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## D-Day Memorial on Memorial Day - May 25, 2009 Masons to Dedicate a Special Plaque



Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, has petitioned the D-Day Foundation to honor the many Masons who suffered, were maimed, or died before and during “Operation Overlord,” which is more commonly known as “D-Day”.

The D-Day Memorial Foundation has allowed the Grand Lodge to place one of the largest plaques that is authorized into the Memorial. This plaque can be up to 800 words and will be placed in the third most prominent place in the Memorial. The plaque will be dedicated in a solemn ceremony on May 25, 2009. We hope to have 5,000 Masons present for this memorial plaque dedication and to honor the many veterans who served during World War II.

The cost of this plaque is \$25,000. Wording and special effects for the plaque have been formulated and submitted to the Foundation for editing and approval. It will deal with the persecution and tribulations of Masons and subsequent events before and during World War II. It will honor the many Masons of today who served in the conflict. Plaque information and edited plaque content are due back to the Grand Master from the Foundation in early January 2009.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge is in need of benefactors to underwrite the cost of the plaque. You and/or your Lodge are urged to donate to this cause honoring our Masonic war veterans. Donations of any size will be appreciated. All checks should be made payable to the “Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia and be designated for the D-Day funding.

In preparation for this special memorial event, we are interviewing Masonic Brethren who were Operation Overlord participants. We are asking them to share how Freemasonry has affected their lives. A video of the interview is currently being created to be shown in the Spring Division Leadership Conferences. This video will forever preserve some of the heroism and courage of our Greatest Generation and will demonstrate the strength of the United States of America.

Contact person for this project is: Right Worshipful Walter Winchell Young, Grand Provost, who can be reached at 804.794.5507 or [grandprovost@verizon.net](mailto:grandprovost@verizon.net)



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# Grand Master's Address

Brethren,

Sharing experiences in our Fraternity with Brethren and with friends has long been a valued means of spreading that cement of Brotherly love and affection which we are or should be known for doing. This year, we wish to provide you with some interesting venues to do just that. We hope you will see these events as opportunities to promote fellowship, as well as fundraisers for our charities; I am sure you will find them to be great "Bring a Friend" activities.

On April 21, 2009, we will have our 12th annual "Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament" at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort, 1003 Brick Kiln Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia. Right Worshipful Wayne Golden (email: [norfolk33rd@yahoo.com](mailto:norfolk33rd@yahoo.com) or phone: 757.286.3586) will be sharing more information on this event at our Division Leadership Conferences. Please put this event, which will again raise funds for our Scholarship Fund, on your calendar. Sponsors and participants are needed. We have had a great time at this event each year, and I hope you will involve non-members in each of the foursomes we field. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1:00PM with check-in beginning at 12:00PM. Cost will be \$100 per player or \$400 per team.

On May 11, 2009, we will hold the first "James Stanley Johnson Memorial Clay Shooting Match" at the Old Forge Shooting Club, 7945 Long Reach Road, Providence Forge, Virginia 23140. This is a new opportunity for the shotgun enthusiast in our fraternity to enjoy an afternoon full of shooting challenges. Worshipful David Murray (email: [5dmurray@verizon.net](mailto:5dmurray@verizon.net)) is heading up this event. Stan loved to hunt and shoot and I hope we will turn-out in great numbers to support this fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. Here is some information: 11:00AM Registration and Wobble Fun Shoot, 12:45PM Safety Briefing (Mandatory), 1:00PM Shoot begins, and 4:00PM Reception with a steak dinner.

This upcoming summer we will again join with the Masonic Home of Virginia to have a golf tournament in Southwest Virginia. The 2nd Annual "James Stanley "Stan" Johnson 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament" has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009 with a shotgun start at 1:00PM at the Vista Links golf course in Buena Vista, Virginia. Dinner will follow play. A rain date of Wednesday, September 2, 2009 has been reserved.

