



**MASTERS
AND
WARDENS**

NEXT MEETING:

April 24th, 2010

9:00 AM Morning Meeting

Westhampton Masonic Temple

9290 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Program:

Full Breakfast

Served at 8:00 AM

Cost is \$5.00



Calendar of Upcoming Meetings & Events

The April 24th Meeting of Masters and Wardens will include voting on some proposed changes to the by-law's which govern our organization. Please be present to have your vote count!

April 21 – DIW/DEO Sr. Deacons: FC Degree
6 PM, Evening: Scottish Rite Temple

April 24 – Masters and Wardens meeting,
9 AM, Morning: Westhampton Masonic Temple

May 19 – DIW/DEO Jr. Wardens: MM Degree 1st
6 PM, Evening: Scottish Rite Temple

May 22 – Masters and Wardens meeting,
9 AM, Morning: Westhampton Masonic Temple

June 16 – DIW/DEO Sr. Wardens: MM Degree 2nd
part 6 PM, Evening: Scottish Rite Temple

June – NO Masters and Wardens meeting.

July – NO Masters and Wardens meeting.

August – NO Masters and Wardens meeting.

September 25 – Masters and Wardens meeting,
To be announced: Westhampton Masonic Temple

October 23 – Masters and Wardens meeting,
To be announced: Westhampton Masonic Temple

November 20 – Masters and Wardens meeting,
Election of new officers

9 AM, Morning: Westhampton Masonic Temple

December – NO Masters and Wardens meeting.

2010 Officers

Rt. Wor. V. Stuart Cook *President*
Rt. Wor. Ronald Edward Kieper Sr, *1st Vice President*
Rt. Wor. Peter Miller *2nd Vice President*
RW Charles S. Sarbaugh, *Treasurer*
Bro. Robert E Jones, III - *Secretary*

Please Recognize and Thank the Class Officer Sponsors:

Worshipful Masters

Rt. Wor. Gordon H. Sprigg, Jr.

Senior Wardens

Wor. James W. White

Junior Wardens

Wor. James W. Burton

Senior Deacons

Wor. Frederick W. Adams

Junior Deacons

Wor. William R. "Bill" Heltzel

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Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr.

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at the

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9290 Three Chopt Road,
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Except June, July, August
& December

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

We enjoyed another great turn-out for our Masters & Wardens Association meeting on Saturday, March 17th. This was followed by another fine breakfast and good fellowship.

It is important that you review the "By-Laws Changes" proposed by your Officers and most of which were read at the March meeting. We will be voting on the proposed changes at the April Meeting.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you on April 24th at 8 a.m. for breakfast, followed by another good Meeting.

Brother Stuart

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS

*Masters & Wardens Association
Of The
Fifteenth Masonic Districts*

BY-LAWS

I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the "Masters & Wardens Association" of the Fifteenth Masonic Districts.

II - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall consist of the three District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts 15-A, 15-B and 15-C, all Past District Deputy Grand Masters of these Districts as well as all Past Masters and the current Masters, Wardens and Deacons of these Districts.

All Master Masons in good standing are encouraged and welcome to attend the regular meetings of the Association.

III - PURPOSES

To bring the several Lodges of these Districts into closer fraternal relations, thus making a contribution to the on-going programs of Freemasonry in this area;

To discuss matters of mutual interest to the Craft in general and such other matters as the officers and members may desire to bring to the attention of the Association;

To sponsor, promote and cooperate with programs intended to advance the interests of the Masonic Fraternity or any appendant body thereto with the permission of the proper authorities;

To inform the membership at each meeting of any Brother or member of his family who may be hospitalized or be, in any way, incapacitated or in distress.

IV - OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. There shall also be appointed a Chairman of the Committee of the Ill and/or Distressed.

V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs and of all meetings of the Association, shall provide any and all programs of interest at meetings and be responsible for the printing and dissemination of the editions of the "GRIP, the official publication of the Association.

The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the arrangements and details of the official visit of the Grand Master to the Fifteenth District and perform all other duties requested of him by the President. In the event of the absence of the President he shall conduct the meetings of the Association during such absence.

The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for the arrangements and details of the District Memorial Service in memory of our deceased brethren held in June of every year at Forest Lawn Cemetery and all other duties requested of him by the President. In the absence of the President and First Vice-President he shall conduct the meetings of the Association during such absences.

The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a written record of all meetings and transactions of the Association and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the Association from any activities whatsoever, keep a fair and concise record of all receipts and disbursements for the Association and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

VI - ELECTIONS

The President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be elected from the three District Deputy Grand Masters of the Fifteenth District for the current year. The Brother receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as President; the Brother receiving the second highest number of votes shall be elected as First Vice-President; the Brother receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected as Second Vice-President.

A secret ballot must be taken for the Office of President and for any other office for which there is more than one nominee.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be a Past Master or a Current Line Officer of the Fifteenth Masonic Districts. The President shall have the first nomination for each of these officers. All other nominations, if any, shall come from the floor at the time of the elections.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Ill and/or Distressed shall be appointed by the President and will serve during his term of office.

VII - MEETINGS

The Association shall meet at the Westhampton Masonic Temple, 9290 Three Chop Road, Richmond, VA. At 9:00 a.m. on the Fourth (4th) Saturday of every month **EXCEPT** the months of June, July, August and December. The President has the authority to change the meeting date from the 4th Saturday to another date if the 4th Saturday in May or November conflicts with the Memorial Day or Thanksgiving Day Holiday week-end. (Membership must be notified in advance.)

When there will be a Breakfast prior to any meeting it will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the business portion of the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m.

The President may designate another location or call special meetings as he may deem necessary or at the request of the majority of the Lodges of the Districts.

VIII - DUES

The Lodges of the Masonic Districts 15-A, 15-B and 15-C shall be requested to make an annual contribution of \$50.00 for the administration of the affairs of the Association.

IX - ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee is established to assist any and all Lodges of the Fifteenth Districts in any manner requested by any of the constituent Lodges. The purpose of the committee is to lend its combined expertise to attempt to resolve conditions or problems that may arise within the Districts.

The Committee will be comprised of the Three District Deputy Grand Masters of the current year, the immediate Past President of the Association, one Emeritus member, three (3) elected members at large and others as deemed necessary by the Committee.

The terms of tenure of the Committeemen Elected At Large are as follows: One (1) will serve three (3) years, one (1) will serve two (2) years and the third will serve one (1) year. Each year a new Member At Large will be elected for a term of three (3) years. All others on the Committee serve at the Pleasure of the President.

The Chairman of the Committee will be elected by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the current year.

*** The in-coming nominees for D.D.G.M. of the 15th Masonic Districts shall be ex-officio members. ***

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be changed or amended when an amendment has been proposed at a regular meeting of the Association, must lay over to the next regular scheduled meeting after notification to the membership of the same has been published in the "GRIP" and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to adopt the proposed amendment.

These By-Laws were read, discussed, voted on and adopted by a majority of the Lodges present at the regular meeting of the Association on 24 April 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

V. Stuart Cook, President

Previously Adopted Amendments:

Article IV - 05-26-79 Article VIII- 10-24-09
Article VI - 05-26-79 Article V,VI,VII,IX - 04-24-10
Article VII -10-24-09