



## A Word from Our President

January 2020

As I reflect on the year, I've enjoyed looking back at some of the wonderful things VMA has been involved with in 2019, such as SkillsUSA Masonry Competitions, high school career fairs, student tours, the HBAR Student Construction Conference



Rusty Hobson  
VMA President

giving hands-on masonry experience to hundreds of students from all over the area, and our recent involvement in the Returning Citizen Registered Apprenticeship Initiative. Our most exciting accomplishment is VMA's new Masonry Apprenticeship Training Program which was approved by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry in July. You may have noticed that all of these things revolve around the recruitment and training of new masons. This is because they are the installers of masonry products; the heartbeat of our industry. Without them, there is no industry. Nationally, the number of skilled masons is dwindling and we are doing our best to train new masons in Virginia. Thank you for being a part of it all with us; for your donations of materials, for your support at masonry competitions, and for your fundraising efforts. Let's keep up the momentum in 2020! Happy New Year!

The Virginia Masonry Association is an organization comprised of masonry contractors, manufacturers and suppliers that promote masonry construction in Central Virginia by providing a source of education for masonry apprentices, architects, contractors, homeowners and high school masonry programs.

## VMA Masonry Apprenticeship Training Program

Tuesday Evening Classes begin January 14, 2020!

Register Your  
Apprentices Online  
[www.virginiamasonry.org](http://www.virginiamasonry.org)



Apprentices may  
complete the program  
in as little as  
2.5 years!



STRENGTHENING THE MASONRY INDUSTRY...ONE SKILLED APPRENTICE AT A TIME.

Would you like more information about our Apprenticeship Training Program?  
Visit [www.virginiamasonry.org](http://www.virginiamasonry.org) or contact VMA at [vma@virginiamasonry.org](mailto:vma@virginiamasonry.org).

## HBAR STUDENT CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE



VMA was pleased to be a part of the HBAR Student Construction Conference on November 13, 2019 at the Richmond Raceway complex. Close to 800 students from area high schools came for a day of hands-on experience in over 30 trades. This event is a result of the workforce development efforts at HBAR (Homebuilder Association of Richmond) and has proven to be a worthwhile event. This was the second annual event for HBAR and plans are already being made for a Fall 2020 event. Special thanks to Bearing Masonry for donating materials and manpower for this successful and amazing event.

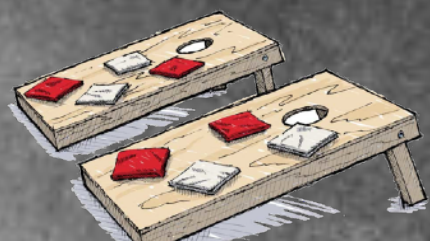


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NOVEMBER 13, 2019  
RICHMOND RACEWAY

## VMA CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT DELIVERS THE FUN!!



**WINNERS!** Mike Wray and Thomas Parrish of Riverside Brick took 1st Place. Cornell Berry of Bearing Masonry and David Shepardson of Riverside Brick put up a good fight for 2nd place on November 14, 2019.

## Thank you for supporting our fundraiser Golf Tournament for the VMA

### Apprenticeship Training Program!

Over \$3500 raised  
for masonry training!



September 19, 2019

Sycamore Creek Golf Course

### Thank you Hole Sponsors!

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Federal White Cement  
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Riverside Brick & Supply Co., Inc.  
Roanoke Cement Company  
Shade & Wise Brick Company, Inc.  
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### Grateful for our Beverage Cart Sponsors:



**1st Place Winners:** Mike Chaney, Ed Hunter, Brian Burnette and Bill Guard. Team sponsored by James River Exteriors.  
**2nd Place Winners:** Joe Rioux, Chris Diaz, Deb Brown and Rafael Ramirez. Team sponsored by Argos Cement.  
**3rd Place Winners:** David Shepardson, Greg Kastleberg, Flip Edwards and Tyler Steele. Team sponsored by Riverside Brick & Supply Co.  
**Closest to The Pin:** Tom Whisnant  
**Longest Drive:** Tyler Steele

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

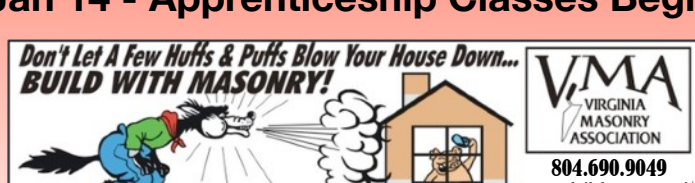
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 6 - Apprenticeship Committee Meeting - Panera Bread, Willow Lawn - 3pm  
Jan 9 - VMA Board Meeting - Riverside Brick - Roseneath Road - 4:30pm  
Jan 14 - Apprenticeship Classes Begin



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