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# The TRESTLEBOARD of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 A.F. & A.M. of Virginia Chartered on February 10, 1983



## Stated Meeting:

Every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
with  
Breakfast at 9:00am  
Meeting at 10:00am  
Lunch at 11:30am

## Lodge Attire:

### Officers:

Tuxedo

### Everyone Else:

Lodge Shirt, Business  
Casual or Dark Suit and  
Tie

## Location:

George Washington  
Masonic National  
Memorial  
Alexandria, VA  
*The Beautiful North  
Room*

### DUES

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\$15 Annually  
\$375 LMIP

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\$16 Annually  
\$385 LMIP

## From the East

My Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year to you and yours!! Wow, it's February already!! Thank you for the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master for the 2020 Masonic year. I am humbled by the confidence you have reposed in me to serve the best interests of each of you and our Lodge. I am both excited and proud to be a part of our Lodge and to be a part of your 2020 Leadership Team! Your leadership team is already hard at work and has developed a plan for the year that promises to be full of enlightening programs, delicious food and great fellowship. The Craft in general, specifically our Lodge and the Virginia Research Lodge community is depending on each of you to participate as much as the length of your cable tow will allow to make our plans come to fruition.

Our theme for the year is "Industrious Learning" with a commitment to providing outstanding service to the Craft as our guide. To that end, please see the list of programs scheduled for the year on page two (2). Regarding service to the Craft, we have completed a Fraternal Visit with a program already for the year and have more scheduled, even prior to our stated meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding visits will arrive in your inbox with as much notice as possible.

At our stated meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Marc Hone. Marc is a member of our Lodge and is the first District Deputy for our newly formed District of Research Lodges. Please make every effort to demonstrate your support by your attendance.

We read the proposed language to update our bylaws at our December 2019 annual meeting. We will be voting on the proposed amendment at our stated meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. To summarize, an amendment was offered to alleviate the issue we are currently experiencing where our Trustees are not refreshed, and we run into the challenge of how and when to replace a Trustee. If the amendment is accepted, the recommended standard operating procedure going forward would be that each year, the outgoing Worshipful Master would be placed in nomination to replace the most tenured Trustee for the prescribed three-year term.

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## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

*"We're a group of men who meet on the level, act upon the square, and walk uprightly in life. We take good men and make them better by the teachings of Masonry, and work towards brotherly love, relief, & truth."*

by our late friend and Brother, Charles Richard (Dick) Walk

## Meeting Schedule

Date	Presenter	Program
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	David King, DDGM	Election and Installation of Officers
Feb 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Raymon Bacchus, PM	Reception of the DDGM
	James Landerkin, PM	The History of the "Band of Brothers" and its implications for Freemasons
	Jeremy Chevrier	Shabbat, Shechinah and the Solomonic Pillars
May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	David Peters	Evolution of the Military & Military Lodges and the Globalization of Freemasonry to the Mid 1700's
	Kevin Homan, PM	A Primer on Irregularity and Clandestine Freemasonry
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Farley Warner, PM	The Profound Influence of Freemasonry on American Social Order
	Jason Himsey, PM	Appropriateness, regarding the flag of the United States of America
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Brian Walaszczyk	Manichaeism and Freemasonry
	James Simonetti	The Meaning of the Blazing Star Symbol in Masonry
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Raymon Bacchus, PM	Election and Installation of Officers

## Awards Program

Award	Recipient	Year
<b>THE MW WERNER HERMAN MORLOCK MEMORIAL LECTURE</b>	Rt. Wor. Douglas L. Jordan, PDDGM, PGHP	2002
	Andre Salmon, PM	2003
	Roger W. Peak, PDDGM	2005
	Rt. Wor. Douglas L. Jordan, PDDGM, PGHP	2007
	Rhey Solomon, PM and David Stanley	2013
<b>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD</b>	MW Lloyd U. Jefferson, PGM	2002
	MW Stewart W. Miner, PGM	2003
	Melvin (Mickey) Ander	2010
	Donald L. McAndrews, PM	2012
	G. William Miller, PM	2013
<b>MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD</b>	RW William Adrian Brown	2002
	Wor. John Shroeder	2003
	Roger W. Peak, PDDGM	2009
	Roger M. Firestone, PM	2010
<b>NEW MASONIC RESEARCHER AWARD</b>	Wor. Preston E. Burner	2002
	Carlston O. Schlutter	2003
	Roger W. Peak, PDDGM	2004
	Rhey Solomon, PM	2011



