

# Cochran Lodge no. 271 AF&AM

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

## September - October 2009 Trestleboard



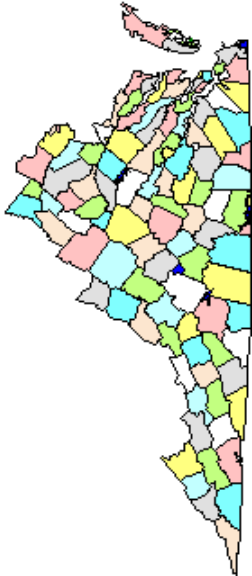
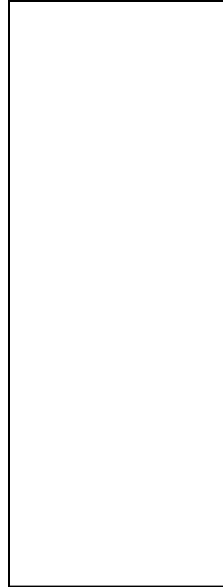
6514 Main Street ( John Marshall Hwy. )  
P.O. Box 512  
The Plains, Virginia 20198

**Worshipful R. Paul Lawrence**

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

Practice Fourth Thursday @ 7:30pm

Place Stamp  
Here



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## From the East



Brethren, the summer has gone by so fast! The grains of sand seem to pour through the hourglass at an ever increasing speed!

Even though the summer has gone by so quickly, we still managed to help several brethren with their degree preparation and performed several degrees. I want to thank all of those from our surrounding lodges who helped us in these endeavors, particularly RW Lokie Voight and RW Kevin Davidson.

My friends, in August I was honored to represent Masonry at the retirement ceremony of Brother Junior Warden and Lieutenant Colonel Joel Phillips, USA. Our own Chaplain, Tom Minnick, delivered the invocation for the proceedings and RW Ron Kramer (District Deputy) and Brother Jonathan Gordon was also in attendance.

We meet people every day who go about their work in quiet unassuming ways with little acknowledgement for the work they do or the sacrifices they have made. It is often a wonder to me to learn of the unexpected depth of one's life experiences and to find how much we really do not know about those who are close to us.

Our brother JW has served in many capacities, moved himself and his family all over the country, spent countless days in harm's way, and protected us in activities for which he cannot even acknowledge for national security reasons.

What a debt of gratitude we owe to our veterans! Brother Joel, Thank You! And we wish the best for you and your family.

I look forward to helping the next generation of lodge leadership to get prepared to serve and be successful in the East. With a Junior Warden like ours, we have so much to look forward to.

Please join me in recognizing what can be learned when we peel the layers back on the people we think we already know. Share in the knowledge and success these people have to pass on to us and let us use it to make Masonry even better!

Thank you for all you do.

**Paul Lawrence**, *Worshipful Master*

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SPURMONT LODGE # 98

FIRST MONDAY @ 7:30PM

STRASBURG, VA.

TREADWELL LODGE # 213

FIRST THURSDAY @ 7:30PM

WHITE POST, VA.

WASHINGTON LODGE #78

SECOND MONDAY @ 7:30PM

WASHINGTON, VA.

WINCHESTER HIRAM LODGE # 21

SECOND TUESDAY @ 7:30PM

WINCHESTER, VA.

COCHRAN LODGE # 271

SECOND THURSDAY @ 7:30PM

THE PLAINS, VA.

UNITY LODGE # 146

SECOND FRIDAY @ 7:30PM

FRONT ROYAL, VA.



**2009 SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT 3**

**ALL DISTRICT THREE MASTER & WARDENS MEETINGS SHALL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIFTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. \$10 MEAL DONATION.**

**SEPT 29, 2009 - WASHINGTON LODGE**

**DECEMBER 29, 2009 - UNITY LODGE**



**ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS SHALL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIFTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**October 29, 2009 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**December 31, 2009 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Recycle, we need your cans!**

Amount the Lodge receives when recycling..

