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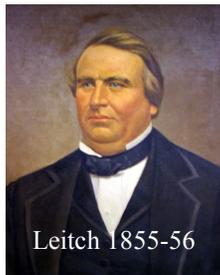
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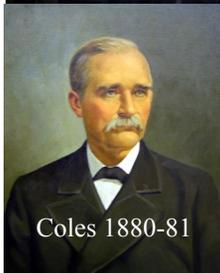
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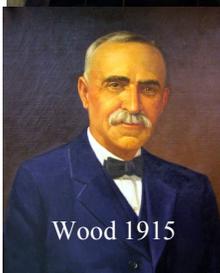
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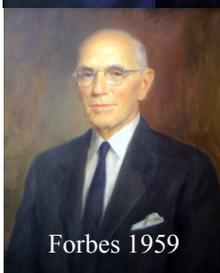
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Brethren,



I am writing this the day after our Table Lodge to celebrate our patron St John. What a great night of fellowship and Brotherhood. I was pleased to see just as many visitors as Widow's Sons' members. The Lodge owes a

debt of gratitude to our JW Mark Chapman along with his wife Susan and RW Bill Bond's wife Tracy for assisting with the prep and the clean up. We were honored to have President Teddy Roosevelt as our speaker and what a fine speaker he is.

I want to thank our Grand Chaplin of the Grand Lodge of Virginia RW Jim Dickerson for putting on an interesting and certainly thought provoking Masonic Education program at our June stated meeting.

In our July Stated I am pleased to announce that we will have Brother Greg Hosaflook provide the program for the night. It will be entitled "Field Artillery of the Civil War"

I have seen brother Hosaflook put on two previous programs on Fire Arms and learned a lot. Please come out and join us July 20th at 7pm for this.

Piedmont Stella Lodge #50 will be hosting a district "Bring a Friend Breakfast" at Worshipful Mike Skeens Bed and Breakfast The Rosebrook Inn on August 1st at 9:30am. If you know a fine Man that has had in interest in Freemasonry please feel free to join us. Last year was a success for not only our Lodge but also King Solomon's 194 and Piedmont Stella 50.

If you have not been able to attend Lodge this year I encourage you to join us. If you feel like you may be "rusty" there is no need to be embarrassed. We are glad to assist anyone that may need a quick catch up on signs and passwords.

The dress code from now till September will be "casual" attire. Polo shirt and dress slacks. No need for a tie or Jacket.

Thank You so much for supporting not only me but also the Officers of Widows Sons Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Jason Pattison

Worshipful Master,

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

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If this is suitable to you, please contact the secretary by E-mail at **Widows-Sons60@gmail.com** or by phone at **(434) 985-6171**.

## July Masonic Birthdays!

Call a Brother and wish him a Happy Masonic Birthday.



L. Mark Ascoli, July 27, 1988  
Peter J. Baber, July 10, 2002  
Walter R. Carpenter, Jr., July 23, 1984  
Mark A. Chandeysson, July 17, 2008  
Larry W. Claytor, July 15, 1986  
Robert A. Clore, July 24, 1971  
Andrew F. Conely, July 29, 2006  
Vestal Greer, July 29, 2006  
Garrett W. Kirksey, July 16, 1968  
David C. Merchant, July 28, 2004  
Richard K. Powley, July 24, 1967  
Carl D. Proffitt, Jr., July 16, 1957  
James L. Reinhold, July 28, 1999  
R. Lee Richards, July 19, 1991  
William Roberson, Jr., July 24, 1961  
James R. Ruhland, III, July 9, 2003  
David S. Scott, July 6, 1962  
Barty L. Sorrells, July 22, 2006  
James D. Stoneburner, July 13, 2005  
R. Eric Thompson, July 24, 2006  
Peter R. Thorsen, July 21, 1978  
Paul Vereshchetin, July 29, 2013  
Ronald L. Webster, July 23, 1984

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

- Brother Jim Craig now residing at Countryside, Pratts, VA.
- Thomas Shelton suffering from personal illness.
- RW Mike Hollar back home recovering from back surgery.
- RW Russel Snodgrass, heart problems and surgery.
- Bobby Cameron, blood clot complications.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Brother Bobby Cameron and his wife who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

## Important Dates



- **E.A. Examination & Fellowcraft Degree**, Monday, July 13th, 6:00 PM, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, July 20th, 7:00 PM.
- **Official Visit of the Grand Master** to the 18th Masonic District, July 11th, Rosebrook Inn, Stanardsville, Va More info to follow.
- **Reid James Simmons Academy**, July 30th thru August 2nd, Best Western Hotel, Waynesboro. Please see the secretary for registration forms.
- **Bring A Friend Breakfast**, August 1st, 9:30 AM, Rosebrook Inn, Stanardsville.



