

Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM

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Cochran Lodge No. 271 AF&AM P.O. Box 512 The Plains, Virginia 20198 January and February 2011



Worshipful Master Elect
Joel Richard Phillips
invites everyone to an
OPEN INSTALLATION
of the 2011 Officers of
Cochran Lodge no 271 AF&AM
January 06, 2011 at 7 O'Clock PM at
Cochran Lodge.
Officiated by RW William Ed Ray, Sr.

A message from Right Worshipful George Oscar Glavis, District Deputy Grand Master of District Three.

Brethren, it is a distinct honor to serve as District Three Deputy Grand master for 2011, and I look forward to working with all of you through the year. I have always enjoyed the warm and friendly meetings at Cochran, and the food has also been a tasty treat. We are fortunate that so many masons in the area have contributed time talent and dedication to make this lodge one of the finest. I wish each of you a wonderful, safe and healthy new year. I hope to see you soon and often thereafter. I am here to serve you, so please let me know if I can assist in any way.

Thank you, George GlavisGO@State.Gov

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Plan for 2011.

2011 Officers Elect and selected of Cochran Lodge no 271 AF&AM

Worshipful Master	Joel Richard Phillips
Senior Warden	Timothy Howard Winther
Junior Warden	Jonathan Michael Gordon
Treasurer	Ronald Malcolm Kramer
Secretary	Michael Lamar Garrett
Senior Deacon	William Baumbach, II
Junior Deacon	Kyle A. Wannemacher
Chaplain	Thomas W. Minnick
Marshal	Cyrt Leo Cyrtmus
Tiler	Karel Eekels
Trustee 2011 – 2013	Shawn Eric Morgal
Lodge Instructor of Work	R. Paul Lawrence
Lodge Educational Officer	Ned Mamula

2011 Masters and Wardens

Meetings for the Third District.

March 29 @ Winchester

May 31 @ Unity

August 30 @ Spurmont

November 29th@Cochran

2011 District School

January 27 @ Washington

March 31 @ Winchester

June 30 @ Unity

September 29 @ Spurmont

December 29 @ Cochran

All dates subject to change

2011 Third District Officers

District Deputy Grand Master	RW George O. Glavis	GlavisGO@State.gov
District Instructor of Work	RW Kevin J. Davidson	Kevin3d@Embarqmail.com
District Educational Officer	Wor. David Piper	DSPiper@Shentel.net
Masonic Home Ambassador	RW Wayne Price	Available upon request.
District Blood Donor Coordinator	Wor. Joel Ratliff	Widowsson08@Wildblue.net
District Membership Committee	Wor. Mickey Moats	MickeyMoats@Yahoo.com
Divisonal Provost, Masonic Div. 6	Wor. Charles Bennett, Jr	CABennettJr@Comcast.net
DVD Chips Program	Wor. Cyrt Cyrtmus	540-364-3838
District Lodge Services Representative	Wor. Robert Bronson	540-723-0342

January 2011

- January 05 7:00PM 2011 Officers Practice with RW William Ed Ray, Sr and RW Kevin Davidson.
- January 06 7:00PM **Open** Installation of Cochran Lodge Officers. Officiated by RW William Ed Ray, Sr. with RW Kevin Davidson. Light refreshments afterwards.
- January 10 7:30PM Grand Master's visit to Washington Lodge.
- January 13 6:30PM Fellowship Dinner
January 13 7:30PM Stated Communication, 60th Year celebration of G. Donald Gartrell
Initiated 10/06/1950 Passed 11/24/1950 Raised 01/13/1951
Born 01/13/1922 < > < > WM 1953 and 1954 < > < >
- January 17 6:30PM Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club
- January 27 District School @ Washington Lodge
All Master Masons Invited

February 2011

- February 10 6:30PM Fellowship Dinner
February 13 7:30PM Stated Communication
February 21 6:30PM Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club
February 24 7:00PM Learn & Practice @ Cochran Lodge

March 2011

- March 05 8:30AM District Leadership, Waynesboro, Va. Waynesboro High School
March 10 6:30PM Fellowship Dinner
March 10 7:30PM Stated Communication
March 18 6:30PM District Leadership, Alexandria, VA. Scottish Rite.
March 21 6:30PM Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club
March 24 7:00PM Learn & Practice @ Cochran Lodge
March 31 7:00PM District School @ Winchester/Hiram Lodge

While Michael Garrett is away Wor. Paul Lawrence will cover the Secretary's desk. Thank you Brother Paul.

At the Grand Annual Communication November 2010.

Brother Baumbach presented Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. with several DVD's which were well received by the Grand Master. The disks contained near 2,200 pictures that Bro. Baumbach took at near 40 of the Grand Masters official visits and other historic events during his year.

One of the disks contained a working copy of the Grand Lodge of VA website which included all of the executive orders, proclamation, and edicts he issued during his year. A picture of all Lodges, their history. All issues of The Virginia Masonic Herald publications and supplements. The 2010 Methodical Digest. The Grand Masters calendar, and more.

