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S.D. Archer – 1981	K.P. Strickland – 1991	W.R. Manier – 2005	W.M. Mutter – 2015
R.B. Holmes – 1982	W. R. Manier – 1995	R.G. McEvoy – 2006	J.W. Conroy, Jr. – 2016
H.M. Hatfield – 1984	G.R. Tester – 1996*	R.D. Reed – 2008	D.L. Bagley – 2017
R.S. Best – 1985	P.W. Morley, Jr. – 1998	K.W. Strickland - 2009	J.W. Snow – 2018
+J.V. Matthews, Jr. – 1986	T.W. Magas – 1999*	K.E. Stephens, Jr. – 2010	H.P. Strickland – 2019
L.P. Fields – 1987	+H. C. Slaughter, Sr. – 2000	K.L. Hobbs, Jr. – 2011	R.S. Anderson – 2020
C.R. Jefferson – 1988	R.L. McDaniel – 2001	R.T. Smith – 2012	
M.B. Joyner – 1989	+M.F. Mansfield – 2003*	C.A. Allsbrook – 2013	
G.E. Brown – 1990	+F.T. Whittington, Sr. – 2004	H.P. Strickland – 2014	

+ - denotes PDDGM, \* - denotes demitted

LIVING MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER MASONIC LODGES

J.V. Matthews, Jr., PDDGM-NC	Garland #664, NC	1997-2001
A.W. Densley	Princess Anne #25	2012
G.L. Hanson	Edmond #37, OK	2018

LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

F.N. Boalt	Ancon Lodge – Balboa, Rep. of Panama	1981
B. R. Faulkner, PDDGM-SC	Solomon's #1, SC	1976, 1999, 2008
	Old Fort #420, SC	1981, 1982, 2016
	Egeria #71, SC	2014
T.S. Ferrell	Great Bridge #257	2009
W.E. Irving, PDDGM	Great Bridge #257	1984
F.E. Small	Elizabeth #34	1995
R.G. Underdown	Campbell #316	1981
B.H. Wilson, PDDGM	South Norfolk #339	1990, 2013

**Master's Message**

**Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all,**

As each of our Lodges open and many of the restrictions we have been under lift, we are reminded of a passage from Psalms 133, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." This particular passage has a renewed meaning for our fraternity this year. We have long been apart, but I am grateful that we now are able to come together once again. This has been a difficult time for everyone, but we have traveled through this dark time, separate but together, and can finally see the sunshine peeking out at the other end. Not unlike any perilous journey, we have had our fair share of suffering. As we look back over the past several months, we have all been affected by individual losses, sickness, or loss of prosperity. Every year the trees shed their leaves in the winter in order to have new leaves come spring, so that they are able to make the most of the coming summer sun. We too must shed the weight of our troubles and worries, so that we can grow and bloom with fresh, optimistic perspectives in order to fully enjoy the warmth of comradery and brotherhood we have sorely missed. Remember that tomorrow is a brighter day, and we all must look toward the light. Our June stated will Shrine Night/Lodge Polo Night and is Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, Illustrious Mark Cook, Potentate for Khedive Shrine will be our speaker. I look forward to seeing the summer sun shining on each of your faces as we get together on June 18<sup>th</sup> for the Celebration of St. John, our Grand Master, M.W. Douglas V. Jones will be our guest speaker.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Paul A. Wotring*  
**Worshipful Master**

**From the West**

Greetings from the West,  
 Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all; I share in the joy and thankfulness that our Lodge is beginning to open back up to "normal." I urge all of us to reach out to our Brethren and invite them to Lodge.  
 Bro. Billy Phelps, Senior Warden

**From the South**

Greetings from the South,  
 The Lodge is nearly back to normal and we had a great turnout in our May stated. It was good to see so many familiar faces and some not-so-familiar ones too. It is always nice to sit with and get to know brethren I have not met before at a lodge meal. As Brother Shakespeare said, "Small cheer and great welcome makes merry feast." I look forward to taking more steps toward normalcy in the near future so that Lake Drummond Lodge can get back to business as usual, making masons, and discovering more-light!  
 Bro. Adam Drake, Junior Warden

