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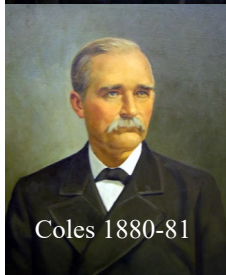
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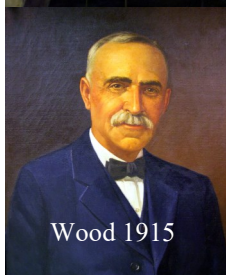
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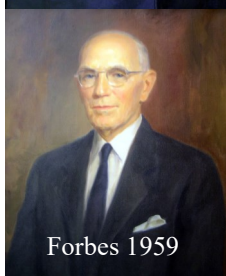
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Due to ill health, I was not able to attend two lodge functions that I had been looking toward attending. One was the talk given by RW Bill Baskerville on the explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd, a famous Virginia Mason. Even though I was not able to attend the lodge, Bill sent me a copy of his presentation. I found it to be an excellent account of Admiral Byrd's adventures. We are so fortunate to have such talented men as RW Bill Baskerville in our lodge.

The other event I was not able to attend was the table lodge. While ill health keep me from being there, my mind was constantly thinking of what was taking place every few minutes. I heard many favorable comments on the food and the presentation of the George Washington Bible which was presented by the Fredericksburg Lodge. I knew the event would be a success because our Junior Warden, Mike Griffin was in charge, and he had two able Stewards and others to assist him. I am so thankful for the excellent officers who have been willing to serve the lodge.

Our August presentation will be on the French General Lafayette who provided valuable assistance to the colonies during their fight for independence. Prior to the opening of the lodge, our meal will be sweet and sour pork and fried rice with a special cake.

I have received many favorable comments from visitors who have attended our lodge. They have expressed how much they have felt welcomed when they attend. I would like to encourage each of us to be ready to not only welcome guests but our own members that attend.



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>
Michael L. Arnold	08/30/2004
Alexander Banks, V	08/26/1968 (54 Years)
Robert L. Bishop, Jr.	08/29/2015
Stephen J. Blair	08/29/2015
Dale R. Blosser	08/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III	08/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell	08/28/1990
Robert M. Carlisle	08/18/1956 (66 Years)
William W. Clark, Jr.	08/27/1951 (71 Years)
David S. Davidson	08/07/1967 (55 Years)
Steve E. Fetcho	08/27/2005
George P.A. Forschler	08/03/1967 (55 Years)
Charles M. Hale, Jr.	08/09/1977
Robert A. Harrison, III	08/27/2005
Robert A. Harrison, Jr.	08/19/1953 (69 Years)
Jeffery E. Hodges	08/26/1985
Jason E. Hodges	08/27/2005
James E. Holler	08/27/1984
Gregory D. Hosaflook	08/22/1998
Ian C. Kelly	08/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly	08/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott	08/24/1970 (52 Years)
John Coulter Maddox	08/02/1971 (51 Years)
Brady L. McLane	08/04/2018
James T. O'Kelley, Jr.	08/04/2018
Timothy B. Parent	08/27/2005
Stewart A. Plemons	08/29/2015
William F. Reinhold, III	08/26/1996
William E. Rose	08/26/1972 (50 Years)
Larry B. Saunders	08/27/2005
Anthony C. Schienschang	08/31/2010
Kent Schlusel	08/07/1990
Steven R. Thomas	08/28/2008
Willian D. Vincent	08/27/2005

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Aug 6th, 5:00 PM— Barbourville Fish Fry
See below for more info

Aug 8th, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting via Zoom

Aug 15th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting
6 pm Meal in 2nd Floor Dining Room

August 17—20th, - Reid James Simmons Ritual School.
Contact Secretary for more info.

Aug 23rd, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter #58 Meet-
ing Via Zoom and In-Person, See Chapter Newsletter
and Email

SUMMER DRESS CODE

**CASUAL DRESS CODE (Lodge
Polos) for AUGUST**



First Annual Fish Fry

Hosted by: Barbourville Masonic Lodge 112

5458 Governor Barbour St.
Barbourville Va.

Menu: Fish, Hush puppies, coleslaw,
macaroni salad and desserts

Drinks: Tea, lemonade and water

All proceeds to benefit Orange Free Clinic

Date: Saturday, Aug
6th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets are: \$15.00
each at the door

Box Meals will also be
available!

RSVP to Wor. Ryan
Gibson

Ph# 540.661.9583



ROUGH AND PERFECT ASHLAR

BY: ANONYMOUS

Rough and perfect ashlar stones symbolize Man's moral and spiritual life.

