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Greetings Brethren,

February is over and with it hopefully the snow and bitter cold. I want to thank our secretary RW Bill Bond and our DDGM RW Allan Anderson for expediting our dispensation to move our Stated Meeting date in February. Snow is fun with kids but can be dangerous to drive on late at night. The safety of the Brothers is more important than the date of the meeting.

RW Allan Anderson brought us Fraternal Greetings from our 170th Grand Master Reese Edward Carroll Jr. Our lodge was again awarded the Seymour Jonas Levy award for blood donations. Thank you to all that helped make that happen. RW Anderson also spoke wonderfully on maters of our own mortality. If any brother knows of a critically ill brother please let our DDGM know so he may contact our Grand Master. Our Grand Master wants to personally call these brothers.

I want all of the line officers to attend and highly recommend all able brothers to attend the Division Leadership Conference. This is a great way to meet the officers of the Grand Lodge. There will be a wonderful presentation on Cleopatra's Needle. You will also be able to meet next years Grand Master and speak to him face to face.

Let's not forget the Area Ritual School at Lee Lodge #209 in Waynesboro April 17-18. This is always a great time and a very good time to learn our ritual in a relaxed manner.

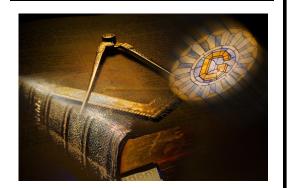
Finally I am pleased to announce that our very talented JW Mark Chapman has finished the last of the four paintings. It has certainly made our lodge room more beautiful. If you have not made it to lodge in awhile March will be a very good month to come back and see this beautiful artwork.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Pattison Worshipful Master, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 A.F. & A.M. **March Masonic Birthdays!** Call a Brother and wish him a **Happy Masonic** Birthday.

Birthday!

William F. Baskerville, 3/4/1985 Richard L. Bradley, 3/25/1986 Anthony Z. Cole, 3/31/1980 Gregory J. Cooley, 3/4/1975 William J. Douglas, 3/24/1976 J. Stevens Hall, 3/25/1966 Mark J. Hall, 3/22/1999 Kerry L. Harlow, 3/23/1987 John R. Healey, 3/30/2005 Walter A. Hedzik, 3/7/1977 John L. James, 3/9/1965 Christopher R. Kintner, 3/30/2009 Clifford N. Miller, 3/24/1969 Michael T. Rose, 3/26/1997 Joshua A. Stanton, 3/13/2013 Bruce Thompson, Jr., 3/6/1954 Bland M. Wade, 3/14/1960







- April 10th, District Leadership Conference, Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.
- April 17th and 18th, R. R. Kennedy Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Waynesboro, 7:00 p.m.

on the 17th and 9:00 a.m. on the 18th.

- May 16th, C.A. Whitted Area Ritual School for Districts 17 and 18, Scottsville.
- July 11th, Official Visit of the Grand Master to the 18th Masonic District, more info to follow.
- July 30th thru August 2nd, Reid James Simmons Academy, Best Western Hotel, Waynesboro. Please see the secretary for registration forms.

Robert R. Kennedy, Jr., Area Masonic School 18th & 19th Masonic Districts Lee Lodge No. 209, Waynesboro

April 17th, 7:00 p.m., Entered Apprentice Degree, Team from the 19th Masonic District

April 18th, 9:00 a.m., Fellow Craft Degree, Team from the 18th Masonic District

Master Mason Degree, Team from the 18th and 19th Masonic Districts

Breakfast is being served on Saturday April 18th by the Eastern Star in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 am.



The DDGM presented Brother Steve Fetcho the Jonas A. Levy award for the amount of blood donated in 2014 by Widow's Sons' Lodge. Pictured L-R: Jason Pattison, Brother Fetcho, and RW Allan Anderson .



Jason Pattison, WM; and RW Bill Bond present Bro. Jeffery Kennedy the Laurance A. Brunton Community Service Award for his charitable contribution in 2014.



February Masonic Birthdays recognized, L-R: Jason Pattison, WM; John Lawson, 57 years; Bill Reinhold, 42 years.

Brethren,

Please remember to bring a canned food item for the Charlottesville Food Pantry located at the Lodge first floor elevator. The food items donated by the brethren provide groceries at no cost to low-income families within and around the Charlottesville community. When access to food in NOT consistent and dependable, a household is classified as food insecure. The U.S. Department of Agriculture released this report in May 2013. The authors analyzed the two most recent years of survey research on the topic of food insecurity in households with children. They found:

21% of households with children were food insecure at some point in 2011...that's nearly double the level of food insecurity of homes without children (12%).

Food security is especially important for children because their nutrition affects not only their current health, but also their physical, mental, and social development.

While food insecurity is less prevalent in Virginia than most states, one in 16 homes with children were classified as food insecure.

Source: Coleman-Jensen, Alisha, William McFall and Mark Nord. Food Insecurity in Households With Children: Prevalence, Severity, and Household Characteristics, 2010-11, EIB-113, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, May 2013.



RW Allan George Anderson, District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th District is received in Widow's Sons' Lodge on his Official Visit.



Worshipful Jason Pattison presents RW Allan Anderson with a set of cuff links and a bottle of wine as a gift on his official visit.



RW Allan Anderson presents his address to the brethren of Widow's Sons' Lodge.



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