

Masonic Beehive

Princess Anne 25 – Ever Industrious



December 2020

Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No.25 AF&AM

2849 Princess Anne Road, VB, VA, 23456

From the East - *Final Address:*

 Brethren,

As I sit here on the back porch of my mountain retreat listening to the free flowing stream that's flowing nearby, I am reminded of the freedoms that we all enjoy which most of us take for granted. This is a bittersweet moment for me as *I write my last address from the East*. I am saddened by the fact that I feel like we could have accomplished so much more but I am happy and satisfied with

Stated Restrictions

25 Members Only

all of the things we were able to accomplish as a lodge under some of the greatest restrictions we have faced in over a hundred years!

I began this year with the goal of bringing our consolidated lodges together. I am happy to report that I feel *we have joined together as one*

and have begun to mold a solid foundation to build on for years to come!!

Some of the things, we as a lodge, have been able to accomplish under these restrictions have simply been amazing. Together, *we have donated over \$400.00 to our Masonic Youth organizations. We donated to help an elementary student achieve and surpass his goal to support The American Heart Association*, and also helped him build his self esteem and taught him to always pursue his goals! *We supported the Girl Scouts* and helped them sell cookies and also collected enough donations to pay their troop dues for a year!! We came together to accept and meet the challenge from a out of state request to *feed the homeless with our hoagie sale fund raiser and fed over 100 people* in need of a meal, and raised funds to support other Lodge activities for our community. *We were able to give out a scholarship* to help a young lady achieve her goals! We published an updated lodge roster in print and electronic versions, the first in many years. We revamped the monthly Trestleboard and created the Beehive to keep members informed and involved in our lodge. *We have held food drives to help the CCUMC food pantry* in their time of need. We created a scholarship committee and set aside funds for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships for many years to come to our youth who apply. We set aside funds to be invested for our future Lodge needs to keep Princess Anne No. 25 alive and well for a lifetime. We created a grounds committee who will be responsible for bringing life to the many grounds projects that have been requested by many of you. And the list goes on! *We may have appeared dark for quite some time this year brethren but I assure you, your lodge has been very active behind the scenes.*

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Calendar:

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- 1 - WV - Stated 6:30pm
- 2 - PA - Stated 7:30pm
- 3 - BS - Stated 6:30pm
- 5 - VD - Stated 8:00am
- 8 - KV - Stated 6:00pm
- 10 - LH - Stated 6:00pm
- 12 - BS - Lodge Breakfast 8:00am
- 17 - KV - DeMolay 7:00pm
- 21 - LH - Blood Drive 2:00pm

Be sure to keep a close check on updates, changes, restrictions, or cancellations on the electronic Lodge Calendar and emails from your Lodge

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

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

From the East - Continued

Brethren, I did not accomplish these things. You did! I have done nothing more than listen to your requests over the years and tried to bring your ideas to life.

Without you, none of these things would not have happened. *One of the greatest lessons I have learned on my journey to the East is it is not one man that makes a Lodge, it is not the few line officers that gets things done, it is all of the brethren of the Lodge that makes the man in the East successful!* You all have inspired me and have kept me moving through these hard times. Your words and actions of encouragement have maintained to keep my head above water in the most devastating of floods. Without you I would not have made it.

I know that some of my decisions or some of my actions or comments most likely may have not sit well with some of you at one time or another this year. Just know that I have always had the Lodge as a whole on my mind in every decision I have made this year. I have always had the Lodge in mind for the long term.

Provided the ballot is approved you will have a new Worshipful Master on Dec. 2, 2020. *I can not say enough good things about Brother Jon Stone.* He has been and will continue to be a solid rock for our Lodge. I have every ounce of confidence he will be a great Worshipful Master and will continue to do great things for our Lodge. He will need our help and our support just as I did, and the many Worshipful Masters before me!

I can honestly say your entire line behind me is a solid line and will bring many great years to Princess Anne No. 25. These brethren have gone above and beyond for us and I believe we are lucky to have them!!

Once again, *I thank you for all of your support, wisdom, and patience with me this year and I will truly never forget my year as Worshipful Master for Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No. 25 A.F.&A.M.*

God bless you all

~ Craig Lowell, WM

50 Year Veterans

One of the most difficult things I have had to endure this year is not being able to present our Masonic veterans with their certificates for years of service to Freemasonry this year. Due to the restrictions we have been placed under and keeping the safety of our brethren in mind no certificates were presented in lodge this year. Instead I have consulted with Brother Jon Stone and have requested we hold a ceremony for our 50 year veterans next year once things ease up on our COVID restrictions! I feel this would be a good way to honor these brethren instead of just mailing them their certificates. More will follow on this as things progress.