Aluminum Cans .34 cents a pound.

Foil .02 cents a pound and many are thrown away if dirty.

Tin cans now unusable trash

**Yes, we need your Aluminum Cans**



Word Search 20

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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| CHARGE    | LAMB        | PHILAETHES  | THRESHING-FLOOR |
| COMPOSITE | LEWIS       | PYTHAGORAS  | TRUTH           |
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On July 20<sup>th</sup> WM Paul Lawrence with Brother Shawn Morgal in the East and the Degree team under the direction of RW Lokie Voight and with Lecturer RW Kevin Davidson performed a Flawless Fellowcraft Degree.

Thank you all..

We were all very proud of the participation and the attendee's.

**HELP NEEDED IN THE CATECHISM AREA**  
 Contact WM Paul Lawrence

## September 2009

September 03, 2009 6:00PM	Treadwell Lodge, Lodge of High Hill.
September 07, 2009	Labor Day
September 10, 2009 6:30PM	Fellowship Dinner Hosted by Wor. Ned Mamula.
September 10, 2009 7:30PM	Stated Communication.
September 21, 2009 6:30PM	Blue Ridge Scottish Rite @ Culpeper ( Fairfax Lodge ).
September 24, 2009 7:00PM	Officers Practice.
September 26, 2009 9:00AM	Mt Carmel Breakfast, Fund Raiser.
September 29, 2009 (6:30PM check Time)	Masters and Wardens at Washington Lodge.



## October 2009

October 08, 2009 6:30PM	Fellowship Dinner Hosted by Tim Winther
October 08, 2009 7:30PM	Stated Communication
October 08 - 14 October 10, 2009 9:00AM	Open House Week for Virginia Lodges All Masonic Family Day
October 19, 2009 6:30PM	Blue Ridge Scottish Rite @ Cochran Lodge
October 20, 2009 5:00PM	Due date for all November - December articles in Trestleboard..
October 22, 2009 7:00PM	Officer Practice
October 24, 2009 9:00AM	Mt. Carmel 133, Breakfast fund raiser
October 31, 2009 Saturday	Halloween Night w/ Full Moon on Nov 2

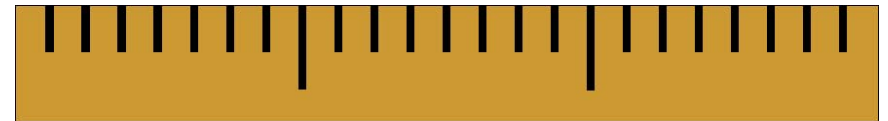
JD Brother Andrew Clubb and his family prepared the delightful fellowship dinner on August 13<sup>th</sup>.. All had a great time



Pictured here are Brother Andrew Clubb his Daughter Mary and Wife Harriet.

Over the last year we have enjoyed dinner prepared by SW Shawn Morgal, JW Joel Phillips, RW Ron Kramer, Debbie Morgal, WM Paul Lawrence, Bro James Lawrence, Mrs. Lawrence, Wor. Cyrt Cyrtmus, Arlile Cyrtmus, JS Jonathan Gordon, Kathy Garrett, Wor. Karel Eekels. And many others.

**Thank you all !**



### September Masonic Birthdays

Edward R. Saunders, Jr. 9-10-46	Michael L. Garrett 9-13-95
Peter Van Deman 9-01-66	Nathan Corliss 9/13/2007
Harold B. Fitzgerald 9-08-94	Douglas W. Ruppert 9/08/2007

### October Masonic Birthdays

Emory C. Russell 10-07-47	Robert L. Spindle 10-19-96
James L. Lawrence 10-28-53	Jonathan M. Gordon 10/22/2003
Charles Carter 10-08-63	Joel R. Phillips 10/18/2005
Ned Mamula 10-16-91	

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Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master

