

Masonic Beehive

Princess Anne 25 – Ever Industrious



April 2020

Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No.25 AF&AM

2849 Princess Anne Road, VB, VA, 23456

From the East:

 **Brethren**, I hope this message finds you well. As I am writing this, things continue to change in regards to the Coronavirus. *We have had to cancel our April Stated Communication, all degree and ritual work, and gatherings until April 30th* as ordered from the Grand Lodge. This is unprecedented and I never expected or even dreamed of something like this happening anywhere other than within my TV set or on the movie screen. Although these times can be scary, I assure you we will make it through this.

On a brighter note, we had a very successful month of March. We received RW **David Edward Crook** DDGM for the 56th Masonic District and welcomed him home for his official visit. We also completed our first fundraiser of the year and thanks to you that event was very successful for our Lodge and also helpful to our community by feeding the homeless. We were able to support two of our youth groups this month which helped the Jobs daughters with their travels. We also helped the Girl Scout troop 221 pay for their yearly troop dues! *Together, Princess Anne 25 is doing GREAT things.* I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work and dedication to our Lodge and to our craft.

Finally brethren, take care of yourselves. Use common sense and follow the medical professionals guidelines for your well-being. Please look after our brethren who are most at risk and please don't forget to check on our special ladies. I look forward to seeing you all at our May Stated and hopefully this virus will be nothing but a memory and a minor inconvenience.

~ **Craig Lowell, WM**

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Calendar:

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https://princessanne25.org/?page_id=978/?page_id=978

A Little Good News

I am happy to report the sale of the Virginia Beach Lodge Building has been finalized!

I am also happy to report that over the past year our Finance Committee, consisting of both prior members of Virginia Beach Masonic Lodge and Princess Anne Masonic Lodge, has been diligently working behind the scenes to discuss and research options for the funds of the building sale and has presented a proposal to me for the allocation of those funds.

After my review of their proposal, and discussions with the finance committee, trustees, past masters, and stationed officers, I believe we have developed a solid proposal that will be beneficial to Princess Anne 25 for many years to come! This proposal will provide security for our future Lodge needs, our current needs, a new scholarship program, and meet our charitable obligations as Masons for our community. I am proud of the work that has been done and I think you all will be impressed and proud of it as well. We will discuss the proposal in more detail at our next stated communication and, and as a Lodge, vote for approval. I encourage you to attend so you too can see the hard work your Lodge is doing behind the scenes to bring Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No. 25 and Masonry to the forefront of our community!

<https://www.facebook.com/princessannelodge>

Secretary's Desk

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.

Lodge Mailing Address:
Princess Anne No. 25
2849 Princess Anne Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

An Updated 2020 Lodge Directory is Available! - [Printed and PDF versions](#)

Contact the Secretary to see how you may acquire one: secretary@princessanne25.org

We have canceled all gatherings until April 30th. Be sure to keep a close check on updates, changes, or cancellations on the electronic Lodge Calendar and emails from your Lodge [▶ https://princessanne25.org/?page_id=978/?page_id=978](https://princessanne25.org/?page_id=978/?page_id=978)

Community Service:

Masons making a difference

 A big masonic shout-out to our Brother **Randy Overacre** who recently went above and beyond by donating his companies stock of over 600 N95 masks to our local EMS doctors and nurses in our local hospitals on the front lines of the COVID - 19 pandemic! Our hats are off to you Randy for taking the lead and showing what Masons do for our community.



The Gift of Charity

 Many Thanks to the generosity of Brother **Bob Braswell** for sponsoring our March Stated Dinner.

Upcoming Events

4-Man Golf Classic "Scramble" Format

This year's event will be held Friday, Jun 5. Begins at 10:45 am. Tee-off at 12:30 pm. Virginia Beach National Golf Course
Made checks to the **Courthouse Area Charity**

Proceeds to benefit the Courthouse Area Charity, Masonic Home of Virginia, Shrine Transportation Fund, Hope Haven Adult Home, and P.A. Middle School Meal Program

Cost is \$89 per player; \$349 per Team. **This price includes:** 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, box lunch, refreshments on course, Happy Hour and awards ceremony after play. Cookout and Refreshments at our new Lodge on Princess Anne Road to conclude.

