

GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

It is indeed a privilege and honor to be elected to represent you, the Craft, as your Grand Master. Many thanks are offered to the men who have served in this capacity before me and for the numerous positive things they have instituted during their tenure to make our Craft better than it was before they were installed. I would like to thank the men who are currently serving their Lodge, District, our Grand Line and the many Grand Lodge Committees. It is through their selfless efforts that we continue to be a beacon to our world.

A true Mason understands the value of time and the choices that we make in the here and now that will affect our future. This opportunity is a great journey of a lifetime, but I also understand from the start that it will come to an end. At the same time, I realize the joy of creating a bond with so many that will ultimately take our place in the future. My Brothers, just think, you or some of the men by your side right now will be Grand Master one day. I pledge to you, even with the health challenges that I have, to do and act in the best interest of our nation, state, Craft and mankind.

The designs on our trestle board will include:

Back To Basics: Our design is for further enhancement of training for individual members, Lodge Officers, and Appointed and Elected Grand Lodge members for future leadership roles. This will, hopefully make a difference not only at the Lodge level, but outside of our sacred walls into society, where Masonic Principles are needed now more than ever. By streamlining our training for better quality, we can conserve resources, time, travel and finances.

Assessing Our Worth: Our design is to log and compare contributions made at the local Lodge level so we are aware of the total impact that we make in the service of God and our neighbors in the Palmetto State.

Rebuilding the Temple: Our design is to offer a statewide fundraising project that will support our Masonic family organizations in South Carolina while also supporting our Grand Lodge Building, Library and Museum, and upcoming 300th Anniversary. It will allow the supporters the ability to customize their support in the area that they feel is near and dear to them.

Not Just Busy but Effective: Our design is to be as effective as possible when performing Lodge activities, but with a balance of serving our family, place of worship, and community. Most successful people take time off to enjoy some part of life and recharge our batteries.

Remember Our Purpose: Our main design is and has always been self-awareness and self-development. We are taught charity, to understand the individual way we learn, to overcome ignorance, prejudice, vice and superstition, to obey the will of The Almighty Father, to understand we are accountable for our actions, and one day we will render an account for those actions.

I ask that we Open our Minds to the possibilities: Doubt it not my Brothers, Our Purpose, Our Destination is Illumination!

Sincerely and fraternally,
W. C. “Cal” Disher, II

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MASONIC EDUCATION CORNER

I would like to start by thanking each of you my Brothers for the vote of confidence you have placed in me by allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you and our Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden. This is a duty I do not take lightly and I will give it my best. I congratulate Most Worshipful Cal Disher as being elected as our Grand Master, Right Worshipful O.B. Smith as Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Tommy Watson as Junior Grand Warden, Most Worshipful Jack Marler as our Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Gerald Carver as Grand Secretary and Right Worshipful and Reverend Robert Nix as Grand Chaplain. I am confident these Brothers will continue to serve our Grand Lodge to the best of their ability.

As Senior Grand Warden, I will be working with the Masonic Education Committee (MEC) on education and instructions of our South Carolina Grand Lodge practice of Masonry. Should you ever have ideas or questions on improvements for our Instructional Meetings or educational material, please feel free to contact your committeeman or me. Some of the districts will notice some changes in the assigned MEC in their areas. MW Cal and the other Grand Lodge Officers are starting a pilot program of assigning a Masonic Education Committeeman to each district. This will affect a small number of districts this year, but will bring a more cohesive group of Brothers together in performing the instructions and demonstrations of the work at the Instructional Meetings.

In the coming months in the Masonic Light, I will be submitting articles of Masonic Education which I hope will lead us in search of further light in Masonry.

In closing, let's read Ecclesiastes 9: 5-6.

Vs 5: “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.”

Vs. 6: “Also, their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in any thing that is done under the sun.”

Brothers, life for us all will end one day on this earth and our labor will be finished. Let us remember that what we should do, we should be doing.

