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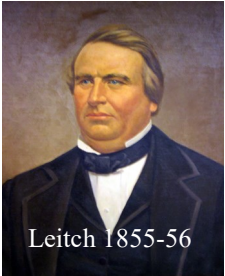
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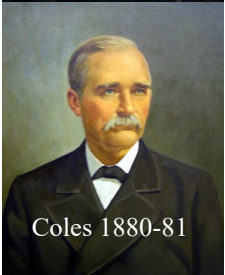
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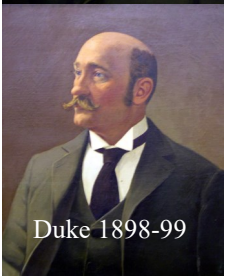
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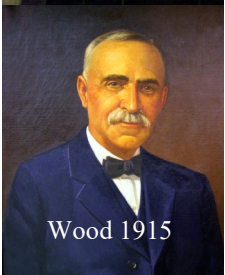
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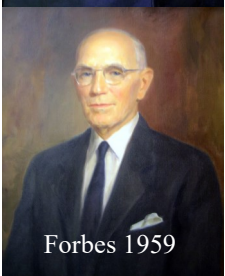
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 for electing me Worshipful Master for 2023. It means a lot to me to serve this lodge and all the Brothers.

The Grand Master has issued a proclamation directing Masonic Year 2023 to be a "Year of Community Service." He is directing that every Lodge complete 5 acts of community service during the 10-month period Dec 2022-Sep 2023. Our goal will be 1 act per month. If you have any ideas for this please let myself or any of the officers know.

January 13th will be the Grand Master's Official Visit to District 10. Cost of the meal is \$20 per person and it will be at Louisa Methodist Church. This is the Grand Master's 1st official visit for his year; let's make it a memorable one for him.

For our Stated Meeting in January, I will be absent. RW Mike Griffin will be sitting in the East and RW Shelby Chandler will be doing a program for us. Both are great brothers and I know all will run smoothly with them there.

We still have a lot of seats open for the bus trip to the Cornerstone Anniversary. We plan on leaving from Ruckersville Baptist Church at 9 am on the 20th of February. \$50 per person. Please contact me at +1 (434) 989-4109 or jaspatt82@yahoo.com. Because of this we have asked for a dispensation to have our stated meeting on February 27th. Mark this in your calendars.

Looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason A. Pattison

2023 Worshipful Master



ATTENTION!!!

The February WSL60 Stated Communication has been moved from the 3rd Monday of February (the 20th) to the 4th Monday (the 27th) due to the Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony (see page 7 of HJ).



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

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| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Master Mason Degree:</u> |
| Lee W. Bullwinkel | 01/19/1973 (50 Yrs) |
| James G. Carpenter | 01/25/1993 |
| Halbert E. Davis | 01/31/1983 |
| James D. Dunbar, Jr. | 01/30/1984 |
| Rolling E. Fields | 01/19/1973 (50 Yrs) |
| Kurt M. Gloeckner | 01/31/1972 (51 Yrs) |
| Jimmy G. Houser | 01/05/1976 |
| Curtis Parker Leake | 01/12/1977 |
| James W. Marshall | 01/13/1973 (50 Yrs) |
| Thomas A. Patrick, III | 01/30/1984 |
| E. Mack Powell | 01/31/1961 (62 Yrs) |
| Brandon M. Quinton | 01/20/2020 |



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Jan 2nd, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL

Jan 13th, 6:00 PM— 10th District Grand Master Official Visit, see more below

Jan 16th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting

Jan 24th, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter No. 58 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

Jan 24th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 9 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

Feb 20th: Cornerstone Rededication, see page 7.

