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LIVING PAST MASTERS OF LAKE DRUMMOND LODGE NO. 178

S.D. Archer – 1981	W. R. Manier – 1995	R.G. McEvoy – 2006	J.W. Conroy, Jr. – 2016
R.B. Holmes – 1982	G.R. Tester – 1996*	R.D. Reed – 2008	D.L. Bagley – 2017
H.M. Hatfield – 1984	P.W. Morley, Jr. – 1998	K.W. Strickland - 2009	J.W. Snow – 2018
R.S. Best – 1985	T.W. Magas – 1999*	K.E. Stephens, Jr. – 2010	H.P. Strickland – 2019
+J.V. Matthews, Jr. – 1986	+H. C. Slaughter, Sr. – 2000	K.L. Hobbs, Jr. – 2011	R.S. Anderson – 2020
L.P. Fields – 1987	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	
K.P. Strickland – 1991	W.R. Manier – 2005	W.M. Mutter – 2015	

+ - 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,

As we head into August I look forward to our Junior Warden's night. Bro. Adam Drake is working hard to prepare for his first time in the East, and I am sure that he will do well. We are lucky to have a dedicated group of Lodge Officers and Brethren that are ready to serve our members, as well as our local community. It has been a pleasure serving Lake Drummond over the past seven months, and while we had to move slowly at first, we have accomplished a lot, considering the restrictions that we were placed under, and the confines that we had to work in. Our success is based on the quality of members in our fraternity, the can-do attitude of our Past Masters, and unique skills that we each bring to the table. The old adage that "We never know what we will miss until it is gone" never rang so true as it did in March 2020. Since that fateful time, we have all learned valuable lessons. Most importantly, not to take even the simplest things for granted. It has been wonderful to be able to have meals again, fellowship with our members, and actually see each other in person. As we look back over this time, I am thankful for the opportunities that we were able to pull together and show what Masonry is about. The speed at which things now appear to be moving has doubled as we move ahead. Hopefully, attendance will continue to increase as we finish our transition out of our social distancing mandates and have now travelled through the worst of the pandemic and on to the other side. Change is important, and we must embrace the lessons we have learned. The use of "Zoom Meetings" allowed us to reach members that had long been away from the fellowship of our Brethren. We took the opportunity to call and check on our neighbors, friends, and associates instead of being too busy and taking them for granted. This pandemic helped to shake us from the rut that we were in and place us into a new road with endless possibility.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Paul A. Wotring
Worshipful Master

From the South

Greetings from the South,

I am eagerly looking forward to Junior Warden's night during the next stated communication. I hope to see everyone that can make it. The dress will be Appendant Body Shirts or Lodge polos. I think we have a very good line of officers coming through our lodge and am excited to see how well they do stepping up to the next chair. Let's all encourage them as they continue to work on ritual and make our lodge the best it can be!

Bro. Adam Drake, Junior Warden

From the Sr. Deacon

Greetings from the Senior Deacon,

As we have entered our summer months, please take caution during the extreme hot and humid days. Pick up the telephone and check on our brothers and widows that we have not seen in a while. Now that we are back to having meals, invite them to the lodge for dinner. Finally, Lake Drummond Lodge will be holding its annual blood drive on Friday, August 20th from 1pm-7pm. Please consider making a donation. Help save a life! You can sign up at Red Cross online or by using your Red Cross blood donation app on your smartphone. Use the sponsor code "MASONS".

Bro. Marshall "Bubba" Tatem Jr., Senior Deacon

Trustees of Lake Drummond No.178

Lake Drummond would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of its Trustees past and present. Without all of their tireless work our beloved Lodge would not be nearing the monumental 150th year in existence. Please tell these treasured Brethren "Thank You" for a job well done when you see them next!

Wor. J.J. Ramsey, Wor. D.L.Bagley, Wor. K.P. Strickland, Wor. H. M. Hatfield, Wor. H. P. Strickland

Quote of the Month

"The hands that do and the hearts that dare, leave monuments upon the square."

~ Brother Palmer Cox

Moment of Light from Wor. Chris Allsbrook

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 3:11-24 ESV

Fundraising and Announcements

Donations and/ or pledges of any amount are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Lake Drummond will hold its Annual Fish Fry on September 25th from noon until 5:00 PM. Fish Fry dinners will be available for a donation of \$10.00. Anyone willing to help during this event please contact any of our Lodge Officers.

