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— Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald, Sr.

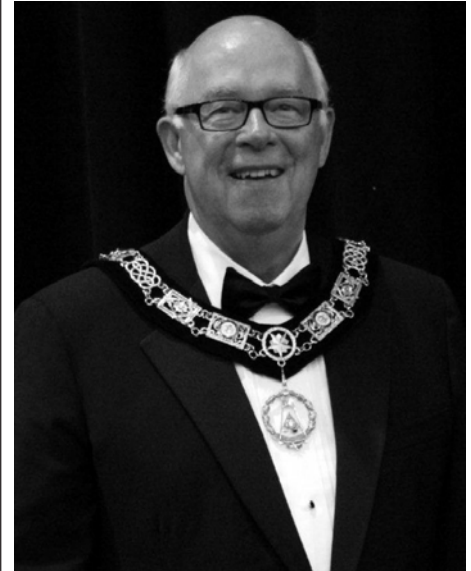
I am reminded of a poem penned by Geoffrey Chaucer in the mid 1380's, a portion of which states "All good things must come to an end." Another writer then wrote "All Good things must come to an end...to make way for Better things to happen because the best is yet to come." It is customary for this to be my last *Masonic Messenger* report to you. It has been a good year.

I was raised a Master Mason in 1967 in my Mother Lodge, Mt. Airy Lodge, No. 141, Free and Accepted Masons. The past 48 'Masonic Years' have passed quickly, but none have been faster or more memorable than this Masonic Year. I will forever be grateful for the privilege to serve as Grand Master. I thank my Mother Lodge, for raising me to a position to begin the journey.

At the October 2014 Grand Lodge, I made promises to you which I have done my best to keep. Upon reflection, I remember with abundant joy, the times we have had together. The Grand Master Forums, District Conventions, Official Visits, out-of-state Grand Lodge sessions and other meetings we have shared have made for wonderful memories to be cherished forever. I wish I could have visited all of our more than 420 Lodges in Georgia, but time would not permit. First Lady Carol and I have appreciated the warm receptions, fellowship and good food, especially the coconut cakes and fried chicken.

For my detailed Annual Report to Grand Lodge, please see the Grand Master's Address 2015 booklet, once it is printed and available through the Grand Secretary's Office.

I sincerely hope you are making plans to attend the 229th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to be held October 27-28 at the Macon Centreplex Convention Center in Macon, Georgia. We have experienced a very busy year. There will be much business to accomplish at Grand Lodge. Plenty of food, entertainment and fellowship will make it all fun. Please attend and if possible, plan to bring your family to the Farmer's Market on Tuesday night. All the pertinent information about dates, times and ticket prices can be found on the Grand Lodge information pages



located in this issue of the *Masonic Messenger*. As we make our plans to attend, let's remember 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Since the last *Masonic Messenger*, First Lady Carol and I attended the 55th Annual Southeastern Masonic Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. WB David Canady, RWB Joseph W. Watson and Lady Linda, RWB Gary Leazer and Lady Ruth also attended the Conference. The Grand Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia belong to this Conference. Various subjects of interest were discussed at this very informative meeting. It is always good to keep current with our Sister States and share Brotherly love and fellowship. Learning how other Grand Lodges are dealing with the same problems we have, helps us all to do a better job.

Having been selected to represent Georgia Masons, I attended the Biennial Board of Director's Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in Arlington, Virginia, on August 21-22. Two very intense work days furnished greater insight into the Memorial's purpose and current needs. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was erected in 1910. It is maintained through the combined efforts of America's Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial, as an everlasting tribute to the memory of George Washington, the



Father of Freemasonry in America. The Memorial belongs to all the Masons in Georgia, and indeed, the United States of America. Due to age, weather, normal wear, tear and other factors, the Memorial is undergoing large structural repairs, and is in need of financial aid.

Each year, as provided in our Masonic Code, our Grand Lodge contributes to the Association \$5.00 per Master Mason raised in Georgia. I would like to recommend that our Lodges consider contributing in the future \$1.00 per member to the Association. This would require a future vote of Grand Lodge next year. Gifts to the Association are tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Section 501(c)(3). New Association promotional ads are soon to be released and circulated among the Masons around the Country. Watch for those ads coming to our Lodges in the near future. If you have not visited the Memorial, I encourage you to do so. You will come away with a sense of pride and joy knowing that we are helping to reflect honor and dignity upon Brother Washington and the Fraternity. Please visit <http://www.gwmemorial.org> for more information.

On August 23-25, I attended, along with the SGIG, Ill. Leonard E. Buffington, 33°, PGM, the Scottish Rite Centennial Jubilee and Biennial Session in Washington, D.C. There were 32 Grand Masters present, with 25 Nations represented. A portion of the meeting was dedicated to a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the construction of the House of the Temple. It was a fabulous event.

On Saturday, September 5, God blessed the Masonic Home Family Day with a beautiful, bright sunny day. Those who attended were treated to the Grand Master's First Annual Car Show, where 36 beautiful show cars competed. The Archmen Band featuring 50's and 60's music played throughout the day. A donation to the Masonic Home of more than \$150,000.00 from the Greer Estate was received and expressions of appreciation were given to the Estate representative. First Lady Carol and I presented the Masonic Home with a framed fifteen-star American Flag which I had raised and lowered over Ft. McHenry in April 2015 including a framed Certificate from Ft. McHenry, to commemorate the April event. The Family Day was a fun filled occasion for which I want to thank everyone who planned and participated.

On September 8, I traveled for an Official Visit to Rossville Lodge No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons. While there, I fondly recalled previously visiting in 1994 as Grand Tyler, with then Grand Master Thomas T. Irvin, and Hoyt Tench, Grand Chaplain. I requested that WB Tommy L. Gilbert, Rossville Secretary locate and forward to me a copy of the Minutes and Visitor's Register of that 1994 meeting. He graciously did so.

MWB Irvin, Grand Tyler Tench and I signed the Register. Interestingly, that visit was on September 17, 1994. September 8 was within nine days of being 21 years past. Time surely has a way of sneaking up on you!

The Scottish Rite Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta was held on Saturday, September 12, at The Solarium in Decatur, Georgia. First Lady Carol and I attended and enjoyed it tremendously. This was a wonderful milestone event, rejoicing with generations of children who have been treated at the Hospital.

Masonic Code Section 71-102.1 authorizes the Grand Master to issue an Edict which would apply to a significant question or

issue which may be enacted as Masonic Law by the Grand Lodge. Resting upon that authority, Edict 2015-1 was issued on September 8 declaring that a Freemason is obliged to obey the moral law and Almighty God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; that basic moral laws are not man-made Edicts or Decrees, but spring from the eternal justice and wisdom of Almighty God; Freemasons must constantly strive to keep their integrity intact, for it is our integrity that holds our way of life together, and when integrity is lost, all is lost; that good moral character is a pre-requisite for admission into Freemasonry and a strict observance of the moral law is essential for advancement and retention of good standing within the Fraternity; and the importance of the moral law as a fundamental principle of Freemasonry is exemplified by the fact that any act by one of its members involving a violation of the moral law is a Masonic offense, subjecting the offender to discipline; and that homosexuality is contrary to the moral law. The Edict concluded, "Homosexual activity with anyone subjects the offender to discipline." Let us not forget that Webster's Dictionary defines "irreligious libertine" as a person who shows a lack of religion and is morally or sexually unrestrained.

Edict 2015-2 was issued on September 9, declaring that each sitting Grand Master of Masons in Georgia is authorized to open or close a Lodge in ample form as he sees fit; Past Grand Masters have experience at closing Lodges, or on occasion some opening Lodges, in ample form; Past Grand Masters continue to serve the fraternity by participating in installations, presentations, ceremonies and other Lodge meetings as speakers or participants; and Past Grand Masters should have the option of opening or closing a Lodge in ample form as they did as Grand Master. The Edict concluded, "Upon invitation of the sitting Worshipful Master of a stated or called Lodge communication, any Past Grand Master in good standing with The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, shall be entitled, without first obtaining written or verbal approval of the sitting Grand Master, to open or close said Lodge in ample form."

In bringing this year to a close, I can honestly say that I have been to a lot of places and seen a lot of faces. I am grateful to every person I have met along the way. With your help, we have improved Georgia Freemasonry. I am thankful to be a Freemason and I feel blessed to call the Masons of Georgia my Brothers. The "...best is yet to come."

In the installation of Worshipful Masters, the Master is told, "Pleased and reasonably content should be the Master, who at the end of his term, can stand in the East for the last time, and looking West toward the setting sun, know that he has done the very best that was in him." I am pleased, reasonably content and thankful. I have done the very best that was in me.

I want to leave you with these parting words found in 2 Corinthians 13:11, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

I pray that God will bless you, your families, Freemasonry and the United States of America.

Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., Grand Master  
The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
for the State of Georgia



# BACK TO OUR ROOTS

*Welcome to Grand Lodge*

**THE 229TH GRAND LODGE SESSION**


Macon Centreplex Convention Center

**October 27-28**

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL**

The Macon Marriott City Center Hotel

**478-621-5300 or 800-228-9290**



Most Worshipful Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. and First Lady Carol invite you to join our Masonic Family and enjoy our Annual Communication to renew friendships as well as meet new friends.



### **Family Night Cookout**

In keeping with tradition, the Grand Lodge Family Cookout will be Tuesday evening. The cookout and entertainment will begin at 6:00 P.M. Dress is casual and all Masons and their families are invited for great food and entertainment.



### **First Lady's Reception**

The First Lady's Reception will be on Monday from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. in the Hospitality Room. Please stop by to meet First Lady Carol.



### **Ladies Luncheon**

First Lady Carol invites the Ladies to a luncheon on Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. Purchase your ticket and come enjoy food, fun, and friends. Sunday dress please.

*(When making reservations, be certain to say you are with the Grand Lodge of Georgia.)  
If rooms are no longer available, call the Grand Secretary at 478-742-1475 for other lodging in the area.*



# 229TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

## Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons



The Hospitality Room at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel will be supplied with homemade goodies and will be open Monday through Wednesday at designated hours for everyone's enjoyment.

<p><b>GRAND LODGE BANQUET</b>  <b>Marriott Hotel</b>                  Monday - October 27                  6:00 P.M.                  (Dark Suit, Formal or Sunday Dress required)                  Tickets: \$55                  Limited to 200 people                  Number of tickets</p> <p>-----                  (NO tickets sold at the door)</p>	<p><b>HONORS BREAKFAST</b>  <b>Marriott Hotel</b>                  Tuesday - October 28                  6:30 A.M.</p> <p>Tickets: \$20.00                  Number of tickets</p> <p>-----</p>	<p><b>LADIES LUNCHEON</b>  <b>Marriott Hotel</b>                  Tuesday - October 28                  11:30 A.M.</p> <p>Tickets: \$20.00                  Number of tickets</p> <p>-----</p>	<p><b>FAMILY NIGHT COOKOUT</b>  <b>Farmers' Market</b>                  Tuesday - October 28                  6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Tickets: \$5.00                  Number of tickets</p> <p>-----                  (Tickets also available at the event)</p>
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*Scottish Rite Veterans' Luncheon will be hosted by the six Scottish Rite Valleys of Georgia, 1985 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31210 on Tuesday at noon or when the Grand Lodge goes to refreshment. Order your complementary tickets from the Grand Secretary when you order the other tickets for Grand Lodge. Remember, there is no charge for the luncheon but you must have a ticket so the Valley of Macon will know how many to expect for lunch.*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of either of these Honor Groups: Red Cross \_\_\_\_\_ K.Y.C.H. \_\_\_\_\_ 32 K.C.C.H. \_\_\_\_\_ 33 \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Grand Lodge of Georgia

All tickets must be ordered by October 15th

Send all orders to:  
**Grand Secretary**  
 P.O. Box 4665  
 Macon, GA 1985 Vineville Avenue,  
 Macon, GA 31208- 4665



# Fannin County Lodges Host 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rock Quarry Degree

Five Fannin County Masonic Lodges: Blue Ridge No. 67, Ocoee No. 201, McCay No. 423, Mineral Bluff No. 483 and Sweet Gum No. 542 hosted the 62nd Annual Rock Quarry Degree near Morganton the fourth Saturday in August.

Although Blue Ridge Lodge usually hosts the Grand Lodge officers on Friday night before the degree, this year they allowed Oak Bowery Lodge No. 81 to host the Grand Lodge officers. A huge crowd was present as Right Worshipful Bro. F. A. Drew Lane, Deputy Grand Master, presented a 50-year award to Bro. Kenneth Mason Roberts. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. was attending a meeting at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

Saturday morning, the Grand Lodge officers attended a Boy Scout breakfast at the First United Methodist Church in Blairsville and lunch at a local park. From there it was off to the Springs where the Fannin County lodges had prepared a fine chicken lunch as a fundraiser to support the Rock Quarry Degree.

At 3:30, the Rock Quarry gate was opened and approximately 225 Masons showed their dues card to the Tylers and drove up the 2-mile mountain road to the rock quarry where the degree was held. From all across Georgia and other states, including several Brothers from Michigan and Florida, anxiously awaited the opening of lodge at 6:00.

