



# Work & Lectures

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DeKalb County Masonic Association Report

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### DCMA This Month



On Saturday, 13 October, we will once again be taking the Children's Home residents and staff to Stone Mountain Park. This year's trip will feature a Ghost Tour. The party starts with lunch at noon at Stone Mountain 449, and wraps up with supper at the park.

**PLEASE COME HELP!**

### Grand Lodge!

Another year has come and gone, and it is time once again for our annual pilgrimage to Macon for the Grand Lodge sessions.

The temperature is predicted to drop down into the 50s in Macon on Tuesday night, so bring a jacket to the Family Cookout at the Farmer's Market.

The Hospitality Room will be in the basement of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

During the breaks, remember to visit the vendors downstairs for educational material and fraternal merchandise.

### DCMA Last Month

The September meeting was held at Tucker 42, where we were treated to a wonderful meal, with desserts provided by the Tucker Eastern Star Chapter. After the meal we entered the lodge hall, where fabulous old-timey acoustic music entertained us.

Tucker 42 actually managed to keep the Banner; Clarkston 492 won the Gavel, although it was not returned by last months' winners.

### Children's Home Outing

This is the time of year when the DCMA takes our Masonic Children's Home residents and staff on an outing. This year, we will take them to Stone Mountain Park for some seasonal fun, including a Southern Ghost Tour. We start at noon at Stone Mountain Lodge No. 449, please join us!

### DCMA Next Month

13 November will be our annual meeting, with election and installation of officers. If you are interested in promoting fellowship among your sister lodges every month, and would like to "get in line" at the DCMA, please let one of the officers know. We, too, are always looking for a few good men!

### 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting

On Monday, 29 October, the 5<sup>th</sup> District Officers and Committeemen will be meeting at the Atlanta Masonic Center at 7:00 pm. Like most meetings, this is open to all Master Masons; participation and feedback from members at large is encouraged.

### DCMA This Year

- President: Bobby Jones, Clarkston 492  
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### Attention: Directors of Work

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Certification classes for Directors of Work is being held at the Atlanta Masonic Temple on three Wednesdays (26 Sep, 3 Oct, 10 Oct), starting at 7:00 sharp. Please come and join your peers from other lodges in increasing and refreshing ritual proficiency.

*The DCMA... Determined to Cover Masonry in Atlanta!*  
*We'd like for your lodge to join us - ask one of us how.*

### Standard Disclaimer

This publication is created to inform the brethren. Any views or opinions that manage to sneak in are solely those of the editor, who does **NOT** speak for any organization whatsoever. Really.

### Where's YOUR News?

We'd be honored to support the community by publishing *your* news and events - all you have to do is let us know by emailing [news@morelight.org](mailto:news@morelight.org) with all the information you'd like listed.

## Old Tiler Talks

by Carl H. Claudy  
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### The Hallowed Old

Old Tiler, let's start a campaign to buy new jewels and furniture."

"I have heard that before," answered the Old Tiler to the New Brother. "What's the matter with our jewels and our furniture?"

"So old-fashioned!" returned the New Brother, disgustedly. "I visited Corinth Lodge last night, in their beautiful new temple. All new paint, new mahogany furniture, new leather, bright and shining new jewels and all. It rather made me ashamed of our outfit."

"But Corinth is a new lodge," protested the Old Tiler.

"And this is an old one," retorted the New Brother. "Why should we let the new lodge beat us?"

"We don't. We have them beaten seven ways," returned the Old Tiler, puzzled. "Our old jewels are beautiful in themselves, and are hallowed with age and memories."

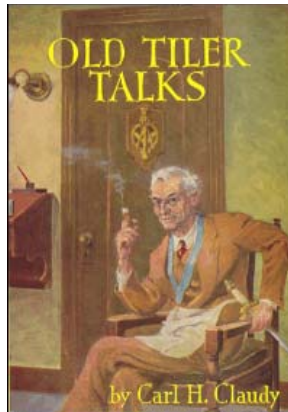
"Don't you believe in lodges making progress and getting new things? Can't we outgrow our temple?" asked the New Brother.

"We can. I doubt if we have. But a new temple is one thing, and new fittings quite another. The only beauty in modern fittings is their newness. There is no musk of age about them; no feeling of these having watched Masonic sights which have been worth seeing. We may have a new temple someday but when we give up our hundred-year-old Master's chair and the crude jewels our officers have worn for more than a hundred and twenty years I want to see it from the Great Beyond."

