

GRAND MASTER’S MESSAGE

“THE CORNERSTONE”

Brethren, it is with deep sadness that I have to tell you that our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother William R. Logan, Jr. passed away on the evening of June 28th. He will leave a void in the lives of so many people: his family, friends, Brothers, and especially the Grand Lodge family.

Right Worshipful Logan’s Memorial Service was held in the Main Street United Methodist Church in Greenwood on Friday, July 1st with the Masonic Memorial Service given by the Elected Grand Lodge Officers.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended his wife, Mrs. Shirley Logan and the extended Logan Family.

I never gave much thought into what went into the erecting of a building until I was an Officer in the Grand Lodge and participated in my first Laying of a Cornerstone or Foundation Stone.

When the great cathedrals were erected, skilled craftsmen and builders were careful to select only the finest and strongest stones to become the Cornerstone. A solid foundation was required for these massive structures; anything less would cause the buildings to crumble.

When Jesus Christ hung on the cross and died, there were those who believed He was finished, but He was only beginning to change the world! This rejected stone was lifted up by God Himself to be the Cornerstone of the kingdom of God. What was thought to be weakness was, in fact, the strongest, highest, and all-sufficient source of strength for our faith.

What kind of foundation have you built your life upon? Is it rock-solid, immovable? Or have you built your life on shifting sand? Build your life on Jesus, the Chief Cornerstone, the only Rock who will stand the test of time.

The cornerstone or foundation stone concept comes from the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation; it is important since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone which determines the position of the entire structure.

Over time a cornerstone became a ceremonial masonry stone, set in a prominent location on the outside of a building, with an inscription on the stone to indicate when it was built, the names of the architects, builder, and in case of the Masonic Fraternity, the name of the Grand Master.

In the Masonic Fraternity, the ceremony involves the use of offerings of corn, wine and oil on the Cornerstone. These elements are symbolic of the produce that sustained the people of the land.

This ceremony is conducted by the Grand Master along with other Grand Lodge and local Lodge Officers. The Lafayette Trowel, the Grand Lodge’s prized possession, is used to symbolically lay mortar or cement around the stone and a special wooden mallet, hammer, or gavel is used to ceremonially tap the stone (three times) in place.

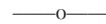
The Foundation Stone often has a cavity into which a time capsule is placed containing articles important to the Lodge’s History plus other artifacts such as coins struck the year the ceremony takes place.

Also, in setting up a Lodge Room in Freemasonry, the Entered Apprentice is placed in the Northeast corner of the Lodge figuratively as a foundation stone. This is intended to signify the North associated with darkness and the East associated with Light. However, the center of the Lodge is the Bible, the Holy Light of Masonry which rests opened upon our altar.

The rite or ceremony of laying a cornerstone is an important component in sacred architecture. There are six references to Cornerstones in the Old Testament and six in the New Testament. Those in the Old Testament are Job 38:6; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 19:3 and

28:16; Jeremiah 51:26 and Zechariah 10:4. There are also six references in the New Testament and they are: Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:7 and Isaiah 28:16 is quoted in 1 Peter 2:6. The writer of the Letter to the Ephesian Christians by Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, makes it clear that Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone of our faith, rather than a building referred to in Chapter 2, verses 20-23 which read: “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Fraternally,
William B. Rogers
Grand Master



MASONIC EDUCATION CORNER

Duty and Dedication

Brethren, I write this article on July 2, 2016, and it is with a heavy heart, the day after participating in a beautiful and meaningful service for my dear friend and Bro. William R. Logan, DGM. His example of Dedication and Duty serve as a reminder of our duty to God, family, country and our Fraternity. His life reminds us of the commitment and sacrifice for those things which are worth fighting to see prevail, Justice, Right and Truth. Our Deputy Grand Master believed in these things and his life showed his dedication and duty. I recommend reading his Memoriam as presented by MW & Ill. Bro. Gerald Carver, PGM, Grand Secretary.

We learn best from the very examples we see, and as we endeavor to apply those wise principles to ourselves and our Fraternity, it is important to understand that the future is firmly established by our actions today. Thus, our dedication and duty to each other, our commitment and sacrifice for a just and right cause are the very ingredients necessary for our future success. Let’s briefly examine the process we each must undergo and understand, to be a successful contributor to progress.