The brothers told stories of past Rock Quarry degrees, including the 2002



Wor. Bro. Mike Kessler, 3rd Grand Steward, visits with Wor. Bro. Bob Head, Senior Warden at Snellville No. 99 (left) and Past Grand Master Jerry D. Moss (center).

degree where a lightning strike knocked out the lights and sound system. The degree was completed using headlights from various vehicles. The talk of snakes was always on the lips of the brothers but none were seen this year.

Wor. Bro. John Richie and his officers from Blue Ridge Lodge open lodge, after which officers from Cherokee Lodge No. 66, under the able leadership of Wor. Bro. Bob Bryant, conducted the degree.

Two Fellowcrafts were found in waiting to receive the Master Mason degree: Bro. John David Dickson from Gibson Lodge No. 257 and Timothy Michael Tanksley from Clarksville No. 325. Wor. Bro. Smith David Dickson, from Gibson Lodge was raised at the Rock Quarry on August 23, 1980, as was on hand this year to raise his son, John David Dickson, 35 years later.

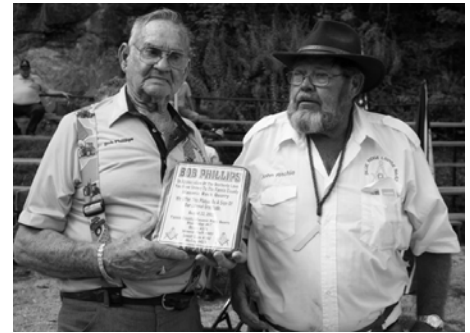


RWB Drew Lane stands with the Rock Quarry candidates: Bro. John David Dickson (left) and Bro. Timothy Michael Tanksley.

Wor. Bro. Bob Phillips has been a strong supporter of the Rock Quarry degree for many years and was on hand to present \$1,870 that he had collected from lodges and other Masonic bodies to support the Rock Quarry. The Fannin County lodges presented him a plaque to show their appreciation.

Another important part of the Rock Quarry degree is a collection taken to support the Masonic Home of Georgia. This year the brothers contributed \$983.74 for the Home's Endowment Fund.

At 10:00, Right Worshipful Brother



Wor. Bro. Bob Phillips holds the plaque presented to him by Wor. Bro. John Richie and the lodges of Fannin County.

Drew Lane closed the lodge and, after helping stack the planks that they had sat on for the evening, the brothers left, happy to have been present at another Rock Quarry degree, which is always held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August.

Sunday morning, officers from Stephens Lodge No. 414 and Unicoy Lodge No. 259 from Towns County hosted the Grand Lodge officers and their Ladies for breakfast at the Brasstown Valley Resort. The Ladies wish to thank Wor. Bro. Walter Kissel from Allegheny Lodge No. 114 and Wor. Bro. Carlton Chambers from Young Cane Lodge No. 597 for hosting them for meals on Friday and Saturday evenings.

## Wor. Bro. Ruiz Completes MELD Courses



C. Wayne Barnes, DDGM-1A, presented Worshipful Brother Carlos Ruiz, the Worshipful Master of Hinesville Lodge No. 271, his MELD certificates. Brother Ruiz has set the example for his officers and members to follow by completing all five MELD courses.



## An Evening at the Old Ball Game



On August 8th, members of Gate City Lodge No. 2 took 29 of the children from the Masonic Children's Home and 4 chaperones to see the Atlanta Braves face off against the Florida Marlins. Brother Darby Yale coordinated this event with the Children's Home and donations from inside and outside the lodge helped purchase the tickets. The hot day hadn't dampened spirits as the

entire group met up in Monument Grove before the game. All were treated to hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks supplied by The Highlander in Midtown Atlanta.

Everyone in their seats had been thoroughly cooked by the late day sun and were ready for the game to start, including Worshipful Brother Alan Colussy, Master of the Gate City

Lodge. The Braves put on a terrific show, spurred on by the performances of Nick Markakis and newly-minted Brave Nick Swisher. In the end, the Marlins fell by a score of 7-2. The children, youth and the members of Gate City had a wonderful time and this event is sure to be the start of a new tradition.

### Shannon Lodge Raises Master Mason



Shannon Lodge No. 100 recently raised a third generation Master Mason. Bro. Brian Pelfrey was raised on Sept. 12th. Pictured with him are his Dad Bill Pelfrey Jr., PM, and Granddad W.H. Pelfrey Sr., PM, a 60-year Master Mason, and Wor. Bro. Dennis Ratliff, Worshipful Master.

To a lot of people the Freemasons is a secret organization. Not in our community. Each year, E.W. Hightower Lodge #679 of Nelson finds new ways to be involved in the community. This year has been no different. In the spring, when torrential rains fell and flooded a resident's home the lodge went to work for her. We held a pancake breakfast and with the local newspaper and local companies were able to arrange assistance and raise funds for her.

We also co-sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt with the city of Nelson. Summer came and we co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Public Safety Day for the city. With the police department, we were able to make the citizens aware of the services available. We held a pancake breakfast and a BBQ sandwich lunch. We also had soft pretzels

### Oostanula Lodge honors 91-year old Master Mason



The Brothers of Oostanula Lodge No. 113 recently honored Lt. Col. (retired) James L. Sender, who is 91-years old.

### E. W. Hightower Members Active in their Community

for sale! The GACHIP event was held upstairs in the lodge room allowing the public to see inside the "secret" room. Plans are already underway for the 3rd Annual Public Safety Day.

School has opened and our membership has not slowed down. The daughter of our Treasurer is a cheerleader at Pickens High School. We found out through her dad that the cheerleaders were not going to have a pre-game meal for away games. We stepped up and sponsored their first meal. What a joy to take pizzas and snacks to the 30 ladies on this squad. They were very happy and we enjoyed the fellowship – they even took a picture holding our new banner!

So, what is next? We are going to set up a pretzel booth and a dunk tank at the Talking Rock Heritage Festival in October!

Think of the impact your lodge can have in your community – GET INVOLVED!

## Lodges give away more than \$25,800 from Shady Dale Rodeo Receipts

Jasper Lodge No. 50 and Walton Lodge No. 200 gave away more than \$25,800 from the June Shady Dale Rodeo Receipts at a special dinner at Monticello Baptist Church in September. The recipients included the Molly Mosley Eye Foundation, Rite Care of Macon, Al Sihah Shrine Temple Children's Hospital Fund, Masonic Children's Home, Sheriffs' Department Jr. Deputy Program, ML&J Fund for school supplies, Fire Department's Boot Drive, Food Bank, Deer Festival Queen, Mentors' Program, and 13 college-bound students.

Pictured at right are the college students who received scholarships or the parent if the student was away at college.



## Once Clandestine!

**Wor. Bro. Gene Jernigan, DDGM-2A**

Located in the southwest corner of our state is Bainbridge, Georgia, home of Orion Lodge No. 8. F&AM. This lodge holds a very unique distinction. Orion lodge has been under two Grand jurisdictions and declared Orion lodge was originally chartered in 1839 in Pleasant Grove, Georgia, near the Florida line, but was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Florida. In 1849, Orion moved to the town of Decatur, now Bainbridge Georgia. Neither Grand Lodge gave Orion consent to move and so the Grand Lodge of Georgia declared them to be clandestine.

Both Grand lodges generated much debate over the issue. In a fraternal spirit of amity and good will, the Grand Lodge of Florida released its claim and the lodge has worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia since.

The Grand Lodge of Florida also declared under their Masonic Law 16.01, that no lodge in Florida shall bear the number 8. Also as another gesture of brotherly love, the elected masters and wardens of Orion Lodge became

honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Orion's charter hangs in the lodge today in the East; it too is unique from any other in state. That charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Florida and in 1840 when the lodge moved to Bainbridge the Grand Lodge of Georgia agreed for Orion to keep that charter and work under that seal. If you look closely at the charter you can see where a line was drawn through the word Florida and the word Georgia was written in.

On June 4, 2015 Orion lodge hosted the Grand Master, Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. for an official visit. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Grand Marshal Mark Bradley and Grand Chaplain Eddie Gurley.

The Grand Master spoke to a large crowd of masons and their families from the Second District. Two 65-year aprons were presented. Brother Bennie Brookins from Orion lodge and Brother E.C. Ernest from Salem lodge.

## Mark Bradley Recognized at Unity Lodge Ceremony



Wor. Bro. Mark Bradley was surprised at a Past Masters' Night at his lodge, Unity Lodge No. 36, while he was sitting in the East. As he prepared to close the lodge, the Grand Master, Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. stopped him and explained there was still business to conduct.

Wor. Bro. Mark, who served five years as a District Deputy to the Grand Master,

three of those years as the State Chairman of the District Deputies, was presented his DDGM apron in a frame. It was a complete surprise to him, but a surprise worthy of his work as State Chairman of the DDGMs.

Wor. Bro. Bradley is serving as Grand Marshal this year.



**2015  
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS  
AND  
SUMMARY BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

Secretary must make available copy of  
the 2015 Bills and Resolutions to any member  
of his Lodge to read for himself or  
make photostatic copy at members expense.

**See Section 3-114 of the Code.**

**To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.:**  
On Friday, August 14, 2015, the Jurisprudence Committee convened at the Grand Lodge Office in Macon at 10 a.m. as required by Section 3-114 of the Masonic Code and reviewed twenty four (24) Code Bills to amend, add or delete (repeal) portions of the Masonic Code.

The Jurisprudence Committee respectfully reports that seven (7) members of our committee were present for the August 14, 2015 meeting, thereby exceeding the quorum requirements of Code Section 2-224. Additionally, Most Worshipful Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, PM (154); Right Worshipful Brother Larry Nichols, (59); Worshipful Brother Wiley A. Gammon, PM (729); Right Worshipful F. Andrew Lane, DGM, PM (182); Most Worshipful Douglas W. McDonald, GM, PM (141); Worshipful Michael H. Wilson, PM (6); Most Worshipful Bobby B. Simmons, (111); Jan M. Giddens, (33) were visitors at the meeting.

Fraternally submitted,  
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Michael A. Kessler, PM, (216)  
A. Charles Knowles, PGM, PM (484)  
Mark A. Bradley, PM (36)  
Edgar M. Land, PGM, PM (81)  
J. Edward Jennings, PGM, PM (105)

**CONSTITUTIONAL BILLS**  
None Submitted

**BILLS**

**CODE BILL NO. 01-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising.** - of the **Masonic Code.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 77-128** be amended by striking the last sentence of the existing section in its entirety.

77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising. - Masonry shall not be used for advertising purposes. Business cards carrying Masonic emblems are prohibited, nor should such cards carry any parody or doggerel tending to make light of any Masonic lecture or ceremony. A violation of this edict is gross un Masonic conduct. It shall not be unMasonic conduct for a Masonic Lodge to engage in advertising for recognized Masonic fundraising charitable purposes. However, said fundraising shall be approved in writing by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

So that said **Section 77-128** when amended shall read as

follows:

**77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising.** - Masonry shall not be used for advertising purposes. Business cards carrying Masonic emblems are prohibited, nor should such cards carry any parody or doggerel tending to make light of any Masonic lecture or ceremony. A violation of this edict is gross un Masonic conduct. It shall not be unMasonic conduct for a Masonic Lodge to engage in advertising for recognized Masonic fundraising charitable purposes.

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Larry Johnson, WM	Lexington Lodge #158

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 02-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 49-101. Appeals for Aid, How Made.** – of the **Masonic Code.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 49-101. Appeals for Aid, How**

**Made** be amended by striking the fourth and fifth sentence of the section in its entirety.

**49-101. Appeals for Aid, How Made.** - All appeals for aid by individuals must be made only to the subordinate Lodge of which the applicant is a member at the time of such appeal. If an appeal for aid is made by a member of the family of the deceased brother, it should be made to the Lodge of which he dies a member. Any subordinate Lodge to which an appeal for aid has been made, should it see fit, may apply is turn to the Grand Master for the right to participate in the charity fund set aside by the Grand Lodge, which application should be referred to and be passed upon by the Board of Relief. ~~Every subordinate Lodge is prohibited from making a general public appeal and from making an appeal to other Masonic Lodges or members thereof for charity or for any other purpose without the approval of the Grand Master under the seal of the Grand Lodge. Any Mason or subordinate Lodge violating this regulation shall be subject to Masonic discipline.~~

So that said **Section 49-101** when amended shall read as follows:

**49-101. Appeals for Aid, How Made.** - All appeals for aid by individuals must be made only to the subordinate Lodge of which the applicant is a member at the time of such appeal. If an appeal for aid is made by a member of the family of the deceased brother, it should be made to the Lodge of which he dies a member. Any subordinate Lodge to which an appeal for aid has been made, should it see fit, may apply is turn to the Grand Master for the right to participate in the charity fund set aside by the Grand Lodge, which application should be referred to and be passed upon by the Board of Relief.

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*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 03-2015

A Bill to amend Section 23-112 of the Masonic Code relating to dancing in a lodge hall. Said section currently reads:

**23-112. Masonic Halls.**—A Lodge may meet in the same hall used by other orders. While looked upon with disfavor, it may rent a lodge room in conjunction with other orders, but in such case all articles of Masonic character should be safely stored and protected from the curiosity of the profane.

While of doubtful advisability, a Lodge is not forbidden to enter into a contract with others, or with another fraternal or civic organization, for the joint use of a building or joint ownership of a hall or of a building, the lower floor to be used for a store and the upper for the lodge room.