On October 24, 2009, we will have a tennis tournament at the Mt. Vernon Athletic Club, 7950 Audubon Ave, in the Mt. Vernon District of Fairfax County. Right Worshipful Shelley Richman (email: [vanymason@cox.net](mailto:vanymason@cox.net)) is heading this up. More information will follow, but we welcome your placing this event on your calendar. This will be a great time in Northern Virginia.

We welcome you and your friends to become involved in these events.

Fraternally,

*Jeffery E. Hodges*  
Grand Master

# Grand Master's Calendar

## December 2008

- 18 Fredericksburg Commandery No. 1  
Christmas Observance
- 27-30 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- 31 ACCA Shrine Center, New Year's Eve Ball

## January 2009

- 2 Covington Lodge No. 171,  
150th anniversary
- 3 Official Visit, Masonic Districts 2, 3, and 4
- 8 Chester Lodge No. 94
- 9 Lynchburg Scottish Rite Bodies
- 10 Membership Forum  
ACCA Shrine Center, Appreciation Banquet
- 11 Kena Shrine Center, Installation of Officers
- 14 MAHoVA Board Meeting  
Strategic Planning and Implementation  
Committee
- 17 Official Visit, Masonic District 17
- 18 Festival of the Rites, Royal Arch  
Peyton Randolph Lodge No. 1774  
Official Visit, Masonic Districts 36 and 56

## Veteran's Night at Andrew Jackson Lodge No.120



Worshipful Grant Philip Routzohn, Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 (Alexandria) honored the members of Andrew Jackson Lodge who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, at their November stated communication.

Each veteran was presented an American flag that had flown over the United States Capital and then over the George Washington Masonic Memorial. A certificate from the U.S. Capital and one from the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association accompanied each flag.

Worshipful Routzohn came up with the idea while he was on duty in Iraq as a DoD civilian assigned to supporting a STRIKER brigade at a Forward Operating Post. Brother Grant explained that there was a U.S. flag hung in their living quarters and that right outside was the brigade flag pole made out of scrap metal. He thought "Leave it to soldiers to find some way to proudly display the flag."

Brother Grant obtained thirty-seven flags from Congressman Frank Wolf, U.S. Representative (Va.). Seventeen flags were presented in Lodge and the remainder will be presented to the veterans who were unable to attend.

## Mission and Vision Statements of The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia

The **mission** of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to teach and perpetuate a way of life that promotes the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God and to assist its Lodges to grow and prosper.

The **vision** of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to be the premier organization composed of men of integrity and character, who are honest, true to their word, believe in God, are devoted to family, charitable in their community, and courteous and helpful to each other.

# D-Day Memorial Events and Preparations

The Grand Master's team is busy preparing for the May 25, 2009 Memorial Day dedication. This special Memorial Day event has been in planning for two years. We have met with the D-Day Foundation on two occasions and the sub-committees have met several times. We now need your help.

The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges, wants to see 5,000 Masons and families at the Bedford, VA, D-Day Memorial on May 25, 2009. The Grand Lodge will dedicate a plaque to our Masons who served in "Operation Overlord." This event will be unparalleled during our lifetime.

There will be reserved seating for anyone desiring chairs. The chairs have to be rented and set up. We have to furnish a projected number of attendees to pre-order chairs and the date for this is March 15, 2009. In order to do this, please contact your Lodge and advise them you plan to attend. The Lodges are requested to inform their respective District Deputy Grand Masters of the number of Masons attending from their Lodge. If you will have friends or family with you, give them the numbers for them also. The DDGM will transfer the numbers to the proper people for tally. The cost of chair rental is not cheap and an accurate number is necessary.

A multi-purpose Memorial Day ticket is being developed and the cost will be \$5.

The ticket will insure you reserved seating in the VIP area, a bottle of water, program, and possibly something special. Order your ticket from the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, C/O – Memorial Day, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond VA 23223-4926. A donation to assist with the event in the same envelope would be much appreciated. There will be a special shaded seating area to assist 60 people with special-needs.

You are requested to appear and be ready to process in at 10:00AM on May 25, 2009.

