

**SUMMARY - GRAND LODGE – 2009**  
**231ST GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**  
**SHERATON RICHMOND WEST HOTEL, I-64 AT BROAD STREET ROAD**  
**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**  
**NOVEMBER 6 - 7, 2009**

Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master greeted the Brethren and distinguished guests.

**OFFICERS**  
**GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF VIRGINIA**  
**2008 - 2009**

MT. WOR. JEFFERY EUGENE HODGES ..... *Grand Master*  
RT. WOR. WILLIAM EARLE RORER, JR. .... *Deputy Grand Master*  
RT. WOR. JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR. .... *Grand Senior Warden*  
RT. WOR. WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR. .... *Grand Junior Warden*  
MT. WOR. WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY ..... *Grand Treasurer*  
MT. WOR. ALAN WAYNE ADKINS ..... *Grand Secretary*  
RT. WOR. LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL..... *Grand Senior Deacon*  
RT. WOR. PAUL DAVID SLEEPER ..... *Grand Junior Deacon*  
RT. WOR. REESE EDWARD CARROLL, JR. .... *Grand Marshal*  
RT. WOR. ROBERT ASHBY CLORE ..... *Associate Grand Marshal*  
RT. WOR. MORING ELBERT GRAVITT ..... *Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master*  
BRO. JASON ELLIOTT HODGES ..... *Associate Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master*  
RT. WOR. EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK..... *Grand Chaplain*  
RT. WOR. HOEN MCGUIRE EDWARDS, JR. .... *Grand Lecturer*  
RT. WOR. WALTER WINCHELL YOUNG ..... *Grand Provost*  
RT. WOR. DAVID ALEX BURKUS ..... *Grand Pursuivant*  
RT. WOR. JOHN QUINTON SHEPPARD..... *Grand Purveyor*  
RT. WOR. JAMES FRIEND DICKERSON ..... *Grand Senior Steward*  
WOR. BERNARDO FONTELEA MOLINA, JR. .... *Associate Grand Senior Steward*  
RT. WOR. RICHARD GUSTAVUS MOTLEY ..... *Grand Junior Steward*  
WOR. FRANCIS REED BROWN ..... *Grand Organist*  
WOR. SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES ..... *Grand Physician*  
WOR. DOUGLAS EUGENE PHILLIPS ..... *Grand Tiler*

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RT. WOR. EDWARD CLEVELAND BARDEN, JR..... *Deputy Grand Secretary*

The Grand Master proceeded to open the 231st Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Friday morning's session included the ADDRESS TO GRAND LODGE of Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, as well as a memorial service conducted by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler, P.G.M.

James Noah Hillman Awards and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards will be presented to those Lodges, which qualified by the District Deputy Grand Masters when they officially visit the Lodges during 2010.

Most Worshipful Brother Hodges recognized his distinguished guests as well as the Past Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia.

The Perfect Ashlar Award was presented to Brother Herbert Sadler Gibbs, a member of Piedmont Lodge No. 152.

John Blair, Jr. Awards were presented on Thursday evening to Most Worshipful Loyd Evan Davis of Occoquan Lodge No. 310 and Grand Master of Utah, and Right Worshipful Moring Elbert Gravitt of Chester Lodge No. 94. The George Washington Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley of Linn Banks Lodge No.126.

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Sponsoring Body of a Virginia Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay was presented to Mountain City Lodge No. 67 by Right Worshipful Michael Earl Williams, Executive Officer in Virginia.

The Grand Master recognized those Lodges that qualified for the Grand Master's Traveling Trowel Award and the Discovering Our Potential Award.

Committee meetings were held during Friday afternoon, and a banquet for the delegates and distinguished guests was held on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009.