A Lodge shall not rent its Masonic hall for purposes not Masonic, except to benevolent, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations; ~~nor shall it be used for dancing.~~

A subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.& A.M., shall not be permitted to rent, borrow, loan, or lease (to or from), co-locate or otherwise associate with, have business dealings with, hold joint functions with, allow a subordinate lodge hall or subordinate lodge room to be used by; or allow a subordinate lodge building or its real or personal property to be used by, any Order which proclaims itself to be a "Co-Masonry" or any other such similar organization or association that purports to convey or exemplify a type of, or resemblance to, a present or ancient Masonic degree or degrees, now or in the future. Any such conduct shall be unauthorized, improper, un-Masonic and hereby declared spurious and clandestine. Provided however, this Order shall not be construed to exclude association between subordinate Lodges and Masonic Orders duly recognized and accepted by this Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A.M. (Edict No. 2008-1)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 23-112 be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**23-112. Masonic Halls.**—A Lodge may meet in the same hall used by other orders. While looked upon with disfavor, it may rent a lodge room in conjunction with other orders, but in such case all articles of Masonic character should be safely stored and protected from the curiosity of the profane.

While of doubtful advisability, a Lodge is not forbidden to enter into a contract with others, or with another fraternal or civic organization, for the joint use of a building or joint ownership of a hall or of a building, the lower floor to be used for a store and the upper for the lodge room.

A Lodge shall not rent its Masonic hall for purposes not Masonic, except to benevolent, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations. Dancing is allowed in the dining area but not in the lodge room itself.

A subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.& A.M., shall not be permitted to rent, borrow, loan, or lease (to or from), co-locate or otherwise associate with, have business dealings with, hold joint functions with, allow a subordinate lodge hall or subordinate lodge room to be used by; or allow a subordinate



lodge building or its real or personal property to be used by, any Order which proclaims itself to be a "Co-Masonry" or any other such similar organization or association that purports to convey or exemplify a type of, or resemblance to, a present or ancient Masonic degree or degrees, now or in the future. Any such conduct shall be unauthorized, improper, un-Masonic and hereby declared spurious and clandestine. Provided however, this Order shall not be construed to exclude association between subordinate Lodges and Masonic Orders duly recognized and accepted by this Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A.M. (Edict No. 2008-1)

John A. Loyd, PM,	Forest Park Lodge No. 399
Gene C. Adams, PM,	Forest Park Lodge No. 399
James E. Kinman, PM,	Forest Park Lodge No. 399
Michael Bivona, PM,	Forest Park Lodge No. 399
Charlie Austin, PM,	Forest Park Lodge No. 399

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### **CODE BILL NO. 04-2015**

A Bill to repeal Sections 25-123. Master's Duty Relative to Masonic Education and 26-109(b) Secretary's Certificate attached to monthly report relative to the The Lodge System of Masonic Education of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 25-123. Master's duty Relative to Masonic Education. – It shall be the Master's, or Acting Master's duty to see that each candidate, before receiving either degree of Masonry in his lodge, and before standing examination on the Master's degree, shall have previously received that section of The Lodge System of Masonic Education, applicable to the candidates status. and section 26-109(b). Secretary's Certificate attached to monthly report relative to The Lodge System of Masonic Education. - The Secretary of each Constituent Lodge shall attach to his monthly report his certificate certifying the date or dates that each candidate in his lodge received the applicable section of The Lodge System of Masonic Education be and the same are hereby repealed.

John A. Loyd, Past Master Forest Park Lodge No. 399

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### **CODE BILL NO. 05-2015**

##### **Rules of order of the Grand Lodge**

3-109. Reconsideration - When a question has been decided by vote, it shall be in order for any member to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day on which the decision was had or on the next day thereafter, but except by such reconsideration it shall not be presented for action again at the same communication unless by recommendation of a committee and assent of two-thirds of the members present.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that code section 3-109 be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows: When a Question, Bill Bylaw or Resolution has been decided by ballot or vote, it

shall not be in order for any member to move for reconsideration on the same day on which the decision was had or on the next day thereafter, but Question, Bill, Bylaw or Resolution shall not be presented for action again at the same communication.

Charles Lee Thacker, PM, Rex Lodge No. 251

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Inappropriate caption.)*

#### **CODE BILL NO. 06-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising of the Masonic Code of Georgia**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 77-128.

Masonry Not Used for Advertising of the Masonic Code of Georgia be amended by adding the following phrase to the final sentence of the section:

77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising - Masonry shall not be used for advertising purposes. Business cards carrying Masonic emblems are prohibited, nor should such cards carry any parody or doggerel tending to make light of any Masonic lecture or ceremony. A violation of this edict is gross unMasonic conduct. It shall not be un Masonic conduct for a Masonic Lodge to engage in advertising for recognized Masonic fundraising charitable purposes. However, said fundraising shall be approved in writing by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia except for raffles, which are authorized by Section 77-144 - Games of Chance of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

So that when amended Section 77-128 shall read as follows: 77-128. Masonry Not Used for Advertising - Masonry shall not be used for advertising purposes. Business cards carrying Masonic emblems are prohibited, nor should such cards carry any parody or doggerel tending to make light of any Masonic lecture or ceremony. A violation of this edict is gross unMasonic conduct. It shall not be un Masonic conduct for a Masonic Lodge to engage in advertising for recognized Masonic fundraising charitable purposes. However, said fundraising shall be approved in writing by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia except for raffles, which are authorized by Section 77-144 - Games of Chance of the Masonic Code of Georgia.

James E. Underwood, P.M. , Rex Lodge No. 251, F.&A.M.  
Dooley Lodge No. 367, F.&A.M.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form but may be in conflict with Sec.77-144. Added phrase is argumentative, i.e., authorized vs. allowed.)*

#### **CODE BILL NO. 07-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 51-104. Member Under Charges of the Masonic Code of Georgia.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 51-104. Member Under Charges of the Masonic Code of Georgia** be amended by adding the **and Other Circumstances** to the section title, by adding the following sentences at the end of the current paragraph, and by adding an additional paragraph, to wit:

**Section 51-104. Member Under Charges and Other Circumstances.**

Masonic burial may be refused a member upon testimony before the Lodge showing that a refusal would be proper, where such member dies under charges preferred but not acted upon. Additionally, Masonic burial may be refused a deceased member when said brother is incarcerated or under indictment, awaiting hearing or trial, for an offense that would be punishable by suspension or expulsion should he be found guilty of the same under the Masonic Code. Further, Masonic burial may be refused if the said brother, prior to his death, confesses, either orally or in writing, to his guilt of the alleged crime.

Subsequently, should a brother, who has been denied Masonic burial under the provisions of this section, be exonerated of the allegations against him and should his family desire it, it shall be appropriate for the Lodge to arrange for a Masonic Memorial Service, at some appropriate time and location, or (Section 51-108 notwithstanding) a Masonic Burial Service at the gravesite.

So that when amended, **Section 51-104. Member Under Charges** shall read as follows:

**Section 51-104. Member Under Charges and Other Circumstances.** Masonic burial may be refused a member upon testimony before the Lodge showing that a refusal would be proper, where such member dies under charges preferred but not acted upon. Additionally, Masonic burial may be refused a deceased member when said brother is incarcerated or under indictment, awaiting hearing or trial, for an offense that would be punishable by suspension or expulsion should he be found guilty of the same under the Masonic Code. Further, Masonic burial may be refused if the said brother, prior to his death, confesses, either orally or in writing, to his guilt of the alleged crime.

Subsequently, should a brother, who has been denied Masonic burial under the provisions of this section, be exonerated of the allegations against him and should his family desire it, it shall be appropriate for the Lodge to arrange for a Masonic Memorial Service, at some appropriate time and location, or **(Section 51-108 notwithstanding)** a Masonic Burial Service at the gravesite.

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, P.M., Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code. Bills No. 7 and No. 8 are companion bills. )*

**CODE BILL NO. 08-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 51-108. Regular Form Only.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 51-108. Regular Form Only** of the **Masonic Code of Georgia** be amended by inserting the words (except as provided by Section 51-104). at the end of the second sentence;

**51-108. Regular Form Only.** - Masonic burial may be had only in due and regular form, the Masonic ceremonies always concluding the services where other orders also officiate. A Masonic funeral if had, must be had at the same time as the burial and not at a later time (except as provided by Section 51-104).

The subordinate Lodge may not act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knights Templar or by any other society.

So that when amended the section shall read as follows:

**51-108. Regular Form Only.** - Masonic burial may be had only in due and regular form, the Masonic ceremonies always concluding the services where other orders also officiate. A Masonic funeral if had, must be had at the same time as the burial and not at a later time (except as provided by Section 51-104). The subordinate Lodge may not act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knights Templar or by any other society.

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, P.M., Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code, provided Code Bill No. 7 passes.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 08-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 51-108. Regular Form Only.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 51-108. Regular Form Only** of the **Masonic Code of Georgia** be amended by inserting the words (except as provided by Section 51-104). at the end of the second sentence;

**51-108. Regular Form Only.** - Masonic burial may be had only in due and regular form, the Masonic ceremonies always concluding the services where other orders also officiate. A Masonic funeral if had, must be had at the same time as the burial and not at a later time (except as provided by Section 51-104). The subordinate Lodge may not act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knights Templar or by any other society.

So that when amended the section shall read as follows:

**51-108. Regular Form Only.** - Masonic burial may be had only in due and regular form, the Masonic ceremonies always concluding the services where other orders also officiate. A Masonic funeral if had, must be had at the same time as the burial and not at a later time (except as provided by Section 51-104). The subordinate Lodge may not act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knights Templar or by any other society.

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, P.M., Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code, provided Code Bill No. 7 passes.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 09-2015**

A Bill to amend **Section 23-113. Lodge of Sorrow; Dispensation, When Necessary** of the **Masonic Code of Georgia**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that **Section 23-113. Lodge of Sorrow; Dispensation, When Necessary** of the **Masonic Code of Georgia** be repealed in its entirety and that the following be adopted as follows:

**Section 23-113. Lodge of Sorrow** - A Lodge of Sorrow, being a fit service for Sunday; it is proper to be held on that day without dispensation.

So that when repealed and the new section adopted, Section 21-113 shall read as follows:



**Section 23-113. Lodge of Sorrow** - A Lodge of Sorrow, being a fit service for Sunday; it is proper to be held on that day without dispensation.

Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, P.M., Resaca Lodge No. 724, F.&A.M.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### **CODE BILL NO. 10-2015**

A Bill to amend Section 86-102 of the Masonic Code relating to balloting on Restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues and suspension of members for a definite period after trial.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 86-102 be amended by striking the following words from the code section as currently written:

**Code section 86-102. Restoration, How Obtained.**—*Any member suspended for a definite time, must, upon expiration of that time, make application for restoration to the Lodge from which he was suspended, after due investigation by a committee; may be restored by majority of members present and voting in the Lodge from which he had been suspended. This shall not apply to any person who was sentenced prior to adoption of this provision (1983):*

*Indefinite suspension may never be imposed as a penalty except for non-payment of dues. Upon the payment of such dues and reinstatement fees required by the Lodge suspending him, and upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored by majority of members present and voting in the Lodge suspending him. A member of a Lodge, the charter of which has been surrendered or forfeited, who was suspended for non-payment of dues prior to such surrender or forfeiture, shall be entitled to the issuance by the Grand Secretary of a certificate in lieu of demit upon his payment to such Grand Secretary of the dues for non-payment of which he was suspended, plus a fee of \$3.50 to the Grand Secretary; and upon the payment thereof the Grand Secretary shall issue to such applicant his certificate which will show that such member was suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge which is now defunct; that such arrears of dues have been paid; that such certificate is issued by the Grand Secretary in lieu of and to have the same effect as a demit to such applicant as a Master Mason, and that the certificate does not constitute a recommendation as to character.*

*Restoration after expulsion is not within the power of a Constituent Lodge, which has power only to recommend the restoration of the expelled member upon unanimous secret ballot. A like petition is required with at least one of the recommenders being a member of the Lodge to which the petition is submitted. Only the Lodge from which expulsion was recommended may recommend restoration, regardless of the residence of such expelled member. See Secs. 44-102, 86-107, 86-108.*

*Following suspension or expulsion for failure to comply with Code Section 44-104, an individual may apply for restoration, and if restored to good standing the requirement for examination on the Catechism of the Master's Degree shall immediately become*

*effective, according to Code Section 44-104, with time limits and all other provisions to apply to the restored individual the same as one who has just received the Master Mason's Degree.*

and inserting the following underlined words so that when amended **Section 86-102. Restoration, How Obtained** will read as follows:

**86-102. Restoration, How Obtained.**—Any member suspended for a definite time, must, upon expiration of that time, make application for restoration to the Lodge from which he was suspended, after due investigation by a committee, member may be restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge from which he had been suspended.