First comes awareness. We must inquire and understand what the mission, cause or results of anything that we choose to participate in. Business makes job assignments, with measurements of success. As a Fraternity, we must mutually understand and align our mission and goals. Ultimately, we are to help our members improve themselves and hold each other accountable to be the example of a successful life. Are we delivering the programs and activities to help all of our members perfect themselves and desire to be part of our Lodge and Fraternity?

Next comes analysis of the facts and details. Only with analysis and alignment can we as a Fraternity, make progress. All too often, we fail at this point and emotion rules instead of solid and steady facts. What does your Lodge need to be successful? Why? Do your members agree with the priorities and critical factors for success? See Articles 1 – 5 from 2015 as the basis to gather and share the facts and data about your Lodge current situation and future direction?

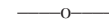
Again we should ask ourselves, are we performing our Duty and are we Dedicated to our Lodge, our Fraternity and to each other? Our actions will show if we believe we will be successful or if apathy will determine our Lodge Future. This is personal accountability to the Craft!

I continue to be excited about the future of our great Fraternity! Many of our Brethren demonstrate their Dedication to Duty, with the very actions that they are leading for the future health and welfare of

our great Fraternity! “Duty is with us always!” Dedication and sacrifice demonstrate how we give of ourselves to performance of duty.

RW and Ill. Bro. Logan remains as an inspiration to so many because of his Dedication and Duty that we have witnessed for many years. May we pursue his example of Dedication and Duty!

Fraternally yours,
Michael D. Smith, Sr.
Senior Grand Warden



SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016, GREENVILLE, SOUTH

CAROLINA: For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone and Rededicating Brandon Lodge No. 279, AFM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Brandon Lodge No. 279, AFM on the First Degree at 12:30 PM. The Ceremony of Laying the Cornerstone will follow at 1:00 PM with the Ceremony of Rededication coming afterwards. Brandon Lodge is located at 7- A North Washington Avenue, Greenville, SC 29611.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016, FURMAN UNIVERSITY, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone on the new John E. Johns Building in memory and honor of the late Dr. and Right Worshipful John E. Johns, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM in the Hartness Pavilion on the Furman University Campus. After lunch, everyone will proceed to the John E. Johns Building where the Grand Master will declare the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC open on the First Degree in Masonry and proceed with the Grand Procession and with the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Furman University’s address is 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29613. Since the meal is being prepared by Furman University, we must have a good headcount. If you plan to attend, you must email the number in your party to the Grand Secretary’s Office at grandsecretary@scgrandlodgeafm.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016, INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone at the Inman Community Volunteer Fire Department’s new Fire Station Building. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Inman Lodge No. 201, AFM on the First Degree at 11:30 AM at the Inman Lodge Hall. The Inman Lodge Hall is located at 8 Blackstock Road, Inman SC 29384. The Grand Lodge and Inman Lodge will be called to refreshment by the Grand Master after which everyone will travel to the new Inman Fire Station Building located at 1081 Lyman Road, Inman, SC 29349 for lunch. After lunch, the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony will be conducted by the Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016, CLEMSON, SOUTH

CAROLINA: For the purpose of Laying a Cornerstone and Rededicating Clemson Lodge No. 254, AFM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Clemson Lodge No. 254, AFM on the First Degree at 12:30 PM. The Cornerstone Laying Ceremony will follow at 1:00 PM with the Ceremony of Rededication coming afterwards. Clemson Lodge is located at 372 College Avenue, Clemson, SC, 29631.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017, ST. GEORGE, SOUTH

CAROLINA: For the purpose of Rededicating Harmony Lodge No. 61, AFM in celebration of the Lodge’s 175th Year Anniversary. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master, with the assistance

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of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Harmony Lodge No. 61, AFM on the First Degree at 12:30 PM. The Rededication Ceremony will follow at 1:00 PM. Harmony Lodge is located 5355 Jim Bilton Avenue, St. George, SC 29477.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017, IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA:

For the purpose of Rededicating Boyleston Lodge No. 123, AFM in Celebration of the Lodge’s 150th Year Anniversary. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Lodge. The Grand Master, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge Officers, will open the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Boyleston Lodge No. 123, AFM on the First Degree at 12:30 PM. The Rededication Ceremony will follow at 1:00 PM. Boyleston Lodge is located 1310 Dutch Fork Road, Irmo, SC 29063.

