitalization
 Ron Hepler's Wife Terrie Hepler, Return to Nursing Care
 Wor. William "Bill" Manier, Fall
 Wor. Kyle Strickland's Wife Amber Strickland, Illness
 Rt. Wor. Mike Cain, Surgical Recovery
 Family of Sammy Smith, Surgical Recovery

Brethren: Please pay special attention to the mail!

If you have not received your Lodge Face Mask and Pledge Card, please notify an officer and we will make sure that you receive one. Together we can make a positive and direct impact on our Lodge today and will help ensure future growth and longevity.

Barbecue Tickets have been sent out. If you have not received them, or if you need more, please notify an officer and we will ensure that you receive them. With fundraising opening back up we need all of the support that we can get.

The Grand Master has issued guidance relaxing COVID Restrictions: Lodges able to meet in-person with up to 50 in attendance. It is hopeful that meals will be able to be served soon. CDC safety measures are still in effect, face masks must be worn, physical distancing, and use hand sanitizer, etc. Degree work will be able to continue as well.

The Officers of Lake Drummond are eager to see each of you now that Lodge has been allowed to reopen. Come out if you are able to the May Stated while we enjoy Wor. R. Stephen Best as our Speaker.

A Masonic Journey

Each month we will spotlight a different Mason. We will tell his Masonic story, what brought him to Freemasonry, his most remembered masonic moment, his thoughts, his accomplishments, his dreams. We will learn about members of our Lodge by spotlighting different Masons each month. This month I would like to spotlight a mason that has inspired me, Worshipful Fred Nelson Boalt.

Fred Nelson Boalt was born in Beckley, West Virginia on September 4, 1934. He Lived in Omar, WV until his father got a job working in a shipyard when he was 8 years old. They moved to Norfolk County, Virginia and settled down in the Deep Creek area, in what is now part of Chesapeake. As a member of the Deep Creek community his family attended Deep Creek Methodist Church, and he graduated from Deep Creek High school. As luck would have it, Lydia McCoy, just two years younger also attended Deep Creek and the same church. She graduated on June 10, 1954 and they eloped on June 11. They have been married for 67 years. As a young man Fred proudly served in the United States Air Force for 23 years. While stationed near Charleston, SC he joined a Masonic Lodge in the nearby town of Hanahan. He was initiated as an EA in Carolina Lodge No. 375 in November 1961 and was raised a Master Mason on April 9, 1962. This past April marked 59 years of Masonic service for Brother Boalt. While serving as a Flight Engineer with the USAF and then as a government contractor for 12 more years after his retirement, he was able to work in and travel through 44 countries and 16 different islands. All of his travels made him more appreciative of his time with family and friends.

While working as a contractor in Panama Bro. Fred Boalt attended and joined Ancon Lodge in the Balboa Republic of Panama. This Lodge has a rich history dating back to its inception during the creation of the Panama Canal in the early 1900's. It was chartered through the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and operates with The District Grand Lodge of Panama. The line Officers in the District Grand Lodge follow the same rotation as Grand Line Officers. The District Grandmaster of the District Grand Lodge is third in the line of succession to the Grandmaster in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This being said, Worshipful Fred Nelson Boalt became Master of Ancon Lodge while working as a contractor. That same year his wife Lydia and he were the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star Orchid, Chapter No. 1 in 1983. They are both still members of the Eastern Star in North Charleston Chapter 56 where they have been members since 1964. He has led a colorful and varied path in Masonry over his 59-year Masonic career. He has served as the District Grand Senior Warden in the District Grand Lodge of Panama in 1987, he is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and served as Secretary of the Scottish Rite Temple in Panama, which has since moved to Miami, FL, a Past Commander of the Legion of Honor in the Shrine, and a Member of Abou-Saad Shrine in Panama.