Saturday's agenda included a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which submitted the following resolution: *"Be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall extend fraternal recognition to the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Nicaragua, Grand Lodge of the Republic of San Marino, Grand Lodge of Ukraine, and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Inc."*  
**This resolution was adopted.**

The booklet of Committee Reports was adopted as printed. The report of the Finance Committee was given and the budget for 2010 was presented and approved, as was the report from the President of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Report of the Past Grand Masters was presented by Most Worshipful Charles Franklin Shuler and adopted. Resolutions 09-01 through 09-12 were acted upon with the results as listed elsewhere in this summary. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole conducted the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the following results:

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2009 - 2010**

MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM EARLE RORER, JR. ....	<i>Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOHN MASON CHAMBLISS, JR. ....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM TALBOTT ELLISON, JR. ....	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LOUIS KERFORD CAMPBELL.....	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM LEE HOLLIDAY .....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
MOST WORSHIPFUL ALAN WAYNE ADKINS .....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PAUL DAVID SLEEPER .....	<i>Grand Senior Deacon</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WAYNE SAWYER FLORA .....	<i>Grand Junior Deacon</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THOMAS EDWARD LASHER .....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD CHRISTIAN MOYER .....	<i>Associate Grand Marshal</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WINFRED OTTO ISGETT, SR. ....	<i>Associate Grand Marshal</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL LAMBROS GEORGE DELIGAN.....	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL FRANK STONE, SR. ....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL EDWIN CLIFTON WHITLOCK.....	<i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HOEN MCGUIRE EDWARDS, JR. ....	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WALTER WINCHELL YOUNG .....	<i>Grand Provost</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ERNESTO BATINGA SORIANO .....	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GLENN CHRISTOPHER ALLEN.....	<i>Grand Purveyor</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DANIEL HUFFORD SURFACE, JR. ....	<i>Grand Senior Steward</i>
WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN MARK MILLS .....	<i>Grand Junior Steward</i>
WORSHIPFUL FRANCIS REED BROWN .....	<i>Grand Organist</i>
WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL MOSELEY JONES .....	<i>Grand Physician</i>
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOHN WILLIS KELLAM .....	<i>Grand Tiler</i>

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The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr., announced his appointments to the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia for a three-year term. They are Right Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., Right Worshipful Leonard Anthony Rowe and Worshipful Samuel Mosley Jones.

The Committee on Credentials gave its report. There were 271 Lodges represented with 1,284 registered by the Committee.

A motion was entertained and passed to pay the bills of this Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of all business, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was closed in Ample Form until the Friday preceding the second Monday in November 2010 unless sooner convened in emergent or special communication at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers was held at 7:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel. The newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Earle Rorer, Jr. gave an address outlining his goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Adkins  
Grand Secretary

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**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT  
2009 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-01 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Section 2.93 of the Methodical Digest to add an exemption to the twelve-month residency requirement for those petitioners who are currently on active duty status with the Armed Forces of the United States and stationed in Virginia, with orders for deployment.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-02 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Section 2.108 of the Methodical Digest to authorize publication of the name of a candidate for the degrees AFTER he has been elected to receive the same.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-03 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Section 2.14 of the Methodical Digest to allow for the wearing of Masonic regalia while participating in a public parade.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-04 — WITHDRAWN**

This resolution would change Section 2.135 of the Methodical Digest to clarify the circumstances when it is appropriate to object to sitting in Lodge with a visiting Brother and to provide the Worshipful Master with the necessary discretion to ascertain whether or not the objection is justified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-05 — REJECTED**

This resolution would change Section 2.19 of the Methodical Digest to increase the Grand Lodge dues paid on each member to thirty-three dollars, effective January 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-06 — REJECTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(2) and 1.75(b) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on By-Laws and Charters, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by other existing Committees.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-07 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(18) and 1.75(r) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on Propositions, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-08 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(19) and 1.75(s) of the Methodical Digest to remove the standing committee on Unfinished Business, with the duties assigned to that Committee to be handled by other existing Committees as necessary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-09 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73(10) and 1.75(j) of the Methodical Digest to reflect the name change and composition of the standing committee on Long Range Study, along with its expanded duties.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-10 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Membership and outline its composition and duties.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-11 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Lodge Services and outline its composition and duties.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-12 — ADOPTED**

This resolution would change Sections 1.73 and 1.75 of the Methodical Digest to add a standing committee on Public Relations and outline its composition and duties.