All Brothers including Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons with their ladies and friends are invited to attend. All Grand Lodge Officers are expected to attend and all Past Grand Masters are requested to attend. All Elected Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters should wear their black tails with black bow tie and black vests. All other Grand Lodge Officers should wear black tuxedos with black bow ties, and black cummerbunds or black vests.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM ROBERT LOGAN, JR.
Deputy Grand Master

March 31, 1936

Greenwood, SC

June 28, 2016

Greenwood, SC

Right Worshipful Brother Bill was initiated an Entered Apprentice on July 12, 1968, passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft on August 16, 1968, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 28, 1968 in Mathews Lodge No. 358, AFM. He served Mathews Lodge in the progressive offices and was elected as Worshipful Master in 1973. He continued to faithfully serve his Lodge and held the office of Chaplain at the time of his death. Brother Bill received the Distinguished Frederick Dalcho Certificate of Merit in 1999 and the Prestigious Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal in 2005. Right Worshipful Brother Bill served the Grand Lodge as DDGM for the 11th District, Grand Marshal, Chairman of the MSA Committee and Chairman of the Masonic Relief Committee. He was elected and served as Junior Grand Warden from 2011-2013, elected and served as Senior Grand Warden from 2013-2015 and was elected and served as Deputy Grand Master from 2015 until his death. He was in line to be installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in SC in April, 2017.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. SAMUEL MARSH WILLIS
Past District Deputy Grand Master

February 18, 1928

Greenwood, SC

May 31, 2016

Clemson, SC

LEROY MATTOX, JR.

Past District Deputy Grand Master

September 6, 1933

Winnsboro, SC

June 3, 2016

North Charleston, SC

OTHER DEATHS

Brother Robert Clyde Brownlee, Junior Warden of Rossie Walker Lodge No. 354, passed away May 24, 2016.

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

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INSPIRATIONAL MEETINGS

Friday, August 12, 2016, 7:00 pm, 9th District, RW Brother Charles Watts, DDGM, Mine Lodge No. 117, Hwy 221 (Greenwood Hwy.), McCormick, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother Gerald L. Carver, PGM, Grand Secretary. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, August 19, 2016, 6:30 pm, 8th District, RW Brother Dean Strickland, DDGM, Brooklyn U. M. Church, 541 Meeting Street, West Columbia, SC. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Brother Jerry Phillips, Sr., Grand Chaplain Emeritus. Supper will be served.

Saturday, August 20, 2016, 6:00 pm, 27th District, RW Brother Phillip Anchors, DDGM, Hampton Lodge No. 204, 206 South McQueen Street, Florence, SC. Speaker-TBA.

Saturday, August 27, 2016, 11:00 am, 14th District, RW Brother Claude A. Turpin, DDGM, Sadlers Creek State Park, 940 Sadlers Creek Road, Anderson, SC. Lunch will be served.

Saturday, September 3, 2016, 3:00 pm, 26th District, RW Jack L. Davis, Jr., DDGM, Sumter Lodge No. 364, 215 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC. Speaker-TBA.

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:30 pm, 16th District, RW Brother Randall Waters, DDGM, Bates Lodge No. 189, 439 NE Main Street, Easley, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother William B. Rogers, Grand Master. Supper will be served.

Friday, September 9, 2016, 7:00 pm, 12th District, RW Brother Troy W. Shealy, DDGM, Union Lodge No. 75, 805 South Duncan Bypass, (Intersection of Boyce Street) Union, SC. Program: Huger Caughman, Jr., Teacher. Supper will be served.

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 6:30 pm, 24th District, RW Brother Brian F. Steele, DDGM, Hopewell United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 3734 Heyward Hough Road, Lancaster, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Ill. Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr., SGW, SGIG. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 6:30 pm, 15th District, RW Brother John Thomas Henry, DDGM, Seneca Lodge No. 185, 205 N. Townville Street, Seneca, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Ill. Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr., SGW, SGIG. Supper will be served.

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 7:00 pm, 13th District, RW Scott J. Tollison, DDGM, Palmetto Lodge No. 19, 316 Hillcrest Drive, Laurens, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson, PGM. Supper will be served.