"Well - I never thought of it that way.

"You are not the only one," retorted the Old Tiler. "Let me tell you a little story. In 1789, I think it was, a lodge in Trenton, N. J. - Trenton No. 5 - built a temple. It is two stories high. Below is one big room, probably a refreshment room. Above is a lodge room. Atop that, an attic. Built of stone it was, and built to last.

"Trenton Lodge grew much too big for the little lodge room. In 1867 the old building became a school. Later it was used for commercial purposes. The brethren of Trenton Lodge, in those days, were too close to their old home to know what they were doing to it. They let it go.



"Years passed, and sentiment grew. Trenton began to make parks and change its streets. The old Masonic building was to be torn down to make room for a street. By now sentiment was all to the fore. So the Grand Lodge picked up the old building, lock, stock and barrel, and moved it to land it owned, and laid another cornerstone with impressive ceremonies in 1915. Now the old building is a house of Masonic and patriotic relics, carefully and lovingly restored. Much of the old furniture was recovered. The East, a niche in the wall, had been boarded up to make a square room. That sacrilege was removed. The ceiling had been papered; when it was depapered, they found a sculptured sun, with radiating rays, directly above the Altar and seven stars, and moon. They have been lovingly restored.

"Lafayette and Washington trod the boards in that floor. The old building was made when memories of Washington crossing the Delaware were fresh. The old jewels of the lodge are carefully preserved. If you were a member of Trenton Lodge No. 5, would you want to see all this thrown away for a new outfit?"

"Well, er - no. But does Trenton Lodge meet there?"

"No. They meet in a new temple immediately adjacent to the present site of the old building. Trenton Lodge has a vast pride in this ancient possession; it is a Mecca for the visiting Mason. Perhaps our old lodge will become such someday.

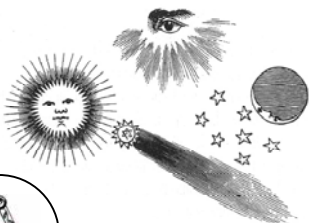
"I am in old man, and I love old things. I try to be progressive; I am accustomed to electric lights and steam-heat. But I could never be reconciled to diamond-set jewels for Master and Wardens. The Bible on the Altar our first Master gave us four generations ago is hallowed to me. I believe in progress, in comfortable meeting places and settings worthy of Masonry. But let us not discard the old merely because it is old. Let us cherish the hallowed old; when great history, patriotism, sacrifices, accomplishments are woven into the old, then should we cherish them.

"Such a lodge is this lodge. To wear the jewel a hundred Masters have worn is an infinitely prouder joy than to wear for the first time the newest and most elaborate jewel. To take an obligation on a Bible on which thousands have been obligated is holier, though not more binding, than to do so on a new Book.

"Let us have a new temple when we must; let us even have new carpets and new lights. But let us keep our old and time-worn jewels; let us stick to our old Bible; let us keep our memories and those objects around which memories cling, for of such stuff are the dreams of men. When a man thus dreams, his Freemasonry touches the heart because it comes from the heart."

"You ought to have been - why, Old Tiler, you are a poet!" cried the New Brother.

"Humph!" snorted the Old Tiler. But he fingered his old sword, not displeased.



