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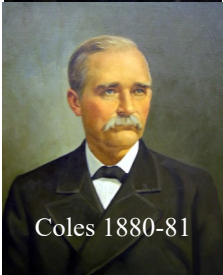
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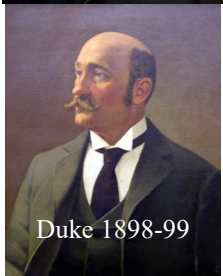
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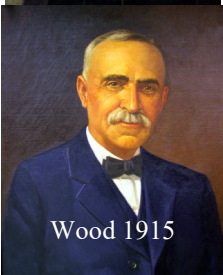
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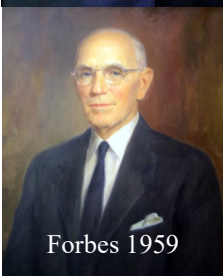
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Brethren,

Welcome to May; the best month of the year. I was born in May, so was my wife. What makes a month special to you? A welcome Masonic tradition, which usually evolves around the month you were raised a Master Mason, should make that month a special month. We celebrate that for our members with great joy, don't we? Well, in April we tried to offer two opportunities for men to find out more about our Craft, that they might decide this lifestyle was meant for them: two

bring a friend activities. Were you part of those activities? Maybe, you don't know a man who could benefit from Masonry. It does happen that our friends just are not interested in the same things we are. Well, it also can be that they are interested in the same things that add value to your life but don't know what else could be added into their lives because you haven't shared it with them. If only you were to enlighten them, who knows what positive effects you might have in their world.

Exciting times are happening in the life of Widow's Sons' Lodge this month. We are honored to present our Eagle Scout awards to two young men and our Scholarships to four deserving young people before the meeting begins. Please arrive early as we will begin at 6:30 pm with these presentations.

We have a 50 year veteran's presentation to present and the reception of the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the District of Columbia, our junior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, M.W. Donald Leo McAndrews as our program. Come out and enjoy your Lodge on May 16.

Sincerely and fraternally

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

May Masonic Birthdays!

Call a Brother and
wish him a
Happy Masonic
Birthday.



James K. Anas, May 4, 1970
A. Clayton Coleman, Jr., May 2, 1977
George W. Estes, May 29, 1967
John D. Fisher, May 4, 1987
J. Leonard Hartman, May 5, 1959
Carl E. Hollar, Jr., May 17, 1974
Andrew D. Keller, May 28, 1997
Gordon M. Kingman, May 24, 1951
Joseph L. Lane, May 4, 1981
John R. Leavell, May 30, 2001
Robert J. Mariano, May 10, 2004
Ahmed Nafei, May 24, 2010
William N. Park, May 16, 1995
James E. Shifflett, May 5, 1986
Ray W. Sites, May 23, 1966
Campbell Snowberger, May 6, 1968
Geoffrey Springer, May 25, 1996
James W. Stafford, May 15, 2014
Carl W. Stankwitz, May 5, 2011
Paul H. Wood, May 1, 1961



Important Dates

- Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication, May 9th, 7:30 PM.
- King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication, May 10th, 7:30 PM.
- WSL Stated Communication, May 16th, 7:00 PM.
- Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication, May 18th, 6:00 PM. **Outdoor Lodge** - Bill Steo's farm, See secretary for directions if you wish to attend. Dress is casual.
- WSL Officer's Meeting, June 6th, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)
- **Official Visit of the Grand Master**, June 17th, 6:00 PM, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Tickets are required. (See flyer on page 4 for more information.)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, June 2nd,

Lodge Visitation to Joppa Lodge No. 40, 9290 Three Chopt Road, Henrico. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM. MW Jeffrey E. Hodges will present the program for the evening entitled, "The St. John in You and Me." All those that plan on going and want a ride we will leave from MW Brother Hodges' parking lot promptly at 5:00 PM.. Anyone joining us should let MW Hodges know so transportation can be arranged.

Friday, June 17th,

The Grand Master's Official Visit to the 18th Masonic District, Fellowship Hall, Olivet Presbyterian Church, 2575 Garth Road. *(See pg. 4 for additional information)*

Friday, June 24th

Annual Table Lodge— Brisket will be the main entree for the evening. Cost is \$20.00 per person, \$5.00 from each ticket sold is going to the Alzheimer's Association.

Thursday July 28th through Sunday July 31st,

Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Waynesboro. Contact the Secretary for info and registration form.