Feb 27th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting

10th Masonic District Lodge Stated Meetings:

Day Lodge No. 58 Stated—1st Thursday 7:00 PM

Murray Lodge No. 175 Stated—2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM

Waddell Lodge No. 228 Stated—2nd Monday 7:30 PM

Mineral Lodge No. 311 Stated—3rd Thursday 7:30 PM

Cabell Lodge No. 328 Stated—1st Wednesday 7:30 PM



**10th District Official Visit of the
Grand Master**

Friday, January 13th, 2023, 6:00 PM

Location: Louisa United Methodist Church

100 E Main St, Louisa, VA

Cost is \$20 Please contact Lodge Secretary for tickets

RSVP by January 6th. Email: agw123@earthlink.net; Phone: 434.227.6702



THE SQUARE BY: UNKNOWN



The Holy Bible lies open upon the Altar of Masonry, and upon the Bible lie the Square and Compasses. They are the three Great Lights of the Lodge, at once its Divine warrant and its chief working tools. They are symbols of Revelation, Righteousness and Redemption, Teaching us that by walking in the light of Truth, and obeying the Law of Right, the Divine in man wins victory over the earthly. How to live is the one important matter, and he will seek far without finding a wiser way than that shown us by the Great Lights of the Lodge.

The Square and Compasses are the oldest, the simplest and the most universal symbols of Masonry. All the world over, whether as a sign on a building, or a badge worn by a Brother, even the profane know them to be emblems of our ancient Craft. Some years ago, when a business firm tried to adopt the Square and Compasses as a Trade-Mark, the Patent Office refused permission, on the ground, as the decision said, that 'There can be no doubt that this device, so commonly worn and employed by Masons, universally recognized as existing whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this issue.' They belong to us, alike by the associations of history and the tongue of common report.

Nearly everywhere in our Ritual, as in the public mind, the Square and Compasses are seen together. If not interlocked, they are seldom far apart, and the one suggests the other. And that is as it should be, because the things they symbolize are interwoven. In the old days when the earth was thought to be flat and square, the Square was an emblem of the earth, and later, of the earthly element in man. As the sky is an arc or a circle, the implement which describes a Circle became the symbol of the heavenly, or sky spirit in man. Thus the tools of the builder became the emblems of the thoughts of the thinker and nothing in Masonry is more impressive than the slow elevation of the compasses above the Square in the progress of the Degrees. The whole meaning and task of life is there, for such as have eyes to see.

Let us separate the Square from the Compasses and study it alone, the better to see its further meaning and use. There is no need to say that the Square we have in mind is not a Cube, which has four equal sides and angles, deemed by the Greeks a figure of perfection. Nor is it a the square of the carpenter, one leg of which is longer than the other, with inches marked for measuring. It is a small, plain Square, unmarked and with legs of equal length, a simple try-square used for testing the accuracy of angles, and the precision with which stones are cut. Since the try-square was used to prove that angles were right, it naturally became an emblem of accuracy, integrity and rightness. As stones are cut it fit into a building, so our acts and thoughts are built together into a structure of Character, badly or firmly, and must be tested by a moral standard of which the simple try-square is a symbol.

So, among Speculative Masons, the tiny try-square has always been a symbol of morality, of the basic rightness which must be the test of every act and the foundation of character and society. From the beginning of the revival in 1717 this was made plain in the teaching of Masonry, by the fact that the Holy Bible was placed upon the Altar, along with the Square and Compasses. In one of the earliest catechisms of the Craft, dated 1725, the question is asked: "How many make a Lodge?" The answer is specific and unmistakable: 'God and the Square, with five or seven right and perfect Masons. 'God and the Square, Religion and Morality, must be present in every Lodge as its ruling Lights, or it fails of being a just and truly Constituted Lodge. In all lands, in all rites where Masonry is true to itself, the Square is a symbol of righteousness, and is applied in the light of faith in God.

God and the Square - it is necessary to keep the two together in our day, because the tendency of the times is to separate them. The idea in vogue today is that morality is enough, and that faith in God - if there be a God - may or may not be important. Some very able men of the Craft insist that we make the teaching of Masonry too religious. Whereas, as all history shows, if faith in God grows dim morality becomes a mere custom, if not a cobweb, to be thrown off lightly. It is not rooted in reality, and so lacks authority and sanction. Such an idea, such a spirit - so wide-spread in our time, and finding so many able and plausible advocates - strikes at the foundation, not only of Masonry, but of all ordered and advancing social life. Once men come to think that morality is a human invention, and not a part of the order of the world, and the moral law will lose both its meaning and its power.

