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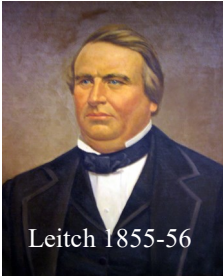
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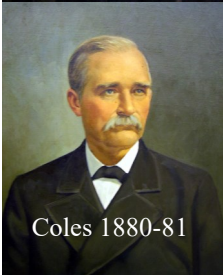
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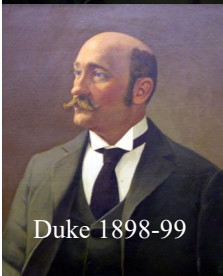
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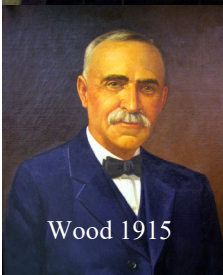
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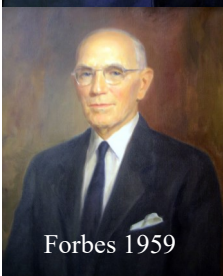
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank all the brethren who helped make our Robert Burns Night a big success!! RW Jim Dickerson prepared the traditional Haggis and also his famous apple cobbler with ice cream and both were as good as they could be. RW Bill Bond gave his "Ode to the Haggis" and did it well as he always does. MW Jeff Hodges presented timely remarks about Robert Burns and some of his poetry. W Mark Chapman and brother Will Reichert piped and drummed the Haggis in and it was served to the brethren along with Guinness beef stew, potatoes, green beans, and rolls prepared by J & P BBQ. The meal was excellent!!



I also want to thank RW Greg Hosaflook for his presentation in our Stated explaining some of the words and phrases of the Senior Deacon's lecture in the Fellowcraft Degree. Very informative and well done.

Upcoming this month we have a Master Mason Degree on January 29th. I hope we can have many brethren in attendance to see a brother raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Looking ahead, our February Officers Meeting is on February 3rd; Division Leadership Conference on February 8th in Fishersville; Stated Communication on February 17th with a catered meal. Meal cost is \$10 per person and reservations are needed to get a count. Please contact me or our secretary by February 12th with your reservation. Our February program will be presented by RW Bill Reinhold about his recent visit to the Holy Land. At our March Stated our District Deputy Grand Master Jason Pattison will make his official visit to Widow's Sons'.

Also, if you need a ride to Lodge or help in any way let me know and we will take care of it. My cell is 434-960-6776.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!!

Fraternally yours,

Harry Walker  
2020 Worshipful Master



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Samuel D. Caughron	02/24/1992
Michael Allan Haas	02/12/1979
George G. Hocker	02/03/1999
John T. Lawson	02/19/1958 (62 Yrs)
Lewis A. Martin, III	02/21/1979
Hollis T. Proffitt	02/23/1954 (66 Yrs)
William F. Reinhold	02/23/1973
Edgar S. Robb	02/08/1966 (54 Yrs)
Thomas F. Wilson	02/15/2011

**LODGE RITUAL CLASS**

Brothers, the Lodge will be hosting Ritual Classes to learn ritual, floor work, catechisms, etc. These classes will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

This month's class will be on February 12th (Wednesday) at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Wor. Nick Bragg.

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 Cell: (434) 882-2743

**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 History**  
**CD - Second Edition**

Brothers, a second edition CD on the history of the Lodge is available for those who are interested.

Please see the Lodge Secretary, Wor. Mark Chapman or the Lodge Historian, Rt. Wor. Bob Simpson if you would like one.

CDs are available for mail delivery, but will have an additional cost for postage (\$4 fee).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:**

**WSL60 Officer Meeting: February 3rd, 6:00 PM**  
 Afterward, Practice for Fellowcraft Degree  
**WSL60 Stated Communication: February 17th, 7:00 PM**  
**WSL60 Ritual Class: February 12th, 6:00 PM (see notes below)**  
**FC Degree: February 19th, 6:00 PM**

**DDGM Official Visit— Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master RW Jason Pattison to WSL60 on March 16th.**

**10th District Masonic Lodges:**

**Day Lodge No. 58 Stated, 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM**  
**Widow's Sons' No. 60 Stated, 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM**  
**Murray No. 175 Stated, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM**  
**Waddell No. 228 Stated, 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM**  
**Mineral No. 311 Stated, 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM**  
**Cabell No. 328 Stated, 1st Wednesday at 7:30 PM**

**GRAND LODGE EVENTS:**

**Division Leadership Conference:**

**Bridge Christian Church—February 8th (Saturday)**  
**1275 Goose Creek Road, Fishersville, VA**  
**9:00—Registration**  
**9:30—Conference Begins**

See more DLC info at the following website:

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/division-leadership-conferences/>

**APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:**  
 February 8th (Saturday) at 10:00 AM

**Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:**  
 February 25th (Tuesday) at 7:30 PM—Order of Malta Conferral

**A meal is served between Commandery and Chapter Meetings**

**Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:**  
 February 25th (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM

**Shriners Piedmont Club:**  
 February 16th (Sunday) - Sweetheart Luncheon, 1:00 pm at Green-croft Club. RSVP by Feb 9th.

**Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:**  
 February 7th (Friday) at 6:00 PM

More information for the appendant bodies can be found at the following:  
[www.wsl.avenue.org/headbeone.php](http://www.wsl.avenue.org/headbeone.php)

# The Four Cardinal Virtues "Brother to Brother"



Many in today's society are searching for that something that will make them successful, will allow them to overcome their obstacles, will finally propel them to attain that which they have for so long dreamed. In order to accomplish this they go to seminars, read books, listen to audio and watch videos. Many great slogans are learned to help them in their quest. Slogans such as "check up from the neck up", "aspire to greatness" and "the power to excel" keep them chugging along. This is how such terms as "quick fix", "magic bullet" and "life hack" came into existence. The meaning of these terms is generally an expedient, temporary solution, especially one that is superficial and momentarily negates the need to address the overall problem. The personal development and self-help industry has propagated these types of "solutions" for approximately the past one hundred years and has become a multimillion dollar juggernaut in the process.

Dr. Stephen Covey wrote about these phenomena in his book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." In this book he explained that from the middle of 1700's up to a little after World War I society believed in the "Character Ethic as the foundation of success—things like integrity, humility, fidelity, temperance, courage, justice, patience, industry, simplicity, modesty, and the Golden Rule."<sup>1</sup> He also explained that from that time period up to now has been dominated by what he describes as the Personality Ethic. He describes it as such: "Success became more a function of personality, of public image, of attitudes and behaviors, skills and techniques, that lubricate the processes of human interaction."<sup>2</sup>

Freemasonry teachings clearly fall into Dr. Covey's Character Ethic category. Although I have noticed that Masonic literature has taken a similar turn as the one Dr. Covey describes in his book. I also think that currently we are further hampered by old definitions that are hard to understand, let alone put into practice, in today's modern world. It is in that vein that I would like to explain and up-date the meaning of one of Masonry's foundational concepts. Let's take a closer look at the four cardinal virtues.

The four cardinal virtues are very old concepts that have been highly valued.

The Roman philosopher and statesman Cicero states "Virtue may be defined as a habit of mind (animi) in harmony with reason and the order of nature. It has four parts: wisdom (prudentiam), justice, courage, temperance." (De Inventione, II, LIII)

The cardinal virtues are listed in The Wisdom of Solomon or Book of Wisdom, along with Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs (Song of Solomon), Job, and Sirach, and is included in the canon of Deuterocanonical books by the Roman Catholic Church and the anagignoskomena (Gr. ἀναγιγνωσκόμενα, meaning "those which are to be read") of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Most Protestants consider it part of the Apocrypha. In the book "Wisdom of Solomon" 8:7 states, "She [Wisdom] teaches temperance, and prudence, and justice, and fortitude, which are such things as men can have nothing more profitable in life."

## **Fortitude**

Fortitude is most often associated with courage. Courage in this case is further defined as the ability to face death, fear, pain, uncertainty and hardship. A man who possesses fortitude is willing to stand up for what he believes in, openly opposes injustice, chooses his family first, takes responsibility for failures and keeps going even when there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

Is that noble and steady guidance of the soul, which is equally distant from rashness and cowardice; it enables us to undergo any pain labour, danger, or difficulty, when thought necessary, or deemed prudentially expedient. This virtue, like the former ought to be deeply impressed on the breast of every Mason, as a fence and security against any attempts which might be made either by threats or violence, to extort from him any of those Masonic secrets he has so solemnly engaged himself to HELE, conceal, and never improperly reveal; the illegal revealing of which might prove a torment to his mind, as the Compasses were emblematically to his body when extended to his naked left breast at time of his Initiation.

## **Justice**

Justice is most often associated with righteousness based on moral, ethical and legal principles that have become accepted standards. It is basically a concept. A man who embraces this concept with fervor is viewed as someone who consistently does the right thing, is fair and doesn't give advantages to those who have not earned them or condemn them without proper cause.

