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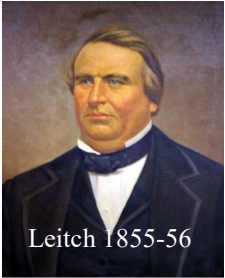
# HIRAM'S JOURNAL

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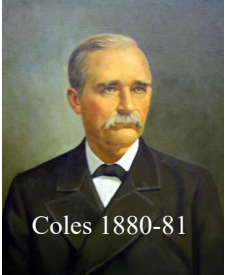
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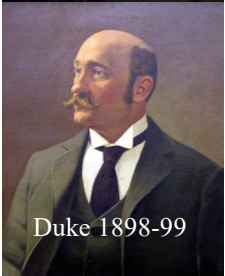
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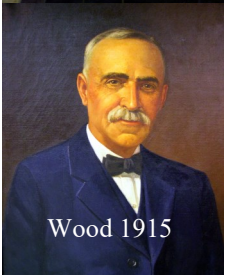
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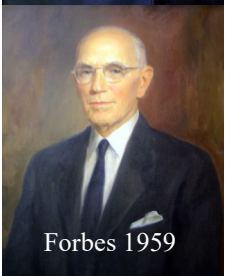
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Thank you all that came out for the Burns Night Dinner celebration and the stated meeting afterwards. RW Bill Bond did a great job at dinner with his delivery of Robert Burns' poem "Ode to the Haggis" and I would also like to thank him for his program on the poet during the Stated meeting. As always RW Jim Dickerson did a great job cooking the Haggis. If you have not been to a Burns Night Dinner, then please make plans next year to join us; it is always a great time.

In February we will be receiving the 2022 DDGM10, RW Willie Leo Harper. Please make time to join us so we can have a great reception for our District Deputy. It's always nice to have a full Lodge room when the District Deputy makes his Official Visit to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

I highly recommend all Officers attend the District Leadership Conference on March 11th. It's a good time to meet our Grand Lodge Officers. Masks are required at this event regardless of vaccination status. Our rescheduled officers meeting in Lodge will be Monday the 7th at 6pm.

If you haven't been to Lodge recently, then we would like to extend an invitation to join us in February. You are definitely missed.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Jason Pattison, SW for

Eddie O. Creasy

2022 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 (64Yr)
Lewis A. Martin, III	02/21/1979
William F. Reinhold	02/23/1973
Edgar S. Robb	02/08/1966 (56Yr)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



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

**Feb 7th, 6:00 PM— WSL60 Officer's Meeting  
 WSL Dining Room**

**Feb 21st, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting**

**Feb 22nd, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter #58 Meeting  
 Via Zoom and In-Person, See Chapter Newsletter and Email**



**William Roberson, Jr.  
 Dec 12, 1925 - Jan 18, 2022**

**Right Worshipful William Roberson, Jr. was born in Lexington, KY, on December 12, 1925, and laid down his working tools on January 18, 2022. At Charlottesville Lodge No. 55, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 13, 1961, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 26, 1961, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 24, 1961. Brother Roberson served as Worshipful Master of Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 in 1967, and as DDGM District 18 in 1975. In 1990 Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 merged with Widows Sons Lodge No. 60. Bro. Roberson was a 60 Year Masonic Veteran.**

**In 1952, Bro. Roberson was commissioned a Special Agent of ATF, United States Treasury Department, retiring from that position at Charlottesville in 1975. He served 12 years on the Albemarle County Board of Zoning Appeals and 10 years as a county voting official. He was honored to participate with others in establishing Elks Lodge #389 near Towe Park and also the Senior Center. A member of those two organizations he was also a Shriner, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. A private memorial service will be held at a later date in Lexington, Kentucky.**

**FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Greetings Brethren,

I have 2 requests to make: (1) Please make every effort to pay your lodge dues on time so that your Lodge can pay its bills, provide Community and Masonic support to those in need, and maintain commitments to charities. If you are experiencing financial hardship, then call or text me at 434.227.6702. (2) Please make every effort to reduce the spread of viruses by wearing a mask in Lodge. Masks may not necessarily prevent the wearer from contacting a virus from someone, but if one is asymptomatic and doesn't know they have a virus (<https://www.newsweek.com/forty-percent-covid-infected-patients-are-asymptomatic-study-shows-1661120>), then the mask will reduce chances of spreading a virus to someone else. By this simple act, we show brotherly love (a tenet in Freemasonry) by helping to keep them well.

Thank you,

Mark S. Chapman, PM & Secretary WSL60

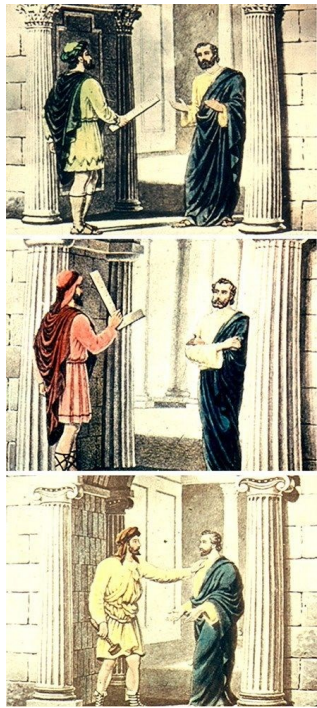
# SYMBOLISM OF THE HIRAMIC LEGEND

BY: BROTHER AND SIR KNIGHT JAMES A. NASH

My purpose here is to explain what I believe is the meaning that we should take from the Hiramic Legend. We can search the Bible and history books, but we will not find the story of Hiram Abiff as we tell it in the second section of our Master Mason Degree. Therefore, we must assume that this story is an allegory and that it will take study and contemplation to understand its true meaning.