Masonic Trivia

In the EA degree, these three things are mentioned. Which is most important?

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

The first to drop me an email with the correct answer will be honored at the next Stated with a surprise gift. scribe@princessanne25.org

March's winner Dave Crook Answer C

Team Prize and closest to the pin prizes on (3) Par 3 Holes.

Longest Drive Prize on one of the Par 5's
For more information contact:

Greg Barackman at 757-535-0734 or via email atflybear2@outlook.com

<https://www.princessanne25.org>

Masonic Birthdays:

| Name | Year a Mason |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Richard Barrett Bagby | Bro.64 |
| Gene Glasco | Wor.56 |
| William Ward Flora | Bro.51 |
| Earl Edward Wise Jr. | Bro.43 |
| Laurence Bennett Korn | Bro.40 |
| Frank Lewis Wright Jr. | PDDGM.....34 |
| Raymond David Sellers | Bro.32 |
| James Alton Dozier | Bro.30 |
| Casey Fullerton Robinson | Bro.28 |
| James David Renfro | Bro.26 |
| Jeffrey Clark Brackett | Bro.26 |
| Gary Allen Umphlett | Bro.26 |
| Jack Theodosiou | Bro.21 |
| Terrence Roland Cogdill | Wor.18 |
| William Francis Ashton III | Bro.15 |
| Aaron Wilford Densley | Wor.15 |
| John Thornton Atkinson Jr. | Bro.13 |
| Khalil Michel Habr | Bro.13 |
| Ryan Christopher Barnes | Bro.13 |
| Alexander Valeryevich Matveev | Wor.10 |
| Jason Allen Houser | Bro.7 |
| Ruben Galvan | Bro.3 |
| Steven Ross Ratajczyk | Bro.2 |
| Steven Arthur Ratajczyk | Bro.2 |
| Ryan Christopher Ratajczyk | Bro.1 |

March Birthdays

| Name | Age |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Stanley Grushkin | Bro.89 |
| Daniel Ira Dixon | Bro.86 |
| Darrell Lloyd Valentine | Bro.85 |
| David William Gregory Jr. | Bro.82 |
| James Matthew McDonald | Bro.82 |
| George Dallas Hughes | Wor.80 |
| Richard Alton Ackerman | Bro.79 |
| James Edward Colby | PDDGM77 |
| Ervin James Powell | Wor.74 |
| Harry Daniel Honaker Sr. | Wor.70 |
| Gene Ray Payne | Wor.70 |
| Wiley Rogers Shope Jr. | Bro.69 |
| Ricky Lee Lavrischeff | Bro.65 |
| William Mark Gioielli | Wor.57 |
| Euodias Falcon Knight III | Bro.56 |
| Randolph Luman Overacre | Bro.55 |
| Cecil Wayne Flora | Bro.54 |
| Martin William Nealon Jr. | Bro.52 |
| Randal Wayne Presley | Bro.50 |
| Milton Everette Twisdale | Bro.49 |
| Reo Bentley Hatfield III | Bro.45 |
| Jonathan Lewis Stone | Bro.43 |
| Alexander Valeryevich Matveev | Wor.36 |

* Calculated as of December 31 .. 2020

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Official Visit of our DDGM to our March Stated Communication



DDGM for 56, Dave Crook, his wife Marsha, and WM Craig Lowell.

At the Stated dinner we also helped the Job's Daughters with their travels, and the Girl Scout Troop 221 pay for their yearly Troop dues!



(Above) The members lineup for food and COOKIES!

(Right) The Girl Scouts presented WM Lowell with a "Thank You" card. Designed and signed by all the young ladies.



Secretary's Desk

Some Masonic reading while we are stuck in our houses...

Here is our latest installment of research papers from Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777. See all previous papers here:

▶ <http://www.researchlodge.org/Lists/Spreading>.

Techno Links

Just **click** in the following Links and be connected to these sources of information

Masonic Home of Virginia

▶ <https://www.mahova.org/>

Grand Lodge of Virginia

▶ <https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/>

Not Just a Man, A Mason (videos)

▶ <http://www.notjustaman.org/video>

CAC Mailing Address:
 Courthouse Area Charity
 2849 Princess Anne Road
 Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Tax Deductible
 Donations can be made via mail.
 Make checks out to: "Courthouse Area Charity".

