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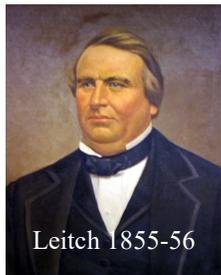
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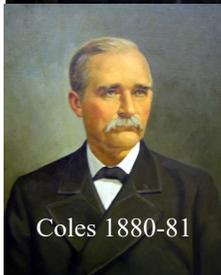
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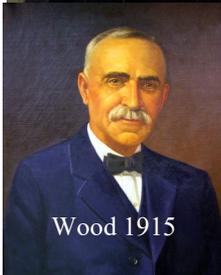
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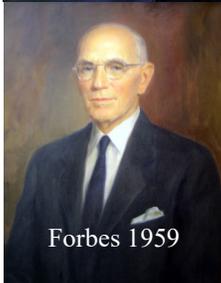
Coles 1880-81



Duke 1898-99



Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Brethren,

The last quarter of my tenure in the East will find us having an Outdoor Lodge on the October 17th stated communication at Camp Holiday Trails, collection for the Toys for Tots, the presentation of two Community Builder's Awards, work in the Master Mason Degree and Entered Apprentice Degree, a US Flag retirement program by the James Monroe Chapter of National Sojourners and an unofficial visit of our Grand Master to speak about the Scottish Rite Childhood Lan-

guage Center.

Our first Community Builder Awards recipient is Mrs. Cynthia Loranconi who serves as Director of the Charlottesville Women's Four Miler. Their goal is to raise awareness and contributions for Breast Cancer research at the University of Virginia Medical Center. Our second Community Builder Award recipient is Mr David Wheatley of Wheatley Construction who has served, through mission programs, our community as well as Haiti, the Appalachian Mountain Project and Habitat for Humanity for more than twenty years. Please welcome both of these recipients to our Lodge. Before the November stated communication at 6:30 pm we will present these awards. Please plan to arrive at Lodge by 6:15 pm November 21st. I thank you in advance for your efforts to do so.

We will be delivering our poinsettias to our sweethearts in December. The officers are working to properly prepare for the ensuing year. They need your support, and I ask each of you to make an effort to extend the hand of support to our Senior Warden. Candidates to serve the Lodge should not be searched for like four leaf clovers. Set up to the plate and volunteer your talents.

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

October Masonic Birthdays!

Call a Brother and wish him a Happy Masonic Birthday.



Simon C. Alexander	10/10/2012
Christopher N. Bragg	10/24/2013
Mark S. Chapman	10/01/2007
Richard D. Cook	10/28/1974
Jay L. Cotner	10/04/1989
Mike D. Griffin	10/30/1996
D. Mitchell Hofecker	10/16/1993
Michael S. Jaffee	10/26/2004
Earl V. Jorgensen	10/02/2013
Charles M. Long	10/25/1976
Charles E. Nunnally, Sr.	10/20/1967
Charles E. Reinhold	10/28/1998
Christopher A. Ruffin	10/18/2012
George P. Scouras	10/09/1953
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Robert E. Stark	10/08/1975
Donald Stoneburner	10/15/1949
Zia A. F. Tompkins	10/29/2013
Howard K. Trail	10/19/1996
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
James C. Wood	10/15/1996
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

Dues

Brethren, Your 2016 dues are past due. There are a few of you who have not yet paid your dues for this year. If you have not paid your dues for this year please remit \$117.00 to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, P.O. Box 6262 Charlottesville, VA 22903.



Important Dates



- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, Oct. 10th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, Oct. 11th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, Oct. 17th, Outdoor Lodge & Picnic 6:00 PM Picnic, 7:00 PM Lodge.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, Oct. 19th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 17th: 6:00 PM, Picnic; 7:00 PM Stated Communication

Outside Lodge and Picnic, Camp Holiday Trails., 400 Holiday Trails Ln, Charlottesville, VA— Directions: take 29 South or North depending upon your travel direction to the Fontaine Exit, head West on Fontaine away from civilization following the signs to Camp Holiday Trails, you will go from asphalt to gravel, keep going, we will park at the dining hall and a cabana car will drive those who do not want to walk the hill to the pavilion. Bring a flashlight, a chair and bug spray. (*See flyer page 5*)

Wednesday, October 26th: 6:30 PM
Master Mason Degree

Monday, November 7th: 6:30 PM
Entered Apprentice Degree

Talented Writer Needed.....



Do you like to read and write about Masonic topics?

Does your cable tow stretch far enough to become the editor of our Lodge newsletter?

If so, then contact our Lodge Secretary, RW Bill Bond... he has a very important job for you in 2017!

THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER



The Worshipful Master congratulated and welcomed Brother Eddie O. Creasy to membership in Widow's Sons' Lodge.



