

# Manassas Royal Arch Chapter No. 81

## From the Chamber of the High Priest

December 2006

Greetings Companions,

We were honored to have Rt. Ex. Durward E. Grubbs confer the Mark Master degree at our November meeting. There are, I believe, six candidates currently working through their degrees on their way to becoming Royal Arch Masons. There has been a flurry of degree work this year, so far I have participated in five degrees at the different Chapters in District 17. Let's hope the candidates keep coming. My thanks to all those who have supported the degree work to keep the candidates moving quickly on their way to becoming Royal Arch Masons.

A few notes about the Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Virginia:

- Most Excellent Charles W. "Buddy" Wagner's theme for the year is "Growing the Temple."
- The John Dove award was presented to two worthy Royal Arch Masons,
  - ✓ Right Excellent Donald L. McAndrews, Grand Marshall, and
  - ✓ Right Excellent Clyde M. Perry, GHP of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil

***Congratulations to them both!!!***

- There were no resolutions before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Virginia this year.

The Annual Ham and Oyster Scholarship Dinner was a great success. This was my first as High Priest and much of the time I was in the front of the lodge welcoming the guests and saying good bye after they had finished their dinners. There was a steady stream of people from just after 4:00 PM until almost 6:00 PM. Some folks came by themselves; there were many couples and a surprising number of families. It was most enjoyable seeing so many folks for whom this was obviously an annual event. The food was excellent. My thanks to all came out in support of the Scholarship Dinner and those who worked so hard to make it successful!

Dinner will be served at the December meeting at 6:30 PM. Come early and bring a Companion to share in the good food and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you.

*EX. Paul J. Martin*  
*High Priest, Manassas RAC # 81*

***"Grow the Chapter"***

### Upcoming events:

*The Homecoming of the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Charles W. "Buddy" Wagner, will be on December 30, 2006 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Manasseh Lodge No. 182 A.F.&F.M., 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110. More information to follow.*

***The Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Charles W. "Buddy" Wagner, will make his Official Visit on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon and followed by a Tiled Chapter Meeting at Manasseh Lodge No. 182 A.F.&F.M., 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110.***