Is that station or boundary of right, by which we are taught to render to every man his just due, and that without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with the Divine providence and human Law, but is the standard and cement of civil society. Without the exercise of this Virtue, universal confusion would ensure, lawless force would overcome the principles of equity, and social civility no longer exist; and as justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, so it ought to be the invariable practice of every Free and Accepted Mason never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof, ever having in mind the time he was placed at the North East part of the Lodge, being evident, when he received that excellent injunction from the Worshipful Master, to be just and upright in all things; alluding to the Perpendicular.

## **Temperance**

Temperance is generally regarded as self-control. It is further defined by these subcategories: chastity, modesty, humility, self-regulation, forgiveness and mercy. A man who is temperate does not gossip, attempt to manipulate or speak ill of others. This person knows when to speak, and more importantly, when not too also.

Is that due restraint of the passion and affections, which renders the body tame and governable, and relieves the mind from the allurements of vice. This virtue ought to be the constant practice of every Mason as he is thereby taught to avoid excess, or the contracting of any vicious or licentious habits, whereby he might, unwarily, be led to betray his trust, and subject himself the penalty contained in his Obligation.

## **Prudence**

Prudence is most often associated with insight and wisdom. A man who acts with prudence is viewed as having a clear understanding of right and wrong, virtuous and vicious, appropriate and inappropriate. A prudent man uses this knowledge and wisdom to determine the appropriate judgment in any given situation.

Teaches us to regulate our lives and actions according to the dictates of reason, and is that habit of mind whereby men wisely judge, and prudentially determine, all things relative to their temporal and eternal happiness. This virtue ought to be the distinguishing characteristic of every Free and Accepted Mason, not only for the good regulation of his own life and actions, but as a devoutly faithful example to the popular world who are not Masons, and ought to be nicely attended to in strange or mixed companies, never to let drop or slip the least Sign, Token, or Word, whereby any of our Masonic secrets might be illegally obtained; ever having in recollection that period of time when he was placed before the Volume of the Sacred Law.

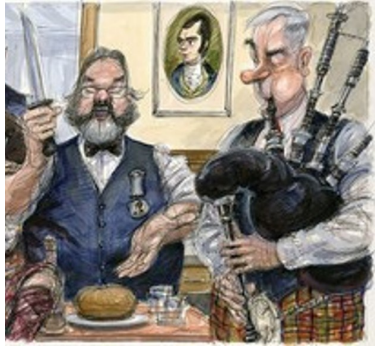
1 The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey

2 Ibid.

Obtained from the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Education website:

<https://www.grandlodgeofalaska.org/reader-cardinal-virtue.html>

# JANUARY PRESENTATIONS



## ROBERT BURNS DINNER NIGHT

Before the January Stated Meeting, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 celebrated its annual Robert Burns' Night Dinner. This celebration is to commemorate the birth of Brother Robert Burns, a well known Scottish Mason.

Haggis was prepared by our great resident chef RW Jim Dickerson and was ceremonially brought into the dining room by our Senior Warden Bro. Ed Creasy, Bagpiper Wor. Mark Chapman, Snare Drummer Bro. William Reichert and Knife Bearer RW Bill Bond.

RW Bill Bond recited a poem written by Robert Burns, "Ode to the Haggis" and then gave an address to the Haggis.

After the Ode to the Haggis, MW Jeffery Hodges presented a program on Robert Burns including an in depth evaluation of his poem "A Man's a Man for a That", which concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, a song written by Robert Burns, accompanied on the bagpipe.

RW Greg Hosaflook presented a program at the stated meeting on the meaning and symbols contained within the Fellow Craft Degree's Senior Deacon's Lecture.



On January 29th, as a courtesy to a sister Lodge in Maryland, brothers of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Victor Vigliotti. On the left is the degree team and some visiting brothers and on the right is Brother Vigliotti.



### Elected Officers for 2020

Worshipful Master: Wor. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.  
Senior Warden: Bro. Eddie O'Hare Creasy  
Junior Warden: Bro. Adam Lee Buffington  
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: RW Gerald William "Bud" Hogan  
Junior Deacon: RW Jason Andrew Pattison  
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.  
Marshall: Bro. Anthony Curtis Schienschang  
Tyler: Bro. Bobby Cameron, Jr.

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**DIVISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

*Brethren, our next and closest Division Leadership Conference will be in Fishersville.*



**LOCATION:**  
*Bridge Christian Church  
1275 Goose Creek Road  
Fishersville, VA*

**DATE:**  
*Saturday, February 8th, 2020*

**SCHEDULE:**  
*Registration and Fellowship—9:00 AM  
Conference Begins—9:30 AM  
Counterpart Sessions End—11:45 AM*