Indefinite suspension may never be imposed as a penalty except for non-payment of dues. Upon the payment of such dues and reinstatement fees required by the Lodge suspending him, and upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge suspending him. A member of a Lodge, the charter of which has been surrendered or forfeited, who was suspended for non-payment of dues prior to such surrender or forfeiture, shall be entitled to the issuance by the Grand Secretary of a certificate in lieu of demit upon his payment to such Grand Secretary of the dues for non-payment of which he was suspended, plus a fee of \$3.50 to the Grand Secretary; and upon the payment thereof the Grand Secretary shall issue to such applicant his certificate which will show that such member was suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge which is now defunct; that such arrears of dues have been paid; that such certificate is issued by the Grand Secretary in lieu of and to have the same effect as a demit to such applicant as a Master Mason, and that the certificate does not constitute a recommendation as to character, each member that has been issued such certificate must upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, may be restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge to which he has made application.

Restoration after expulsion is not within the power of a Constituent Lodge, which has power only to recommend the restoration of the expelled member upon unanimous secret ballot. A like petition is required with at least one of the recommenders being a member of the Lodge to which the petition is submitted. Only the Lodge from which expulsion was recommended may recommend restoration, regardless of the residence of such expelled member. See Secs. 44-102, 86-107, 86-108.

Following suspension or expulsion for failure to comply with Code Section 44-104, an individual may apply for restoration, and if restored to good standing the requirement for examination on the Catechism of the Master's Degree shall immediately become effective, according to Code Section 44-104, with time limits and all other provisions to apply to the restored individual the same as one who has just received the Master Mason's Degree.

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Harry Worthington, P.M. (537)  
Howard M. Howell, P.M. (63)  
Kenny Head, P.M. (728)

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code. Bills No. 10 and No. 11 are companion bills.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 11-2015

A Bill to amend Section 41-102 of the Masonic Code relating to balloting on Restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues and suspension of members for a definite period after trial.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that said Code Section 41-102 be amended by striking the words in **Section 41-102. Joint Ballot** currently written:

**41-102. Joint Ballot.** *A joint secret ballot may be had upon two or more candidates for the degree of Entered Apprentice or for advancement to the degree of Fellowcraft or Master Mason, or upon two or more petitions for either affiliation, demit or restoration from expulsion, but a joint ballot may not be had on more than one class of petitions or applications, or relate to more than one degree. In any case when joint ballot shall be taken, if the same should be unfavorable then a separate secret ballot shall be had upon each application. Restoration from suspension for non-payment of dues or suspension for a definite period after trial will be determined by a majority of members present and voting. See Code Sec. 86-102*

and inserting the following words, so that when amended Section 41-102 shall read as follows:

**41-102. Joint Ballot.** A joint secret ballot may be had upon two or more candidates for the degree of Entered Apprentice or for advancement to the degree of Fellowcraft or Master Mason, or upon two or more petitions for either affiliation, demit, restoration from expulsion, restoration for non-payment of dues or suspension for a definite period after trial, but a joint ballot may not be had on more than one class of petitions or applications, or relate to more than one degree. In any case when joint ballot shall be taken, if the same should be unfavorable then a separate secret ballot shall be had upon each application. See Code Sec. 86-102

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Kenny Head, P.M. (728)

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code, provided Bill No. 10 passes.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 12-2015

**A bill to amend code section 5-101 by adding section and the words;**

##### **5-113 Emeritus Status**

At the competition of a faithful full term as District Deputy in good standing, said Brother may carry the title of "District Deputy Emeritus" and be entitled to purchase an appropriate Masonic Apron with the title embroidered Title "District Deputy Emeritus" and the year or years of service. Veiled in Grand Lodge Purple, Such apron carries no authority or authorization to act as District Deputy, except the authority to make presentations in

behalf of the area District Deputy or at the Direction of Grand Lodge or presiding Grand Master on special occasions. Said apron or status is not to be adorned by Grand Lodge collar or Jewel suspended from a collar. Bill is to be retroactive.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND EXCEPTED MASONS that code section 5-101 of the Masonic Code be amended so that section 5-113 as amended shall read as follows;

#### CHAPTER 5-1 DISTRICT DEPUTIES TO GRAND MASTER

**5-101. General.**—There shall be 60 District Deputies to the Grand Master appointed by him to serve as his personal representatives from the areas determined, and with duties, functions, powers and responsibilities governed by the following regulations:

**5-102. Masonic Sub-Districts.**—There are hereby created in the 12 Masonic Districts of this Grand Lodge 60 sub-districts as follows:

First District	5
Second District	3
Third District	4
Fourth District	5
Fifth District	6
Sixth District	5
Seventh District	8
Eighth District	4
Ninth District	8
Tenth District	3
Eleventh District	5
Twelfth District	4

and upon installation, the Grand Master shall delineate the area of each sub-district so as to accommodate the convenience of the Lodges therein and so as to equalize as nearly as practicable the number of Lodges in the subdistricts.

**5-103. Appointments.**—The District Deputies shall (a) consist of one member appointed by the Grand Master from each Sub-District, (b) have the style and title of Worshipful District Deputy, be installed all at the same time or in the several Districts or in such groups and with such ceremonies as may best meet his convenience and pleasure, and (d) serve at his pleasure.

**5-104. Prerequisites.**—The District Deputy to the Grand Master shall be (a) a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, (b) a member of a Lodge of the District in which he is serving as District Deputy, and a Mason well versed in the knowledge of the customs, laws, ritual and usages of the Craft.

**5-105. Duties of District Deputy Leaders.**—The Grand Master shall designate in each of the Masonic Districts a Leader of the Deputies of such District, who shall (a) appraise and report to the State Chairman of the District Deputies upon the program and progress of the Craft and make recommendations for its welfare, (b) as requested by the Grand Master coordinate the activities and work of the Deputies in his District (c) Organize and publicize District educational meetings, institutes and seminars in the District, and at the District convention at the request of the Grand Master or District Master, and (d) perform such other duties as the Grand Master may request.



**5-105(A) Appointment of State Chairman of the District Deputies to the Grand Master.** - The Grand Master shall appoint a Leader of the District Deputies to the Grand Master who will serve as the State Chairman of the District Deputies to the Grand Master. The State Chairman so selected should be currently serving as a District Deputy or recently served as a District Deputy. However the State Chairman so appointed will not be able to serve as a District Deputy to the Grand Master during his term as State Chairman of the District Deputies. He will, (a) work with the District Leaders to train and supervise the activities of the District Deputies, (b) receive all quarterly reports due from the District Leaders, compile those reports and furnish a copy to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and (c) perform such other duties as the Grand Master may request.

**5-106. Duties of Sub-District Deputies.**—The Sub-District Deputies shall be the personal representatives of the Grand Master. and their duties shall be (a) to serve as liaison between the Grand Master and the Subordinate Lodges, the Master and officers thereof, (b) to visit each Lodge in their Sub-District as often as convenient, but not less than twice a year. (c) To ascertain the state and condition of the Lodge in all respects and at once report any Masonic error or evil to the Grand Master, (d) to organize and preside over a Lodge Officers Association in their Sub-District and bring the Lodges into closer relation with each other and the Grand Lodge for coordinating and promoting the work of Freemasonry therein, (e) to organize and publicize educational meetings, institutes, and seminars in the Sub-District in the several Lodges thereof when requested by the Grand Master or the Master of a Lodge, (f) to arrange a program of inspection and visitation by the Grand Master in one or more Lodges meeting together in their Sub-District, as the Grand Master may request, (g) to investigate, with the assistance of the Master of the Lodge from whom the request is made, all requests for Masonic charity to members of the Craft or their widows, and report the confidential results of the investigation and make his recommendation to the Grand Master and the Board of Relief, and (h) to perform all such other Masonic services as may be requested or entrusted to them by the Grand Master.

**5-107. Preside, When.**—The District Deputy to the Grand Master may preside as such over a Lodge only while transacting the business of the Grand Master and at his specific direction, but not otherwise in the performance of routine duties of his office, unless invited to do so by the Worshipful Master.

**5-108. Reports.**—The District Deputy shall make quarterly reports to the District Leader on forms furnished for the purpose, outlining his visits to the respective Lodges assigned to him, the condition in which he found them and all other matters of concern to the Craft, and make additional special reports to the Grand Master when requested by him. The State Chairman of the District Deputies shall compile the reports from the District Leaders and forward a copy to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master noting (a) the progress of the Craft, (b) all matters of concern, and (c) recommendations for its welfare.

**5-109. Meetings With The Grand Master.**—At his pleasure the Grand Master may call the District Deputies or any member thereof together at such time and place as he may designate for the purpose of consultation and instruction as to their assignments, and, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the District Deputies shall hold no general meetings and

shall not render decisions as to Masonic Jurisprudence, but when such questions arise they shall refer them at once to the Grand Master.

**5-110. Meeting at Grand Lodge.**—Immediately prior to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge a conference of the District Deputies to the Grand Master shall be held to be presided over by the Grand Master or other elected Grand Lodge line officer as may be directed by the Grand Master, and shall take the form of a round table discussion of problems confronting the Craft in this jurisdiction and the progress of the program of education as outlined on pages 54-55 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1960.

**5-111. Records, Expenses.**—Each District Deputy to the Grand Master shall keep a book in which he shall record every official act performed by him with the date thereof. He shall be reimbursed his mileage at sixteen cents per mile, when approved by the Grand Master, while traveling in the performance of his duties.

**5-112. Handbook. Forms.**—The Educational and Historical Commission shall prepare a handbook of instructions and the forms for the use of the District Deputies to the Grand Master in keeping a record of their activities and in making reports which shall be printed and provided by the Grand Lodge through the office of the Grand Secretary.

**5-113 Emeritus Status**  
At the competition of a faithful full term as District Deputy in good standing, said Brother may carry the title of "District Deputy Emeritus" and be entitled to purchase an appropriate Masonic Apron with the title embroidered Title "District Deputy Emeritus" and the year or years of service. Veiled in Grand Lodge Purple, Such apron carries no authority or authorization to act as District Deputy, except the authority to make presentations in behalf of the area District Deputy or at the Direction of Grand Lodge or presiding Grand Master on special occasions. Said apron or status is not to be adorned by Grand Lodge collar or Jewel suspended from a collar. Bill is to be retroactive.

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Russell Gee PM, Gainesville Lodge #219

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Section is to be added, not amended; enacting statement conflicts; spelling, i.e., ACCEPTED, NOT EXCEPTED.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 13-2015

**A bill to amend code section 77-127 Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room.** - It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct.

**This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004. by striking it in its entirety.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND EXCEPTED MASONS that code section 77-127 of the Masonic Code be amended so the Section 77-127 as amended shall read as follows;

**77-127. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room.**—It is a violation

of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct.

**This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004:**

**77-127 - Unassigned/Repealed**

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Jeff Shoemaker PM,	Stone Lodge #715
Anthony Prickett PM,	Buford Lodge #292
Cameron Boswell PM,	Hudson Lodge #294
Richard Vickery PM,	Hudson Lodge #294
Ronald Parson PM,	Hudson Lodge #294

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Section is to be repealed, not amended; enacting statement conflicts; spelling, i.e., ACCEPTED, NOT EXCEPTED.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 14-2015**

**A bill to amend code section 77-127 Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room. - by adding the words; Except for any Brother with a valid Georgia concealed carry permit or otherwise permitted to carry a firearm, the weapon should be as concealed secured carrying holster and never un-Holstered or displayed on Lodge property, except in case of emergency.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND EXCEPTED MASONS that code section 77-127 of the Masonic Code be amended so that Section 77-127 as amended shall read as follows;

**77-127. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room. - It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct, Except for any Brother with a valid Georgia Concealed carry permit or otherwise permitted to carry a firearm, the weapon should be as concealed secured carrying holster and never un-Holstered or displayed on Lodge property, except in case of emergency.**

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*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Enacting statement spelling, i.e., ACCEPTED, NOT EXCEPTED.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 15-2015**

**A bill to amend code section 77-127 Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room. - by adding the words; Except for certified Law Enforcement Officers or certified State or Federal Permitted**

**Retired Law enforcement. In the case of uniformed officers the weapon should be secured in its normal uniform carrying holster and undercover or retired the weapon should be as concealed secured carrying holster and never un-Holstered or displayed on Lodge property, except in case of emergency.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND EXCEPTED MASONS that code section 77-127 of the Masonic Code be amended so that Section 77-127 as amended shall read as follows;

**77-127. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room. - It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct, Except for certified Law Enforcement Officers or certified State or Federal Permitted Retired Law enforcement. In the case of uniformed officers the weapon should be secured in its normal uniform carrying holster and undercover or retired the weapon should be as concealed secured carrying holster and never un-Holstered or displayed on Lodge property, except in case of emergency.**

**This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004**

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*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Enacting statement spelling, i.e., ACCEPTED, NOT EXCEPTED.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 16-2015**

A Bill to Repeal Section 31-106. By Resolution. of the Masonic Code of Georgia in its entirety and to provide for the enactment of a new Section 31-106. By Resolution. in the Masonic Code of Georgia.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 31-106. By Resolution. , which reads as follow:**

