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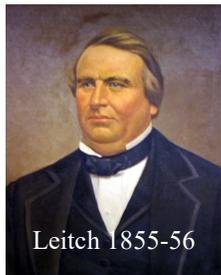
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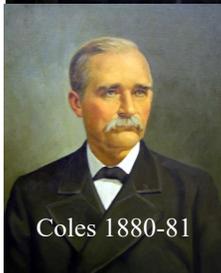
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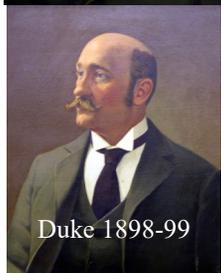
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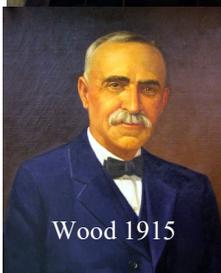
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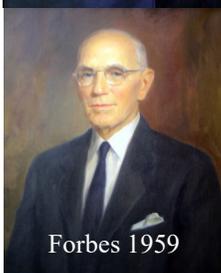
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Brethren,

We look forward to our Senior Warden assuming the East this month. Please join us in celebrating his ascent to the Oriental Chair. We will have two 50 year veterans to congratulate for a well spent five decades in the quarry. Our Lodge should vote on two petitioners this month. Exciting times for sure.

R W Phil Nelson has arranged for the poinsettias to be picked up at Tucker Griffin and Barnes. It is good that we share time with our Brethren and their Ladies. I wish all of you a joyous holiday season. It has been a pleasure to serve the Lodge, again.

Fraternally,



Message from the West

Brethren, as we approach the time of year for election and installation of Widow's Sons' Lodge Officers, I ask of myself if my plans for governing the lodge in 2017 are complete? Have I forgotten to include something in my budget for next year? What more can I do to make the upcoming year enjoyable and inspirational to lodge members? ...Did I appoint the Lodge Committee members that are right for the task? Will I meet the expectations of Past Masters? One year sounds like a long time until that year comes and I now have to step up to the plate and start implementing my 2017 plans for the lodge.

These plans are intended to be "A Force for Good" and they involve promoting membership retention by making every Lodge member feel important and giving them the right lodge task to perform; participating in philanthropic activities that demonstrate Masonic involvement in our community; supporting lodge degree work and education programs; visiting other lodges, supporting the Masonic Home of Virginia; and over all improving our fraternity. To accomplish planned activities next year will require the encouragement and support of every lodge member. In 2017, I look forward to our year together working in the quarries to improve ourselves, Widow's Sons' Lodge, and Freemasonry.

Bro. Mark S. Chapman, SW, WSL60
December 8 , 2016

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



Stephen R. Baird	12/06/1993
William L. Bickley	12/06/1955
Stephen R. Christianson	12/08/2010
W. Kirk Crady	12/14/1994
T. C. Dickerson, III	12/06/1966
Charles B. Goddin	12/06/1960
Sharif L. Gray	12/06/2012
Michael A. Hayden	12/05/1972
David M. Kashmer	12/12/2005
Jason P. Lynch	12/07/2006
Walter David Marshall	12/27/1963
Russell L. Maugans	12/28/1971
Robert A. Murray	12/10/1999
William R. Nay	12/17/1992
James W. North, Sr.	12/05/1963
Jason M. Parham	12/11/2014
James E. Patterson, III	12/04/2007
Daniel P. Price	12/12/2012
Steven E. Price	12/07/2006
Jonathan M. Shelton	12/07/2006
Charles A. Via	12/06/1966
Brian S. Weidman	12/04/2007

Important Dates



- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, Dec. 12th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, Dec. 13th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, Dec. 19th, 7:00 PM, Stated Communication.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, Dec. 21st, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, Jan 3rd, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 20th,
6:00 PM: Charlottesville Commandery No. 3
7:30 PM: Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58

Monday, December 19th:
WSL No. 60, Stated Communication—Election & Installation of Officers

Monday, January 16th:
6:00 PM—WSL No. 60, Robert Burns Dinner
7:00 PM—WSL No. 60 Stated

Saturday, February 11th: 9:00 AM Registration
Division Leadership Conference, Bridge Christian Church, 1275 Goose Creek Rd., Fishersville, VA



We are saddened at the loss of our Brother; Brother Walter Roy Carpenter who passed away on November 26, 2016.