October 17th:

Outside Lodge and Pig Pickin, Camp Holiday Trails.



At the April Stated Communication, these Brethren gave short presentations; Brother T. C. Dickerson on Charge No. 3 of the Ancient Landmarks, RW Philip Nelson on, The Common Prayer, RW Mike Griffin on, The Landmarks of Freemasonry and Brother Kent Schlüssel on Esoteric Masons



The Worshipful Master led the Brethren in singing "America."

Wor. David "Cash" Arehart spoke as MW Edmund Randolph, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1787-1789. Brother Cash spoke about the early years in American Freemasonry, the formation of many Lodges and Freemasons Hall in Richmond.



April Masonic Birthday
The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges wishes Brother Bobby Cameron a happy 41st Masonic birthday. Brother Bobby was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 7, 1975.



On April 19th brethren, their families and friends headed to Davenport Field where they watched UVA defeat Radford, 11-3.

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers

(Give them a call or send a card)

- RW Mike Hollar still on the mend from back surgery.
- Brother Gene Carpenter.
- Brother Walter Carpenter is in Charlottesville Rehab.
- RW. Oakley Straley recuperating from tests.

2016 Dues

Brethren,

Your dues are used to run your lodge and are now due for the 2016 year. If you have not as yet seen to this please attend to this when you can.



Official Visit of the 171st Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Most Worshipful James Edward Litten, on Friday, June 17th, 2016, to the 18th Masonic District

All are invited to this open visit by the Grand Master that will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Olivet Presbyterian Church, 2575 Garth Road, in Charlottesville, Virginia. **Tickets are required.** Social and light refreshments begin at 6:00 PM, Baked Chicken Breast / Sliced Country Ham Dinner at 6:30 PM. The Grand Master's party will wear white jacket tuxedos, while other Brethren may wear suits. Ladies may wear church attire. The cost is \$15.00 per person; Children under age 12 - \$7.50; under age 5 - Free. **Reservations Required by June 3rd, 2016.** Please make check payable to William F. Reinhold, 3286 Arbor Trace, Charlottesville VA 22911-7571. If you have questions, please contact RW Brother Reinhold by email at wfreinhold@alumni.virginia.edu or by his cell phone at 434-953-8644.

Red Lion Inn Pineapple Bread



½ cup butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 whole eggs

2 cups all purpose flour

1 tsp. baking powder

Pinch of salt

1 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained

½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9" x 5" loaf pans. Cream together the butter and sugar in large mixing bowl. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and cream well after each addition. Sift together the dry ingredients and add alternately with the egg and pineapple. Stir in nuts if desired. Pour the batter in the prepared pans and bake for 45-60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Freezes well, or keep one at home and share one with a friend.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's programs, services and national research efforts. The Alzheimer's Association is the largest non-profit benefactor of Alzheimer's research; since 1982, the association has awarded more than \$300,000,000 to 2,100 research scientists worldwide. 1 out of 3 people knows someone with Alzheimer's disease. This disease is the largest unaddressed public threat facing the nation today...a disease that has no cure. Currently more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, the sixth-leading cause of death and the second most feared health condition in the U.S. Masons in Virginia are partnering with the local Alzheimer's Association to improve the lives of people with Alzheimer's and their families. Help eliminate Alzheimer's disease by clicking on the following link and participate in our efforts to establish a world without Alzheimer's. Thank You.

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2016/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team_id=327528&pg=team&fr_id=9362

A Good Story

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moments thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young mans astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young mans face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things Id heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what Id heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what Id heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

Monthly Garden Tip for May

Dahlias may be set out after the danger of frost is past.

Continue to plant annuals this month. Set petunias, marigolds and dwarf ageratum, which are good edging plants. Plant nasturtium, zinnia, cleome and cosmos seeds in soil that is not too rich.

Prune trees that bloom in the spring, such as cherry and crabapple, after they bloom, as well as the early spring flowering shrubs such as deutzia beauty bush, weigela, kerria and viburnum. Later pruning will remove the buds set for next year.

Flowering shrubs like Van Houtte spirea, forsythia, mockorange and lilac should be pruned for renewal. This means remove after flowering a few of the oldest and largest canes at the very base of the plant leaving the plant thinner and smaller while keeping the shape.

Shear candytuff back after blooming to remove old flower heads and promote bushiness.

Cut off old peony blooms.

To keep young pine trees small and tight, prune them by removing 1/2 of the candle of new growth. If all new growth

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