

# *Richmond Randolph No. 19*

*Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*

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**TRESTLE BOARD**

**March A.L. 6013**



## **TO THE BRETHREN**

*From the Secretary*

[virginiafreemason@yahoo.com](mailto:virginiafreemason@yahoo.com)

Brethren,

I have 2013 dues cards in my possession from GL. I am eager to get these mailed out. Please send your yearly dues check to me so that your Lodge can continue with its financial obligations.

### **DUES FOR 2013 ARE \$95.00 AND ARE NOW PAYABLE!**

Please make your checks payable to Richmond Randolph #19 A.F. & A.M. and mail to the Secretary.

**Report any change of residence or e-mail address your Secretary.**

### **\*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\***

(All Lodge Activities are posted on the website, under Calendar)

**If you need a ride to any Lodge meeting, event or class, please contact any Lodge officer.**

#### **Richmond Randolph No. 19 Schedule:**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** 7pm Master Masons Degree at Mason's Hall

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Philosophical Society of Mason's Hall (topic – Kabbalah)

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** 6:00pm First Fridays Social at The Rumbleseat Grill

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** RR19 Stated Communication: 8am Breakfast, 9am Stated Meeting

#### **LODGE VISITS:**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6:30PM Arlington Lodge No. 438

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** 6:30PM Westhampton Lodge No. 302

#### **General Masonic Events:**

**Masonic Recognition Day:** The first day of every month. Wear your Masonic pins and clothing proudly.

**Every Saturday night,** 7:00 p.m. The Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic class meets at the SRT

**Masters and Wardens - 4th Saturday,** 9:00am at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August, and December.

**As always, it is strongly encouraged that everyone utilizes email communication if you are going to another lodge for a visit or work. Others may wish to join in.**

### **MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

Ralph Braun

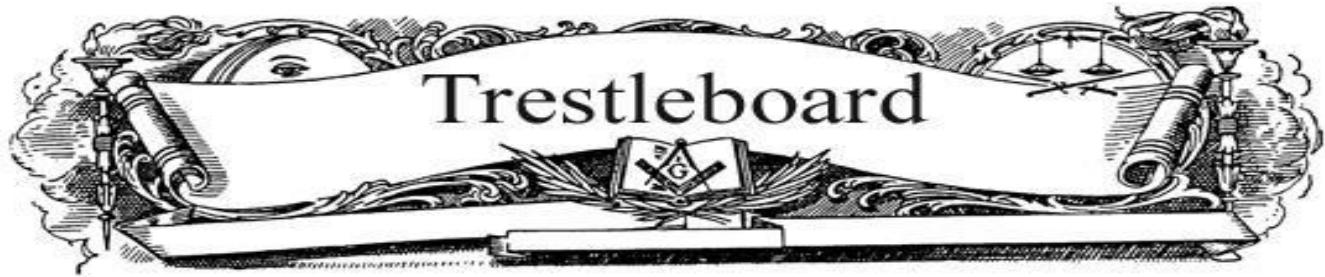
Chris Shuman

James Garner

Robert Slaughter

Chris McPherson

John Smith



Dear Brother, the Worshipful Master requests your attendance at the following Communications of your Lodge to be held at Mason's Hall, 1807 East Franklin St, Richmond, Virginia. Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. is welcome.

**Brethren, you, and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend the following:  
STATED COMMUNICATION: Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> A.L. 6013 at 9:00 AM**

Open Master Mason Lodge @ 9:00 A.M --

Regular Business – EA Degree, EA catechism, FC Degree

Discussion topic – “The State of the District: 15 A, B & C, Health of Lodges, Masters & Wardens,  
The GM's official visit and all things in between”

By order of: Wor. Paul A. Dierickx  
Worshipful Master

Attest: Bro. Christopher P. McPherson  
Secretary

**Stated Communication Dress: Business suit**

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**Worshipful Master**

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<b>Bro. Bernard L. Adams Jr.</b> 706 N. 27 <sup>th</sup> St. Richmond, VA 23223-6506 (C) 517-9038	Tiler

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – Wor. Keith Winder, Wor. William Bailey, Bro. Bernard Adams Jr.

