

Companions:

The highlight of Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia for the year is Grand Chapter. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza (Fort Magruder) Inn, in Williamsburg. Dates are from 17-19 November. It is sure to be a great event as usual. Details can be seen on the Web at <http://www.yorkrite.com/gcramva> or contact the High Priest, secretary, or editor at once. I will give a report on the activities and actions of Grand chapter at our December convocation.

With this newsletter we will begin a series of educational notes with one of a number of thoughts on the High Priest's Breastplate. (See below)

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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IMPORTANCE OF THE BREASTPLATE

The breastplate was of great importance because by means of it, in days of old, God revealed his Divine will to His chosen people. It was designed by God Himself and the directions as to how it was to be made were given to Moses. (Exodus xxviii. 15, 20).The

breastplate was clearly designed with the idea that the names of the twelve tribes engraved on the stones should be brought before God "as a continual memorial," and that Aaron should "bear them upon his heart, when he went into the most holy place." (Exodus xxviii. 12, 29). When in use the breastplate was suspended from the shoulders by means of two gold chains, hung from gold rings fastened on the shoulder straps, the lower ends being fastened to the two gold rings on the uppermost corners of the breastplate. On the two lower corners were also gold rings, through which 'a lace of blue' was passed to fasten it securely to the ephod.

Source: Proceedings of the Chapter of Research of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of The State of Ohio, Vol. 111, 1950.

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon #14

First Tuesday
George Washington Masonic National
Memorial, Alexandria

Annandale #77

Third Wednesdays
Elmer Timberman Masonic Temple

**Commitment to
Mankind**

Trestle board

November 9th John Steinberger - "Who Shot the Sheriff?"

November 17-19th Grand Chapter in Williamsburg

December 14th Stated. Report on Grand Chapter

DID YOU KNOW? In WWI, Masons received 13% of the awarded Medal of Honor's. In WWI it was 5%. In Korea, 2%. In Vietnam it was 1.6%.

Fifty Year Members

<i>John P. Funkhouser</i>	1949
<i>David H. Graham</i>	1950
<i>Elgin B. Kirby</i>	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Guy D. McCombs	1943
William M. Sisk	1944
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
Edward L. Mason	1946
Edward E. Buckley	1947
Robert A. Kelly	1949
Elwood S. Nichols	1949
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Robert L. Connor	1951
John E. Wise	1952
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
George D. Stevens	1953
Robert A. Dudley	1953
John F. Kelley	1954
Wilbert N. Kahoun	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955

DISTRICT 1 Officers for 2005

Mt. Ex. Gordon Hector Sprigg Jr. GHP
Royal Arch Masons in Va.

Rt. Ex. George R. Bierman, DDGHP
And Lecturer District 1

DISTRICT 1 High Priests for 2005-6

Ex. James F. Hutson, HP
Mount Vernon # 14

Ex. Jason W. Lotz, HP
Annandale #77

Capitular Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Edward L. Mason	1946
Elgin B. Kirby	1950
George D. Stevens	1953
John Sabanosh	1966
John R. Wigglesworth Jr.	1969
Robert A. Welker	1973
William C. Creekmore	1974
Orval J. Smith	1975
Jerry G. Oliver	1992
David Hull	2001