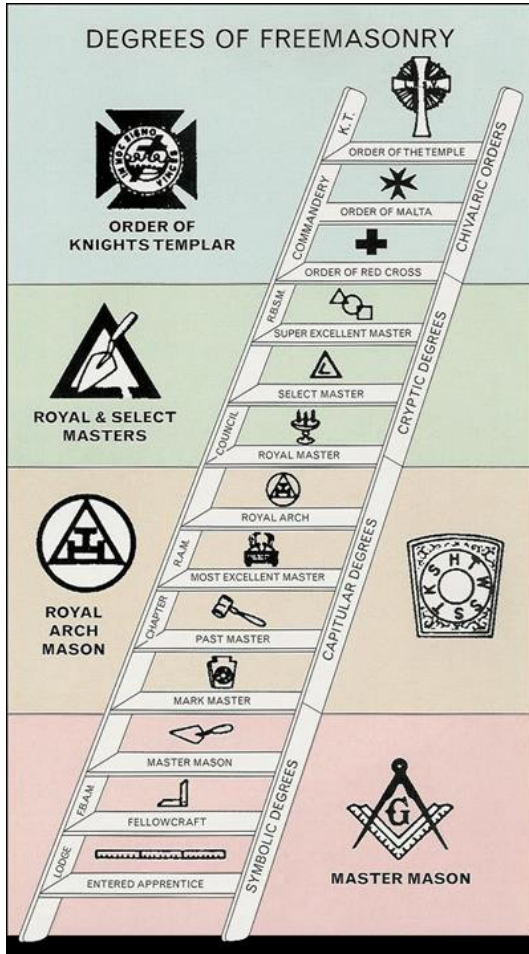


# Degrees Offered

## In York Rite Masonry

### Past High Priests

#### High Priests of Manassas Royal Arch No.81



- 1958-59 = Chas. Hillary Wine Sr.+  
 1960 = James R. Offield+  
 1961 = Glen G. O'Neil+  
 1962-63,84 = William A. Vincent \*@  
 1964 = Abel Jackson Bailey+  
 1965 = Vesta B. Short+  
 1966 = Willard A. Jenkins=  
 1967 = Charles R Gough+  
 1968-69 = Willard A. Jenkins=  
 1970 = Joseph R. Brannan+  
 1971,74 = Charles Wilson Stouffer+  
 1972 = Durward E. Grubbs=+  
 1973 = Lawrence S. Ziegler  
 1975-76 = Durward E. Grubbs=+  
 1977 = Norman T. Snellings=  
 1978-79 = Russell D. Hancock+  
 1980-81 = Donald Mayard Van Houten. +\*  
 1982 = Linwood Lee Holbrook Jr. \*  
 1983 = Robert Rose=  
 1985 = Thomas G. Walker\*  
 1986 = William Weldon Costis  
 1987 = Charles R. Soderberg \*=  
 1988 = Michael James Rawley  
 1989 = Walter Roland Peterman +  
 1990 = Carl Hampton Dunn Jr. \*  
 1991 = Michael E. Coleman \*  
 1992 = Edward Howard Jr.+  
 1993 = Edwin P. Elliott Jr.\*@+  
 1994 = Robert E. Riggle Sr.  
 1995 = Elbert Leon Thomas  
 1996 = Jeffrey Scott Holbrook  
 1997 = Frank Hughie Mclvor  
 1998 = Charles W. Wagner \*#  
 1999 = Cornelius J. Van Aalst, Jr.+  
 2000 = Dennis Sherman Lavery  
 2001 = Donald Leo McAndrews~&@#  
 2002 = Paul Arnold Dixon  
 2003 = Charles E. McNoldy+  
 2004 = William K. Edwards  
 2005 = Robert Mayer  
 2006 = Paul Martin  
 2007 = Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. \*@+  
 2008 = Jeffrey Holbrook  
 2009 = Durward E. Grubbs=+  
 2010 = Alex Buffalo  
 2011 = David Davis +  
 2012 = Richard Saunders  
 2013 = Christopher Swihart \*\$  
 2014 = Doug Dulaney  
 2015 = Robert McDaniel=  
 2016 = Clancy Nidell  
 2017 = Joseph Martinez Sr.

