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Triangle Lodge #293 working Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

On December 14, 2024, WM Cedric T. Martin, RWGL-W Larry T. Johnson #298, and the Men of Triangle Lodge #293 proudly participated in the Annual Wreaths Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery. Despite the frigid weather, they unloaded 1,200 wreaths in under 45 minutes, ensuring every grave in Section 13 was honored. The team fostered camaraderie by engaging with onlookers, spreading holiday cheer through festive music, and paying tribute to our fallen soldiers, emphasizing the strength of the community.



WM Cedric Martin #293, RWGL-W Larry T. Johnson and the Men of Triangle Lodge #293 get ready to place the wreaths on the headstones.



The Men of Triangle #293 and guest assemble to support the Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery



Early Morning Preparation requires lining up and unboxing the wreaths.



RWGL-W Larry T. Johnson unloads the boxes of wreaths from the truck.

Diversity Lodge #330 host Veteran's Day Recognition Cookout

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, the Brothers of Diversity Lodge #330, in collaboration with VFW Post #1503, organized a heartfelt celebration to honor veterans, their families, and friends. The event provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere to express gratitude for those who have served in the military. Among the distinguished guests was Congressman-elect Eugene Vindman, who delivered an inspiring speech acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions of veterans.

The celebration was further enriched by the presence of Prince William County Fire and Rescue trucks, which added a festive touch and highlighted the community's support for its heroes. Throughout the day, numerous Brothers from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia participated, uniting to honor veterans and foster a spirit of camaraderie and gratitude. Their unwavering support and dedication created a memorable experience for all attendees, underscoring the importance of recognizing and celebrating those who have served our country.



WM Lateef Watson with Congressman Eugene Vidman and WPM's



Prince William County Fire Department joined the fun



WM Lateef Watson awards the VFW Post #1503 Commander



Diversity Lodge #330 serve Family and Friends

Triangle Lodge #293 and Grace Chapter #239 join forces to donate Thanksgivings Baskets

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, WM Cedric T. Martin and the Men of Triangle Lodge #293 (MoT) partnered with Grace Chapter #239 to uplift 75 local families by providing Thanksgiving baskets. Their collaboration exemplified the spirit of community and generosity. Both organizations continue to shine in the Dumfries and Prince William County area, earning respect and appreciation from community leaders for their unwavering support of those in need.



WM Cedric Martin #293, WM Laleatha Goode-Wallace along with the Brothers and SiSTARS of Tringle Lodge # 293 and Grace Chapter #239



WM Cedric Martin #293 and WM Laleatha Goode-Wallace inventory the donated number of turkeys.



The Turkey Donation effort ensured families would have a good mela for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Acacia Lodge #32 participates in Annual Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2024, WM Curtis Dixon and the brothers of Acacia Lodge #32 took part in the Annual Wreaths Across America event at Alexandria National Cemetery. The lodge generously donated five wreaths for the occasion, and its members actively took part in laying them on the headstones of our fallen veterans.



WM Curtis Dixon, WPM Derek Bolding, and Brother James Banks attend the Annual Wreaths Across America Event

31st Masonic District Joint

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, the Brothers of the 31st Masonic District of the MWP HGL of Virginia held a joint raising ceremony to welcome ten Fellow Crafts into the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Under the supervision of DDGM CJ James (#11) and ADDGM Phillip Brannon (#293), a group comprising Worshipful Past Masters and seven current Masters gathered to welcome the following Brothers: Ervin Donaldson (#1), Keshon Walker (#1), Orrette Whittick (#1), Alex Creigo (#11), Jamal Connor (#32), James Bouyer Jr. (#293), Almetric Clay Sr. (#293), William Hardey Jr. (#293), Kenny Smith (#293), and Darryl Williams Jr. (#293).

The event was attended by WPM Victor Garcia (#61), Committee on Work Member WPM Lawrence Harper Jr. (#293), BeeHive Staff Writer WPM Steve "Gmoney" Goodson (#293), and several Grand Lodge Officers, including Grand Pursuivant WPM James A. Conway Sr. (#1), Assistant Grand Treasurer WPM Ronnie R. Williams (#293), and RW Grand Lecturer of the Western District Larry T. Johnson (#298). I, Assistant Grand Photographer WPM Gordon E. "Chip" Renfrow (#330), was also present.



PDDGM Carlton Newton #58 provides work and instruction to the Master Mason candidates.



DDGM CJ James discusses the rules of engagement with the Degree Team.



31st Masonic District Master Mason Candidates



The Worshipful Masters of the 31st Masonic District

Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 Recognized in the Community

The Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 was honored by Christians in Action as a Positive African American Male Organization. This recognition reflects our dedication to making a meaningful impact in the community. Accepting the award on behalf of the lodge were Worshipful Master Don Moore and Senior Warden Paul Garrett. We remain committed to continuing our important work and positively influencing our community.



WM Don Moore #298 and SW Paul Garrett @298
Accepting the award on behalf of POF #298



Plaque from Christian In Action For Positive
African American Males

Acacia Lodge #32 Donates School Backpacks

On August 28, 2024, WM Dixon and the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #32 donated 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to needy students as part of their annual back-to-school supply drive at John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia. Acacia Lodge remains committed to this charitable tradition, supporting the youth in our community year after year.



WM Curtis Dixon (holding the pink backpack) and the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #32 proudly deliver school backpack to John Adams Elementary School.

Triangle Lodge #293 continues their Annual support of the Salvation Army - Ring the Bell Donation Event

On December 7, 2024, Worshipful Master Cedric T. Martin and the dedicated members of Triangle Lodge #293 demonstrated their commitment to community service by supporting The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Bell campaign. This annual tradition highlights their philanthropic spirit and is vital in raising funds for individuals and families in need during the holiday season.

Lodge members stationed themselves at various locations throughout the community, engaging with passersby, sharing The Salvation Army's mission, and encouraging generous donations to provide food, shelter, and support for those facing challenges. Their efforts brought warmth and goodwill to the community, fostering a spirit of giving during the festive season.



WM Cedric Martin #293 and
ADDGM Philip Brannon #293
show their support.



Brother Pille #293 and Brother Ellis #293



Left to Rt: WPM Shelly D. Bothwell, WPM Allen L. Jones, Jr
and WPM Steven Gmoney Goodson.
WPM of Triangle Lodge #293 still putting in the Work!

Acacia Lodge #32 Donates Thanksgiving Baskets

On November 26, 2024, WM Dixon and the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #32 donated ten Thanksgiving baskets to students and their families in need at John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia. Acacia Lodge remains committed to this annual charitable tradition, supporting those in need within our community.



WM Curtis Dixon, WPM Derek Bolding, WPM Hector, and WPM Cliff Davis drop off Thanksgiving Baskets at John Adams Elementary School.

A Lil' Masonic Humor

**HOW PM'S BE WATCHING
NEW WM'S RUNNING THE LODGE**

