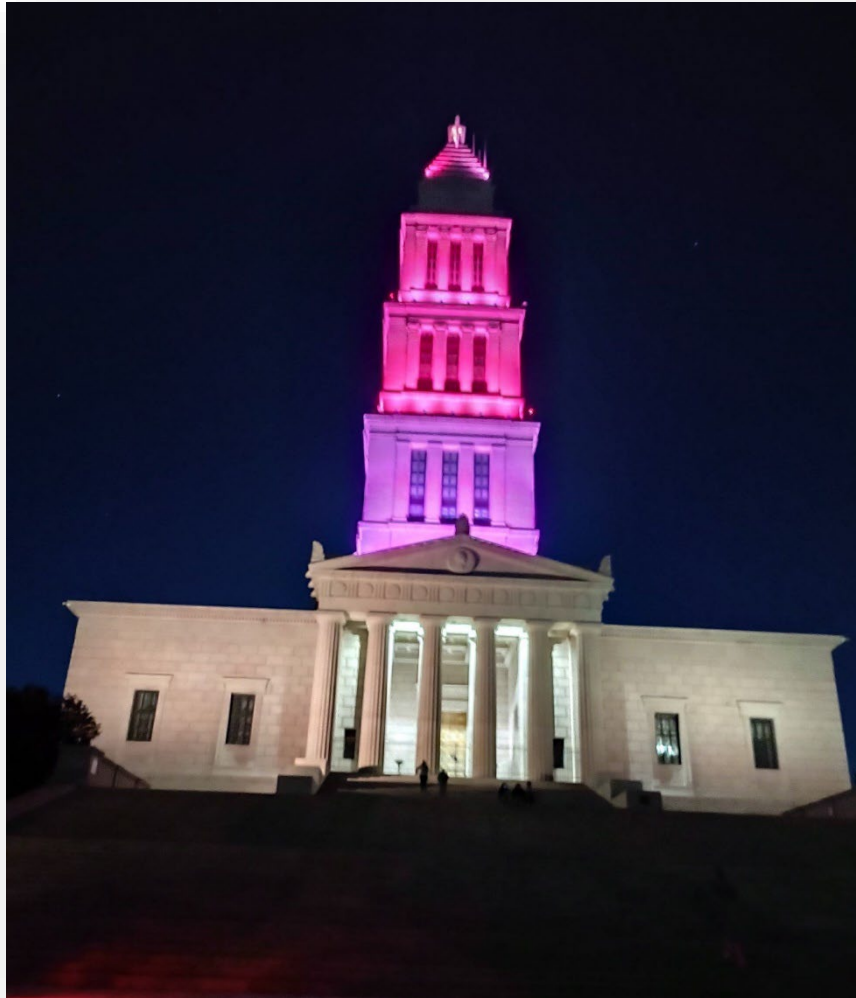


# *31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Newsletter*

## *The Mirror*



- MWPHGLVA Founder's Day
- MWPHGLVA visits 31<sup>st</sup> District and supports George Washington's Birthday Celebration
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- Arlington Lodge #58 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Songfest and Scholarship Program

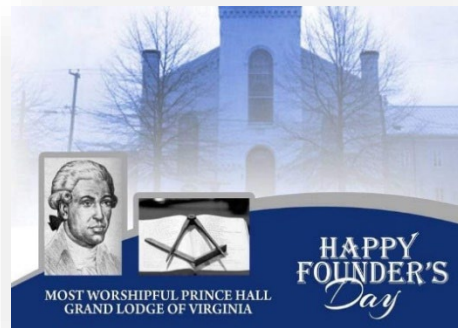
## Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia Founder's Day (1875 – 2023)

Petersburg, Va. (May 21, 2023) – The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia held its 148th Founder's Day at First Baptist Church on Harrison Street on Sunday May 21, 2023.

The event was hosted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, DDGM Darren Hill #43, and welcomed over 300 Masons, Eastern Stars, and friends. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Donald S. Wilson greeted the Prince Hall Masons and Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Stars, while WAGC Michael Davis #67 delivered the program's inspirational message on "Being the Light".

The Mighty 31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, led by our DDGM Charles CJ James, was well represented by attendance from the Brothers from throughout the District.

The program concluded by laying a wreath at the foot of the Prince Hall Masons memorial monument in the church's courtyard.