## List of Special Events - September, 2007

- 2 Oct, Tue - Fellow Craft Conferral - at Kennesaw 33, Marietta.
- 3 Oct, Wed - 5<sup>th</sup> District DoW Certification - at Atlanta Masonic Center. 7:00 start - session 2 of 3.
- 6 Oct, Sat - Golf Tournament - at Greystone Golf Course, Douglasville; sponsored by Douglasville 289.
- 6 Oct, Sat - Annual BBQ - at Stockbridge 691, Stockbridge.
- 6 Oct, Sat - Sand Pit Degree - by Saint John The Baptist 184. 4:00 start.
- 10 Oct, Wed - 5<sup>th</sup> District DoW Certification - at Atlanta Masonic Center. 7:00 start - session 3 of 3.
- 11 Oct, Thu - Lecture - by WBro. Wade Bridges at Atlanta-Peachtree 59, Atlanta.
- 11 Oct, Thu - Fellow Craft Conferral - (tentative) at Chamblee-Sardis 444, Chamblee. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 13 Oct, Sat - DeKalb County Masonic Association - at Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain. Annual trip for the Children's Home hosted by the DCMA and Stone Mountain 449. Come support the kids!
- 13 Oct, Sat - Gwinnett County Masonic Association - at Duluth 480, Duluth. 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- 13 Oct, Sat - Annual BBQ - at Roswell 165, Roswell. (time not posted)
- 13 Oct, Sat - Annual Chicken-Q - at Jonesboro 87, Jonesboro. 11:00 start.
- 13 Oct, Sat - Annual BBQ - at Grove 652, Eastanollee. (time not posted)
- 14 Oct, Sun - Masonic Homecoming & BBQ - at Scottish Rite Hospital, 3:30 start.
- 20/21 Oct, Sat/Sun - Annual Rodeo - at Fort Valley, sponsored by Fort Valley 110. 7:00pm/2:00pm start.
- 22 Oct, Mon - Grand Lodge - Committees meet, Macon (various locations)
- 23 Oct, Tue - Grand Lodge - City Auditorium, Macon. Annual Communication and Elections; also Family Night Cookout at the Farmer's Market, 6:00 pm - day 1 of 2.
- 24 Oct, Wed - Grand Lodge - City Auditorium, Macon. Annual Installation - day 2 of 2.
- 25 Oct, Thu - Fellow Craft Conferral - at Atlanta-Peachtree 59, Atlanta.
- 25 Oct, Thu - Master Mason Conferral - (tentative) at Chamblee-Sardis 444, Chamblee.
- 30 Oct, Tue - Family & Friends Night - at Stockbridge 691, Stockbridge. *150 attended the last one!*

### Traveling Trophy Roundup

If you know of any other traveling trophies, or any current trophy locations, or any published trophy acquisition rules, **please let us know.**

*Who sponsors the Traveling Hat?*

*Where is the 7<sup>th</sup> District Gavel?*

*Where is the Gwinnett County Donkey!?*

4 <sup>th</sup> District SW of Atlanta	Carroll 69 Traveling Gavel : Carroll 69, Carrollton Bowdon 206 Traveling Gavel : Sand Hill 350, Sand Hill Buck Creek 639 Traveling Gavel : Carroll 69, Carrollton Tyus 671 Traveling Gavel : Carroll 69, Carrollton
5 <sup>th</sup> District Includes Atlanta	5 <sup>th</sup> District Traveling Gavel : Tucker 42, Tucker Clarkston 492 Traveling Gavel : Tucker 42, Tucker
6 <sup>th</sup> District South of Atlanta	Jonesboro 87 Traveling Gavel : Lakewood 443, Lovejoy Rex 251 Traveling Gavel : Lakewood 443, Lovejoy East Point 288 Traveling Gavel : Lakewood 443, Lovejoy Traveling Hat : Lakewood 443, Lovejoy

*Please let us know of any other Traveling Trophies!*

5<sup>th</sup> District Gavel rules at <http://5dist.morelight.org/gavel.html>  
Clarkston 492 Gavel rules at [http://www.clarkston492.com/traveling\\_gavel.htm](http://www.clarkston492.com/traveling_gavel.htm)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Stone Mountain 449 Union City 600	1 Kennesaw 33 Georgia 96 Norcross 228 East Point 288 Masters 295 Panthersville 543 Capitol City 642 North DeKalb 714 Metro Daylight 743, 10:30 am	2 Fulton 216 DeKalb Masonic Memorial Club at Clarkston 492, 2 pm	3 Pythagoras 41 Mountain Park 729	4	5 Samuel S. Lawrence 721
7 Tucker 42 Piedmont 447 College Park 454 Hapeville 590	8 Gate City 2 Sandy Springs 124 Clarkston 492 EA Minor 603 Ben Hill 674	9 Cobb County Daylight 742, 10:00 am	10 Atlanta-Peachtree 59 Lithonia 84 Chamblee-Sardis 444 Palestine 486, 7:00 pm Grant Park 604	11 Leroy Duncan 262	12 Campbellton 76 Nelms 323 DCMA at Stone Mountain 449 GCMA at Duluth 480	13
14 Stone Mountain 449 Union City 600	15 Kennesaw 33 Georgia 96 Norcross 228 Masters 295 Panthersville 543 Capitol City 642 North DeKalb 714	16 Fulton 216	17 Pythagoras 41 Mountain Park 729 Charity Daylight 754, 10:30 am	18 Glenwood Hills 703	19 Samuel S. Lawrence 721	20
21 Tucker 42 Piedmont 447 College Park 454 Hapeville 590	22 Gate City 2 Sandy Springs 124 Clarkston 492 EA Minor 603 Ben Hill 674	23 Southside Memorial Assn. (location varies), 6:30 pm	24 Atlanta-Peachtree 59 Lithonia 84 Chamblee-Sardis 444 Palestine 486, 7:00 pm	25	26	27
Grand Lodge Committees (Tyled)		Grand Lodge Meeting (Tyled)	Grand Lodge Cookout (Open)	Grand Lodge Installation (Open)		
28 5 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00, Atlanta Masonic Center	29	30 Past Master's Club of Chamblee, 6:00	31	<p><i>Schedule of Regular Communications for Lodges meeting within about 10 miles of I-285 and/or in DeKalb County.</i></p> <p><i>All meetings start at 7:30 pm unless noted otherwise.</i></p>		





