

# Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM

Founded December 15, 1899  
Grand Lodge of Virginia Masonic District 3

## July & August 2011 Trestleboard



6514 Main Street ( John Marshall Hwy. )  
P.O. Box 512  
The Plains, Virginia 20198

**Worshipful Master, Joel R. Phillips**

Regular Stated Second Thursday @ 7:30pm  
Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30pm

Practice Fourth Thursday @ 7pm

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Worshipful Master Joel Richard Phillips



Dear Brethren,

With the year being over half over, I would like to reflect on some of the great achievements the lodge has accomplished this year. First and foremost, I am pleased to report that we have now raised three new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Brothers Michael Lee, Scott Ross, and Gary Liebo, congratulations to each of you and I wish you continued enlightenment on the journey that is now before you as you continue to improve yourself in Masonry.

We presented a 60 year pin to Wor. G. Donald Gartrell, and a 50 year Pin to RW Ron Kramer. It was a great honor to recognize these distinguished Brothers and reflect on the individual achievements and contributions each has made to our lodge and to Masonry in general. It was fitting the Grand Master of Virginia, MW John Mason Chambliss Jr. was able to preside over the festivities, along with over 50 Brothers, family members and friends. The event was further marked by the presentation of a new "Wall of Honor" plaque and a "Past Masters" plaque. I was privileged to donate these to lodge on behalf of RW Ron Kramer and Wor. G. Donald Gartrell. I also extend my special thanks to Brother Shawn Morgal for his assistance in putting a beautiful beveled edge on each plaque. These two plaques now hang on our wall on the main floor of the lodge and all Past Masters and Honorary Members will have their framed photo mounted underneath the plaques to document and display for all to see.

With the Grand Masters Official visit last month, we should be extremely proud of how Cochran Lodge represented the itself receiving MW John Mason Chambliss Jr. The brethren all pulled together accomplishing this historic event. The lodge was prepared, cleaned, the food was outstanding all the Brethren pitched in, you know who you are. I am so impressed with those of you who selflessly volunteer you time to lodge. I feel blessed to have brothers like you that the lodge can depend on you. THANK YOU!

And now, get ready for the next six months, because we are not stopping now! We have another huge event just around the corner with our TABLE LODGE scheduled for September 8th at our Stated Communication. I know this will another night to remember.

Thank you all for the outstanding support you have given to the lodge, I am humbled by generosity,

Sincerely and Fraternaly, WM Joel Phillips

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Spurmont Lodge no. 98  
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Treadwell Lodge no. 213  
First Thursday @ 7:30pm      White Post, Va.

Washington Lodge no. 78  
Second Monday @ 7:30pm      Washington, Va.

Winchester Hiram Lodge no. 21  
Second Tuesday @ 7:30pm      Winchester, Va.

Cochran Lodge no. 271  
Second Thursday @ 7:30pm      The Plains, Va.

Unity Lodge no. 146  
Second Friday @ 7:30pm      Front Royal, Va.



*New Master Masons in 2011*



**TOP TO BOTTOM**  
**SCOTT ROSS**  
**GARY LIEBO**  
**MICHAEL LEE**





**COMING SOON**

Blood Drive

**2011 SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT 3**

*Lodge on High Hill September 01, 2011*



*District Three Annual Picnic  
Middletown, Va*

All district Three Master & Wardens meetings shall take place on the fifth Tuesday of the month. \$10 meal donation.

All District Schools shall take place on the fifth Thursday of the month.



**SICK & DISTRESS LOG**

*WOR. CYRT L. CYRTMUS AT HOME RECOVERING FROM OPERATION.*

**COCHRAN LODGE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>	
Paul D. Schriver	7-09-70	Cyrt Cyrtmus	8-15-61
Richard C. Marsh	7-31-78	Donald V. Osborne	8-21-71
John W. Jones	7-25-96	William C. Robinson	8-27-88
Thomas W. Minnick	7-17-2008	Donald Epperson	8-12-93
		Troy D. Thorson	8-27-2005
		Kyle Wannemacher	8-25-2010

**Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM Events**

**July 2011**

July 04, 2011

Independence Day



- July 14, 2011 6:30PM Fellowship Dinner.
- July 14, 2011 7:30PM Stated Communication.
- July 18, 2011 6:30PM Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club
- July 28, 2011 7:00PM Officers and Members Procedural Practice.

**August**

- August 11, 2011 6:30PM Fellowship Dinner.
- August 11, 2011 7:30PM Stated Communication.  
Wor. Cyrt Cyrtmus receiving his 50 year Certificate and Pin.
- August 20, 2011 Trestleboard Articles Due.
- August 25, 2011 7:00PM Officers and Members Procedural Practice.
- August 30, 2011 6:30PM Masters and Wardens at Unity Lodge.

**September**

- September 01, 2011 Lodge on High Hill hosted by Treadwell Lodge.
- September 08, 2011 7:00PM Table Lodge, See William Baumbach for Tickets
- September 22, 2011 7:00PM Officers and Members Procedural Practice.

