



# Chester 94 Trestleboard

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Calendar

1st Wednesday - [Midlothian #211](#) Stated ✦ 2nd Wednesday - [Black Heath #1982](#) Stated ✦ 2nd Thursday - [Chester #94](#) Stated ✦ 3rd Wednesday - [Clover Hill #253](#) Stated  
3rd Thursday - [DeWitt-Clinton #141](#) Stated ✦ 4th Tuesday - [Powhatan #295](#) Stated ✦ [MAHOVA](#)



Greetings from the East:

2023 was either a great or hard year for most people. As we move into 2024 and my year in the East. I would like to talk about my plan and afterwards thank a few people that helped me get to the East. My main goal this year is to make our lodge stronger. How we do that will depend on how the year goes. My ultimate goal with that is when it is my turn to leave the east the Lodge just keeps on going without me. One of the major things I have learnt in my different leadership roles is that the leader cannot do everything and needs to be there for their members. With, that it is just part of what I mean when I say I want to make this lodge stronger. Having everyone move up to the next seat and feel comfortable about their advancement. Look for more community opportunities that we all can take part in. Having family friendly events. Family comes first to me and I am sure the same for most of your. When we have our monthly breakfast, my favorite part is seeing the kids there. Also, with the community coming back it offers us a chance to grow our membership once again. Membership growth is good for the lodge, but I also think we should look at the mental health our current members. We all have different stress in our life and lodge should not be one of them. People should want to come to lodge and be able to have a good time with their brothers.

Speaking of which I would like to honor a few that I mention when I took the east in December. I would not be a mason if it was not for Wor. David Duncan. Thank you for being a mentor in Kiwanis and Masonry. It was those talk about the pancakes breakfasts that gave me a chance to get to know the other brothers. One of the first I got to know was Wor. Kenn Wittig or papa Kenn as some of us call him. You offer your guidance and leadership without even really knowing me. As I write this in my kitchen where you fixed my ceiling light, I had no idea how to fix to our car rides. I always learn something every time I talk to you. Next is my coach/mentor Right Wor. Joe Crouch. You teaching me five lines at a time at first I thought I would never learn, but there was a reason why you do the way you do it. It is not just teaching the words, but actually knowing why the words are what they are means so much more. Thank you for all your help and the future help as well. And yes, I also thanked Mary. If you have ever studied at Joe's House, you know Mary. A die-hard Alabama fan and a great woman. I still wanted to see Michigan win it all but they have to get through Mary's team first. Next, I thanked Wor. Eugene Bowen for giving me a chance to get in line. As a track coach too, I look up to you and it is a great feeling seeing you with an invitation to know I have a brother there. You always step up whenever you can, and you are a great role model for us all. Thank you for all you do for our lodge.

I mentioned a few more and gave more details, but the one people asked me about was Wor. Woody Childs. I met him for the first time in 1994. He does not remember me from them, but he played a huge role in my life. I was locked up for being a threat to society. For those that know. That was a label they would put on people that they could not charge for anything else. I was looking at juvenile life and Woody offered me the group home. I spent the next 7 months living in the group home instead of behind bars for longer. He helped so many people and reminded me we really do not know the impact we play on others. As a teacher of 21 years I have taught over 3000 students and have coached another 2000 plus more in Track, wrestling, football, and Cheerleading. There is no way I can remember all of them, but I tried to make an impact on all of them. I do not know if I was successful or not. The line I would tell myself that every student and athlete matters. I have seen some coaches focus on the superstars, but when they graduate you are left with nothing. You are only as strong as your weakest member. Build everyone up is a challenge with so many different personalities, but it is something that as a lodge we can do. Build each other up. Be there for your brother as your family. And as always if there is every a time you need some time to just talk to someone please call my cell anytime (804-484-9672). I might not always answer right away but I will get back to you as soon as I can.

