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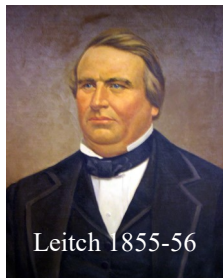
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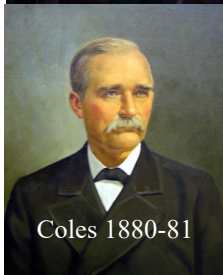
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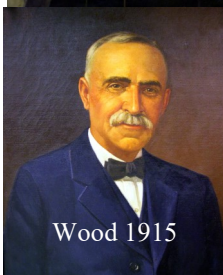
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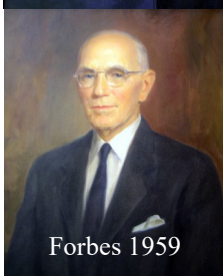
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Greeting Brethren,

September was a great month. We had our new One Day Conferral where members attend their first meeting. I hope they enjoyed the fellowship.

On October 6th, we presented a copy of the minutes for the cornerstone laying to the University of Virginia's Colonnade Club. Thank you MW Hodges for presenting a framed copy of the minutes and making a presentation for our Lodge. Ms. Sara Bon-Harper, Director of Ash Lawn made a presentation on President Monroe and his relationship to the University.

In October 2017 it will be the 200 anniversary of the University of Virginia. This will be a very big event for our lodge. Mark it on your calendars now.

Each year the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program receives donations of new toys to provide children with the joy of Christmas cheer. The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc. is pleased to have this program again. Please donate to help out these children in need.

Just a reminder to bring a bag of non perishable items when you come to lodge. We have a barrel on the first floor for donations. All year it sparingly has donations in it. Let's make an effort to FILL this barrel up this month.

We currently have members who have not paid their 2015 dues. Please check your dues card and to see if it has dues paid through December 31, 2015. If not please send your check or get in touch with the Secretary to discuss any problem you may have with paying.

Dress for our October stated will be coat and tie. It is my sincere hope that you will find it within the length of your cable tow to join your officers and me at our next stated communication on October 19th at 7: 00 PM.

Fraternally yours,

Jason Pattison

Worshipful Master, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 A.F. &A.M.

October Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and wish him a
Happy Masonic
Birthday.



Simon C. Alexander	10/10/2012
Christopher N. Bragg	10/24/2013
Mark S. Chapman	10/01/2007
Richard D. Cook I	0/28/1974
Jay L. Cotner	10/04/1989
Gilbert W. Durrer	10/23/1967
Mike D. Griffin	10/30/1996
D. Mitchell Hofecker	10/16/1993
Michael S. Jaffee	10/26/2004
Earl V. Jorgensen	10/02/2013
Charles M. Long	10/25/1976
Charles E. Nunnally, Sr.	10/20/1967
Charles E. Reinhold	10/28/1998
Christopher A. Ruffin	10/18/2012
George P. Scouras	10/09/1953
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Robert E. Stark	10/08/1975
Donald Stoneburner	10/15/1949
Zia A. F. Tompkins	10/29/2013
Howard K. Trail	10/19/1996
Anselmo Villagran-Chua	10/30/2010
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
James C. Wood	10/15/1996
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

Important Dates



- Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication, October 12, 7:30 PM.
- King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication, October 13th, 7:30 PM.
- Bring a Friend Breakfast, Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM, Rosebrook Inn, Stanardsville.
- WSL Stated Communication, October 19th, 7:00 PM.
- Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication, October 21st, 7:30 PM.
- 2015 Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's – October 24th.
- E.A. Degree, WSL, October 26th, 7:00 PM.
- Grand Annual Communication - November 6 & 7, Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street Richmond, VA

In Memoriam



The lodge was saddened by the death of
Brother Irving Forrest.

Brother Forrest passed away on September 13, 2015. Brother Forrest was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on August 1, 1994, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on June 26, 1995 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 23, 1995. He was laid to rest with Masonic Rites at The Charlottesville Hebrew Cemetery on September 16, 2015.
"His spirit to God, His memory in our hearts, His body to the earth."

Fall & Winter Attire



The Worshipful Master has set the attire for our Stated Communications for the remainder of the year as coat and tie.