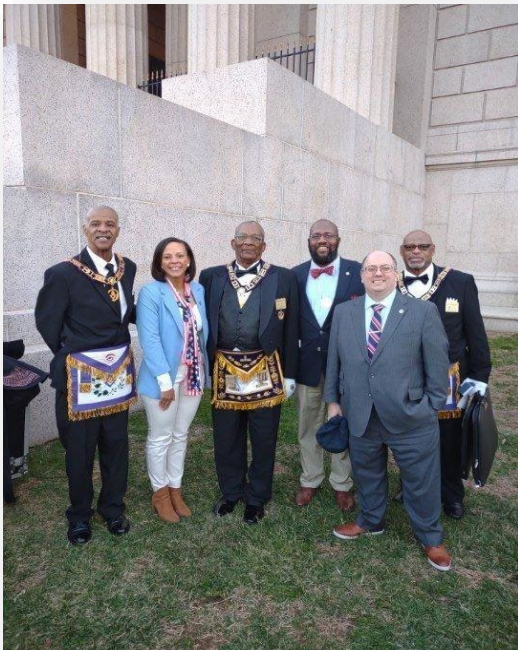


## Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia joins the Alexandria parade in honor of George Washington's Birthday

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (February 19, 2023) – It was quite an historical event and celebration, with our very own Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Donald S. Wilson visiting the 31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District and Northern Virginia to support and celebrate the birthday of the country's first President, George Washington. On February 19 the city of Alexandria, VA celebrated President's Day and the birthday of the country's first president, George Washington, as the city has done for hundreds of years. Old Town Alexandria has held a parade in his honor. Masons from all around the world joined to also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Donald S. Wilson, was joined by our MWP HGLVA Historian, WPM McArthur Myers, Universal Lodge No. 1, and several Alexandria City Councilmembers. It was a great event and an opportunity for the Prince Hall Masons to shine our light for the more traditional parade participants. The Old Town tradition continues to bring together the young, the old, the four-legged and even some real living members of George Washington's family.

<https://www.fox5dc.com/video/1183204>



MWGM Wilson, MWGH Myers with Alexandria City Council members.



MWGH Myers representing Prince Hall Masons at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the cornerstone laying at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial



### MWGM and GWM Wilson attends the Triangle Lodge No. 293 & Grace Chapter No. 239 Fourteenth Annual Joint Banquet

Springfield, Va. (May 13, 2023) – Triangle Lodge No. 293 and Grace Chapter no. 239, OES were hosts for a truly historical event of celebration, with attendance by our very on MWGM, the Honorable Donald S. Wilson, GWM Sis. Sandra A. Wilson, and RWDGM Beverly “Butch” Morgan, Sr. The Hilton-Springfield served as the venue for our family and friends to witness the celebration for the most esteemed Brothers and SiSTARS of our fraternity. Due to COVID-19, there had been a hold on these annual events, however this year was an opportunity to come back out in celebration of the honorees. The following members were honored in this joint event for their great leadership during the past four years:

2018-2019

WPM Steven E. Goodson  
PWM Karen Thomas  
PWP Benjamin F. Harrison, Jr

2019-2021

WPM Richard S. Boone  
PWM Danielle N. Johnson  
PWP Leonard C. Johnson

2021-2022

WPM Allen L. Jones, Jr.  
PWM Sheila J. Bryant  
PWP Stfrancis J. Peters



MWGM Wilson addresses the honorees, family, and friends



RWDGM Beverly “Butch” Morgan, Sr.

## WPM HONOREES



WPM Steven E. Goodson  
2018-2019



WPM Richard S. Boone  
2019-2021



WPM Allen L. Jones, Jr.  
2021-2022

# PWM HONOREES



PWM Karen A. Thomas  
2018-2019



PWM Danielle N. Johnson  
2019-2021



PWM Sheila J. Bryant  
2021-2022

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PWP Benjamin F. Harrison, Jr  
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### 31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Veterans Day Event at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

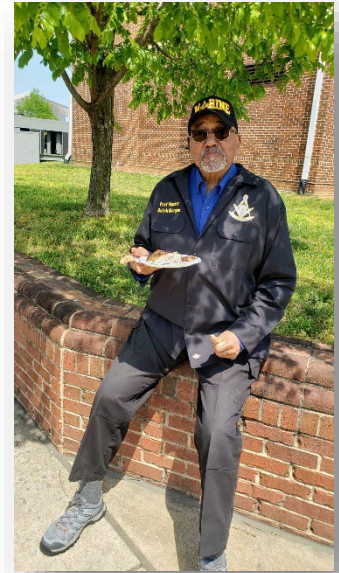
Ft. Belvoir, Va. (April 26, 2023) The Brothers of the 31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District with the assistance of ADDGM A. Marques Pitre, WPM Meddie E. Knox, Jr. and the JW's & Stewards of the District met at 9am to grill and prepare lunch for the Wounded Warrior community. Once again Soldiers and the families of the Wounded Warriors, Transition Battalion enjoyed the great day of fellowship on Ft. Belvoir.