Bro. Baumbach expressed that having backup copies are important, so two copies of each disk were included. In an effort to support one of the Grand Master charities, Bro. Baumbach then reminded the Brethren that he had for sale the Masonic Titanic Lapel Pins, and the proceeds get donated to the Grand Lodge Museum and Library.

Most Worshipful Rorer then spoke on how much he appreciated the disks, and also asked the Brethren to give Bro. Baumbach a round of applause for the significant amount of money he has donated the Grand Lodge Museum and Library through the sale of the Lapel Pins.

Also

At the Grand Annual Communication during Grand Lodge session on Saturday morning, Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. presented our member Brother William J. Baumbach, II with a "Grand Master's Award of Merit"

""(Be it know that William Baumbach has consistently contributed to the betterment of Freemasonry in general and the Grand Master in particular by actively and unselfishly contributing his time and resources and has exhibited in an exemplary manner his commitment to "Forget Not The Duties"

In recognition of these actions and contributions far beyond the normal expectations, you have earned this very special honor, the sincere appreciation and the heartfelt thanks of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and its Grand Master.)""



166th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia



John Mason Chambliss, Jr.

Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr. was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina on October 6, 1950. He graduated from Central of Lunenburg in Victoria, Virginia and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from National College of Business and Technology in Roanoke, Virginia. He began his career with the County of Roanoke in 1973 as Assistant Finance Officer. He served in other management roles including Director of Finance, Assistant County Administrator, and served as the Interim County Administrator from July 2008 through March 2009. He retired in July 2009 with over 38 years of public service.

In his community, Brother Chambliss has served as President and Captain of the Cave Spring Volunteer Fire Department; Vice-Chairman of the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority; Past Chair and member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Commission; and Past Director of the Salem- Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce.

Brother Chambliss was raised as a Master Mason in Lakeland Lodge No. 190 on May 2, 1977, and served as Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1990. He also holds membership in Cave Spring Lodge No. 230 and Peyton Randolph Lodge of Research No. 1774. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 22 in 1992 and as Grand Purveyor in 1993. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance in 1992 and served as its Chair from 1998 – 2006. He served on the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia from 2004 – 2006. He was elected Grand Senior Deacon in 2006 and serves as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, Brazil near Virginia.

Most Worshipful Brother Chambliss is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1993 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1999. He is Past High Priest of Murray Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; Past Commander and Drill Team member of Bayard Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar; Knight York Cross of Honor; Past Governor of Wilderness Road York Rite College No. 94 and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross; a member of the Divan of Kazim Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 59; and Past Chief of the South Atlantic Shrine Provost Association.

Brother Chambliss is married to the former Judy Tomlinson. They are the parents of a son, John Mason Chambliss, III, and wife, Melissa, of Roanoke; and a daughter, Michelle Allen, and her husband, Chris, of Manassas. They have two grandchildren, Abby Allen and Emily Allen. Brother Chambliss serves as Moderator and a Deacon at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church. They make their home in Roanoke, Virginia.

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The Worshipful Master's Plan for 2011

This plan for the upcoming Masonic year is to help provide the best communication and opportunities we can to all of our Brethren for their participation and benefit.

The theme for 2011 will be "*Getting to Know Your Lodge*". This theme will be the focus of our Stated Communications, training, education programs, social activities, roles and responsibilities of lodge members.

In addition, we will continue on our Past Masters, WM Shawn Morgal's work from 2010. We will continue to work on the preservation of the lodge, social opportunities for our families and new member's inclusion in our meetings and activities.

I request that all Brothers review the 2011 lodge plan and provide your input in any area you desire to help make this another great Masonic year. Your comments, involvement and recommendations are what will make this another great year.

The Stated Communication

Our Stated is from 7:30 - 9:30pm, the second Thursday of the month. We will endeavor to always start and finish on time to allow the Brethren to effectively plan this important meeting into the rest of their busy schedules. I would like each Brother to volunteer to be responsible for dinner one time this year. Don't worry about waiting for to give other Brother's a chance to sign up, if we have more than 12, we can double up and make the dinner that much better. You don't have to be a great cook, or spend your own funds, the lodge will reimburse you for the expenses! There are several places that provide good quality meals, all you have to do is pick up the food and bring it.

Featured Presentation (20 minute presentation focused on this year's theme, with an additional 20 minutes allowed for questions and discussions as appropriate): Following the opening of lodge we will have our featured speaker give his presentation. The reason we are moving this to the beginning of lodge is to ensure we have the proper time for the substance of our meeting and as a courtesy to the speakers and the members. When appropriate and we have EAs, FCs, or others at the meeting, we will have our program at the appropriate level. This will allow everyone to participate and benefit from the evenings activities.

The goal of these presentations is to have an interesting, exciting and perhaps motivating discussion. The Brethren should be able to have something he can talk with his colleagues, family, and friends about when they ask him what he did at lodge last night.