31-106. By Resolution. - When a member is one or more years in arrears, a trial is unnecessary and suspension may be by resolution. Each member so in arrears should be given sufficient notice by proof of mailing sent to his last known address no less than forty-five (45) days prior to such suspension unless two (2) or more members appointed as a special committee by the Worshipful master go and personally visit the member that is in arrears during that same forty-five (45) day period. The appointed committee will have their names entered into the minutes of the lodge records upon being appointed by the Worshipful master. The same committee will make a written report at a regular communication following the visit. The member to be suspended will have to show just cause why he should not be suspended. A collective motion or resolution may be made on all lodge members so charged. The suspension of any member of the lodge not so notified shall be deemed null and void. Any costs if notified by



proof of mailing shall be charged as a special assessment to the member so notified. See Secs 78-113; 83-506

**shall be repealed in its entirety, and in its stead, the following shall be enacted:**

**31-106. By Resolution.** - When a member is one or more years in arrears, a trial is unnecessary and suspension may be by resolution. Each member so in arrears should be given sufficient notice, sent to his last known Address and/or Phone Number or E-mail, no less than forty-five (45) days prior to such suspension, unless two (2) or more members, appointed as a special committee by the Worshipful Master, go and personally visit the member that is in arrears, during the same forty-five (45) day period. The appointed committee will have their names entered into the minutes of the lodge records upon being appointed by the Worshipful Master. The same committee will make a written report at a regular, following the visit. The member to be suspended will have to show just cause, why he should not be suspended. a collective motion or resolution may be made on all lodge members so charged. The Lodge Secretary shall attest, in the Lodge Minutes, that due diligence was performed in notifying said members(s). Any costs, if notified by proof of mailing, shall be charged as special assessment to the member so notified. See Secs. 78-113; 83-506

**so that when enacted, the section shall read:**

**31-106. By Resolution.** - When a member is one or more years in arrears, a trial is unnecessary and suspension may be by resolution. Each member so in arrears should be given sufficient notice, sent to his last known Address and/or Phone Number or E-mail, no less than forty-five (45) days prior to such suspension, unless two (2) or more members, appointed as a special committee by the Worshipful Master, go and personally visit the member that is in arrears, during the same forty-five (45) day period. The appointed committee will have their names entered into the minutes of the lodge records upon being appointed by the Worshipful Master. The same committee will make a written report at a regular, following the visit. The member to be suspended will have to show just cause, why he should not be suspended. a collective motion or resolution may be made on all lodge members so charged. The Lodge Secretary shall attest, in the Lodge Minutes, that due diligence was performed in notifying said members(s). Any costs, if notified by proof of mailing, shall be charged as special assessment to the member so notified. See Secs. 78-113; 83-506

Kenneth E. (Kenny) Drescher, PM, Thunderbolt Lodge #693

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper legal form. Committee is unsure of intent of bill. Committee feels changes are unclear and should have been written to amend said section using strikethroughs and underlines instead of repealing.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 17-2015**

A bill to amend Section 61-101 of the Masonic Code by including Hapeville Lodge No. 590 in the Sixth District.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons that Section 61-101 of the Masonic Code be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**61-101. How Constituted.**—There shall be twelve Masonic districts in the State in each of which there shall be held annually a Masonic District Convention. Said districts shall be constituted as follows:

*First District:* Composed of the Counties of Bryan, Bullock, Burke, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven and Tattnall. Also included in the First District is Vidalia Lodge No. 330.

*Second District:* Composed of the Counties of Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Tift, Thomas and Worth.

*Third District:* Composed of the Counties of Ben Hill, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Lee, Macon, Marion, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Taylor, Terrell, Turner, Webster and Wilcox. Also included in the Third District is Hiram Lodge No. 21.

*Fourth District:* Composed of the Counties of Carroll, Chattahoochee, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Meriwether, Muscogee, Talbot and Troup.

*Fifth District:* Composed of the Counties of DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton and Rockdale.

*Sixth District:* Composed of the Counties of Bibb, Butts, Clayton, Crawford, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson. Also included in the Sixth District are Mickey Fuller Lodge No. 720 and Panthersville Lodge No. 543 and Hapeville Lodge No. 590

*Seventh District:* Composed of the Counties of Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cobb, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Polk, Walker and Whitfield. Also included in the Seventh District is Battle Hill Lodge No. 523.

*Eighth District:* Composed of the Counties of Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Walton and Wilkes.

*Ninth District:* Composed of the Counties of Barrow, Banks, Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Pickens, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

*Tenth District:* Composed of the Counties of Baldwin, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington and Wilkinson.

*Eleventh District:* Composed of the Counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Glynn, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Ware and Wayne.

*Twelfth District:* Composed of the Counties of Bleckley, Dodge, Houston, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Twiggs and Wheeler.

Wayne Cantrell P.M., Secretary (590)  
Emmett Johns P.M. (663)

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 18-2015**

A BILL to provide for revising the duties and operating procedures of the Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors [a commission], by adding Section 2-227 of the Masonic Code and amending Sections 2-201, 2-220, 2-223, and 12-101 of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that

Code Section 2-227, relating to Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors [a commission], be added so that said section as added shall read as follows:

**2-227. Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors [a commission]**

(a) This Commission shall be known as the Masonic Education and Leadership Development Commission (MELD) of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons. It shall be the duty of this Commission to prepare educational courses and materials and conduct training classes, talks, and conferences for the members of the Masonic Lodges of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons.

(b) The members of this Commission shall (1) be appointed by the Grand Master as soon after his election as practicable, (2) consist of the State Director, Assistant State Director, and one District Director for each Masonic sub-District in the state to coincide with the number as required for the District Deputies to the Grand Master (Code Section 5-102), and (3) serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

(c) Each member of this Commission shall be required to be (1) a member of a Lodge of the District in which he is serving as Director, and (2) a Mason well versed and knowledgeable of the customs, laws, rituals and usages of the Craft.

(d) The State Director shall be appointed by, and report directly to, the Grand Master. The State Director shall (1) oversee the activities of the Commission and its members, (2) make recommendations to the Grand Master for the appointment or removal of any District Director, District Leader, or Special Instructor, (3) assist in the development of training materials, which shall be approved by the Educational and Historical Commission prior to the distribution or presentation of said educational materials and courses, (4) prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the Grand Master and subsequently to the Grand Lodge for approval, (5) make reports to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge of the activities of this Commission, (6) hold quarterly meetings with the Assistant State Director, District Leaders, and District Directors, and special meetings as needed, and (7) perform such other duties as necessary or requested by the Grand Master.

(e) The Assistant State Director shall be appointed by the Grand Master (1) to assist the State Director in the duties of his office, (2) to preside at all meetings of this Commission in case of the absence of the State Director, and, (3) in the case of the death, incapacity or absence from the jurisdiction of the State Director, to exercise the prerogatives and perform all the duties of the State Director.

(f) The Grand Master shall appoint a District Leader from the District Directors in such District. Each District Leader shall (1) coordinate the activities of the Directors of his District, (2) assist in the scheduling and coordination of training sessions with the District Master and District Deputies to the Grand Master for the District, and (3) submit, to the State Director, the Assistant State Director, and the District Master, no less than quarterly, a report of the activities of the Directors of his District.

(g) Each District Director shall (1) coordinate with the Worshipful Master of the Lodges in his sub-District a minimum of two lodge visits per year to communicate the activities of the

Commission, (2) hold a minimum of two training sessions for the officers and members of the Lodges in his sub-District, (3) prepare course materials for submission to and approval by the Educational and Historical Commission, (4) perform any other duties as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Grand Master or the State Director, and (5) submit, to the District Leader, no less than quarterly, a report of his activities, in the format required by the State Director.

(h) The Grand Master may appoint Special Instructors, whose shall perform such duties as shall be as assigned by the State Director. A Special Instructor is required to be a Master Mason in a lodge operating under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

And that, Code Section 2-201, relating to Permanent Committees, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**2-201. Permanent Committees.**—There shall be the following permanent committees of the Grand Lodge:

1. Committee on the Grand Master's Address (Sec. 2-202)
2. Committee on Appeals and Grievances (Secs. 2-203 & Chs. 78-1, 79-1, 83-1, 83-2, 85-1 & 86-1)
3. Finance Committee (Secs. 2-204 & 4-903)
4. Committee on Foreign Correspondence (Sec. 2-205)
5. Credentials Committee (Sec. 2-206)
6. Board of Relief (Sec. 2-207)
7. Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Committee (Sec. 2-208)
8. Educational and Historical Commission (Secs. 2-209, 2-210, 3-115(b), 9-101(b), 9-104, 9-105 & 9-106, and Ch. 66-1)
9. Code Supplement Committee (Secs. 2-211 & 3-115(c))
10. Publications Committee (Sec. 2-212)
11. Board of Custodians [of the Uniform Work] (Secs. 2-213 & 2-214)
12. Properties and Investment Committee (Sec. 2-215)
13. Committee on Tax (Secs. 2-216A & 23-134)
14. Committee on Laws (Secs. 2-216B & 23-134)
15. Entertainment Committee (Sec. 2-217)
16. Higher Education Fund Committee (Sec. 2-218)
17. Youth Council Committee (Sec. 2-219)
18. General Welfare Committee (Sec. 2-219.1)
19. Masonic Education and Leadership Development Directors a commission] (Sec. 2-223 & 2-227)
20. Committee on Jurisprudence (Secs. 3-113, 3-114, 3-115(a))
21. Retirement Committee (Sec. 4-906)
22. District Deputies to the Grand Master [a commission] (Ch. 5-1)
23. Board of Trustee of the Masonic Home (Sec. 6-101)
24. Board of Trustees of the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund (Sec. 6-102)
25. Dewey Harold Wollstein Award Committee (Sec. 9-101)
26. Charters and By-Laws Committee (Sec. 22-103)
27. GACHIP Committee (Sec. 2-225)
28. Development Committee Sec. 2-226)

And that, Code Section 2-220, relating to Committee Appointment, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**2-220. Committee Appointment.**—As used in this Code, "Committees" shall be those specified in this Code as Permanent Committees, Special Committees, Boards, Commissions, Councils and District Deputies to the Grand Master, ~~and the Directors of~~



~~Masonic Education and Leadership Development~~: All Committees shall consist of only the number of members as are specified in the Section of this Code creating the same, except the Credentials, Charters and By-Laws, Entertainment, and Jurisprudence Committees, each of which shall consist of no more than ten members, ~~and the Directors of Masonic Education and/or Leadership Development, which shall consist of one Director for each sub-district in the State plus a State Director, Associate State Director and six Assistant State Directors~~. Committee appointments required by this Code shall be made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master as soon as practicable after his installation.

And that, Code Section 2-223, relating to Expenses of Grand Lodge Committeemen, Officers and Employees, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**2-223. Expenses of Grand Lodge Committeemen, Officers and Employees.**—All Committeemen, Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Trial Commissioners and employees of the Grand Lodge, each while serving as such, shall be entitled to receive, upon certification by the Grand Master, mileage at the rate of sixteen cents per mile while actually engaged in official business. No per diem shall be paid to any Grand Lodge Committeemen, Officers or Employees. As used in this Code, “Committeemen” shall be those members specified in this Code as members of Permanent Committees, Special Committees, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and District Deputies to the Grand Master, ~~and the Directors of Masonic Education and Leadership Development~~.

And that, Code Section 12-101, relating to Clothing, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**12-101. Clothing.**—The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft, provided, however, that any aprons actually in use on October 25, 2000 that do not conform to these requirements may continue to be used during such apron’s individual lifetime.

Aprons and collars shall be as follows:

(a) Master Masons - A plain white apron, preferably lambskin 13 inches by 15 inches in size, and, at the pleasure of the wearer, a lining, edging or bordering not greater than 1 inch, tassels, the All-seeing Eye and/or the lodge name and number on the flap and such emblems as may appertain to the Degree on the bib, all in blue or silver or white color.

(b) Lodge Officers - Aprons of a similar character with the emblems of their office wrought in blue, silver or white on the bib and the bordering or edging may be not greater than 1.5 inches. All officers in a particular lodge shall wear similar aprons. Past Masters, may have the emblem of their office wrought in blue, white or silver and may have blue, white or silver fringe. Collars of officers may be a blue rope with the emblem of the office suspended therefrom or collars of silk or velvet without fringe, with the emblem of office suspended or embroidered thereon in silver. The collar of Masters of Lodges may be silver or plated chains or collars of silk or velvet with silver or white fringe with the square suspended or embroidered thereon in silver, with a sprig of acacia on one side and an ear of wheat with stem and leaves on the other, or three stars on each side. Lodges shall not use the gold color on their aprons or collars.

(c) Mourning - While a lodge is opened in a Lodge of Sorrow for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to a deceased

brother, the lining, edging or bordering, tassels and emblems may be in black.

(d) District Officers - Aprons and collars similar to those of lodge officers except the district shall be designated on the flap or bib.

(e) Grand Officers - Aprons of a similar character except the emblems shall be in gold and may be encircled by a wreath, bordered with gold and edged with purple. The edging and bordering together may be not greater than 2.25 inches in width. Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters may wear a gold fringe. The apron of the Deputy Grand Master may have pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging. The apron of the Grand Master may be 14 inches by 16 inches in size, ornamented with emblems, emblazoned in gold in the center; on a 2.5-inch bordering and edging of purple and gold, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-speared wheat at each corner, and also on the flap, all in gold embroidery. The apron of a Past Grand Master may be similar to that of the Grand Master. - Collars of the Grand Officers may be chains of gold or metal gilt, or the pattern thereof embroidered on a purple background with gold edging: if embroidered, that of the Grand Master and Past Grand Master, with nine stars and gold bullion fringe; Deputy Grand Masters, seven stars and gold bullion fringe; Grand Wardens, five stars; other Grand Officers, three stars;

(f) District Deputy to the Grand Master - Aprons of a similar character as that of a lodge officer except with purple bordering and edging not greater than 2 inches, the emblem of the office in gold embroidery in the center and the initials “DDGM” on the flap. The collar may be of silk or velvet edged in gold with the emblem of the office suspended therefrom.