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**ILL and/or DISTRESSED** – Wor. Michael Joyner

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**MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR** – Rt. Wor. Stormy Thorson

**LODGE BLOOD COORDINATOR** – Bro. John H. White

**LODGE INSTRUCTOR of WORK** – Wor. William Heltzel

**LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER** – Bro. Gregory Burkett

**BUILDING CAPITAL FUNDRAISING** – Bro. Link Parikh

**MASON'S HALL ROD AND GUN CLUB** – Bro. Mark Anderson

With you... With you...

In rugby, "with you" means, "I'm here" or "I can help" but it usually means, "pass me the sodding ball"! But just a little rugby primer before I continue. In rugby, the runner is the first person with the ball and there is no blocking. If one does block, one has committed a penalty and your team forfeits the ball. Anyway, the runner can choose to make contact with the defender, try to out maneuver the defender or pass the ball to someone else in hopes of advancing play and scoring. At practice, we actually have drills that involve running up and down the pitch (field), passing the ball to each other while yelling, "with you" so we become accustomed to having someone in support and hearing, "with you". But why? Why should I need to let another player know that I'm "with you"? Well, it's because they may not see the support or they may not know they have help available because they are so focused on running with the ball or on what's in front of them.

But Mac, this is the Trestle Board! It's a Masonic publication! What does rugby have to do with Masonry? Well, my Brothers, actually... a lot. Both rugby and Masonry require commitment and integrity. In rugby, you must commit to practice twice a week and traveling to away games and giving your all during matches and the integrity to act within the laws of the game. Masonry requires the same commitment and integrity to complete the degrees and continue in Masonic philosophy and ideals. Both show the character of the man.

I have a question I want to ask you. Are you Masonically "with you" for a Brother? I know at times I am and at other times, not so much, but I suspect we all are like that from time to time. What do I mean when I say Masonically "with you"? Well, have you been there for a Brother with troubles and said to him, "I'm here if you need help. Let me know what I can do". If so, then you were, Masonically, "with you". If that Brother passed you the ball (asked for help) would you be ready to catch it and run? I suspect were are all ready and you don't have to run far. As humans, we crave interactions with other humans. As Masons, we choose to surround ourselves with people like ourselves...people that would be "with you".

As I write this, my father is in the hospital and is not doing very well and I posted this as a status on Facebook. Everyone offered their thoughts and prayers and I appreciate them all but one rugby mate simply said, "with you". I saw that and began to cry because I knew what he meant. I emailed him and told him I cried at those two, simple words and his response was that he became emotional as he typed "those sacred words" and to a rugby player, they are indeed sacred.

Who are you there for? Who are you with? I strive to be the best Mason I can be and it's a struggle. The next time I see a Brother struggling, carrying a heavy ball, I will simply say, "with you" so he knows that I am there. With you, my Brothers. With you.

Mac Adams  
Tiler

Brethren,

Another great Stated Communication is in the books, and as has become our tradition, attendance was plentiful. Our discussion provided insight on numerology and a Senior Warden got rapped down for being long winded. A pair of our Brothers working the Degrees successfully passed their examinations and a FC Degree was conferred. We hosted visitors from several out of town Lodges, including Bro. Archhammer from Ohio. Special thanks to Bro. Link for playing host to Bro. Archhammer during his visit to Richmond. Progress on the Brick program and the building renovations was covered during Breakfast. During the Stated Communication we all enjoyed some insights on Numerology as our open floor discussion topic. For our March Stated Communication, our open floor discussion will be on "The State of the District: 15 A, B & C, Health of Lodges, Masters & Wardens, The GM's official visit and all things in between". As usual, do some research and come prepared to speak. You never know who I will call on to contribute ☐

Your leadership has agreed upon a change when it comes to our Degree work scheduling. Going forward, all EA and FC Degrees (and corresponding catechism examinations) will be conferred immediately following our monthly Stated Communication. Additionally, all MM Degrees will be conferred on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, if one is needed. This fixture was settled upon in the interest of our Brethren's time. As usual, we need your continued support in order to make these Degrees valuable to our candidates.