Cutting stone to uniform shapes and sizes requires the skill and experience of a true craftsman with many years of experience. This is why, historically, only large edifices (buildings) were made of ashlar (rather than brick or wood), due to the necessity (and difficulty) of assembling the many skilled craftsman needed to complete the many subsets of knowledge such as:

How to build a stone archway
How to lay foundation stone
And how to lay stone, one atop another to great heights
...Not to mention the artisans who sculpted the stones into ornamental shapes.

In days of old, Apprentice masons cut and raised the Rough Ashlars from the stone quarry under the supervision of more experienced craftsman, called Fellowcrafts. The work was accomplished under the watchful eye of the Master masons of the craft...those who had proved their ability to make their Master's piece to the satisfaction of their superiors. In Freemasonry, there are 2 forms of ashlar.

Rough Ashlar

In operative Freemasonry, the rough ashlar represents a rough, unprepared or undressed stone. In speculative Freemasonry, a rough ashlar is an allegory to the uninitiated Freemason prior to his discovering enlightenment.

Perfect Ashlar

Operatively, the Perfect ashlar represents the dressed stone (after it has been made uniform and smoothed) by use of the working tools, the common gavel, (mallet) and chisel. (The chisel may be found in English Freemasonry, but is not used in the United States as a Freemason symbol.) Only after the stone has been dressed by an experienced stonemason, can it be suitable to be placed into the architectural structure or building. Speculatively, a Perfect Ashlar is an allegory to a Freemason who, through Masonic education, works to achieve an upstanding life and diligently strives to obtain enlightenment.

Rough and Perfect Ashlars

In the Fellowcraft Degree, we see the use of the Rough and Perfect Ashlars. The lesson to be learned is that by means of education and the acquirement of knowledge, a man improves the state of his spiritual and moral being. Like man, each Rough Ashlar begins as an imperfect stone. With education, cultivation and brotherly love, man is shaped into a being which has been tried by the square of virtue and encircled by the compasses of his boundaries, given to us by our Creator.



Rough and Perfect Ashlar...Fitted For The Builder's Use

In ancient times, quarried stone which could be easily shaped into desired configurations, was called "freestone". Typical freestones are limestone and sandstone. Then, as now, only after refining and smoothing these rough stones into their desired shape, were the stonemasons able to "fit them for the builder's use".

In the Fellowcraft degree, the Rough Ashlar represents a man's unrefined state and his need for improvement. He learns that the goal of being a better man includes spirituality of thought and striving for perfection of conduct. Via duties, expectations and obligations, he is charged to work toward these goals of self improvement. As the Freemason "smooths" his rough edges, internally and externally; he becomes a better man and, therefore, a better Freemason. Once a man has perfected his ashlar to the best of his ability,... as Brothers to all mankind, it is his duty to help others become better men and better Freemasons.

ROUGH AND PERFECT ASHLAR ~ CONTINUED

Rough and Perfect Ashlar...The Potential For Change

All rough ashlar must have within them the potential to be made into a perfect ashlar. The stone must be made of sound material and have a minimum of character flaws which may cause it to weaken the edifice (building). It must be capable of being worked into a perfect stone. This is why candidates for the degrees are asked many questions as to their qualifications and character about why they wish to become Freemasons. The candidate must have the potential to both serve and support the Fraternity. He must be carefully inspected, just as each Rough Ashlar is inspected for quality in order to be able to "fit" him into Freemasonry's tenets and goals, which are compatible to God's laws. An imperfect stone may be made perfect, however major flaws are difficult to overcome and when assembled into a structure, the entire structure can be weakened from its improper use. This is as true of men as it is of stones.

Rough and Perfect Ashlar...States of Metamorphose

Freemasonry has a glorious history. Flawed ashlar can bring negative feelings and reproach upon the Fraternity from non-Freemasons in the outside world and therefore, can have no place within its walls....That said,...let us not forget that perfect ashlar are not found lying about the stone quarry without benefit of their having been hammered, chiseled and polished into such a state of being. It also holds true that "perfect" men are also such an anomaly without the benefit of brotherly love, guidance and light. There are very few Freemasons who have not been in both the rough and perfect ashlar state-of-being at some point in their lives.

Freemason Duties For the Future of the Craft

(1) Freemasons must give serious consideration to our personal responsibility to educate other Brothers toward their self improvement. (2) Like the Good Samaritan in the Holy Books; it is in the giving and assistance to others in which you will find the true "jewels" of enlightenment. True Master Masons not only exemplify the tenets of the craft, but they teach what they learn. (3) Lodges should carefully judge the potential of each candidate, weighing both their character and their potential for change. (4) Each Freemason is charged to extend the hand of brotherly love and affection to help new Freemasons become better men and strive to live on the square, stand upright with the plumb and take their true place as a man who would make his Creator (the Almighty), proud of him.