**Recycling your Aluminum Cans and materials.**

Each and every year we have recycled the offerings from all Lodge members, and visitors that honor us by bringing in their old cans.

In June of this year the Lodge received \$194. dollars toward the upkeep of the Lodge from the recycling of those cans.

We really need more cans as we will have more needs in the future. If we think about it, the Insurance to protect our Lodge building cost \$1500. a year, the Electric cost over \$600 year, the water \$400 a year. This year we will order Oil for heat, I estimate \$500 to fill our one tank of 150 gal..

Each and every dollar we receive goes toward the upkeep of Cochran Lodge.

## ***What is the future of Cochran Lodge ?***

### **Last Five Years**

New 20 year roof, New paint in front, New drapes, New candidate outfits, New plumbing in the bathrooms, New waterproofing, New deck in rear, Trees trimmed, New sidewalk, New fire hydrant at the corner, and all this on donations and one assessment of \$400.00 to each of the Lodge Members and working with the Community League of The Plains.

And don't forget that Wor. Joseph Lee loaned the Lodge \$15,000 to complete the roof repairs and we paid back  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the loan and he forgave the rest.

Many Brothers have donated time, experience, food, and supplies toward the repairs and to all we say a big thank you.....

### **Next Ten Years**

Brother William Baumbach, 11, Wor. Paul Lawrence and RW Ron Kramer remind us that the Oil heating and Air Condition is old and we could save money by replacing the units.

RW Ron Kramer reminds us that we need some insulation in the building to help with the heat and AC.

Worshipful Shawn Morgal found squirrels and rodents in the attic that were eating the electrical lines. Now cleared out and electrical line repaired. The rear of the Lodge needs repair.

Wor Karel Eekels has reminded us that we need to have a reserve fund to keep our building in good repair.

We are on a Fiscal stable plan and shouldn't stray from it..

What are your Feelings about **Your Lodge?**

*Secretary, Michael Garrett*

## **OUR MASONIC CHALLENGE**

( One in a series of articles or Lectures the Grand Lodge of Virginia sends to the Lodges for the information of it's members. )

**Worshipful Paul A. Miller**

**Committee on Masonic Education/DEO District 35-A**

I would like you to consider two questions this evening:

First, what inspired you to leave the comfort of your home and family to gather with your Brethren in this Lodge room? And second, what was it, sometime in the past, that inspired you to bravely knock at the door of Freemasonry?

We need to examine these questions, and thereby gain a better understanding of our relationship with the Fraternity and our responsibility to it.

As a Freemason, we are each challenged to project a positive public image and proudly represent our Fraternity; but to do so, we must be able to express what it stands for and why it is important to each of us personally. This is essential in furthering our personal progress in Masonry, in contributing to a meaningful Lodge experience, and being able to discuss the Craft with potential members, as well as those merely curious about our Fraternity.

In an era when free time is a precious commodity, which we are expecting candidates and members to choose to invest in our organization, we must consider whether we are providing them with a valid reason to make the choice to come to Lodge. This requires us to understand the expectations of our members and candidates.

The appeal of Freemasonry is based on a combination of its traditions and historical perspective, its worldwide scope, and the ritual lessons of its symbolism and philosophy. We must be able to recognize what brings men to our door, and do what we can to mature their initial interest into an abiding and lifelong concern for the welfare of the Fraternity. Freemasonry differs from other organizations in its goal of encouraging members to improve themselves within a fraternal framework of trust and fellowship.

With that as our goal, can we afford to be satisfied with getting a large number of petitions in the Lodge, but then leaving the candidates with an unfavorable impression of Masonry due to poor delivery of the ritual or

failing to make them feel welcome during the hour of refreshment? And is it enough to have proficient ritual, but failing to mentor our members when they seek to further their understanding of the Craft and their place in it? The answer to each of these is a resounding "NO" !

A balance must be found so that we are equally interested in the Getting, the Making, as well as the Keeping of a Mason. To do all 3 of these things, we must be able to:

- attract viable candidates;
- instill a desire and interest in our Brethren to share in the fellowship of the Lodge; and
- mentor the new Mason, so he will continue to grow and learn, both during and far beyond the period when he is receiving his degree work.

This is the challenge before us. That challenge of developing and retaining members in the Lodge might be expressed through the attributes of the Entered Apprentice, which are: freedom, fervency, zeal.

**Freedom:** In that we need to recognize that we expect men to come to the Fraternity of their own free will and accord, but also that they are free to choose another use of their time, if we cannot excite their interest in Freemasonry and the fellowship it provides;

**Fervency:** To develop an approach to our existing membership that shows an interest in their welfare and a concern for their situation, which is reflected in the fervent desire to strengthen the fellowship of the Lodge;

**Zeal:** We must be able to kindle an interest among candidates and our members, so they want to know more about Freemasonry, and hopefully create a desire to share what they learn with the rest of the Brethren and apply it in their daily lives.

Let us seek to better understand our Fraternity, and our motivations for being a part of it, so we may strengthen that mystic tie that we share as Masonic Brethren with current members as well as candidates starting on their journey into Freemasonry.



## Grand Masters Visit on June 09, 2011