“His spirit to God, His memory in our hearts.”

2017 Dues

Brethren, Your 2017 dues cards are now in and ready to be distributed. Notices have been sent out. Again, for this year they are \$117. Please remit \$117.00 payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

Send to;

William R. Bond III, Secretary
 400 Mountainside Drive
 Stanardsville, VA 22973

Also, there are several Brethren who have not as yet paid their 2016 dues, please see to this as you will be in arrears on January 1, 2017.

Masons & Guests

**Are Invited to Join the Officers and Members of
 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
 Celebrating the life of Brother Robert Burns with fine food,
 good company, and Scottish entertainment**

RSVP by Jan. 12th
 Tickets: \$10

For Reservations
 Contact: Senior Steward,
 Bro Stewart Plemons @
 434.989.7903 or
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Guest Speaker:
 Brother Bill Dickey,
 Masonic Villages
 of the
 Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Monday, January 16, 2017

6:00 PM Supper

January Stated Communication in Window's Sons' Lodge
 Room After Burns Supper

**Please Keep these Brethren in Your
 Thoughts & Prayers**

(Give them a call or send a card)

- Brother Donald Stoneburner - Moved to Heritage Inn, 220 South Pantops Drive, 2 Charlottesville, Va. 22911 Room 17



Community Builder Award

Prior to our Stated Meeting, Community Builder Awards were presented to; Ms. Cynthia Lorenzoni for her work with the Charlottesville Women’s Four Miler and Mr. David Wheatley for his work with the Habitat for Humanity and the Appalachian Mission project.



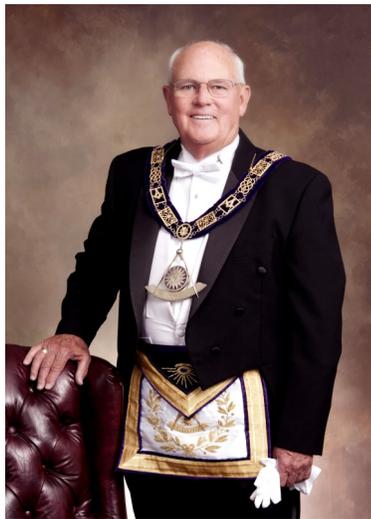
Program for November

A Presentation was made by RW Bob Simpson on Discovering our Potential and Brother Valentine W. Southall who gave the oration at the Cornerstone laying at Central College in 1817.



Program for November

RW Goldie Wilson Tomlin, Jr. was welcomed and requested to continue to the East where he was welcomed by the Worshipful Master and saluted in the ancient manner as our new District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District.



**OUR NEW GRAND MASTER
MOST WORSHIPFUL
VERNON STUART COOK
172ND GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA**



Brother Cook was made a Master Mason in Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 on March 17, 1966, where he is a 50-Year Masonic Veteran and Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2009. He affiliated with Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 on December 13, 2004, where he is also a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2008. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 15C in 2010. He has served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and the Grand Lodge Committee on Security. Also, he was a member of the Commission on Background Investigation of Candidates. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2011 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master on November 12, 2016.

Top 10 Books in Masonry as determined by a survey of members of the Southern California Research Lodge (of which I am a member and participated in the survey)

1. *Born In Blood – The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry* by John J. Robinson
2. *Freemasons for Dummies* by Christopher Hodapp
3. *Morals and Dogma* by Albert Pike
4. *The Craft and Its Symbols* by Allen E. Roberts
5. *Observing the Craft* by Andrew Hammer
6. *The Builders: A Story and Study of Masonry*, by Joseph Fort Newton
7. *The Meaning of Masonry* by Walter Leslie Wilmshurst
8. *A Pilgrim’s Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right* by John J. Robinson
9. *The Mason’s Words* by Robert G. Davis
10. *The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland’s Century* by David Stevenson

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

by: Joseph Fort Newton

(The substance of an address by Bro. Newton, Educational Director; at the Annual Meeting of The Masonic Service association, Washington, D.C. Oct. 29th, 1923; following the report of the Executive Commission.)

After listening so intently to this remarkable Report, no one wishes to hear a long speech from anybody. But, in as much as the Report referred so kindly to me, perhaps I may be allowed a personal word, if only to tell in what mood I take up the work, and the spirit in which I hope to do it.

