

Herndon Lodge No. 264

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Brethren –

A warm welcome to May - where with the warmer weather and blooming flowers, we have the opportunity to get ourselves outside and be active in ways we may not have been over the past several years. I know I am eagerly looking forward to Summer for this reason. In this spirit, we will be committing labor to our Lodge building this month as part of cleanup and the exterior appearance. Our new Stewards have put a great deal of thought into improving the facility and our dates will be provided as they are set. We appreciate any support you can provide to help better our historic meeting location.

I also want to welcome our two newest Master Masons who were raised in late April. This makes 4 for the year so far and we are proud to welcome these Brothers into our fold. If you see them, please congratulate them for this accomplishment.

As Master Masons, we are all encouraged to travel and our Senior Deacon embarked on the journey of a lifetime on a visit to Norway. This month, he will share his experience with us as part of a study of Grammar. You will not want to miss this talk - it's a multi-cultural, historical, and great example of the power of our fraternity. Please come out for an evening of fellowship (and food) to pair with this exploration of fellowship across the Pond in Europe.

With the warmer weather, we are also planning a number of family events to engage back with our Brethren. Many will be simple gatherings but those often provide the greatest opportunity to connect. I hope to see you at one (or more) as you are able.

I would be remiss if I did not also note the important holiday we will celebrate at month's end - Memorial Day. As we enjoy time with our families, do not forget to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice so many of our men and women in uniform made for our land. We are all grateful for what they have provided to protect our freedom and we cannot forget the true reason for this time.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Matt Vepraskas

Worshipful Master, 2022
Herndon No. 264

Seven Liberal Arts
and Sciences

May Meeting

Grammar

The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences are an important subject to study due to their wide applicability to solving the wider questions and challenges that appear daily in our world. Some of the most famous minds in history were deep practitioners of one or more of the studies and the most impactful philosophers of the past millennia have used the Liberal Arts as the basis for their work. It's critical for us all to make use of these in our daily studies that Freemasons are encouraged to explore – their use takes us beyond the literal use of skills, the “how,” and takes us to the “why.”

For Freemasons, the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences typically refer to their ancient definitions, which may all differ slightly from their more modern uses. It is important to study these holistically and I encourage all Brethren to think on these definitions, as well as their evolved and modern versions, as it will broaden your experience and expand the impact each can make on your studies.

- **Grammar:** The foundation for asking questions – who, what, where, and why
- **Rhetoric:** The art which allows us to persuade and to have an effect upon the listener
- **Logic:** The gift of reasoning
- **Arithmetic:** The process by which we are able to calculate all weights and measures
- **Geometry:** To create right angled triangles, the symbol of our uprightness and square actions towards God, one another and our fellow creatures
- **Music:** A mystery to the Freemason and a mystery as to its connection to mathematics
- **Astronomy:** To trace the great symmetry of the hand of the deity throughout the heavens

Our program for May will focus on Grammar and will be delivered by Bro Michael Champion, Herndon's Senior Deacon. Bro Champion recently had the unique and fun opportunity to attend Lodge and a degree in Norway – meeting new Brothers, discovering differences, and I understand, several significant historical features in and around the building. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the benefits of being a traveling man.

This particular program will again be delivered in the Stated meeting and not in the Social Hall to allow for a fuller discussion of the differences in ritual. We will return to dinner presentations at our June and July meetings, which will both be fun and unique. Please try to attend, if you feel able and have an interest. We would love to have you, whether you are an active member, guest, prospective member, or looking to return to Lodge.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Olive Branch No. 114	3	4	5	6 Freedom No. 118	7 Herndon Lodge Clean-up
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Bethel No. 52	11 OES Chapter 55	12 Fraternal Visit to AW 22	13	14
15	16 Herndon No. 264	17 Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	18 Herndon Officer Meeting	19 Hamilton- Thompson No. 37	20	21
22	23	24 D2 District School (Freedom)	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

May Masonic Birthdays

Lawrence Malkin (1957)
 Bennett Corrado (2009)
 James Bartley (1976)
 Barron Bradford (2012)
 Gerald Jenkins (1990)
 Leonard Bethards (2014)
 Harold Selby (1992)
 Reginald Briscoe (2015)
 Generoso Calonge (1994)
 Joseph Costantini (2016)
 Ryan Coutant (2003)
 Evin Grano (2018)
 Jacob Yates (2006)
 Brad Morell (2018)

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

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