Dues

Brethren, As the Worshipful Master Stated in his "Message From the East," your 2015 dues are due. There are a few of you who have not yet paid their dues for this year. If you have not paid your dues for this year please remit \$117.00 to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, P.O. Box 6262 Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers

(Give them a call or send a card)

- Brother Hank Booth, in UVA Hospital recovering from an automobile accident.
- Brother Maury Kingman, in Collonades

A FREEMASON'S PRAYER

BY DAN GOLDSTEIN

Thou most Glorious and Holy Lord, God of the Universe,
 We are humbly here assembled to extol your grace, with verse.
 Oh, Great Architect, Creator of this Earth with all its good,
 It is in Thy Name, we pledge our lives to Peace and Brotherhood..

By upholding all the principles Freemasonry describes,
 We Freemasons try to live the way our Ancient Craft prescribes.
 For the virtues we aspire to are good, benign and just,
 Such as Truth and Love and Justice, with Morality and Trust

Supreme Lord of all the Universe, hear our impassioned plea,
 May we all live by the tenets which thou gave Freemasonry.
 And may all of Man's endeavors with his fellow man compare
 With the noble and sublime ways of the Compass and the Square.



The Worshipful Master presented the program for the evening on "The Cable Tow."



Bro. Bradley R. Shafer was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 30th as a courtesy to Mosaic Lodge No. 762, Hillsborough, NC.

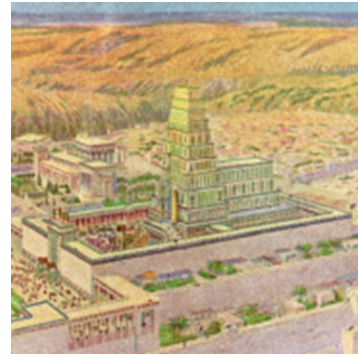


The Worshipful Master welcomed and recognized our newest Master Masons; Brother Stewart A. Plemons and Brother R. Lee Bishop, Jr. Both brothers were Raised on August 29th 2015 at the one day conferral in Richmond.

YORK RITE NIGHT: October 30th

Brethren,

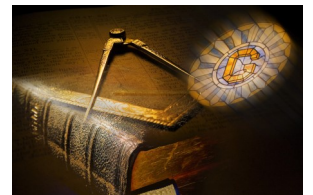
Reserve on your calendars the date October 30th. A York Rite Night is being planned for Masons, their family, and friends. The event will feature several speakers knowledgeable of King Solomon's temple and their trips to the Holy Land courtesy of the Knight's Templar sponsorship. Details of the event are being planned for the event on the 30th; it promises to be an exciting step in your Masonic journey. For questions, contact the Junior Warden, Mark S. Chapman, (434)971-1332.



King Solomon's Temple Artist Concept



Masonic Birthdays for September were recognized, present were; The Worshipful Master, Wor Jason Pattison (5) and RW Philp H. Nelson, Jr. (16).



BLUE, A MASONIC COLOR

by Foster H. Garrett, 33rd

Often we speak of the "Blue Lodge" and of "Blue Lodge Masonry," but do we really understand its meaning and its origin? I am referring to the use of the color "Blue" as used in conjunction with lodge and masonry.

We are told that the Blue refers to the Canopy of Heaven and teaches the universality of Masonry. This is true and I would not take away a bit of this teaching, but would add to and enlarge on our thinking about the color blue and its Masonic symbolism.

Appropriately it is the color of the Ancient Craft degrees. It teaches and is the symbol for universal friendship and universal benevolence, as it is the color of the vault of Heaven, which embraces all the world, so should each Brother Mason be equally extensive in his virtues of friendship and brotherly love.

Among the ancient Jews the robe of the High Priest's ephod, the ribbon of his breastplate and the plate of the miter were of Blue. The people of the Jewish nation were charged to wear a blue ribbon above the hem of their garments and it was the color of one of the seven veils of the temple.

Josephus tells us that the Hebrew word for Blue was "tekelet" and that it symbolically meant perfection. Among the ancients, to be initiated into the Mysteries was to attain perfection and how better to speak of initiation into the greatest of fraternal institutions than to use a word that signifies perfection, BLUE, to designate our symbolic lodges.

