



# Herndon Lodge No. 264

*The Lodge of DOERS*

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

<http://HerndonLodge264.org>

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## From the East

### **Greetings Brethren:**

Thank you for electing me and the other Officers to serve you in 2018. Together, we look forward to making this transition year a fun and active one for the DOERs of Herndon Lodge. 2018 will be our last in District 4 as next year we will move to become part of District 2. While it will be hard to leave old friends behind, it also is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

As a down payment on the "fun" part of the promise, several Brothers and family members attending a wonderful live stage performance of "A Christmas Carol" in December. During Stave 1, the ghost of his departed business partner visits Scrooge. During their exchange, Marley cries out "Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business." It would seem that Marley missed in life most of the basics that we as Masons take for granted. Marley urges Scrooge to mend his ways to avoid the same fate he encountered. Likewise, I remind each of you to hold to your obligations and practice outside the Lodge the tenets taught inside it.

Against the "active" portion of the promise, we have already heard a FellowCraft return and performed a rare December raising of Brother Axel Alanis. Before our Stated in January, 2 more Brothers will be initiated into the Craft at a Called Communication. Against Lodge maintenance, the Fellowship Hall floor has been newly refinished and is looking great!

For this coming year, there will be a lot more work as we move candidates through the degrees, continue to improve and maintain our Temple, and reach out to the community around us. There are currently 5 candidates working through the degrees with another 2 to be initiated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. I hope to see many new faces in Lodge to support these Brothers and to perform the degree work. On the building front, the Fellowship Hall floor is only 1 item on a long list of needed repairs and improvements. On the community front, we have 2 blood drives on the calendar and we are awaiting word from the Town to see if we will be needed again to provide Child IDs at the Herndon Festival.

The year will not be all work. Back to the fun side of the ledger, we are making plans for a horseback tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield, the return of the Lodge picnic, a District wide Ladies' Night, and the Grand Master will make his official visit to the District at a picnic at Manasseh Lodge. Other events will pop up along the year. All it really takes for an idea to grow into an event is for someone to volunteer to organize it. Are you ready to step up?


A quick word on membership and dues. Herndon Lodge continues to attract good men in the form of new candidates and through affiliations. At this writing, Herndon's membership stands at 216 Master Masons. Deducting for Honorary, Masonic Veterans, and Life Members there are 167 dues paying members in Lodge. I mention dues for 2 reasons. Dues is what funds the upkeep and operations of the Lodge. Dues are set in the bylaws of each Lodge. The same bylaws you obligated yourself to maintain and support. When you fall behind in paying your dues, you risk being suspended as some 20 former members have done in the past 7 years. You also fail to uphold your obligation to the Lodge and your fellow Brothers, creating a burden for them in that they must cover the cost of your Grand Lodge dues. If you are not current on dues, please take a few minutes to bring yourself up to date.

You may have noticed the DOER symbol at the top of this Trestleboard. This pin will be presented to DOERs in Lodge this year. What is a DOER? Simply, a DOER is someone that engages in any of the many things already covered in this Trestleboard. Someone that through their industry, their charity, their leadership, or often just by being there has made a difference. The inaugural class of DOERs were presented at the December meeting to Brother Rob Martin (designer of the pin) and to RW WO Harrison (DOER Emeritus). I would very much like to be in a position to have every Brother in Lodge earn his own DOER pin. All it takes is getting involved.

Sincerely and Fraternally

*Philip Brooks*

Worshipful Master  
Herndon No. 264

<p><b><u>January Masonic Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>Ernest E. Sydnor, Jr., 1978 Phil Sturke, 1978 Donald Ralph, 1981 Richard S. Adamson, 1986 Richard A. Long, 1991 Robert D. Novak, Jr., 2003 Jason L. Wright, 2003 Jon Bergner, 2009 William Steinhour, 2009 Ken Crossman, 2016 Eric Husebo, 2012 Clay Wilkins, 2017</p>	<p><b><u>Mark Your Calendar</u></b></p> <p>Feb 7 – Lodge Practice Feb 17 – <b>Blood Drive</b> Feb 19 – Herndon Stated Feb 21 – D4 School of Instruction, Patriot Mar 7 – Lodge Practice Mar 9/10 – DLC, Warrenton / Alexandria Mar 19 – Herndon Stated Apr 4 – Lodge Practice Apr 16 – Herndon Stated Apr 28 – <i>Gettysburg Battlefield on horseback</i> Jun 16 – <i>Lodge Picnic @ Frying Pan Park</i> Jun 27 – <i>D4 Ladies Night Dinner</i> Jul 28 – <b>Blood Drive</b> Jul 21 – Grand Master’s Official Visit to D4 Aug 4 – One Day MM Conferral</p>	<p><b>Most Worshipful</b> Gary Wallace Taylor Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. &amp; A.M. <a href="https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org">https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</a></p> 
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## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year’s Day Olive Branch	2	3 <b>Lodge Practice 6:30 p</b>	4 CDR WL Herndon DeMolay Acacia	5 Freedom Manasseh	6 <b>Called EA Lodge 9:00a</b>
7	8 Loudoun RAC Hay Market	9 Bethel 52, JDI Ashburn-Sterling Henry	10 Herndon OES	11	12	13 Bethel 52 Installation, 7p
14	15 <b>Herndon Stated Dinner 6:30p Lodge 7:30p</b>	16	17 <b>D4 School of Instruction Hay Market, 7p</b>	18 CDR WL Herndon DeMolay Hamilton-Thompson	19 Patriot	20
21	22	23 Bethel 52, JDI Mt Carmel	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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