Food Pantry



We have not been able to collect any food donations since the coronavirus put a hold on everything a month ago. Currently, we are not in a position to collect and deliver food donations. I reached out to the food pantry to find out how we can best help at this time.

As you can imagine, like our local businesses, the food pantry has taken a really hard hit due to all of the closures and lack of food supply. Their supplies are extremely low. They advised at this time monetary donations are needed the most and would be the best way to help them to restock at a faster pace. The organizer of the food pantry advised she is basically going to have to rebuild the pantry from ground zero and it's going to cost a whopping amount of money.

If you are able to help you can donate directly (tax deductible) to:

CCUMC Food Pantry at
2708 Princess Anne Road, 23456,

Make your checks payable to:

CCUMC FOOD PANTRY.

Cape Henry Lighthouse print Drawing



As you all are aware, due to mandatory closings our local businesses are taking a really hard hit. Many of these businesses have supported our community in one way or another over the years. I think it's our turn to step up and return the favor and help them out so they can survive this unprecedented event in our lives.

In an effort to spark some energy into this effort I have decided to hold a drawing. I will donate one of my numbered and certified Cape Henry Lighthouse prints, a \$50.00 value, to the winner. This is a numbered print of the original image that I completed for Most Worshipful **Wayne Flora** for his Beacon of Light theme during his year as Grand Master in 2014.

The rules To qualify for the drawing are as follows:

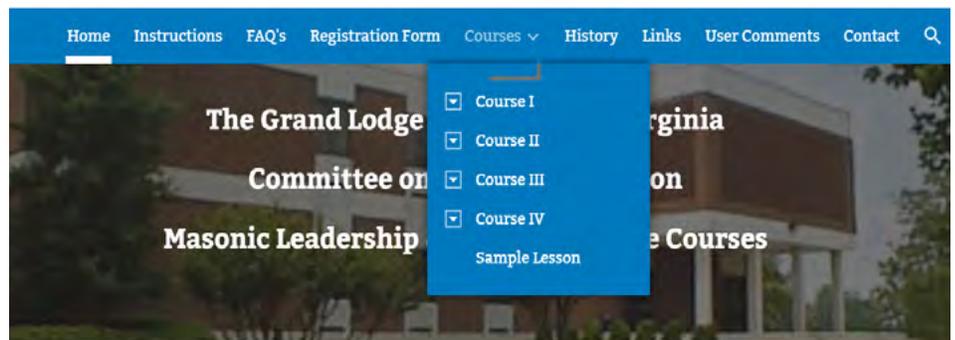
- 1. Starting on Sunday March 29, 2020 You or a immediate family member must make a minimum of 3 take out or delivery purchases at 3 locally owned restaurants or small businesses within the Virginia Beach city limits in one week.**
- 2. You must provide date stamped proof of your purchases each week in exchange for 1 entry in to the drawing per week per Mason. Do not include any credit or debit card numbers on the proofs. Proofs are to be sent to me via email every Saturday by 6pm until the raffle ends. I will send you a confirmation reply when your entry is received.**
- 3. The last day to qualify for an entry in to the raffle will be May 3, 2020.**
- 4. The winner will be drawn at our first allowable stated communication. Winner does not need to be present at the stated to win.**
- 5. Your well being is top priority. Remember to allow all recommendations provided by the medical professionals to protect yourselves in regards to COVID-19.**

Good luck and HAPPY SHOPPING.

Time Well Spent - Grand Lodge Correspondence Course

Now would be a great time to go to the Grand Lodge website and take one or more of the correspondence courses while the world is in slow motion as we wait out the coronavirus. These courses are an easy way to learn the methodical digest and improve your Masonic knowledge.

I highly recommend them for the up-and-coming line officers and new raised Masons. They are just as beneficial to the seasoned Masons as well. Each course also earns points for the Lodge towards the Noah Hillman



award. So not only are you improving yourselves as Masons, you are helping your Lodge meet its yearly goals towards the Hillman.

▶ <https://courses.vamasons.org/>

I hope you will consider taking a course or two. **Happy Learning.**