

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 814

Offered July 17, 2024

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3 *Commending Jack Kayle Lewis.*
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9 WHEREAS, on November 11, 2023, Jack Kayle Lewis became the 178th grand master of Masons for the
10 Commonwealth and the first grand master from the 38th Masonic District, which covers the City of Danville
11 and Pittsylvania County, in 98 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Jack Lewis embarked upon his career in law enforcement in 1974 with the North Carolina
13 Department of Corrections, served as a police officer for the City of Danville from 1975 to 1978, held a
14 variety of positions with the Lynchburg Police Department before retiring from the agency as deputy chief of
15 police in 2005, and ultimately served as chief of police of Apex, North Carolina, until his full retirement in
16 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to holding an associate degree in police science from Danville Community
18 College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Averett University, and a master's degree
19 in sociology from Longwood University, Jack Lewis also completed a number of prestigious professional
20 development and leadership programs over the years, and he maintained membership with the International
21 Association of Chiefs of Police and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police; and

22 WHEREAS, Jack Lewis was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Kent Lodge No. 305 on
23 April 28, 1980, served as the lodge's worshipful master in 1984, 1988, and 2013, was appointed district
24 deputy grand master for the 38th Masonic District in 2014, and subsequently held a number of high-ranking
25 positions with both Kent Lodge No. 305 and the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and

26 WHEREAS, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Lynchburg since 1981,
27 Jack Lewis was named Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2019; he is also a member of Acca
28 Shrine in Richmond, the James Monroe Chapter No. 549 of the National Sojourners, and the Jack Jouett
29 Camp of the Heroes of '76; and

30 WHEREAS, as grand master of Masons for the Commonwealth, Jack Lewis presides over the Grand
31 Lodge of Virginia when it is in session and will make an official visit to all 47 Masonic districts in the state
32 during his one-year term; and

33 WHEREAS, Jack Lewis will make his last official visit to the 38th Masonic District on October 19, 2024,
34 culminating his honorable and distinguished tenure as grand master of Masons; now, therefore, be it

35 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jack Kayle Lewis hereby be commended for being named
36 the 178th grand master of Masons for the Commonwealth; and, be it

37 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
38 presentation to Jack Kayle Lewis as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and respect for his
39 legacy of service.

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