



Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No. 25 A7&AM
P.O. Box 6208, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
March, 2019



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Calendar:

- 2 – Degree Work – FC Catechism (x2),
MM Conferral
- 6 – **Princess Anne No. 25**
Stated Communication
Dress: Coat and Tie
6:30pm-Dinner, 7:30pm-Open
- 11 – Degree Work – MM Conferral
- 13 – Lodge Ritual School
- 16 – MWD Meeting – Lynnhaven,
9:30am
- 18 – Lodge Ritual Coaching Session
- 20 – Degree Work – MM Conferral
- 25 – Lodge Ritual Coaching Session
- 27 – Lodge Ritual School



Sickness and Distress:

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Community Service:
Box Tops for Education /
Labels for Education / PA
Middle Breakfast
Donations –

Drop box Downstairs!!!

CCUMC Food Pantry: The requested focus is **Canned Fruits**. **Support our local schools and food bank!**

Courthouse Area Charity – Tax Deductible Donations can be made via mail at: P.O. Box 6205, VB, VA 23456. Make checks out to: Courthouse Area Charity.

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.

Personal Information updates should be sent to the Secretary via:
secretary@princessanne25.org



“Responsibility for Lodge Attendance is one which should merit the earnest consideration of every brother. Attendance was the subject on one of the charges of the Medieval Craft in which it was stated that “no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear, without incurring severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.” Our present day system of Freemasonry does not have minimum attendance requirements, nor is there a penalty prescribed for absence. However, every Master Mason has a moral obligation to be loyal to the Lodge which gave him Masonic light and all the benefits which come with it. This moral obligation should induce each brother to attend as regularly as possible and partake of the fellowship which is part and parcel of Freemasonry.” – **Grand Lodge of Virginia's Mentors Manual**



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From the East:

Brethren,

As you've noticed, the new building is almost completed and with it will come many new changes that will take getting used to, so bear with us (Lodge Officers) as we make this transition. I would like to offer up the idea of auctioning off the bricks from the old building for a \$10 donation per brick, the brethren can place an inscription on the brick for it to be placed on a walk way to the rear of the new building as a memento or remembrance, and know he has supported the outfitting of his new Lodge building.

The consolidation of Virginia Beach Lodge and Princess Anne Lodge is moving forward, the second reading of the resolution will be read at March's Stated Communication. The Brethren will be allocated a specific amount of time to put forth their concerns regarding this consolidation. Hopefully with the help of the consolidation committee members all the questions can be answered. This is a good thing and a win/win for both lodges. So be sure to be at the next stated and place your vote.

Now brethren, I want you to ask yourself this question: Am I getting out of my Lodge what I need? If the answer is no, how much are you putting into your Lodge? (FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY, etc). The Lodge has taken on two charities to support this year – Princess Anne Middle School meal program and the Courthouse Unite Methodist Church Food Pantry. I ask you, can we do a

better job at supporting our charities? If your answer is yes, please bring a donation for one of these charities.

The Lodge had a family event held at Golden Corral with a total of 13 people present. I would like to personally thank those that attended and supported your Lodge. In the future I hope more of the brethren can attend, it was great fellowship and the food wasn't that bad either.

I leave you with this: a Lodge is no different than a work place. A Masonic Lodge completes its tasks, attracting and screening new candidates, conferring degrees, maintaining a facility, educating its members, and conducting Lodge business. This is all done through the cooperation and assistance of the brethren, not the commands or direction of the Master. "Forget not the duties to which you have solemnly bound yourselves". Please step up and be a part of what's happening in your lodge.