As mentioned during our February Stated Communication, letters have been sent to those who are in arrears for 2012 and 2013 dues. Also, in March, I will send letters to those who have not paid their 2013 Dues which were payable on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This past month we sent a check to the Grand Lodge for their portion of dues owed them as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. That check was in excess of \$2,000.

Translated, the Lodge has floated an interest free loan to over 40 members. I have no interest in begging for dues or writing dozens of letters and taking up the precious time of our Officers. Plainly put, please pay your dues or demit. We DO have an interest in those who put their energies into our activities. We do not have interest in swelling the rolls for the sake of claiming a high number of members.

As always, I direct your attention to our Trestle board, Website, Facebook page and email. These communication venues will keep you up to date on scheduled items such as the First Friday Social, Degree work and the Philosophical Society. Additionally, actively consuming these communications will make you aware of impromptu activities, such as taking a tour of the Bowman Distillery in Fredericksburg planned only 2 days in advance. Is there an activity you would like to do, Masonic or otherwise? Post it on Facebook or email the Secretary. We'll make it happen!

S&F,  
Paul Dierickx  
Worshipful Master, Richmond Randolph Lodge 19

Brethren,

It was very nice to see so many of the Brethren in Lodge for the Stated Communication this month. I would surely say, it was the most well attended and most interesting and busiest Stated Communications we have had in recent history. I applaud everyone in attending and participating in the open discussion, which was on "numerology and gematria". Clearly we are just touching the surface in attempting to shed more light on Freemasonry. Should there be a particular aspect or symbol from Freemasonry that you would like to learn more about or feel may make a good discussion topic, knock and the door shall open unto you.

Should you be seeking a book on tape, a video, or to read the old fashioned way, you might try something from the following list:

*Observing the Craft*  
*The Meaning of Freemasonry*  
*Morals and Dogma*  
*The Secret Teachings of All Ages*  
*Life magazine "The Hidden World of Secret Societies"*  
*Freemasonry and its Symbols*  
*Manly P. Hall* – numerous lectures on YouTube.

I understand from several of our visiting brethren that the discussion carried over after the business meeting. Should you wish further light in Freemasonry please join the PSMH for their monthly meeting of the minds on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Should any Brother wish to speak with me please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,  
Lee Oppenheim, SW

Brethren,

It was good to see so many brethren at the February Stated Communication. I also liked conducting the Degree work on Saturday. In January I think I attended around eight Masonic meetings in the space of a couple of weeks, with Stated and Called communications, visits to another Lodge, the First Friday social, the philosophical Society meeting, Scottish Rite, a visit to a Prince Hall Lodge, Masters and Wardens, and the leadership conference. At least I didn't get bored! It did make me wonder, however, how we avoid Masonic labor from becoming laborious. After all I live on my own out here so I am not deserting the family to attend Lodge functions but I can imagine the grief I might have had if my wife had been here! While she is supportive of my Lodge activities she may have had something to say about being out so many times in a short space of time. So, it was nice to know that conducting the Degree on Saturday just meant getting home a bit later than usual rather than facing the dash home from work to get to Lodge for an evening knowing that there will be emails to attend to when I get home and probably things to prepare before the morning. Also, being out so much meant that I did not get a chance to read the many Masonic books and magazines that are piling up on my coffee table. I am sure you will all have views about the idea of conducting Degrees at the Stated Communications and that you will let the Lodge Officers know what you think. Let's have a healthy debate and resolve the potential issue of labor becoming laborious and perhaps reducing the attendance at Degrees making it more difficult to conduct the ceremonies as well as we should.



