

# Masonic Beehive

Princess Anne 25 – Ever Industrious



April 2021

Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No.25 AF&AM

2849 Princess Anne Road, VB, VA, 23456

## From the East

### Brethren,

 As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives and our Lodge, we continue to rely on the Zoom platform, emails, and the plain old telephone to keep in touch with our Brothers and Widows. We hope the Beehive helps you feel more in touch with your Lodge. The editor of the Beehive, *RW Frank Wright* asks that if you have short trivia facts that you want to stump the other Brothers with, books with Masonic connection that you recommend, or would like to be featured in the "Tell Me Your Story," please drop him an email at [DDGM2015@gmail.com](mailto:DDGM2015@gmail.com). We are aware that not every Brother in PA25 has an email address and may be feeling left out of communication. If you know of Brother, or a Widow, that we should contact, please contact *Wor. John Kellam* at [sick-distress@princessanne25.org](mailto:sick-distress@princessanne25.org). The clouds are lifting on the COVID restrictions for Lodge meetings. We may have **up to 50 members in our Lodge at the April stated** provided we practice *proper social distancing* seating of at least six foot and *face masks will be mandatory*.

Princess Anne Lodge will hold its *second Zoom meeting* on **April 21st at 5:30 p.m.** This will not be the stated which will be officers only on April 7th. I will send the zoom invite link via separate e-mail and I encourage everyone to log on and check in with your Lodge.

*Despite our limitations, the business of the Lodge continues. Therefore please make a note of the following activities of your Lodge (shown in Calendar.)*

Unfortunately, the Lodge building has been the victim of recent vandalism on multiple occasions, during the month of March, resulting in extensive damage to the building and its doors. Fortunately, much of the damage will be covered by our insurance policy after the Lodge meets its deductible. Local law enforcement were contacted and we are working on obtaining the necessary repairs. I would like to publicly thank *MW Wayne Flora, W. Rich Collins* and our Trustees for running lead on dealing with the necessary repair and insurance issues. Their efforts were above and beyond their normal commitments to the Lodge and, when you see them next, please thank them.

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## Calendar:

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- 2 - **WV - Stated 6:30pm**
- 3 - **PA - Stated 7:30pm**  
 **No dinner served. The restrictions remains in place. 50 Members only. If this changes you will be notified by email.**
- 4 - **BS - Stated 6:30pm**
- 6 - **VD - Stated 8:00am**
- 9 - **KV – Stated 6:00pm**
- 9 - **PA - Tall Cedars 7:00pm**
- 11 - **LH - Stated 6:00pm**
- 15 - **PA - Candidate Coaches Training 6:30pm**

*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](mailto:secretary@princessanne25.org)

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**From the East - Continued**

Additionally, in an effort to prevent this continued destruction to our building, the Lodge officers and Trustees are *implementing some security upgrades and have activated the building's alarm system*. As a result, if *you are in possession of a physical key to the building but have not been registered* with the security system, please *do not enter the building* until you have *obtained the necessary access*. Contact RW Wright at 757-636-2226 or myself to discuss.

This year, in an effort to further meet our obligations to our Widows, *Wor. Craig Lowell* agreed to serve as Chair of the Widow's Committee. As part of that effort, he organized an *Easter Lily delivery* to our Lodge Widow's. They were delivered by the sponsor of the Widow and the helping hands of our Lodge Brothers. The Widows were pleased to see their Easter flowers.

Princess Anne Lodge is a proud supporter of the *Courthouse Community UMC Food Bank*. I want to thank you again for all of your donations you have made to the food pantry this past couple of months as we have made deliveries of several truck loads. However, in light of current economic difficulties more in our region are currently struggling and we can always step up our efforts. This year we have been asked to concentrate our efforts by providing canned fruit for the food pantry. Our food and egg carton donations are appreciated and are still welcome but our efforts can be better utilized if we concentrate on donating canned fruit. For those members who do not have a key to the Lodge building, the *Lodge will be open on April 7th from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.* for members to stop by with their "food pantry" donations. Note that cash donations are always welcome. Simply drop off your cash or check, made payable to Courthouse Community UMC in one of the provided envelopes in the drop box located in the dining room of the Lodge. *Please write "Food Pantry" on the bottom of the check* and the drop box envelope. The Courthouse Community UMC Food Bank is a 501c3 charitable organization.

Finally and most importantly, one of the obligations we all take is to promise to help a Worthy Brother Mason. Especially during these difficult times I encourage each and everyone of us to be diligent in fulfilling this obligation. Please do not hesitate to ensure the Lodge officers know which mason may be in need, enabling the Lodge to organize a suitable response. Therefore, please let me, any officer of the Lodge, or PM John Kellam know of any Mason who may need Brotherly love.

Fraternally, ~ **Jonathan Stone, WM 2021**

**History Making Challenge Coin**

The year 2021 is Princess Anne Masonic Lodge's *150 year anniversary*. In honor of this momentous occasion, and as my fundraising effort for 2021, the Lodge officers have designed and produced a Masonic challenge coin honoring this occasion. See attached pictures of the front and back of the coin. *The Lodge is selling the coins for \$30 per coin*. This will enable the Lodge to cover the cost of production and design and the extra "profits" will be donated to the Virginia Masonic Home and Shriner's Hospitals for their charitable needs. If you *wish to purchase* a coin please stop by the Lodge on *April 7th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.* We can accept payment via cash or checks. If the interest is there I will announce other future dates where officers of the Lodge will make the challenge coins available.