DDGM CJ James grills up lunch for the Wounded Warriors



RWDGM Beverly W. Morgan Jr. and RWGD Charles A. Jones Sr.



RWDGM Beverly W. Morgan Jr. enjoying lunch.

**VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY**  
**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**  
SPONSORED BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT  
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA

Location is the  
Soldier and Family Assistance Center  
5965 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg #1263  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060  
Wednesday, 26 April 2023  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

COME AND ENJOY  
THE FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

## Arlington Lodge No. 58<sup>th</sup> supports the Community during their Highway Clean-up

Arlington, Va. (May 6, 2023) - On May 6, 2023 Arlington Lodge #58 conducted its annual highway cleanup. The Highway Clean-up event is a welcome opportunity for the Brothers to get out in their community and give back. This year was especially pleasing as the weather cooperated with unusually mild temperatures. This is the 7th continuous year the Brothers have participated in this effort.



Arlington Lodge No. 58 Brothers pose  
after the Community Highway Cleanup



## Brothers of Triangle Lodge No. 293 ordained as Deacon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Triangle, Virginia

Triangle, Va. (April 30, 2023) - On April 30, 2023, two of our finest Brothers of the Masonic Fraternity completed a tremendous spiritual journey, as WPM Ronnie R. Williams and Bro Wathen Montgomery, both of Triangle Lodge No. 1 completed proficiency in Deacon Training at Mount Zion Baptist Church of Triangle, Va. to become Deacons! Masons making a difference in their Lodge, Community, and Church!



WPM William (left) and Bro Montgomery (right) all smiles after completion on Deacon Training.

The Brothers and their classmate showing proficiency.



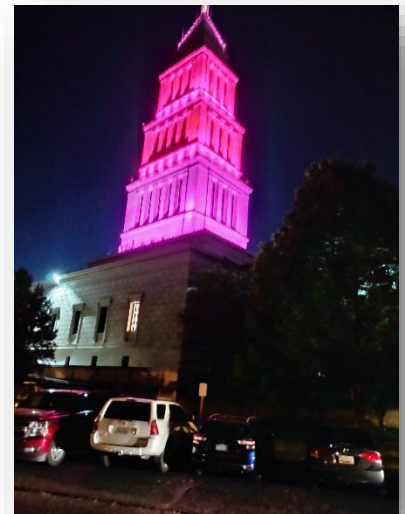
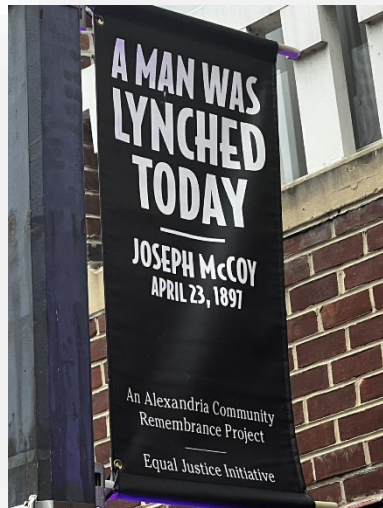


## Universal Lodge No. 1 celebrated the memory of Joseph McCoy of Alexandria, Virginia

Alexandria, Va. (April 23, 2023) On April 23, 2023, WM Richard Williams, MWGH McArthur Myers, and the Brothers of Universal Lodge No. 1 joined the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) to mark the 125th year since Joseph McCoy was brutally lynched.

