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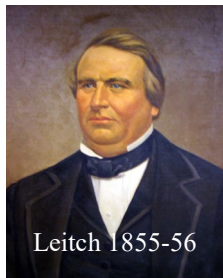
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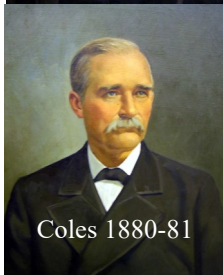
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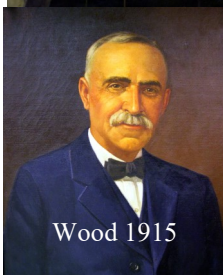
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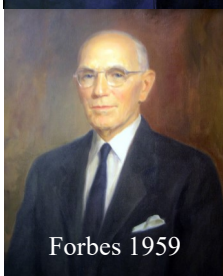
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Brethren,

Greetings. I hope we all have a joyful Thanksgiving` this month. We are asking you to attend Lodge this stated meeting on Nov. 21st by 6:15 pm as we will be starting our evening with two Community Builder award presentations. We have a Fifty Year Veterans presentation if it is within your cable tow please join us and help in celebrating

this brother's milestone.

The food pantry barrel awaits your donations, and we ask that you bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots box in the first floor foyer. Lend a hand with these charitable opportunities and warm your heart.

We will have beans and weenies and ice cream and cookies for the refreshments following Lodge on the 21st. Again, come out before 6:30 pm.

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM



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

Thomas V. Anderson	11/04/1974
C. Victor Armstrong	11/10/1971
Henry Booth	11/23/1959
Mark H. Bryant	11/19/1996
Mark A. Chamberlain	11/21/1995
Gregory H. Faust	11/12/1973
Wayne W. Ferguson	11/17/1978
Eugene G. Flamm	11/26/1975
George D. Hale, Jr.	11/28/1966
John M. Lane	11/29/1976
Harry A. McCauley	11/27/1967
Devan E. McPherson	11/30/2015
M. Shane Parsons	11/21/1994
William T. Randolph	11/28/2001
Ashish Singh	11/30/2015
John P. Sylva	11/20/2003

Important Dates



- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, Nov. 8th, 7:30 PM.
- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, Nov. 14th, 7:30 PM.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, Nov. 16th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, Nov. 21st, 6:15 PM, Community Builders Award Presentation; 7:00 PM, Stated Communication.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, Dec. 5th, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, November 20th,

6:00 PM: Charlottesville Commandery No. 3

7:30 PM: Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58

Monday, November 28th, 6:30 PM:

WSL No. 60, Entered Apprentice Degree (If candidate is approved)

Saturday, February 11th: 9:00 AM Registration

Division Leadership Conference, Bridge Christian Church, 1275 Goose Creek Rd., Fishersville, VA

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers (Give them a call or send a card)

- Brother Donald Stoneburner - Moved to Heritage Inn, 220 South Pantops Drive, Charlottesville, Va. 22911 Room 17
- Brother Walter Carpenter

2017 Dues

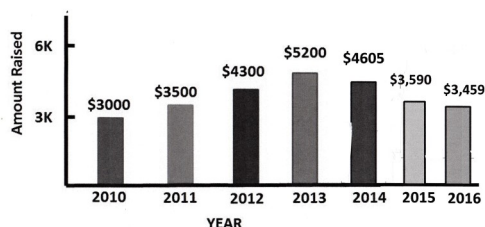
Brethren, Your 2017 dues cards are now in and ready to be distributed. Notices will be sent out soon. Again, for this year they are \$117. Please remit \$117.00 to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, P.O. Box 6262 Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Also, there are several Brethren who have not as yet paid their 2016 dues, please see to this as you will be in arrears on January 1, 2017.



Keystone Chapter No. 58 Royal Arch Mason and WSL60 Fundraising for Alzheimer's Association

As of October 31, 2016; TOTAL Raised: \$27,654



Talented Writer Needed.....