As Master I also need to remind everyone that January is a busy month. The Grandmaster is visiting on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> and again on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> where I need all line officers in attendance if it is in your cable tow. Then in February we will have our official visit from Right Worshipful Caviness in our monthly stated. Dinners will continue with the same caterer for Jan and Feb. We need to have at least 15 to attend. The minimum is 15 but please send me an email the Tuesday before the stated if you plan to attend to make sure we have enough food for everyone. I am trying to have a nicer meal in February and the price might go up to 15 for a little more. Will let everyone know for sure when it has been confirmed. If you need to reach me, please call my cell or email me at [jlmoore7877@gmail.com](mailto:jlmoore7877@gmail.com)

Thank you for your time:  
Wor. Jamie Moore



There is no report from the West



I would like to thank Worshipful Jamie Moore and the members of the Lodge for having the confidence in electing me to move into the South this year. I am a relatively new member to the Lodge having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 11, 2020. I am, therefore, confident that many of you may not have any idea of who I am. So let me introduce myself to you:

I was born in Petersburg, Virginia on September 8, 1946 to Major Felix S. Lee (a member of Blandford Lodge No. 3) and Elizabeth Magee Lee. (As a side note for those who have resided in Chester since the 1950's and remember the original Magee's Rexall Drug Store, James T. Magee was my uncle and I had many visit to it, and enjoyed the company of Judge Old, Eve Organ, Leo Myers and many others.) I have an older brother, Tommy Lee (who many in Petersburg know as the pharmacist and former owner of Walnut Hill Pharmacy). While my father was killed in Korea in November of 1950, we basically have spent my early life living in Petersburg where I graduated from Petersburg High in February of 1965. I attend Chowan Junior College, Smith-Dale Massey Business College, and finally obtained my BA degree in 1995 from Averett College now Averett University. I was employed for 35 years by the VDOT located outside of Colonial Heights in Chesterfield County for 35 years working in the Right of Way Section. I was also a member of the Virginia Army National Guard and retired as an E-8 after 20+years of service. I was married in 1970 to Sandra Kay Cimburke and have remained so for 53 years and hoping for many more. We have two children: Tammy Lee Underwood (Thomas Dale -1989 and Va. Tech -1993) now residing in Williamsburg and Justin S. Lee (Thomas Dale – 1992 and Hampton-Sydney 1996) now residing in Short Pump.

Since being raised to the degree of Master Mason, I have also become a member of Royal Arch Chapter 7, Commandery Post 6 (both in Petersburg) and the AMD.

Now that you know a little about me it is my hope that by phone and/or personal visits I will get to know you also. One of my major duties in the Lodge is to serve the chairman of the Widows Committee. We currently have close to 40 widows on the Lodge roll book. On December of 2023, nine members of our Lodge and two Brothers from other Lodges delivered the cinnamon roll loaves to our widows. I am currently looking for additional members of the Lodge who may be willing to adopt one or more widows. I will be more than happy to discuss this with you as I make further contact with you.

Again, thank you for your support and am looking forward to the growth and renewal of Chester Lodge as we go through 2024.

Bill Lee, Junior Warden



Our Grand Lodge Blood Campaign commitment renews each year with new officers carrying forward charitable goals, and results in lifestyles inclusive of community service. Chester Lodge No. 94 proudly displays the award for years of donor level excellence.

This new year is off to another good start, thanks to Lisa Just for her recent donation. Remember that donations of spouses and immediate family members are also credited to our lodge. We appreciate Lisa's continual donations through the years to a cause which we believe saves lives.

An individual testimony from a man, Dave, a regular donor now retired and living in Port Richey, Florida, begins when he discovered that he and his wife were starting a family in 1957. His wife's Doctor came out to the car as Dave was waiting in his parking lot, to see if he knew his blood type. When Dave said, "O negative," the doctor responded with a huge smile of relief, and said, "Great."

It wasn't long until Dave was on the local hospital list of blood donors for newborn babies. Over the years, he spent many nights up past midnight waiting for another newborn to transfuse them. Today, Dave is 87 years old, and has donated regularly anytime there was a need. He has no idea how many gallons he has donated, but he's simply glad to have helped someone on life's road, and plans to donate until they tell him, no more.