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What was proposed is as follows:

### Article VII currently reads:

The 3 Trustees, who shall be recommended by the Lodge and appointed by the Court having jurisdiction, shall at each annual Stated Communication in December make a report of the investment of all funds and condition of property entrusted to their care.

### Article VII proposed Amended language as highlighted:

The 3 Trustees, who shall be recommended by the Lodge and appointed by the Court having jurisdiction, shall at each annual Stated Communication in December make a report of the investment of all funds and condition of property entrusted to their care. **Each Trustee shall serve a term of three (3) years with one (1) being recommended at each annual stated communication.**

Your leadership team is undertaking several projects this year to help improve our Lodge. We have begun revamping our website to provide more content and to use newly available technology to allow for increased ease of use. Our email system and digital storage is being revamped and centralized. In collaboration with Herndon Lodge No. 264, we are developing a project on the USS Herndon and it's Masonic connections with the goal of producing some good research, raising the Fraternity's visibility in the community, placing a memorial in the town of Herndon and the other benefits that come with caring for and giving back to the community. The committee for this project will meet at 9am over breakfast prior to our meetings. If you are interested, please join us. We are collaborating with Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777 to provide the Craft with wider access to our papers and programs. We are working to revitalize our awards program, as you see it listed on page two (2), to recognize the good work that has and is being done. Lots of good work, square work!

Our Junior Warden and Stewards have planned both breakfast and lunch for each of our meetings this year. Historically, our Lodge membership has been very much in favor of more attention being afforded this. Your leadership team has listened and will act. Please bring your appetite to each of our meetings for good food and fellowship.

Reviewing our membership roster, I have noticed large gaps in the affiliation of new members. This causes many adverse situations for our Lodge including a reduction in the amount of resources to provide good research, a decrease in fresh ideas and different points of view, a decrease in infectious enthusiasm and so on. It is incumbent on each of us to spread the light of Masonic Research. We can accomplish this by speaking to other Brothers and inviting them to attend our meetings. I believe the content we have slated for this year and our good fellowship will be enough to garner applications from visiting Brethren. Please extend invitations!!

Please remember to pay your dues. At a cost of fifteen dollars (\$15) annually or three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for a Life Membership in Perpetuity it is the best value in Masonry. Thanks to our Treasurer, we are now able to receive payments via PayPal. Please note that there is a convenience fee charged by PayPal which will make your cost sixteen dollars (\$16) for annual dues and three hundred eight-five dollars (\$385) for Life Membership in Perpetuity. Payments should be sent to [adslor.sec@gmail.com](mailto:adslor.sec@gmail.com). Otherwise, they can be mailed to our Secretary at 4123 Galesbury Lane, Chantilly, VA 20151 or given to him directly at our meeting in the usual manner. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Throughout the year your Trestleboard will be the source of information for upcoming events and activities. It will be published by the 1st of the month in the months which we meet, via email, on our webpage and Facebook page. Please do take the time to review it so you can participate. Your team is excited to serve you and we look forward to all of us working together to make A. Douglas Smith Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 a beacon of light in the Research Lodge community that good men may find us curious and then worthy of the investment of their time and commitment. Please reach me at any time at [adslor.wm@gmail.com](mailto:adslor.wm@gmail.com) or on my direct line at 703-899-8590.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in friendship and service,

*Ray*

Raymon W. Bacchus, PM

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## 2020 Lodge Leadership Team

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## 2020 District Deputy Grand Master