August 3, 2009

TO: Secretaries of all Subordinate Lodges (TO BE READ AT YOUR AUGUST AND  
SEPTEMBER STATED COMMUNICATIONS.)  
RE: All Masonic Family Day, October 10, 2009  
PLACE: Masonic Home of Virginia, 4101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Brother Secretary:

On behalf of the Heads of all the appendant bodies and myself, I am pleased to invite your Lodge to attend the Annual Masonic Family Day to be held at the Masonic Home of Virginia on Saturday morning, October 10. We would encourage your Lodge to bring a bus load. **Both** gated entrances to the Masonic Home grounds will be open on this day (Nine Mile Road and Masonic Lane entrances). The schedule of events is as follows:

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in front of the Grand Lodge office building  
Music and entertainment will be provided in front of the Babcock Building at the Masonic Home.
- 10:00 A.M. Lineup for the parade begins
- 10:30 A.M. Parade starts
- 11:30 A.M. A free barbeque lunch will be provided by Amelia Lodge No. 101
- 1:00 P.M. Lineup for the processional to the Armed Services Memorial
- \*1:30 P.M. Dedication of the Veterans Memorial

*\*Please remember to bring your jewels and aprons in order to wear them to the dedication of our wonderful memorial.*

Feel free to bring children, grandchildren, and guests. Tour our Masonic Home, Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. There will be plenty of music, food, and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jeffery E. Hodges  
Grand Master

JEH:ksm

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Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master

August 3, 2009

TO: All Worshipful Masters and Brethren

Dear Brethren:

Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103 will be holding its third annual Wilderness Lodge on October 8, 2009, at the historic Liberty Furnace, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Furnace is located on the property of Worshipful Robert M. Artz. Brother Artz, a Past Master of Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103, Hunter Lodge No. 135, and Cassia Lodge No. 142, is excited to host this special event again this year.

As a member of Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103, I encourage you to place this special event on your calendar. Directions to the Liberty Furnace are included on the accompanying flyer. I am looking forward, along with Craig A. Everett, Worshipful Master of Mt. Jackson Lodge No. 103, to greeting you on Thursday, October 8.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jeffery E. Hodges  
Grand Master

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Attachment

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**The Masonic Benefit Fund**  
*ESTABLISHED 1925*  
**Districts 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 54 in Virginia**

The Masonic Benefit Fund was established in 1925 by a group of Masons in Masonic Districts 1 & 54, adding the other districts at later dates. It is intended to provide a Fund to defray funeral expenses and give widows and orphans immediate needed monetary relief. It is comparable to a "sunshine" or "goodwill" fund, that is, it is funded by members to give relief to the families of all deceased members of the Fund at a time when the need is great.

The Masonic Benefit Fund is available to any Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge in the listed Districts, also any other Master Masons residing in the listed districts who are in good standing of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

When a member of the Fund passes, the Fund will make available to his widow or designee, an amount equal to the number of the Fund members multiplied by \$1.85. *For example:* if the number of Fund members should be exactly 1,000 multiply by \$1.85 equals \$1,850.00. This would be the amount his widow or designee would receive. As of October 24th 2005 there are 743 members of the Fund.

To join the Fund, fill out the [online](#) Application at [www.Acacia16.org/MasonicBenefitFund.htm](http://www.Acacia16.org/MasonicBenefitFund.htm) or [download](#) and complete the application and submit it to the Secretary-Treasurer with an initiation fee of \$2.50. After joining you will be assessed \$2.25 for each member that passes to the celestial lodge above. The Secretary of the Benefit Fund will then bill you for the assessments when twelve (12) brothers have passed. Typically, you will be assessed \$27.00 four times per year, which is less then \$9.00 per month. And is **(TAX DEDUCTIBLE, consult your tax adviser)**

This is not an insurance policy of any type. It is a tax deductible pre-collected fund to be made available to a member's family at a time of great need.

