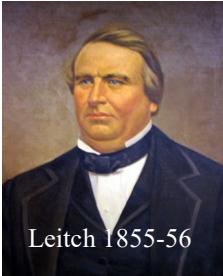


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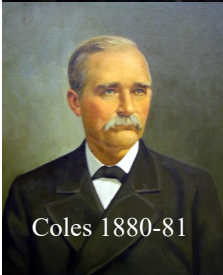
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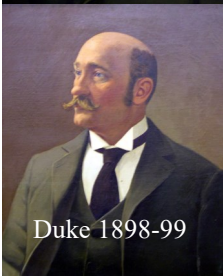
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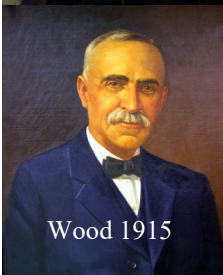
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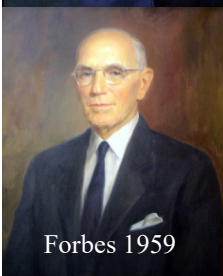
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

This past month I have seen a great example that could have been taken straight out from our book of scriptures. The scriptures state that he who is the greatest of all should be the servant of his fellow beings. Our Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges had set a good example for all the Past Masters and former officers of our lodge. Even though he was the Grand Master of all the masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2009, he has dutifully assisted the lodge in many different offices and callings.

The latest was his great portrayal as Albert Pike of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He put great effort in his planning of his talk and the costume he wore. I want to thank him for his efforts. Let us all be willing to contribute our talents and efforts in assisting our lodge brothers even though we may have finished our year in the chairs or other assignments.

Our May stated meeting I feel will be most informative and interesting. Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, Most Excellent Russ Snodgrass will be providing a well-qualified speaker on the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem by Zerubbabel. Our meal that night will be lasagna with all the fixings.

I sincerely hope that all members will make a real effort to attend the May stated. Each member of the lodge is special to your officers. It gives us great joy to see each brother that attends. My goal is that each member will say to himself or his family, "I'm glad I went to the lodge tonight".



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Eddie O. Creasy

2022 Worshipful Master



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
James K. Anas	05/04/1970 (52 Yrs)
Adam L. Buffington	05/06/2013
A. Clayton Coleman, Jr.	05/02/1977
Eddie O. Creasy	05/24/1982
George William Estes	05/29/1967 (55 Yrs)
John D. Fisher	05/04/1987
Carl E. Hollar, Jr.	05/17/1974
Andrew D. Keller	05/28/1997 (25 Yrs)
Robert J. Mariano	05/10/2004
Ahmed Nafei	05/24/2010
Christian D. M. Owens	05/10/2021
William N. Park	05/16/1995
Ray W. Sites	05/23/1966 (56 Yrs)
Geoff Springer	05/25/1996
James W. Stafford	05/15/2014
Carl W. Stankwitz	05/05/2011
Paul H. Wood	05/01/1961 (61 Yrs)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

May 14th, 2:00 PM—Memorial Service for Brother Marchi. Service at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church.

May 15th, 2:00 PM—Masonic Rites for Yale Landsberg 15 Hatchchubbe Road, Palmyra, VA 22963. Arrive by 1 PM.

May 16th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting 6 pm Meal in 2nd Floor Dining Room

May 24th, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter #58 Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

10TH DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

OFFICIAL VISIT

The GMOV will start at 6:30 PM, see the DDGM10 or Lodge Secretary for \$25 tickets (make checks payable to Mineral Lodge No. 311). The official visit will be shared with District 7. Request that WSL60 Brothers planning to attend to inform the Secretary for head count.

Fire Hall, 301 E. Baker Street, Gordonsville, VA



Brother Joseph Lawrence Marchi

April 9th, 1947—April 6th, 2022

Brother Marchi retired from Hill & Wood Funeral Home after 45 years of faithful service. He was a Navy Veteran, and a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge #60, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Blue Ridge Mountain Rotary Club, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and an avid fan of Hop-along Cassidy.

Bro. Marchi received his degrees in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and was initiated an EA on November 29, 1993, passed to the degree of FC on June 15, 1996, and raised to the sublime degree of MM on June 15, 1996, at the Grand Master's One Day Conferral at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, with a Visitation from 12 to 2 p.m., and the memorial service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of the Piedmont.

WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY

BY: BROTHER RICHARD D. MARCUS

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics, and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind, and fire. He could see triads in the three-leaf clover. He knew he lived in a three-dimensional world. In politics, the US Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. And in religion, most faiths teach fealty to God, your neighbor, and yourself. All are arranged in intriguing triads of ideas. Let us endeavor to understand some of the power in triads both historically and for us as Masons.

Before we become aware of triads, we think in opposites or dual concepts. Developmental learning theorists easily prove that infants learn through simple stimulus and response events. Touch a newborn baby's cheek, her instinctive reflex will be to turn her head in that direction. She quickly learns to identify her Mother's voice from all others. As language is acquired, knowledge can be gathered by asking, "why?" After a child asks a question she is rewarded with an answer. The pattern engages a pair of concepts or dyads. Even as we advance in learning, we make decisions using dyads by giving reasons for and against an action. A straightforward method for determining a course of action involves drawing a vertical line on paper and arranging the pro and con arguments on either side.

Furthermore, Socratic teaching methods train students by asking questions. The students must provide the answer or else the teacher must supply it. Catechisms are similarly simple teaching devices for youth. The first question in the Westminster Confession asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The student replies, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The question is neat; the answer is clean. This is an uncomplicated style of learning for the young.

But as men, we become more complex. Answers tend to include modifiers such as on the one hand this, but on the other hand that. Dualistic thinking is insufficient for more advanced analysis. Socratic methods tend to give way to Hegelian philosophy that was based on threes: thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. Inspired by Christian insights and grounded in his mastery of a fund of knowledge, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel attempted to answer all questions--natural, human, and divine--using dialectical reasoning that swung from thesis to antithesis and back again to a richer synthesis. Two opposing forces resolve into a creature wholly different, like the cross-fertilization of two different rose bushes producing a more perfect hybrid.

Higher learning tended to use triads. Among the seven liberal arts and sciences are grammar and rhetoric. Grammar uses subject, verb, and object – three things. Adjectives are inflected into good, better, and best – also triads. Grammatical tenses are conjugated into run, ran, and have run.

Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. "A rhetorical comment," is a phrase meaning tangential or unnecessary words. Yet expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas in orderly lists. In Latin, word order doesn't matter. In English, "man bites dog," demonstrates that word order matters. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity. The order matters. The Bible did not say charity, faith, and hope. We remember from the French Revolution: equality, liberty, and fraternity – a triad. Providing citizens with equality and liberty produces the ideal of fraternity. Rhetoricians argue that the ear wants to hear the most complex at the end of the list as it finishes or completes the first two thoughts.

Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient cultures and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points. Even anthropological artifacts reflect triads. From the union of marriage comes a child. The complication of three elements is needed to provide sufficient complexity to achieve an idealized perfection.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Why triads dominate over dyads or quartets of ideas may not conclusively be known, but speculative Masonry permits us ample opportunity to reflect on the reasons.



WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY ~ CONTINUED

Threes appear prominently in the lecture of the winding stairs as we are shown the first three steps. They remind Fellowcrafts of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three.

Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three lesser lights are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: patience, fortitude, or peace making, but the fact that there is but three draws your attention.

The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights. First displayed on the altar is the Holy Bible or scriptures from other religions. The Holy Bible is a collection of writings, histories, and moral teachings that provide guidance in our actions. They are sometimes known as wisdom literature; indeed, one of the books in the Apocrypha during the inter-testamental period is the Book of Wisdom. King Solomon is recalled as a wise king whose wisdom was demonstrated by the story of two women claimants for a baby. Furthermore that wisdom is symbolized atop the Worshipful Master by his hat, the crown of the ruler who is wise.

The square is the second Great Light. A right angle is key to forming a strong wall or a proper column--a wall that will withstand the vicissitudes of weather and seasons. Being on the square is commended to all Master Masons. We are charged to follow the rules and regulations of the Craft and of the country in which we live. We see the square as a symbol of right living in our own lives as well as order in society. The Senior Warden represents strength: he is the strong supporter of the Worshipful Master. Yet it is intriguing that the symbol of strength, the square, is worn as the jewel of the Worshipful Master.

