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Grand Master Visits Cochran Lodge



Photograph by William J. Baumbach, II

Grand Master Jeffery Hodges

By Worshipful Master R. Paul Lawrence

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Elections will be held in December 2009

This will be the official notification of Cochran Lodge Officer Elections.

Cochran Lodge will hold the annual election for officers at the Regular stated communication in December 2009

Certificates must be completed in order to qualify for office of Worshipful Master or Warden.

Michael Garrett ,

WM Paul Lawrence presenting the Grand Master a surprise gift for a surprise visit.



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Grand Master at Lodge of High Hill



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WORSHIPFUL MASTER R. PAUL LAWRENCE 2009

Brethren, I had hoped to complete my year as your Worshipful Master without having to call a Lodge of Sorrow. But alas, the scythe of time cuts the brittle thread of life and gathers unto the land where our fathers have gone before us. Brother Charles Henry Carter passed from this life on October 17th 2009. Brother Charles had served for many years as our Lodge Chaplain and was a friend to all.



Masonry teaches when we have properly prepared ourselves for the day when our last grain of sand falls from the hour-glass... we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent upon a well-spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.

I want to thank the brethren of Cochran and all the Lodges who attended the Masonic services for Brother Carter. I know he would have appreciated us being there as did his wife, children, and grand-children.

Brethren, these very public displays of our Masonic values reinforce the character of our great fraternity and I encourage you to participate when within your cable-tow. It means so much to these families.

When the services were over, and I had spoken with the family, I placed a sprig of Acacia from our own tree at Cochran Lodge into Charles' pocket, asked him to keep watch over us, and bid him farewell. He will be sorely missed. Please keep his wife Peggy in your prayers.



2010 Dues Cards

The new dues cards for 2010 have arrived and they will be at the next stated in November 12, 2009.

The dues are still only \$108.00 and are due by December 31, 2009

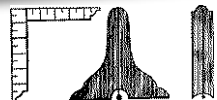
On a lighter note, our Senior and Junior Wardens, having conducted the last two degrees, are well on their way to achieving their certificates. Congratulations on a job well-done! In September, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia made a surprise visit to Cochran Lodge following Treadwell's Lodge on High Hill. A delegation of brothers met with him and your Worshipful Master presented him with a custom-engraved business card holder as a gift from our Lodge. The Grand Master was most impressed with our grand ole structure and asked our own District Deputy, Ron Kramer, to convey how proud he was of our lodge and of us.

A delegation of our brethren also attended the MAHOVA family day on October 10th and assisted the Most Worshipful in the dedication of the monument to our World War II veterans. What a beautiful facility we have there for our cherished elderly!

Brethren, your participation in all of these events shows how much you are dedicated to our fraternity. You are appreciated by the families, your fellow brethren, the community and me.

Thank you for all you do.

Paul Lawrence, *Worshipful Master*



Perhaps you would be interested in the Life membership. The fee is 16 times the regular yearly amount. See the secretary for application forms.

Remember you need to have a dues card when attending meetings.

Brethren of Cochran Lodge,

I wanted you to know that the honor which you bestowed on me by nominating and electing me to represent the Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master for District 3, was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Yes, it was a lot of work and had a price tag, but I am certain that I will not recall that aspect of my adventure when I am proudly basking in the warmth and light of the many new "friends" and Brothers that I have met and been introduced to during this year. My District Team and Officers really made me look good and most importantly preformed an immeasurable service for the District.



I also want you to know that it was a distinct privilege to serve and work for and with such a fine man and Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, as Jeffery Eugene Hodges.

There are so many concerns and personal objectives and so little time. I'm sure that every Grand Master feels this "Did I do enough" empty spot and yet, as Jimmy Dean used to say, "The Proof is in the Puffin" and believe me, he and Lady Susan, served with great honor and dignity and leave office with a long list of worthy accomplishments for the year 2009.

Again, thank you for the honor, privilege and confidence which you placed on me, but remember, my most

important and proudest title has always been "Member of Cochran #271"

RW Ron Kramer,
DDGM District 3,



OCTOBER 29, 2009 7:00PM

District 3 School @ Winchester/Hiram Lodge
Winchester, Va.

November 16, 2009

Blue Ridge Scottish Rite meeting at
Fairfax Lodge in Culpeper.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 5, 6, 7

Grand Lodge Communication in Richmond Va.
Dues Cards needed for the Delegates and
Proxies admittance .
Due to a large amount of work they may hold an
extra meeting on Friday afternoon.

November 26, 2009 7:30PM

Thanksgiving Day
Officer Practice Canceled.

November 12, 2009 6:30PM

Dinner _____
Desserts by Kathy

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 10, 2009 6:30PM

Dinner _____
Desserts by Kathy

November 12, 2009 7:30PM

Stated Communication.
Auditors Report
Trustee's Report

December 10, 2009 7:30PM

Stated Communication
Election of Officers
Installation of Officers

December 29, 2009

Masters and Wardens Meeting @ Winchester



Dedication of the Masonic Monument to the World War II Veterans on October 10, 2009

Calendar

October 29, 2009

District 3 School

November 12, 2009

Stated Communication

December 10, 2009

Stated Communication

January 14, 2010

Stated Communication

February 11, 2010

Stated Communication

March 11, 2010

Stated Communication

Masonic Birthdays November

Charles H. Bradshaw
 Harold Woodward
 Virginius T. "Gin" Bowen
 Lloyd A. Quinn

Scott D. Cabazolo
 Christopher Gamble
 Richard Corliss
 Carlton W. Shutt

Masonic Birthdays in December

Leonard Carter

All Toys for Tots due at Unity Lodge by December 11, 2009

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