Please arrange to arrive by bus, as there will be no parking available at the Memorial. There will be satellite parking areas identified and busses will transport members to the Memorial at no cost. Music for the day will be provided inside the complex by our Shrine Bands with bag pipe accompaniment during the procession into the Memorial by the Grottos pipers

DDGMs are working with Lodges on arranging busses from several cities in our Commonwealth. Talk with your DDGM and have him assist you with arrangements. Of course, if you have connections with a bus operation, please use your contact to help assist your DDGM.

The following busses (55 passenger capacity) are set up and can be utilized. The cost shown does not reflect anything except the cost for the bus to make the round trip. Driver gratuity, beverages, snacks, or the ticket to the D-Day Memorial are NOT included. Pricing per city is as follows: Abingdon - \$2155, Alexandria - \$2385, Blacksburg - \$1065, Bristol - \$2215, Cape Charles - \$2685, Charlottesville - \$1435, Culpepper - \$1435, Danville - \$935, Harrisonburg - \$1280, Lynchburg - \$935, Norton - \$2155, Petersburg - \$1485, Richmond - \$1485, Roanoke - \$935, South Hill - \$2128, Staunton - \$1185, Tappahannock - \$2385, Winchester - \$1795, and Wytheville - \$1375.

We hope to have at least one or more busses from each district. Some Lodges are booking busses on their own. All busses will be allowed to enter the Complex and discharge passengers. This is the very best way to attend the Memorial. You can sit back, relax, and enjoy the company of your family, friends, and Brethren.

We welcome Brethren and families who do not wish to utilize reserved seating. Please bring your apron. These members and families are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or other items to comfort themselves on the concrete surfaces while observing the memorial service. Again we recommend you park in one of the satellite parking lots and from there transfer to the D-Day Memorial via shuttle. Motorcycles are also welcomed as well. Operation Rolling Thunder is bringing a congregation of motorcycles.

## MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

10:00AM - Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia is convened.

10:15AM - Shrine Bands start with solemn music

10:30AM - Announcement is made and Pipers begin

10:30AM - Masons in Regalia process into D-Day Memorial lead by the Heroes of '76

11:00AM - Service begins (Service and dedication of Plaque will last one hour)

12:00 PM - Benediction

This will be a day to remember. When did you ever know 5,000 Masons to be in one place. We are supposed to have media coverage from some of the major television networks.

Be a part of forming history and honor our Masonic Veterans.

# Masonic Investigators

(2008 Lodge Program for the Month of August)

We have often heard discussions in Lodge about the need for the Fraternity to grow, and this is true. We also have heard the debate about whether we should be concerned about quality or quantity. This is a false distinction. We should never sacrifice quality for quantity, but there are many quality men who are waiting for an opportunity to join. Of course, all of this conversation boils down to the need to “guard the West Gate.” That is why the role of the Investigating Committee is so important and why we need to seriously consider the qualifications of investigators.

As we all know, the Worshipful Master refers the petition to an Investigating Committee he appoints.

It is the role of that Committee to conduct its investigation and report to the Master, or to the Lodge, on the moral and physical qualifications of the petitioner no later than the first stated communication after the expiration of eight weeks from the date the petition was presented in the Lodge.

Although we realize that the investigation of an applicant is an important Lodge matter, we sometimes forget the fact that the qualifications of investigators are equally important.

When the Master appoints a Lodge member to an Investigating Committee he is saying, in effect to that member, "You know the type of man the Masonic Fraternity accepts. The sponsors on this petition say the applicant qualifies. Now I need your objective judgment."

From then on it becomes a matter for that Brother, acting not only as a member of that Lodge, but as a representative of the entire Masonic Fraternity to investigate the petitioner as sincerely and as honestly as he is capable of doing. It is a serious matter and should not be considered a merely routine undertaking that can be handled in a casual or perfunctory manner.

Let's stop a moment to evaluate the assignment.

First, think of Freemasonry. It is an organization composed of men who believe in a Supreme Being, who believe in righteousness and justice, who live by and adhere to a strict moral code of ethics, and, who practice a philosophy of life that is second to none. In it are men from every walk of life who form a brotherhood of virtue and honor. They are men recognized in their community for morality, social consciousness, and decency. They are men who believe in and assist each other. And here is a petition from a stranger who wishes to become a member of this fraternal brotherhood. WHO is this stranger?

