



Princess Anne Masonic Lodge #25 A7&AM

P.O. Box 6208, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

December, 2017

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Calendar:

- 5 – WVF – Annual Stated
6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Open
- 6 – *Princess Anne No. 25*
Annual Stated Communication
Officers: Tuxedo
Members: Coat and Tie
6:00pm-Dinner, 7:00pm-Open
- 7 – BS Annual Stated,
6:30pm, Dinner, 7pm, Open
- 9 – WV – Open Installation – 11am
- 12 – KV – Annual Stated
6pm Open / 7pm Dinner
(Labor to Refreshment)
- 13 – VB – Annual Stated
6:30pm Dinner / 7:30pm Open
- 14 – LH – Annual Stated
6pm Dinner, 7pm Open
- 16 – KV – Open Installation, 1pm
- 16 – LH – Open Installation, 5pm
- 18 – **Masonic Blood Drive**
Lynnhaven, 2-7pm.
- 25 – Merry Christmas!!!**

*** Brethren: Check out the 56th District Calendar via our website for our Sister Lodge events including Degree Work, Breakfasts and other events!!!

Community Service:

Please remember to bring in your **Box Tops for Education** and **Labels for Education**. Also, please bring in an item or two or cash or check donations for the **CCUMC Food Pantry**. Let's keep up our support for our local schools and food bank!



Sickness and Distress:

If you are aware of any Brethren, or their spouse, who are hospitalized or in poor health, contact W. John Kellam at 376-0715, or via e-mail at:

sick-distress@princessanne25.org

W. John will send them a card on behalf of the Lodge. **Many Thanks to Brother Kenny Harris for many years of dedicated service to this committee!!!**

Contact Us!

master@princessanne25.org

secretary@princessanne25.org

webmaster@princessanne25.org

[facebook@princessanne25.org](https://www.facebook.com/princessanne25.org)

Lodge Calendar(s):

We are using two calendars – Lodge Calendar (PA 25 only) and the 56th District Calendar. You may add both calendars to your mobile device via the instructions on the web site. The calendars are also available via the website.

Lodge E-mail Distribution:

We send out regular notifications and event updates via e-mail. If you are not receiving these notifications, we need an update for your current e-mail address.

Please forward all updates to the Secretary to ensure you are in the mix!

I'll be updated and publishing a Lodge Roster/Social Roster in 2018... Make sure I have accurate info on you!!!

The secretary can be reached at:
secretary@princessanne25.org



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From the East:

Brethren,

Christmas is around the corner and my time in the East is quickly drawing to a close. Thank you all for your help and support throughout the year which has earned our Lodge the Levy Award for blood donations, the Morlock Award for Masonic Home support and the James Noah Hillman Award, for the second year in a row, which encourages masonic education, community service, and learning and presenting our masonic ritual. These awards are a reflection of an active and vibrant lodge and you should all be proud.

Our degree team continued doing a great job last month by initiating a candidate and passing two others to the degree of Fellowcraft. Eleven new Master Masons were raised this year and I tip my hat to all the Brethren who made this possible. Come out to our ritual schools, enjoy the fellowship and help your Lodge grow and prosper as we move into year 2018.

Brother Randy Overacre volunteered his time last month to pressure wash the exterior of our lodge building. His crew did a wonderful job and the Lodge looks great. Thank you Brother Randy for your help and support.

Our Annual Communication is this Wednesday, the 6th of December. Brother Frank Craft is preparing the dinner so please join us for some great food and fellowship. Remember in December our meal is served at 6:00pm and Lodge opens at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master. I am honored to be associated with you fine gentlemen and wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

Sincerely, John Kellam
Worshipful Master 2017



From the West:

My Brethren –

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe 2017 is already drawing to a close and a New Year is upon us. It seems like only a few moments ago that I followed Worshipful John

Kellam through the West Gate as we were both initiated Entered Apprentices. How fitting that I now follow him into the East. Fortunately, Worshipful John is staying active in the Lodge and will be Chaplain for 2018. I'm lucky that I can count on his continued support and guidance.

Thank you to Worshipful Cliff Atkinson for ordering the poinsettias again this year. We'll have 41 to deliver to our special ladies. This gesture lets our widows know that they have not been forgotten and that we are thinking about them during the holiday season. Please consider taking one of the EAs, FCs, or newer Master Masons with you as you visit the widows. It is a great way to start getting the new brothers involved while teaching them the tenet of relief.

Our Secretary is updating the Lodge membership directory. Please make sure that he has your correct address, phone number, and email address. Even if you think he might, please double-check. Also, we would like to start a "Social Roster" to aid with family activities. Please include wife's contact information, children's names, etc. The Social Roster will be secured by the Secretary and Worshipful Master.

I'd like to take a moment to tell you a few of my plans for the upcoming year and to ask you to take an active part. Ask me or one of the officers if you have any questions. Starting in January, I will move some of the committee reports to be read during the last half of the dinner hour. I will ask the Stewards to hold dessert/light refreshment until after the Stated. This will enable us to give more time to the programs and perhaps allow us more time for fellowship after the business meeting.

Worshipful Bert Cheatham has agreed to chair the telephone committee (Bridge of Brotherly Love): It has the vital responsibility of organizing and implementing a telephone communications network to quickly and efficiently spread important Masonic information, such as emergency meetings of the Lodge or other short-fused requirements.



