

Thomas M. Holt Lodge # 492 A.F. & A.M.

Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm

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Upcoming Events

July 4 – No Meeting

The Lodge voted to cancel this meeting, Have a Happy & Safe Independence Day!

July 18

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Second Degree

August 1

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM

August 15

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Guest Speaker: WB Greg Handy
Topic: Symbolism of the Deacons Staves

September 5

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Past Masters Appreciation Night

September 19

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Guest Speaker: WB Mike Daniels
Topic: Symbolism of the Great Seal of the United States

September 21

Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Reading Proposed Amendments & Voting

September 27 & 28

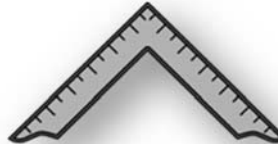
Grand Lodge - Annual Communication
@ Winston-Salem Marriott

The Holler Log – Summer 2019 Edition

Messages from the East:

Brethren,

Greetings from the East!



Believe it or not Summer is upon us, and 2019 is already half in the books!! So far this year we have been pretty active as a Lodge in our Charitable works and our Community Service. I am delighted to say that in the first half of the year we have been busy with degree work, fundraisers, and have enjoyed some great meetings with some informative guest speakers, and that momentum will continue and carry us into the second half of the year.

We kicked off Summer with the conclusion of our first fundraiser on May 16th, and were able to draw the winning ticket for the Shotgun Raffle. From the raffle proceeds we were able to raise \$2,800 after expenses. Excellent work, Brethren! Of that, we were able to send \$840 each to Oxford Orphanage, Whitestone Retirement Community, and NC Masonic Foundation. We also we able to send \$200 to the Masonic Service Association of North America. Thank you to all of those that bought and sold tickets, your help was greatly appreciated.

On May 30th, we partnered with the American Red Cross, and our Brothers from Bula 409 and Bingham 272 to sponsor a Community Blood Drive to assist our local Community, and to collect a precious resource that is getting harder and harder to obtain. In total the drive collected 22 Units, and as the Red Cross says 1 unit can help 3 people, so if that is true that means 66 people will benefit from those that were able to donate.

For the third straight year Our Lodge accepted the challenge and went to work, and I am excited to inform you that we once again have recently submitted our application for this year's "**Lion and Pillar Lodge of Excellence**" award, which now is in the process of being reviewed by the Grand Lodge.

I am happy to see our degree work is now starting to pick up. Our Lodge Officers put on an excellent First Degree with our Junior Warden Stephen Craven in the East, at our June 6th meeting, when we welcomed our newest Entered Apprentice Brother Kyle Ortman. Coming up we will be passing Brother Andrew Williams to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 18th, with our Senior Warden Kevin Dean in the East. We have also distributed several petitions for the degrees, and applications for affiliation, so it is good to see that we have the potential to grow our Thomas M Holt Family even more in the coming months.

As we head into the second half of the year, we have some outstanding guest speakers on the schedule with some excellent topics for Masonic Education, which I for one am looking forward to. Also, if you are a Past Master of Thomas M. Holt Lodge, please make plans to attend the meeting on September 5th, as we celebrate Past Masters Appreciation Night. Finally, Brethren ... If there is ever anything that I can do to assist you in anyway, please don't hesitate to ask, I will do my best to help you in any way that I can. Also, if you haven't been to the lodge in a while, **we sure do miss you !!!** Check the

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TO LODGE?**

(A) YES

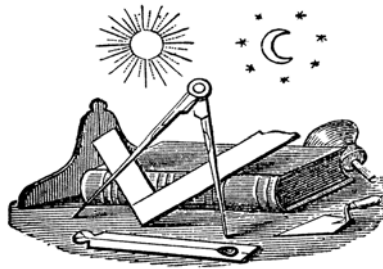
(B) A

(C) B

Upcoming Events Calendar and make plans to attend one of the upcoming meetings. Join us for a great meal, reconnect with a brother or two, then stay for an evening of Masonic Fellowship.

