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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-NC	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, 2003

Master's Message

Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all,

This year has passed by so quickly, especially now with venues reopening and the return to more recognizable times. Summer has come to a close and school is starting back for our youth.. I wish all of our children A safe and healthy school year. As we sit back and see the world around us on TV, we worry about where this country is heading, if our streets are safe, if there is hope of things getting better. The news and online media paint a dismal picture of our communities, friends, and neighbors, showing only the worst in this world. Several people know that I went on a trip to Texas to see my daughter. I don't travel as well since my back injury and little things can become quite an obstacle to overcome. From the time I pulled away from the house until my final return home all that I faced were vehicle issues after issue. After seeing our country on the news each night, watching the changing ideals, thoughts, and personalities surrounding us, these vehicle problems concerned me greatly. By the end of my trip however, my faith in humanity had been restored. I endured both minor and major vehicle mishaps along the way. The added stress, pain, and discomfort a trip like that can bring about is difficult to explain. Luckily, all along the way I was greeted by friendly people, who were ready and wanting to help. Repair shops stayed open after closing to get me back on the road, strangers assisted with things I couldn't do on my own without being asked or prompted. I met good people from all walks of life that wanted to help a stranger. None of this will ever be on the news, most people won't hear about it, or even care. To me, it gave me hope of what is to come, a restoration of my beliefs, and a renewed sense of who we are. Things are not always what they seem, sometimes all it takes is a new perspective.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Paul A. Wotring
Worshipful Master

From the South

Greetings from the South,

Thank you to all who were able to make it to Junior Warden's night in August. I am pleased with the way the entire night went and I owe a great deal of gratitude to many of you for getting me where I am today. A special thanks to Worshipful Bagley and Worshipful McDaniel for putting in so much time preparing me for the East. I am looking forward to Past Master's night and seeing Worshipful Paul's year finish strong in the next few months.

Sincerely,

Bro. Adam Drake, Junior Warden

A Message from the Senior Deacon

Greetings from the Senior Deacon,

Brethren, Lake Drummond had its annual blood drive on August 20. We had a great turn out. 28 units of blood were donated. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and breakdown for the event.

Sincerely,

Bro. Marshall Worth "Bubba" Tatem

GRAND ANNUALS

The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia will be held November 5th & 6th at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa 12042 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA.

The Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia will be held on November 19th & 20th at the Doubletree by Hilton in Williamsburg, VA.

Quote of the Month

“How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them.”

~ Brother Benjamin Franklin

Moment of Light from Wor. Chris Allsbrook

"A Song of Degrees of David"

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard: That went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: For there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Psalm 133:1-3 KJV



The Officers of Lake Drummond look forward to seeing each of you at our September Stated. It will be our Past Masters' Night, with Wor. H. M. "Marty" Hatfield sitting in the East.

Saturday September 25th Will be our annual Fish Fry.

We will be having a Family Night on the 5th Thursday, September 30th!

A special Thank you to everyone that came out, supported, helped out or gave blood at our August Drive.

Thank you to all of our members that have donated to our Pledge Drive. Together we can make a difference.

Masonic Beginnings

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

Abiff	Govern	Naphtali	Son
Apprentice	Hiram	Past	Temple
Aprons	King	Phoenicians	Tyre
Builders	Leadership	Remembrance	Widow
Craft	Masons	Rule	Workers
Fellowcraft	Master	Solomon	Worshipful

The Human brain is an amazing organ. It functions 24 hours a day from the day we are born and only stops when we are performing ritual



Masonic Trivia

Test your Masonic knowledge with a few random trivia questions.

Questions:

- Q1:** Where was the first Grand Lodge of Virginia located?
Q2: What year did the Grand Lodge of Virginia begin?
Q3: Who was the first Grand Master of Virginia?
Q4: How many Grand Masters has Virginia had?
Q5: Was George Washington ever a Grand Master?

Answers:

- A1:** The first Grand Lodge of Virginia was located in Williamsburg, Virginia.
A2: The Grand Lodge of Virginia was established on October 30, 1778, it was relocated to Richmond where it remains today in 1784.
A3: Most Worshipful John Blair Jr. was the first Grand Master of Virginia.
A4: There have been 175 Grand Masters in Virginia.
A5: No, while George Washington was honored to be asked to be the first Grand Master of Virginia, he turned the offer down. He felt unqualified for the office as he had never served as Worshipful Master of his own Lodge, and he also noted that he was General of the Continental Army and that had to take precedence.