This part of our degree work is just another way of telling the age old story of the struggle between good and evil. My purpose is to explain how I believe the main characters of the second section of the Master Mason Degree are used as symbols, their meaning, and how they are used to communicate the lesson that they are intended to impart.

Solomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff represent wisdom, honesty, and perseverance. Collectively they represent all that is good and pure in the world. They epitomize brotherly love, relief, and truth. They represent the state of perfection that each of us should be striving to attain, even though we will never be able to reach it. The three principle fellowcrafts represent the labor that each of us must perform, the contemplation that we must exercise, and the care for all mankind's welfare so that we become a better person each day. We constantly grow in order to get closer to that state of perfection and to insure that the world is left a better place when we leave it. The three ruffians represent ignorance, prejudice, and greed. They are the forces of evil that are constantly attempting to undo and defeat the forces of good. Once we realize what each of these groups of characters represent, then we are able to contemplate their effects on the human condition.



The first ruffian represents ignorance. Ignorance in this context is the lack of knowledge of how to properly relate to and act toward others or how to consider the welfare of others. Ignorance allows a person to be easily led or influenced to commit offences that harm other people. These offences can take the form of plotting against someone, spreading rumors, lying, or other conduct that is detrimental to others or that may benefit the perpetrator at someone else's expense. Ignorance stifles the mental growth of a human being and helps prevent his ability to think beyond self. It also tends to foster an exaggerated sense of self entitlement which tends to encourage the type of behavior that ignorance perpetuates.

The second ruffian represents prejudice. Prejudice creates and encourages hate and intolerance. The practice of intolerance makes a person or group reject the opinion or belief of others summarily, without giving any thought as to their validity or value. Prejudice is a narrow mindedness that encourages hate because of race, religious or political beliefs, or some other reason that is unreasonable or invalid. It discourages a person from understanding his or her differences with others and blocks the growth and strength that understanding and acceptance can produce.

The third ruffian represents greed. Greed is the desire to obtain wealth or power by any means necessary. Greed can manifest itself through thievery, deception, swindling, or any other means which can result in one person or group attaining an unfair advantage over another.

# SYMBOLISM OF THE HIRAMIC LEGEND ~ CONTINUED

In contrast, the three principle fellowcrafts collectively represent the attainment of knowledge and the individual's effort to improve by practicing the Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief, truth, and morality. They epitomize the effort to battle the three ruffians in defense of good. They teach us to battle ignorance by gaining knowledge of how to properly treat and relate to others. They demonstrate that this is not an easy task but a lifelong effort to improve our ability to practice the knowledge we gain. They teach us to battle prejudice by the realization that every person should be treated equally without regard to their race, religious or political belief, wealth, or station in life. Every person should be treated as an individual and judged only by how they live their life and what they give to humanity. They teach us to battle greed by realizing that there are things in life that should be more valuable to us than wealth or power. Honor, integrity, and honesty are invaluable in the battle against evil. The respect we receive from others for possessing and utilizing these qualities will earn an individual the kind of love and respect from others that is more valuable than any amount of money or the possession of any object.



The three ruffians demonstrate that the forces of evil are always at work to influence the unsuspecting and the weak and to recruit them in the battle so that evil can triumph over good and chaos can then rule. They use powerful weapons and allurements to influence and win people to their side, and they are always present to capture anyone who might slip. The three fellowcrafts demonstrate that although the forces of evil are powerful and relentless, we can still prevail through perseverance and the diligent practice of virtue.

The last event in this part of our degree, when the individual receives the last secret of a Master Mason, represents the rebirth of the individual into a life where he is to work through the study, contemplation, and practice of these principles and virtues to continually improve. This practice is noticed by others and therefore influences and benefits all mankind. Honor, integrity, reputation, and respect are the benefit for the individual when he takes these lessons to heart and practices them in his daily life. The Master Mason practicing these virtues in his daily life will influence others to seek association with us in order to improve themselves.

Each individual is free to accept or reject these thoughts. I contend that this is a valid assessment of the symbolism of the Hiram legend and a reasonable interpretation of how we should utilize the lessons of the degree. Even if there is disagreement on this interpretation, there should be agreement that it does offer thought into the meaning of what we should learn from Masonry.

# JANUARY PRESENTATIONS

The January Stated Meeting was held on our Annual Robert Burn's Night, where Bro. Bill Bond gave Robert Burn's Ode to Haggis in the Gaelic Tongue!!! Brothers had a great time in eating Haggis and having some Whiskey Gravy (alcohol-free). Bro. Adam Buffington donated the Royal Stewart Tartan table runners to add to the Scottish Theme.



A Big Shout out to RW Jim Dickerson and Brother Mike Arnold for their help in making and setting up the meal for Burn's Night. Another delicious meal was available for the Burn's Night dinner and great tasting Haggis for those who ate it.

## Elected Officers for 2022

Worshipful Master: Wor. Eddie O'Hare Creasy  
Senior Warden: R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison  
Junior Warden: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin  
Treasurer: RW James Friend Dickerson  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman  
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.

Senior Deacon: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook  
Junior Deacon: Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens  
Senior Steward: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos  
Junior Steward: Bro. Donald Porter Cochrane  
Marshall: Bro. James Thomas O'Kelley, Jr.  
Tyler: Bro John Coulter Maddox

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**Grand Lodge of Virginia—District Leadership Conference**

**WAYNESBORO—MARCH 11th, 2022 (FRIDAY)**

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



**6:30 PM—Registration and Fellowship**

**7:00 PM—Conference Begins**

**9:15 PM—Counterpart Sessions**

**NOTE:  
ALL DLC ATTENDEES MUST  
WEAR A FACE COVERING  
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