

Herndon Lodge No. 264

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Brethren –

A very hearty Happy 4th of July to each of you. I certainly hope you were able to take some time off for this incredibly important holiday. Our love of country is something that unites Masons across the US and we must be reminded of our similarities over our differences more and more each year. I am proud to be part of a community which encourages that element of life. In addition to continued study, recall that brotherly love and affection are key tenants of our institution, which we are all proud to adopt.

I am so excited to also highlight the superb job our membership has done this year in introducing new men to the Fraternity. We now have three fine candidates who will be Raised Master Masons in July, bringing the total to 7 for the year. This is an exceptional number of new Masons and we are overjoyed to be in a position to grow the ranks. All of these gentlemen have quickly stepped in to support the Lodge and we thank them for that. As you see them, please congratulate them for their accomplishment – and be proud of the growth we are all able to make as result of our engagement with these new Brothers.

As we have discussed in this forum and in meetings, the Lodge is entering into a transitional period in its history with the goal of expanding our ability to contribute to our community while ensuring a solid home for the future. The leadership team, along with Trustees and PMs, have been examining a number of ways to enhance our ability to strengthen our financial position as well as provide a series of critical updates and repairs to our building. We are beginning the process of putting these options to the membership over the next several Stated meetings. In them, we will discuss fundraising goals, building repairs, and key community programs. Overviews will also be provided in written format to the membership as we progress. I am so excited to begin this series of programs.

All the best to you and your families across July and across the summer of 2022.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Matt Vepraskas

Worshipful Master, 2022
Herndon No. 264

Seven Liberal Arts
and Sciences

July 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 July will again focus on Grammar and will be a program developed by Bro Anthony Vongersdorff, Herndon's Junior Deacon. Bro Vongersdorff has put together a reflection on the use of comedy in Masonry. While these two topics don't necessarily come to mind as a matching set, comedy itself has historically been a format for certainly laughter but also to critical thought. Much of our greatest works of literature, from *Candide* to *Tom Sawyer* (both written by Masons), have been drafted to look critically at one segment of our society. I look forward to the learning, and laughs, that will come from this program.

This particular program will again be delivered in the Social Hall to allow audiences to hear this word. 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.

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom No. 118	2
3	4 Olive Branch No. 114	5 Bethel No. 52	6	7	8	9
10	11 Called Meeting: Master Mason Degree	12 Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	13 OES Chapter 55	14	15	16
17	18 Herndon No. 264	19	20	21 Hamilton- Thompson No. 37	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Quarterly Herndon Lodge Food Drive	30

July Masonic Birthdays

Glenn Moore (1979)
 Philip Brooks (2004)
 James Morgan (1996)
 Robert Pope (2006)
 Jeffrey Cox (1998)
 George Baker (2009)
 Per Ankh Siaca Bey (2003)
 James Britt (2010)
 Luther Nye, III (2004)
 Jeffery Smith (2010)
 Luther Nye, IV (2004)
 William Wiard (2012)

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

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