Program for October

The DEO, RW Jim Dickerson, gave a presentation on the duties of the Subordinate Lodge Officer.



Program for October

ME and RW Russel G Snodgrass gave a presentation on the Royal Arch Chapter. As well as a presentation on the Masonic Home of Virginia.



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.

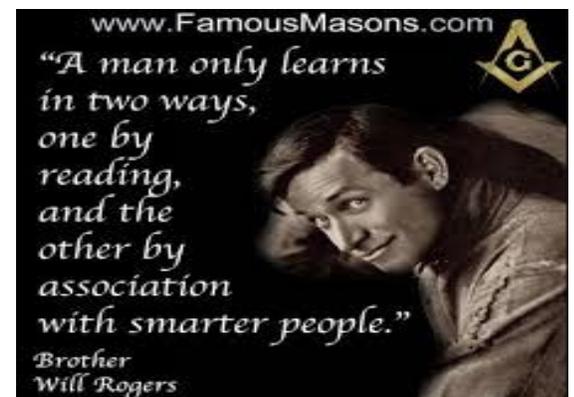
I do not know whether the fringe came from the sash worn in the painting or the one given Brother Washington by General Braddock, but my guess would be the latter. If anyone can enlighten me on this matter, please do so.

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



September Masonic Birthdays

The Worshipful Master recognized those having Masonic Birthdays in the month of September. Those present were: Carlos McReddie; 32 years, RW Philip H. Nelson, Jr.; 17 years, RW James F. Dickerson; 21 years, and Wor. Jason A. Pattison; 6 years.



Monthly Garden Tip for October

- September and October are the best months to plant tree peonies, but they may be planted at any time of the year if they are in containers. They like 1/3 to 1/2 day's shade. Dig a hole 2 feet deep and 3 feet wide. Be sure there is good drainage. Mix the soil with one bushel of wet peat moss and woods dirt or a small amount of rotted sawdust. Mix into this 6 full trowels of bonemeal and 1 trowel of limestone or ground lime. Plant very deep. The top of the graft should be at least 6 in. deep.
- Lily bulbs must be planted as soon as received, because they are never dormant. **Do not** mix fertilizer into soil when planting. The bulbs need no more than 4 in. of soil above the bulb. The best mulch is natural leaf mold. For winter protection, much with pine needles. Be sure to water well after planting.
- Continue planting trees and shrubs. Do not plant broadleaf evergreens, such as magnolia and holly, in the fall. They suffer from wind and cold if they have not become completely established. Spring planting is preferable.
- Daffodils can be planted starting in the middle of the month. For best blooms plant 6 in. deep (or 3 times the size of the bulb) in a location that gets at least a half-day's sun. Be sure the soil drains well. Standing water will rot bulbs. To improve heavy clay soil work in gypsum, top soil and hardwood mulch.

Resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in January, 2005

109th CONGRESS
1st Session
H. RES. 17

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 4, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR (for himself and Mr. KINGSTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honoring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

Whereas Freemasons, whose long lineage extends back to before the Nation's founding, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of this great Nation and signers of the Constitution, most of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of the United States;

Whereas members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of care-giving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards; and

Whereas Freemasons have always revered and celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, as dedicated to their patron saints: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honors them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

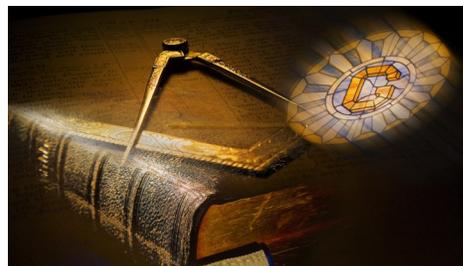
Cream Cheese, Garlic & Chive Stuffed Chicken

Ingredients:

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons dried chives
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, butterflied
- 4 slices turkey bacon
- 3 tbs butter

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, chives, and garlic. Divide the mixture into 4 balls.
3. Place 1 cream cheese ball in the center of each butterflied chicken breast half. Fold the chicken over the cream cheese, wrap with a slice of turkey bacon, and secure with toothpicks. Arrange the chicken in a baking dish. Pour the butter over the chicken.
4. Bake 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the bacon is crisp and the chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear. If your oven is browning before the meat is cooking in the middle, you may cover with aluminum foil (helps with clean up).



WIDOW'S SONS' LODGE WANTS YOU FOR THEIR OUTDOOR LODGE



When: Monday, October 17, 2016

6:00 PM - Picnic

7:00 PM - Lodge

Where: Camp Holiday Trails

400 Holiday Trails Ln, Charlottesville, VA 22903



Join the brethren of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60

for their Outdoor Lodge & Picnic

Wear your bib overalls or jeans

Bring a flashlight and lawn chair



We will be serving all beef hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and all the trimmings

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