For more information: see the [By-Laws](#) and [FAQ](#) sections or contact the Secretary-Treasurer of The Masonic Benefit Fund, at:

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Sheraton Richmond West Hotel  
 6624 West Broad Street  
 Richmond, VA 23230  
 Reservations: 800-325-3535

Grand Lodge of Virginia  
 11/4/2009 - 11/8/2009

1. Room Rates are as follows:  
 Single: \$89.00 Double: \$89.00 Triple: \$89.00 Quad: \$89.00
2. Reservations must be received by 10/5/2009
3. After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.
4. Each reservation must be guaranteed by one of the following choices:
  - a) Credit card
  - b) Advance deposit of first night's room & tax for each of the confirmed rooms, enclose a check in that amount when mailing your reservation card
5. Cancellations must be communicated to the reservations department prior to 6pm on the day of arrival.
6. Check-in time is 3:00pm; checkout time is 12:00pm.
7. The hotel strives to honor all requests, however, we do not guarantee room numbers or bed types.

Please keep above information for your records. Please submit below form to the hotel.

Function: Grand Lodge of Virginia		Arrival: _____	Departure: _____
Single: \$89 Double: \$89 Triple: \$89 Quad: \$89		Month/Day/Year	Month/Day/Year
<b>Reservations must be received by 10/5/2009</b>			
Guest Name: _____	# Of Rooms	# Of Guests per room	Room Type
Street Address: _____			Room with 2 Double Beds
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			Room with 1 King Bed
Telephone ( ) _____	ALL Rooms are NON SMOKING		
E-Mail Address: _____	Special Requests: _____		
Lodge: _____	Special Assistive devices needed _____		
Roommate(s) (Guest(s) Name(s))	Rollaway Bed Requested for an additional \$20 _____		
_____	Signature _____ Date: _____		
Credit Card for Guarantee:	*Rates do not include 13% Sales and Occupancy Taxes		
# _____	Exp. Date _____		

\*\*Confirmations will automatically be sent when an e-mail address is provided\*\*

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 Richmond, VA 23230  
 Reservations: 800-325-3535

GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA      November 4-8, 2009

Individual Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#	NAME OF GUEST (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)	ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE	ROOM TYPE King or Room w/2 Doubles	SPECIAL REQUEST
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**Please use this form for all group rooming list reservations.  
 If sharing a room, please list all names in same box.**

A couple of months ago I asked in the poll "How do you wear your ring". The debate still going on in the Social website and I am still getting emails about it. Here is a article a brother sent me regarding the subject.

**THE PROPER WAY TO WEAR A MASONIC RING**

[This instruction is based upon an article which appeared in THE MONTANA MASON in May of 1936, which in turn was based upon a bulletin entitled Temple Topics from the Grand Lodge of Illinois and is now being quoted with approval by other Masonic papers FROM THE California LOR. 11-07.]

**What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?**

If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer. This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch, charm, etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a pocket watch views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes. The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes. Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surly would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch fob; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason.

The **Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America** is one of the various appendant bodies of Freemasonry, open only to Master Masons in good standing in a regular Masonic Lodge.

Unlike the York Rite or Scottish Rite, which confer Masonic degrees which extend or expound upon basic craft Masonry, Tall Cedarism is more a social body, like the Shriners. Its motto, "Fun, Frolic, & Fellowship," is indicative of this social bent. Its members are distinguished by the pyramid-shaped hats they wear at their functions.

Cedars meet in groups called "Forests," each headed by a Grand Tall Cedar. These forests most often meet at the local Masonic hall. The Tall Cedars claim 15,000 members, mostly in the eastern United States. The group was incorporated in 1902, but has antecedents in American Masonry from the 1840s. Its center of activity was, and is the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania; the Tall Cedars' national governing body, The Supreme Forest, is headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The current Supreme Tall Cedar — the TCL's highest-ranking officer — is James W. Reed of N.J.. The Tall Cedar Foundation exists as the body's charitable arm, supporting research into Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases.

In 1951, it became the first organization to join permanently with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in sponsorship. Tall Cedars often provide the site and volunteers for local telephone banks for the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon.