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

<b>Brother Andrew Rodney Hall</b>	<b>Affiliated</b>	<b>April 8, 2021</b>
<b>Brother Gregory Alan Curl</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>May 19, 2021</b>
<b>Brother John Gregory Fussell</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>May 19, 2021</b>
<b>Brother Montague Wavery Mitchell, Sr.</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>May 19, 2021</b>
<b>Brother Kevin Lee Staples</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>May 19, 2021</b>

**Trustees of Lake Drummond No.178**

Lake Drummond would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of its Trustees past and present. Without all of their tireless work our beloved Lodge would not be nearing the monumental 150<sup>th</sup> year in existence. Please tell these treasured Brethren "Thank You" for a job well done when you see them next!

**Bro. J.J. Ramsey, Wor. D.L.Bagley, Wor. K.P. Strickland, Wor. H. M. Hatfield, Wor. H. P. Strickland**

**Quote of the Month**

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes that we have learned something from yesterday."  
 ~Bro. John Wayne

**Moment of Light from Wor. Chris Allsbrook**

"BOAZ REDEEMS RUTH"

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So, Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. So, I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman." So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went into her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:1-17 ESV

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| LAKEDRUMMOND | DEPUTY      | DRIVE       |
| SOUTHNORFOLK | GRANDMASTER | EDICTS      |
| LAWS         | RULES       | REGULATIONS |

Masonic Trivia

Test your Masonic knowledge with a few random trivia questions.

- Questions:**
- Q1:** When was the Mother Grand Lodge of England formed?
- Q2:** Who was the first Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge?
- Q3:** How many lodges formed the Mother Grand Lodge?
- Q4:** What famous English architect was a Freemason?
- Q5:** Name three famous American Revolutionary Day patriots who were Grand Masters.
- Q6:** When was the Book of Constitutions first printed?

- Answers:**
- A1:** In 1717, in London.
- A2:** Anthony Sayers, Gentleman.
- A3:** Four.
- A4:** Sir Christopher Wren., who built, among many other famous structures, the great St. Paul's Cathedral, in London.
- A5:** Paul Revere; General Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill, and Benjamin Franklin.
- A6:** In 1723.



Tentative Schedule Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 for 2021



June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 South Norfolk 339	2	3 Berkley 167	4	5
6	7	8 Doric 44	9 Lake Drummond Officer Meeting Officer Practice	10 Lake Drummond 178 Shrine Night, Sojourners flag presentation	11	12
13 Lake Drummond Ritual School	14 Dance recital Concession	15 Indian River 252	16	17 Lake Drummond Practice and Lodge set-up	18 Lake Drummond St John Festive Guest: Grandmaster Douglas Vernon Jones	19
20 Father's Day	21	22 Cradock RAC No. 72	23 Great Bridge 257	24	25 St. John's Day	26 Lake Drummonds First Annual Fishing Tournament
27 Lake Drummond Ritual School	28	29	30	<b>Notes:</b> Shrine Night, Sojourners will build a flag, and will handle flag presentation 6-10-21, Speaker Illustrious Mark Cook. Remind everyone about St. John Festive 6-18-21, Grandmaster will be giving remarks		

*Brethren, during this time of uncertainty please verify meeting dates and know that things are subject to change.*

**In Memoriam**  
 Please remember all our Brethren that have laid down their worldly working tools and passed on to the Celestial Lodge above.

Sunshine Committee Report

Please keep our sick and distressed raised up in your thoughts and prayers. The best thing that you can do for someone is to pray for them. If you know of a Brother, widow, or family member that is sick, injured, or distressed, please inform either the Sunshine Committee, or one of your Lodge officers. We want to ensure we are praying for every need any of our Lodge members may face. In this unprecedented time, we need to readily reach out to one another and share each other's burdens. All reported needs will only be shared based on the privacy and discretion requested by each member.