Experience has taught us that this world of ours has plenty of good men in it: men who are God loving and who know, understand, and practice a code of ethics that requires them to treat each person with dignity and respect. In the business world you often hear them referred to as men whose word is as good as their bond or as men who does business on the square. This then, is the type of man the investigator hopes the applicant will prove to be.

When this type of man approaches Masonry with a petition, Masonry is interested!

We do not and should not seek men of questionable morals or integrity. Freemasonry was never intended to be an organization to reform or remodel a man. That is a matter for the man and his clergyman, not Freemasonry.

We are all aware that when the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other government bodies investigate an applicant for security clearance or employment it is not considered to be a routine matter. Each applicant has to be individually examined and his entire life rigorously scrutinized and checked. Where there is the slightest doubt about the qualifications, the integrity, or the honesty of the applicant, they resolve that point against the subject to protect the Government or the employer.

We need to be as careful and as diligent.

But some of us may not take the job as seriously as we should, and because of a lack of time or energy just go through the motions.

Some of us may feel awkward about being critical, and give in to the softer side of our nature. We think why should we deprive someone of membership? After all, it is just a fraternity.

And some of us are inclined to feel that we are just considering an application for membership in our own Lodge, that we know the two sponsors, and that they would not recommend anyone who was not qualified. This is only partially true.

We are actually considering the petitioner for world-wide Masonic membership. A Master Mason has

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## Masonic Investigators (Continued)

the right to visit and associate with Masons everywhere. Each visitation he may make, in any Lodge in the world, will be as a member and representative of our Lodge. Therefore, he should be the type of man we can be proud of, and someone whom we would want to represent us and our Lodge.

And remember we are not just any Fraternity. We are members of an Order with a distinguished past and a proud tradition, a Fraternity that played a critical role in the War for Independence and in the formation of our great Country. Then, as now, our Brethren participated as leaders in business, civic affairs, and government. The Masons in our towns and cities are universally recognized as good men who can always be counted upon to do the right thing.

From this perspective, you come to see that you are an important link in a chain that stretches back through time and realize just how critical is your role as an investigator. Upon your shoulders rests the responsibility to help ensure that only the right type of man is accepted. This is essential if the Mason of today is to be as well regarded as his Masonic forbearers, and if he is to play as integral a part in the life of his community and nation as they did. In a real sense the future of our Fraternity and the future of the country lie in your hands.

In fulfilling your responsibilities as a Masonic investigator, you need to take your job very seriously. Therefore, every investigator should, at a minimum, read the petition form in preparation for the interview, be appropriately dressed, and be polite, unbiased, and an effective representative of Freemasonry to the petitioner and his family. The investigator also needs to understand, that the investigation is not a ten-minute deal – at its conservative best – it is an hour interview. If the petitioner is the type of man you hope he will be, your call may stretch into two or more hours, but when you leave, you will find yourself feeling that you have spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, and the petitioner's opinion of Freemasonry will have jumped 100 per cent.

Some Lodges appoint committees that collectively interview an applicant, generally at his home, and meet with his wife and family. Masters of Lodges, when selecting the individual members of the Investigating Committee, sometimes endeavor to select, for the convenience of the investigator, those living in closest proximity to the applicant. This may be to the advantage of the investigator, but not necessarily to the Fraternity.

For instance, why send three 70-year old Masons to talk with a 25- or 30-year old petitioner and his young family. It is far better to have younger Brethren interview this petitioner. They will likely have young families, children in school, local business associates, and probably mutual friends or acquaintances.

The same holds true for older petitioners. Why send three young new Masons to interview a 50-year old professional or businessman. They may have nothing in common on which to get acquainted except the subject of Masonry.