Use the American Blood Cross website to locate and schedule blood drives. Upcoming drives include the following:

- Friday, January 12 – YMCA Chester – 3011 W. Hundred Rd. 10:30-3:30
- Tuesday, January 23 – American Legion Post #284 – 505 Springdale Ave, Colonial Heights – 1:00-6:00

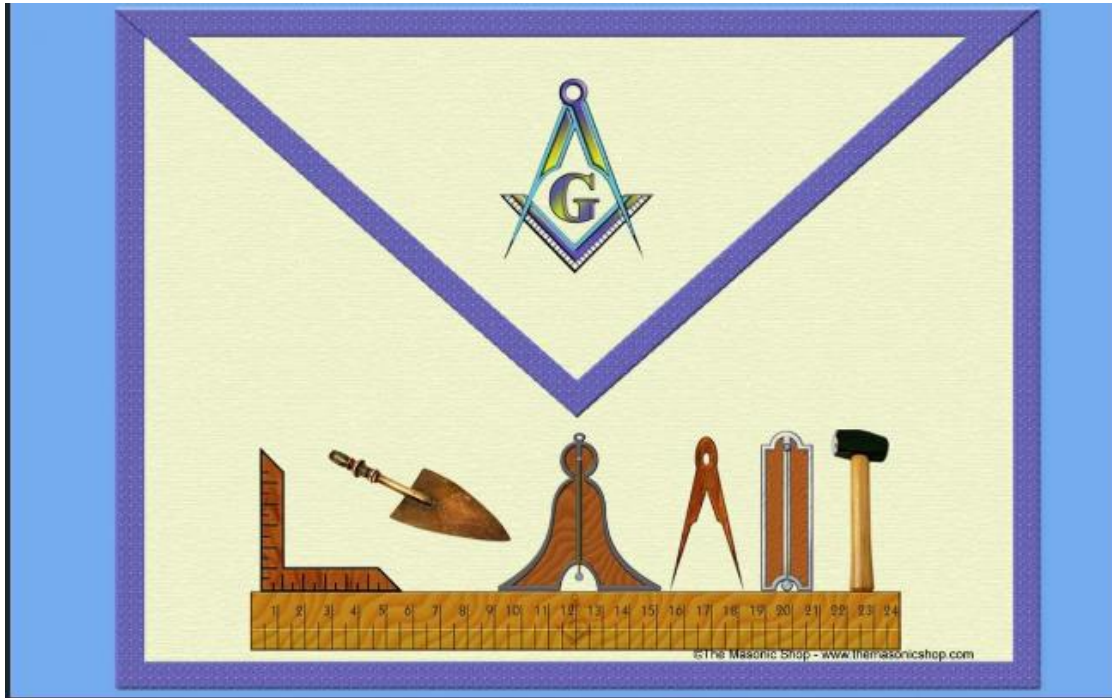
Choose an appointment time convenient to you by using the [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) website, and report your donation to the Chester Lodge blood coordinator. If you have not yet done so, you may also download the Rapid Pass app on your phone, or computer, in order to complete the required questions pre-donation. Thank you and best wishes for a healthy and happy new year of active involvement in the community.



### Monthly Breakfast

January 6th is the first Saturday of the month and that means pancakes! Come join us for the monthly lodge breakfast which is served from 8-10. This event is open to the public and is a good opportunity to enjoy fellowship within the lodge as well as putting a face to Masonry for those in the community.

We will be serving pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee, and juice. For the kids (and kids at heart) are also willing to put some chocolate chips or blueberries in the pancakes. See you there!



Do you remember their uses and significance? If you would want to go over some ritual, there is always a Brother who would be happy to provide assistance.

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets the Monday following our monthly Stated Communication. This month that is Monday, January 15. A fellowship dinner is at 5:30 at a local restaurant and the meeting is at 7 PM at the lodge. For details, please contact Wor. Rob Baird.

Unfortunately, bad people are using the email addresses and phone numbers on the lodge officer roster to try to scam people out of money. Unfortunately, when we removed the emails, they went to use the phone numbers to try to defraud by text messages. Please, if you ever get a message asking for gift cards stop and think and if still seems ok, stop and think again.

Question: What two symbolic themes predominate in the first three degrees of Masonry?

Answer: One is the search for light and the other is the labor of building.





**CHESTER No. 94 OFFICERS 2024**



Worshipful Master	Wor. Jamie Moore	MaHoVa Ambassador	Wor. Rob Baird II
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