Fundraising and Announcements

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.



Tentative Schedule Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 for 2021



September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Berkley 167	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 South Norfolk 339	8	9 Lake Drummond 178 Stated Past Masters Night Wor. Marty Hatfield	10	11
12 Lake Drummond Ritual School	13 MWD Meeting at BDI Dinner 5:30PM Meeting 6:00 PM District School 7:00 PM	14 Doric 44	15 Mount Horeb RAC Annual (at Lake Drummond)	16 Lake Drummond Zoom Meeting Starts at 7:00 PM	17 Lodge Occupied Rehearsal	18 Lodge occupied KWS
19 Lodge Occupied KWS	20 Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 (at Lake Drummond)	21 Indian River 232	22 Great Bridge 257	23	24	25 Lake Drummond Annual Fish Fry
26 Lake Drummond Ritual School	27	28 Cradock RAC 72 Annual (at Lake Drummond)	29	30 Lake Drummond Family Night	Notes: Past Masters Night 9-9-21, Fish Fry 9-25-21, Family Night 9-30-21	

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

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. Raymond Hayes – Recovery
- Mrs. Myrna Gustafson – Recovery from Covid-19
- Mrs. Geraldine Budd – Recovery
- Rt. Wor. Harry Slaughter, Sr. – Hip replacement

Thinking of You

- Wor. Phillip Morely – Recovery
- Mrs. Beverly Ramsey – Recovery
- Bro. Gregory "Gus" Gustafson – Recovery from Covid-19
- Bro. Scott Smith – Recovery from Eye Surgery
- Bro. C. Gary Huband - Cancer

Please Keep the following Brethren in your thoughts and Prayers

- Bro. Spike Johnson – Loss of Mother
- Bro. Lee Hobbs – Loss of Uncle

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.

MASTER CRAFTSMAN

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

MASTER OVERSEER

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 Vernon L. Whedbee, LMIP
Right Worshipful Harry C. Slaughter, Sr.,
PDDGM, LMIP
Rt. Wor. Boyd H. Wilson, PDDGM, HON
Brother Eugene W. Klemp, Sr., 50MV LMIP
Worshipful C.R. "Bobby" Jefferson, PM
Brother Rodger D. Jones, LMIP
+ Brother Richard D. Johnson, LMIP

+ Denotes; New addition since last issue

September Masonic Birthdays

Join us in wishing these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Bro. Fleetwood Gayle Ballance - Sept. 4, 1958 - 63 yrs.
Bro. Thomas Guynn Meiggs - Sept. 29, 1966 - 55 yrs.
Wor. Harley Martin Hatfield - Sept. 18, 1975 - 46 yrs.
Bro. Vernon Lee Whedbee - Sept. 1, 1977 - 44 yrs.
Bro. Richard David Johnson - Sept. 29, 1977 - 44 yrs.
Bro. Willard Fayette Robins III - Sept. 3, 1981 - 40 yrs.
Bro. Stanley Gatewood Bryan - Sept. 24, 1981 - 40 yrs.
Bro. Vernon Lee Whedbee II - Sept. 16, 1982 - 39 yrs.
Bro. Stanley Gatewood Bryan Jr. - Sept. 1, 1983 - 38 yrs.
Bro. Richard Herbert Hill Sr. - Sept. 28, 1989 - 32 yrs.

Bro. Timothy Dwayne Strickland - Sept. 21, 1995 - 26 yrs.
Bro. Michael Joseph Diaz Jr. - Sept. 26, 2002 - 19 yrs.
Wor. Kyle William Strickland - Sept. 4, 2003 - 18 yrs.
Bro. Timothy Paul Russell - Sept. 6, 2007 - 14 yrs.
Bro. Erik Thomas Chappell - Sept. 17, 2009 - 12 yrs.
Bro. Joseph Dale Singer - Sept. 6, 2012 - 9 yrs.
Bro. William Grant Benton - Sept. 20, 2012 - 9 yrs.
Bro. Christopher Shawn Bradley - Sept. 26, 2013 - 8 yrs.
Bro. Taylor Nathaniel Johnson - Sept. 9, 2015 - 6 yrs.