Several brethren have taken CDs of Lodge music and left their contributions which have been passed to the secretary. If I were clever enough I would have made labels and included the titles of the tracks. As I am not that clever, and also was a little busy in January (see above!), I have given a list of the tracks to Brother Secretary to include in the Trestle board so that you may know what you are listening to. If anyone would like a CD, there will be some more outside the Lodge room at the next meeting.

Finally, just a reminder of the Philosophical Society meetings. On February 28<sup>th</sup> the topic will be the Kabbalah, led by Brother Chris McPherson. On March 28<sup>th</sup> Brother Greg Burkett will lead us on a discussion of cathedrals and the links with Freemasonry. We have planned a book discussion for the meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The book chosen is *The Shadow of Solomon* by Lawrence Gardner. This is available as a print or electronic version. All Master Masons are welcome to attend, including Brethren from other Lodges. We meet at Brother Charles Handley's law office at 4908 Monument Avenue and enjoy a light repast while we talk.

Ian Nelson  
Junior Deacon

<b>Tracks on the Freemason's Hall CD of Lodge music</b>		
<b>Track</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Composer</b>
1	Ashokan Farewell	Jay Ungar
2	Kol Nidrei opus 47	Bruch
3	Canon in D	Pachabel
4	Funeral Music for Queen Mary	Purcell
5	Salut D'Amour opus 12	Elgar
6	Fanfare for the Common Man	Aaron Copland
7	Elegie opus 24	Faure
8	Hymn of St John the Baptist	
9	Meditation de Thais	Massenet
10	Panis Angelicus	St Thomas Aquinas
11	Reverie	Debussy
12	Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini	Rachmaninov
13	Serse Ombr Mai Fu	Handel
14	Solstice Hymn	Jay Ungar
15	Clair de Lune	Debussy
16	Air on G String	Bach
17	Le Cygne (the swan from Carnival of the animals)	Saint-Saens

Brethren,

I appreciate the privilege that Wor Paul has given me to be back in the East to oblige a Fellowcraft for the first time in several years. I will continue to scrape the rust off my Masonic gears as to continue in this duty to RR # 19. I admonish you all that we are again lucky to be so busy and hope you will remove any obstacles in your schedule to stay for more upcoming degree work immediately following our Saturday Stated Communications.

I want to thank RW Barry Absher, Wor. Martin Myers and the Brothers at Metropolitan # 11 for the invitation to join them at an Entered Apprentice Degree at Prince Hall Trinity Lodge on February the 13th. I hope even more of you will join us as they are extending a welcome to further degree work in the upcoming months. Our Lights shine brighter when they shine together.

As many of you will recall, we had many cloudy messages on our local sick and distressed Brothers last meeting. Please remember to pray every day for your Brothers as they need your good will and strength. I hope we will hear notes of good cheer by our next Communication.

As we are also sharing our hobbies and extracurricular events, I want to let you know March 6-9th is the time of the annual Williamsburg Va Film Festival, at the Patriot Inn, a few days of cinematic tribute with a classic western theme. You can mingle with the stars of TV's "Laredo", "High Chaparral" and actors from such films as "Shenandoah", "The Wild Bunch" and even smiling Lyle from "Blazing Saddles". See ya there pardner!

Michael Joyner  
Junior Warden

## **LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPITUITY**

Rt. Wor. Barrye Absher	Bro. Douglas Mack
Bro. Ronnie Childs	Bro. Anthony Pearse
Wor. Paul Dierickx	Rt. Wor. Charles Sarbaugh
Rt. Wor. James Duke Jr.	Bro. Christopher Shuman
Bro. Peter Francisco	Wor. C. Thomas Sykes
Wor. William Heltzel	Bro. Curtis Thompson
	Bro. Ian Nelson

