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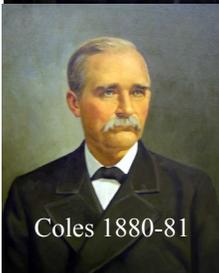
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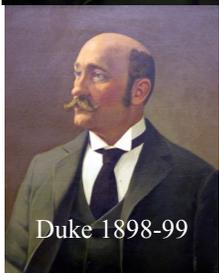
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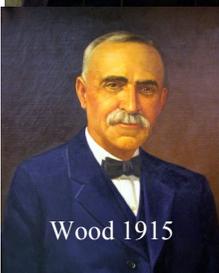
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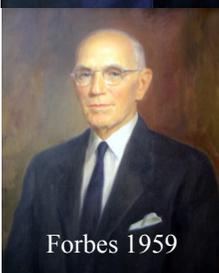
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Hodges 2009



Greeting Brethren,

We have made it to the second half of 2015. I hope the lodge officers and I have made this Masonic year an eventful and fun year. In our August stated we have invited the Master of Lee Lodge # 209 Worshipful Brother Ross Morland to present a program. If you are able to make it please join us.

We still have members who have not paid there dues for the year. Please take care of this now. In fact now would be a great time to consider doing a Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP). If you are interested in doing this please get in touch with myself or the Secretary.

It's never to early to think about The Grand Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Virginia will be held in Richmond on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th

Do you know a Mason that you have not seen or heard from in a while? I encourage you to take positive action and reach out to that brother. Give him a call, chat with him, find out how he is and let him know you care.

Dress for our August stated communication is again casual attire, for example golf shirts and dress slacks (no ties required). It is my sincere hope that you will find it within the length of your cable tow to join your officers and me at our next stated communication on August 17th at 7:00 PM

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**.

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



Michael L. Arnold	08/30/2004
Alexander Banks, V	08/26/1968
Dale R. Blosser	08/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III	08/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell	08/28/1990
William W. Clark, Jr.	08/27/1951
James E. Craig	08/16/2008
David S. Davidson	08/07/1967
Harold W. Davis	08/04/1975
Steve E. Fetcho	08/27/2005
Irving Forrest	08/23/1995
George P. A. Forschler	08/03/1967
Robert H. Garner	08/23/1963
Charles M. Hale, Jr.	08/09/1977
Robert A. Harrison, Jr.	08/19/1953
Robert A. Harrison, III	08/27/2005
Jason E. Hodges	08/27/2005
Jeffery E. Hodges	08/26/1985
James E. Holler	08/27/1984
Douglas D. Hudson	08/20/1951
Ian C. Kelly	08/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly	08/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott	08/24/1970
Daniel T. LaPlume	08/27/2005
John Coulter Maddox	08/02/1971
Brady L. McLane	08/04/2004
Timothy B. Parent	08/27/2005
William F. Reinhold, III	08/26/1996
William E. Rose	08/26/1972
Larry B. Saunders	08/27/2005
Kent Schlusel	08/07/1990
Steven R. Thomas	08/28/2008
William D. Vincent	08/27/2005
M. Van Wilson	08/07/1990



Important Dates



- **WSL Stated Communication**, August 17, 7:00 PM.
- **WSL, Fellow Craft Degree**, August 24th, 6:30 PM.
- **One Day Conferral**, August 29th, 7:00 AM, Richmond Scottish Rite Temple.

Masonic Moment -
THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES ARE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN OTHER WORKING TOOLS

WHY?

Without compasses no accurate square can be made: without a square no building can be erected. The square and compasses are universally the symbol of a Master Mason and of Freemasonry. Symbolists have read many meanings into both these tools of a Freemason. Both symbols are much older than Freemasonry; Chinese manuscripts give them a Masonic significance (although there was no Freemasonry in that country two thousand years ago).

No symbols in Freemasonry offer so many possible interpretations. But many symbols mean different things to different men; each interprets according to his best light. In modern Masonic rituals, the compasses are "dedicated to the Craft" and is emblematic of the restraint of violent passions. Here "passions" refers to any over-emotional lack of control. It is passions in the larger sense; intemperance, temper, unjust judgment, intolerance, selfishness, that the spiritual compasses circumscribe. The positions of the square and compasses in the three degrees are universally symbols of light, further light, more light.

*Oct 2012 Notice Paper of
 Lodge Devotion 723 UGLV*

In Memoriam

The lodge was saddened by the death of
Brother Carroll J. Good.

Brother Good passed away on July 23, 2015. Brother Good was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on August 27, 2005, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on August 27, 2005 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 27, 2005.

He was laid to rest with Masonic Rites at Riverview Cemetery on July 27, 2015.

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





RW Gregory Hoosaflook, presented the program for the evening on Civil War Field Artillery. Shown at right are some of the items Brother Hoosaflook has collected over the years.



Masonic Birthdays for June were recognized, present was; Brother Jeff Kennedy (6 years).

The Final Act by a Mason in The American Civil War

It was an April morning three days after General Robert E. Lee had surrendered to General U.S. Grant. The Southern troops, led by General John B. Gordon, a Mason, were marching in columns towards the Northern troops who were standing in formation waiting for the Southerners to stack arms and fold their flags. Suddenly a shifting of arms was heard. Gordon looked up with alarm, but there was nothing to fear. General Joshua Chamberlain had ordered his troops to assume the position of "honor answering honor." Immediately, the Confederate troops snapped to attention and returned the honor. It was the first act to heal the wounds of a nation that had spent four years and 618,000 lives in a civil war. That command of "honor answering honor" was ordered by a Mason.

Major General Joshua Chamberlain was a member of United Lodge 8, Brunswick, Maine. After the war, he became Governor of Maine from 1866-71 and President of Bowdoin College from 1871-83. (He is also featured in the movie "Gettysburg" for his role in holding Little Round Top.)