*“On a Thursday evening in April, 1897, an 18-year-old African American boy born and raised in Alexandria – Joseph McCoy- was accused by his employer, arrested by police, and locked in a cell at the Alexandria Station House (located at today’s City Hall). Within a few hours, a white mob violently attacked the station house, dragged the young man away and hanged him from a gas lamp post on the corner of Lee and Cameron Streets. It was just after 1 a.m. on Friday, April 23. No one came to his aid, and no one was held accountable.”* From [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov),

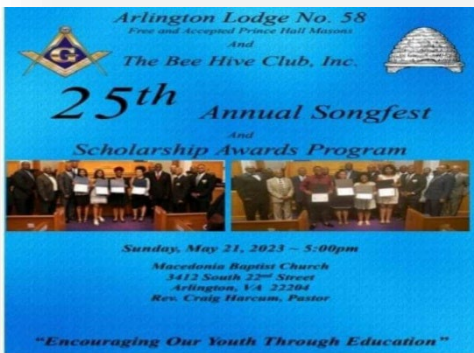
Alexandria City Hall was illuminated in purple, the color of mourning, throughout the weekend to memorialize Joseph McCoy.



Universal Lodge No. 1 WM Richard Williams and MWGH Myers support the remembrance of the lynching of Joseph McCoy in 1897. The Alexandria City Hall was lit up in remembrance.

## Arlington Lodge No. 58<sup>th</sup> Celebrates their 25th Annual Songfest and Scholarship Program

Arlington, Va. (May 21, 2023) On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the Brothers of Arlington Lodge #293 and The Bee-Hive Club, Inc. hosted their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Songfest Fundraiser. Hosted at Macedonia Baptist Church of Arlington, it was a day of song, worship, and charity. Arlington Lodge 58<sup>th</sup> awarded \$4000.00 in scholarships to deserving graduating high school students; Kyndel Harcum, a Senior at St. Paul’s School for Girls, who will attend North Carolina State University, Alexandra Reid, a senior at Edison High School, who will attend Old Dominion University, Joshua Allman, soon to graduate from Yorktown High School, who will attend New York University, and Olivia Solomon, a senior at Centreville High School who will continue her studies at Virginia Tech. The Bee-Hive Club (Arlington Lodge No. 58th charitable arm), see the Website at <https://arlington58.org>



WM Ronnie A. Hall and Brother Roger Baskins address the guest attendance.



The guest were treated to a true Songfest



The Brothers were present to Worship



The Scholarship Recipients



## Acacia Lodge #32 Brother Alfaro helps families from Alexandria celebrate Thanksgiving

Alexandria, Va. (November 22, 2022) - On November 22, 2022, Brother Ricardo Alfaro from Acacia Lodge #32 delivered gift cards to students at John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia. Through these gift certificates, the Lodge hosted several families celebrate Thanksgiving.

“This was such wonderful news, and it helped us make Thanksgiving special for our students and families. We are so grateful for your support!” expressed Stephanie Cruz, School Social Worker at the school.



Brother Ricardo Alfaro No.32 delivers gift cards.

## Arlington Lodge No. 58<sup>th</sup> Brother Baskins makes Donations in the Arlington Community

Arlington, Va. (November 18, 2022) - Brother Roger Baskins, from Arlington Lodge No. 58 , always looks to give back. As his birthday approached, he celebrated by giving back to the community. Brother Baskins, who is a fairly new member to the Masonic Fraternity and enjoys service to mankind and finds time to support his community by working with the local social workers from the schools in the Arlington Community.




Brother Roger Baskins No. 58 celebrates his birthday by support the local Community Center.



### Triangle Lodge No. 293 continues Clean-up at the Dumfries Slave Cemetery

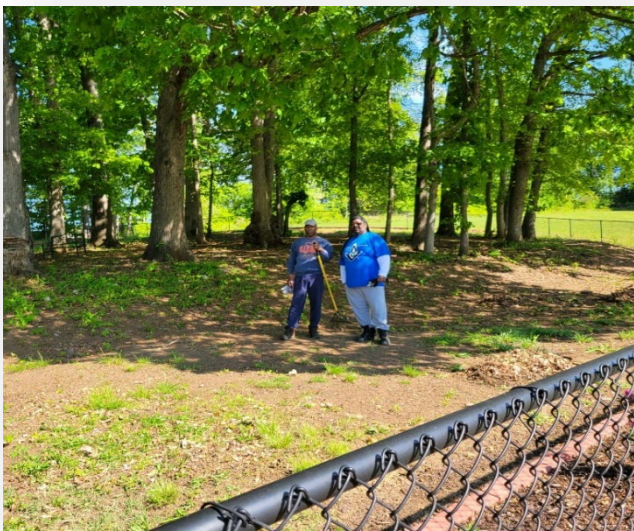
On Saturday May 6, 2023, WM Sean Hill and the Brothers of Triangle Lodge No. 293 continued their support for the maintenance and cleaning of the Town of Dumfries Slave Cemetery Cleanup project. This marks a yearlong effort to keep the grounds of our ancestors well maintained and pay the respect that is deserved. Triangle Lodge No. 293 are scheduled for four more maintenance sessions in the year 2023.