The lesson of the Rough and Perfect Ashlar applies to all men who are worthy,...who have a heartfelt wish to go from ignorance to knowledge,...from darkness to light...and from death to life.

The following poem, written by Mary Brooks Picken, entitled, "Thimblefuls of Friendliness" was written in 1924, and, perhaps says it, best.

"Thimblefuls of Friendliness"



"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And just plain folks like you and me,
Are builders for Eternity?"

To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make ere life is flown,
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone."



So,...it's up to you. What will YOU decide to build with YOUR working tools?

Reprinted from Masonic Lodge of Education Website:

<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/rough-and-perfect-ashlar.html>

JULY PRESENTATIONS



On Left:

A committee composed of MW Jeffery E. Hodges and RW James F. Dickerson presented first-time visiting WM of Chickahominy Lodge No. 286, Wor. Lynn Howell at the altar where he was introduced, welcomed and requested to continue to the East, where he was saluted in the ancient manner.



On Right

RW Russ Snodgrass presented a program on the life of Zerubbabel and his ties to Freemasonry and the Royal Arch Degree. After his talk the WM presented him with a Masonic Coffee mug gift.

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: Bro. James Thomas O'Kelley, Jr.
Tyler: Bro John Coulter Maddox



The Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of Virginia,
A.F. & A.M.

fraternally invites you to
participate in the
**George Washington National
Masonic Memorial Cornerstone
Centennial Celebration**

as part of the
2023 Conference of Grand
Masters of
North America
*Monday, February 20, 2023 at
1:00 P.M.*



**EARLY BIRD! 2023 Parade
Unit Registration**

Parade Registration Fee is \$50



www.grandmastersva23.com



If you are planning to attend, let the WSL60 Secretary know. Lodge leadership plans to charter a bus for Lodge members to travel to the event. Cost to be announced after meal and transportation arrangements are made.



***James Monroe Chapter No. 549
Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76***

National Sojourners, Inc.
Charlottesville, Virginia
Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism



Dear Brother Secretary,

I would appreciate your Worshipful Master allowing the following letter to be read to the Brethren of your Lodge:

Brethren,

Patriotism is a core value of the Masons in Virginia. We know that from the survey we took in 2005. One of the organizations in the Masonic Family Tree is National Sojourners. You may not know that there is an organization of past and present military members in our Fraternity. This organization is unique in that it is composed of past and present members of the armed services, honorary members and as the army of our colonial past allowed the wives and family members to follow and support the fighting man, our organization involves our ladies as Camp Followers, also.

We invite any Mason from your Lodge who served in a military capacity and his significant other to join us at King Solomon Lodge, 576 Radford Lane, Crozet, Va., on August 10 beginning at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy meeting a young ROTC cadet who attended the Freedom Foundation Valley Forge Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, if their schedule allows, as well as a program by a noted Richmond author who will discuss a book series the Camp Followers have been reading and close with a short program on National Sojourners which should prove to be enlightening.

All we ask is for you to call 434-531-1356 by August 6 to let me know how many baked potatoes and steaks I need to prepare.

Again, we want our veteran and active military Masons to know about this fine organization.

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges PGM
President, James Monroe Chapter, No 549
National Sojourners, Inc."

Thank you Brother Secretary and Worshipful Sir.
Jeffery Hodges, PGM

CHARLOTTESVILLE'S WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Brothers, we are looking for members to join the Freemason Team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's being held in Charlottesville on October 22nd.



The walk will start at 8:30 AM at the
CFA Institute Parking Lot at:
915 East High Street, Charlottesville, VA
Freemason Team Captain is Bro. Mark S. Chapman
WSL60 PM and Secretary, Ph# 434.227.6702,
Email: agw123@earthlink.net

Registration Link:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?
team_id=728206&pg=team&fr_id=15933](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team_id=728206&pg=team&fr_id=15933)

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Hiram's Journal

NEW MASON ON THE BLOCK

Brethren, let us introduce our newest Master Mason, Bro. Joe Gorak (pictured left).

Brother Gorak has expressed great willingness to step up and help to support his lodge.

He filled the seat of Tyler at the July Stated Communication (pro-tem).

Brother Joe is leading the effort to re-establish the Winding Staircase Discussion Group.

All interested Masons should contact Bro. Joe to help plan the group's initial meeting date and place.

Ph# 434.466.5876, Email: mr.jgorak@gmail.com