Please remember to donate to the local Food Bank. All donations are appreciated.

Support our Blood Drive on August 20, 2021!

Masonic Terms

E G E S S Z T H V I F X N U O L S
 S C U B N U S P N N F E H S J N D
 G D I I I I O C A G B M Y H A D I
 T R R F N R U I L S E Z P W I O S
 L M A O I L C O P M N Q O M P Q C
 G I M N C D B S T Y E C C R P N E
 T D V A D E E X M D D V R O T U R
 A J T Q S Z F G I U I X I F R Z N
 L E J E J P V V U A C T S N Y X I
 D D E L I N E A T E T R Y O C X N
 V C M X I S X R L L I G I C N Z G
 H L V O T I X R S V O V P C E X S
 L A I T S E L E C I N O L W V G D
 B Q A L L E G O R Y O P U V R W L
 F R U I T I O N K I H N M E E K F
 R E P P O R D S E V A E C K F T D
 S U O I T N E C I L R B Y B O F U

ADMONISH	CONFORM	FERVENCY
ALLEGORY	COWANS	FRUITION
ASPERION	DELINEATE	GRAND
BENEDICTION	DISCERNING	HYPOCRISY
BESEECH	DIVEST	INCULCATED
CELESTIAL	EAVESDROPPER	LICENTIOUS
CIRCUMSCRIBE	EDIFICE	PIOUS



How did you get the Black eye?
 The wife was giving me a lecture
 and I corrected her three times.

Masonic Trivia

Test your Masonic knowledge with a few random trivia questions.

Questions:

- Q1:** How many Lake Drummond Masonic Lodges have been chartered in Virginia?
Q2: What year did Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 receive its charter?
Q3: How did Lake Drummond Lodge receive No. 178, which was lower than the number 232 that it previously held?
Q4: What happened to Lake Drummond No. 178's first charter?
Q5: What date was the corner stone laid for the current location of Lake Drummond No. 178?

Answers:

- A1:** There have been two. The first, was Lake Drummond Lodge No. 232. It surrendered it's charter in 1868 and became extinct. The second one also in Deep Creek requested the previous Lodge number back, but it had already been given to another Lodge.
A2: 1874
A3: Kanawha Valley Lodge No. 178 was located in Buffalo County in Virginia. However, it was located in the area designated as the new state of West Virginia. When Kanawha Valley Lodge surrendered it's Virginia charter, the newly formed Lake Drummond Lodge was assigned No. 178.
A4: It was burned up in a fire that consumed the Lodge at the Gilmerton location on March 19, 1916. The fire consumed the original charter along with many of the records and most of the Lodge property.
A5: Saturday, November 21, 1981

Top 5 ways to you know you are a Mason?

1. If your yearly dues are bigger than your car payment.
2. If the only day of the week you do not break bread at a lodge is Sunday.
3. If you had to turn down joining an appendant body because you could not find a day in your schedule for another organization.
4. If you have driven to hear the talk on Brotherly Love more than once.
5. If you had to write on your calendar which ring and hat to bring with you for the evening.



August 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 South Norfolk 339	4	5 Berkeley 167	6	7
8 Lake Drummond Ritual School	9	10 Doric 44	11 Lake Drummond Officers Meeting	12 Lake Drummond 178 Stated Junior Warden's Night	13	14 Lodge Building Rented
15	16 Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 Practice	17 Indian River 232	18 Mount Horeb RAC 11	19	20 District Blood Drive Lake Drummond Lodge 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	21
22 Lake Drummond Ritual School Lodge Building Rented	23	24 Cradock RAC 72	25 Great Bridge 257	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes: Junior Wardens Night 8-12-21, Appendant Body or Lodge Polo Shirt Night			

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

Bro. Gene Klemp, Hospitalization
 Wor. Randy Reed, Eye Surgery

Thinking of You

Wor. Kyle Strickland, Illness
 Mrs. Brenda Jefferson, Sympathy
 Mrs. Beverly Ramsey, Medical Issues

Master Craftsmen Pledge Drive

**Brethren Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Master Craftsmen Pledge Drive!
Every donation helps support the Lodge. We will continue this Pledge drive through the year.**

We have raised over \$14,500.00 reaching 22% to our goal of \$50,000.00. We have also had a contribution rate of over 21% of our membership!!