Do you like to read and write about Masonic topics?

Does your cable tow stretch far enough to become the editor of our Lodge newsletter?

If so, then contact our Lodge Secretary, RW Bill Bond... he has a very important job for you in 2017!





Program for October

A Ceremony of Retirement of the National Ensign was made by the Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76, of the James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners.



Program for October

A Presentation was made by Brother David Goodwin about Camp Holiday Trails. The WM presented a contribution to the Camp and placed an envelope on the altar for other contributions from the Brethren.



The Chaplain, RW Philip Nelson gave a short presentation on "The Traveling Man in Masonry."



Program for October

Brother Sean Watterson, Development Director of the Masonic Home of Virginia gave a presentation on the Masonic Home of Virginia in the present, and some of the history of Founder's Day of MHOVA.



Brother Steven Patrick Rowe

On October 26th, Brother Steven Patrick Rowe was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Brother Rowe.



October Masonic Birthdays

The Worshipful Master recognized those having Masonic Birthdays in the month of October. Those present were: C. Nicholas Bragg; 3 years, Mark S. Chapman; 9 years, Wor. Richard D. Cook; 42 years, Harry L. Walker, Jr.; 14 years, RW Russel G. Snodgrass; 40 years, RW Mike D. Griffin; 20 years.



Alzheimer's Walk

Pictured above are Brethren who walked in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 8th. Pictured from left to right are; Brother Stewart Plemons, Brother Mark Chapman and Brother Carlos McReddie.



The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges and the Senior Warden, Brother Mark Chapman prepare the meal for our October picnic.



Pictures of our Outdoor Lodge and picnic. Great food and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Monthly Garden Tip for November

- Plant tulips now through December. Tulips should be planted 6 in. deep. The hole should be dug 2 in. deeper than required. Put 1 in. of sand in the bottom. Add mixture of half sand and half peatmoss plus an inch of ground limestone. Next sprinkle some “bulb booster” fertilizer in the hole. Plant the bulb and replace the soil. Bulbs properly planted will rebloom for 3—4 years.
- Continue to plant lily bulbs. Also water and mulch them.
- Plant deciduous trees and shrubs after they have gone dormant.
- Lilacs may still be planted this month, Add woodashes and bonemeal to the soil mixture in the hole.
- If you are planning to plant a live Christmas tree after the holidays, dig the hole now and fill with leaves.
- Boxwood requires little or no pruning except when a branch outgrows the general habit of the plant or to restore overgrown plants. Thinning is a type of pruning that can reduce the size of the shrub. November or December is the best time to do this as long as the temperature is above freezing. This is most important for English boxwood as the interior leaf shoots die without adequate light or air circulation.
- After a frost cut perennial stems back 3—4 in. from the ground making them easier to find in the spring. Dispose of stems, do not compost.

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 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.



Sour Cream Pancakes

It's not just for Breakfast any more!

With the recent time change, it is often dark when my wife gets home from work, and occasionally we enjoy “breakfast for dinner”. This is a family recipe that we hope you too will enjoy.

Ingredients:

1 cup sour cream
7 Tbsp all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 large eggs
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
butter
maple syrup

Preparation:

Place an iron skillet or griddle over medium-low heat. Place the sour cream in a medium bowl. Dump in the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Stir together very, very gently. Whisk the eggs in a separate bowl. Add vanilla and stir to combine. Pour the egg mixture into the sour cream/flour mixture. Stir together gently. Melt about a tablespoon of butter in the skillet. Pour the batter into the skillet 1/4 cup at a time. Cook for 1 to 1-1/2 minutes, then flip the pancakes over. Cook for another 45 seconds and remove to a plate. Repeat with the remaining batter. Top with soft butter and warmed maple syrup. Yield: 12 4” pancakes. Great for dinner with fried apples on the side!

Charlottesville Food Pantry

Brethren please remember the Food Pantry barrel located in the Lodge hallway near the elevator. Your canned food donations help the young and old stretch their monthly low income. Any amount of food is welcome.

