



The TRIANGLE

LODGE #293

Tribune

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WM Allen L. Jones Jr.

“Embracing The Community!”

Greetings Triangle Lodge #293, I want to begin with God because is God is Good all the time, and all the time God is Good! I give honor to God who is the Head of my life. I thank him for the grace and mercy he has given me and my family and The Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293. Trust in the Lord with all thine hearts and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths Proverbs 3:5 and 6. I would like to quickly thank you for the confidence you saw in me to vote me as your Worshipful Master for the 2021/22 Masonic Year. We are indeed off to a tremendous start on this Masonic Year. Please allow me to provide a recap of some of the things we have done so far this administration. I am please that we've been able to continue our partnership with the Friends of Dumfries Slave Cemetery and the NCAAAP. Our efforts also included the Craft participating in the Dumfries Slave Cemetery Cleanup and the Town of Dumfries' 1st Annual Juneteenth Parade. Although Covid restricted our participation this year, the Craft was able to sponsor a trophy for the Dale City Fourth of July Parade. July truly had our brothers busy and active. With all the activity we had the opportunity to celebrate one of pillars of our Lodge by having a great fare-well celebration for WPM Dennis Joyner and his lovely wife Mrs. Jackie Joyner. This was a pleasure for all of us. Moving forward, I'd like to congratulate and thank the brothers as we had an awesome time with Double-Good Popcorn Fundraiser Campaign. This year my vision for the Lodge is “EMBRACING the COMMUNITY”.

Brothers we continue to embrace the community by assisting with the laying of wreaths for the Contraband and Freedmen Cemetery Historical Marker and as we participated in the Remembrance of Benjamin Thomas lynching on August 18, 1899. Finally, we've been able sow into our youth by providing back to school book-bags to two of our community partners; Covington-Harper Elementary School and Fred- Lynn Middle School and participating in the Dumfries National Night out 2021, where we presented two deserving High School Seniors with scholarships to assist with their educational journey. Thank You to all the Worshipful Past Masters for their wise counseling and participation thus far, as you continue to show us the way. Brothers we could not have done any of this without YOU! I personally want to thank the craft for traveling with and supporting your Worshipful Master. Brothers I would like us to think of ourselves as servants helping the community. As our Song states, “Please don't pass us by”. My prayer for the brothers of Triangle Lodge #293, is that we always show compassion and humility in all we do. Please keep you and your family safe and you pray for me as I pray for you. Be Blessed Triangle Lodge #293.- *WM Allen L. Jones “Embracing The Community!”*

SW Hill



Words from the West!



SW Sean Hill

Greeting for the West...

Over the past year, we have endured the global pandemic of coronavirus, which has had a severe impact on our nation and the world. With the world enduring this pandemic, resulting in the loss of so many lives, let us not forget the Lord said:

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

During these turbulent times, Triangle Lodge #293 has been blessed to resume in-person communications. WE all know how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! WM Jones, has led the way in our efforts as we are truly “EMBRACING THE COMMUNITY”.

May the GAOTU continue to bless WM Jones and this year’s administration, as well as the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293, their friends, and family.

Fraternally,
Senior Warden Sean Hill

JW Bothwell



Subjects from the South!



JW Shelly D. Bothwell

“Greeting from the Junior Warden (JW) Station,

First, let me say this is an honor to be taking part of Triangle Lodge #293 Newsletter and this year’s administration. As I thought about topics that I could present to be an inspiration to the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293, I remembered the phrase “Put in the Work”. I read a book a while ago and one of the characters for the book made the statement, “Put in the Work” and it has stuck with me since reading the book. The character in the book was a professor and he said “Put in the Work” to one of his students, who was trying to convince him to give her a higher graded than she deserved, without doing the work. So, you ask yourself what does this phrase have to do with me as a Man and a Mason?

As, a Mason we must be willing to work hard at supporting Triangle Lodge #293, the 31st Masonic District, and the jurisdiction. I said this because when we are seen in the community doing the work that we do, the community see’s the Brother’s of Triangle Lodge #293 as a representation of all Masons, so Brother’s let’s continue to “Put in the Work” in the Lodge supporting the Worshipful Master and the Community. Let’s continue to Embrace the Community!