(g) Masonic Home Trustees, and Custodians and Directors of Masonic Education and Leadership Development may wear aprons of a similar character to the District Deputy to the Grand Master except on the flap shall be the words “Trustee,” or “Custodian,” or “(State or District) Director,” as the same may apply, and no collar is authorized.

(h) Emeritus Grand Officers - Emeritus Grand Officers may have aprons and collars of a similar character to the stations to which they are emeritus.

(i) Assistant Custodians shall wear the apron of a Master Mason, Past Master, or lodge officer of any station that they may be filling. As a courtesy, the District Custodian may allow the Assistant Custodian to wear the apron of the Custodian for a temporary time, such as one lodge communication, at a Masonic funeral that the Custodian cannot attend, etc.

(j) GACHIP Committee Officers and Directors may wear aprons of a similar character to the District Deputy to the Grand Master, except on the flap shall be the words GACHIP, as the same may apply, and no collar is authorized.

(k) Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Committee members may wear aprons of a similar character to the District Deputy to the Grand Master, except on the flap shall be the words Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Committee as the same may apply and no collar is authorized.

(l) Masonic Education and Leadership Development members may wear aprons of a similar character to the District Deputy to the Grand Master, except on the flap shall be the initials “MELD” and the words “(State, Assistant State, or District) Director,” as the same may apply, and no collar is authorized.

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*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 19

Duplicate Bill of Code Bill No. 21  
Submitted No Signatures  
Withdrawn

#### CODE BILL NO. 20

##### **A BILL to amend Section 77-127 of the Masonic Code of Georgia relating to the Carrying of Weapons in the Lodge Room.**

Said Code Section now reads: Section 77-127. It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia that: Section 77-127 be amended by the addition of the sentences:

This section shall not apply to members who are active law enforcement officers, retired law enforcement officers, members who have a valid Georgia Concealed Carry Permit, or any other such person that is permitted to carry a concealed weapon under Georgia Law, and/or, exempt from those laws under Georgia Law 16-11-130 (i.e. Peace Officers, Judges, District Attorneys, Probation Officers); provided said member **MUST** carry said weapon in a **CONCEALED MANNER** that does not allow the weapon to be visible to any other member or visitor. Any member who enters a lodge room with a weapon in any other manner than stated above will be in violation of Masonic law; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct.

So that when amended Section 77-127 shall read as follows:

Section 77-127. It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This section shall not apply to members who are active law enforcement officers, retired law enforcement officers, members who have a valid Georgia Concealed Carry Permit, or any other such person that is permitted to carry a concealed weapon under Georgia Law, and/or is exempt from those laws under Georgia Law 16-11-130 (i.e. Peace Officers, Judges, District Attorneys, Probation Officers); provided said member **MUST** carry said weapon in a concealed manner that does not allow the weapon to be visible to any other member or visitor. Any member who enters a lodge room with a weapon in any other manner than stated above will be in violation of Masonic law; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004.

Sponsors:

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy B. Busby J.W. (91)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve C. Pike W.M. (91)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Robert A. Wardlaw W.M. (765)  
4<sup>th</sup> Richard Sims W.M. (463)  
5<sup>th</sup> Donald A. Duvall P.M. (91)  
6<sup>th</sup> Frederick C. Roden P.M. (300)  
7<sup>th</sup> Michael G. Tinker P.M. (106)  
8<sup>th</sup> Thomas W. Ryans P.M. (397)  
9<sup>th</sup> Bobby A. Jiles P.M. (91)

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### CODE BILL NO. 21

A bill to amend Section 9-103 and Section 9-103(a) of the Masonic Code of Georgia so as to provide that the Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Award shall be hereinafter known as the Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM Eagle Scout Award. Said code section presently reads (prior to the amendment) as follows:

9-103. The Eagle Scout Award.

(a) There is hereby established an award to be known as "The Eagle Scout Award".

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons that the Masonic Code Chapter 9-1, **Code Section 9-103 and 9-103(a)**, only be amended as follows:

9-103. The Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM Eagle Scout Award.

(a) There is hereby established an award to be known as "The Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM Eagle Scout Award".

After the amendment code section 9-103 shall read as follows in its entirety.

9-103. The Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM Eagle Scout Award.

(a) There is hereby established an award to be known as "The Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM Eagle Scout Award".

(b) The award may only be presented to a member in good standing of the Boy Scouts of America or of a Boy Scout organization recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. The award shall not be presented to anyone posthumously.

(c) The recipient must be active in religious, education, community and civic affairs. The recipient must have demonstrated and contributed to Scouting growth by sharing of wisdom and knowledge of Scouting locally, statewide or nationally. The recipient must be of high moral character, conduct becoming an Eagle Scout and recognized as a servant of God by fellow Scouters.

(d) The award may be presented at a Boy Scout Troup meeting, a special Eagle Scout Ceremony or a location selected by the Eagle Scout. The award shall only be presented to a Boy Scout after application to the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons and at the time of initially obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

(e) The recipient of the award must be approved by a minimum of three (3) members of a committee of five (5) members appointed by The Grand Master; one Past Grand Master, one Past Master one of which is an Eagle Scout and three

(3) members of the Education and Historical Commission or the Youth Council Committee.

(f) It shall be the responsibility of the Education and Historical Commission to select and prepare a suitable for framing Certificate of Merit or plaque, a Medal of Honor with the Grand Lodge Seal on one side and an appropriate Eagle Scout insignia on the opposite side to hang around the neck on an award ribbon tied with a square knot, a Scouting Square Knot to wear on the uniform and an educational scholarship as appropriate.

- Douglas W. McDonald, MWGM, Mt. Airy Lodge No. 141
- Curtis Anderson, PM, Flowery Branch Lodge No. 212
- E. Ray Knittel, PGM, Cohutta Lodge No. 64
- William O. Sexton, Jr., PM, Etowah Lodge No. 222
- A. Charles Knowles, PGM, Rose Hill Lodge No. 484
- Ross M. Laver, PM, Flint Hill Lodge No. 371
- C. Buster Horne, PGM, East Point No. 288
- Ralph H. Chandler, PM, Clarkston Lodge No. 492
- Leonard E. Buffington, PGM, Clarkston Lodge No. 492
- Robert L. Jones, PM, Clarkston Lodge No. 492
- Dannie L. Reed, PGM, Generous Warren Lodge No. 20
- Raymond Gray, PM, Tucker Lodge No. 42
- Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154
- Tom D. Bruce, PM, Tucker Lodge No. 42
- C. Danny Wofford, PGM, Buford Lodge No. 292
- F. Andrew Lane, Jr., PM, Dallas Lodge No. 182
- Clyde E. Griffin, PGM, Thunderbolt Lodge No. 693
- Gary H. Leazer, PM, Snellville Lodge No. 99
- Ted C. Collins, PGM, Millwood Lodge No. 198
- Larry W. Nichols, PM, Atlanta-Peachtree Lodge No. 59
- Bobby B. Simmons, PGM, Tyrian Lodge No. 111
- Michael H. Wilson, PM, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 6
- James E. Underwood, PGM, Dooly Lodge No. 367
- Johnie M. Garmon, PM, Allegheny Lodge No. 114
- Jerry D. Moss, PGM, Mountain Park Lodge No. 729
- Jan M. Giddens, PM, Kennesaw Lodge No. 33
- Edgar M. Land, PGM, Oak Bowery Lodge No. 81
- Donald C. Combs, PM, Frank F. Baker Lodge 46J.
- Edward Jennings, Jr., PGM, Dalton Lodge No. 105
- Michael A. Kessler, PM, Fulton Lodge No. 216
- B. Palmer Mills, PGM, Chipley Lodge No. 40
- Joseph W. Watson, PM, Rutland Lodge No. 298
- Joseph P. Suttles, PGM, Ben Hill Lodge No. 674
- Mark A. Bradley, PM, Unity Lodge No. 36
- James N. Cline, PM, Clarkston No. 492
- Thomas E. Gurley, PM, Dallas Lodge No. 182
- Stanley M Baum, PM, Fulton Lodge No. 216
- David C. Wall, PM, Clarkesville Lodge No. 325
- Carl M. Hyde, PM, Chamblee-Sardis Lodge No. 444

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 22**

A bill to amend Section 2-212 of the Masonic Code of Georgia so as to provide that necessary information, data, and documents can be provided to outside vendors working with the Grand Secretary's office to maintain and preserve Grand Lodge data,

information, and documents. Said code section presently reads (prior to the amendment) as follows:

**2-212. Publications Committee.**—The Publications Committee shall be composed of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and five other members from the State at Large who shall be elected initially by a resolution of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall serve during their tenure of office as such officers, and the term of each of the other members shall be fixed initially by the resolution electing them as follows: two for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, at the expiration of each of which terms a successor shall be appointed by the Grand Master for a full term of three years. In the event of a vacancy due to death, resignation, or incapacity, the Grand Master shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the term so vacated. The Publications Committee shall be charged with the publication of the Masonic Messenger and such other publications as may be authorized from time to time by the Grand Lodge. The Publications Committee shall have the authority to appoint and remove the Editor and Business Manager of the Masonic Messenger, to prescribe his duties, and to fix his salary. Said Committee shall also be authorized to provide such clerical assistance as may be necessary to publish and distribute said magazine, and to make contracts for its publication within the limits of the funds appropriated and available for that purpose from the funds of the Grand Lodge and from advertisements therein. Every Master Mason belonging to a Lodge in the Grand jurisdiction shall receive a copy of all issues of the Masonic Messenger. The list of names and addresses of the members of these subordinate Lodges, is to be used expressly for mailing the *Masonic Messenger* and other official Masonic correspondence of the Grand Lodge. The use of the membership list for commercial offers, solicitations or other purposes is strictly forbidden. The membership list, in any form, is not to leave the Grand Lodge office premises except to be used by the Grand Lodge's one authorized printer.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons that the Masonic Code Chapter 2-2, **Code Section 2-212** only be amended as follows:

By adding the following sentence at the end of the code section:

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, upon the execution of a written nondisclosure agreement form approved by the Education and Historical Commission and the General Welfare Committee, all necessary information, data, and documents maintained by the Grand Lodge can be provided to outside vendors working with the Grand Secretary's office to maintain, organize, and preserve Grand Lodge data, information, and documents including the use of offsite and electronic storage but only for those purposes.

After the amendment code section 2-212 shall read as follows in its entirety.



**2-212. Publications Committee.**—The Publications Committee shall be composed of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and five other members from the State at Large who shall be elected initially by a resolution of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall serve during their tenure of office as such officers, and the term of each of the other members shall be fixed initially by the resolution electing them as follows: two for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, at the expiration of each of which terms a successor shall be appointed by the Grand Master for a full term of three years. In the event of a vacancy due to death, resignation, or incapacity, the Grand Master shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the term so vacated. The Publications Committee shall be charged with the publication of the Masonic Messenger and such other publications as may be authorized from time to time by the Grand Lodge. The Publications Committee shall have the authority to appoint and remove the Editor and Business Manager of the *Masonic Messenger*, to prescribe his duties, and to fix his salary. Said Committee shall also be authorized to provide such clerical assistance as may be necessary to publish and distribute said magazine, and to make contracts for its publication within the limits of the funds appropriated and available for that purpose from the funds of the Grand Lodge and from advertisements therein. Every Master Mason belonging to a Lodge in the Grand jurisdiction shall receive a copy of all issues of the *Masonic Messenger*. The list of names and addresses of the members of these subordinate Lodges, is to be used expressly for mailing the *Masonic Messenger* and other official Masonic correspondence of the Grand Lodge. The use of the membership list for commercial offers, solicitations or other purposes is strictly forbidden. The membership list, in any form, is not to leave the Grand Lodge office premises except to be used by the Grand Lodge's one authorized printer. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, upon the execution of a written nondisclosure agreement form approved by the Education and Historical Commission and the General Welfare Committee, all necessary information, data, and documents maintained by the Grand Lodge can be provided to outside vendors working with the Grand Secretary's office to maintain, organize, and preserve Grand Lodge data, information, and documents including the use of offsite and electronic storage but only for those purposes.