The third symbol placed on the altar is the compasses. We use a compass to draw an arc or a perfect circle. There is beauty and perfection in structures built with arches and celestial windows. Cathedrals featured rose windows over the altar, which were circular stained-glass windows beautifully adorned for the contemplation of the glory of God. We are further taught a message hidden in the compasses to keep our actions within due bounds. Beauty is orderly, balanced, and under control. So too, the Junior Warden talks of the arc of the sun as it rises to Meridian height as being the beauty and glory of the day.

Hence we repeat patterns of wisdom, strength, and beauty in the three officers as well as the Greater and Lesser Lights. The rhetoric of listing wisdom, strength, and beauty in this order places importance on beauty. Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create harmony. Harmony is itself a characteristic of beauty in social settings as it is in aesthetics. In the Aurora Lodge (a German-speaking lodge in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), the German word for beauty is Schönheit, which involves balance and symmetry, as in the beauty of a well-built structure. Perhaps we can visualize that a Lodge of filled with wise and strong men will produce better men in a manly sense of symmetry, strength, and beauty.

The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons.

The posting monitors used by all three degrees today begin with three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Meetings in Lodge are designed to reinforce these three principles as we practice fraternity, charity, and virtue – three moral guides.

Triads are used by Lodges to train our minds. As we grow in understanding we will tend to use more and richer triads. Intelligence, force, and harmony provide elegant synonyms used today for wisdom, strength, and beauty. Likewise, religion, law, and morals are pillars of Masonic teaching. By religious study and contemplation we search out wisdom. By the force and rule of law, we establish a strong and orderly society. And by inculcation of personal morality, we strive for beauty in our private and public lives.

The lesson for us is that the triads used in our rituals and in our lectures are purposeful and helpful to us. Let us strive for perfection by becoming better men in wisdom, strength, and beauty.

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APRIL PRESENTATIONS



Top—Master Mason Degree cast for the newest Master Mason of WSL60: Brother Joseph Shannon Gorak.

Right—Most Worshipful Jeffery Hodges presentation on Albert Pike with full costume.



Left—Brother Jim O’Kelley (Left, WSL60) and Brother Bill Hughes (Middle, Cabell Lodge 328) attending the Rededication ceremony for the Vietnam Dogwood Memorial.

Right—RW Jason Pattison and his team representing WSL60 at the Annual Ian McLaurin Shipley Memorial Golf Tournament.



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: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
 Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman
 Chaplain: R.W. 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: Vacant
 Tyler: Bro John Coulter Maddox

MORE APRIL PRESENTATIONS



A committee composed of RW James F. Dickerson and RW Mike D. Griffin presented WSL60 Brother Kurt Manfred Gloeckner in the East where MW Jeffery E. Hodges presented him with his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's Grand Master's Certificate, Membership card, and Lapel pin from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Brother Gloeckner was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 4, 1971, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on December 10, 1971, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 31, 1972, in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55, Charlottesville, Virginia. He responded briefly.



Brother John Thurman Lawson

Brother Lawson laid down his working tools on April 25, 2022.

Brother Lawson was a Masonic veteran having been raised a Master Mason on February 19, 1958 at Norview Lodge #113 in Norfolk, VA. He was a LMIP at Lynnhaven Lodge #229, in VA Beach, VA. He affiliated with WSL60 on February 18, 2013. Funeral services for Bro Lawson were held at Virginia Beach.

Brother Yale Stewart Landsberg

Brother Landsberg laid down his working tools on April 28, 2022.

Brother Landsberg was raised a Master Mason on May 25, 1977 at NJ0269 and affiliated with WSL60 on May 21, 2007. Masonic Rites for Brother Yale Landsberg will be given on Sunday May 15 at 2 pm at his residence: 15 Hatchechubbe Road, Palmyra, VA 22963. The family requested we arrive by 1 pm.

GRAND VIEW INFORMATION

All Lodge Members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 are to register for the new Grand View System.

The sign-up link is below:

<https://va.grandview.systems/membership>

Register and activate your account.

Contact the WSL60 Secretary to obtain your
Grand View ID number.

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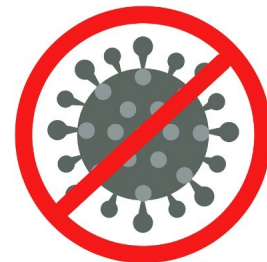
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Hiram's Journal

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Brothers, effective April 1st, 2022, Most Worshipful James W. Golladay, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of Virginia has lifted all COVID-19 restrictions. Meals, taking up the word, degree work, all of those things, can now return to normal.

**Face Coverings NO
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