From The website <http://www.tallcedars.org/>

***We are over 13,000 members with an unyielding commitment to provide a "place in the sun" for those many thousands of victims of neuromuscular diseases who, through their own means, may not be able to share and enjoy the experiences of life that we so often are able to take for granted.***

**"Who we are"**

**Our Tenets**

To promote a stronger bond with ALL Freemasons and to further the goals and tenets of Freemasonry

To find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases.

To recognize mans' need for fun and relaxation among his family, friends and neighbors...Thus

**Our Creed**

"Fun Frolic & Fellowship"...we offer every Master Mason an opportunity to enjoy a fuller more enriching life.

**"How to Join" Membership into the Tall Cedars is open to all Master Masons in good standing. If you are interested in joining or require more information:**

**Contact:**

The Supreme Forest Office:

2609 North Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-232-5991

E-mail: [membership@TallCedars.org](mailto:membership@TallCedars.org)



## **Supreme Tall Cedar James W. Reed**

**Home Forest:**

**Hunterdon County Forest No. 13**

**Residence: Oldwick, NJ**

**Wife: Shirley**



Jim was born on March 16, 1932 in Pottersville, New Jersey. Later he moved to the neighboring town of Oldwick, and has lived there for sixty two years. He graduated from Flemington High school in 1950 and also received certification as Public Works Director of Tewksbury Township.

Jim and Shirley were married on August 15, 1954. They have two children, James and Emilie, who have blessed them with six grandchildren. (4 boys and 2 girls)

Jim was raised a master Master Mason in Host Lodge No.6 in December 1967, after which he became a Tall Cedar in the Hunterdon County Forest No. 13 on June 12, 1968. He was elected Grand Tall Cedar in 1992 and again in 1999. He was treasurer from 1996-1998 and was reelected Treasurer in 1992. He still holds the office. He is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation.

He was appointed District Deputy of District No.8 in 1999,2000, and 2001. At the 2002 Convention he received the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Award for the year 2001. He was elected Supreme Director of Region 5 for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Jim has been a member of the Crescent Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Burlington, NJ since March 1982. He is a life member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, Lodge Council Chapter Consistory of the Valley of Trenton, New Jersey.

He is a member and Past Patron of Hobart Chapter, No. 63 Order of the Eastern Star, High Bridge, New Jersey.

Jim was Director of Public Works in Tewksbury Township for twenty seven of his thirty two years employment and retired in April 1994.

Active in the Oldwick Fire Company since April 1953, he held the office of Chief for six years and the office of President for three years. The Company has elected Jim to be Trustee of the Oldwick Fire Company since 1982. He was awarded Life membership in the Oldwick Fire Company in 1991. He joined the

New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association in 1981 and is also a member of Hunterdon County Fire Chiefs Association.

A member of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association since 1968, Jim has held many offices, including President for two years. He was elected to the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Hall of Fame in 1992.

Jim is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Oldwick and has served on the church council.

## Famous Tall Cedar Franklin D. Roosevelt

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President (1933-1945), was born at Hyde Park, New York, January 30, 1882. He was initiated in Holland Lodge No.8, New York City, October 10th, passed November 14th and raised November 28, 1911. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Albany, New York, February 28, 1929. He was a member of the Grotto (Poughkeepsie, New York) and **Tall Cedars of Lebanon** (Warwick, New York. He was "Right Worshipful" having been accredited the representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of New York September 22, 1930.

Stansbury Lodge No.24, Washington, D.C. made him an Honorary Member November 21, 1919, when he officiated at the Masonic laying of the cornerstone of its Temple.

He attended Architect Lodge No.519, of New York City, February 17,1933, where he raised his son Elliott to the Sublime Degree and made an address in which he stressed the importance of Masonic principles to this Nation, and his faith in the Americanism of the Ancient Craft, He died at Warm Spring, Georgia, April 12, 1945, and was buried at Hyde Park, New York.