“I can do all thing through Christ who Strengthens Me” -Philippians 4:13

Fraternally,

Shelly D Bothwell, Jr.

Junior Warden

Triangle Lodge #293

Election Night

2021-2022 Triangle Lodge No. 293 Masonic Administration

Congratulation Brothers!

Greeting! On June 9, 2021, the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293 had the pleasure of holding our annual Masonic Elections for the upcoming Masonic Year 2021-2022. There is a great anticipation for an outstanding year for the new admiration. Let us all pray for guidance and wisdom for our new administration. Let's all congratulate our fellow Brother's on their newly elected and appointed positions:

Elected & Appointed Officers

Worshipful Master – Bro. Allen L. Jones, Jr

Senior Warden – Bro. Sean A. Hill

Junior Warden – Bro. Shelly D. Bothwell Jr.

Treasurer - WPM Johnie W. Hamilton, IV

Secretary - WPM Earnest L. Prather

Assistant Secretary- Bro. Darrell Ellis Jr.

Senior Deacon - Bro Cedric Martin

Junior Deacon – Bro. St. Francis Peters

Chaplin – Bro. Owen Hodgson

Senior Steward- Bro. Charles Baldwin

Junior Steward- Bro. Michael Paige

Marshal - Bro. Gabriel Pola

Tiler- Bro. Eugene Porter

Historian- Bro Luke Wright



Embracing the Community

Social Engagement and Events

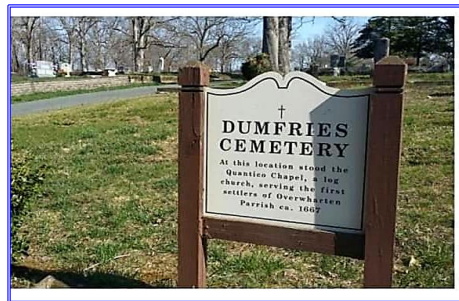
- ✚ **Town of Dumfries Slave Cemetery Cleanup**
- ✚ **Town of Dumfries Annual Juneteenth Celebration**
- ✚ **WPM Dennis S. Joyner Recognition**
- ✚ **MWGM Townes Visit to the 31st Masonic District**
- ✚ **Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Dedication**
- ✚ **Town of Dumfries National Night Out 2021**
- ✚ **Triangle Lodge #293 Scholarship Initiative**
- ✚ **Back to School Book Bag Donation**
- ✚ **Celebrating our Brethren – WPM Rufus “Birdlegs” Jackson Visit**
- ✚ **Motivational Minute by Bro Luke Wright**
- ✚ **From Labor to Reward**
- ✚ **Gospel Experience Scholarship Program**
- ✚ **Upcoming Events**
- ✚ **Word Search**

Worshipful Master Jones and the Brothers of the Craft extends our Prayers to the Victims and Families Effected by COVID-19. Be Mindful and Don't Take Any Chances!

Dumfries Slave Cemetery Cleanup

On Saturday, June 14, and August 14, 2021, the Brothers of the Craft continued our ongoing labor of love by supporting The Friends of Dumfries Slave Cemetery. Many of our Brothers showed up from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Dumfries Slave Cemetery, behind the Dumfries Elementary School at 3990 Cameron St. Dumfries Va. 22026. This effort has allowed us to Bird legs continue our partnership with the Prince William County Chapter of the NAACP.

These cleanup were a very special ones, as they focused on the work previously accomplished at the gravesite. The general focus of the Craft is the upkeep of our ancestral grounds. Thank you for your continued support of this event. It has paid off dividends over the years to providing continued support for a forgotten and historical place in Dumfries history. Brothers keep up the good work.



Town of Dumfries Juneteenth Celebration

The Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293 were truly blessed on Saturday, June 19, 2021, when we were able to participate in the First Inaugural Juneteenth Parade. The celebration include over 20 different community groups, with an estimated 100 plus participants showing up to support. The parade celebration began at Dumfries United Methodist Church and traveled down Cameron Street to the Dumfries Slave Cemetery. The event ended with a candlelight vigil that included a prayer, readings of Dumfries Juneteenth proclamation and General Order 3, the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” often referred to as the “Black National Anthem,” and a wreath-laying ceremony. Brothers WM Allen Jones Jr, SW Sean Hill, and JW Shelly D. Bothwell led the way by laying the wreath during the ceremony. The event was both an emotional and joyous celebration of Juneteenth. The day is an annual remembrance of June 19, 1865, when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. Good Job Brothers!



