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Brethren,

Our May Stated Communication was outstanding! The scholarship recipients and Eagle Scouts really appreciated being recognized in the lodge. It's truly an honor to have the ability to provide these young people and their families the assistance and the recognition they deserve.

The different types of beef stew we had before our May Stated Communication were excellent! Thank you to Brothers Ed Creasy and Harry Walker for the options.

During the May Stated Communication, RW Goldie Tomlin gave a presentation on the importance of remembering those that gave everything for this country. He talked about the numbers of fallen soldiers during each of the wars Americans have been in and read a very touching poem about the American flag at the end. Honoring those that lost their lives protecting our way of life is very important for me. So a big thank you to RW Goldie for the presentation and sharing some info about his history as well.

June will be a very busy month for Lodge members. June 2nd at 10am will be a golf tournament put together by our Senior Warden Jason Parham. Weather permitting, we will enjoy some burgers and hotdogs afterwards. June 18th will be the Stated meeting. It's going to be Hawaiian shirt night and we will enjoy Hawaiian style food for dinner before the Stated. June 25th is the Table lodge. While we come together to celebrate the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, we will also be honoring masonic military veterans. Last but not least, June 29th is the official visit of The Grand Master to the 18th Masonic district. It's being held at Rosebrook Inn. Please RSVP will RW Bill Bond if you plan to attend.

The July Stated will be patriotic night. Wear any sort of patriotic attire. We will also be having our chili cook-off that evening. If you plan to provide an award winning chili in the cook-off, then please let me know.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Worshipful Christopher N. Bragg



June Birthdays! Wish a Brother Happy Masonic Birthday

NAME MM DEGREE DATE

Duane A. Adams 06/12/1989 David P. Arehart 06/14/2015 James S. Boggs 06/25/1990 William R. Bond, III 06/24/1975 Harry J. Brown, Jr. 06/27/1966 "Gene" Carpenter 06/08/1951 Jim A. Christenson 06/12/2002 Randall R. Dorsey 06/06/1972 William B. Downer 06/06/1961 David N. Goodwin 06/15/1996 John E. Grinnalds 06/08/1999 Harvey J. Hague 06/30/2008 Gerald W. Hogan 06/29/1970 Ivan E. Letner, Jr. 06/15/1996 Joseph L. Marchi 06/15/1996 Forrest Marshall, Jr.06/15/1996 Oran O. Oakey 06/23/1959 **Howard Parsons, Jr. 06/01/1981** Gerald F.Reimers, II06/25/2003 **Jeffery K. Robbins** 06/29/2015 Robert N. Romanac 06/08/1994 W. Edgar Spigle 06/15/1996 Shawn B. Swingler 06/16/1998 Julian Taliaferro, Jr.06/08/1994 **Bobby W Thompson 06/04/1997** Thomas Varner, Jr. 06/07/1983 Randy J. Whitlow 06/15/1996 John Williamson, Jr.06/22/1996



UPCOMING EVENTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW....

- June 2: Saturday 10 a.m. Masonic Golf Tournament at Swannanoah (See details in this newsletter); Also, on June 2, District 18 "Bring a Friend Breakfast" at Rosebrook Inn in Stanardsville... for details contact Secretary
- June 4: Monday 6-8pm. WSL60 Officers Mtg
- June 5: Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Lodge Member/ Volunteers meet at "Loaves and Fishes" Food Bank 2050 Lambs Road in Cville (Contact Bro. Stewart Plemons for details @ 434-989-7903)
- June 18: Monday 7 p.m. WSL60 Stated Communication. Meal @ 6 p.m. Hawaiian Shirt Day in Lodge!
- June 25: Monday 7 p.m. WSL60 Table Lodge (See details in this newsletter) Attire: Coat & Tie
- June 29: Friday 6 p.m. Grand Master's Official visit to the 18th Masonic District (See details in this newsletter)
- July 2: Monday 6 p.m. WSL60 Officers Mtg
- July 3: Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Loaves and Fishes
- July 16: Monday 7 p.m. WSL60 Stated Communication; meal at 6 p.m. is "Chili Cookoff"; patriotic attire for the event is encouraged.