## Famous Tall Cedar Gerald R. Ford

Gerald Rudolph Ford, the 38th President of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr., the son of Leslie Lynch King and Dorothy Ayer Gardner King, on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska. His parents separated two weeks after his birth and his mother took him to Grand Rapids, Michigan to live with her parents. On February 1, 1916, approximately two years after her divorce was final, Dorothy King married Gerald R. Ford, a Grand Rapids paint salesman. The Fords began calling her son Gerald R. Ford, Jr., although his name was not legally changed until December 3, 1935. He did not know until 1930 that Gerald Ford, Sr., was not his biological father. The future president grew up in a close-knit family which included three younger half-brothers, Thomas, Richard, and James.

Ford attended South High School in Grand Rapids, where he excelled scholastically and athletically, being named to the honor society and the "All-City" and "All-State" football teams. He was also active in scouting, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in November 1927. He earned spending money by working in the family paint business and at a local restaurant. From 1931 to 1935 Ford attended The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he majored in economics and political science. He graduated with a B.A. degree in June 1935. He held various part-time jobs to supplement his scholarship. A gifted athlete, Ford played on the University's national championship football teams in 1932 and 1933. He was voted the Wolverine's most valuable player in 1934 and on January 1, 1935, played in the annual East-West College All-Star game in San Francisco, for the benefit of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital. In August 1935 he played in the Chicago Tribune College All-Star football game at Soldier Field against the Chicago Bears.

He received offers from two professional football teams, the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers, but chose instead to take

a position as boxing coach and assistant varsity football coach at Yale hoping to attend law school there. Among those he coached were future U.S. Senators Robert Taft, Jr. and William Proxmire. Yale officials initially denied him admission to the law school, because of his full-time coaching responsibilities, but admitted him in the spring of 1938. Ford earned his LL.B. degree in 1941, graduating in the top 25 percent of his class in spite of the time he had to devote to his coaching duties. His introduction to politics came in the summer of 1940 when he worked in Wendell Willkie's presidential campaign.

After returning to Michigan and passing his bar exam, Ford and a University of Michigan fraternity brother, Philip A. Buchen (who later served on Ford's White House staff as Counsel to the President), set up a law partnership in Grand Rapids. He also taught a course in business law at the University of Grand Rapids and served as line coach for the school's football team. He had just become active in a group of reform-minded Republicans in Grand Rapids, calling themselves the Home Front, who were interested in challenging the hold of local political boss Frank McKay, when the United States entered World War II.

In April 1942 Ford joined the U.S. Naval Reserve receiving a commission as an ensign. After an orientation program at Annapolis, he became a physical fitness instructor at a pre-flight school in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In the spring of 1943 he began service in the light aircraft carrier USS MONTEREY. He was first assigned as athletic director and gunnery division officer, then as assistant navigator, with the MONTEREY which took part in most of the major operations in the South Pacific, including Truk, Saipan, and the Philippines. His closest call with death came not as a result of enemy fire, however, but during a vicious typhoon in the Philippine Sea in December 1944. He came within inches of being swept overboard while the storm raged. The ship, which was severely damaged by the storm and the resulting fire, had to be taken out of service. Ford spent the remainder of the war

ashore and was discharged as a lieutenant commander in February 1946.

When he returned to Grand Rapids Ford became a partner in the locally prestigious law firm of Butterfield, Keeney, and Amberg. A self-proclaimed compulsive "joiner," Ford was well-known throughout the community. Ford has stated that his experiences in World War II caused him to reject his previous isolationist leanings and adopt an internationalist outlook. With the encouragement of his stepfather, who was county Republican chairman, the Home Front, and Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Ford decided to challenge the isolationist incumbent Bartel Jonkman for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1948 election. He won the nomination by a wide margin and was elected to Congress on November 2, receiving 61 percent of the vote in the general election.