The total amount of food donated by WSL60 members today was 32 lbs.

Thank you for all your support!



A PLAIN TALK ABOUT MASONRY
THE MASONIC REVIEW - 1855

The principles of Freemasonry - what are they? - do they not teach men to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them ?

If the members of that fraternity, individually, would faithfully consider those principles, with a desire to practice accordingly, would they not exert an influence for good that would be felt sensibly by community; and if they were zealous for the greatest good of the institution, would they not do it ?

With the vows which I suppose they have taken upon themselves, and the instructions given them, should they not be faithful brethren, moral and honorable citizens, kind and sympathizing husbands, and affectionate parents?

I may not be correct in my views of Masonry, being one of those that have always been excluded from the rites and benefits of the institution, but if I am correct, how very important that every member should be a good Mason, and exert every faculty of mind and body to promote the best interests of the institution, by exerting an influence in community which could and would be felt for good to all, and the honor of the institution be thereby preserved untarnished.

A man without good principles is a detriment to any institution, and a curse to himself. He may be zealous, but not according to knowledge; a desire to increase the numbers and dimes, without any regard to moral worth, certainly must be not according to knowledge.

Of what benefit can an individual be that is void of every principle required to make a man of a man; that seeks no society but the low and vicious; that will profane sacred things; gamble, lie and cheat; that will tamper with intoxicating drinks, until he is a moral pestilence in the community - going about, not a man, but a walking brandy-cask - his disposition soured, his faculties benumbed, poisoning the air with his breath, and community with his foul acts and conversation; and destroying the happiness of all the virtuous, noble and aspiring who are compelled to associate with him? Can such expect to be of benefit in any way, or to fulfill the object of their existence?

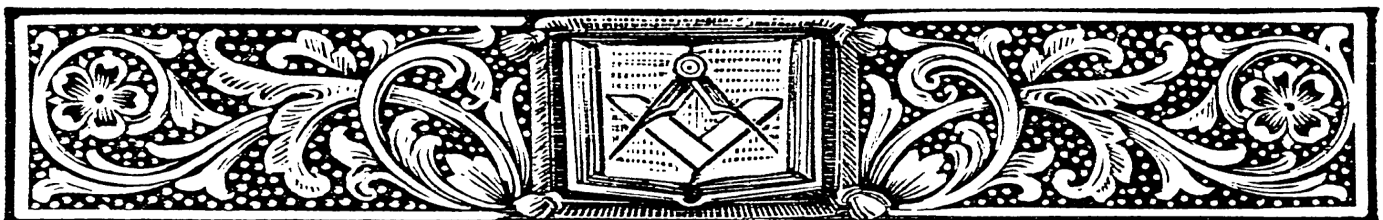
If individuals would close their eyes to self and its gratification, and, with the light they have received, look at the subject as they should, they would see the privileges, benefits, and duties they are trampling under their feet; they would also see how far they were wandering from the ancient landmarks of the institution, and how much injury and injustice they were doing, and how they were wounding the cause they have promised to honor and maintain.

I do not expect that free and accepted Masons build temples of stone; but I do expect they should erect a spiritual building in every Lodge, and every member should feel interested and take an active part in the work, and show to the world by a moral, honest, and up- right life, that they have not wasted their time and money for that which profiteth not. In short, that they live and deal on the square of equal and exact justice.

A friend, a good Mason, said in my hearing, he was really discouraged at the conduct of men. If, they seemed to heed instruction and advice, it was only to be more sly in their workings of iniquity; and if provoked to an act that in itself was good, it was only from sordid motives. But I think a person has no right to be discouraged or weary in well-doing. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

Some probably will say I ought not to write or think on the subject of Masonry. I never saw a serpent writhe with more energy than when a foot was set upon his head. My tongue and pen may be controlled by others, but my mind never can. I shall surely think. O, that every one would think-think-think.

A DAUGHTER OF DAN.



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