First, let me tell a story. During the American Civil War a young Captain in the army of the South was taken prisoner and brought up the Mississippi to Rock Island. The northern climate was severe on the southern men, proof of which can be found in the files of the War Department. The young Captain fell ill, desperately ill. He made himself known as a Mason to an officer of the prison. The officer took him out of the prison to his home, and nursed him back to life. When the War ended he put money in his pocket and gave him a little pistol to protect himself on his way back to his southern home. That young Captain was my father!

So, as far back as I can remember, I have had a great admiration for a Fraternity whose spirit could soften the horrors of battle and mitigate the lot of a prisoner of war. By the same token, I hope I have done a little for Freemasonry in return, trying feebly to repay a measureless obligation. For the same reason I should like to do more in its behalf before the day ends.

Since those far off years all of us have lived through a Great War, and no man can pass through such an ordeal and be the same man he was before. Something died in me and was buried with the boys I buried in Flanders - five hundred and twenty-seven of them in one day. All bitterness, bigotry and all ill-will if I ever had any toward any race or creed, lie dead and buried with the War. Never have I had a deeper pity for my race, a greater love for my country, or a firmer faith that Freemasonry can do something for the re-building of the broken brotherhood of the world that nothing else can do.

It was in the old gray city of London, at that time an arsenal and a hospital, that I first heard of the organization of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. It was one of the best bits of news that came in the days when good news was rare. When I learned of the basis on which the Association was organized, and the program it meant to carry through, it was like a dream come true. Now, at last, I felt that American Masonry had begun to realize both its opportunity and its obligations; and I had a great longing to have a part, however small, in such a work.

The purpose of the association, as I understood it, sought to fulfill three basic principles of Freemasonry. Brotherly Love, Relief and truth - the doing of good and the spreading of light in the spirit of good will. Living under the shadow of a vast tragedy - trying to think and pray in the rhythm of its guns - it seemed to me that what the world needed was more Light, more Love, More Understanding; and that is what it needs today.

Our program is two-fold, first to bring American Freemasonry together in cooperative fellowship and service in a time of need and calamity; and second, to educate Masons in Masonry that the gentle, kindly light which shines on our Altar may find its way through our lives and through our lodges into the world of partisan strife and sectarian feud where it is needed. What we want is a service that educates and an education that serves.

The whole principle of Freemasonry is that "Brotherhood of Man begins with the Manhood of the Brother." It seeks to build men, and then to make them Brothers and Builders. Any other kind of brotherhood is weak, if not futile, either a flabby sentimentalism or a calculating selfishness. Masonry is made up of strong men, picked men - they cannot be picked too carefully - sworn and trained to make righteousness and good will prevail. By that very fact a great responsibility rests upon us, which we cannot escape even if we desired to do so. Whatever needs to be done in any community the Masons ought to be the leaders in doing it, because they are Builders. Every Masonic lodge ought to be a social and civic center, where designs are drawn upon the Trestleboard for the common good, regardless of sect or party.

At first glance, our program may seem to be rather academic and high-brow, but it can be modified and adapted to our real needs and problems. No man, no set of men, can make such a program outright; it is by doing things that we learn what needs to be done and how best to do it. If we work together wisely, keeping the human touch and the spiritual vision, our experiments will ripen into a fruitful experience of how the spirit and principles of freemasonry can be practically applied to the life and service of our generation; as Washington and Franklin wrought its genius into the organic law of our new Republic.

Frankly, my first thought is not of the men who are already Masonic students. We need them, of course, and I believe they will rally to our help, as they did when we founded the Research Society. No, we are thinking of the throngs of young men - shock-headed boys, God Bless them! - who are crowding into our Temples all over the land. We welcome their youth, their energy, their enthusiasm; but we want them to be Masons, not merely members. We want them to know something about Masonry, not only its ritual, but what the ritual means, and what Masonry can do and ought to do in the World. Otherwise, as is so often the case, they will drift away and become "Bread and Butter Masons;" attending "The Big Meets and the Big Eats," using the Masonic Apron for a napkin. Such men ought to