***Sincerely and Fraternaly,
W.: Terry Cogdill
Worshipful Master – 2019***



From the West:

Brethren,

Greetings from the West. I hope this message finds you well. March is already here and I don't remember February as it flew by so fast! The Princess Anne degree teams have been hard at work this past month. We initiated three new entered apprentices



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and raised one Master Mason since our last Stated Communication. Currently as I am writing this I have two brethren scheduled to be raised to the sublime degree of master mason in March, one on March 11, and one on March 20. Currently I am still in dire need of help on the degree teams for these two events to ensure I will not have to cancel them. Please contact me if you can take a position on one or both of these teams for these events. Remember, to check our Lodge calendar on our website to see what we have scheduled for degree work. I also have the rosters for all of the degree teams for these events listed there as well so if you need to see what position you have volunteered for or what position is still in need of being filled you can find it there.

At our last Stated a resolution was read about the consolidation of Virginia Beach Masonic Lodge No. 274 and Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No. 25. I am looking forward to the possibilities that this consolidation could bring to Princess Anne. There will be discussion and a vote this month regarding that resolution. Please plan to attend this stated to be a part of this decision. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

***Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Craig Lowell
Senior Warden***

From the South:

Brethren,

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This year the Lodge will continue to support the food pantry. I encourage you to donate egg cartons and canned fruit to this worthy cause. The Lodge has also agreed to support the Princess Anne Middle School pantry which feeds at risk children who would otherwise not get breakfast. Try to donate breakfast bars, mini boxes of cereals, and/or shelf stable milk. All donations should be left at the lodge and I will ensure its delivery.

One of the obligations we all take is to promise to help a worthy brother Mason. The first step to meeting this important obligation is to ensure the Lodge officers know which Mason's may be in need, enabling the Lodge to organize a suitable response. Therefore, please let me, any officer of Princess Anne Lodge, or W.: John Kellam know of any Mason who may need brotherly love.

On behalf of W.: Terry Cogdill and the officers of the Lodge we invite you to the following upcoming events:

- March 2nd, 10 am: Breakfast at the Lodge (Breakfast will be served immediately after the raising of a new Master Mason. Come out and support and new member and then enjoy fellowship with your lodge).

I hope to see you at your Lodge.

***Fraternaly,
Jonathan Stone
Junior Warden***



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February Masonic Birthdays:

J. Bertrand	Cheatham	43
James R.	Clark	33
John H.	Crandell	47
Daniel I.	Dixon	58
Thomas S.	Fields	28
Wayne S.	Flora	52
Rodney L.	Foster	21
Harry M.	Fowler	2
Vincent I.	Gioielli	3
Jason W.	Hoggard	4
Tony E.	Middleton	34
Walter J.	Moore	2
William M.	Sawyer	21
Alexander W.	Shaw	16
Wiley R.	Shope, Jr.	5
Pasty D.	Tauro	11
Ralph W.	Van Nostrand	50

Happy Birthday Brethren!



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Brother Thomas E. Fitz, Sr.

06/30/1960 - 02/20/2019

1960 - 2019 Obituary

Thomas E. Fitz Sr., 58, of Virginia Beach, VA passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Chambersburg Hospital. He was born June 30, 1960, the son of the late Maurice E. Jr. and Carolyn S. (Crane)Fitz. He graduated from Fairfield H.S. in 1978, where he played baseball. Tom worked for the US Navy for 24 years, starting as a recruiter in Gettysburg and later serving on the JFK and Forrestal Aircraft Carriers, retiring in 2001 and continued to work for the DOD. Tom was a member of the Princess Ann Free Masons Lodge #25, Valley of Norfolk Orient of VA and the Khedive Shrine of Chesapeake. Surviving are his wife, Karen Fitz, two children: Tommy Fitz Jr. (Janine) and Kristen Crawford (David III); three grandchildren: Landen, Charleigh and Aubree, and sister Debbie Fitz. The service will be private. Arrangements are by William F. Sellers Funeral Home. Memorial Donations may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>. Online Condolences may be expressed at sellersfuneralhome.com

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*"There is only a curtain between us,
Between the beyond and the here;
They whom we call dead have not left us,
Nay, they were never so near"*