## **Honorary Members**

Rt. Wor. J. Larry Dixon  
Wor. William Bailey  
Wor. W. Troy Bailey  
Most Wor. Frederick Martin III

## **60 yr members**

Wor. Norman Cox  
Bro. James Currie

## **50 yr members**

Bro. Bedros Bandazian  
Wor. McClellan Burgess  
Bro. Horace Dowdy  
Bro. Raymond Durvin Sr.  
Bro. Kyle Epperly  
Rt. Wor. Joseph Gardner  
Bro. Edward Griggs Jr.  
Bro Walter Henry Jr.  
MW. Fredrick Martin  
Bro. David Peele  
Bro. William Perkins

## Richmond Randolph No. 19 Worshipful Masters 1787-2012

William Waddill, 1787–1789  
Jacob Ege 1789–1793  
John K. Read, 1793–1795  
Jacob Ege, 1795–1795  
Meyer Cohen, 1795–1796  
John Dixon, 1796–1797  
Most Wor. William H. Fitzwhylsonn, 1797–1799  
Eldridge Harris, 1799–1800  
Leighton Wood, 1800–1801  
Humphrey Dabney, 1801– 1802  
Most Wor. William H. Fitzwhylsonn 1802–1804  
Solomon Jacobs, 1804–1807  
William D. Wren 1807–1808  
Most Wor. William H. Fitzwhylsonn 1808–1809  
Thomas Diddep, 1809–1810  
William D. Wren 1810–1811  
William H. Fitzwhylsonn 1811–1819  
Joseph A. Myers, 1819–1819  
George Cabell, 1819–1820  
John Dove, 1820–1821  
George Cabell, 1821–1822  
John G. Williams, 1822–1823  
Blair Bolling, 1823–1824  
Richard A. Carrington, 1824–1826  
John G. Williams, 1826–1828  
John A. Carrington, 1828–1830  
Joseph A. Myers, 1830–1832  
William F. Lee, 1832–1834  
John Dove, 1834–1836  
Richard O. Haskins, 1836–1840  
Thomas U. Dudley, 1840–1841  
Edward S. Gay, 1841–1841  
James Evans, 1841–1844  
Thomas Tyrer, 1844–1845  
John McConnell, 1845–1847  
John Dove, 1847–1848  
1848–1849  
1849–1850  
William B. Isaacs, 1850–1853  
William C. Tompkins, 1853–1854  
John C. Page, Jr., 1854–1856  
John Poe, Jr., 1856–1858  
John W. Bransford 1858–1859  
William T. Allen, 1859–1862  
Robert T. Reynolds, 1862–1864  
John Latouche, 1864–1866  
Julius A. Hobson, 1866–1868  
James R. Dowell, 1868–1871  
Norton R. Savage, 1871–1873  
William Hall Crew, 1873–1875  
George F. Keesee, 1875–1877  
Charles P. Rady 1877–1879  
R. H. Duesberry, 1879–1881  
Benjamin F. Howard, 1881–1883  
R. C. Fletcher, 1883–1885  
Charles A. West, 1885–1886