### **Master Mason Degree June 29, 2015**

Brother Jeffery Kenneth Robbins was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 29, 2015 by MW Reese S. Carroll, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Shown above are those that took part in the degree.

### **In Memoriam**

The lodge was saddened to learn of the deaths of Worshipful **Brother William Clark Gentry & Brother Carl D. "Chubby" Proffitt.**

Brother Gentry passed away on May 24, 2015. Brother Gentry was initiated and raised in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55. He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 12/11/62, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 1/28/63 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 4/22/63. He served Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 as its Worshipful Master in 1969.

Brother Proffitt passed away on June 30, 2015. Brother Proffitt was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on 5/21/57, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 6/18/57 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 7/16/57.





RW James Friend Dickerson, DEO; presented the program for the evening on Masonic Ponderisms.



Brother Paul Vereshchetin was presented a Masonic Bible by the Master for successfully reciting his Master Mason Catechism at a Called Communication on June 22nd.



Brother Teddy Roosevelt entertained those in attendance with facts and stories of his life and adventures at our Table Lodge to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

*Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons*



The Worshipful Master presented certificates of appreciation to Mrs. Susan Chapman and Mrs. Tracy Tanner Bond for their help in preparing and serving the delicious "Teddy Roosevelt" period fare at our annual Table Lodge.



Masonic Birthdays for June were recognized, those present were; Brother David Goodwin (19), Brother Gene Carpenter (64) Brother John Williamson (19) and RW Bill Bond (40).

**Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid**  
 This problem calls for proof that the sum of the squares of the two sides of a right angled square is equal to the square of the hypotenuse. In Operative Masonry apprentices were taught geometry by means of this problem.  
*- A Masonic Dictionary & Pocket Companion*

**Summer Attire**  
 The Worshipful Master has set the attire for our Stated Communications the remainder of the summer as casual. This means golf shirts and khakis are allowed. During degrees the attire remains coat and tie.



## Freemasonry and The Declaration of Independence

From the first American lodge meeting in Philadelphia in 1731, Freemasons have been closely associated with the birth of the United States and the writing of . However, Lodge membership records are rarely public. Unless the member himself makes his affiliation known or all his private correspondence becomes public, membership may always be a mystery.the Declaration of Independence

The opportunity was there. Freemasonry proliferated quickly in the American colonies. Libre B, the St. John's lodge in Philadelphia, first met on June 24, 1731, just 14 years after the premier Grand Lodge was formed in London, England. Boston's first lodge was constituted two years later, on July 30, 1733. By 1739, Masonic lodges had been opened in all 13 American colonies

The association was there. Freemasons have long seen themselves as philosophical builders rather than physical layers of stones. In the young United States was the opportunity to put theory into practice. After the hard decision had been taken to declare independence, the United States was seen as the grand experiment, built upon the principles of equality, freedom, and enlightened reason. This symbolism resembles the threefold lesson of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." In fact, early arguments for independence were often worded as "relief" from an infringement of human rights.

Of the Committee of Five set up to draft the Declaration of Independence, 2 were certainly Freemasons. There is no evidence that Thomas Jefferson, who actually wrote the Declaration of Independence, was a Freemason, although some circumstantial evidence does point at least to Masonic connections. John Adams was not one either, although he is recorded as having spoken favorably of Freemasonry.

Benjamin Franklin, who made several small draft changes into the copy sent to him by Jefferson, was inducted into the Philadelphia St. John Lodge in 1731, becoming its Grand Master in 1734 and Grand Master of what was then the province of Pennsylvania in 1749. Robert Livingston is the



Prior to our Stated Meeting scholarships were awarded to local high school seniors who will be attending colleges and universities as freshmen in the fall. Shown above along with the Worshipful Master are the seniors who were honored Lauren Baber, Leslie Johnson, Alexis Taylor, and Erica Wood (alpha order). A Grand Lodge Scholarship was also presented to: Timothy S. Dodson by RW Allan Anderson and Wor Goldie Tomlin.

other known Freemason on the Committee of Five. He would become the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1784. The other suspected Freemason on the Committee of Five is Robert Sherman.



Robert's cousin Philip Livingston, who signed the Declaration on behalf of the Livingstons of New York, is not known to be a Freemason. However, it is obvious that he worked closely with his Masonic cousin, since one helped write the Declaration of Independence and the other signed it.