Words And Signs

Attached to the Harleian ms, (1665) is a scrap of paper on which is written "there is several words and signs of a Freemason to be revealed to you which as you will answer before God at the great and terrible day of judgement you keep secret and not to reveal the same in the ears of any person but to the Masters and fellows of the said society of Freemasons so help me God." This is the earliest mention of words and signs in the Old Charges of Masons.

Dues

Brethren, Don't forget your 2015 dues are due,. If you have not paid these please remit \$117.00 to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, P.O. Box 6262 Charlottesville, VA 22903.

And What About a Masonic Funeral?

By R.W. William R. Bond, III

Brethren, recently it has seemed that I have attended more and more Masonic funerals. How sad it is to attend another friend and brother's last rites. Certainly each of us as Masonic brothers would rather be doing something more pleasant with our time. But remember the twenty-four inch gauge which teaches that eight hours, we are to employee for the relief of a distressed worthy brother. Does this not apply to the last tribute of our affections to one of us that has finished his earthly labors? And what of our brother's family, his widow and orphans? Do we not have an obligation to them, which should begin immediately upon our brother's passing? These questions, I feel are questions that bear asking ourselves and reflecting upon. In the last several years I have attended a lot of Masonic funerals, the latest of which there were only eight Masons present. I have heard remarks regarding having to take time to do another funeral. How many of us have stopped to put ourselves in the position of our brother's family. Do you really think they like planning their husband's or fathers' funeral? It seems to me that our brother even if he was not an active in Lodge must have held the fraternity in high regards for the family to even request a Masonic funeral.

At a time when our Grand Lodge is searching so desperately for ways to promote the good of Masonry to the public, and find new members, what better way for us to make a good impression to non-masons than by our Masonic funeral? I recently witnessed a son at the conclusion of Masonic rites performed for his father, inquire about becoming a member. I also have a friend that because he attended my father's Masonic rites asked for a petition and now is a Fellow Craft in one of our district's lodges. At another recent funeral I even had a lady stop me when going in the church and ask if the Masons were going to perform Masonic rites. She stated that she hoped so because the ceremony was so beautiful and meaningful. Now, think about this my brethren, the Masonic

rites really have not much meaning to people who are not Masons and yet it must have made an impression to this lady at some point. I have heard on many occasions though of how comforting this was to the family and it was the most memorable part of the service. Masonic funerals are open to the public, and usually held in the presence of many people (Masons and non-masons alike). These services are simply our way of showing our brotherly love and respect for one of our number who has passed on. Some of the elements of the service have similarities with the normal ritual of the lodge, and like the lodge service, it is NOT a religious ceremony. The Masonic funeral is a solemn opportunity for Masons to express their feelings for their departed brother, and offer official, public condolences to the family.

Masonry is faced with many difficult considerations today in attracting and retaining members. While it is necessary that the Fraternity today must be about change, it must also remain steeped in its rich history and tradition.

There are many things we do in life that are often without joy. Committing a loved one to his final place of rest clearly is one of those things. When that loved one is a Freemason, the sting of death is lessened greatly by the words and actions of Brother Freemasons who give of themselves in the final celebration of Masonry's greatest strength, the eternal bond of Brotherly Love.

So, the next time that you find yourself saying, "I just don't feel like attending this funeral," won't you please give it a second thought? It only takes an hour or two out of your twenty four hour day. Our brother's family and friends have to live with it for the rest of their lives. Would you not attend your real brother's funeral? How far does our cable tow reach?



Your Masonic Team is working hand-in-hand with the local Alzheimer's Association to raise funds that support cutting edge research in the battle against Alzheimer's. Millions of American families are caring for a

loved one with Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments, and an eventual cure for the disease. Your participation with our Masonic Team will greatly help them. Simply click on the following link to discover ways that you can make a difference in the lives of thousands of area residents impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Thank You.

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2015/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team_id=257967&pg=team&fr_id=7858

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"The Character of a Freemason" From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823 Andover, Massachusetts

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

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Food Insecurity USDA Report



Most U.S. households with children have **consistent, dependable access** to adequate food for active, healthy living for both adults and children. These are food secure households.

When access to food is NOT consistent and dependable, a household is classified as **food insecure**. The U.S. Department of Agriculture released this report in May 2013. The authors analyzed

the two most recent years of survey research on the topic of food insecurity in households with children. They found:

- 21% of households with children were food insecure at some point in 2011...that's nearly double the level of food insecurity of homes without children (12%).
- Food security is especially important for children because their nutrition affects not only their current health, but also their physical, mental, and social development. While food insecurity is less prevalent in Virginia than most states, one in 16 homes with children were classified as food insecure.

Food Insecurity In Charlottesville

[Map the Meal Gap](#), a project of Feeding America, found Charlottesville had a food insecurity rate of 17.9% overall and 14.8% for children.

Help feed the hungry in Charlottesville...

Drop off a can of food in the barrel located near the elevator the next time you enter your Lodge. If every Mason donated just one can of food on Lodge night, then we'd have the barrel full soon and contribute to closing the food insecurity gap in Charlottesville.



Thank You.



August 2015

Masonic Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 6:00 PM Widow's Sons Lodge Officer's Meeting	4	5	6	7	10:00 AM Queen Ester Chapter No. 14, OES
9	10 7:30 PM Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated	11 7:30 PM King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated	12	13	14	1
16	17 7:00 PM Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Stated	18 6:00 PM Charlottesville Comandery No. 3 7:30 PM Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58	19 7:30 PM Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated	20	21	2
23	24 6:30 PM Widow's Sons' Lodge - Fellow Craft Degree	25	26	27	28	2 7:00 AM One Day Conferral - Richmond Scottish Rite Temple
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