During the height of the campaign Gerald Ford married Elizabeth Ann Bloomer Warren, a department store fashion consultant. They were to have four children: Michael Gerald, born March 14, 1950; John Gardner, born March 16, 1952; Steven Meigs, born May 19, 1956; and Susan Elizabeth, born July 6, 1957.

Gerald Ford served in the House of Representatives from January 3, 1949 to December 6, 1973, being reelected twelve times, each time with more than 60% of the vote. He became a member of the House Appropriations Committee in 1951, and rose to prominence on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, becoming its ranking minority member in 1961. He once described himself as "a moderate in domestic affairs, an internationalist in foreign affairs, and a conservative in fiscal policy."

As his reputation as a legislator grew, Ford declined offers to run for both the Senate and the Michigan governorship in the early 1950s. His ambition was to become Speaker of the House. In 1960 he was mentioned as a possible running mate for Richard Nixon in the presidential election. In 1961, in a revolt of the "Young Turks," a group of younger, more progressive House Republicans who felt that the older leadership was stagnating, Ford defeated sixty-seven

year old Charles Hoeven of Iowa for Chairman of the House Republican Conference, the number three leadership position in the party.

In 1963 President Johnson appointed Ford to the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In 1965 Ford co-authored, with John R. Stiles, a book about the findings of the Commission, *Portrait of the Assassin*. President Ford is the last living member of the Warren Commission.

The battle for the 1964 Republican nomination for president was drawn on ideological lines, but Ford avoided having to choose between Rockefeller and Goldwater by standing behind Michigan favorite son George Romney.

In 1965 Ford was chosen by the Young Turks as their best hope to challenge Charles Halleck for the position of minority leader of the House. He won by a small margin and took over the position early in 1965, holding it for eight years.

Ford led Republican opposition to many of President Johnson's programs, favoring more conservative alternatives to his social welfare legislation and opposing Johnson's policy of gradual escalation in Vietnam. As minority leader Ford made more than 200 speeches a year all across the country, a circumstance which made him nationally known.

In both the 1968 and 1972 elections Ford was a loyal supporter of Richard Nixon, who had been a friend for many years. In 1968 Ford was again considered as a vice presidential candidate. Ford backed the President's economic and foreign policies and remained on good terms with both the conservative and liberal wings of the Republican party.

Because the Republicans did not attain a majority in the House, Ford was unable to reach his ultimate political goal--to be Speaker of the House. Ironically, he did become president of the Senate. When Spiro Agnew resigned the office of Vice President of the

United States late in 1973, after pleading no contest to a charge of income tax evasion, President Nixon was empowered by the 25th Amendment to appoint a new vice president. Presumably, he needed someone who could work with Congress, survive close scrutiny of his political career and private life, and be confirmed quickly. He chose Gerald R. Ford. Following the most thorough background investigation in the history of the FBI, Ford was confirmed and sworn in on December 6, 1973.

The specter of the Watergate scandal, the break-in at Democratic headquarters during the 1972 campaign and the ensuing cover-up by Nixon administration officials, hung over Ford's nine-month tenure as vice president. When it became apparent that evidence, public opinion, and the mood in Congress were all pointing toward impeachment, Nixon became the first president in U.S. history to resign from that office.

Gerald R. Ford took the oath of office as President of the United States on August 9, 1974, stating that "the long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works."

Within the month Ford nominated Nelson Rockefeller for vice president. On December 19, 1974, Rockefeller was confirmed by Congress, over the opposition of many conservatives, and the country had a full complement of leaders again.

One of the most difficult decisions of Ford's presidency was made just a month after he took office. Believing that protracted impeachment proceedings would keep the country mired in Watergate and unable to address the other problems facing it, Ford decided to grant a pardon to Richard Nixon prior to the filing of any formal criminal charges. Public reaction was mostly negative; Ford was even suspected of having made a "deal" with the former president to pardon him if he would resign. The decision may have cost him the election in 1976, but President Ford always maintained that it was the right thing to do for the good of the country.

