

## Founder's Month

The Grand Lodge of Virginia was formally constituted on October 30, 1778, with its headquarters in Williamsburg, by the union of nine chartered Lodges: Norfolk, Port Royal, Blandford, and Fredericksburg, Saint Tammany, Williamsburg, Botetourt, Cabin Point, and Yorktown. Today there are over 300 Lodges and 32,000 Masons in Virginia.

We gather here to honor the Founders of our Fraternity. Our Founders, if they came back today, would be overjoyed to see the Masonic Home. Nothing could honor their memory more than seeing the result of their work as symbolized in the Masonic Home, the primary charity of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. After all, Masonry, like all of the best things in life, is more about doing for others than it is about gaining for one's self. The best of what we get out of Freemasonry is what we give to others.

If you have ever wondered how you, as a part of Grand Lodge, live up to your obligations as a Mason, how you personally carry on the tradition of our Founders, and how we as a Fraternity "practice what we preach," you need look no further than the Masonic Home. Just as Founder's Month recognizes men who made a difference in our Fraternity, the Home stands as a monument to honor ALL Virginia Masons, because they cared enough to do something with what Freemasonry taught them.

May God continue to grant us the strength to help others through the Masonic Home of Virginia, as we carry forward the attitude of service shown to us by our Founders. Nothing is more consistent with our obligation as a Master Mason.

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