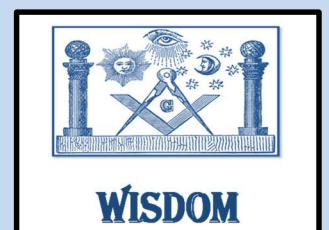
Title	Name	Email
District Deputy Grand Master, Virginia Research District	Right Worshipful Marc Allen Hone	<a href="mailto:varesearchddgm@gmail.com">varesearchddgm@gmail.com</a>

## 2020 Committees

Committee	Chair Persons
Audit - Standing Committee	Senior Warden - Chairman, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon Treasurer and Secretary
Awards	Bill Miller, PM - Chairman, Rhey Solomon, PDDGM and Carl Weaver, PDDGM
Membership - Standing Committee	Senior Warden - Chairman, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon
Publications	Bill Miller, PM - Chairman, Rhey Solomon, PDDGM and Carl Weaver, PDDGM
Research Project - Commander Herndon	Bro. Fred Baerenz - Chairman, Bro. Joe Cook and Rhey Solomon, PDDGM
Trustees	George Chapin, PGM, Stuart Miner, PGM and Donald Robey, PGM

### Trustees

Lloyd U. Jefferson  
Stewart W. Miner  
Donald M. Robey





The 175<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Master  
of Masons in  
Virginia  
(2019-2020)

Most Worshipful  
Douglas Vernon Jones



*"Loyalty & Kindness –  
A Lasting Impression"*

Your  
2020  
Leadership  
Team



Past Masters

Year	Master	Year	Master
1983	William A. Myers	2002	John Shroeder
1984	Warner H. Morlock, PGM	2003	Kwame Acquaaah
1985	Harry G. Lutz	2004	Richard K. Thompson, PDDGM
1986	William H. Consia, PDDGM	2005	Roger M. Firestone
1987	Loyd U. Jefferson, PGM	2006	James D. Hawkins
1988	Richard B. Baldwin, PDDGM	2007	Douglas L. Jordan, PDDGM
1989	G. William Miller	2008	Donald L. McAndrews
1990	Peter Hwoschinsky, PDDGM	2009	Franklin J. Pepper
1991	Glen P. Friel, PDDGM	2010	O. McNeil "Neil" Marple
1992	H.M. Koehne, Jr., PDDGM	2011	Rhey M. Solomon
1993	Edwin R. Carpenter	2012	Lauris M. Ekk, III, PDDGM
1994	M. Mickey Ander, PDDGM	2013	Philip B. Brooks
1995	J. "Pete" Melvin, PDDGM	2014	Carl Weaver
1996	Thomas E. Weir	2015	Adi Karisik
1997	John E. Wallace	2016	Mauricio Carrasco
1998	David. L. Cotton	2017	Marc Hone
1999	C. Richard Walk	2018	Marc Hone
2000	Samual T. Atkinson, PDDGM	2019	David King
2001	Roger Peak		

Our Masonic Youth

DeMolay International  
[www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)

Job's Daughters International  
[www.jobdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobdaughtersinternational.org)

The International Order of  
Rainbow for Girls  
[www.gorainbow.org](http://www.gorainbow.org)

Resources

Scottish Rite  
[www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)  
Southern California Research  
Lodge  
[www.theresearchlodge.com](http://www.theresearchlodge.com)  
Quatuor Coronati Lodge No.  
2076  
[www.quatuorcoronati.com](http://www.quatuorcoronati.com)  
United Grand Lodge of  
England (UGLE)  
[www.ugle.org.uk](http://www.ugle.org.uk)  
York Rite  
[www.yorkrite.org](http://www.yorkrite.org)

Virginia's Research Lodges

A. Douglas Smith Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 [www.adslor.org](http://www.adslor.org)  
Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 [www.cwlr.org](http://www.cwlr.org)  
George Washington Lodge of Research No. 1732 <https://sites.google.com/view/gwldodge>  
Peyton Randolph Lodge of Research No. 1774 <https://peytonrandolph1774.wordpress.com>  
Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777 [www.researchlodge.org](http://www.researchlodge.org)

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<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/turtles.htm>