Will I see you there ?? I sure do hope so !!

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Lightcap
Worshipful Master
Email: Worshipful_Master@thomasmholt492.org



Masonic Trivia:

- ❖ Between 1737 and 1779 two sailing ships of masonic interest operated off the U.S. Eastern seaboard, "The Freemason" and "The Master Mason" The Freemason caught fire and sank in Marblehead Harbor, Massachusetts in 1779.
- ❖ Dr. Joseph Guillotine was a member of Concorde Fraternal Lodge of Paris and a member of the French Assembly. He invented the device that bears his name and was later executed with one.
- ❖ In Masonic lodges of the 1700's, the emblems and symbols of the different degrees were drawn on the floor of the lodge with chalk or charcoal, and obliterated at the end of each meeting. Because lodges met in rented rooms, they did not want strangers viewing their secret writings. As this was troublesome and messy, they were next painted on cloth or canvas, carried to each meeting and laid on the floor, hence the name 'carpets'. Around the 1940's, these carpets, or 'charts' as they were called, were hung from walls or in frames. Today, most often the emblems and symbols of the degrees are projected by slides or computer images on a screen.

Famous Masons: Brother George Washington

By Brother James C. Rees – Alexandria - Washington Lodge #22, Alexandria, Virginia

George Washington's face is remarkably familiar, in part because we see his: portrait each time we use a dollar bill. Yet very Few Americans possess much knowledge about the man behind the image. It is particularly distressing that Washington is losing his well-deserved place in the classroom. His portrait disappeared from most classrooms walls decades ago, but now Washington is also becoming less and less prominent in history textbooks.

The fourth-grade textbook I used in the public-school system in Richmond, Virginia, in 1962 includes almost ten times more coverage of Washington than the history textbook used in the very same school today. Obviously, today's book must cover almost four additional decades of historic events. Yet Washington and the other Founding fathers have clearly been short-changed.

What makes this situation especially disturbing is this simple fact: we need the example set by George Washington now more than ever. People today long for men and women who possess old fashioned qualities such as honesty, strong morals, good judgment, patriotism, courage, and most of all character. Our challenge is not simply to relate the tried-and-true stories of Washington's leadership in both war and peace. We also need to communicate the true personality and character of this great man, so that younger generations will once again be attracted to Washington as a role model in their own lives. So, the next time you gather together with Family and friends, turn the conversation to George Washington, and ask your friends if they are aware of these fascinating aspects of Washington's life.

1. Washington was one early America's foremost businessman. Not only was he successful at harvesting several cash crops, but he also operated a successful gristmill and a distillery that produced more than 11,000 gallons of liquor over a period of a year. He organized a fishing operation that netted some one million shad and herring in a short

Upcoming Birthdays

July 2018

12 – Isaac Holt III
14 – Jerry Lane
18 – Steven Craven
19 – Dennis Brown
19 – Charles Bradley
21 – Jason Simons
23 – Robert Campbell
25 – William Dickten
26 – Dennis Bullis
26 – Bradley Mills
27 – Mike Buckner
31 – Barry Adams

August 2018

02 – Glenn Hogan
02 – Mike Hunter
14 – Alton Myrick
14 – Robert Preddy Jr.
15 – Brice Turner II
15 – Norman Ross
16 – Kevin Dean
17 – William Tyler
30 – Dewey Brown Jr.

