

HISTORY OF VIRGINIA RESEARCH
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 1753
MARCH 1984 THRU SEPTEMBER 1989

PRESENTED BY: BERNARD B. BELOTE, JR.
LEONARD M. KILIAN

SEPTEMBER 16, 1989

There was talk of a need for a new Royal Arch Chapter in the second Capitular district as far back as the mid 1970s. There was a concern about the availability of officers and candidates for the new Chapter. At the same time there was also a concern for the existing Chapters in the district. They were unable to have a complete line of officers without using past High Priests to fill some of the stations. Also they had been unable for years to get enough new members to offset their losses each year.

In the early part of 1983, the founders of this Chapter, Excellent Companion Leonard M. Kilian, PHP of Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82 and DDGHP designate for 1984-1985, and Right Excellent Companion Bernard B. Belote, Jr., Grand Master of the Third Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, later to become Grand High Priest, (1987-1988), after discussing the feasibility of forming a new Chapter in the district came up with the idea of forming a Research Chapter to meet in the daytime. Its primary function would be to present papers and programs of Masonic research and interest in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular.

In March 1983, while attending the Eastern Shore Royal Arch School in Wachapreague, Most Excellent Companion Wilbur A. "Buck" Spain, who has a Chapter named in his honor (Wilbur A. Spain Chapter No. 84), and has been directly involved in the formation of several Chapters was approached by the founders about what to do to get a Research Chapter started. He said "just do it".

During the next several months the founders talked to many companions to get their feelings about forming such a Chapter. Almost every one of them thought it was an excellent idea and thought that it should be done.

After receiving such a favorable response it was decided to form the Chapter. In November 1983 Excellent Companion Leonard M. Kilian, Right Excellent Companion Bernard B. Belote, Jr. and Right Excellent Companion James N. Joyner, DDGHP, met at the Chesapeake Pizza Restaurant in Great Bridge for lunch and to discuss the progress of the new Chapter. The most of the officers were selected at this meeting.

At the request of Right Excellent Companion Bernard B. Belote, Jr., the acting secretary of the Chapter, Most Excellent Companion Spain obtained a copy of the By-Laws of Massachusetts Chapter of Research, and Right Excellent Companion Stewart W. Miner, Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia and Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, obtained a copy of the petition to request a dispensation for the A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949 to assist him in preparing the necessary papers to submit to the Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion R. Claiborne Wilson, PGHP, now deceased, made the first donation to help the Chapter get started. Most Excellent Wilson was a strong supporter of the Chapter and was the first member of the Chapter to die. He died seven weeks before the Chapter was Chartered at Grand Chapter.

Excellent Companion Percy Jones, PHP of John Walters Chapter No. 68, now deceased made a contribution to the Chapter and never petitioned for membership.

A petition to request a dispensation from the Grand High Priest was presented for signatures for the first time at the Andrew Broady Capps, Jr. Royal Arch Ritual School that was held in Norview Chapter on January 30, 1984.

At a Stated communication of Great Bridge Lodge No. 257, permission was given to the Chapter to meet in their Temple.

DATES OF APPROVAL FOR THE SECOND CAPITULAR DISTRICT CHAPTERS

Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1	March 3, 1984
Ionic Royal Arch Chapter No. 46	March 19, 1984
Norview Royal Arch Chapter No. 62	March 12, 1984
John Walters Royal Arch Chapter No. 68	March 19, 1984
Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82	March 8, 1984

The petition with 115 original signatures and the endorsement of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent James Nurney Joyner were forwarded on March 23, 1984 to the Grand Chapter.

ORIGINAL SIGNERS

KENNETH N. ANDERSON	ALBERT G. BARLOW
JOSEPH B. BARNES	BERNARD B. BELOTE, JR.
VERNON B. BENJAMINSON	ALVA O. BENSON
THOMAS W. BENTON	FRANK R. BISHOP, SR.
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JOSE BLAY	ALGIE L. BOOTH
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JAMES N. JOYNER
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JOHN A. LaCLAIR
E. ROBINSON LEE
H. GLENN LEWIS
CARSON W. LOGAN
ROBERT L. MASON
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GEORGE B. YEATES