THE SQUARE ~ CONTINUED

Far wiser was the old book entitled 'All in All and the Same Forever,' by John Davies, and dated 1607, though written by a non-Mason, when it read reality and nature of God in this manner: 'Yet I this form of formless deity drew by the Square and Compasses of our Creed.' For, inevitable, a society without standards will be a society without stability, and it will one day go down. Not only nations, but whole civilizations have perished in the past, for lack of righteousness.

History speaks plainly in this matter, and we dare not disregard it. Hence the importance attached to the Square of Virtue, and the reason why Masons call it the great symbol of their Craft. It is a symbol of that moral law upon which human life must rest if it is to stand. A man may build a house in any way he likes, but if he expects it to stand and be his home, he must adjust his structure to the laws and forces that rule in the material realm. Just so, unless we live in obedience to the moral laws which God has written in the order of things, our lives will fall and end in a wreck. When a young man forgets the simple Law of the Square, it does not need a prophet to foresee what the result will be. It is a problem in geometry.

Such has been the meaning of the Square as far back as we can go. Long before our era we find the Square teaching the same lesson which it teaches us today. In one of the old books of China, called 'The Great Learning,' which has been dated in the fifth century before Christ, we read that a man should not do unto others what he would not have them do unto him and the writers adds, 'This is called the principle of acting on the Square.' There it is, recorded long, long ago. The greatest philosopher has found nothing more profound, and the oldest man in his ripe wisdom has learned nothing more true. Even Jesus only altered it from the negative to the positive form in his 'Golden Rule.' So, everywhere, in our Craft and outside, the Square has taught its simple truth which does not grow old. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire recovered a very curious relic, in the form of an old brass Square found under the foundation of an ancient bridge near Limerick in 1830. On it was inscribed the date, 1517, and the following words: 'Strive to live with love and care Upon the Level, by the Square.'

How simple and beautiful it is, revealing the oldest wisdom man has learned and the very genius of our Craft. In fact and truth, the Square Rules the Mason as well as the Lodge in which he labors.. As soon as he enters a Lodge, the candidate walks the square steps around the Square pavement of a rectangular Lodge. All during the ceremony his attitude keeps him in mind of the same symbol, as if to fashion his life after its form. When he is brought to light, he beholds the Square upon the Altar, and at the same time sees that it is worn by the Master of the Lodge, as the emblem of his office. In the North-East Corner he is shown the perfect Ashlar, and told that it is the type of a finished Mason, who must be Square-man in thought and conduct, in word and act. With every art of emphasis the Ritual writes this lesson in our hearts, and if we forget this first truth the Lost Word will remain forever lost. For Masonry is not simply a Ritual it is a way of living.

It offers us a plan, a method, a faith by which we may build our days and years into a character so strong and true that nothing, not even death, can destroy it. Each of us has in his own heart a little try-square called Conscience, by which to test each thought and deed and word, whether it be true or false. By as much as a man honestly applies that test in his own heart, and in his relations with his fellows, by so much will his life be happy, stable, and true. Long ago the question was asked and answered: 'Lord, who shall abide in thy Tabernacle? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.' It is the first obligation of a Mason to be on the Square, in all his duties and dealings with his fellow men, and if he fails there he cannot win anywhere. Let one of our poets sum it all up:

It matters not whate'er your lot, or what your task may be, ene duty there remains for you, one duty stands for me. Be you a doctor skilled and wise, or do your work for wage, a laborer upon the street, an artist on the stage. Our glory still awaits for you, one honor that is fair, to have men say as you pass by: 'That fellow's on the Square.' Ah, here's a phrase that stands for much, tis good old English too; It means that men have confidence in everything you do.

It means that what you have you've earned, and that you've done your best, and when you go to sleep at night, untroubled you may rest. It means that conscience is your guide, and honor is your care, there is no greater praise than this: That fellow's on the Square. And when I die I would not wish, a lengthy epitaph, I do not wish a headstone large, carved with fulsome chaff. Pick out no single deed of mine, if such a deed there be, to grave upon my monument, for those who come to see. Just this one phrase of all I choose, to show my life was fair: Here sleepeth now a fellow who, was always on the Square.'

DECEMBER PRESENTATIONS



WM Ed Creasy recognized the 56th Masonic Birthday of R.W. Charlie Via.



WM Ed Creasy thanked all the brethren who assisted him throughout his year in the East and present tokens of appreciation to the brethren.