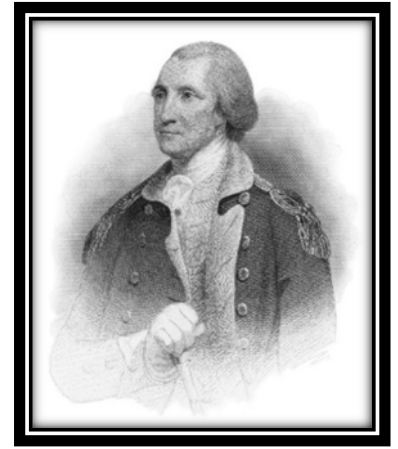
September 2018

01 – Mike Benesch
13 – Herbert Holmes
13 – Michael Shepanski
13 – Boyd Wright
16 – Harold Eller
20 – Gene Hunter
22 – Lance Barry Walker
23 – Gary Holmes
23 – Richard Honeycutt
25 – Kelly Cummings
25 – Al Layton
26 – Otis Perkins
28 – Brad Johnson
30 – Jerry Cummings

The Brothers of Thomas M. Holt
Lodge would like to wish you all
a Very Happy Birthday!!!



six-week season. He invested in real estate in a major way expanding his Mount Vernon estate from 2,000 to 8,000 acres. He purchased more than 60,000 additional acres of land in what would today be seven different states and the District of Columbia. Among his holdings were 2,000 acres near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, 4,000 acres of the Dismal Swamp, and lots in both the City of Alexandria and the new nation's capital. He also owned more than 33,000 acres in the Ohio Valley, more than a thousand acres in Maryland. 5,000 acres in Kentucky, and 3,000 acres near the site of present-day Cincinnati. Despite the fact that he was constantly distracted from his own business ventures by the call of his country, Washington was a successful entrepreneur who believed wholeheartedly in investing in the future of America.



2. Washington was in command of the entire Virginia Regiment in the French and Indian War, when he was just 23 years old. At the onset of the French and Indian War, Washington joined General Edward Braddock's ill-fated mission to the Monongahela in 1755 as an aide-de-camp. This was by no means a shining moment in Washington's career. Washington warned Braddock that the guerrilla-style tactics used by the enemy would require a different approach to warfare, but Braddock ignored Washington's counsel, and his forces were severely defeated. The General himself was mortally wounded. When General Braddock fell, the men around him naturally turned to Washington, who organized the retreat and kept the army from disbanding. By the end of the battle, a large percentage of the English soldiers had fallen, and Washington himself had four bullet holes in his coat and was on his third horse. Yet the young Virginian was an unquestionable hero even in defeat. He was almost immediately appointed a colonel and given complete command of the Virginia Regiment. Washington was just 23 years old, and off to an auspicious start in his military career.

3. Washington never went to college, but he was one of the most well-read and accomplished writers of all American Presidents. Washington's father died when he was eleven years old. As the oldest son of a second wife, Washington discovered there was little money or time for him to attend a university. Instead, he became a surveyor at age 16 to help support his family. Still, Washington was a voracious reader, and he eventually assembled a personal library of some 900 books of all descriptions. He was also a prolific writer. At the age of 14, he copied down 110 rules of civility. Five decades later he was still writing lengthy letters to governors, congressional leaders, and influential friends in support of our new government. Scholars at the University of Virginia are currently assembling the papers of George Washington and before the project is over, the editors expect to issue about 90 separate volumes. In an age before typewriters and word processors, Washington recognized the power of an old-fashioned quill pen.

4. In all likelihood, Washington could have been America's first king, but he turned down a crown. Scholars seem to agree that the most critical moment of Washington's military career came not during the war itself, but at the close of the Revolutionary War. Many of Washington's officers were furious that they had not been properly paid or appreciated for their efforts in the Revolution. So, they started to plan a second revolt this time against Congress. There was talk of placing Washington as King of a new nation. But Washington was not about to become a monarch like the one he had worked so hard to defeat, so he used his powers of persuasion to stop the revolt before it really started, unlike successful leaders of past revolutions, Washington willfully and unconditionally surrendered his power just when it reached its apex. When many world leaders expected Washington to assume his rightful place as the leader of a new nation, he laid down his sword and took up his plow. Today we take our freedom so much for granted and accept democracy as so natural and so right that it is hard to imagine the importance of Washington's voluntary retirement. But in 1783 it was an earth-shattering event, the highly skeptical King George III, perhaps confident that Washington's retirement was some sort of scam, predicted that if the commander in chief gives up all his power and returns to his farm, he will be the "greatest man in the world". Just a few years later when Napoleon lay on his deathbed defeated and forlorn his last words were "they expected me to be another Washington". It was as if the people of France had expected the impossible how could anyone live up to Washington's standards?

