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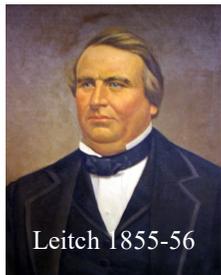
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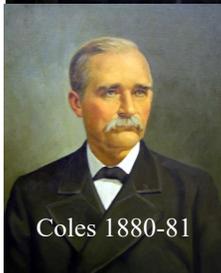
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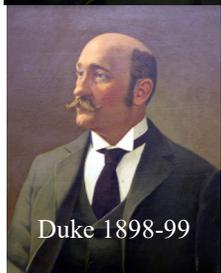
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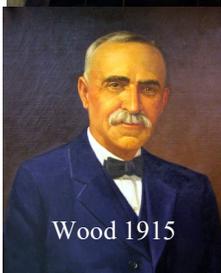
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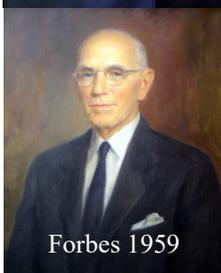
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Brethren,

We are now in November. If you attended the Grand Annual Communication in Richmond I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. If you have never been I highly recommend that you attend in the future. Welcome to our new Grand Master.

Veterans Day is November 11th honoring those that have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you to all that have served for our Country! I would like to invite you to Lodge this month so we can recognize you and thank you for your service.

I pray that every Brother has a happy and safe Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones. We have so much to be thankful for. Many families do not so I remind you again of our Marine Corps, "Toys for Tots" charity that we do in conjunction with the James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners. Please take the time to give serious consideration to stopping by a store and picking up a toy and bring to the Lodge Stated on Nov 16th.

We are Raising two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 30th at 6pm. This will be a wonderful night for these Brothers and I hope you will be able to make it to support these two Brothers.

If you are interested in teaching catechisms or learning a part in any of our rituals please let me know. We would appreciate any help that you may be able to provide.

Please join us on November 16th at 7pm for or Stated Meeting. All Brothers are welcome if it is within the length of your cable tow.

Fraternally yours,

Jason Pattison

Worshipful Master, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 A.F. &A.M.

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



Thomas V. Anderson	11/04/1974
C. Victor Armstrong	11/10/1971
Henry Booth	11/23/1959
Mark H. Bryant	11/19/1996
Mark A. Chamberlain	11/21/1995
Gregory H. Faust	11/12/1973
Wayne W. Ferguson	11/17/1978
Eugene G. Flamm	11/26/1975
George D. Hale, Jr.	11/28/1966
John M. Lane	11/29/1976
Harry A. McCauley	11/27/1967
Travis A. Moran	11/20/2000
M. Shane Parsons	11/21/1994
William T. Randolph	11/28/2001
John P. Sylva	11/20/2003

Important Dates



- Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication, November 9th, 7:30 PM.
- King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication, November 10th, 7:30 PM.
- WSL Stated Communication, November 16th, 7:00 PM.
- Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication, November 18th, 7:30 PM.
- MM Degree, WSL, November 30th, 6:00 PM.

“Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.”
[GEORGE WASHINGTON]



On October 6th, 2015, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 was invited by the Colonnade Club of the University of Virginia to share in the 197th celebration of the cornerstone laying celebration of Central College (later to become the University of Virginia). Brethren from Widow's Sons' Lodge were present as MW Jeffery E. Hodges, Past Grand Master of Virginia presented a framed copy of the Masonic minutes of that momentous occasion to Ms. Jacqueline Doyle, President of the Colonnade Club. On October 6, 1817, Presidents Jefferson, Madison and Brother James Monroe were among the distinguished guests present as the Masons laid the original cornerstone.



The Worshipful Master presented Wor. William Reinhold with the Master Builder's Award for his generous support of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Charlottesville Food Pantry

Brethren please remember the Food Pantry barrel located in the Lodge hallway near the elevator. Your canned food donations help the young and old stretch their monthly low income. Any amount of food is welcome.





The Worshipful Master welcomed and recognized our newest Master Masons; Brother Curtis (Buddy) Carlisle and Brother Stephen Blair Both brothers were Raised on August 29th 2015 at the



Masonic Birthdays for October were recognized, present were; RW Mike Griffin (19) , Bro. Mark Chapman (8), Bro. Harry Walker (13) and Wor. Richard Cook (41).

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers
(Give them a call or send a card)

- RW Mike Hollar recovering from back surgery.
- Wor. Goldie Tomlin recovering from surgery.



Brother Jeff Kennedy presented the program for the evening on "Founder's Day."



The Worshipful Master welcomed Wor. David (Cash) Arehart as a new member of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. Wor. Arehart is also a member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 and served that Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 2012.



Brother Mark Chapman presented a program regarding his recent trip to Ireland and Masonry in Ireland.



MOUTH TO EAR

by Ernest Borgnine

In 1946, I traveled with a friend down to a little town called Abingdon, Virginia, to see what the Barter Theater had to offer. It offered nothing except hard work and board. My friend, not accepting the work they offered him, stayed one day - I stayed five years. In that time I grew to love the town and all it offered. The people, in particular, were simply marvelous.

Occasionally I would be assigned to go down to the printing shop and get posters made for the upcoming shows at the Barter Theater. One day, in talking to the owner of the print shop, one Elmo Vaughan, I found that he belonged to the local Masonic Lodge, No. 48, in Abingdon. My father was also a Mason and had advanced to the Thirty-second Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, and I told this to Elmo. He was pleased, and sensing his pleasure, I asked him if maybe I could join. He said nothing, continuing his work, and a short while later, I took my posters and left.