2023 Clean-Up Schedule

Our next clean-up will be on **June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 8:00 – 10:00 AM**. We will focus on spreading mulch, planting, and raking leaves. Please bring shovels, hoes, weedwhackers and rakes. Wear long sleeves, gloves, hats, and insect repellent. There will be a special Juneteenth celebration afterwards courtesy of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



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| July 8, 2023      | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM |
| August 12, 2023   | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM |
| September 9, 2023 | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM |
| October 14, 2023  | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM |





## 31<sup>st</sup> Masonic District – It's Banquet Season

*Arlington Lodge No. 58  
Free and Accepted Prince Hall Masons  
And  
Arlington Chapter No. 173  
Order of the Eastern Star, P.H.A., VA*

**Annual Joint  
Past Masters and Past Matrons Banquet**

*Honoring*

*Worshipful Past Master Antonio R. Adams  
Worshipful Past Master Tony A. Thompson  
Past Worthy Matron Constance Mullins  
Past Worthy Matron Effie Butler*

**Saturday, October 15, 2022 - 7:00pm**  
*Holiday Inn Ballston  
4610 N. Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, VA 22203*

*Donations \$ 70.00 ~ Children 12 & Under \$35.00*

*Contact: WPM Robert J. Burnette (703) 892-4127  
HPWM Sharon A. Smith (703) 734-9079*

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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Va, F. & A. M., Inc.

**ESTHER CHAPTER NO. 23**  
Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Va, P. H. A.

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JOINT BANQUET

*Honoring*

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| WPM James A. Conway, Sr. | PWM Aquila Biddle            |
| WPM Charles E. Williams  | PWM Marnie Jordan            |
| WPM Bertie Hamilton      | PWM Barbara Britton-Williams |

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
*6 - 10pm      Attire: Semi-Formal*

*Ticket Cost: \$85*

*The Westin Alexandria Old Town  
400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314*

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| Richard D. Williams III<br>Worshipful Master | Michelle Baldwin<br>Worthy Matron | Joseph Parker<br>Worthy Patron |
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For Tickets or Information:  
Univesal1Esther23BC@gmail.com  
JW R. Teddy Johnson - 308.672.9279      PWM Rosie Ford - 571.231.1454

CashApp info for Tickets or Donations: SUnivesal1Esther23BC



**Lincoln**

LODGE NO. 11      CHAPTER NO. 242



## Second Annual Joint Banquet

**HONORING**

|                     |                     |
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| WPM Nelson J. Perry | PWM Rachel L. Moore |
| WPM Corey Tate      | PWP Willie E. Gregg |

*Saturday, May 6, 2023*  
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
(Social Hour 5:00pm to 6:00pm)

*Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South  
4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304*


**\$75  
Donation**

**Attire: Semi-Formal**

For More Information:  
WPM Devery Travers      AM Coretta Ellis  
703-906-7682      703-403-6833  
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Sis. Sandra A. Wilson, Grand Worthy Matron  
Bro. Clarence E. Williams, Grand Worthy Patron  
Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Virginia

The Honorable Donald S. Wilson  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, F. & A. M., Inc.



**Triangle Lodge #293**  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Va, F. & A. M., Inc.

**&  
Grace Chapter #239**  
Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Va, P.H.A.



**MAY  
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## Joint Banquet

**Honoring**

**2018**  
WPM Steven E. Goodson  
PWM Karen A. Thomas  
PWP Benjamin F. Harrison Jr.

**2021**  
WPM Richard S. Boone      WPM Allen L. Jones  
PWM Danielle N. Johnson      PWM Sheila J. Bryant  
PWP Leonard C. Johnson      PWP St. Francis Peters