5. Washington was one the wealthiest men in Virginia, but also one of the most frugal. After his father died when he was just eleven years old, Washington, his mother and his siblings had to struggle to make ends meet. At the age of 16, Washington started work as a surveyor to help his mother cover the family expenses. Washington's fortunes changed after he inherited Mount Vernon farm from his older half-brother and he married the wealthy widow Martha Dandridge Custis. But throughout his life, he remembered the value of a dollar. When he needed a much larger home, he continued to add to a simple frame house instead of tearing down a perfectly good structure and starting from scratch, the staircase in the small original house was recycled when the house was expanded, to serve as the access to the garret. When the Revolutionary War started, he purchased a used traveling trunk, much like you or I would at a yard sale today-and placed his family brass nameplate directly on top of the last owner's initials. He was always pressing his farm managers and slaves to recycle old materials, and to use fallen wood from the forests rather than cut down trees. A stickler for detail, Washington once calculated that a bushel of timothy seeds would include on average 13,410,00 kernels. Washington died a wealthy man because he believed in his friend Benjamin Franklin's edict, 'a penny saved is a penny earned'.

6. Washington owned slaves, but at the end of his life he was against slavery. Washington became a slave owner at the age of 11. When he inherited about 10 slaves at the death of his father. By the time he died, Washington and his wife owned more than 300, Yet over the course 50 years Washington's opinions about the institution of slavery changed dramatically. His travels north taught him that agriculture could be carried out successfully without slave labor, and he witnessed young African Americans fighting fiercely for the colonists' cause in the Revolution. Unlike most of the founding fathers who owned slaves, Washington freed his slaves in his last will and testament and set aside funds to help them begin a new life. He wrote on several occasions that he was opposed to slavery noting that "there is not a man living who wishes more than I do, to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it".

7. Washington's teeth were not made from wood, but they were definitely false. Lots of people were "dentally challenged" in the 18th century and because there were far fewer methods to prevent decay than we have today. Few adults possessed a full set of pearly whites. It seems that Washington tried to crack walnuts with his teeth when he was a teenager, and not long after they began to loosen and fall out. Washington's dental problems were clearly evident by the time he reached his late twenties, when a fellow soldier noted that Washington's "mouth is large and generally firmly closed, but . . . from time to time disclosed some defective teeth". Although Washington followed the advice of contemporary dentists, he used dental powders and a toothbrush remarkably similar to our own, his dental dilemma persisted. In the 1780s, a French dentist tried unsuccessfully to transplant teeth to Washington's mouth, and some evidence exists that several enterprising slaves at Mount Vernon sold their teeth for this experiment. By the time he took the oath of office as president, Washington was in full dentures, which produced a noticeable change in the appearance of his face, as well as a somewhat hollow and flat voice. Despite legends to the contrary, Washington's false teeth were not constructed from wood. Teeth were carved from the larger teeth of animals such as cows or in some cases, from ivory tusks. They were then attached to a metal frame, fitted with tiny springs. Washington tried several different pairs of dentures, but always complained that they were ill-fitting.

8. Washington was in the midst of many savage battles, but he was never hit by a bullet or touched by a sword. Washington's life was full of "near misses". Although he was often in the forefront of chaotic battles where many men fell dead and wounded, Washington was never injured. He also survived bouts of malaria, a severe case of smallpox, typhoid fever, a slight case of tuberculosis, two near-fatal encounters with the flu, and a serious case of pneumonia. An infection in his leg nearly took his life. Fortunately, Washington faced each of these trials with courage and determination. It may simply be luck or coincidence that the Father of our Country came so close to death, both on the battlefield and from illness on so many different occasions, but a better explanation may be inscribed opposite George Washington's portrait on the dollar bill. The words "In God we Trust" were exceedingly meaningful to George Washington.

