

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Executive Order No. 1 2011 - 2012

SUMMARY: This Executive Order requires each district to conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2012.

WHEREAS, the fundamental labors of Freemasonry are performed at the subordinate Lodge level, and
WHEREAS, the officers of the subordinate Lodge are critical to the success of the Lodge, and
WHEREAS, as Entered Apprentices, we are charged to converse with well-informed Brethren, and

WHEREAS, the attainment of useful knowledge is further emphasized throughout our ritual, therefore it may be deemed as most prudent that the Grand Lodge, in its efforts to support the effectiveness of Freemasonry throughout this Commonwealth, should provide for the proper education of the officers of the subordinate Lodges,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do hereby order that each district in the Commonwealth shall conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2012. To comply with this order, all stationed officers and at least three other Lodge officers must attend such a class, either in their own or in another district. These classes shall be conducted by the District Educational Officer, or in his absence, a designee appointed by the Grand Provost. To further support this effort, each district will be supplied with a copy of the *District Education Officers' Manual For Training of Subordinate Lodge Officers*. This manual and other appropriate materials may be utilized for the training class. Since the most effective mentors and instructors may well be local Brethren, skilled in our arts, the District Educational Officer is authorized to conduct the training in the most effective manner in which he deems fit for the needs of his particular district. This order shall not be construed to limit such classes in number, but rather, each district shall be encouraged to conduct as many classes as considered necessary to comply with this Executive Order, that the leadership of our Lodges may be strengthened.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 14th day of November, A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth year of our Grand Lodge.



William T. Ellison, Jr.

William T. Ellison, Jr.
Grand Master

Attest:

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Executive Order No. 2 2011 - 2012

In an effort to secure the best candidates in each Masonic district for the all-important office of District Deputy Grand Master, the following procedure is established for the selection of the recommendees:

1. This executive order should be read as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN THE JANUARY COMMUNICATION** of your Lodge. The Master of each subordinate Lodge shall notify his members, by the usual means, at least one month in advance, that nominations for recommendation for appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for 2014 and an alternate for 2014 will be considered at a designated stated communication of the Lodge.

2. At the designated stated communication, nominations shall be made for **recommendation for appointment** to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. The Master may have the first nomination. After all nominations have been made, and all discussions have been concluded, the Lodge shall vote by secret written ballot to recommend a Master or Past Master to serve as District Deputy Grand Master. A majority ballot is required. If there are more than two nominees for consideration and none receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, the Brother with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from consideration and a second ballot taken or as many subsequent ballots as may be necessary for a nominee to be selected by a majority ballot. In the event of a tie, the Master shall have one additional vote. **All members must vote, and no one can leave the Lodge room during the balloting process.**

3. In like manner, each subordinate Lodge shall vote to recommend a Master or Past Master as the 2014 Alternate for the office of District Deputy Grand Master. If there were more than two nominees for the office of District Deputy Grand Master, the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes for the office shall not, by virtue of such votes, be declared the Alternate, but a separate written secret ballot shall be taken.

4. Any Master or Past Master so recommended shall complete a resumé on a form furnished by the Grand Secretary. All questions shall be answered, **all necessary certification related to ritual and educational proficiency shall be completed**, and the Master or Past Master shall sign a statement whereby he commits himself to the discharge of all obligations and duties as District Deputy Grand Master for the entire year.

Each Lodge MUST submit the name of its Nominee and Alternate, on the forms furnished, in accordance with the attached "Procedure for the Nomination of the District Deputy Grand Master — 2014" to the Grand Secretary no later than MAY 1, 2012. Only ONE COPY of the Nominee and Alternate's resumé is required for each name submitted by any district Lodge or Lodges submitting the same recommendations.

Nothing herein shall be taken to affect the right of the Grand Master to appoint whom he will as District Deputy Grand Master.

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Grand Master

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Alan W. Adkins

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Grand Secretary

PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER — 2014

ALL LODGES ARE TO READ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 2, ISSUED BY MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM T. ELLISON, JR., GRAND MASTER.

PROCEDURE FOR LODGES USING THE ROTATION SYSTEM FOR SELECTING THE D.D.G.M.

A. NOMINATING LODGE: If your Lodge is expected to act as the nominating committee and to initiate the district-wide process of identifying and recommending a suitable candidate and an alternate who possess the qualifications set forth in Section 1.87 of the Virginia Methodical Digest:

1. After their election, have the Nominee and the Alternate complete the resumé and provide it to the Secretary. The Secretary will sign the form, have the Worshipful Master sign the form, make copies for all the Lodges in the district, and send those copies to each Lodge in the district under cover letter identifying the action of the nominating Lodge.

2. The Secretary will **complete the Recommendation Form** adopted by the Grand Lodge, sign and affix the Lodge Seal. He will also ensure that the **originals of the District Deputy and Alternate Nominee resumé are complete** with applicable signatures and the Lodge Seal is affixed thereto.

3. The Secretary will **mail all forms** to arrive **BEFORE MAY 1, 2012** to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, **ATTN: DDGM Nomination**, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, Virginia 23223-4926.

B. CONCURRING LODGE: If your Lodge is not making a recommendation and you are supporting the recommendation of the Lodge in rotation;

1. Make sure you receive a copy of the resumé from the nominating Lodge.

2. After the approval of the Lodge, the Secretary will **complete the Recommendation Form** adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1968, sign and affix the Lodge Seal. **Do not send a copy of the resumé form.**

3. The Secretary will mail the completed **Recommendation Form only** **BEFORE MAY 1, 2012**, do not send a copy of the resumé form, to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, **ATTN: DDGM Nomination**, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, Virginia 23223-4926.

PROCEDURE FOR LODGES NOT USING ROTATION SYSTEM FOR SELECTING THE D.D.G.M.

If the Lodges in your district do not use the rotation system for selecting the District Deputy Grand Master or Alternate, follow this procedure.

A. After the Brethren of your Lodge approve the Nomination of the District Deputy Grand Master (and Alternate):

1. Have the Nominees complete the resumé and provide it to the Secretary. The Secretary will sign the forms, have the Worshipful Master sign the forms, and affix the Lodge Seal.

2. The Secretary will **complete the Recommendation Form** adopted by the Grand Lodge, sign and affix the Lodge Seal.

3. The Secretary will **mail both the completed Recommendation Form and the completed resumé forms** **BEFORE MAY 1, 2012** to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, **ATTN: DDGM Nomination**, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, Virginia 23223-4926.

QUESTIONS ON PROCEDURE

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, contact the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, 804-222-3110 or outside of the Richmond Area call 1-800-554-6812.

NOMINATING LODGE: Submit ALL of these items:
 This Form
 Completed Resumé for Nominee
 Completed Resumé for Alternate

CONCURRING LODGE: Complete and submit THIS Form only

Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Virginia

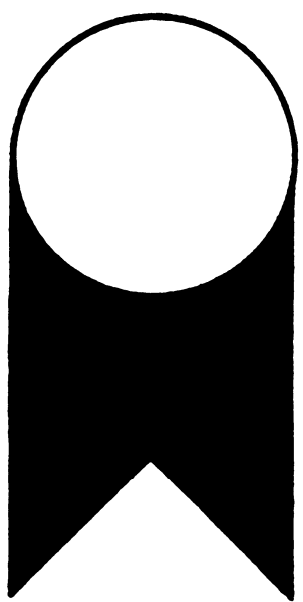
_____ Lodge No. _____

Located at _____, _____, 20____.

At a stated communication of this Lodge, held on the _____ day of _____, 20____,
the Lodge voted to recommend or concur with the recommendation of Worshipful _____, of
_____ Lodge No. _____ for the office of District Deputy
Grand Master of the _____ Masonic District for the year 20____. His member number is _____. His **COMPLETE**
mailing address, home telephone number, work telephone number, and e-mail are _____

As an alternate this Lodge offers or concurs with the recommendation of the name of Worshipful _____
_____, of _____ Lodge No. _____ for the
office of District Deputy Grand Master of the _____ Masonic District for the year 20____. His member number is _____.
His **COMPLETE mailing address, home telephone number, work telephone number, and e-mail** are _____

Secretary



Sec. 1.86. Subordinate Lodges Shall Make Recommendation for District Deputy Grand Master.

Every subordinate Lodge shall recommend for the office of District Deputy Grand Master some Brother and an alternate, possessing the qualifications set forth in Sec. 1.87 and report its recommendations on forms to be furnished for that purpose to the Grand Lodge **on or before May first**. The District Deputy Grand Master is the personal representative of the Grand Master and the recommendation required under this Section does not bind the Grand Master to appoint any Brother so recommended nor does it give any Lodge the right to demand an appointment which is not agreeable to the Grand Master. (1991)

2014 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NOMINEE/ALTERNATE RESUMÉ

District: _____ Is this for (*check one*): _____ Lodge and Member No. _____
_____ Nominee or _____ Alternate

1. Name in Full: _____

2. Wife's Name (if married): _____

3. Nick Name (if any) - Nominee: _____ Wife: _____

4. Telephone Numbers - A - Home _____ B - Work _____
C - Fax _____ D - E-mail address _____

5. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Born: _____
Mo. Da. Yr. City State

6. Wife's Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Born: _____
Mo. Da. City State

7. Highest Level of Education completed: High School _____ College _____ Graduate School _____

8. Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

9. Address - Residence: _____

10. Address - Business: _____

11. Raised a Master Mason on _____ in _____ Lodge No. _____

12. Currently a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ (*List other Lodge memberships in an attachment.*)

13. Served as Worshipful Master in the year _____.

14. District or Grand Lodge Offices previously held: _____

15. **Ritual Proficiency:** If you hold a current Warden's Certificate, list the certificate number here: _____
If not, please have your District Instructor of Work or a member of the Committee on Work sign here to certify that you are proficient in the opening and closing ritual of a Master Mason's Lodge:

Signature Print

16. **Masonic law:** Have you completed Course No. 3 of the Committee on Masonic Education? (yes or no) _____.
If you answered no, then please have your District Educational Officer or a member of the Committee on Masonic Education sign here to certify that you are knowledgeable in Masonic law:

Signature Print

17. **Health Status:** List any illness, disability, health problems or personal problems that would restrict your performance of the duties incumbent upon a District Deputy Grand Master:

2014 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NOMINEE/ALTERNATE RESUMÉ

18. **Submission Agreement:** With the concurrence of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, I agree to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from November 2013 to November 2014. I agree to:

A - Attend the District Deputy Grand Master's Conference on September 13 and 14, 2013 at the Best Western, Waynesboro, Virginia.

B - Attend the Grand Lodge Session in Richmond, Virginia on November 8 and 9, 2013.

C - Conduct a meeting of the incoming 2014 Worshipful Masters in my district by October 15, 2013 to review such items as the goals, plans and programs for 2014 in my district.

D - Attend each Lodge in my district at least once each quarter in 2014.

E - The following comments are exceptions to this agreement:

(Add any additional comments in Block 20.)

19. Upon my honor as a Master Mason, I certify the foregoing information is true and accurate. I commit myself to: Attend the training session as indicated above; perform my duties as District Deputy Grand Master; and support the Grand Master in the execution of his programs during 2013-2014.

20. Additional Information: _____

(Add any additional information on a separate piece of paper.)

21. _____
(Signature of the Nominee/Alternate)

22. _____
(Signature of the Worshipful Master)

23. _____
(Signature of the Lodge Secretary)

Lodge name and no.: _____

Lodge Secretary: Return in time to arrive **BEFORE** May 1, 2012:

Grand Lodge of Virginia
ATTN: DDGM NOMINATION
4115 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, Virginia 23223-4926

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1. Name in Full: _____

2. Wife's Name (if married): _____

3. Nick Name (if any) - Nominee: _____ Wife: _____

4. Telephone Numbers - A - Home _____ B - Work _____
C - Fax _____ D - E-mail address _____

5. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Born: _____
Mo. Da. Yr. City State

6. Wife's Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Born: _____
Mo. Da. City State

7. Highest Level of Education completed: High School _____ College _____ Graduate School _____

8. Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

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Executive Order No. 3 2011 - 2012

SUMMARY: This Executive Order directs the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership to conduct Bring A Friend and Bring A Mason Workshops in each of the Masonic divisions during the coming year at a time most convenient for a respective division and encourages the District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters to support the conduct of these Workshops with their attendance.

WHEREAS, there is concern among the Lodges and by your Grand Lodge when the figures which reflect the overall number of members in this Grand Jurisdiction are examined on an annual basis and shown as continually declining, and

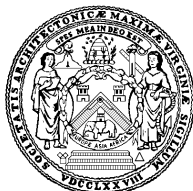
WHEREAS, the sustainment of a stable level of membership in a Lodge is critical to the success of the Lodge, and this Grand Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Grand Lodge to provide assistance to the Lodges as may be required to attract new member as well as address the retention of existing members, it is therefore deemed appropriate that the Grand Lodge should provide assistance and education with instruction and materials that pertain to the topics of membership growth and retention, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Ellison Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do hereby order the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership to establish a plan and schedule whereby each Masonic division and the districts which compose a respective division will be enabled to conduct Workshops on the methods whereby a Lodge or group of Lodges, in one or more districts can work together to host a Bring A Friend Workshop and a Bring A Mason Workshop prior to September 1, 2012. To comply with this order, at least three Lodge officers must attend such a Workshop, either in their own or in another division. These classes shall be conducted by the combined efforts of the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership assisted by the District Membership Coordinator for a respective district.