TEMPLE BUILDERS

Brother David L. Butler
Brother James R. Collins, Jr., 50MV
Brother Charles G. James
Brother D.S. "Mickey" McCoy, Jr., LMIP
Brother Ellis E. Snell, Jr., LMIP
Brother L.E. "Larry" Mahan
Brother Matthew W. Manier, LMIP
Brother Simon D. Edwards
Brother W.G. "Bill" Benton
Brother Albert G. Barlow
Brother Glenn L. McDonald
Brother G.T. "Gus" Gustafson
Brother Scott D. Kilborn
Brother W.E. "Bill" Phelps, Sr.
+Brother G. Wade Lowery
+Worshipful Larry P. Fields, LMIP
+Brother Raymond S. Hayes, Jr.

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Worshipful Jerry W. Snow
Worshipful H.M. "Marty" Hatfield
Worshipful Glenn E. Brown, LMIP
Brother Albert A. Budd
Worshipful R.B. "Dick" Holmes, PM, LMIP
Right Worshipful Frederick T. "Buddy"
Whittington, Sr., PDDGM, LMIP
Brother Henry V. Cashwell
Brother C. Royce McCoy, LIMP
Worshipful R. Stephen Best, Sr., PM, LMIP
Worshipful Frederick E. Small, PM, LMIP
Brother J. Ryan Gettier
Brother Frank P. Eates
+Brother Stephen L. Mutter
+Worshipful John W. Conroy, Jr., PM, LMIP

CRAFTSMAN

Worshipful W.R. "Bill" Manier
Worshipful Fredrick N. Boalt, PM, 50MV
Brother Michael J. Diaz, Sr., LMIP
Brother Michael J. Diaz, Jr., LMIP
Brother Norman C. Strickland, LMIP
Brother W.F. "Bill" Robins, III
Brother J.J. "Jimmy" Ramsey, LMIP
Brother David E. Edwards
Brother David K. Sammon
Brother E. Lee Baynor, 50MV
Brother Andrew R. Hall
Brother Phillip M. Young, LMIP

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Brother Gilbert E. Sawyer, Jr.

GRAND MASTER

Brother James E. Canterbury, LMIP, P.P.
+Wor. S.D. Archer, LMIP, In Memory of Bro.
J. Frank Old
+Brother Robert A. Smoyer, LMIP

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Brother Rodger D. Jones, LMIP
+ Brother Richard D. Johnson, LMIP

This Month in Masonic History

August

August 2: On this date in 1861, the Grand Lodge of Colorado was formed.

August 4: On this date in 1753, George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.

August 7: On this date in 1877, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was formed.

August 14: On this date in 1826, William Morgan obtained a copyright for "Illustrations of Masonry", By One of the Fraternity Who Has Devoted Thirty Years to the Subject, a book that publicly exposed the secrets of Masonic ritual. Although many similar books had been published before, this caused great excitement, and led to the "Morgan affair" and the Anti-Masonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s.

August 16: On this date in 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was founded.

August 21: On this date in 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg, commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War.

August 27: On this date in 1920, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 3rd degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio.

History of the Trestleboard

Through the years, the Masonic Tracing Board has progressed from charcoal or chalk on the floor of taverns where lodges were held back in the 1700s. After the lecture, the Stewards or the Entered Apprentice, as a lesson in secrecy, would get a mop and bucket and remove all trace of these drawings.

This, obviously, was a somewhat tedious and messy procedure, so cloths or rugs were created which could be laid onto the floor and simply folded up when the lecture was complete.

Later, these cloths (or rugs) were placed onto a table. As time passed, they were finally hung on an easel (a trestle board) much like a drawing board at a construction site where each workman could receive clear instruction as to what his specific participation entailed.

When the team's work was completed, it was obvious that each Master Mason not only understood their specific part in the undertaking, but how their part (no matter how small), contributed to the construction of the entire edifice (building).

The meaning of the words "Nothing further remains to be done, according to ancient custom, except to disarrange our emblems" is a reference to the now antiquated use of these trestleboards (or tracing boards) during which the dirt on the ground was erased or the chalk marks on the floor of these lodges was mopped or scrubbed, to leave no trace of the form of the Lodge or the contents drawn thereon.

The reason why our lines of travel are at right angles within the lodge and thus the reason that we "square" the lodge is a "throwback" to the antiquity of the ritual.

