



MEET THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER III. JAMES WINFIELD GOLLADAY, JR., 33°



If it is the will and pleasure of the brethren, RW James Winfield Golladay, Jr., 33°, will be elected and installed as the 176th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia at the Grand Annual Communication on November 6, 2021.

III. Golladay was born in Winchester, VA where he graduated from high school. He completed postgraduate work at Randolph-Macon Academy, Ferrum Junior College and the University of Richmond. He went on to become President of the family's retail lumber business and is now engaged in the real estate business as a property manager.

RW Jim was raised a Master Mason in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 on March 5, 1968. He has served as Worshipful Master and Secretary. He has been District Deputy Grand Master of District 3, served one year as Grand Purveyor and has served on the

Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

RW Golladay is affiliated with numerous appendant bodies of Freemasonry. Among which are: The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Martinsburg, WV where he received his designation as an Inspector General Honorary; the Royal Arch Chapter; the Grand Commandery Knights Templar; National Sojourners; Red Cross of Constantine; Knight Masons; Allied Masonic Degrees; Sovereign College of North America and the Royal Order of Scotland.

RW Jim is married to the former Susan McIntosh Porterfield of Charles Town, WV, and they have two daughters, a son and two granddaughters.

VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Lin Spears, KCCH

Thanks to those who made Family Night a success. Bro. Jake Crocker and his officers, along with the Job's Daughters, did a great job.

The Scottish Rite Conference will be Thursday, September 23 through Saturday, September 25 in Roanoke. We hope the 33° Conferral and the Investiture go well. The report on the Richmond Valley by the Conference Vice-President will note our Valley accomplishments for the last two years. With everything considered, the Valley is still working hard and doing well.

The Reunion is on Saturday October 23. We need more Scottish Rite Masons. Make all good Masons aware of our Valley and the good work we do. Bring in their Petitions. The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center is having its fund raising golf tournament on October 1. Please get a team involved and support this event.

Bro. Whit Hanscom gave a presentation on Public Image and Awareness at our last Stated Meeting. He is working with Bro. Jake Crocker on this project.

We are starting our meals again and reservations are necessary. If you do not make a reservation, you may go home hungry. Help our Valley with your reservations because the meal is very important for our members and their wives.

Congratulations to III. and MW Alan W. Adkins. He is now our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, having received elevation to the Supreme Council at the Bi-ennial Session in August.

Take care and keep working hard for Masonry!

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, October 25, 2021

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
 7:00 PM.....Catered Meal Speaker is
 Our SGIG – Ill. Alan Adkins
 Entrée is meatloaf - Cost \$10.00

Monday, November 22, 2021

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
 7:00 PM.....Dinner & Reception of
 Our new Grand Master
 Holiday Meal - Cost \$10.00

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

— 2021 — OCTOBER

Wednesday 13 Honour Court
 Saturday 23 Fall Reunion in Memory of
 Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33°
 Saturday 23 GMOV to Districts 15 A & B
 Monday 25 Stated Meeting

NOVEMBER

Friday 5 Grand Annual
 & Saturday 6 Communication
 of Grand Lodge
 Thursday 11 Veterans' Day
 Monday 22 Stated Meeting
 Wednesday 24 Office Closed for
 Thursday 25 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Saturday 25 Christmas Holiday
 Monday 27 Office Closed
 No Stated Meeting

— 2022 —

JANUARY

Saturday 1 New Year's Day Holiday
 Wednesday 12 Honour Court
 Monday 24 Stated Meeting

FEBRUARY

Monday 14 Valentine's Day
 Monday 28 Stated Meeting

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°



Once again Mother Nature has graced us with her beautiful fall colors, cooler temperatures, and the prospect of our year-end holidays. I know we are all looking forward to Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and our New Year's Resolutions.

Our delinquent list is slowly shrinking. We now have 17 members who have not paid their 2020 dues. If you have some time, and would like to assist the Richmond Valley, we could use your help in contacting some of our delinquent members. Please call or stop in to make arrangements. Sometimes all it takes is a kind word or a sympathetic ear to convince a brother to continue his membership in the Richmond Valley.