The Meaning of the Juneteenth Flag

The lone white star in the center of the flag represents Texas, the lone star state where Union soldiers informed the country's last remaining enslaved people that they were free. It also represents freedom of Black Americans in all 50 states. The bursting outline around the star is a symbol of a nova, a term astronomers use to mean a new star. It represents a new beginning for the Black Americans of Galveston and around the land. The curve that extends across the width of the flag represents a new horizon; the opportunities and promise that lay ahead. The red, white and blue represents the American flag, a reminder that slaves and their descendants were and are Americans.



General Order No. 3 as read by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas over two years after the original issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere"

WPM Dennis S. Joyner and Mrs. Jackie Celebration

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, the Brothers of the Craft were joined by many of our Family and Friends in wishing a warm congratulation to WPM Dennis "Stanley" Joyner and his precious Bride, Mrs. Jackie Joyner as they prepared to move from the Manassas, Virginia area to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Bro Dennis has one of the great pillars of Triangle Lodge #293 and the 31st Masonic District, while servicing masonic duties in many of the Masonic Houses in the Jurisdiction of Virginia. Bro Dennis has truly been asset to the Men of Triangle, but he could not have done any of this without his lovely wife, Mrs. Jackie Joyner. Mrs. Jackie, as the Brothers affectionately call her, has not only support Bro. Dennis, but she has supported the Craft in many ways. Her meals and special dishes have been on display at many of our functions, everything from Lodge Fish Fry Fundraisers to providing a dish or two for repass at our Stated Communication Meeting, The Joyner's will surely be missed as they move to North Carolina, but we know they have a special place in our hearts.



WPM Dennis S. Joyner and his lovely wife, Mrs. Jackie

MWGM Townes visits the 31st Masonic District



District and completion of initiation work. Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes (left), WDDGM Charles James #11 center), and RWSGW Beverly W. Morgan, Jr. #298 pose, after visitation to the 31st Masonic District.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes and Worshipful Master Allen L Jones, Jr.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Townes and some of the Worshipful Masters of the 31st Masonic District.

Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Dedication

On Saturday, Jul 24, 2021, WM Jones and the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293, the City of Alexandria, Va. and the Brothers of the Mighty 31st Masonic District, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia participated in honoring the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial's inclusion into the African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN). The dedication included a wreath laying by the 31st Masonic District, a reading by representatives of the United States Colored Troops (USCT), and remarks by Reverend Taft Quincey Heatley.

The AACRN's collection of 57 powerful historic resources commemorate, honor, and interpret the nation's Civil Rights Movement and the continuing struggle for racial equality. Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery is the oldest and first site in Virginia to be added to the network. In 1864, the U.S. Army established the burial ground for contrabands and freedmen, making it one of the few final resting places of its kind in the country. Shortly after, the cemetery became the site of Alexandria's first known Civil Rights expression. Following the burial of 118 United States Colored Troops (USCT) in Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, outraged USCT protested and petitioned for their fellow soldiers' right to be buried at what is today Alexandria National Cemetery. As a result of their action, the soldiers were reburied in Alexandria National Cemetery.



Dumfries National Night Out

WM Jones and the Brothers of Triangle Lodge #293 had the pleasure of participating in the Town of Dumfries National Night Out 2021. Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. This year's participation is a new initiative brought forth by WM Jones to embrace to community, while joining in the support our local Police and Fire Departments.