If the brethren were to walk atop the markings made in the dirt on hill and vale; atop the chalk on the floor of the taverns; or tread upon and thus soil the cloths or rugs used to provide the workings of that degree, the message of that lecture which was being worked could be partially or fully destroyed.

Therefore, "Squaring the Lodge" in a semi-military-like precision, goes back many centuries as the means of preserving the ritual and the degrees being worked so as not to destroy the symbolism of their markings before their usefulness on that day has been completed.

The oldest tracing board was found during an excavation of the Mount Vesuvius in 1874, and was recoverable only due to a volcanic eruption in 79 AD.

+ Denotes; New addition since last issue

August Masonic Birthdays

Join us in wishing these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Bro. Edward L. Baynor Aug. 24, 1961 - 60 yrs
Bro. David L. Hahn Aug. 20, 1964 - 57 yrs
Bro. Larry W. Tucker Aug. 25, 1966 - 55 yrs
Bro. Albert C. Wesley Aug. 26, 1971 - 50 yrs
Bro. Ernest C. Freeman Aug. 15, 1974 - 47 yrs
Bro. Jonathan H. Lindsay Sr. Aug. 16, 1975 - 46 yrs
Bro. H. Carlisle McDaniel Jr. Aug. 16, 1975 - 46 yrs
Bro. Thomas A. Reeves Aug. 16, 1975 - 46 yrs
Bro. David E. Edwards Aug. 19, 1976 - 45 yrs
Bro. Glenn L. McDonald Aug. 25, 1977 - 44 yrs
Bro. David L. Norton Aug. 31, 1978 - 43 yrs
Wor. Frederick E. Small Aug. 4, 1981 - 40 yrs
Bro. Robert L. Mortenson Aug. 21, 1988 - 33 yrs
Bro. Robert M. Gardner Jr. Aug. 31, 1989 - 32 yrs
Bro. Leonard G. Strickland Aug. 6, 1993 - 28 yrs
Bro. Joseph P. Lampert Aug. 26, 1995 - 26 yrs
Bro. Darryl E. Norris Aug. 10, 1996 - 25 yrs
Bro. John W. Hyman Jr. Aug. 29, 2002 - 19 yrs
Bro. Peter Kevin Conlogue Aug. 27, 2005 - 16 yrs
Bro. Jerauld S. Peacock Aug. 30, 2007 - 14 yrs
Wor. John W. Conroy Jr. Aug. 20, 2009 - 12 yrs
Wor. Henry P. Strickland Aug. 5, 2010 - 11 yrs

Bro. David A. Burley Aug. 26, 2010 - 11 yrs
Bro. Kenneth Donahue Aug. 20, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Zachary D. Marks Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Stephen L. Mutter Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Tracy W. Mutter Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Harry C. Slaughter Jr. Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Frank P. Eates Jr. Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Tracy L. Rigdon Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. James W. Tuttle Jr. Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Joseph E. Glass Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Wayne D. Golden Jr. Aug. 29, 2015 - 6 yrs
Bro. Marshall W. Tatem Jr. Aug. 17, 2017 - 4 yrs
Bro. Stephen T. Stanley Aug. 24, 2017 - 4 yrs
Bro. Michael J. Bradshaw Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Simon D. Edwards Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Harold B. Phillips III Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Frankie R. White Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. H. Carlisle McDaniel III Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Lawrence E. Mahan Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Edward N. Carruthers Aug. 4, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. Bradley A. Phelps Aug. 16, 2018 - 3 yrs
Bro. David A. Maple Aug. 1, 2019 - 2 yrs

894 Total Years in Freemasonry



Secretary's Corner

Dues Reminder

Brethren,

Please remember to pay your Dues. Dues are currently \$170.00 and are due by December 31. If you are two years in arrears you are subject to Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues (SNPD). If you are having financial difficulties, please reach out to the Secretary or Worshipful Master and we will make arrangements to assist. There are currently 53 Members who have not paid their 2020 and 2021 Dues. Dues arrearage reminders have been mailed out and those Brethren have been reported to the Grand Master. Citations for Suspension of Non-Payment of Dues will be issued at our September Stated Communication if you owe two years of Dues.

Dues invoices for 2022 will be mailed in October of 2021.

You can pay your dues online via PAY PAL or credit card at
<http://lakedrummond178.org/PaymentCenter/Default.aspx>

Remember LMIP and 50 Year Masonic Veterans are not liable for Dues

Life Membership In Perpetuity (LMIP) Program

Brethren,

Did you know that the Grand Lodge of Virginia has an LMIP Program? The current rate is 25 times your current year's Dues. For Lake Drummond Lodge that is 25 X \$170.00 or \$4,250.00.