Get Well Cards

- Lydia Boalt – Health Issues
- Wor. Phil Morley – Recovering from Back Surgery

Thinking of You

- Wor. John Conroy- Recovering from Hip Surgery
- Wors. Henry and Kyle Strickland – Loss of Uncle Bro.'s Billy and Bradley Phelps – Loss of Uncle Bro. Joe Dixon and his Wife – Recovering from Covid19
- Sammie Smith and family – Another Surgery for Sammie
- Wor. Raymond Anderson – Upcoming Neck Surgery

Masonic Mirth by WB Greg O'Neal



Fundraising

Pledge cards have been sent to each member to help raise funds to offset building repairs and maintenance. Donations and/ or pledges of any amount are greatly appreciated. We hope that everyone has received their Lake Drummond Lodge face mask and pledge card. If you have not received yours, please let me or another Lodge Officer know. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Lake Drummond will hold its Annual Fish Fry on September 25th from noon until 5:00 PM. Fish Fry dinners will be available for a donation of \$10.00. Anyone willing to help during this event please contact any of our Lodge Officers.

## A Masonic Journey

*Each month we will spotlight a different Mason. We will tell his Masonic story, what brought him to Freemasonry, his most remembered masonic moment, his thoughts, his accomplishments, his dreams. We will learn about members of our Lodge by spotlighting different Masons each month. This month I would like to spotlight a mason that has inspired me, Brother Roger Dale Jones.*

Roger Dale Jones was born at Portsmouth General Hospital in 1946 and moved to the “Wards Corner” area of what was then Norfolk County when he was two years old. He was raised in a large family being one of eight children. His father, a mechanic at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, was a solid, hardworking, and upright man that left a huge impact on Roger and was a guiding force shaping his entire life. Mr. Jones instilled a strong work ethic in his children and Roger was no exception; getting his first job as an usher at the local movie theatre when he was fifteen years old. He attended Granby High School and had a wandering soul that caused him to wish to see the world. At the age of seventeen his parents signed to allow him to join the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1963 while still attending High School, spending two years in the reserves before going on active duty on October 1965, as a helicopter refueler aboard the USS Boxer LPH 4, on his way to Viet Nam. He spent two years on active duty and finished with two more years in the reserves.

After serving in the Navy, he returned home joining the Tunnel Police that patrolled and watched over the tunnels that connected Portsmouth and Norfolk. Pondering his choices and wanting a meaningful career, he became a diesel mechanic and began working for O’Boyle Tank Lines. His father had left the shipyard and began driving as a long-distance hauler. Once again that traveling and that rambling spirit called to Roger. He joined his father as part of a double driver team while learning to drive truck and trailer. Afterward he had the opportunity to drive for Old Dominion Freight as part of a double driver team. This job would have great and lasting implications on his life. His driving partner, and his partner’s father-in-law were Masons, as was Roger’s father, Bro. Albert Ray Jones. The influence of his father and friends started a journey for Roger as he too wanted to become a Brother Mason. His father had a stroke that severely altered his health and ability to attend lodge. Roger joined Elizabeth Lodge No. 34 in Norfolk in 1977 and was raised a Master Mason a few months later in January 1978. When Bro. Jones came home that night, he embraced his father as a son and a Brother Mason. The look of pride and tears of love and joy on his father’s face is his greatest Masonic memory.

Bro. Jones and his driving partner moved on to a union job delivering televisions for GE. Roger loved the open road, seeing the highways and byways of the southern United States. Roger was a father, and it was important to him to spend more time with his son, so he returned to Old Dominion as a local driver to spend quality time with his teenage son. An opportunity to again drive for the “Teamsters” and to reach retirement with them became available as a driver in Charlotte NC. He was able to experience a life of travel that some only dream of. As fate would have it, that company opened an office in Norfolk VA, allowing him to return full circle to where he left and retire at home in Hampton Roads.