So the simple solution is to select a mix of ages and experience. It is wise to select investigators with a more comparable professional, business or vocational background to that of the petitioners, and to select members of the Investigating Committee within a relatively similar age span as that of the petitioner. But a combination of younger and older Brethren is best. The older investigators will have the knowledge of Masonry and the experience needed, and can help to train the younger investigators. The younger investigators will often have the enthusiasm the petitioner needs to see, and will be able to relate particularly well to younger petitioners.

The rapport between the petitioner and the investigator should continue, and if the petitioner is elected to receive the Degrees, the investigator should endeavor, if possible, to attend some of the candidate's Degree work. A firm and friendly handshake or the sight of a familiar face is always a most welcome occasion when a man is in new or strange surroundings.

Finally, I strongly recommend that each investigator read the new Grand Lodge pamphlet For the Investigating Committee. It contains additional specific tips to help you. The Lodge secretary has a copy and you can get your own copy by calling Grand Lodge or simply by going to the Grand Lodge website. Double click on committees – one of the blue bars on the left, then double click on Masonic Education and Publications – which will take you to the Masonic Education Committee homepage, double click on Publications – one of the blue bars on the left – which will take you to an alphabetical list of available publications – including the one titled “For the Investigating Committee.” You can read it on line or print it out.

So how do we sum it all up? Well, every Masonic investigator should take seriously the trust and faith placed in him by the Master of the Lodge in giving him this assignment. He is the eyes and ears of the Lodge and Freemasonry as a whole, for in large measure, the Master and the members of the Lodge will be guided by the investigator's report to accept or reject the applicant's petition.

# Freemasonry in the 21st Century Forum

On January 10, 2009, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will hold a “Freemasonry in the 21st Century” Forum for all interested Masonic family members. The intent of the forum is to talk about the future of Freemasonry in Virginia and how we, as an organized assemblage, can work together to strengthen all of our bodies. The forum will consist of six (6) programs and will start at 9:00AM with an introduction by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful and Doctor Jeffery Eugene Hodges.

The topics will consist of: 1) Where We Have Been, 2) Generational Leadership, 3) 21 Points of Leadership, 4) Attracting Today’s Man to the Fraternity, 5) Masonic Public Relations, and 6) Time Management for Today’s Mason. Although some of the topics sound Blue Lodge related more than they do for the appendant bodies, there will be ideas in the presentation which will apply to all of our organizations.

It is hoped that Worshipful Masters will attend with their officers as well as other organizations with their respective leaders. This is open to all! From the Masonic youth to the old and sagacious Past Masters. From the newest Entered Apprentice to the oldest member of your organization.

This will be held at the Richmond Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA. Fellowship will start around 8:15AM and the forum will start at 9:00AM. The intent is to be concluded by 1:00PM. The dress for the forum is business casual, in other words, be comfortable!

## Assistance for Lodge Leaders

By Worshipful Harry Sanders – Committee on Lodge Services  
and Right Worshipful William Hershey – Committee on Membership

This article has a twofold goal. First, to call your attention to the many services that may be provided by the Committee on Lodge Services and the Committee on Membership to assist Lodge Leaders in improving their Lodges. Second and perhaps of more importance, to preview a joint initiative of the Committees on Lodge Services and Membership to provide to every Master and Senior Warden with information which will give insight into the *membership* and *financial* trends of their Lodges and, where required, ideas for designing *revitalization* strategies.

With regard to the latter goal, the Grand Master has authorized an analysis of all 314 Lodges in Virginia, using the Solvency & Viability Review (SVR) Tool. The results of that analysis will be provided to the Master and Senior Warden of every Lodge. Understanding the results of this analysis is the first key step in making your Lodge more solvent and viable. By **solvent**, we mean a Lodge that follows a budget, operates on current dues income (and any fund raising), and which has a plan to live within its means. By **viable**, we mean a Lodge that has found a way to stabilize membership and finances for the foreseeable future, giving it a strong foundation for future growth.