Among the Druids it symbolized "truth." The Egyptians esteemed blue as a sacred color, signifying heavenly nature. Jeremiah tells us that the Babylonians clothed their idols in blue, and to the Chinese in their mystical philosophy "blue" was represented as the symbol of Deity. The Hindus assert that their god, Vishnu, was dressed in celestial blue, thus indicating that wisdom from God was symbolized by this color.

Among the medieval Christians blue was considered the emblem of immortality, as red was of the Divine Love of God.

The color Blue is used extensively in the Scottish Rite degrees, with various symbolic significations; all, however, more or less relating to its original character as representing universal friendship and benevolence.

In the Nineteenth degree of Grand Pontiff, it is symbolic of mildness, fidelity, and gentleness. In the degree of Grand Master of all Symbolic Lodges it is used with yellow and refers to the appearance of Jehovah to Moses on Mount Sinai in the clouds of azure and gold. In the twenty-fourth degree it is the color of the tunic and apron of a Prince of the Tabernacle, whose teachings refer to our removal from this house of clay to the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Here it is a symbol of heaven, as we were taught in the Symbolic Lodge.

We learn therefore that by custom and symbolism and not by any adopted law or by-law, we use Blue in referring to the Master Mason lodge as the "Blue Lodge."

2015 Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's – October 24th

Brethren,

Reserve on your calendar the date October 24. Our Masonic Team will be participating in a fundraising WALK downtown to support the Alzheimer's Association. Over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. The cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total \$226 billion in 2015. Nearly 1 in every 3 seniors who dies each year has Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in Virginia....and there is no cure. To participate, contact the Junior Warden, Mark S. Chapman, 434.971.1332 or go online at WWW.ALZ.ORG and click on WALKS in Virginia. Thank you.



Marine Corps Toys for Tots

Each year the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program receives donations and new toys to provide children with the joy of Christmas cheer. The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc. will again sponsor this program this year. We are asking each Mason to join in adding to the Christmas joy for these children by bringing a new toy, not wrapped, to the October or November stated communication. Checks are always welcome. Make your check payable to Toys for Tots. Brethren, these are difficult times for all of us, but a little child doesn't understand the economy or its implications. Please assist us in this out-reach effort.



A STORY OF MASONRY

by Dr. Albert G. Mackey
Taken from the "Mystic Tie"

A reverend gentleman, residing in one of the towns of the State of --, having connected himself with the masonic fraternity, the incident gave great offence to his ministerial brethren, and he was summoned before the ecclesiastical tribunal of the church of which he was a member, for trial. His judges convened at the appointed time and place; and on his confession of the offence, demanded of him that he should formally renounce Freemasonry. This he peremptorily refused to do. It was consequently determined that he should be excommunicated; and just as they were about to pass the sentence which was to cut him off from the church, a venerable minister arose, and suggested that the matter should be dismissed for the present, and one of the brethren be appointed to join the masonic fraternity, so as to be able, at the next meeting, to report the nature of the dark deeds in which the accused was supposed to have participated.

The suggestion was considered a good one, and the venerable proposer was himself appointed to make investigation. Accordingly, he laid his petition before a lodge, and in due time became a Master Mason, the brethren knowing nothing of the circumstances which led to his application to be admitted amongst them. At length the day to which the ecclesiastical tribunal had been adjourned arrived. The official functionaries met, and the new Mason was called upon for his report. It was made; but to their astonishment, perhaps to their disappointment, the substance of it was - "You had better dismiss the charge, for there is no evil, but much good, in Freemasonry."

The effect was astounding, and the consequence was an immediate adjournment. Freemasonry is a moral order, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures, founded on liberality, brotherly love and charity.



October 2015

Masonic Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 <i>6:00 PM Widow's Sons Lodge Officer's Meeting</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <small>10:00 AM Queen Ester Chapter No. 14, OES 11:00 AM Masonic Home Day, Richmond</small>
11	12 <small>7:30 PM Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated <i>Columbus Day (Observed)</i></small>	13 <small>7:30 PM King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated</small>	14	15	16	17 <small>9:00 AM Bring A Friend Breakfast - Rosebrook Inn, Stanardsville</small>
18	19 <i>7:00 PM Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Stated</i>	20	21 <small>7:30 PM Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated</small>	22	23	24 <small>Walk to End Alzheimer's - Lee Park, Charlottesville</small>
25	26	27 <small>6:00 PM Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 7:00 PM Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58</small>	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

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