The next time I saw Elmo, I asked him again about joining the Masonic Order - again he said nothing - and again my work took me away. We became good friends and finally one day I passed by and again I asked if I could join the Masons. Instantly, he whipped out an application and I hurriedly filled it out. I didn't learn 'til later, that in those days, you had to ask three times.

I was thrilled! Not only was I going to be the first actor ever in Lodge No. 48, but I could just imagine my father's surprise when I would spring the old greetings on him! I wanted only to surprise my Dad - and was I surprised, when after I was made an Entered Apprentice, I found I had to remember everything that happened to me at that event and come back and answer questions about it!

I was assigned to a dear old man of about 92 years of age who, I felt, must have been there when the Lodge first started. He was really of the old school - and he started me out with the foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear routine of teaching.

Besides doing my work for the Barter Theater and a little acting to boot, I was also going to that dear Brother for my work in Masonry. I would tramp all over those lovely hills and work on my "Whence came you's" and one day - oh, one fine day - I stood foot-to-foot with my Brother and answered every question perfectly! I was ecstatic! I was overjoyed and couldn't wait to get to Lodge to show my ability as an Entered Apprentice.

After I quieted down, that dear Brother said, "You've done fine, but aren't you really only half started?" I couldn't believe him! I knew my work; what else was there? He said "Wouldn't it be better if you knew all the questions too?"

I couldn't believe my ears! All that hard work and only half done? He gently sat me down foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear and taught me all the questions. That didn't come easy, because I was almost doing the work by rote, but with careful listening and by really applying myself, I was soon able to deliver all the questions and answers perfectly!

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In all my research on Brother Washington, I can find only two references to his having or wearing a sash.

One is the blue sash he wore in the painting by Charles Willson Peale (1741 - 1827).

The other is the bloodstained sash given him in 1755 by the dying and defeated British general Edward Braddock at the Battle of Monongahela, where Washington became a war hero at age 23. Brother Washington kept Braddock's sash and pistol and carried them throughout the remainder of the war of Independence.

In a letter written in 1932 by Mrs. Ellis Lovell Crosby, a great-great-niece of President Washington to Brother S. J. Pridgen of Atlanta, GA, she states: "I am sending a piece of fringe from Washington's sash. I sold the sash to Pierpont Morgan for \$3,500.00. He gave it to Mount Vernon and it now hangs in the hallway of the mansion. I only took a little from the sash so as to keep it..."

She presented the small piece of the sash to Georgia Lodge #96, F&AM of Atlanta which they proudly displayed among their archives.

I do not know whether the fringe came from the sash worn in the painting or the one given Brother Washington by General Braddock, but my guess would be the latter.

Much of this data was gleaned from "Georgia Lodge Tidings", Vol. 10, July 2, 1932.

Marine Corps Toys for Tots



Each year the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program receives donations and new toys to provide children with the joy of Christmas cheer. The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc. will again sponsor this program this year. We are asking each Mason to join in adding to the Christmas joy for these children by bringing a new toy, not wrapped, to the November Stated Communication.

Checks are always welcome. Make your check payable to Toys for Tots. Brethren, these are difficult times for all of us, but a little child doesn't understand the economy or its implications. Please assist us in this out-reach effort.

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The night that I stood in front of the Lodge and was asked if I were ready to answer the questions of an Entered Apprentice, I respectfully asked if I could do both – questions and answers. I was granted that wish and later found that I was the second man in my Lodge o have ever done so! I am truly proud of that, never having demitted, I am still a member in good standing in Abingdon Lodge No. 48.

I tell this story not for the merit it might gain me, but to tell you that learning the Entered Apprentice obligation taught me a great lesson in acting as well: that before I ever attempt to do a part I should work, rehearse, feel, almost live that part to know what I am talking about!

As I've advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbors. We work hard to help our fellowman; and through our charitable work, such as support for the Childhood Language Disorders Centers, we have made it possible to help many children grow into good American citizens. We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But - we are hiding our light under a bushel basket!

Recently I attended a dinner for a friend, and I ran across a Brother who identified himself in a hushed voice. I asked why he spoke in a whisper when talking about Masonry, and suddenly I realized he wasn't the only one who had ever done that. I speak out loud about Masonry to everyone! I'm proud of the fact that I belong to an organization that made me a better American, Christian, husband and neighbor; and all it took was a little self-determination by going foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee, and mouth-to-ear!

A TRUE MASON

A TRUE MASON - is true in all his Masonic relations, and not alone in the special injunctions laid upon him.

In his own Lodge, in the Grand Lodge, and to the whole membership, as well as the general interests of Masonry, he can always be relied on.

"True and tried," is his motto, always.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF A MASON

1. Believe in God
2. Practice Brotherly Love
3. Relieve the Distressed
4. Search for Truth
5. Be an Exemplary Citizen
6. Be Pure in Life and Conduct
7. Be Temperate
8. Be Courageous
9. Be Prudent
10. Be Just



November 2015

Masonic Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	2 <i>6:00 PM Widow's Sons Lodge Officer's Meeting</i>	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4	5	6 <i>Grand Lodge of Virginia - Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa</i>	7 <i>Grand Lodge of Virginia - Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa</i>
8	9 <i>7:30 PM Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated</i>	10 <i>7:30 PM King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14 <i>10:00 AM Queen Ester Chapyer No. 14, OES</i>
15	16 <i>7:00 PM Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Stated</i>	17	18 <i>7:30 PM Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>6:00 PM Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 7:00 PM Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58</i>	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>6:00 PM MM Degree - Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60</i>					

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