#### Honorary Members

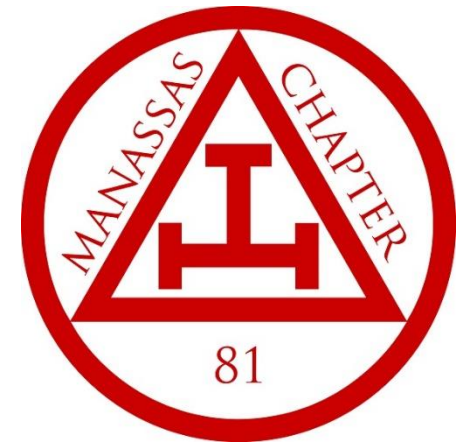
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## Manassas Royal Arch Chapter 81

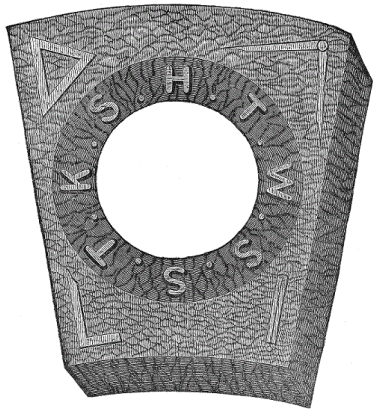
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August, 2019



## Manassas Royal Arch Chapter No. 81

From the Chamber of the High Priest

The Chapter Convocation for August will be held on August 8th. The dinner begins at 6:30pm with the Chapter opening at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter. I encourage all Companions to come out for an evening of Royal Arch enjoyment and fellowship with your Brethren and Companions. The Chapter needs and wants your support. I hope that all available Companions can set aside the time to attend.

This month's Convocation will be highlighted by a presentation on the history and development of the Most Excellent Masters Degree. Learn where it was developed, why it was added to the Royal Arch Degree system and its early introduction into Royal Arch Masonry. We will explore the early working of the Degree and present information about authorship and the development of the Degree. The Most Excellent Master Degree is uniquely American and I hope the presentation will provide you with new insight and understanding of the Degree.

At the July Convocation Manassas Chapter hosted the Past Masters Degree as part of our support for District 17. Two candidates participated in the conferral and our congratulations go out to those newly made Virtual Past Masters. The degree was performed for the candidates to continue their progression toward the Royal Arch. The degree went very well and the candidates seemed to enjoy and benefit from the experience.

The end of the 2019 officer term is fast approaching. Election of officers will be held at the September Convocation. If you would like to learn more about being a Chapter Officer please feel free to contact me or the Chapter Secretary for additional information. If you would like to serve as an officer during the next term please let me know so that your name can be put into consideration. Generally speaking the officer parts are not difficult to master and it is a very important way for you to support our Chapter.



A few words about our symbolism: The Tau cross is the emblem of Mercury, the God's messenger, who also conducts souls through the underworld. He takes the dead by one hand and uplifting the caduceus in the other leads them from the grave through the underworld to the Elysian Fields, before his caduceus the power of evil fled. Esoterically, the Tau represents a sacred gate or opening, and is symbolic of death. The Triple Tau, is an arrangement of three Taus in a spoked formation, symbolizing the Temple of Jerusalem. The Triple Tau is said to actually comprise only two letters "T" and "H", symbolic for the Greek phrase "Templum Hierosymoe," with the "H" at the bottom symbolizing a pictographic stand-in for the Arch of the Temple entrance. The Greek "Hiero," translates into holy.

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Email: jmartinezafam@gmail.com

**TREASURER** – Com. Arthur Wood

**KING** – Ex. Clancy Nidell, PHP

**SCRIBE** – Com. Philip Sommers

**CAPTAIN OF THE HOST** – Ex. Rick Saunders, PHP

**ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN** – Ex. Paul Lockhart, PHP

**GRAND MASTER 3rd VEIL** – Com. Tom Nofsinger

**GRAND MASTER 2nd VEIL** – Com. Wyatt Hamrick

**GRAND MASTER 1st VEIL** – Rt. Ex. Chris Swihart

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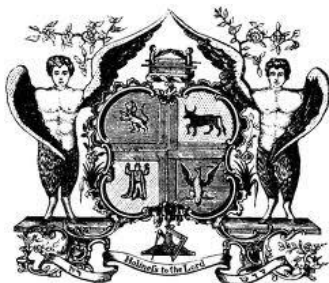
**LECTURER**- Mt. Ex. Donald McAndrews

**TILER** – TBD

*Treasurer Emeritus – RE Linwood Lee Holbrook Jr.*

### District Deputy Grand High Priest

District No. 17 Right Excellent Barry Constant



**August 2019**