Our Fall Reunion in memory of Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33°, IGH, is on Saturday, October 23. We still need Petitions. We can take Petitions right up to the start of the Reunion. We will start with registration at 8:00 AM.

We will once again recognize our new 50-year members at the October business meeting, along with our Past Venerable Masters. November will bring the reception of our newly installed 176th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Times and reminders are listed in this newsletter.

Remember that the Valley is dark in December. Our next Stated Meeting after November will be the election and installation of officers on January 24, 2022 at our annual meeting. The office staff wants to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season as we celebrate several holidays over the next few months.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sam Dunn, 33°

This is my first opportunity to congratulate Bro. Jake Crocker and all the members of the Richmond Consistory for our great family day program in August. Bro. Jake brought us The Job's Daughters Pantomime of the Cross. The Job's Daughters are just one of our premier Masonic youth groups, which produce some of the finest young ladies in this country. We are blessed to be connected with these young ladies through Masonry. We always look forward to seeing their work. Again thanks to Jake and the entire Consistory line for a wonderful evening.

Also, a big thank you to our kitchen crew for an outstanding family picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers, and do not forget the non-fattening FAT BOYS. Our kitchen staff has agreed to provide dinner for our September Stated. Please note that reservations were a must!

Starting in October and November, and for the foreseeable future, the meals will be catered and **RESERVATIONS WILL BE A MUST** in order for the caterer to prepare the proper amount of food.

I will be with you for the September Stated, however, I will miss the October and November Stated Meetings due to upcoming surgery. Please know that I will be with you in spirit and my prayers for the Valley will remain steadfast, especially for our up-coming Reunion. Our 2020 Fall and 2021 Spring Reunions were absolutely tremendous. We had large classes and I pray that this Fall's Reunion will be a big success as well. Thanks to Ill. Charles Robinson and the Membership Committee for all their hard work.

Just an up-date on the building sale. Things are moving along nicely with the buyers performing their due diligence work. If all goes well, we look forward to wrapping this sale up by late March 2022. Again, I ask for your continued prayers for a successful sale so we can once again stabilize and move the Richmond Valley into the prominence that we have always enjoyed.

In closing, I wish you and yours a happy and blessed Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's. I look forward to rejoining our FANTASTIC FELLOWSHIP in January.

May God bless you, the Rite, the Childhood Language Center and this Great United States of America.

MEMBERSHIP, *Charles A. Robinson, Jr., 33°, Chairman*

If you have not had a chance to congratulate our new Honour men, make sure you come to the October meeting to do so. Ask each one what they have planned to do for the Scottish Rite. Hopefully, at the top of their list is "Bring in at least five new members over the next couple of Reunions."

It takes a lot of time and effort from a lot of people to put on a Reunion, so we need to have enough candidates to make it worthwhile. The Fall 2021 Reunion will be in memory of Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33°, IGH. The degree fee is set at \$265 and includes the dues for 2022, along with the handouts they will receive. This is a really good deal. Especially when you consider that all the candidates will get to go through again when we can once again put on the degrees on stage.

Petitions can be obtained from the Scottish Rite or printed off our website. Let us give our brothers an opportunity to become a Scottish Rite Mason. Petitions need to be signed and delivered as soon as possible.

If your signature appears on the top line of the most Petitions, you will receive two tickets to the Gala Event being held in Alexandria to honor our Sovereign Grand Commander. The tickets are \$150 each and this is a black-tie event. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER NOTES

Dr. Susan Combee, Executive Director

In partnership with parents and caregivers, we celebrate where each child is today and work toward who they can become. There are tiny but magical details happening every single day within our Center. We just need to remember to open up our eyes and ears. For example, we remember the time when that one client told us, "See our new minivan!" His speech was crystal clear. That was TOTALLY a tiny, magical detail, especially since this child had only 10 understandable words when he first came to the Center last year! We remember other tiny, magical details:

- The little one who said she was very excited to come to speech. So cool!
- The excited look of a child when he realized we had many dinosaurs that we would use in therapy. How adorable!
- An older client genuinely asked us how our weekend was. Quite mature!
- The young lady who said she might want to either be a "president of a huge company" or a "speech teacher" when she grows up. Magnificent choices!
- The young man who told me, "You don't look old. You look like you're 20." So flattering!