James H. Allen, 1886–1887  
Judson Cunningham, 1887–1889  
John E. Epps, 1889–1891  
Edward E. Richardson, 1891–1893  
H.F.W. Southern, 1893–1894  
Charles W. Ragland, 1894–1895  
N. Thomas Mosby, 1895–1897  
Berkley Goode, 1897–1899  
Richard N. Goode, 1899–1901  
T. Nelson Durvin, 1901–1903  
Alvoy K. Vest, 1903–1905  
William A. Clarke, Jr. 1905–1907  
John B. Welsh, 1907–1909  
Charles P. Eldridge, 1909–1911  
William A. James, 1911–1913  
D. Seva Richardson, 1913–1915  
George B. Davis, Jr., 1915–1916  
Marcus W. Estes, 1916–1917  
John Taylor, 1917–1919  
William E. Sullivan, 1919–1920  
R.N. Rackett, 1920–1921  
Joseph E. Robinson, 1921–1922  
Andrew J. Watkins, 1922–1924  
William Newsome, Jr., 1924–1925  
Clifton J. Green, 1925–1926  
Montie J. DeWitt, 1926–1927  
Alan B. Clarke, 1927–1928  
Ernest B. Smith, 1928–1929  
John S. McGehee, 1929–1930  
Wilbur Applewhite, 1930–1931  
Allen M. Mills, 1931–1932  
Andrew J. Watkins, 1932–1934  
John W. Waters, 1934–1935  
Garland H. James, 1935–1936  
Emmett B. Atkinson, 1936–1937  
Stuart L. Billups, 1937  
Walter A. Jewell, 1938  
Lewis P. Tyler, 1939  
Gordon L. Perkins, 1940  
Wyatt Smith, 1942  
Fred C. Mullin Jr., 1942  
Edward S. Trainham, 1943  
James B. Hare, Jr., 1944  
Lewis P. Hamlett, 1945  
John R. Overbey, 1946  
Paul J. Welch, 1947  
Aubrey H. Burrow, 1948  
Harvey M. Cloud, 1949  
W. Earle Binns, 1950  
Milton C. Rose, 1951  
Henry H. Phillips, Jr., 1952  
William L. Walker, 1953  
Charles E. Winder, Jr., 1954  
L. Douglas Delano, 1955  
**\*Norman R. Cox, 1956**  
Harry E. Tucker, 1957



Robert L. Smith, 1958  
William T. Teachey, 1959  
R. Milton Hobson, 1960  
Winfred D. Williams, 1961  
Ernest Maynard Overbey, 1962  
Charles B. Tingle, 1963  
C. Calvin Huffman, 1964  
Thomas Lewis Royall, 1965  
**\*McClellan W. Burgess, 1966**  
Horace H. Williams, 1967  
Lindsey F. Usry, 1968  
Ernest E. Berry, Jr., 1969  
Albert L. Winstead, 1970  
**\*Robert G. Bedell, 1971**  
Wilbert Patton Jr., 1972  
Howard R. McDowell, 1973  
Wilbert Patton Jr., 1974  
William Walter Gayle, Jr., 1975  
Frank H. Abernathy, Jr., 1976  
Jacob V. Bowen, 1977  
William E. Thompson, 1978  
Paul David Huffman, 1979  
Jesse McKinley Beasley, 1980  
Warren W. Slate, 1981-1982  
Morris Mayer Edison, 1983  
George Washington Martin, 1984  
A.C. Ellington II, 1985  
William D. Rice, 1986

Charles Lenwood Sale, Jr., 1987  
**\*Lothar A. Bernhard, 1988**  
Ernest E. Berry, Jr., 1989  
**\*James Walker Burton, 1990**  
Charles E. Winder Jr., 1991-1992  
Charles Lenwood Sale, Jr., 1993-1994  
**\*Larry Johnnie Dixon, 1995**  
**\*William Troy Bailey, 1996**  
**\*Anthony Charles Pearce, 1997**  
**\*William Sherwood Bailey, 1998**  
**\*Marc Daniel Graham, 1999**  
**\*Gordon Hector Sprigg, Jr., 2000 (Demit)**  
**\*William Sherwood Bailey, 2001**  
**\*William Troy Bailey, 2002**  
**\*Joseph Payne Gardner, 2003**  
**\*William Sherwood Bailey, 2004**  
**\*Barrye Lane Absher, 2005**  
**\*Thomas Edward Breeden, 2006**  
**\*Wade Vestal Evans, Jr., 2007**  
**\*Edward Keith Winder, 2008**  
**\*Charles Thomas Sykes, 2009**  
**\*William B. Heltzel, 2010**  
**\*James H. Duke, 2011**  
**\*Paul Alexander Dierickx, 2012**  
**\*Paul Alexander Dierickx, 2013**

\* Living Past Masters