Tom D. Bruce, PM, Tucker Lodge No. 42 , Chairman, IT Committee,  
Member, Publications Committee  
Joseph D. Pilkonis, PM, Villa Rica Lodge No. 72  
Ross M. Laver, PM, Flint Hill Lodge No. 371, Chairman,  
Publications Committee  
E. Ray Knittel, PGM, Cohutta Lodge No. 64, Member,  
Publications Committee  
David Canaday, PM,  
Fairburn Lodge No. 180, Member, Publications Committee

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 23**

A bill to amend Section 27-101 of the Masonic Code of Georgia so as to provide that a Worshipful Master who is removed, suspended, or expelled before the completion of the term to which he was elected shall not be recognized as or entitled to the rights and privileges of a Past Master. Said code section presently reads (prior to the amendment) as follows:

**27-101. Past Masters, When.**—An installed Master of a chartered Lodge becomes a Past Master at the close of his official term or if he dies in office before the close of his official term, notwithstanding consecutive reelection, but this section will not affect the status of a Past Master recognized by the Grand Lodge as such prior to January 1, 1947. See Sec. 27-105

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons that the Masonic Code Chapter 27-1, **Code Section 27-101** only be amended as follows:

By adding the following sentence at the end of the code section:

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a Worshipful Master who is removed, suspended, or expelled before the completion of the term to which he was elected shall not be recognized as or entitled to the rights and privileges of a Past Master for any purpose.

After the amendment code section 27-101 shall read as follows in its entirety.

**27-101. Past Masters, When.**—An installed Master of a chartered Lodge becomes a Past Master at the close of his official term or if he dies in office before the close of his official term, notwithstanding consecutive reelection, but this section will not affect the status of a Past Master recognized by the Grand Lodge as such prior to January 1, 1947. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a Worshipful Master who is removed, suspended, or expelled before the completion of the term to which he was elected shall not be recognized as or entitled to the rights and privileges of a Past Master for any purpose. See Sec. 27-105.

Douglas W. McDonald, Sr., MWGM, Mt. Airy Lodge No. 141  
James K. Rothrock, PM, Campbellton Lodge No. 76  
Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, Oothcaloga Lodge No. 154  
F. Andrew Lane, Jr., PM, Dallas Lodge No. 182

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

**CODE BILL NO. 24**

A bill to amend section 6-101 (13) of the Masonic Code of Georgia so as to provide that no Trustee of the Masonic Home shall be appointed by the Grand Master, nominated by a Masonic District, or elected by the Grand Lodge to serve as a Trustee for a total of more than nine years, consecutive or otherwise, during any 15 year period and to correct language. Said code section presently reads (prior to the amendment) as follows:

**6-101 (13).** No individual Master Mason elected by any one of the twelve Masonic Districts to serve on said Board shall be eligible to serve more than nine continuous years as a Trustee.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons that the Masonic Code Chapter 6-1, **Code Section 6-101(13)**, only be amended as follows:

**6-101 (13).** Effective as of the opening of the 2016 annual session of the Grand Lodge and upon the expiration of the term of any Board member serving prior to that date, whichever is later, no individual Master Mason appointed by the Grand Master, elected nominated by any one of the twelve Masonic Districts, or elected by the Grand Lodge to serve on said Board shall be eligible to serve more than nine continuous years as a Trustee, consecutive or otherwise, during any fifteen year period. This limitation applies to all past, present, and future Board members.

After the amendment code section 6-101 shall read as follows in its entirety.

**6-101. Management of Home.**—The Masonic Home maintained by The Grand Lodge is located in the City of Macon, Georgia. The Grand Lodge provides support for the Masonic Home by allocation and collection of per capita tax charged each Master Mason who is a member of a Georgia Lodge on June 30th of each year as provided elsewhere in this Code. See Sections 7-101 and 7-106. It is governed by the following regulations:

1. (a) The government and management of the Home shall be by a Board of Trustees to consist of twelve members, one from each Masonic District of the State, whose term of office shall be three years, four of which terms shall expire each year upon the election of their successors at the annual Grand Lodge Communication. The Trustees shall be nominated by their respective District Conventions. The District Worshipful Master and District Secretary shall certify the name of such nominee to the next Communication of the Grand Lodge which may either elect or reject said nominee. In the event of a rejection the entire membership of the Grand Lodge in attendance shall then elect such Trustee. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to meet as frequently as may be necessary to consistently provide insofar as possible a home, in fact as well as in name, for the children entrusted to their care. The members of the Board of Trustees, collectively and individually, owe responsibility to the Masons of Georgia, due to the mode of their election, and due to the Masonic Home being maintained by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge requiring that each Mason in Georgia pay a stated amount each year for its support.

(b) The members of Grand Lodge in session, therefore, shall have authority to remove any or all regular members of the Board of Trustees, and to elect a successor or successors during the same communication of Grand Lodge. In that event, any successor shall be a member of a Lodge in the same Masonic District as the member removed from office. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden shall be ex-officio members of the Board with each ex-officio member having the right to vote and all other privileges of regular members of the Board, except that ex-officio members shall not hold office on the Board of Trustees, or serve on committees of the Board of

Trustees. Interim vacancies caused by death or resignation shall be filled by appointment made by the Grand Master until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at which time the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term as herein provided. If an ex-officio member resigns, that position shall remain vacant so long as he remains in the office which gave him ex-officio status on the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall elect from its members the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Board. In addition to these officers, two members shall be elected at large to constitute the Executive Committee.

(c) The fiscal affairs of the Home shall be in charge of the Grand Treasurer, who shall be required to give such additional bond as the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

(d) Prior to the end of the fiscal year preceding the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Georgia the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home shall submit to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer a complete proposed budget which must be tentatively approved by the Grand Master and either the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Treasurer before any monies for upcoming fiscal year may be spent, and which shall thereafter be presented to the Grand Lodge in session for its approval or modifications as it may seem appropriate.

(e) The proposed operating budget shall not exceed the anticipated incomes determined by the Board. The Grand Treasurer shall be consulted as to the anticipated income from the Grand Lodge including per capita tax, income from endowment fund and other income from Grand Lodge. Other anticipated income shall be the same as reported in the last year's report available except gifts in excess of \$10,000 appearing to be one time gifts shall not be included as anticipated income.

(f) A copy of a preliminary budget, by categories shall be published in the annual report of the Board of Trustees, or included as a supplement thereto for distribution to those in attendance on the first day of Grand Lodge.

(g) No expenditures not included in the budget approved by the Grand Lodge shall be made except under emergent circumstances and then only after approval by the Grand Master and either the Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Treasurer.

2.(a) All monies or other property that are received for use for the Masonic Home that are not designated by the donor for a specific purpose shall immediately be placed in the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, unless prior to the receipt thereof the Board of Trustees has recommended a specific capital improvement project for use of the monies so received, together with cost thereof, and such use of said monies has been specifically approved by the Grand Lodge or, between its annual communications, by the Grand Master and either the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Treasurer as a needed and necessary project. (Edict No. 1, 1989) (b) The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Georgia may use designated contributions for the purposes and intents for which they were designated with the prior written consent of the Grand Master. Written report of such receipt and use shall be made to the Grand Lodge by the Board of Trustees at the Annual Communication. (Edict No. 2, 1989)

3. The actual care and supervision of the Home shall be committed to a Superintendent, to be chosen by the Board of Trustees, to serve according to such terms and under such rules and regulations as the Board may direct.

4. All other officers and staff of the Home shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board, which shall likewise fix their compensation and benefits.

5. The Board shall be further authorized to adopt such plan of education, mental, moral and industrial, as will best tend to educate and train such orphans as may be committed to the care of the Home, and employ such teachers and instructors as may be necessary to carry such plans into successful operation.

6. This Home shall be maintained for children only.

7. The Board of Trustees shall have full authority and power so to regulate, conduct and maintain the Home that it shall be in all respects, as far as their agency can reasonably accomplish. a Home in fact as well as in name for the care, maintenance and education of orphans, priority being given to orphans of Masons. The Board of Trustees shall have full authority to make and prescribe all such rules and regulations as may in their judgement be necessary to govern the admission of applicants to said Home.

8. The Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, use a portion of the funds appropriated for the operation of the Home in defraying the expenses of maintenance and education of children eligible to admission into said Home at places other than said Home, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt.

9. The salary of the Superintendent of the Home shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees. No person shall be eligible to be Superintendent who holds any office or is a member of any committee in any Grand Lodge or Grand Body of Masons, including any and all branches thereof in the State of Georgia, and the holding of any office or the acceptance of any appointment on any committee in any such Grand Body of Masons or branch thereof in this State shall disqualify such Superintendent from the further performance of his duties as such. However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the Superintendent from holding any office in any Blue or Subordinate Lodge.

10. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to admit to the privileges of said Home, children not orphans of Masons, provided that no such child shall be admitted after the Home population reaches ninety percent of its capacity, nor shall such non-Masonic orphans remain in said Home if thereby eligible Masonic orphans are deprived of its privileges. The admission, rejection, dismissal, placing or other handling of such non-Masonic orphans shall be in the discretion of the Board of Trustees and shall conform in all respects to the rules of said Board.

11. The Board of Trustees shall have discretionary power to sell the personal property belonging to the plant of the Masonic Home.

12. The Board of Trustees shall have the control and management of all funds of the Masonic Home of Georgia, acquired by appropriation from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, or by gift from any source, including, but not limited to, the Christmas, Holiday, Entertainment and Comfort Fund, the Education and Endowment Fund, and the Maintenance Fund, and shall have the right to invest and reinvest said funds in such securities as may be lawful for investment of trust funds under the laws of the State of Georgia, Title to such securities shall be in the "Board of Trustees, Masonic Home of Georgia, of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., under Section 6-101(13) of the Masonic Manual and Code of Georgia", provided that nothing contained herein shall be constructed to affect or change the

provisions of Sec. 6-102 of this Masonic Manual and Code pertaining to the Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

13. Effective as of the opening of the 2016 annual session of the Grand Lodge and upon the expiration of the term of any Board member serving prior to that date, whichever is later, no individual Master Mason appointed by the Grand Master, elected nominated by any one of the twelve Masonic Districts, or elected by the Grand Lodge to serve on said Board shall be eligible to serve more than nine continuous years as a Trustee, consecutive or otherwise, during any fifteen year period. This limitation applies to all past, present, and future Board members.

14. The Board of Trustees shall be required to submit an annual report to Grand Lodge, during each regular communications thereof, and each annual report shall describe the true conditions existing in the Masonic Home at that time.

Ross M. Laver, PM, Flint Hill Lodge No. 371, Fulton Lodge No. 216.

E. Ray Knittel, PM, Cohutta Lodge No. 64,.

Curtis Anderson, PM, Flowery Branch Lodge No. 212.

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.)*

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Georgia recognizes that the presence of Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing and it is drawing attention to the fraternity, and

WHEREAS, when participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, (and others), including blogs and on-line Forums, Freemasons should strive to make that attention as positive as possible, and

WHEREAS, when we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry, and, as such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we were all taught as Freemasons in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non-Masons, and

WHEREAS, Masonic Communication, oral, written or electronic, should display dignity, courtesy, fraternal respect, consideration of privacy rights, tolerance and respect for religious, political and other views, and

WHEREAS, Grand Jurisdictions can apply penalties as described within their various Constitutions relating to trial, suspension, and or expulsion for un-Masonic conduct:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA that we adopt the **following Social Media Code of Conduct for Freemasons within the Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia**, as developed by the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference in 2014, and that code be published on the page following our **Declaration of Principles** in the **Masonic Code of Georgia**.

#### **Social Media Code of Conduct for Freemasons within the Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia**

\* Freemasons should conduct Social Media activities in a way that reflects membership in the Craft, acting in a way that presents a positive image of the fraternity; avoiding private piques and quarrels; being cautious in behavior; courteous to our brethren and promote the general good and to preserve the reputation of the fraternity.



\* Postings should not bring discredit to Freemasonry nor should they fit within the definition of Un-Masonic Conduct as defined by the member jurisdiction. Conduct contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between Freemasons, or to society in general is improper.

\* Freemasons need to be aware that postings are a permanent record; and therefore an individual's conduct may influence the world with a positive or negative image about the individual and also about Freemasonry. Postings and actions on the various Social Media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity that Freemasons practice within the Lodge.

\* Lodge notices, and information contained within Lodge notices beyond the time and place of meetings, should not be discussed. There should never be discussion related to petitions, applications, background checks or investigation of an applicant. There should never be a discussion regarding balloting on an applicant.

\*It is improper to identify any Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has provided his consent or has already identified himself as such. It is improper to post of images, video, recordings, etc. of other Masons without their consent. Posts must comply with the Grand Constitutions, rules, regulations, and edicts of the Jurisdiction.

\*Postings that are anonymous or posted by fictitious names should be avoided rather than encouraged. Participation in discussions with those who most often are looking for discussions outside of what is Masonically acceptable should also be avoided.

\*To ensure our fraternity represents itself to the high standards we believe in we must regulate our actions by individual restraint and through Brother-to Brother intervention. As a Freemason, advise a Brother if what he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitutions, laws, rules, regulations, edicts and the general regulations of Freemasonry.

\*Contact and communication with other Grand Lodges or their subordinated or concordant Lodges must be conducted through the Office of the Grand Secretary.

\*Freemasonry in North America is governed by independent legislative bodies known as Grand Lodges who exercise absolute Masonic authority within a State or Province. Only Grand Lodges can make authoritative statements, and these apply only to their members.

Think Freemasonry in our minds; Feel Freemasonry in our hearts; Live Freemasonry in our daily lives.