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**Masonic April Birthdays**

Name	Years a Mason
Richard Barrett Bagby	Bro. 65
Gene Glasco	Wor. 57
William Ward Flora	Bro. 52
Earl Edward Wise Jr.	Bro. 44
Laurence Bennett Korn	Bro. 41
Frank Lewis Wright Jr.	PDDGM 35
Raymond David Sellers	Bro. 33
James Alton Dozier	Bro. 31
Casey Fullerton Robinson	Bro. 29
James David Renfro	Bro. 27
Jeffrey Clark Brackett	Bro. 27
Gary Allen Umphlett	Bro. 27
Jack Theodosiou	Bro. 22
Terrence Roland Cogdill	Wor. 19
William Francis Ashton III	Bro. 16
Aaron Wilford Densley	Wor. 16
John Thornton Atkinson Jr.	Bro. 14
Khalil Michel Habr	Bro. 14
Ryan Christopher Barnes	Bro. 14
Alexander Valeryevich Matveev	Wor. 11
Jason Allen Houser	Bro. 8
Ruben Galvan	Bro. 4
Steven Ross Ratajczyk	Bro. 3
Steven Arthur Ratajczyk	Bro. 3
Ryan Christopher Ratajczyk	Bro. 2

**April Birthdays:**

Name	Age
Stanley Grushkin	Bro. 90
Daniel Ira Dixon	Bro. 87
Darrell Lloyd Valentine	Bro. 86
James Matthew McDonald	Bro. 83
George Dallas Hughes	Wor. 81
Richard Alton Ackerman	Bro. 80
James Edward Colby	PDDGM 78
Harry Daniel Honaker Sr.	Wor. 71
Gene Ray Payne	Wor. 71
Wiley Rogers Shope Jr.	Bro. 70
Ricky Lee Lavrischeff	Bro. 66
Mark Alan Westmoreland	Bro. 62
William Mark Gioielli	Wor. 58
Euodias Falcon Knight III	Bro. 57
Randolph Luman Overacre	Bro. 56
Cecil Wayne Flora	Bro. 55
Martin William Nealon Jr.	Bro. 53
Randal Wayne Presley	Bro. 51
Milton Everette Twisdale	Bro. 50
Reo Bentley Hatfield III	Bro. 46
Jonathan Lewis Stone	Bro. 44
Alexander Valeryevich Matveev	Wor. 37

Calculated as of April, 2021



Actual size is 3 inches round



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## Tell Me Your Story!

My name is *Ralph Christopher Klaus Nebling*, which I thought was German for the longest time, but turns out Opa (German for grandpa) was from *West Prussia*, or modern day *Poland*. On my mother's side I have ancestry from *Sicily and Scandinavia*. If you couldn't tell, I'm interested and curious about that type of stuff; ancestry, origins, and the universe in general. Other interests include, but not limited to; *golf, snowboarding, carpentry, shooting, football, stocks (new to me), beach life, pizza, and breweries*. I believe that it is my duty to experience as much of this life as I can; so, as the kids say, I'm down for anything!



I grew up in northeast Pennsylvania, in a small town between Allentown and East Stroudsburg. It's a rural town with mountains and farmland, but with the proximity to New York City, Jersey, and Philadelphia, I grew up with-and can relate to-many cultures and types of people. This comes in handy due to my profession as a Chiropractor- pun intended. I received my *Bachelor's in Kinesiology/Exercise Science* from West Chester *University of Pennsylvania* in 2011, took a hiatus to really figure out what I was doing in life, and then chiropractic found me. I graduated from Sherman College of Chiropractic ( in SC) in 2017, and have lived in Virginia Beach since 2018.

I recently opened my own practice, near the oceanfront, at the beginning of this year! *Aligned Chiropractic and Wellness*. I've always known that I was meant to help people, and the gratification I receive everyday from this is why I love what I do. That being said, the business aspect is a whole different story, but I'm figuring it out along the way. I think.

When it comes to family, my mom and dad are still in Pennsylvania, I have a younger Brother who lives in Seattle with his wife, and I have a dog named Lilly. I think I've finally settled in to Virginia Beach and have been dating with intention.

*Both of my late grandfathers were Masons, as well as one of my great-grandfathers.* I looked up to them. They were always cool, calm, and collected in a way that I cannot put into words. They never asked for anything, but were always there to help. Friendly, courteous, smart-asses. Their influence is what brought me here, and judging by what I've seen, this is a place I belong.

*I'm only 1 year old in Freemasonry, but I look forward to spending some more time with, and getting to know, all of the Brothers and I look forward to the never ending chase for light.*

## The Beehive; What's in a Shape?

The classic beehive, called *skep*, that we see adorning the cover of our Lodge's newsletter and represented throughout the world as a symbol of industry, is not the actual beehive built by bees, but man made. In many parts of Europe, skeps were used for the enclosures. Skeps are woven from straw, grass or wicker with a mud coating, and placed open-end down. Various techniques have been employed to extract honey from the skeps while trying to protect the colony. The skep is the shape we see in our ritual books, in architecture, art works, and the cover of our Industrious Beehive Newsletter.

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## Widows Committee

Many of our special Lodge ladies currently do not have a Lodge sponsor. We want to be sure we keep up with how our ladies are doing and if they any support. If you are not currently sponsoring a Lodge Widow please contact me.

Craig Lowell  
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*Happy Birthday to Mrs. Bessie Kellam. April 1st*

## Masonic Trivia

Famous Freemason actor from *Gone With the Wind*. *Hint: All of these actors were in the movie.*

1. Clark Gable (Rhett Butler)
2. Leslie Howard (Ashley Wilkes)
3. George Reeves (Stuart Tarleton)

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