Masonic Education: The Military and Freemasonry

Freemasonry came to the new world in large part with the military Lodges attached to various British regiments. Thus, it is that almost from the very beginning to this country Freemasonry and the military have gone hand in hand through our history. Unfortunately, the written history of our Fraternity in the early years is almost non-existent.

The Warrant or Charter of the early military Lodges was usually given to the Regimental Commander and all of a Lodges furniture, ornaments, lights, jewels, etc., as well as the Warrant itself, was usually limited in size to that which could be carried in one small military chest. Membership in these Lodges was usually limited to officers of the regiment normally, civilians were not admitted although in some few cases this rule seems to have been overlooked.

The first warrant for a military Lodge was issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1732 to the First British Foot Regiment. Within a few years the Grand Lodge of Scotland and both the Grand Lodge of England, Modern and Antient were issuing Warrants to military Lodges. By 1755, twenty-nine Warrants had been issued by these for Grand Lodges combined. The naval service was not very active in the formation of military Lodges, with only three such lodges known to have existed, all being warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge of England.

There were also military Lodges formed on the continent of Europe but these did not follow the form of the English Lodges. The continental Lodges were all stationary in nature rather than traveling Lodges. This, I think, was mostly due to the empire building of the British, as opposed to the continental power staying mostly land locked to Europe.

The first record of a military Lodge Warrant being issued in the new world happened during the French and Indian Wars. It was issued by the then Provincial Grand Master at Boston to the 28th British Foot in an expedition against the French at Crown Point. Several other such Lodges followed and during the American Revolution one was issued to a Lodge named the Movable Lodge.

During the American Revolution, there were 10 Lodges working in the American Army. One of these Lodges was the American Union Lodge and that Lodge exists to this day under the Grand Lodge of Ohio as American Union Lodge No. 1.

There were at least two instances during the war in which some of a British Lodges furniture, Warrant and jewels were captured by the Americans. In both known cases there is also a record of these items being restored to their owners by an honor guard under a flag of truce.



One item of interest to the Marines is that the same Tun Tavern of Marine Corps fame was also the early home of the Masons of Philadelphia.

The War of 1812, found no military Lodges being formed, I suspect in large part because most of the fighting was of a naval nature and what ground fighting there was more of the naval raid nature than that of an extended land campaign.

During the Mexican War, there were at least 12 traveling military Lodges formed and at least two of them accompanied our army to Mexico, although nothing is known of their work. One of these Lodges was from Virginia, Virginia Military Lodge 1 being attached to the Virginia Regiment of Volunteers. All of these Lodges worked under dispensation and none of them were ever chartered.

During the War of Northern Aggression, or War Between the States, there were, depending on the source, between 77 and almost 200 military Lodges. Virginia is reported to have had from 7 to 28 Lodges with the southern armies. Indiana led the list with 37 Lodges in the north and Texas is estimated to have had some 50 military Lodges, although firm records do not exist to support that figure.

Several Grand Lodges issued no dispensations, feeling either that the military Lodges were making Masons who could not have gained admission back home, or that such Lodges were an infringement on the Grand Lodge where the troops were stationed.

Of local interest in this respect is the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia following the union occupation of Alexandria, Virginia early in the war. This happened in 1862 when several residents of Alexandria petitioned the Grand Lodge of D.C. for a dispensation to form a Lodge to be known as Union Lodge. It was stated that there was no Lodge working in the city, that the Charter of Alexandria-Washington Lodge had been ransacked and forced to disband. The Grand Lodge of D.C. granted this dispensation and this act was to cause strained relations between the two Grand Lodges for some years. Not until after the war was this problem resolved by the merger of these two Lodges.