L-R: RW Jim Dickerson, Bro. Tom Castellanos, RW Greg Hosaflook, RW Philip Nelson and Bro. Chris Owens.



WM Ed Creasy presented a Meritorious Certificate to RW Jason Pattison commending him on his help and support.

The incoming WM, RW Jason A. Pattison, presented Wor. Ed O'Creasy with a Past Master Certificate, Past Master Apron and Case and a Past Master Ring from the Lodge.

L-R: RW Jason Pattison, Wor. Ed Creasy, and RW Jim Dickerson



Elected Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Andrew Pattison
 Senior Warden: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
 Junior Warden: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook
 Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
 Asst. Tres: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
 Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman
 Asst. Sec: R.W. Robert Edward Simpson

Senior Deacon: Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens
 Junior Deacon: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos
 Senior Steward: Bro. Henry Paul Hagenau
 Junior Steward: Vacant
 Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
 Tyler: Bro John Coulter Maddox

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60—2023 Installation



WM Jason Pattison (center) being escorted by RW Greg Hosaflook (right) and Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens (left).



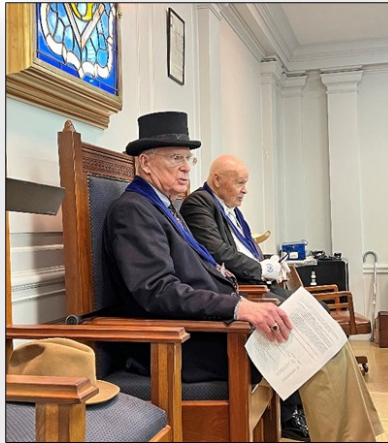
Brothers Christian Dwight Manly Owens (Right) and Thomas Matthew Castellanos (center) being installed as Deacons with Installing Marshal RW Russ Snodgrass (left).



The Installing Marshalls for the 2023 Elections: RW Russ Snodgrass (right) and RW Grant Routzohn (left).



Officers ready to be installed. See page 5 for names and offices.



RW Bob Simpson conducted elections



Most Worshipful Jeff Hodges conducted the installation.



Brethren, it is with a sad duty to announce that Worshipful Jimmy Gantt Houser laid down his working tools on December 3, 2022. Bro. Houser was initiated an EA on October 27, 1975; passed to the degree of FC on December 1, 1975; and raised to the Sublime Degree of MM on January 5, 1976. He served the lodge as worshipful master in 1981. Mocksville Lodge No. 124 in Mocksville, North Carolina has been requested to conduct the Masonic Rites as a courtesy to Widow's Sons' Lodge.

"His spirit to God. His memory in our hearts. His body to the earth."

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

2023 CORNERSTONE RE-DEDICATION EVENT



The original celebration of the cornerstone was a national Masonic event. Over 10,000 Freemasons attended the Memorial's cornerstone laying in 1923. In 2023, Masons will gather again at the Memorial to witness the re-dedication of this cornerstone.

Monday, Feb 20th, 2023

Parade (1:00 PM)

Cornerstone Rededication Event (3:00 PM)

Wednesday, Feb 22nd, 2023

Annual Washington's Birthday Gala (5—10 PM)

For Members who are interested in attending the re-dedication event, please contact R.W. Jason Pattison as soon as possible. The Lodge is chartering a bus to drive up for the event.

Email: jaspatt82@yahoo.com Phone: 434.989.4109

EVENT WEBPAGE LINK:

<https://qwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

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2023 Lodge Dues

Brethren, it is that time of year again for us. The Lodge Secretary has mailed out the 2023 dues notices to all the members. Below is a link that allows members to pay online through the Grand View Website. If you do not have a profile created, contact the Lodge Secretary for more information.

https://va.grandview.systems/users/sign_in

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Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Lodge History



For those interested in securing a copy of the latest issue of the Lodge History, please notify Brother Bob Simpson at (434) 996-0390, or pddgm81@gmail.com

The book is 235 pages printed on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper and punched for a three ring binder. The purchaser will need to purchase his own binder. The cost for printing should be less than \$30.00. When I receive a final count, I will be able to determine the total cost from the printer. When I determine the cost of the printing, I will notify all those interested. The cut off date for reserving a copy is NOW. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.