Wor. Fred Boalt said that he has learned that "it is important to not overlook your family, but it is also important to help each other out. We all have individual talents that can help others, don't overlook an opportunity to help." His advice to newer Masons is to "keep your family first, help out as you can, and remember that as hard as it may be, family must remain the priority." He says that he has no regrets in Masonry and would do it all over again. He has many wonderful memories but three stick out. Visiting a Lodge in England, visiting a Lodge in Australia, and having the Honor to serve the Craft as Worshipful Master. Worshipful Boalt recalled that there really isn't that much of a difference between the various Lodges other than a word or two. The Friendship, Brotherhood, and sense of belonging to the Masonic family was universal. "I showed up to a Lodge in Australia, unannounced and in blue jeans, when the door opened everyone was dressed formally in tuxedos. I apologized and said that I would return at a later date being that I was underdressed, but they insisted that I stay, and I was treated as if I was royalty." Although because of his commitments to our country, he was unable to live in the Deep Creek area, he would visit Lake Drummond whenever he could, off and on since 1962 while he was in the area visiting family. He has since moved back to Chesapeake and is a member of Lake Drummond No. 178 along with several members of his extended family. Worshipful Fred Boalt is being treated for Leukemia and takes chemo treatments daily. While he is at a great risk for becoming ill, especially in the wake of our current pandemic, he has been unable to attend Lodge. He states that while he is unable to be there in person that he is there in heart and spirit.

May Masonic Birthdays

Join us in wishing these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Bro. E.V. Wiggins, Jr.	May 04, 1961 - 60 years
Bro. J.R. Collins, Jr.	May 22, 1968 - 53 years
Rt. Wor. W.E. Irving	May 21, 1975 - 46 years
Bro. M.E. Crouch	May 01, 1980 - 41 years
Wor. M.B. Joyner	May 07, 1981 - 40 years
Bro. M.K. Kight	May 05, 1983 - 38 years
Bro. Dr. A.G. Forbes	May 31, 1984 - 37 years
Bro. D.F. Patrick, Sr.	May 07, 1998 - 23 years
Bro. S.R. Bettinger	May 17, 2001 - 20 years
Bro. C.A. Maxwell	May 20, 2004 - 17 years
Wor. K.L. Hobbs, Jr.	May 03, 2007 - 14 years
Bro. D.L. Butler	May 05, 2011 - 10 years
Bro. M.V. McClure	May 18, 2011 - 10 years
Bro. W.E. Phelps, Jr.	May 15, 2014 - 07 years
Bro. C.C. Bryant	May 28, 2015 - 06 years

422 Total Years in Freemasonry

Memorial Day

The Day of Memories! —Remembering what?
The cannon's roar, the hissing of the shot?
The weary hospital, the prison pen?
The widow's tears, the groans of stalwart men?
The bitterness of fratricidal strife?
The pangs of death, the sharper pangs of life?
Nay, let us quite forget the whole of these,
Upon our sacred Day of Memories.

The Day of Memories! —Remembering what?
The honored dust in every hallowed spot,
The honored names of all our heroes' dead.
The glorious land for which they fought and bled.
Our nation's hopes; the kindly, common good,
The universal bond of brotherhood.
These we remember gladly, all of these,
Upon our sacred Day of Memories.

~Amos Russel Wells

Quote of the Month

Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.
~ Bro. Winston Churchill

This Month in Masonic History

On this date in;

- May 1, 1865: William McKinley received 1st degree in Hiram Lodge #21, Winchester, Virginia.
- May 3, 1886: Rudyard Kipling received is 2nd degree.
- May 4, 1821: The Grand Lodge of Missouri and the Grand Lodge of Illinois were founded.
- May 5, 1851: Andrew Johnson received 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee.
- May 8, 1843: A National Masonic Congress was begun in Baltimore, sometimes referred to as the Baltimore Convention, to attempt to establish a uniform ritual for United States Grand Lodges.
- May 11, 1865: The Grand Lodge of West Virginia was formed.
- May 12, 1931: Senator Barry Goldwater received his 1st degree in Arizona Lodge #2,
- May 12, 1932: the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated,
- May 12, 1999: The Grand Lodge of D.C. voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C.
- May 16, 1866: The Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded.
- May 17, 1921: High Twelve International was organized.
- May 18, 1959: Harry S. Truman (U.S. President 1945-1953) received his 50-year masonic award.
- May 24, 1901: Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.
- May 27, 1957: Carl H. Claudy, Masonic author and playwright, D.C. Grand Master in 1943, Executive Secretary of Masonic Service Association, died.
- May 31, 1801: the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, "mother council of the world," was established, in Charleston, South Carolina.