Over the course of the next several months, Lodges will receive the results of the analysis of their respective Lodge. The analysis will provide: (1) statistical results showing past and projected future membership and financial performance; (2) information to assist in interpreting the results; and (3) suggested strategies for improving Lodge solvency and viability. Upon receipt of this information, the Worshipful Master is being asked to review and discuss it (as a minimum) with his Wardens. If this review results in the identification of a positive trend, do nothing other than keep up the good work. If on the other hand the review identifies a pattern that warrants attention to stem a less than positive trend, the Worshipful Master is encouraged to avail his Lodge of the free assistance that is being offered by the Committees on Lodge Services and/or Membership to develop programs and customize methodologies to reverse the trend.

To learn more about the services available from the Committees on Lodge Services and Membership, visit the Grand Lodge website and click on Committees. Or contact the respective committee chairman for the name of a committee member assigned responsibility for a respective District and the Lodges within that District. The services that will be provided are confidential and will be provided at no cost to the Lodge or District. Lodge Leaders are encouraged to avail themselves of the assistance of these Committees to help their Lodges flourish as we work together to achieve the Grand Master’s theme of “*Discovering Our Potential*”!

# Ask Hiram

# Festival of the Rites

In the installation ceremony, the new Worshipful Master is charged *to submit to the awards of (his) Brethren, when convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order*. I am having some difficulty understanding the meaning of this phrase. What does Hiram say?

**ANSWER:** To better understand this phrase we must examine the words ‘submit’, ‘award’ and ‘convened’. Most of us understand an award as being something given to a person, which would render the statement in the charge somewhat confusing. Instead, let us consider other definitions of these words, as found in the Etymology Dictionary and Webster’s Encyclopedic Dictionary of the English Language. The word ‘award’ with its original meaning from around 1386, is defined as “to decide after careful observation”, and the word ‘convene’ as ‘to come together, or assemble, usually for some public purpose’. The word ‘submit’ is defined as “to defer to another’s judgment, opinion, or decision”. We can now read the phrase as meaning ‘to defer to carefully considered decisions by the assembled lodge, unless these are contrary to our Constitutions’.

## Did You Know?

We have just participated in a service commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington. Here at his home, which he loved so well, and which the patriotic women of the country have guarded with loving hands, exercises are conducted under the auspices of the great fraternity of Freemasons, which a century ago, planned and executed the solemn ceremonial which attended the Father of his Country to his tomb...

Masons throughout the United States testify anew their reverence for the name of Washington and the inspiring example of his life...the fraternity justly claims the immortal patriot as one of its members; the whole human family acknowledges him as one of the greatest benefactors.

The nation needs, at this moment, the help of his wise example.

*Spoken by President William McKinley at the grave of President and Brother George Washington in 1899.*

(Taken from Did You Know?, Vignettes in Masonry from the “Royal Arch Mason” Magazine, Edited by Wes Cook, Published by The Missouri Lodge of Research (1965))

In January 2009, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Virginia will be holding a three-day “Festival of the Rites.” This will occur on January 17, 24, and 31. On January 17, five degrees will be given for the Royal Arch; on January 24, three degrees for the Commandery will be given; and on January 31, the five mandatory degrees of the Scottish Rite will be given.

The event will occur in three locations throughout the Commonwealth: Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke (locations are still being confirmed). This is only open to somebody who is not a current member of these three Orders. The cost to the candidate is \$300. This will pay for all of your initiation fees in all three Orders and for your first year’s dues! This is truly a good deal.

By taking these degrees, the candidates will have the opportunity to witness expert presentations of the York and Scottish Rite degrees at a bargain cost while expanding their Masonic vistas. Remember the Royal Arch Degree represents the culmination and completion of the Master Mason’s Degree, and the Commandery Orders and Scottish Rite Degrees expand upon and compliment the lessons taught in the Symbolic Lodge.

You can find a copy of the petition for the Orders using the link at the end of this paragraph. The petition has to be approved at a Royal Arch Chapter, a Commandery, and at one of the Scottish Rite Valleys. Don’t hesitate in getting this done, because it could take some time to get them routed through all three. The earlier the better. The petition can be found and downloaded at the Grand Commandery’s website: [http://virginiaknightstemplar.org/documents/Combined Petition.pdf](http://virginiaknightstemplar.org/documents/Combined%20Petition.pdf)