President Ford inherited an administration plagued by a divisive

war in Southeast Asia, rising inflation, and fears of energy shortages. He faced many difficult decisions including replacing Nixon's staff with his own, restoring the credibility of the presidency, and dealing with a Congress increasingly assertive of its rights and powers.

In domestic policy, President Ford felt that through modest tax and spending cuts, deregulating industries, and decontrolling energy prices to stimulate production, he could contain both inflation and unemployment. This would also reduce the size and role of the federal government and help overcome the energy shortage. His philosophy is best summarized by one of his favorite speech lines, "A government big enough to give us everything we want is a government big enough to take from us everything we have." The heavily Democratic Congress often disagreed with Ford, leading to numerous confrontations and his frequent use of the veto to control government spending. Through compromise, bills involving energy decontrol, tax cuts, deregulation of the railroad and securities industries, and antitrust law reform were approved.

In foreign policy, Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger continued the policy of detente with the Soviet Union and "shuttle diplomacy" in the Middle East. U.S.-Soviet relations were marked by on-going arms negotiations, the Helsinki agreements on human rights principles and East European national boundaries, trade negotiations, and the symbolic Apollo-Soyuz joint manned space flight. Ford's personal diplomacy was highlighted by trips to Japan and China, a 10-day European tour, and co-sponsorship of the first international economic summit meeting, as well as the reception of numerous foreign heads of state, many of whom came in observance of the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976. With the fall of South Vietnam in 1975 as background, Congress and the President struggled repeatedly over presidential war powers, oversight of the CIA and covert operations, military aid appropriations, and the stationing of military personnel.

On May 14, 1975, in a dramatic move, Ford ordered U.S. forces to

retake the S.S. MAYAGUEZ, an American merchant ship seized by Cambodian gunboats two days earlier in international waters. The vessel was recovered and all 39 crewmen saved. In the preparation and execution of the rescue, however, 41 Americans lost their lives.

On two separate trips to California in September 1975, Ford was the target of assassination attempts. Both of the assailants were women -- Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme and Sara Jane Moore.

During the 1976 campaign, Ford fought off a strong challenge by Ronald Reagan to gain the Republican nomination. He chose Senator Robert Dole of Kansas as his running mate and succeeded in narrowing Democrat Jimmy Carter's large lead in the polls, but finally lost one of the closest elections in history. Three televised candidate debates were focal points of the campaign.

Upon returning to private life, President and Mrs. Ford moved to California where they built a new house in Rancho Mirage. President Ford's memoirs, *A Time to Heal: The Autobiography of Gerald R. Ford*, were published in 1979.

Since leaving the White House in January 1977, President Ford has lectured at 179 colleges and universities, on such issues as Congressional/White House relations, federal budget policies, and domestic and foreign policy issues.

Associated with the American Enterprise Institute, President Ford attends the annual Public Policy Week Conference, and in 1982 established the AEI World Forum, which he hosts annually in Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado. This is an international gathering of former and current world leaders and business executives to discuss political and business policies impacting current issues.

In 1981, the Gerald R. Ford Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, were dedicated. Since that time conferences at either site have dealt with such subjects as the Congress, the presidency and foreign policy; Soviet-American relations; German reunification, the Atlantic

Alliance, and the future of American foreign policy; national security requirements for the '90s; humor and the presidency; and the role of First Ladies. President Ford also hosted the William E. Simon Lecture Series in Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor. Former Secretary of the Treasury Simon and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have been among the featured speakers.

Following the Humor and the Presidency Conference, President Ford's book *Humor and the Presidency* was published (1987).

After leaving office, President Ford continued to actively participate in the political process and to speak out on important political issues. The former President is the recipient of numerous awards and honors by many civic organizations. He is the recipient of many honorary Doctor of Law degrees from various public and private colleges and universities.

Brother President Gerald R. Ford died December 26, 2006

**Brother Ford was a member of Capitol Forest No. 104,  
Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.**