Quote for the month: And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years. Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

“Our Best Is the Least We Owe Each Other”

Steven D. Hames, Senior Grand Warden
Chairman, Masonic Education Committee

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand MasterWalter C. Disher, II, (230), Harleyville
Deputy Grand MasterO. B. Smith, III (279 & 282), Travelers Rest
Senior Grand Warden..... Steven D. Hames (202), Blacksburg
Junior Grand Warden Thomas E. Watson (350), Wellford
Grand Treasurer Jack A. Marler (311), Simpsonville
Grand Secretary Gerald L. Carver (115 & 91), Waterloo
Grand ChaplainRev. A. Robert Nix (14), Summerville

APPOINTMENTS

Senior Grand Deacon..... Jeffery Lynn Honeycutt (201), Wellford
Senior Grand Deacon James Grady McCombs (282), Travelers Rest
Junior Grand Deacon Michael W. Rowe, Sr. (385), Rock Hill
Junior Grand Deacon Ian Paul Strickland (384), Lexington
Grand Steward Howard Higgins, II (372), Spartanburg
Grand Steward Patrick Brian Lerch (153), Hampton
Grand Marshal..... Herman L. Resch (95), Andrews
Grand Pursuivant Barry Lane Volrath (349), Anderson
Grand Standard Bearer Thomas W. Moran (432), Charleston
Grand Historian Richard P. Phalen (61), Reevesville
Grand Tiler Verlon Joe Hill (401), Grand Tiler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First District Stephen Brian Hiott (432), Charleston
Second District Otto Kaske (401), Moncks Corner
Third District Steven Eric Craven (231), Smoaks
Fourth District James N. Barron (418), Hilton Head Island
Fifth District Keith Eric Zissette (63 & 17), Barnwell
Sixth District Kenneth Teuton (127), Jackson
Seventh District Charles Marshall Field (62), Santee
Eighth District Edward Eugene Smith, Jr. (154), Lexington
Ninth District Howell Nathaniel Watson, Jr. (50), Edgefield
Tenth District Ronald Craig Lockaby (123), Leesville
Eleventh District Robert Francis Elsner (3), Due West
Twelfth District O. Eugene Wicker, Jr. (87), Newberry
Thirteenth District Michael Dean Bryant (19), Laurens
Fourteenth District William T. Gilmer (37), Honea Path
Fifteenth District Johnnie Milton Jones, Jr. (92), Westminster
Sixteenth District Frank David Nicholson (189), Seneca
Seventeenth District Edward Dean Snow (213), Mauldin
Eighteenth District Mark A. Bennett (404), Easley
Nineteenth District Samuel Hesikiah Turner, III (357 & 159), Roebuck
Twentieth District Fredrick James Phillips, I (294), Gaffney
Twenty-first District Judson Noah Seay, III (70), Duncan
Twenty-second District Donald Timothy Ayers (385), Rock Hill
Twenty-third District Bobby Joe Albert (30), Blythewood
Twenty-fourth District Mark Randall Faulkenberry (211), Kershaw
Twenty-fifth District Patrick Coxe (88), Bennettsville
Twenty-sixth District Steven Richard Gassen (364), Sumter
Twenty-seventh District Boyd Edward Hodges, Jr. (158), Effingham
Twenty-eighth District Robert Nelson McDaniel (160), Latta
Twenty-ninth District Billy Ray Carroll (65), Conway
Thirtieth District Phillip H. Chandler (267), Sumter

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ANNUAL GEORGIA/SOUTH CAROLINA

MASONIC EXCHANGE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019, ELBERTON, GEORGIA:

The Annual Exchange Meeting between the Georgia and South Carolina Brethren will held on Friday, June 14, 2019 beginning with Dinner at 6:00 PM with the meeting to follow. Dress is coat and tie with jewel and apron. The Exchange Meeting will be held at Philomatheia Lodge No. 25 F. & A. M. located at 119 Industrial Blvd, Elberton, Georgia. Note: The Meeting location shown in the April – May Issue of the Masonic Light has been changed from the Scottish Rite Center in Augusta, Georgia to Elberton, Georgia.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM PENN COLVIN
PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

December 19, 1930 Chester, SC
March 23, 2019 Rock Hill, SC

WILSON COX HARDEE

October 6, 1934 Hemingway, SC
March 25, 2019 Florence, SC

Brother Norman Roger Teel, current Treasurer of Dew Drop Lodge #266, passed away May 7, 2019.