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I have contacted MAHOVA about their "Adopt-a-Resident" program in the hopes of our Lodge "adopting" a resident who would benefit from the loving care of a Lodge of Masons. There are several ways to we can care for an adopted resident, from assigning someone to call them at least once a month, to sending a card on their birthday or any day "just because", to sending care packages. I'll let you know when I get more information.

We are going to go take a look at our committees and find out how we can rejuvenate them to make them more fun. Often, we have one or two brothers carrying the entire weight of their committee. It's time we step in and help the few that are taking on the work for so many. I've asked the Senior and Junior Wardens to recommend each newly raised Master Mason to a fitting active committee. By using teamwork we will be teaching our new brothers to earn Master's wages and helping the future leaders of our Lodge to grow.

The Officers of your Lodge are interested in your opinion regarding Freemasonry in general and your Lodge in particular. We will be sending out a questionnaire to some of you, and as your Worshipful Master, I will be asking that you please take a few minutes to respond and let me know how the Lodge might serve you better. The survey will be sent to new members as well as long-term members. I will be assigning a committee to address the results of the survey.

For you Brethren who attend regularly, your participation in your Lodge is appreciated and valued. I'm looking forward to your help with the newer members, but let us not forget that the ones who do not attend anymore are just as important to us, and are missed. We must be equally focused on welcoming new Brethren to our Lodges as well as encouraging the return of those who haven't attended for a while. I want to ensure that no brother misses a meeting due to the lack of transportation. I'll be using the surveys, phone committee, and input from you to find out if this is the case for anyone. If so, we'll

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arrange transportation for any brother that needs it.

Your officers are reigniting the mentorship program in an effort to get new members involved and feeling needed from the moment their petition is approved. We should make certain each new Brother has a mentor immediately upon initiation. We need to make sure that every new brother feels like he is a part of the Lodge, and we should find ways of helping him become involved in the Fraternity. Brethren join because they want to be involved and we must provide them some meaningful opportunity to serve.

I plan to get us out in the community more by assisting with the food pantry, more Child ID events, perhaps a Habitat for Humanity event, etc. These are all events we should get the new Brethren involved in.

Ladies Night – This one is contingent on completion of the new building. If we have time to plan and host it before the year comes to an end, we'll do it. It's a very special program for the ladies in our lives that enables them to see where we work and perhaps catch some of the spirit that enlivens Freemasonry. It is designed to give them a better understanding of our Fraternity and explain the reason why so many of our Brethren are proud of their membership.

Social activities – I'm also planning on us having some fun this year outside the Lodge through various social activities; including dinners, picnics, a sporting event or two, and hopefully a group visit to MAHOVA. These are just a few ideas, and I'm open to suggestions.

I'm working on a few other things for the year as well and I'm counting on your help. In order for our Lodge to be a success, we must all take an active part.

As we approach Christmas, I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. If you are able, please remember to help those less fortunate than yourself. I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge.



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Sincerely and Fraternally –

Mark Gioielli

Senior Warden



From the South:

Brethren,

It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as your Junior warden for 2017 and I hope I am now more prepared and educated in Masonry to serve as your senior warden for 2018. I look forward to it. 2017 was certainly busy with all the new candidates being initiated, passed and raised!! Our lodge is certainly not lacking in membership.

In the coming year it looks like we are going to be just as busy, as it stands now we have 4 to raise to Fellow craft come January and 3 to pass to Master Mason. Our coaches have been doing an outstanding job and deserve recognition for their hard work. Most of all I want to recognize the hard work of the degree teams, they have put in a lot of time and effort and I look forward to challenging them in 2018.

The officers of the lodge for 2018 are setting new goals and challenges for the lodge so don't be shy to step up and be an active participant for Masonry in 2018. It's going to be fun! Merry Christmas to all and A Happy New Year!!

Fraternally,
Terry Cogdill JW

From the Future South:

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well this holiday season. This year has been both, very busy, and rewarding for our lodge. As this year comes to a close I'm looking forward to taking a little time off this holiday season and looking back and

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reflecting on some of the things we were able to accomplish and enjoy this year. Our lodge schools, coaches, and degree teams have been full speed ahead and many Brethren have advanced through the degrees and many Master Masons were raised within our lodge. We all came together and supported Worshipful John with various visits and tasks and were able to accomplish great things for our lodge under his leadership. We met and surpassed our Community Service goals for the food pantry this year. Our schools benefited from the box tops and labels that were donated this year. I have learned so much this year as your senior deacon with the help of the lodge Brethren. I was able to achieve my goals I had set for myself this year and I am looking forward to meeting new goals this coming year. I'm also excited for the year ahead and its many challenges. I have set a few new goals for myself and with your help I know this year will be great too! I am looking forward to continuing our efforts with the food pantry and school support programs. I am always looking for suggestions on how we can improve to make these programs better than they already are. This year will be full of challenges and rewards and I am proud to be a part of our little lodge to meet these challenges head on. As I continue my journey through line to the south as your Junior Warden I will continue to work hard to keep our masonic institution in a positive and prosperous light. I am a firm believer that together, through brotherly love we can make great things happen and this world can be a better place for all, the high, the low, the rich and poor, who are created by the same almighty parent and inhabitants of the same planet, are sent out into the world to aid, support, and protect each other. Merry Christmas and happy holidays, Brethren. The future is bright.

Fraternally,

Craig Lowell

Senior Deacon



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December Masonic Birthdays:

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