It is so important to be in the moment and let those tiny, magical details sink into your heart because those moments bring us the most joy. They fill our souls with warmth and are often delightful, little reminders to us that we are a part of the best field in the entire universe. The field of speech-language pathology; it just does not get any better than that.

As Mother Teresa said, "the greatest good is what we do for one another." Thank you for your support and generous gifts to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center. We are thrilled to have your support. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful that we get to experience tiny, magical details each day!

--REMEMBER--

Effective on October 24, 2021, all telephone calls made to area code 804 are a mandatory 10-Digit Dialing. To complete all local calls, you need to dial the area code + telephone number or 1 + area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits

--REMEMBER--

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, *Tom Varner, KCCH*

In those days, Israel had no King. Everyone did as he saw fit. Familiar words from the Book of Judges, the period between when the Israelites conquered Canaan and when Saul was anointed as King.

As Masons, why are these words and the Book of Judges important to us? For starters, Judges contains the Fellowcraft Degree's story of Jephthah, Judge of Israel, and the famous battle he fought against the Ephraimites. The Book of Ruth, which contains the important story from the Entered Apprentice Degree of how Boaz's kinsman plucked off his shoe and gave it to him, also occurred during the time of Judges. Other important non-Masonic heroes such as Deborah, Gideon, and Samson lived during this time.

Judges details many events and cycles that are just as relevant to us today: Rebellion against God, judgment, repentance, deliverance, and peace. An objective person looking around at today's society will see the vast gulf between what we are and what God wants us to be. People are living and engaging in questionable activities as if there is no God, as if they do not have to answer to anyone. Even objective truth and science are under attack.

So how does this relate to us as Masons? Have you heard anyone say lately that this society needs Masonry more than ever? We as Masons do know right from wrong and that the Bible is the rule and guide of our faith. We are not allowed to do as we see fit. We are all someone's idea of what Masonry is. Are we always carrying ourselves so that we bring no discredit or reproach upon our Craft? Are we hiding our light under a bushel, or are we letting our light so shine before men? In addition, how are we carrying out our obligations? When we see a fellow creature needing assistance, do we pass to the other side of the road, or do we provide help?

When I lived in Illinois and went into Chicago often, I started the habit of buying food for homeless people and beggars who asked for money. I would not give them cash but instead asked them what they needed and then bought it for them. As it says in the Book of Hebrews, Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. This is indeed a great and important moral and Masonic lesson. Go and do likewise.

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2022 DUES ARE DUE NOW AND PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Remember that a current membership card is required to attend the business meetings or the Reunions. Starting in January, we will be reviewing your membership card. If you are having difficulties paying your dues, please call the office so we can help, if necessary.

DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Remember to make your dinner reservations in October and November. **NO RESERVATION – NO MEAL!** Reservations must be in the office the week ahead of the meeting.

Coming in January 2022 – an annual meal ticket requiring no reservation. Watch for details soon. All meals starting in October are \$10 per person and will be catered.

Called from Labor

TIMOTHY MARK BARRETT

1963 - 2021

CHARLES EDWARD ERHART II

1937 - 2019

RICHARD BOWMAN GALLIER

1950 - 2021

HARVEY JORDAN HAGUE

1940 - 2021

WILFORD PERRY HAMM

1922 - 2021

PHILIP ROSSER JOHNSON

1932 - 2021

STROTHER WILLIAM LEWIS

1929 - 2021

MANUEL GEORGE LOUPASSI

1937 - 2021

KERMIT WINES NICHOLS

1926 - 2021

FREDERICK ALBERT OLVERSON

1936 - 2021

Virtus Junxit-Mors non Separabit

“whom virtue has united, Death will not separate”

FELLOWSHIP REPORTS

Please take a moment and communicate with our shut-in Brethren either by card or a phone call. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness and you will feel better for it.

NEW SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Emmett B. Alcock

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