We wish to express our deepest sympathies, to the family, friends and Lodge Brethren.

CODE & CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The following changes to the Grand Lodge Constitution and Code were approved by the Grand Lodge:

Section 15e of the Code was amended to include the recently implemented Lecturer Breast Medal for Proficiency in the Three Degree Lectures and to initiate an 80 Year Certificate and Button (Pin) Service Award.

Section 15a of the Code was amended to update the Investment Policies and Practices of the Commission on Investments.

Section 227 of the Code was amended to update the Committee on Masonic Relief Policies and Practices.

Section 288 of the Code was amended for clarification of Article 140 of the Constitution.

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W. C. DISHER, II GRAND MASTER

Walter Calhoun Disher, II was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina on December 21, 1967 to Crystal J. and the late Walter C. Disher, Jr., of Holly Hill, SC. He graduated from Holly Hill-Roberts High School in 1986. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Columbia Southern University with a major in Health and Safety Engineering and a minor in Environmental Management. He is married to the former Laura Ann Mims of Harleyville. They have one son (Thomas John), and one

granddaughter (Avery Thomas). They are members of Bethel United Methodist Church and reside at Beidler Forest in the Harleyville area.

He attained instructor status through the U.S. Department of Labor with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). He is a graduate of the National Center for Construction Education and Research as a Certified Instructor in Core Training, Heavy Equipment, and Crane Operations. He holds or has held memberships in: The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, The American Society of Safety Engineers, and The National Environmental Training Association.

He was employed in private industry manufacturing with Safety-Kleen Corporation EHS Department as the Hazardous Materials Operations Training Instructor, serving on the Corporate Health and Safety Board and Westvaco Corporation as a Research Analyst in the Carbon Division with Lithium Ion, Automotive, and Military Applications. In 1999, he accepted the position of OSHA Officer II with The South Carolina Department of Transportation and in 2002, was promoted to Supervisor of the EHS Office in District Six. In 2005, he was promoted to the position of State Planner III with Traffic Engineering Division in Columbia. In 2010, he accepted early retirement from the South Carolina Department of Transportation. He has served on the Board of Advisors for the Emergency Medical Services Program at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center.

Brother Cal supports the South Carolina State Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) as a Neighborhood Volunteer. It is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, funding lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and providing free information and support services. He is also a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Incorporated and serves on the General's Staff. This organization's financial support provides care for children and support for those in need. Brother Cal and his wife, Laura are supporters of Feed the Children providing food for America's children in need, Dorchester Paws, their local animal shelter and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Brother Cal was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 18, 1995 in Vance Lodge No. 230 and is a

Life Member. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2001 and 2006, showing proficiency in the Third Degree and First and Third Degree Lectures. He served as President and Secretary of the Masters and Wardens Club in District Seven.

Brother Cal is a York Rite Member in Charleston and Orangeburg. He has served as Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander of the York Rite Bodies of Orangeburg. He also served the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of South Carolina in many appointed positions. At the 2014 Grand York Rite Session, he was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple Award by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. In 2017, he was awarded the Grand Commanders Membership Medal. He is the Grand Chapter Representative to the State of New York.

He has membership in the following Appendant Bodies: The Lowcountry Past Masters Unit of Charleston, DeMolay International/Honorary Legion of Honor/Advisor At Large in South Carolina, The Royal Order of Scotland, National Sojourners MIP Charleston No. 28, Heroes of '76, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Knight Masons/Past Excellent Chief, Allied Masonic Degrees/Past Sovereign Master, Charlestowne York Rite College/Order of the Purple Cross, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, South Carolina College Societas Rosicruciana In Civitabus Foederatis, and was ordained in Cana Tabernacle Holy Royal Order Knight Templar Priest. Brother Cal is a Life Member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Charleston, South Carolina. He is Charter Member and Past Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew and Past President of the KCCCH Association. In 2003, he was invested with the rank and distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. In 2011, he was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspectors General Honorary by The Supreme Council.