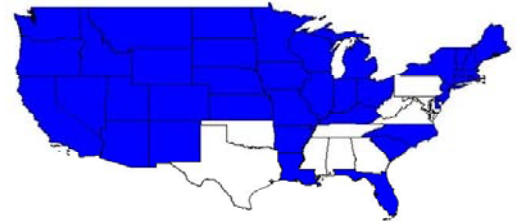
## Fifteen Tidbits about Grand Lodges Overall

Mostly excerpted from <http://bessel.org>

1. About 80% of reporting GLs indicate that they use "Ancient Penalties" in the obligations.
2. About 60% of reporting GLs indicate that they allow every Past Master a full vote on all GL matters; some states give the Wardens full votes as well; one gives each PM  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a vote.
3. What is required to be eligible to be elected Worshipful Master (30 US GLs reporting):
  - a. About 80% require a potential Master to have served as a Warden;
  - b. About 20% require a potential Master to have been certified proficient in ritual and code;
  - c. Three require a potential Master to be proficient in all lectures.
4. What pages are the VSL are required to be opened on to confer the degrees (40 GLs reporting):
  - a. About 25% require the VSL to be open to Psalms/Amos/Ecclesiastes;
  - b. About 25% allow the VSL to be open to any page;
  - c. About 10% allow the VSL to be open to any page which lacks illustrations;
  - d. One requires the VSL to be opened at one third/two thirds/one half, respectively;
  - e. Ontario requires the VSL to be open to Ruth/Judges/Ecclesiastes;
  - f. Scotland requires the VSL to be open to Ruth/Judges/Genesis.
5. What percentages of the population are Masons:
  - a. Ireland and Iceland lead, with over 10% (I have heard that Scotland is this high as well).
  - b. Next is England with 7%; Australia with 5%; and Canada, New Zealand, and Norway, with 4% each,
  - c. Next are Cuba and Sweden with 1%, and Brazil, Finland, France, and Puerto Rico, with over 0.5%.

6. This map shows where printed ritual or cipher books are allowed:

- a. Blue states allow printed ritual or cipher books;
- b. White states allow no written ritual work.



7. In South Dakota, the DGM is automatically promoted to GM.

8. How long is the Grand Line, and how long are the terms?

- a. In seven states, the GM and DGM serve two year terms each;
- b. In Maine, Maryland and New York (two of the seven above), only the DGM and GM are progressive chairs;
- c. In 41 states, the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards are not part of the progressive Grand Line.

9. 70% of US GLs report that they can or do have one day classes during which all three degrees are conferred.

10. This map shows where business may be conducted on the First Degree:

- a. Blue states allow business to be conducted on the EA Degree;
- b. White states only allow business on the Master's Degree.



11. Use of Pillars (25 states reporting):

- a. About 50% keep the Pillars on either side of the Inner Door;
- b. About 50% keep the Pillars on either side of the SW, except during the FC Degree.

12. Life Memberships offered through GL: of 16 states reporting, 11 have Life Memberships through the GL.

13. This map shows which states have Prince Hall recognition:

- a. Blue states recognize Prince Hall Masonry;
- b. White states do not recognize Prince Hall Masonry.



14. At least a dozen states prohibit membership in any "Masonic" club or organization unless it has been approved by the GL.

