

# The T. L. of R. Bulletin

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## SECOND QUARTER BULLETIN – 2021

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### MARCH 6 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of Western Sun Lodge No. 88 in Troy, TN. Fifteen members and visitors were in attendance. Brother Master Jason Francis Hicks presided. Western Sun Lodge No. 88 was thanked for their excellent hospitality and for the excellent meal that they furnished.

Brother Master Hicks was our speaker. He presented “John Raymond Shute, Jr., the Innovator of Modern Masonry.” Beginning in the 1920’s, Brother Shute, a North Carolina Mason, was active during most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He was instrumental in the founding of the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Knight Masons, and the Grand College of Rites. Brother Hicks’ paper will be published in our 2021 Proceedings next year.

This paper was the capstone paper which completed Brother Hicks’ studies and activities in the [Tennessee Academy of Masonic Knowledge](http://www.tnlor.org) and earned him his Master Masonic Scholar medal.

The following deaths were reported:

Jerry Carlile Boone, Knoxville, TN, Fountain City Lodge #757, died 7/29/2020;

Robert Elmer Gooch, Fellow, Secretary Emeritus, and Master of the Lodge of Research in 1989, Clarksville, TN, Clarksville Lodge No. 89, died 1/17/2021;

Jerry Lynn Hanson, Past Grand Master, Bartlett, TN, Unity Lodge #95, died 1/14/2021;

Hubert Ray Jackson, Charter Member, Joelton, TN, Iron Lodge #503, died 11/24/2020;

Glenn Alan Johnson, Limestone, TN, Johnson City Lodge #486, died 2/2/2021;

Bennie Willis Morrison, Charter Member, Stanton, TN, Ed Worsham Lodge #505, died 1/4/2021;

Ronald Anthony Scott, Gainesboro, TN, Tannehill Lodge #133, died 1/19/2021;

Morris Wayne Thompson, Savannah, TN, Savannah Lodge #102, died 1/6/2021;

David Charles Willis, Sevierville, TN, Mountain Star Lodge #197, died 12/31/2020

Three petitions for membership were approved. After the meeting \$49 was collected for the Grand Lodge Widows and Orphans Fund.

### JUNE 12 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 12 at West Nashville Phoenix Lodge No. 131 in Nashville. Our speaker will be Brother Ryan Turbeville, who will present “The Nashville Masonic Theater” about this venue within the Masonic Hall in downtown Nashville that provided entertainment to the public from 1860 until 1915.

A meal will be served at 12:00 Noon Central Time. The speaking presentation will begin at 1:00 PM. The regular meeting of the TLR will begin following the speaking program. The public is invited to the speaking presentation, after which all who are not Master Masons will be asked to retire (Master Masons who are non-members are welcome to visit our regular meeting).

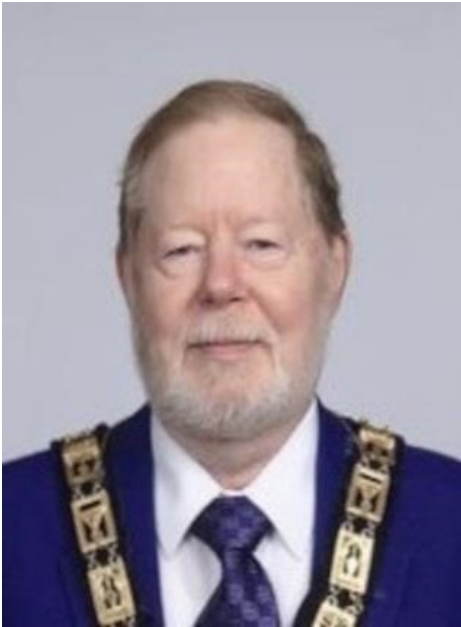
### Driving Directions for the June 12 Meeting:

From **Interstate 40**, west of downtown Nashville, take **Exit 204** onto **State Highway 255** (which is also White Bridge Road). Proceed **South .1 mile** to **Charlotte Ave.** Turn **left** onto **Charlotte Ave.** Proceed **East .7 mile** to 46<sup>th</sup> Ave North. Turn **right** onto **46<sup>th</sup> Ave North.** Proceed **South .8 mile** to Westlawn Drive, where 46<sup>th</sup> Ave North **merges with Westlawn Drive.** Proceed another **.1 mile** to Sloan Road. Turn **right** onto **Sloan Road.** West Nashville Phoenix Lodge No. 131 is located at [4607 Sloan Road, Nashville, TN 37209.](http://www.tnlor.org)

### REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2021

September 11, 2021 – Rhea Lodge No. 47, Jonesboro, TN

December 11, 2021 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN



## **PASSING OF PAST MASTER AND FELLOW PAUL FREDERICK RICHARDS**

We are saddened to note the passing on April 22 of Most Illustrious Brother Paul Frederick Richards, 33°, KGYCH, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Tennessee for 2017. Brother Richards was a Past Master and Fellow of the Lodge of Research, having served as Master in 1999.

From [his obituary](#):

He devoted many hours to volunteer work through the organizations he belonged to. He was active in the Boy Scouts for years, serving as a scout master. One of his greatest joys was sitting and drinking coffee with friends. Paul is remembered for his kindness, his friendliness, and his smile.

He was raised a Master Mason on October 1, 1973. He joined the Scottish Rite and was coronated a 33° degree in 2005. Paul was a member of the York Rite and was awarded the Knight of York Cross of Honor. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of Tennessee on March 20, 2017 and by

this was awarded the Knight of York Grand Cross of Honor.

Most Illustrious Brother Richards was an ardent supporter of the Lodge of Research and frequently attended our meetings. He will be greatly missed.

## **2021 SYMPOSIUM ON MASONIC ESOTERICA**

With the overcoming of the COVID Pandemic, we are set to resume the Annual Symposium on Masonic Esoterica, sponsored by the Tennessee Lodge of Research and the Nashville Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This year's Symposium has been set for October 16 at the Grand Lodge Building. Speakers and topics will be listed in our Lodge of Research 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Bulletin.

Our forthcoming 2018 Proceedings will include Esoteric papers prepared by the Society of Masonic Orators and Litterateurs in lieu of a 2020 in-person Symposium which could not be held because of the pandemic. These papers include "Transliterating the Sacred Symbolic Name" by Thomas Driber, Ph.D., 33°, "Are You a Fellowcraft Mason?" by Nick Gatlin, 32° KCCH, "Understanding the Royal Secret Through the Pythagorean Monad" by Ryan Driber, 32° KCCH, and "Gender and Union in Freemasonry" by David Stafford, Ed.D., 33°. These authors were videotaped presenting these papers—DVD's of these presentations will be available for sale for \$20 each at our Lodge of Research meetings.

## **DAN BROWN'S *THE LOST SYMBOL* TV SERIES COMING**

From <http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2021/05/dan-browns-lost-symbol-first-trailer.html>

by Christopher Hodapp

Earlier this week, NBC/Universal released the first preview for Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol* (formerly known as *Langdon*; formerly known as *Dan Brown's Langdon*) airing on their Peacock streaming service later this year. It is based on the 2009 novel and *Da Vinci Code* sequel by Brown.

*The Lost Symbol* was the third novel to feature Brown's "symbolologist" character, Robert Langdon, who was portrayed by Tom Hanks in three big-budget, theatrical movies. This pilot film was initially planned to air on the NBC broadcast network, but now the subsequent series will be a flagship show for the fledgling Peacock pay streaming service, instead.

The original story line of the novel has been shifted to occur before *The DaVinci Code* and *Angels & Demons*. Ashley Zuckerman (from *Designated Survivor*) portrays symbolologist Robert Langdon shortly after his graduation from Harvard (and much younger than Tom Hanks' version in three previous theatrical films of Brown's novels). Langdon must solve a twisted mystery to save his university mentor, Peter Solomon (played by comedian and actor, Eddie Izzard) and prevent a mysterious nemesis from unleashing terrible destruction on Washington, D.C.

Brown's plot in *The Lost Symbol* revolved around many Masonic clues and landmarks in Washington, including the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction's House of the Temple headquarters. Masons everywhere enjoyed the novel and the public spotlight it brought to the fraternity.