On Friday, March 30, 1984 at 2:00 P.M., Most Excellent Clyde William Rogers, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia instituted Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter, UD. There were forty six companions present for the event. They were:

KENNETH N. ANDERSON
 ROBERT M. BLAKE
 A. BROADY CAPPS, JR.
 RICHARD A. DAVIS, JR.
 DAVID W. ENGLE
 GLEN P. FRIEL
 ROY T. GREGORY
 JACKIE L. HARRISON
 JOHN H. HATCH, JR.
 ROBERT E. HOLLOWELL
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 FITZHUGH L. THOMPSON
 R. CLAIBORNE WILSON

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 ROBERT C. PATERSON
 HUBERT B. ROCHELLE
 IAN M. SHIPLEY, JR.
 LYNN R. SMITH
 WILBUR A. SPAIN
 PHILIP E. THIEM
 IVEY F. WALPOLE
 GEORGE B. YEATES

VISITORS

C. FRANK McNAUGHTON, JR.
 JOHN W. WARREN

PGHP NORTH CAROLINA
 PHP ARKIE RAC No. 25,
 GRAND FALLS, NEWFOUNDLAND

THE ORIGINAL OFFICERS

Leonard M. Kilian	(82)	High Priest
Earl L. Cummings	(62)	King
Richard A. Davis	(68)	Scribe
James N. Joyner	(68)	Treasurer
Bernard B. Belote, Jr.	(68)	Secretary
M. Wayne Johnson	(46)	Capt of Host
Lynn R. Smith	(1)	Principal Soj
Henry J. Powell	(46)	R A C
Ian M. Shipley, Jr.	(82)	GM 3 Veil
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	(46)	GM 2 Veil
Jackie L. Harrison	(1)	GM 1 Veil
Ibry L. Brown	(46)	Tiler
David W. Engle	(62)	Chaplain

STEWARDS

A. Broady Capps, Jr. Charles F. Kadas
 Robert M. Blake Rupert H. Early, Jr.

The officers were installed by Most Excellent Wilbur A. Spain.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, meeting in Grand Annual Convocation in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, October 26 - 27, 1984 approved the Charter of Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter on the 27th day of October, 1984. At a regular Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, at Great Bridge on Saturday, November 10, 1984 the Charter was received from Most Excellent C. Frank Goodrich, Grand High Priest and Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753 was officially Chartered.

The founders selected VIRGINIA as the name for the Chapter because it was planned to have the Chapter meet in all areas of the State. The first Convocation to be held outside of Great Bridge Temple was held in Fredericksburg on January 14, 1989. The number 1753 was requested by the founders. The significance of the number is that the first recorded activities of Royal Arch Masonry was done in Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 22, 1753.

CONVOICATIONS:

	location:	time:	date:	present:
1st	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 14, 1984	37
2nd	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 8, 1984	37
3rd	Great Bridge	9:00 PM	October 11, 1984	29
	special Convocation to ballot on Charter members prior to Grand Chapter			
4th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	November 10, 1984	77
	Received the Charter from the Grand High Priest There were 124 Charter members. The Chapter had \$905.90 when it received its Charter.			
5th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	January 12, 1985	46
6th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	April 13, 1985	48
7th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 13, 1985	50
8th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 14, 1985	54
	first Annual Convocation 185 members			
9th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	January 11, 1986	65
10th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	April 12, 1986	42

11th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 12,	1986	41
12th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 13,	1986	64
	second Annual Convocation 191 members				
13th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	January 10,	1987	59
14th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	April 11,	1987	43
15th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 11,	1987	54
16th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 12,	1987	52
	third Annual Convocation 197 members				
17th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	January 9,	1988	44
18th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	April 9,	1988	38
19th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 9,	1988	64
20th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 10,	1988	54
	fourth Annual Convocation 204 members				
21st	Fredericksburg	1:30 PM	January 14,	1989	52
22nd	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	April 15,	1989	44
23rd	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	July 8,	1989	55
24th	Great Bridge	10:00 AM	September 16,	1989	51
	fifth annual Convocation 211 members				

Appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of all that contributed to the founding and formation of our Research Chapter is gratefully acknowledged and we extend thanks to, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter officers, the District Deputy Grand High Priest, the Past Grand High Priests, and the officers and members of the Chapters in the second Capitular District were most helpful.