562 Total Years in Freemasonry

This Month in Masonic History SEPTEMBER

September 4: On this date (or June 5) in 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Tennessee.

September 11: On this date in 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial "proclamation" symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999.

September 12: On this date in 1826, William Morgan, who had published an exposé of Masonic secrets, was taken from the jail in Canandaigua, New York, kidnapped, and possibly later murdered. This was the trigger for the Morgan Affair and the Anti-masonic movement and Anti-masonic Party in the United States from the 1820s through the 1840s.

September 13: On this date in 1882, a monument was dedicated in Batavia, New York, to William Morgan, the man whose kidnapping and possible murder by Freemasons started the anti-masonic movement in the United States in 1826. The monument says Morgan was a "martyr to the freedom of writing and printing the truth."

September 14: On this date in 1844, the Grand Lodge of Michigan was founded.

September 15: On this date in 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was formed

September 18: On this date in 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony, with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia. On this date in 1856, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Indiana was organized.

September 20: On this date in 1784, the Grand Lodge of England issued a warrant to African Lodge #459. This charter is a prized possession of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and African Lodge #459 has continued to exist to the present time.

September 23: On this date in 1857, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed

September 25: On this date in 1786, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was organized

September 26: On this date in 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized, in New York Ci

September 30: On this date in 1949, Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President 1974-1977) received his 1st degree in Malta Lodge #465, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In Memoriam

Please remember all our Brethren that have laid down their worldly working tools and passed on to the Celestial Lodge above.

Brother William Gordon Burgess, Jr. Raised: November 29, 1976 Died: August 24, 2020
Brother Allen Ray Wright Raised: October 22, 1977 Died: August 17, 2021

On August 17, 2021, Brother Allen Ray Wright laid down his earthly working tools and passed to the Celestial Lodge above. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on July 21, 1977, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 22, 1977, and was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on October 22, 1977.

Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today
Who wore a Masonic pin.
It was old and faded like the man;
It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where
he sat
To give the old brother his due.
I said, "I see you've travelled east,"
He said, "I have; have you?"

I said, "I have, and in my day
Before the all-seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala,
Jubalo, and Jubalum."

He shouted, "Don't laugh at the
work, my son;
It's good and sweet and true!
And if you've travelled as you said,
You should give these things their
due."

"The word, the sign, the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken
Who've climbed the inner stair."



Bro. Neil Neddermeyer
(M.W.P.G.M. Of Minnesota)

"The wages of a Mason
are never paid in gold,
but the gain comes from
contentment,
when you're weak and growing old."

"You see, I've carried my obligations
For almost fifty years.
It has helped me through the
hardships
and the failures full of tears."

"Now I'm losing my mind and body;
Death is near but I don't despair.
I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square."

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,
and the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care.
May you live your life upon the
level,
May you part upon the square.

Dues Reminder

Brethren,

Thank you to those who have paid your dues. There are currently 28 Members who have not paid their 2020 and 2021 Dues, down from nearly 60 a month ago. 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). 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.

If you are having financial difficulties, please reach out to the Secretary or Worshipful Master and we will make arrangements to assist!

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

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!

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge soon if you are able.

We have several ritual practices during each month, please reach to me, one of the Instructors of Work, or any officer if you are interested in learning or perfecting your ritual. We are also looking for Brethren to learn the three lectures. There are many jobs to fill and we can use you!

We will be putting together a class to go through the Masonic Correspondence courses, be on the lookout for more information to improve in Masonic Education.

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 H. M. "Marty" Hatfield.

H. M. "Marty" Hatfield was born and raised in the rural area of the Allegheny Mountains near the Ohio River. When he finished high school, he decided to follow his brothers into service and in February 1960 joined the United States Airforce. After Basic training in San Antonio, Texas, he was stationed at Sheppard Airforce Base in Wichita Falls, to train to be a powerplant operator and mechanic. Life in the military can bring about a variety of challenges, and Marty experienced both ends of the spectrum when he went from being stationed at Homestead AFB south of Miami, Florida where the temperature was in the 90's and a year later was reassigned to an AC&W (aircraft control and warning) site in Alaska where the temperature dropped as low as -45 degrees. The extreme variations in conditions and sites that he was assigned provided valuable experience and prepared him for a lifetime of skilled labor. His final Duty Station was in Newport News, Virginia, where he was the powerplant operator for a Bomarc Missile site during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Marty served in the Airforce for a little over 5 years.