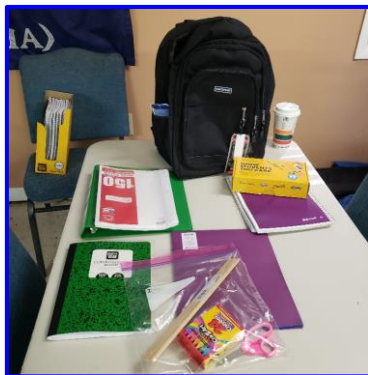
Triangle Lodge #293 Scholarship Initiative

On August 3, 2021, WM Jones and the Brothers of the Craft were able to complete on of the tenets of Masonry by presenting scholarships to two deserving members of our community. Mr. Ahmad Rattley received \$500, and Ms. Ashlyn Jones received \$250 from the craft to support the educational endeavors. The Triangle Lodge #293 Scholarship Initiative is an ongoing program to support the youth of our community and provide a charity donation to support the educational goals of well deserving young adults.



Back to School Supplies Drive Donation

On August 25, 2021, WM Jones and the Brothers of the Craft were able to complete one of the tenets of Masonry by gathering, preparing, and dropping school supplies for the kids of Covington-Harper Elementary and Fred Lynn Middle School. It was indeed a pleasure for the Brothers to pack each Book-Bag with supplies, consisting of Memorandum Pads, Tablets, Paper, Folders, Pencils, Crayons, Rulers, etc. Bro JW Bothwell and Marshal Pola were key in ensuring this year's effort received as much support from the Brethren as possible. This year we were able to donate a total of 50 Book Bags! Great Job Brothers of the Triangle Lodge #293!



Celebrating our Brethren – WPM Rufus “Birdlegs” Jackson

“Behold,, August 21, 2021, It was indeed a great day when several of the Brothers were able to visit one of Triangle Lodge #293’s “Living Legends”...The GOAT!, our very own WPM Rufus “Birdlegs” Jackson! We were also blessed to spend time with PDDGM Ronald Blakely of Acacia #32, another one of the esteemed Brothers in the Prince Hall Masonry. Let’s just say it was a pleasure to be in their presence, as we were able to break bread, share laughter, and gain some Masonic Light. WPM Jackson is a pillar of Triangle Lodge #293, having led the lodge as the Worshipful Master during the 1999-2000 Masonic Year.



WPM Rufus “Birdlegs” Jackson & WPM Ronald Blakley



Triangle Men visit Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20. On Sunday, August 29th Worshipful Master Jones and several of our Brothers were able to rekindle a past relationship and foster Brotherly Love when they visited our neighboring Church The Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Triangle, Va. Triangle Lodge #293 and the Star of Bethlehem Church has had a beautiful relationship over the years, as we share common ground around the are of the lodge and church. It was indeed an opportunity to worship together and embrace the community.



WM Jones and the Brothers of the Craft



Motivational Minute!

One Day versus Day 1



One day I will ...

One day often never arrives

One day often works for procrastination and fear. Procrastination who constantly promises but never shows, and Fear that hand cuffs us in the shadows of what we are afraid might happen.

One day is scheduled on a calendar where each day of the week is Someday, and no day of the week is The Day.

Day 1 is The Day is of execution.

Day 1 ushers in every day of progress, enlightenment, mistakes, learning, and growth.

Day 1 is the entrance.

Day 1 allows you to build the door where there was only a wall.

Day 1 is for the builder, not the worrier.

Day 1 is for our working tools.

Day 1 is this moment.

Let today not be another *One Day*, but *Day 1*.

Brother Luke Wright

Luke Motivates!

FROM LABOR TO REWARD!

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24

Until We Meet Again
We think about you always
we talk about you still -
You have never been forgotten
and you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts
and there you will remain -
To walk and guide us through our lives
until we meet again.



Brother Trey Wilborn

Brother Gregory Monk

Brother Willie Collins

Gospel Experience Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Gospel Worship Experience Scholarship Program

Date: October 2nd 2021

Time: 4:30pm

*Place: Mt. Zion Baptist
Church*

*18410 Chapel Dr. Triangle
Virginia 22172*



*Special Guests
SMALL TOWN WORSHIP*

12 Scholarships will be
awarded
THIS IS A FREE EVENT



*Special Guest
Poet Brigitte Johnson*



*Deacon Kenneth
Lee & Deaconess
Joyce Lee*

**PLEASE SEND DONATIONS
to \$gwesp56**

WM's Upcoming Events

- + Street Light Ministries Toiletries Donation Drive**
- + Winter Coat Donation Drive**
- + Triangle Lodge #293 Anniversary Breakfast**
- + Triangle Lodge #293 Fish Fry Fundraiser**
- + Thanksgiving Day Breakfast Event**
- + Thanksgiving Family Baskets Donation Event**
- + Annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive**
- + Wreaths Across America Event**
- + The Town of Dumfries Christmas Parade**