At the Grand Chapter in October, 1984 a resolution was approved to exempt Research Chapters from paying per capita dues to Grand Chapter and from having a Convocation every month.

The same officers were installed on November 10, 1984 when the Charter was received except that Randall W. Johnson replaced Rupert H. Early, Jr. as a steward. There were 77 companions present. They were:

HARRY BARRANGER, JR.
 THOMAS W. BENTON
 ROBERT M. BLAKE
 IBRY L. BROWN
 A. BROADY CAPPS, JR.
 ARTHUR R. CHASE
 RICHARD A. DAVIS, JR.
 ARNOLD A. DUDLEY
 DAVID W. ENGLE
 HERBERT A. FISHER

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CLIFFORD H. PARKER
RICHARD E. SHEPPARD

The Officers were installed on November 10, 1984 by Most Excellent C. Frank Goodrich, Jr., Grand High Priest.

CHARTER MEMBERS

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EUGENE W. WIGGINS
LOUIS M. ZABORSKY

The following letter was sent to the Grand Chapter news letter on November 12, 1984.

"A historical event occurred in Chesapeake, Virginia, on the morning of November 10, 1984. The first Research Royal Arch Chapter in the Commonwealth of Virginia was Constituted by Most Excellent C. Frank Goodrich, Jr., Grand High Priest. This event took place in the Great Bridge Masonic Temple and was well attended. The following Grand Chapter officers took part in the ceremonies; Most Excellent C. Frank Goodrich, Grand High Priest-Right Excellent Richard E. Sheppard, Grand Scribe-Right Excellent Bernard B. Belote, Jr. Grand Principal Sojourner-Right Excellent Howard F. Coleman, Grand Royal Arch Captain-Right Excellent Meredith C. Hutto, Grand Master of the Second Veil-Right Excellent E. Robinson Lee, Grand Marshal-Right Excellent Eugene W. Wiggins, Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent H.. Glenn Lewis, Grand Lecturer-and Right Excellent Arnold A. Dudley, Associate Grand Lecturer.

It was a most impressive ceremony and the high light of the morning was the reading of 35 petitions for affiliation. The Chapter now has 134 members and 35 new petitions. A delicious steak dinner was prepared by Excellent Charles Kadas and his chefs. Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter is open to all Royal Arch Masons but accepts members by affiliation only".

At the January 12, 1985 Convocation of the Chapter, Most Excellent C. Frank Goodrich, Jr., Grand High Priest gave the Chapter authority to ballot collectively on applications for the remainder of this Capitular year provided there was no objection. The reason for this authority was that there were 35 applications to ballot on at this convocation.

The first Annual Convocation of the Chapter was held on Saturday, September 14, 1985

1985-86 OFFICERS

Earl L. Cummings	High Priest
Richard A. Davis	King
M. Wayne Johnson	Scribe
James N. Joyner	Treasurer
Bernard B. Belote, Jr.	Secretary
Lynn R. Smith	Capt of Host
Henry J. Powell	Principal Soj
David W. Engle	R A C
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	GM 3 Veil
Jackie L. Harrison	GM 2 Veil
Thomas W. Benton	GM 1 Veil
Ibry L. Brown	Tiler
Eugene W. Wiggins	Chaplain
Leonard M. Kilian	Assist Secretary

STEWARDS

Charles F. Kadas Robert M. Blake
A. Broady Capps, Jr. Stwd Emeritus Randall W. Johnson

The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Wilbur A. Spain.

The Chapter voted at the Annual Convocation September 14, 1985 to make Right Excellent A. Broady Capps, Jr. Steward Emeritus.

At the Grand Chapter in October, 1985 a resolution was approved to permit Research Chapters to receive and ballot on applications for membership at the same convocation, and also to ballot collectively.