Some Memories of Our May Stated Communication & Award Presentations before Stated



The Worshipful Master and Bro. Kent Schlussel present Certificates from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia to local Troop Eagle Scouts (parents included in photo)



The Worshipful Master and Wor. Jason Pattison present Lodge Scholarship Awards to Local High School Seniors (parents included in photo) 3

Widow's Sons' Lodge No 60 Golf Tournament

Where: Swannanoa Golf Course

4506 Howardsville Turnpike

Afton, Virginia

When: June 2, 2018 Tee Off @ 10 a.m.

Cost: \$35 per person for 18 holes and a cart

(a four man captains choice tournament)

Who: Masons and Guests

Contact: Wor. Nick Bragg (434-882-2743)

FUN FELLOWSHIP PRIZES



2018 Lodge Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid your 2018 dues yet, then mail a check for \$117.00 payable to:

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60

to:

Mark S. Chapman, Secretary 22 Pine Crest Drive Troy, VA 22974



(L-R) RW Andy Keller (21 yrs), Wor. Nick Bragg, Bro. Ed Creasy (36 yrs) celebrating their Masonic Birthday in May



Masonic Military Veterans Appreciation Night

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Annual Table Lodge

Masonic Temple 2nd Floor Dining Room, Charlottesville, VA

<u>Date and Time</u>: June 25th @ 7pm

Attire: Coat and Tie

<u>Cost</u>: \$20/person if non-military; \$5/person if military veteran <u>Menu</u>: smoked brisket with green beans, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, yeast rolls, and dessert

<u>RSVP</u> by date and POC: June 20th to Bro. Harry Walker (JW) Email: <u>walkerharryw@aol.com</u> Phone: 434-960-6776



Grand Master of Masons in Virginia MW Gary Taylor Official Visit to the 18th Masonic District on Friday, <u>June 29, 2018; 6pm</u> At

> The Rosebrook Inn 1026 Rosebrook Road Stanardsville VA 22973

Invite: All Members, Wives, Widows, Youth &

Guests

Cost: \$25 per person

Please make checks payable to Piedmont-Stella Lodge 50 and send to: William R. Bond III, Secretary 400 Mountainside Drive Stanardsville, VA 22973

Attire: Coat and Tie

RSVP: No later than June 22, 2018.

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off 6 p.m. before July 16 Stated Communication



Bring your favorite recipe to share...

Some Memories of our Lodge Cookout on May 5th at Bro. Creasy's Farm



WHAT IS THE WIDOW'S AID FUND, AND WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WIDOW'S AID FUND

The Widow's Aid Fund was organized June 27th, 1937, and is available to the members of Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50; Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60; King Solomon's Lodge No. 194; and Alberene Lodge No. 277. Its Purpose is to have in hand and advance promptly such monetary help as may be available to the beneficiary of a deceased member. Upon the death of a member, the fund makes a one-time payment to the Mason's designated beneficiary.

The fee to join the Widow's Aid Fund is a mere \$10.00. Assessments of \$30.00 are made in advance after the death of 5 members. At death of a member a check amounting to \$6.00 for each surviving member is immediately placed in the hands of his beneficiary. The finances of the average family at such times are usually severely taxed by doctor's hospital, drugs and other bills and this Fund, to a great extent relieves the situation.

This is not life insurance. It is an opportunity the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge have to fulfill our obligation to a deceased member's family. Each of us took an obligation". To Help, Aid and Assist all distressed Brother Master Masons their widows and orphans". Every member of Widow's Sons' Lodge should be a member as one small way to fulfill our obligations to each other. At the June stated communication, you will be given an opportunity to ask any questions, and join if you believe this is a way you can fulfill your obligation to each of our members and their families.

Robert E Simpson Secretary Widow's Aid Fund



You're supposed to say "I do" not "So mote it be!"

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