Among the 56 signers of the Declaration, 9 are known to have been Freemasons, 1 is recorded as having visited a lodge, while as many as another 18 signers are suspected Freemasons based upon circumstantial non-Lodge evidence. The president of the Congress, John Hancock, was a known Freemason in Merchants Lodge No.277, Quebec, which was affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston. Benjamin Franklin has already been mentioned. Thomas McKean is recorded as having visited the Perseverance Lodge, Harrisburg, but no membership is known. Robert Treat Paine attended the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. Other known Freemasons among the signers were:

- \* William Emery, First Lodge of Boston
- \* Joseph Hewes, Unanimity Lodge No.7
- \* William Hooper, Hanover Lodge
- \* Richard Stockton, St. John's Lodge in Princeton NJ, Charter Master
- \* George Walton, Solomon's Lodge No.1
- \* William Whipple, St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth

Masonic influence was much stronger in the American Constitution, in the early American army, and possibly in the symbology of the Great Seal of the United States, but those are stories for other articles.

  
**Widow's Sons' Musical Group**


Do you like to sing?  
 Widow's Sons' Lodge is looking for a few men who like to harmonize and share their singing talents to start a singing group. If interested please contact the secretary by phone at; (434) 985-6171 or E-mail at; [WidowsSons60@gmail.com](mailto:WidowsSons60@gmail.com). We would love to hear your voices!



## What is Sublime?

*In aesthetics, the sublime is the quality of greatness, whether physical, moral, intellectual, metaphysical, aesthetic, spiritual, or artistic. The term especially refers to greatness beyond all possibility of calculation, measurement or imitation.*

The word is from the Latin *Sublimis*, meaning lofty, an allusion properly expressive of the teaching in the final symbolic ceremony of our ancient Craft. The Third Degree is called the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in reference to the exalted lessons that it teaches of God and of a future life. The epithet is, however, comparatively modern. It is not to be found in any of the rituals of the eighteenth century. Neither Hutchinson, nor Smith, nor Preston use it; and it was not, probably, in the original Prestonian lecture. Hutchinson speaks of “the most sacred and solemn Order” and of “the Exalted,” but not of “the Sublime” Degree. Webb, who leased his lectures on the Prestonian system, applies no epithet to the Master’s Degree. In an edition of the Constitutions, published at Dublin in 1769, the Master’s Degree. In an edition of the Constitutions, published at Dublin in 1769, the Master’s Degree is spoken of as “the most respectable” and forty years ago the epithet “high and honorable” was used in some of the instructions of the United States.

The first book in which we meet with the adjective sublime applied to the Third Degree, is the Masonic Discourses of Dr. T.M. Harris, published at Boston in 1801. Cole also used it in 1817, in his Freemasons’ Library; and about the same time Jeremy Cross, the well-known lecturer, introduced it into his teachings, and used it in his hieroglyphic Cart, which

was, for many years, the text-book of American Lodges. The word is now, however, to be found in the modern English lectures, and is of universal use in the rituals of the United States, where the Third Degree is always called the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The word sublime was the password of the Master’s Degree in the Adohiramite Rite, because it was said to have been the surname of Hiram, or Adonhiram. On this subject, Guillemain, in his *Recueil Precieux*, or *Choice Collection* (i, page 91), makes the following singular remarks: “For a long time a great number of Masons were unacquainted with this worth and they erroneously made use of another in its stead which did not understand, and to which they gave a meaning that was doubtful and improbable. This is proved by the fact that the first knights adopted for the Master’s Password the Latin word *Sublimis*, which the French as soon as they received Masonry, pronounced *Sublime*, which was so far very well. But some profanes, who were desirous of divulging our secrets, perfectly understand this word, wrote it *sublime*, which they said signified excellence. Others, who followed, surpassed the error of the first by printing it *Giblos*, and were bold enough to say that it was the name of the place where the body of Adonhiram was found. As in those days the number of uneducated was considerable, these ridiculous assertions were readily received, and the truth was generally forgotten.”

The whole of this narrative is a mere visionary invention of the founder of the Adonhiramite system; but it is barely possible that there is some remote connection between the use of the word *sublime* in that Rite, as a Significant word of the Third Degree, and its modern employment as an epithet of the same Degree. However, the ordinary signification of the word, as referring to things of an exalted character, would alone sufficiently account for the use of the expression.

~Source: Mackey’s Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



# July 2015

## Masonic Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6 6:00 PM Widow's Sons Lodge Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 10:00 AM Queen Ester Chapyer No. 14, OES
12	13 6:00 PM Fellowcraft Degree - Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 7:30 PM Albemene Lodge No. 277 Stated	14 7:30 PM King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated	15 7:30 PM Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated	16	17	18
19	20 7:00 PM Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Stated	21 6:00 PM Charlotteville Commandery No. 3 7:30 PM Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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