The second Annual Convocation was held September 13, 1986

1986-87 OFFICERS

Richard A. Davis High Priest
M. Wayne Johnson King
Lynn R. Smith Scribe
James N. Joyner Treasurer
Bernard B. Belote, Jr. Secretary
Henry J. Powell Capt of Host
David W. Engle Principal Soj
Floyd H. Miller, Jr. R A C
Jackie L. Harrison GM 3 Veil
Thomas W. Benton GM 2 Veil
Eugene W. Wiggins GM 1 Veil
Roy T. Gregory Tiler
C. Harrison McKibben Chaplain
Leonard M. Kilian Assist Secretary

STEWARDS

Charles F. Kadas Robert M. Blake
A. Broady Capps, Jr. Stwd Emeritus Randall W. Johnson

The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Wilbur A. Spain.

At the Grand Chapter in October, 1986 a resolution was approved for a Research Chapter to drop from membership a Companion who was in arrears in dues for two or more years rather than suspend him. By dropping him from membership in the Research Chapter it will not effect his standing in any other Chapter that he is a member of.

The third Annual Convocation was held September 12, 1987

1987-88 OFFICERS

M. Wayne Johnson	High Priest
Lynn R. Smith	King
Henry J. Powell	Scribe
James N. Joyner	Treasurer
Leonard M. Kilian	Secretary
David W. Engle	Capt of Host
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	Principal Soj
Jackie L. Harrison	R A C
Thomas W. Benton	GM 3 Veil
Eugene W. Wiggins	GM 2 Veil
William B. Swain	GM 1 Veil
Roy T. Gregory	Tiler
Chester H. McKibben	Chaplain

STEWARDS

Charles F. Kadas	Robert M. Blake
A. Broady Capps, Jr. Stwd Emeritus	Randall W. Johnson

The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Wilbur A. Spain.

The fourth Annual convocation was held September 10, 1988

1988-89 OFFICERS

Lynn R. Smith	High Priest
Henry J. Powell	King
David W. Engle	Scribe
James N. Joyner	Treasurer
Leonard M. Kilian	Secretary
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	Capt of Host
Jackie L. Harrison	Principal Soj
Thomas W. Benton	R A C
Eugene W. Wiggins	GM 3 Veil
William B. Swain	GM 2 Veil
Edward R. Burton	GM 1 Veil
Roy T. Gregory	Tiler
Chester H. McKibben	Chaplain
Bernard B. Belote, Jr. Assistant Treasurer and Secretary	

STEWARDS

Charles F. Kadas	Robert M. Blake
A. Broady Capps, Jr. Stwd Emeritus	Randall W. Johnson

The Officers were installed by Most Excellent Wilbur A. Spain.

On July 9, 1988 the By-Laws were revised to change the Annual convocation from the second to the third saturday in September effective and to provide for a speakers bureau. The speakers bureau will be responsible for providing speakers or programs for each convocation. The By-Law change was effective October 1988.

On December 2, 1988 our King, Right Excellent Henry J. Powell died.

On March 9, 1989 our Steward Emeritus, Right Excellent Andrew Broady Capps, Jr. died.

The High Priest made the following Officer appointments during this Capitular year.

David W. Engle	to pro-tem King
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	to pro-tem Scribe
Eugene W. Wiggins	Captain of the Host
William B. Swain	Principal Sojourner
Edward R. Burton	Royal Arch Captain
E. Clifton Whitlock	GM 3 Veil
Clifford H. Parker	GM 2 Veil
Arnold A. Dudley	GM 1 Veil
B.B. Bussey	Steward

The fifth Annual Convocation was held September 16, 1989

1989-90 OFFICERS

David W. Engle	High Priest
Floyd H. Miller, Jr.	King
Eugene W. Wiggins	Scribe
James N. Joyner	Treasurer
Leonard M. Kilian	Secretary
William B. Swain	Capt of Host
Edward R. Burton	Principal Soj
E. Clifton Whitlock	R A C
Clifford H. Parker	GM 3 Veil
Randall W. Johnson	GM 2 Veil
Stephenson H. Grubbs	GM 1 Veil
Roy T. Gregory	Tiler
C. Frank Hicks	Chaplain
Bernard B. Belote, Jr.	Assistant Treasurer and Secretary

STEWARDS

Charles F. Kadas	Robert M. Blake
B. B. Bussey	

The Officers were installed by Rt. Ex. Meredith C. Hutto, Grand Scribe.

The average attendance of this Chapter since it was instituted on March 30, 1984 is 51.95 per meeting.

At the present time there are 105 Charter members. There is a total of 211 members at the present time.