

Companions,

Congratulations to our newest members! Right Excellent Companion James A. Loudermilk affiliated with us recently. Companions Romalo M. Capuno, Bryan T. Johnson, Donald E. McCallister, and Herber C. Willis III received their Holy Royal Arch degree on 7 October. Welcome companions.

We should all be looking forward to the coming months and to the events that will take place to keep us busy with our obligations. It is realistic to utilize our own Companions to portray selected Royal Arch Degrees, and it would be appropriate to really work up a distinct class of participants. For those of you in need of a Ritual Book, please see Companion Phil Graves who has them available. There are many small (but important) parts to fill. Have some fun and learn to do one.

Plans can still be made to attend the Annual Grand Chapter conclave in Williamsburg on Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th of this month, with a York Rite College dinner kicking it off Thursday night. Go for it and let's have a fun time. It will be a special time as our immediate PHP John Pearson will be installed as District Deputy GHP for District # 1.

For Christmas this year consideration should be given as to helping others who are less fortunate than we. It has been suggested that the "homeless" be provided with items (Outerwear, clothing) rather than exchanging gifts among ourselves. It would be for the relief of distressed people in our community; a special positive effort by our Chapter would considerably enhance our image.

With thoughts and concerns for others, we should take time to consider what we can do for ourselves i.e a Dinner-Dance or some special event to recognize our Ladies. Valentine's Day is the 14th of February, the same date as our Stated Convocation. With several new Companions in our Chapter we need to meet and greet the wives in a gathering of our "Clan". Suggestions are in order, Here's your chance to give back to the Chapter without making a long term commitment. Let us know if you will be willing to help on either the above two committees.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ralph Taylor Woodrow
HP Arlington RAC #35

Trestle board

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting
8 November Stated at 7:30
10-11 Nov. Grand Lodge Richmond
17-18 Nov Grand Chapter Williamsburg
13 December. Stated at 7:30

"Pass It On"

Other District 1 Chapters

Mount Vernon #14
First Tuesday
George Washington Masonic National
Memorial, Alexandria

Annandale #77
Third Wednesdays
Elmer Timberman Masonic Temple

DID YOU KNOW?

Freelance dates from the twelfth century when knights who lost employment with royal houses offered themselves as mercenaries. (fm W.C. Priury's Original Big Fat Bathroom Companion by Mingo and Barrett)

Education:

"Holiness To The Lord" is the translation of the Hebrew "Qoph Daleth Shin Lamed Yod He Vav He."

"Yod He Vav He" constitute "The Ineffable NAME" and is normally rendered in the Bible as LORD. Ineffable means "too sacred to be spoken".

Reading in Exodus 28, 36-38 (which is concerned with directions from God to Moses regarding the Tabernacle) we discover that an ornament of pure gold with this phrase was to made and tied to Aron's (the first High Priest) forehead.

The phrase appears in the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, and before that in the Arms of the Antients Grand Lodge. (Source: A talk by J. Bullach, PHP based on numerous sources)

Laugh of the month:

I have come down with that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

Capitular Birthdays

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| NOVEMBER | |
| Elgin B. Kirby | 1950 |
| George D. Stevens | 1953 |
| John Sabanosh | 1966 |
| John R. Wigglesworth Jr. | 1969 |
| Robert A. Welker | 1973 |
| Orval J. Smith | 1975 |
| Jerry G. Oliver | 1992 |
| David Hull | 2001 |

Fifty Year Members

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| John P. Funkhouser | 1949 |
| David H. Graham | 1950 |
| Elgin B. Kirby | 1950 |
| Henry J. Bausili | 1952 |
| Guy D. McCombs | 1943 |
| William M. Sisk | 1944 |
| Oscar L. Buchanan | 1945 |
| 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 |
| John F. Kelley | 1954 |
| Walter W. Cosby Jr. | 1955 |
| Wilbert Kahoun | 1954 |
| Cleveland F. Oliver | 1955 |
| James W. Smith | 1956 |

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