Bro. Roger Jones’s nephew, Bro. Billy Angel joined Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178. Also in attendance, Bro. John Lyndsay vouched for Bro. Jones to attend lodge that evening as Bro. Angel was raised to Master Mason. Interestingly Bro. Jones’s son, Roger Dale Jones Jr. was also going through similar steps during this time in Washington State, joining Bremerton Lodge No. 117. After visiting Lake Drummond Bro. Jones fell in love with it and became a long-standing member. After retiring he became more involved in Masonry and he is currently a member of Lake Drummond No. 178, Royal Arch Cradock Chapter No. 72, Norfolk Scottish Rite, and the Khedive Shrine. As a literal “Traveling Man” he has seen first-hand how Masonry is a family. “Traveling and meeting Masons allows you to be part of a brotherhood, part of something larger than yourself. No matter where you go, there is always a Brother Mason nearby.” Bro. Jones said, when asked about changes; “Masonry changes as it needs to, such as where things like dress and so forth are concerned because that part is fluid, but the morality and teachings will stand fast.” He leaves us with the advice of “live by the teachings of Freemasonry, don’t just wear a ring. Wear the beliefs and tenants, do good deeds, and live your life as a Mason.”

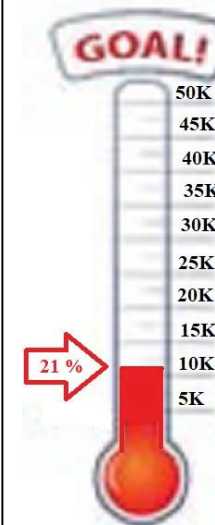
## June Masonic Birthdays

Join us in wishing these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Rt. Wor. B. R. Faulkner	June 02, 1969 – 52 years
Bro. R. L. Stewart Jr.	June 24, 1974 – 47 years
Bro. C. G. James	June 03, 1976 – 45 years
Bro. R. C. Mills	June 15, 1978 – 43 years
Wor. K. P. Strickland	June 05, 1986 – 35 years
Bro. N. C. Strickland	June 27, 1991 – 30 years
Wor. P. W. Morley, Jr.	June 24, 1993 – 28 years
Bro. S. G. Harden	June 23, 1994 – 27 years
Bro. M. W. Manier	June 19, 1996 – 25 years
Bro. W. R. Angel	June 06, 2002 – 19 years
Bro. J. A. Davis	June 23, 2011 – 10 years
Bro. T. A. Drake	June 28, 2018 – 03 years

**364 Total Years in Freemasonry**

## Master Craftsman Pledge Drive Update



**Brethren, THANK YOU so much for your generous support to the Lodge Master Craftsman Pledge Drive!! So far, we have met 21 % of our goal of raising \$50,000.00. This is from benevolent donations from 18% of our membership. A full listing of donors will be published in next month’s bulletin. Your donor level gifts will be available in July as well. Thank you for your continued support of your Lodge!**

## This Month in Masonic History

**June 1:** On this date in 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was founded.

**June 5:** On this date in 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee. In 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia

**June 6:** On this date in 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent. In 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established

**June 9:** On this date in 1849, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware was established.

**June 11:** On this date in 1986, the United Grand Lodge of England required the removal of references to the physical penalties from all obligations.

**June 13:** On this date (or June 12) in 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was organized.

**June 16:** On this date in 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was formed.

**June 20:** On this date in 1812, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was formed. In 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died.

**June 23:** On this date in 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar.

**June 24:** On this date in 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house. This date is the first entry, for 1731, of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States, in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia. In 1734, Benjamin Franklin became Grand Master of what would be known as the "Moderns" Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. In 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston. It later became the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In 1797, the second Grand Lodge for African Americans was founded in Philadelphia. In 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was formed.

**June 27:** On this date (or June 25) in 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was organized.

**June 28:** On this date in 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio.