

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

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

Executive Order No. 1 2009 - 2010

SUMMARY: This Executive Order requires each district to conduct at least one training class for subordinate Lodge officers prior to September 1, 2010.

WHEREAS, the fundamental labors of Freemasonry are performed at the subordinate Lodge level, and

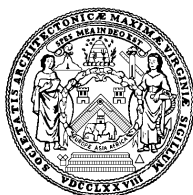
WHEREAS, the officers of the subordinate Lodge are critical to the success of the Lodge, and

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 E. Rorer, 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, 2010. 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, 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 9th day of November, A.L. 6009, A.D. 2009 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second year of our Grand Lodge.



William E. Rorer, Jr.

William E. Rorer, Jr.
Grand Master

Attest:

Alan W. Adkins

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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Executive Order No. 2 2009 - 2010

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 2012 and an alternate for 2012 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 2012 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 — 2012" to the Grand Secretary no later than MAY 1, 2010. 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

Attest:

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Grand Secretary

PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER — 2012

ALL LODGES ARE TO READ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 2, ISSUED BY MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM EARLE RORER, 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, 2010** 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, 2010**, 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, 2010** 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: Please submit this form and a resumé for both the Nominee and Alternate.

CONCURRING LODGE: Please submit this form only.

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

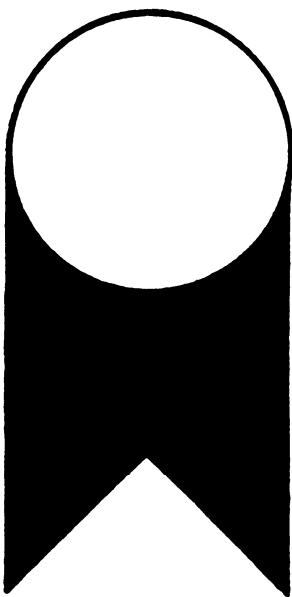
_____ Lodge No. _____

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)

2012 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:

2012 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 2011 to November 2012. I agree to:
- A - Attend the District Deputy Grand Master's Conference on September 9 and 10, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Select at Lynchburg, Virginia.
 - B - Attend the Grand Lodge Session in Richmond, Virginia on November 11 and 12, 2011.
 - C - Conduct a meeting of the incoming 2012 Worshipful Masters in my district by October 15, 2011 to review such items as the goals, plans and programs for 2012 in my district.
 - D - Attend each Lodge in my district at least once each quarter in 2012.
 - 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 2012.
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, 2010:

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

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Mo. Da. Yr. City State

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The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE DECEMBER, 2009 STATED COMMUNICATION OF
EVERY SUBORDINATE LODGE HOLDEN UNDER THIS GRAND LODGE.

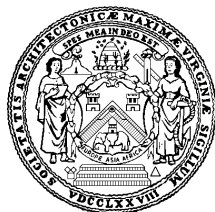
WHEREAS, for many years, Freemasons have endeavored to achieve a level of recognition within their respective communities, and

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 Earle Rorer, 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 9th day of November, A.L. 6009, A.D. 2009 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second year of our Grand Lodge.



Attest:

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

William Earle Rorer, Jr.
Grand Master

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE MAY, 2010 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 Earle Rorer, 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, 2010, 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 9th day of November, A.L. 6009, A.D. 2009 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second year of our Grand Lodge.



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William Earle Rorer, Jr.
Grand Master

Attest:

Alan W. Adkins
Grand Secretary

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A Proclamation

TO BE READ AT THE SEPTEMBER, 2010 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 Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, do proclaim the month of October, 2010 to be FOUNDERS' DAY MONTH. Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges holden under this Grand Lodge shall assemble the Brethren during the month of October, 2010, 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 9th day of November, A.L. 6009, A.D. 2009 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second year of our Grand Lodge.



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Attest:

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Grand Secretary

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

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An Edict - 2010

WHEREAS, the success of our Fraternity is dependent on the ability of our members to labor together in peace and harmony, and further,

WHEREAS, our Masonic obligations prohibit our Brethren from documenting the exact nature of Masonic conduct as outlined in the various obligations of Freemasonry; and,

WHEREAS, a strict review of our Methodical Digest discloses that the definition of a Masonic offense could be more appropriately defined; and,

WHEREAS, the process of a Masonic trial may take many months and during such time, the Fraternity could be harmed further during the process; and,

WHEREAS, as Grand Master, I must be prepared and able to act in the best interests of the Fraternity;

THEREFORE, I, William Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia do by this Edict amend Section 4.01 of the Methodical Digest to more effectively define what constitutes a Masonic offense and I also insert a new Section 4.02(a) entitled "Suspension Pending Trial." The new Section 4.01 as amended by this Edict is included below, with the new wording underlined. The new Section 4.02(a) Suspension Pending Trial is also included below.

This Edict and the amended Sections of the Digest shall be in full force and binding upon every member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and each of its subordinate Lodges as of the date of this letter and shall remain so until voted upon by the delegates at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and if approved by them, shall constitute an amendment to the Methodical Digest.

Sec. 4.01. What Constitutes a Masonic Offense. – Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, and sojourning Masons while in the state of Virginia, must obey the civil laws, support the establishment of government, keep inviolable the mysteries of the Order, preserve and obey the laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, observe the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry and discharge their duties and obligations to their families, to each other and to mankind in general.

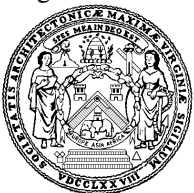
In addition to the requirements related to Masonic conduct outlined in this Section, in the Decisions related to this Section, and elsewhere in the Methodical Digest, a Masonic Offense shall be defined to include: slander or defamation of character by one Mason against another; behavior or actions by one Mason resulting in physical or emotional harm to another Mason; and verbal, written or electronic communication by any Mason which brings dishonor to the Fraternity or any of its members or creates disharmony or discord in the Fraternity or among its members.

Willful failure to comply with any of these requirements shall constitute a Masonic offense and subject the offender to Masonic trial, and, if found guilty, to discipline.

The determination of whether a Mason may be guilty of a Masonic offense shall be determined solely through the process of a Masonic trial, except where exceptions have been made in Masonic law granting the Grand Master the authority to act in specific circumstances. The definition of any conduct required and the definition of any term, phrase or word outlined herein shall be determined in the sole discretion of the trial commission or the Grand Master.

Sec. 4.02 (a) Suspension Pending a Trial – From time to time, the Grand Master may become aware of acts by a Mason that may in his belief constitute a Masonic offense as outlined in Section 4.01. This may be the result of personal observation, information provided by other Masons, or by the communication of charges as outlined in Section 4.07. In any event, the Grand Master may determine that it is in the best interest of the Fraternity or its members to act, pending final determination by a Trial Commission. Therefore, in addition to the expulsion of felons, as outlined in Edict E-5-1989, the Grand Master may, in his sole discretion, suspend any member from the rights and benefits of Freemasonry until such time as a trial commission may be impaneled to make a final determination in the matter. If the Grand Master thus suspends a Mason, a trial commission shall be assembled as soon as reasonable and a timely Masonic trial shall proceed as outlined elsewhere in the Methodical Digest. Should circumstances warrant, prior to the conclusion of the Masonic trial, the Grand Master, or any successor, may remove the suspension and restore the man to 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 15th day of January, A.L. 6010, A.D. 2010 and in the Two Hundred and Thirty-second year of our Grand Lodge.



William E. Rorer, Jr.

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Grand Master

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Alan W. Adkins

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