Educational Program (5-10 minutes): The purpose of this is first for the education of the lodge, and second to involve the brothers. Asking a Brother to lead a 5 minute discussion on some Masonic topic during the course of the year is not too much to ask. This talk is up to the discretion of the Brother who is giving it. He can do some research in the library, online, discuss a Masonic article or book, or other idea. Through his efforts, he will contribute to this year's theme.

Meet a Brother Program (5 minutes): This will be very short talk by one or two of our members, a kind of "let me tell you about myself" talk. This could be autobiographical or a simple talk on a hobby, interest, or an experience the Brother would like to share. There is no specific requirement as to what the Brother has to say, so he will neither feel that his privacy is being violated, uncomfortable or constrained in any way. This part of the meeting is designed to ensure that the Brethren have a chance to get to know each other better. The more we know, the stronger the ties and the stronger the lodge will be come for our members.

Required Business (30 minutes): This time will allow for the Secretary to clear his desk, treasurers report, introductions, Grand Lodge business, sick and distressed, petitions, committee reports, new business, announcements, etc. At the closing of the meeting, the minutes will not be read in their entirety to the lodge, **they will be summarized briefly**, and after the lodge is closed reviewed by the lodge officers prior to being official recorded and signed. Any Brother who desires to take part in this review after the meeting is closed will be able to do so.

These are the General Programs that we will try to include over the year: I have identified a Brother who will be the lead for each of these programs, this Brother will be responsible for coordination of the speaker, and any assistance the speaker will need with the program. These Brothers may also reach out for any additional help they will require to make the program a success. If the planned date will not work, please coordinate a date change or a program topic change. They are several other presentations or programs that would benefit the lodge.

1. **January:** Reception of the DDGM- The preparation for this will be done by **Bro. Lawrence**, presentation of 60 year pin to Bro. Gartrell, Presentation of the District Blood Coordinator- **Bro. Cyrtmus** will coordinate
2. **February:** George Washington or Patriotic Program- **Bro Wannamaker** will coordinate
3. **March:** Presentation of 50 Year Pin to Bro. Kramer, **Bro. Phillips** will coordinate
4. **April:** Presentation by the District Instructor of Work- **Bro. Lawrence** will coordinate
5. **May:** Presentation of the District Masonic Home Ambassador- **Bro. Minnick** will coordinate
6. **June:** Grand Master Official Visit- **Bro. Lawrence** will coordinate and conduct practice
7. **July:** Scottish Right Presentation- **Bro Kramer** will coordinate
8. **August:** Past Masters Night (Past Masters will plan the meeting and sit in the chairs)- **Bro. Morgal** will coordinate, presentation of 50 year pin to Bro Cyrtmus
9. **September:** Table Lodge, **Bro. Gordon** will coordinate
10. **October:** Wardens Night (all officers will move up one in the chairs for preparation for their next year)- **Bro. Winther** will coordinate
11. **November:** Shriner's Presentation- **Bro Baumbach** will coordinate
12. **December:** Elections

Monthly Lodge Practice

Our monthly practice is from 7:00 - 9:00pm, the fourth Thursday of the month. Please note this meeting is **NOT** a practice for the lodge officers, but will instead be used as the set time for lodge training and ritual practice **for all the Brethren**. We need all members to **BLOCK** (not pencil) these dates in on their calendars. My personal goal will be to endeavor at every meeting to make sure your time is not wasted, and your input and contributions are valued. Additionally, we will try to schedule all Called Communications (degree work) on the fourth Thursday, in place of our Monthly Lodge Practice.

REMEMBER BROTHERS, the lodge is only as good as you make. Your involvement will lead to the continued enjoyment of the brotherhood and the fulfillment of the reasons you became a Master Mason.

I have scanned the Grand Lodge document entitled **Responsibilities and Guidelines for Officers and Lodge Members**, published for The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia by the Committee on Masonic Education 2009. This document is available to everyone by email or hard copy. Please contact me if you do not have a copy.

I would like each officer to prepare a 5- 10 minute presentation on their duties and be prepared to present this information at an upcoming Stated Meeting. The purpose of this is not only to review your duties, but to give the rest of the members a chance to hear from you and stimulate a discussion on officer roles in the lodge. I want to use this as a way to help communicate what the officers are doing for the newer members and a refresher to all members.

I would like all members of the lodge to also review the section on "**preparing for degrees**". Because our lodge regularly relies on almost every member of the lodge who is able to attend a degree, this section is particular important to the Brethren.

Masonic Leadership Program

I would like to request that our Lodge Instructor of Work reinstate the program that RW Ron Kramer and others were doing with the Correspondence Course. This is an excellent program and opportunity to learn with a few other Brothers while completing a very satisfying and challenge study into our Fraternity. Not to mention, once you complete the course you will be recognized for your accomplishments with a very nice citation, signed by the Grand Master and suitable for framing!

I am honored with the opportunity to serve in the East for 2011, and will endeavor to meet the high standards that have been so recently set by our past WMs.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,

Joel Richard Phillips