Your dues must be current to apply. The Grand Lodge accepts credit card payments via the Grand Lodge Office and Lake Drummond accepts digital payment via our website. You can also establish payment plans and auto-draft payments. For interested contact the Lodge Secretary or for more information visit <https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/life-membership-in-perpetuity/>

Keep Connected

Email is the fastest and easiest way to stay connected. If you have not received correspondence from the Lodge via email, we don't have a good address for you.

Also remember to update your physical address or phone number if they change.

Please email the secretary @ 178secretary@gmail.com to update your email address and any other contact information. The Lodge is also available online at lakedrummond178.org and on Facebook!

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 William “Bill” Reddick Manier.

William “Bill” Reddick Manier was born in New London, Wisconsin, on July 26, 1946. He grew up in Sheridan, Indiana, and like his father before him, joined the United States Navy in 1965. In 1967 he was assigned to Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and was assigned to Fleet Composite Squadron 4. While in Virginia Beach, hanging out at the Peppermint Beach Club, he met a local girl from South Norfolk named “Pat.” In no time he was smitten, and they enjoyed attending various concerts, including The Rondels and the Pop-Tops. On September 15, 1968, they were married and have spent 52 wonderful years together. After spending 4 years in the Navy, Bill decided not to reenlist and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Machinist Mate, 2nd Class, in 1969. Bill and Pat decided to make their home in Chesapeake, first living in South Norfolk, and then moving to Deep Creek in 1976. They have 2 sons, Terry and Mathew, both of which still live nearby. After the Navy, Bill worked for Virginia Power for 24 years, suffered through a few downsizing companies, and was finally able to retire from Epsilon System Solutions in 2012. Now, in his spare time, he creates beautiful guitars that he designs using cigar boxes.

Bill’s father and uncle first introduced him to Masonry when he was young. He had the privilege of growing up surrounded by family and friends who were Masons. In January 1981, he again followed in his father’s footsteps by being raised as a Master Mason. Bro. Jimmy Barnes was a neighbor and a friend and when asked, he encouraged Bill at the start of his Masonic career by signing his petition for Lake Drummond No. 178, and helping to coach him as he went through his degree catechisms. When Brother Manier was raised, Lake Drummond was located in its previous Afton Parkway location in the Cradock area of Portsmouth. He remembers that he did not know a lot about construction at the time, but he volunteered as a carpenter’s helper as the Temple was being built at its current location. He served as Worshipful Master twice, once in 1995 and again in 2005. True to his love of Freemasonry, he is a member of Victory Chapter No. 16 of the Eastern star and is a 2nd time Past Worthy Patron, and is a member of the Khedive Shrine, belonging to both the Clown unit and Transportation unit. After 40 years in Masonry, Wor. “Bill” said that his most rewarding and fulfilling moment as a Master Mason was being able to raise both of his sons in Lake Drummond, where they still remain members.

“Being a Mason helps to make you a better man by introducing and intermingling people of different walks of life that otherwise would have never met. Each person brings something unique, enhancing your life and making it more rewarding and better than before; others helping others to be the best men that they can.” This is the response given by Wor. Manier when asked what he would tell a perspective member. His advice to new Brethren is to get involved, learn as much as you can, and pay attention to the lessons in your catechisms. “Get involved in Masonry, do things for others, one person can make a difference.” As a member of the Transportation unit in the Shrine, “I take children and their families to the various Shriners Hospitals, and you can see the difference you make in their eyes, it’s such a big impact.”

Looking back on his experiences with Freemasonry, Worshipful William “Bill” Manier said that he would only change one thing. He wishes that he had joined sooner. His memory was never great, but he stated, “I wanted to be a mason so badly, I wanted to do it with all my heart; this helped make learning and remembering easier.” This perseverance has served him well. The lessons that he has learned, taught, and lived by are reflected in a lifetime spent dedicated to service, serving his family, Masonry, community, and country.



“Am I A Builder”
By Unknown Author



I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sides fell.
I asked the Foreman, Are these men skilled,
and the kind you would hire, if you had to build?
And he gave me a laugh and said, No indeed,
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two.
What other builders have taken a year to do.
And I thought to myself as I went on my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder that works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square.
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing things down.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and stay safe!