Respectfully submitted by the General Welfare Committee:  
Curtis R. Anderson (212)                      James T. Ingram (220)  
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T. Edward Tante, IV (7)                      Albert F. Garner, Jr. (492)  
Clyde E. Griffin (693)                         Wiley A. Gammon (729)  
C. Danny Wofford, Chairman (292)

*(Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution in proper legal form.)*

*Although a skeleton form for writing bills is published in the Masonic Code on page 233, the following submitted by Right Worshipful Larry Nichols, JGW, may better explain how to write a bill to add, repeal or amend a Code Section(s).*

**SKELETON FORM OF BILL FOR ENACTMENT OF LAWS**

A Bill to provide for (state purpose briefly)

- (a) by adding Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Masonic Code; and/ or
- (b) repealing Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Masonic Code; and/ or
- (c) amending Section(s) of the Masonic Code.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**

- (a) (If the Bill includes the addition of a new Code Section precede such new section with the words "That, Code Section \_\_\_\_\_, relating to \_\_\_\_\_, be added so that said section as added shall read as follows:", state in detail the exact language of the intended new Code Section (underline the language of the intended new Code Section which did not previously exist)) and/ or;
- (b) (if the Bill includes the repeal of an existing Code Section, precede the section to be repealed with the words "That, Code Section \_\_\_\_\_, relating to \_\_\_\_\_ which currently reads as follows:", quote at length the exact language of the existing section to be repealed, followed by the words, "be and the same is hereby repealed." (strikethrough the language of the existing Code Section which is to be repealed in its entirety)) and/or;
- (c) (if the Bill includes the amendment of an existing Code Section, precede the Code Section to be amended by the words, "That, Code Section \_\_\_\_\_, relating to \_\_\_\_\_, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:", quote at length the exact un-amended language of the existing code section and indicate therein the proposed amendments by underlining any language to be added to the section and by striking through any language to be deleted from the section.)

Past Master \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

**CODE BILL EXAMPLE**

A Bill to provide for an example Masonic Code Bill format, by adding Sections W-WWW and X-XXX of the Masonic Code, repealing Section Y-YYY of the Masonic Code, and amending Section Z-ZZZ of the Masonic Code.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**

That, Code Section W-WWW, relating to Sample Format W, be added so that said section as added shall read as follows:

**W-WWW. Sample Format W.**  
This is the exact language of new intended code section W-WWW to be added.

And That, Code Section X-XXX, relating to Sample Format X, be added so that said section as added shall read as follows:

**X-XXX. Sample Format X.**  
This the exact language of new intended code section X-XXX to be added.

And that, Code Section Y-YYY, relating to Sample Format Y, which presently reads as follows:

**Y-YYY. Sample Format Y.**

This is the existing language of code section Y-YYY before its repeal be and the same is hereby repealed.

And that, Code Section Z-ZZZ, relating to Sample Format Z, be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:  
**Z-ZZZ. Sample Format Z.**

This is the exact ~~un-amended~~ amended language of the existing code section Z-ZZZ.

Past Master \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

**General Welfare Recommendations:** Code Bill Recommendations

- 01-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO NOT PASS
- 02-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO NOT PASS
- 03-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 04-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO NOT PASS
- 05-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 06-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 07-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 08-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS

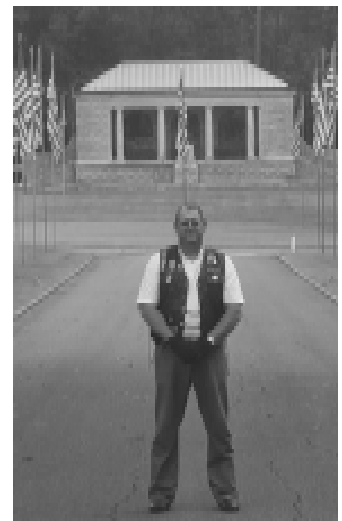
- 09-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 10-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 11-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 12-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 13-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 14-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 15-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 16-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: NO RECOMMENDATION
- 17-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 18-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 19-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: WITHDRAWN
- 20-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 21-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 22-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 23-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- 24-2015 The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- RESOLUTION The General Welfare Committee recommends: DO PASS
- The General Welfare Committee recommends: INCLUSION IN THE FORMS SECTION OF THE MASONIC CODE



Wor. Bro. C. Wayne Barnes, DDGM-1A, presented Worshipful Brother Carlos Ruiz, the Worshipful Master of Hinesville Lodge 271, with his MELD certificates. Brother Ruiz has set the example for his officers and members to follow by completing all five MELD courses.



Pictured from left are Wor. Bro. Joel Smith, Worshipful Master of William G. England Lodge No. 747, Wor. Bro. Al Gormley and PGM Joe Suttles, who presented Bro. Gormley his 3rd perpetual membership in the fraternity. Wor. Bro. Gormley is one of 53 perpetual members of Rockmart Lodge 97.



Brother Eric Bledsoe from Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders, assisted with the flag raising at Andersonville National Historic Site that was sponsored by the Robins Riders on September 11 in remembrance of 9-11 and POW MIA veterans.



Rockmart Lodge No. 97 recently hosted the local high school football team for dinner.



# The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

III. Leonard E. Buffington, 33°, SGIG, Orient of Georgia

Web Site: [GaScottishRite.org](http://GaScottishRite.org)

Greetings from the **Valley of Columbus**. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. This is a busy time of the year, we are preparing for our Fall Reunion, a two (2) day class set for 20th and 21st of November.

On the 18 of September we held our Feast of Tishri. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and program, RWB F. Drew Lane was the guest speaker during this fall celebration and reminded us all of the bounty to Lord has given us and never neglect an opportunity to render service and aid in proportion to those blessings.

We invite our Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30pm and enjoy a free dinner (as a first-time visitor), before each our monthly meetings. Lodge of Perfection will start at 7:30 and Our Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the library at 7:30.

Please visit our web site at [scottishritecolsga.com](http://scottishritecolsga.com) for more information.

The **Valley of Atlanta** welcomed its newest members and their families at the August meeting of the Lodge of Perfection with the Ring and Cap Ceremony. Each new Master of the Royal Secret received Ring & Cap with his family and friends present. That same evening we presented Scholarships awarded by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia to 32 of Georgia's brightest students.

We honored First Responders at the Communication in September. 10 individuals representing Fire, Police and Medical Techs were honored with the Arthur Kaplan, First Responder's award. Judge Kaplan was a member of the Valley of Atlanta and is recognized as the Father of E.M.S.

Will you walk with us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Hospital? This year, Scottish Rite Masons will join the CHOA (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) Parade on Saturday December 5th. Our goal is to have at least 100 brothers, family and friends join us, each donating \$100 to celebrate the 100th year. Meeting that goal means that the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia will donate at least \$10,000 dollars for the RiteCare Clinics which help children with Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders. Our Marshal will be young Charlie Durden, the Grandson of Bro. Ricky Hammock. Charlie is profoundly deaf but is receiving Cochlear Implants which will allow him to hear and communicate. Come meet Charlie and walk with us. Please call 404-873-3659 for more details.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Brothers, email is now the primary method of communicating the events and activities of the Valley of Atlanta. If you're not receiving the email we don't

have an email address for you or what we have is not correct. At least once a month the Valley sends the VALLEY NEWS via email. If you don't have an email address ask a member of the family if they would be willing to receive email from the Valley for you. Unfortunately, first class mail has become too expensive and unreliable. If you're not getting the VALLEY NEWS via email, please call 404-873-3659.

Join Scottish Rite: If you are Not Yet a member and wish to continue the Learning Journey you started in the Blue Lodge degrees we welcome you. The Valley of Atlanta Fall Reunion will be Nov. 20th & 21st at the Atlanta Masonic Center. Download a petition at [www.ATLANTA.SCOTTISHRITE.org](http://www.ATLANTA.SCOTTISHRITE.org). Look for the link on the left for the Fall Reunion.

With so many activities during October, November and December, the **Valley of Savannah** has decided to cancel our Fall Reunion on October 10 and attempt to gather a large class for the Spring of 2016 in honor of Illustrious Eli A. Stafford, 33°, PGM. We will still hold our awards night on November 3 and our Holiday Social on December 17 of this year.

The **Valley of Augusta** Scottish Rite meets the first Thursday of each month. Dinner is served at 7:00 PM with the meeting and program beginning at 8:00 PM. Please join us if you are in the area. Following is a list of events: Following is a list of upcoming events:

1. October LOP Meeting: (October 1, 2015)----Feast of Tishri Celebration and Guest Speaker is a Trooper from the Georgia State Patrol.

2. KCCH Investiture: (Oct 3, 2015)----Statewide Investiture in Augusta. Registration at 9:00 am, Investiture at 11:00 am, Lunch at 1:00 pm.

3. 33° Conferral: (October 17, 2015)-----Statewide Conferral in Atlanta.

4. November LOP Meeting: (November 5, 2015)---- Guest Speaker is the Agent in Charge of the Augusta FBI.

5. December LOP Meeting: (December 3, 2015) Christmas Musical Program.





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## *THE YORK RITE IN GEORGIA*

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### **The Annual Christmas Observance in the Commandery**

By Michael H Sampsell

As an organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of the Christian religion, the Grand Commandery



of Georgia holds a number of religious observances throughout the year. One of these observances is the Christmas Observance which is held at multiple sites in the state. These are either held jointly among a group of

Commanderies in a regional area or independently at various subordinate Asylums at the local level.

There are a variety of ways that this Observance can be held but consistent themes throughout them are reverence, honor and solemnity which are the foundation

of these celebrations.

These celebrations include a combination of Scripture, lessons, prayer, music and various toasts to honor the leaders and exemplary figures in our Masonic bodies as well as celebrating the Christmas season. The celebrations are openly held and give a great opportunity to fellowship and pray with other Sir Knights and their families. They also give a platform to promote our Knight Templar organization to Brother Masons and their families as well as the general public.

These Christmas Observances are one of the hallmarks of Templary and guide us on the path of the defense of the Christian religion. As Christians, we are taught to place our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer and are also taught to share that Faith with all who are within shouting distance from the distant foothills to the top of the mountain. We hope that you and your family will take the opportunity to share this great season with other Knights Templar and be sure to include your friends and neighbors throughout your community.

Check with your local York Rite bodies to find out where and when the Commandery in your area will be celebrating their Christmas Observance and take the time to join in the Celebration!



<p>PETITION FOR YORK RITE BODIES <a href="http://www.yorkriteofga.org/bpfiles/compbet.pdf">http://www.yorkriteofga.org/bpfiles/compbet.pdf</a></p>	<p><b>FIND YOUR CLOSEST YORK RITE:</b></p> <p>GEORGIA YORK RITE WEBSITE <a href="http://www.yorkriteofga.org">www.yorkriteofga.org</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.yorkriteofga.org/yorkrite-by-city.html">http://www.yorkriteofga.org/yorkrite-by-city.html</a></p>
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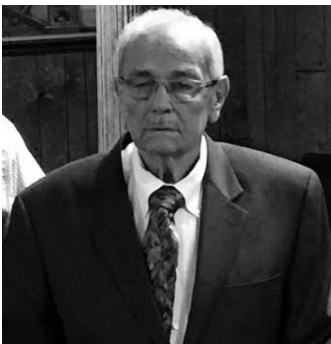


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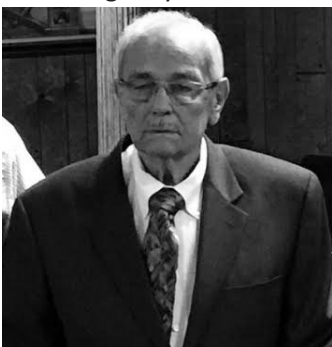
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Rev. B. A. Buchanan  
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Frank Ray Rogers  
Alleghany No. 114

## 75 Years



Johnnie Frank Yarbrough  
Floyd Springs No. 167



Frank Elize Fesler  
Landrum No. 48  
Wor. Bro. Fesler is 105 years old and has been a member of Landrum Lodge No. 48 all of his Masonic life. He is also Past Potentate of Alee Shrine.

# In Memorium

*Members Reported Deceased  
from August 11, 2015  
to September 21, 2015*

Due to the short time since the previous *Messenger* was printed, only a few names appear in this issue.

Name	Lodge No.	Name	Lodge No.
STILL, JOHN LEWIS	086	LEWIS, CHARLES FRANKLIN	323
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BELL, JACK ALEX	111	PRINCE, JACK (NMN)	323
ENSLEY, ROBERT FRANKLIN	114	STEPHENS, WILLIAM THOMAS, JR	323
YOUNG GEROG WASHINGTON, JR.	114	TURNER, JIMMY ROGERS	323
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### ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS August 11, 2015 to September 21, 2015

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Palmetto Lodge No. 74  
Grayson Lodge No. 549  
William Weaver

#### \$1000 OR MORE

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### Family Day at the Masonic Home on September 5



Cars shown during the Grand Master's First Annual Car Show at the Masonic Home.



A delicious lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs was served at noon.



Grand Master Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. presents a flag which flew over Fort McHenry to the Masonic Home. First Lady Carol holds the accompanying plaque.

Mrs. Jane Wilson, the primary force in the remodeling of the Masonic Home lobby,

stands in the lobby.



Mrs. Rachel A. Godfrey presented a check in the amount of \$157,925.88 from the estate of Bro. Robert Sidney Greer, Past Grand Tyler & Past Trustee of the Masonic Home of Georgia. She also presented Bro. Greer's Bible from the Grand Chapter of the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