It was in Newport News that Marty met Van, a young lady that had recently moved to the area and was living with her sister. They soon fell in love and were married in November of 1964. They are still just as happy almost 57 years later. Together they had two children, lived briefly in Newport News, in Portsmouth, for about 10 years on Wesley Drive in the Deep creek area of Chesapeake, and then moved to their current home where they have remained in Deep Creek for the past 40 plus years. While they have seen many changes in the area, they are glad they call Deep Creek home. They now have four grandchildren, to brighten their lives and enjoy.

Marty found a job with Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he could utilize the skills he learned in the Airforce and still serve his country. He spent 30 years as a powerplant electrician and high voltage technician before retiring in 1995. During this time, he made valuable and treasured friendships. He observed the way certain people acted and treated one another, and he was impressed by how they carried their selves and conducted business. He became close with Sam Henry Powell, a Past Master from Churchland Lodge, and Charlie West from Western Branch Lodge. They were his first introduction into Masonry and were the signers of his petition. This set the stage for a Lifetime of involvement in Freemasonry. He joined Lake Drummond in 1975 and was raised as a Master Mason at the Cradock Temple on Afton Parkway in Portsmouth, Virginia. Bro. Marty Hatfield was assigned Bro. Frank Mooney as a coach and mentor, and they became very close. When reflecting on Bro. Mooney, Marty Smiled and said that he was a powerful and strong man, that was kind and taught him a lot. Bro. Hatfield instantly loved Masonry and actively sought out opportunities to serve the craft. He joined the Royal Arch for a few years but did not want to take away from his time with Blue Lodge Masonry. It was during this time that land was acquired from Trig Harrison, the Postmaster in Deep Creek, and this became the current location of Lake Drummond Lodge. When talking about the formation of the current building, Bro. Hatfield recalled that Wor. Best, Wor. Morgan, and Wor. Mathews were instrumental in the planning stages and construction of our lodge. The cornerstone was laid in 1981 and construction followed. Bro. Hatfield and Bro. Jimmy Barnes cut all of the studs for the building. It was a long process, and whenever time was available, Bro. Hatfield and Bro. Mooney would ride by and help as needed during this construction. Bro. Henry Shaw donated the molding and trim, cutting them by hand at home. Wor. Morgan and Bro. Raymond Gregory did the trim work and placed the wainscoting throughout the lodge. Everybody worked together with a common purpose, it was very memorable, and every worker left a piece of themselves in the building.

A Masonic Journey cont.

Worshipful H. M. "Marty" Hatfield was the last Master of the Cradock Temple in 1984. Looking back over the years he said a lot of things has changed through time in masonry, but I wouldn't change a thing. Of the many wonderful moments at Lake Drummond Lodge, my fondest was when I was presented an antique sword for the twenty years of service spent as Tiler from Wor. Raymond Anderson, and was then awarded Tiler Emeritus from the incoming Worshipful Master and Lodge. My advice for anyone that would like to become a Mason is to get involved, actively reach out, come to events, learn about the Lodge, and let the Lodge learn about you. Masonry is an organization that is full of camaraderie, morality, and lifelong friendships. His advice to upcoming Line Officers is that in order to be a successful leader, you should have a plan or agenda, pay attention to the Past Masters advice, and never be afraid to seek counsel when you need it. After a lifetime of service dedicated to God, country, community, and family the main lessons learned has been sacrifice, duty, friendship, and love. "I love my God, my country, my flag, friends and family. I am a patriot, a husband, father, and Brother. I am proud to be a Mason."

"Ten Master Masons"

Author Unknown

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done
One said What's the use, then there was one.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late
One didn't like the Master, then there were eight.

One Master Mason, found a brother true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore
Each brought another, then there were four.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright
sheen
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Don't fuss about the programs or the Master in the
East
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.