Veterans For 2020

Name	Years
Edgar Allen Culverhouse..... Bro	60yr
Ottie Dixon Grimstead Bro	70yr
Norman Dewey Holcomb Jr... Bro	50yr
David Tikhon Lavrischeff..... Wor	50yr
William Myrle Lee Bro	50yr
Nelson Eddy Morris Bro	50yr
Lester Edward Powell Wor	50yr
Lloyd Clarence Riggs Jr. Bro	50yr
Walter George Willis Bro	60yr
William Kenneth Wilson Jr... Bro	50yr

Please join me in congratulating the following brethren...

Masonic December Birthdays:

Name	Years a Mason
William Junior Smith Bro.	72
Charles Hoffman Nelms Jr. Bro.	63
David Jordeson Dines..... Bro.	53
William Dutton Kee Jr. Bro.	51
James Robert Marrs..... Bro.	31

December Birthdays

Name	Age
Langley Earl James..... Bro.	94
John Jerome Waterfield Jr. Bro.	92
Gene Glasco Wor.	86
Charles Hoffman Nelms Jr. Bro.	84
Harry Robert Engel Bro.	83
David Tikhon Lavrischeff Wor.	83
Wilson Driver Widgeon Bro.	81
Johnnie Hunter Williams Bro.	78
John Dan Miles..... Bro.	78
Lloyd Clarence Riggs Jr. Bro.	77
Ernest Lee Hargrove Jr. Bro.	76
Glenn David Latham Bro.	75
William Ward Flora Bro.	73
Vernon Earlie Etheridge Bro.	73
Robert Clarence Klepper Jr. Bro.	71
Gary Bryan Litchfield Bro.	71
James Richard Clark Bro.	70
Steven Harrison Palette Bro.	65
Kenneth Robert Harris Bro.	63
William Francis O'Sullivan Jr. ... Bro.	63
Howard Lee Sawyer Bro.	62
Mark Gregory West Bro.	59
Jeffrey Clark Brackett Bro.	57
Burton Deberry Melchor IV..... Bro.	56
James Oliver Ogden Bro.	52
Lawrence Lee Joyner Jr..... Bro.	50
James Nicholas Lester Bro.	39
Steven Ross Ratajczyk..... Bro.	35

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New Feature

Tell Me Your Story!

My name is Marty Nealon and I am 53 years old. I live with my wife, Melissa and two children, daughter Maya Eliana and son Martin III "Trey", in the Lago Mar area of Virginia Beach. I own my own business, Medical Consulting Solutions, which is a health IT consulting firm that helps hospitals and physician practices with revenue cycle management and software implementations. I was raised as a Mason on August 6, 2014 at Virginia Beach Lodge 274. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and take any opportunity to share my favorite past time with them, which is travel. I enjoy visiting places off the beaten path, meeting new people, and exposing myself and my children to different cultures and cuisines. *My hobbies include biking, hiking, and spending time at the beach.* My family and *I love the out-*



Lodge Service:



Many thanks goes out to RW Frank Wright for his outstanding work to refurbish our Boaz and Jachin pillars from the consolidated with Virginia Beach #274. They look amazing!!

Some Good Reads

Christmas Ideas

- Freemasonry and Democracy: Its Evolution in North America ...Paperback
- Ride the Devil's Herd: Wyatt Earp's Epic Battle Against the West's Biggest Outlaw Gang ...Hardcover
- The Lost Keys of Freemasonry: The Legend of Hiram Abiff ...Paperback

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doors and feel blessed to live in such a beautiful town and neighborhood that allows for so many opportunities to learn and explore. When we aren't being physically active, *we love to try new restaurants and breweries, spend time laughing with friends, or just relax in the backyard with a glass of wine.* I feel very blessed to belong to our Masonic brotherhood; the brothers I have met in my journey have been incredible and I appreciate the opportunities I have had to participate and give back to our community. *Life is short buy the ticket, take the trip eat the cake smoke the cigar!*

Masonic Trivia

When is Tubalcain first mentioned in the Bible? Some versions Tubal-Cain.

1. Isaiah 66:19
2. 1 Chronicles 1:5
3. Ezekiel 27:13
4. Genesis 4:22

Extra Credit: How many times is he mentioned in the Bible?
1,3,or 5

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

*November winner - Marty Nealon
Answer was 3. Churchill*

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OR URL <https://grandLodgeofvirginia.org/>

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