**Hilton Springfield**  
6550 Loisdale Road Springfield, Virginia 22150-1801

**Ticket Cost: \$85  
Room Cost: \$149 +tax  
Room Code: TL0512**

**7PM - Midnight  
Attire: Semi Formal**

**https://go.rallyup.com/ef8e5b**

Souvenir Journal Ads:  
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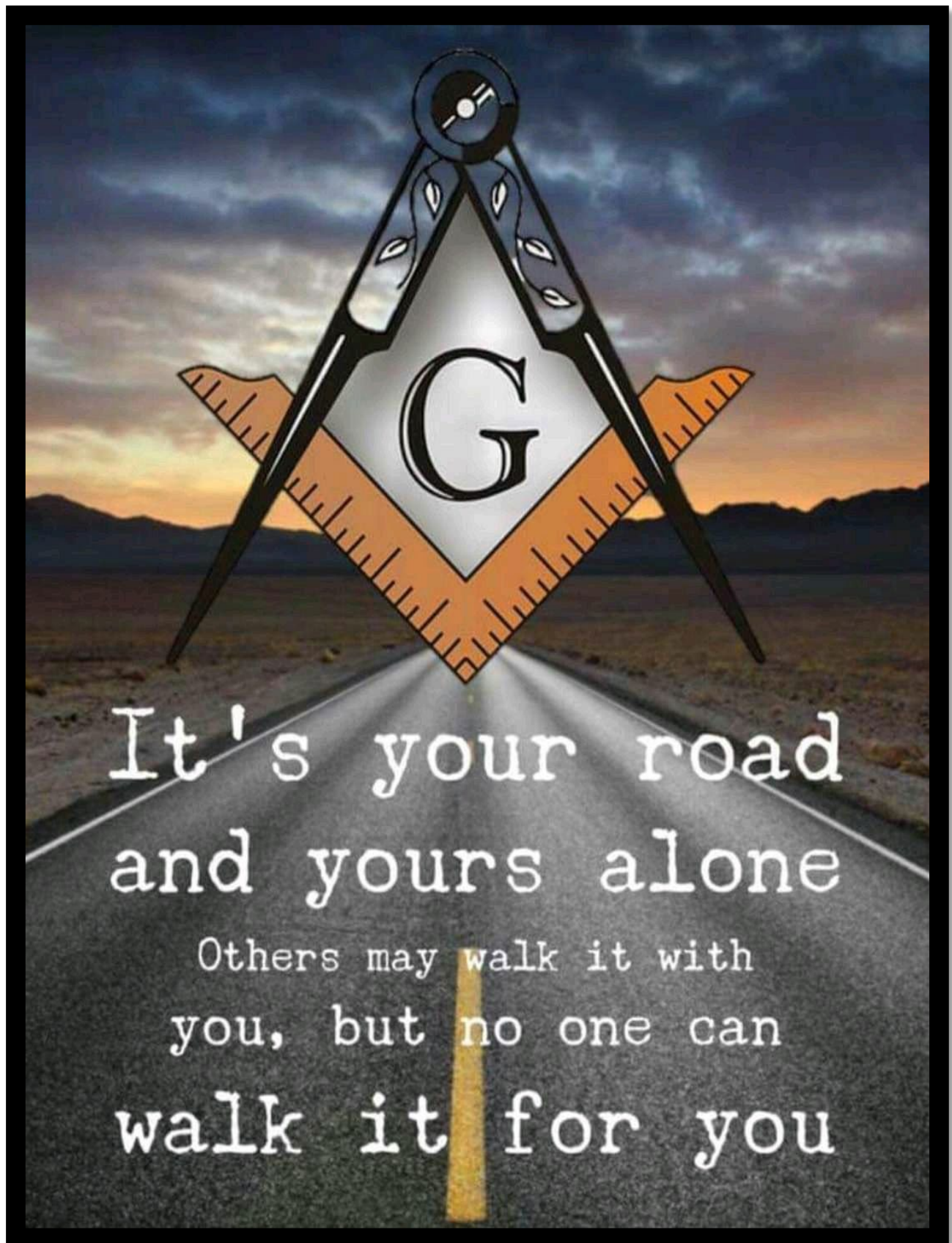