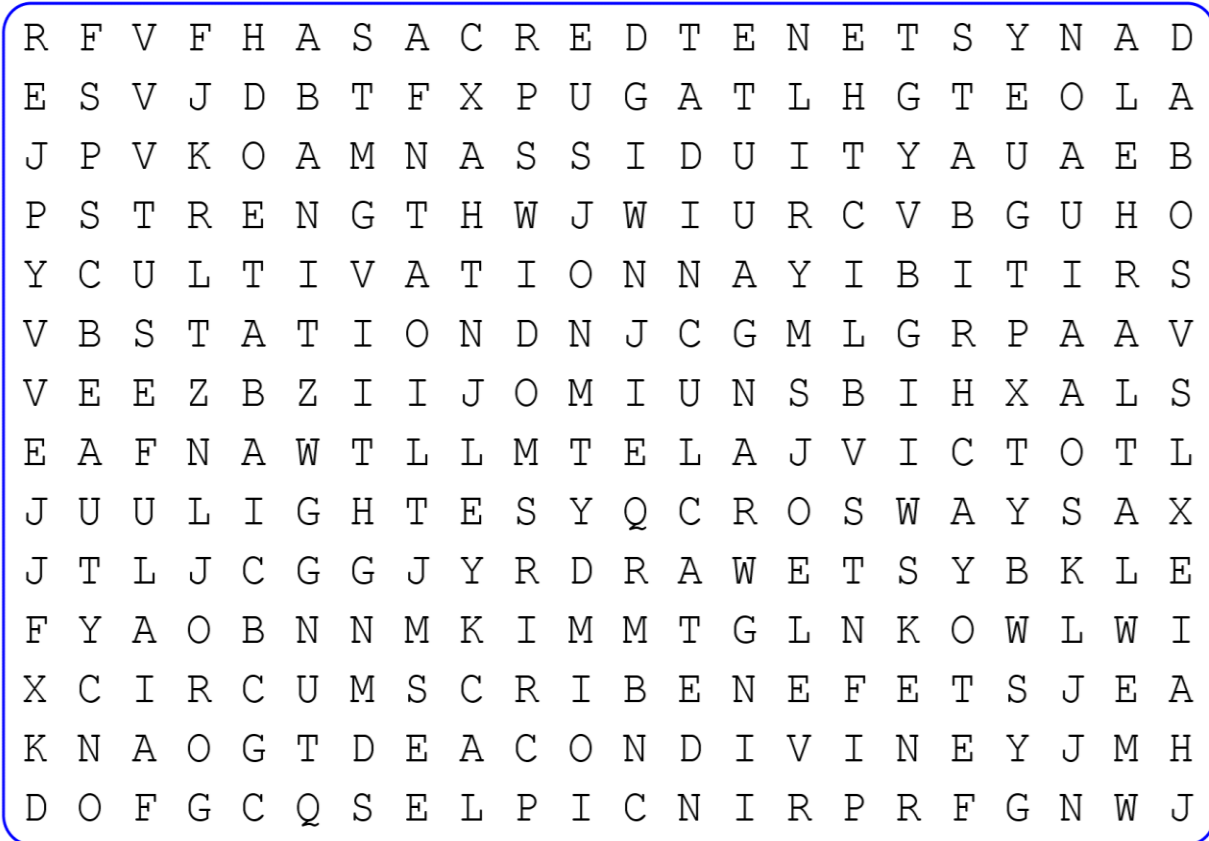


Masonic Word Search!

by Bro Carroll Alexander



Word Search



Ambiable

Beauty

Circumscribe

Divine

Mystic Art

Sacred Tenets

Strength

Useful

Assiduity

Benefets

Cultivation

Inculcated

Principles

Station

Sway

Virtue

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Rights

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