Many Grand Lodges, and also Grand Master, came to regret what later was regarded as their too liberal issue of dispensation and never again would anything like the number issued during this period of our history be repeated. This was due in part to the lack of any reports or returns to the Grand Lodges by most of the military Lodges.

The Spanish-American War, found only two military Lodges, one from Kentucky and one from North Dakota, although California granted three dispensations for formation of Lodges in the Philippines, which later led to the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

World War 1, saw only a few military Lodges granted dispensations. Only three were granted for work within the United States. Nine more were granted for work in France and Germany during the occupation. There were also four dispensations issued but never used. By this time there were only 17 Grand Lodges which favored military Lodges, Virginia being one of them, while there was an equal number which were opposed to such Lodges with 15 additional Grand Lodges whose attitude was unknown.

With the return of the Charter of Lahneck Military Lodge Number 1186 to the Grand Lodge of Texas in July of 1922, the last military Lodge in the United States ceased to exist. Although there were several requested for dispensations during World War II, none were granted. To find military Lodges today we must look to those chartered under the Grand Lodge of England and there are still some of these in existence.

By James M. Pollard, JW, Cherrydale Lodge No. 42
VIRGINIA MASONIC HERALD – April 1989



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Back Page Riddle Answers: 1) A Keyboard 2) A Teapot 3) Silence 4) A Stamp
5) Your Fingers 6) A Window

Masonic Anniversaries

(The number indicates years of service)

July

08 – Byron Neal
08 – Jason Simons
14 – Gary Holmes
31 – Gene Hunter
31 – Ken Qualls
33 – Don Kehler

August

02 – Joey Frye
02 – David Putman
03 – Zachary Stead
13 – John Isley
22 – Franklin Stone
26 – Walter Creech
26 – Ronald Long Jr.
30 – James Sprague
33 – Stephen Lineberry
50 – Robert Preddy Jr.

September

09 – Mike Hunter
13 – Jack Turner Lawrence
19 – Gregory Holt
23 – Royce Williams
29 – Rick Mann
29 – Lance Barry Walker
31 – Roy Duffer
36 – Derrick Campbell
36 – Tim Taylor
40 – James Johnson
43 – Robert Stewart
59 – Stan Mullis
66 – Charles Sully

The Brothers of Thomas M. Holt
Lodge would like to Thank You
for your years of service and
support of our Lodge!!!

From the Secretary's Desk:
2019 Lodge Dues are now Past Due !!!
Please make sure you pay your Lodge
Membership Dues for the 2019
Calendar Year, as soon as possible, so
that you can receive your 2019
Masonic Dues Card. Thank you.

WB Todd Smith - Secretary

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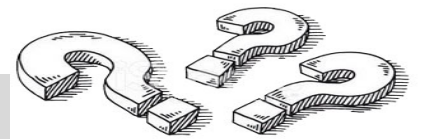
Do you remember these from the 2nd Degree Lecture ??

Can you find 5 Orders of Architecture & 5 Human Senses below ??

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C	G	N	I	L	L	E	M	S	P	W	K	P	Y	I
I	U	P	S	W	S	E	E	I	N	G	C	H	A	L
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K	R	A	V	X	L	N	Y	Q	C	C	L	N	V	Z

WORD LIST: Ionic, Doric, Corinthian, Tuscan, Composite, Hearing, Seeing, Feeling, Smelling, and Tasting

Riddles



- 1) I have keys but no locks. I have a space but no room. You can enter, but can't go outside. What am I ... ???
- 2) What begins with T, finishes with T, and has T in it ... ???
- 3) What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it ... ???
- 4) What travels around the world but stays in one spot ... ???
- 5) When things go wrong, what can you always count on ... ???
- 6) There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it ... ???

See Page 5 for the Riddle Answers.