## Triangle Lodge No. 293 visits Grace Chapter No. 239, OES

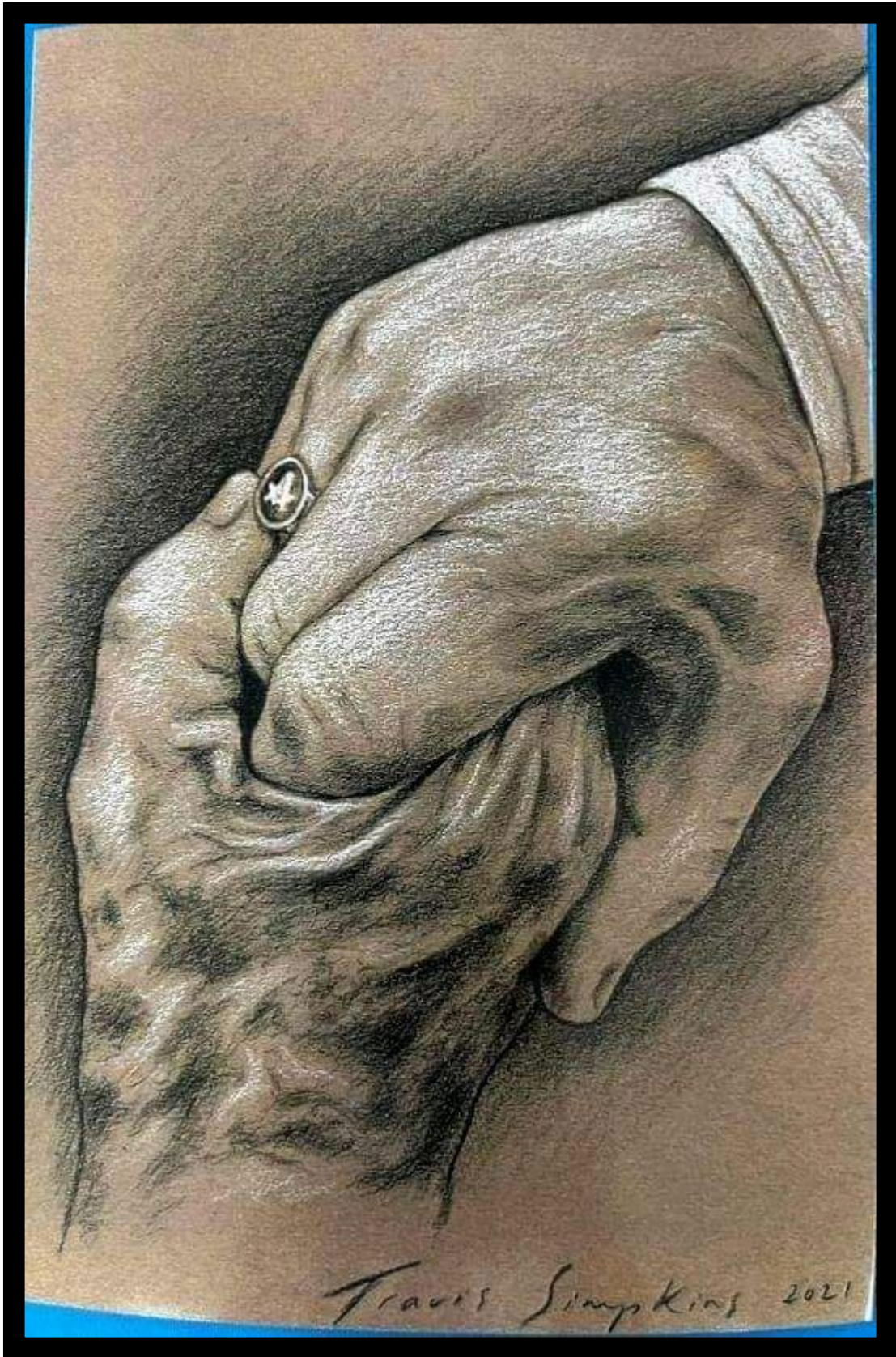
Triangle, Va. (May 4, 2023) On May 4, 2023, the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293 had the esteemed pleasure of visiting the SiSTARS of Grace Chapter # 239, OES. Grace Chapter #239, OES is the sister chapter to Triangle Lodge #239 and has always had a special place in the hearts of the Brothers. The Brothers of the Lodge and SiSTARS of the Chapter have performed many joint events together this year, such as the Joint Thanksgiving Day Basket Donation, Joint Family Day Event, and most recently the Joint Banquet Event. Always sowing the seed of Brotherly/Sisterly Love. The visit was conducted with decency and good order. There was also an exchange of gifts by both organizations and an opportunity for fellowship between the two organizations during repass; as a good meal was provided for everyone's nourishment. This event has longed served as an excellent bonding opportunity between the Lodge and the Chapter.



WM Sean Hill and WM Ceola Alexander (centered) and the Brothers and SiSTARS pose for a photo opportunity to commemorate the evening.







Masonic Word Puzzle

By Bro Carroll Alexander

# Word Search

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