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 6:00 pm, 23rd District, RW Brother Thomas H. Martin, Jr., DDGM Great Falls Lodge No. 277, 1 Masonic Avenue, Great Falls, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Brother W. C. (Cal) Disher, II, Junior Grand Warden. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 7:00 pm, 3rd District, RW Brother Barry G. Crosby, DDGM, Harmony Lodge No. 61, 5355 Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Brother Carey Baxley, PDDGM. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 7:00 pm, 6th District, RW Brother Jon S. Majerus, DDGM, Aiken Shrine Club, 1526 Columbia Hwy. N. (US Hwy 1), Aiken, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Ill. Brother Michael D. Smith, Sr. SGW, SGIG. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 6:30 pm, 11th District, RW Brother Jonathan Miller, DDGM, Stonewall Lodge No. 124, 119 Church Street, Troy, SC. Speaker-TBD. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 6:30 pm, 19th, 20th, & 21st Districts, RW Brother Jerry W. Hill, Jr., DDGM, RW Brother Guy L. Burrell DDGM, & RW Brother James E. Hayes, III, DDGM, Cannons Campground United Methodist Church, 3450 Cannons Campground Road, Spartanburg, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Brother A.C. Flora, IV, PDDGM, MSA 6,8,9. Supper will be served.

Friday, September 23, 2016, 7:00 pm, 10th District, RW Brother C. Ray Boland, Jr., DDGM, Scottish Rite Center, 7230 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC. Guest Speaker will be Col. (Retired) Keven A. Shwedo. Supper will be served.

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 6:30 pm, 18th District, RW Scott A. Matheny, DDGM, The Hunting Camp, 2221 North Hwy. 25, Travelers Rest, SC. Speaker-TBD. Supper will be served.

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 6:00 pm, 4th District, RW Brother G. Ray Christian, Jr., DDGM, Hardeeville Lodge No. 348, 1 Boyd Street, Hardeeville, SC. Guest Speaker will be RW Brother W. C. (Cal) Disher, II, Junior Grand Warden. Supper will be served.

Saturday, October 17, 2016, 7:00 pm, 5th District, RW Brother Richard Dixon, DDGM, El Bab Shrine Club, 571 Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman, PGM. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 6:30 pm, 17th District, RW Brother Jamie Crawford, DDGM, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 519 Anderson Street, Pelzer, SC. Guest Speaker & Music. Supper will be served.

Monday, October 24, 2016, 7:00 pm, 7th District, RW Brother Carroll Cheek, DDGM, Edisto Shrine Club, 1235 Five Chop Road, Orangeburg, SC. Guest Speaker will be Reverend Brother Clay Shook. Supper will be served.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 7:00 pm, 28th District, RW Brother Thomas H. Lee, Jr., DDGM, Damascus Lodge No. 161, 114 E. Proctor Street, Mullins, SC. Guest Speaker TBA. Supper will be served.

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 6:00 pm, 1st & 2nd Districts, RW Brother Lloyd Christopher, DDGM, RW Brother Dale A. Schumann, DDGM, Charleston Scottish Rite Center, 1051 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC. Guest Speaker will be Worshipful Brother Thomas Lewis, Past Master. Supper will be served.

Saturday, October 29, 2016, 6:00 pm, 25th District, RW Brother Daniel H. Hart, DDGM, Hartsville Lodge No. 173, 411 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother Ronald C. Mitchum, PGM. Supper will be served.

Saturday, November 12, 6:00 pm, 29th District, RW Brother David E. Harrell, DDGM, The Horry Electric Building, 2774 Cultra Road, Conway, SC. Guest Speaker will be Most Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson, PGM. Supper will be served.

Monday, November 28, 2016, 6:30 pm, 22nd District, RW Brother Jerry Smith, DDGM, Gaffney Lodge No. 186, 219 Floyd Baker Blvd., Gaffney, SC. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Brother Robert Elsner. Supper will be served.

AWARDS



Photo of Worshipful Brother Kenny Teuton, WM of Hopewell No. 127 presenting the Grand Lodge NJROTC award to Cadet/Lt. Jonathan Henderson at Silver Bluff High School. LCDR Ronald Freeman looks on.



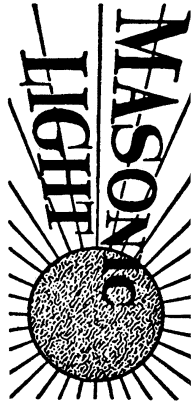
Here is a picture of the Grand Lodge Award being presented at Hilton Head High School by James Barron, Worshipful Master, Unanimity Lodge 418. The award ceremony was May 19, 2016.

60 YEAR SERVICE AWARD



Pictured above from left to right is R.W. Brother Jonathan Miller, DDGM, 11th District, Brother Benjamin Franklin Hodges, 60 year award recipient, Fred Perry JW and Jeff Havird, WM Bascomb Lodge No. 363 AFM.

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