In 1996, he transversed the hot sands of the desert on his pilgrimage to Mecca in Myrtle Beach, under Illustrious Sir Mike Home, Potentate of Omar Shrine Temple. He served on the Omar Temple Ritualistic Divan for numerous years. Brother Cal considers Shriners Hospitals for Children the worlds greatest philanthropy.

He served our Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master of District 7 under MW Kent Elkins and MW Jack Marler, Senior Grand Deacon under MW Ron Mitchum, Masonic Education Committeeman under MW Jay Adam Pearson, MW David DeChant, Sr. and MW William B. Rogers, and five years on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee. He is the current Grand Representative to the State of North Dakota and the Ivory Coast. In 2009, MW Gerald Carver presented him with the second highest award that a Mason can receive in the state of South Carolina, The Frederick Dalcho Certificate of Merit. In 2015, he was elected Junior Grand Warden. In 2017, he was elected Deputy Grand Master. At the Two Hundred and Eighty-First Annual Communication, Most Worshipful Michael D. Smith Sr. awarded him the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal, the highest award that can be bestowed on a Mason in South Carolina.

Brother Cal agrees with Most Worshipful D. Samuel Tennyson, Sr.: "The highest title a man can be called is Brother." Brother Cal adds the caveat: "This is only true when the man speaking feels that way, in his heart, about the man with whom he is conversing."



THOMAS E. WATSON JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Born November 17, 1952 in Greer, S.C. to the late Choice Watson and Grace Watson of Lyman, S.C.

He has four children and six grandchildren.

He graduated from James F. Byrnes High School in 1971.

He attended the Baptist College of Charleston (Charleston Southern).

He served in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1976 during the Viet Nam Era as an Electronics Technician on the B-52 Stratofortress.

He entered Law Enforcement in 1977 with the Duncan Police. In 1981, he was appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Lyman. In 1990, he was hired as the Chief of Police for the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, where he served during the 9-1-1 crisis. He retired from Law Enforcement in 2011. He served as the President of the South Carolina Police Chiefs' Association in 2002.

He was trained as a Grief Counselor with the National Organization of Victims Assistance and was deployed to Ground Zero in September 2001 to assist the NY-NJ Ports Authority Police.

He was elected Mayor for the City of Wellford in 2011, where he served one term.

He was initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1978 at Irving Southworth Lodge #350 in Lyman, South Carolina. He served his Lodge as Master in 1984 and 2016. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District by Most Worshipful Grand Master Ron Mitchum in 2006 and was re-appointed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Gerald Carver in 2007. He served as Masonic Education Committeeman for the 19th, 20th and 21st Masonic Districts from 2012-2017 and as Grand Marshal 2017-2019.

In 2018, he was presented with the second highest award in Masonry in SC, the Frederick Dalcho Certificate of Merit, by Most Worshipful Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr. and received the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal in 2019.

He received his degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1985. He was honored with the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2009 and was crowned as a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2015. He received his degrees in the York Rite of Free Masonry and was knighted a Knights Templar on September 10, 2007. He has served as head of all three York Rite Bodies in Spartanburg and as District Deputy Grand Commander for the 4th District in 2016. He was inducted into the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2017 and received the KYCH on April 20, 2019.

He is a member of the Spartan Council #153, AMD where he served as Sovereign Master. He is a member of the Sam Womack Chapter #20 of the Knight Masons, Piedmont York Rite College #84 and Super Excellent Master of Aiken Council #23. He received the Royal Order of Scotland in 2016.

He received his degrees in the Palmetto Forest No. 206, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America in 2017.

He is a Noble of the Hejaz Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He will receive the Masonic Order of Althastan In June 2019.

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