Questions regarding the dates for the conduct of the Workshops for a respective division should be directed to the Chairman of the Committee on Membership.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 14th day of November, A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth year of our Grand Lodge.



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Grand Master

Attest:

Alan W. Adkins

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE DECEMBER, 2011 STATED COMMUNICATION OF
EVERY SUBORDINATE LODGE HOLDEN UNDER THIS GRAND LODGE.

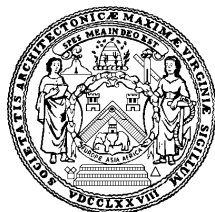
WHEREAS, for many years, Freemasons have endeavored to achieve a level of recognition within their respective communities, and

WHEREAS, this activity has taken many forms and produced a like number of programs and some success has been achieved, and

WHEREAS, continuous and on-going displays of our Masonic membership will forever engrave a lasting memory in the minds of friends and associates of our commitment to our Brothers, our Lodges and, most importantly, our way of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, desiring the Masons in Virginia to be more pro-active in this area, do hereby proclaim that all Lodges holden under this Grand Lodge shall observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of each month. This recognition should take the form of wearing of Masonic apparel such as hats, shirts, jackets, belts, etc. Further, each Mason is encouraged to hold every day as Masonic Recognition Day by studying a portion of the Methodical Digest, Presentation Volume, other Masonic books or pamphlets, and the Volume of Sacred Law, as well as hold discussions with well-informed Brethren that his actions may conform to the most favorable kinds of public recognition. This recognition is not limited to Craft, or symbolic recognition, but is meant to include all appendant organizations of the Masonic family including the youth organizations. I also direct that this recognition be communicated to every Mason in Virginia by whatever means the Lodge deems appropriate, but no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of this proclamation.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 14th day of November, A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth year of our Grand Lodge.



Attest:

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

William T. Ellison, Jr.
Grand Master

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE MAY, 2012 STATED COMMUNICATION OF
EVERY SUBORDINATE LODGE HOLDEN UNDER THIS GRAND LODGE.

SUMMARY: This Proclamation directs the observance of the Feast of St. John the Baptist in June.

WHEREAS, the Holy Saints John are recognized as the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, and

WHEREAS, in their honor we recall to ourselves the mighty lessons they taught and the examples they set, and

WHEREAS, our Ancient Brethren were motivated to study the lives of these Saints and to include their faithfulness and zeal prominently throughout early Craft Masonry,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia do hereby proclaim that all Lodges holden under this Grand Lodge shall celebrate the observance of the Feast of Saint John the Baptist on the Sunday nearest June 24, 2012, by attending a divine worship service, if invited by a church to do so. In lieu of attending a divine worship service, a Lodge or Lodges may observe the Feast of Saint John the Baptist at the June stated communication of the Lodge or at such other time in the month that the Worshipful Master chooses by a program honoring our Patron Saints.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 14th day of November, A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth year of our Grand Lodge.



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Grand Master

Attest:

Alan W. Adkins

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE SEPTEMBER, 2012 STATED COMMUNICATION OF
EVERY SUBORDINATE LODGE HOLDEN UNDER THIS GRAND LODGE.

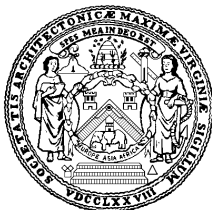
SUMMARY: This Proclamation directs the observance of Founders' Day Month in October. Recognition is to be given to honoring the founding fathers of the Grand Lodge and special note given to the Brethren who established the Masonic Home of Virginia.

WHEREAS, we honor the Brethren who labored to establish an independent Grand Lodge for us, and,

WHEREAS, we have long enjoyed the fruits of their labors, it is fitting and right to honor our Founders through exemplification of Masonic Charity,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do proclaim the month of October, 2012 to be FOUNDERS' DAY MONTH. Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges holden under this Grand Lodge shall assemble the Brethren during the month of October, 2012, for the purpose of honoring the Founders of our Grand Lodge. Particular recognition shall also be given the Brethren who established the Masonic Home of Virginia for where Masonic Charity is recognized, Freemasonry is at work.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the City of Richmond this 14th day of November, A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth year of our Grand Lodge.



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