15. In Iowa, the Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference is promoted to GM!



## Dave Digresses: Grand Lodge

My view on Grand Lodge has, naturally, changed over the years. With your indulgence, I'll go into a bit more detail.

The first year I attended, I was Senior Deacon. I couldn't vote, but I was impressed in the morning; as the balloting on various issues wore on, the Junior Warden and I went outside and practiced the catechism on a park bench. What I enjoyed most, though, was the fellowship - going out to dinner, then playing cards with the brethren in our hotel rooms, with the World Series on the television. Our GL trip was followed by a fishing trip (a forty-some-odd year tradition), the highlight of which was, in my mind, more card playing... and some very good biscuits and gravy at the fish camp.

I attended again as Senior Warden, then finally as Worshipful Master - woo-hoo, I can finally vote! Not that I remember what it was that we voted on... stuff like minor changes to the code and vetting the decisions of certain committees, probably. Again, the fellowship outside of the structured meetings was the high point in my opinion.

Fast forward a few years (I don't think I've missed one since being Master), and I have been honored with an appointment by the Grand Master (to the Masonic Education and Leadership Development - or MELD - Committee). Now, I have more to do on Mondays than just fellowship; it is when one of our quarterly meetings is held, where my peers from across the state share what techniques work (or don't), and what initiatives were well received (and which weren't). I have a meeting to attend, where we work together to better the Craft state-wide. I also help with our district's table at the Cookout. But guess what is still the part of Grand Lodge that I look forward to the most? Yep - playing cards and shooting the breeze with my brethren in the hotel room, with the ball game on.

So, Grand Lodge is coming up soon. Have you made plans to attend yet? If you do, come to the 5<sup>th</sup> District section at the cookout and fellowship a while.

## Coming Next Month...

Next month's issue will focus on Masonic Education, and will include a pair of checklists which I have developed to help with lodge work.

The first one is the Candidate Care Checklist, a handy sheet for the Mentor to use to track the progress of petitioners and candidates.

The second one is the Degree Planning Checklist, which details the lectures and key chairs for each of the degrees, even noting where certain lectures are found.

It is my sincere hope that these will be of use to you and your lodge going forward.



## Spotlight: History of The Grand Lodge of Georgia

Adapted from <http://glofga.org>

On February 21, 1734, a Lodge of Freemasons was organized at Savannah under the "old customs" (without warrant). Noble Jones, intimate friend of James Oglethorpe, was initiated on that date, the first Freemason made in Georgia. On December 2, 1735, the Lodge was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England and entered on the engraved list as "The Lodge at Savannah in Ye Province of Georgia". It was assigned number 139 on the register of English Lodges. By 1770 its number had been reduced to No. 63 and by 1792 it was No. 46, although no longer an English Lodge.

The Lodge at Savannah changed its name in or prior to 1770 to Solomon's Lodge. In 1774 and 1775, respectively, the Grand Lodge of England warranted two more Lodges in Savannah, Unity No. 465 and Grenadiers No. 481. Both Lodges died an early death. Except for that brief period, Solomon's Lodge was the only Lodge in Georgia from 1734 until 1785. Solomon's Lodge was the second duly constituted Lodge in America, next only to a Lodge in Boston warranted in 1733. Solomon's Lodge is the Mother Lodge of Georgia.

On December 15, 1786, Brother Samuel Elbert, American soldier and later Governor of Georgia, resigned as Provincial Grand Master so that the independent Grand Lodge of Georgia might be formed.

A group of dissident Freemasons in Savannah, disapproving the workings of Solomon's Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1784 for a charter to organize a Lodge. Their petition was granted by Pennsylvania on March 31, 1785, the Lodge being listed on Pennsylvania's register as no. 42, to be known as Hiram Lodge, Savannah, Georgia.

In the true spirit of Freemasonry the differences between the two Lodges were soon reconciled. In the following year it is known that two additional Lodges existed in the state, one at Augusta and one at Washington. It is believed these four Lodges, on December 16, 1786 met together and created the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia. William Stephens, Past Master of Solomon's Lodge, now No. 1, and the first U.S. Court Judge in Georgia, was elected and installed Grand Master.

Freemasonry has existed continuously in Georgia since 1734. The Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., has existed since 1786.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia was incorporated with perpetual duration on February 6, 1796, by an Act of the General Assembly of Georgia passed for that purpose, and has been delivered down to the present day.