BANQUET NIGHT

By Kuyard Kipling

"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
 Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
 "We will club our garlic and wine and bread
 And banquet together beneath my throne.
 And all the Brethren shall come to that mess
 As Fellow Craftsmen--no more and no less.
 "Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,
 Felling and floating our beautiful trees,
 Say that the brethren and I desire
 Talk with our Brethren who use the seas.
 And we shall be happy to meet them at mess
 As Fellow Craftsmen--no more and no less.
 "Carry this message to Hiram Abif--
 Excellent Master of forge and mine:
 I and the Brethren would like it if
 He and the Brethren will come to dine
 (Garments from Bozrah or morning-dress)
 As Fellow Craftsmen--no more and no less.
 "God gave the Hyssop and Cedar their place--
 Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn--
 But that is no reason to black a man's Face
 Because he is not what he hasn't been born.
 And, as touching the Temple, I hold and Profess
 We are Fellow Craftsmen--no more no less."
 So it was ordered and so it was done,
 And the hewers of wood and the Masons of Mark
 With foc'sle hands of the Sidon run
 And Navy Lords from the Royal Ark,
 Came and sat down and were merry at mess
 As Fellow Craftsmen--no more and no less.
 The Quarries are hotter than Hiram's forge,
 No one is safe from the dog-whips' reach.
 It's mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge,
 And it's always blowing off Joppa beach;
 But once in so often, the messenger brings
 Solomon's mandate: "Forget these things!
 Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings,
 Companion of Princes--forget these things!
 Fellow Craftsman, forget these things!"

have a special Apron of their own, adorned with a knife and fork as emblems!

Perhaps it is not altogether their fault - the lodge that simply makes Masons, and does not teach Masonry, does only half its work, or does its work only half way. If we do not know Masonry ourselves, if we do not know how to teach it to our young initiates, if our lodges become simply mills grinding out degrees; our freemasonry will sink to the level of a club - useful as such but in no way unique - losing its original purpose and power, and its great opportunity in our own day.

Always the first principle of education is to excite curiosity, to awaken interest; hence the plan of this Association, a few items of which I wish to mention without going far into detail. The moving-picture program seeks to make use of one of the greatest arts of our time to enlist interest in Freemasonry, by showing what it means when actually worked out in modern life. In the same way, the M.S.A. National Masonic Library will bring the best thought of the Craft within the reach of lodges and members; and our proposed journal, "The Master Mason," will be a medium for the exchange of ideas, plans, methods and good-fellowship; and a means of learning the present state of Freemasonry in all lands, its aspirations and its difficulties.

Besides, we hope to enter the strangely neglected field of fiction, using another great art in the service of the Craft. Hitherto, except for the stories of Brother Kipling, we have had few Masonic stories. The men of the Craft, like all other Americans, read stories, and it will be good news to know that one of the greatest of American novelists has promised to write, as only he can write, the story of Freemasonry in the American Revolution. When our young men read that story their blood will tingle and their hearts will beat faster as they see and realize what a part Masonry had in the creation of our Republic. Also, there will be short stories dramatizing the meaning of Masonry and its creative influence in the practical life as we know and live it.

Masonic research, as I understand it, means to search again for something we may have forgotten or overlooked. There are treasures of truth in our Freemasonry, and sources of power we have not yet dreamed of much less used. We need to know the past of Masonry in order to keep us true to its spirit, its purpose and its methods; and I think I have shown a not unworthy interest in the history and archaeology of the Craft. But we must also make research into the present meaning, power, and application of Freemasonry, the better to know what our great order of Builders ought to do and can do for the making of a greater and better America. The philanthropies of the Craft are munificent and its opportunities are magnificent!

Brethren, I believe in America as I believe in God, and I know that as Freemasonry did a great work in the past of America, so can it do a still greater work in the future of our country. With the utmost respect and regard for other lands and peoples, our care is for America - our America, God's America - to keep it true to its high, heroic tradition. Three Ruffians threaten the safety and sanctity of America- racial rancor, religious bigotry and a disintegrating spirit of lawlessness!

Here is our challenge and our opportunity, lest our Temple of Liberty and Fraternity be injured or destroyed before it is completed and dedicated - for it is not yet complete. Racial rancor is a thing slithered with blood and the mother of feuds and wars. Religious bigotry is one of the most horrible things in history. Its story is a tragedy too terrible to tell. As for lawlessness, it strikes at the Altar of liberty, undermines all our institutions, and opens the floodgates of anarchy. These Ruffians, if they have their way, will wreck Freemasonry, as they came near doing long ago, and they will ruin America.

Freemasonry, by virtue of its spirit and its teachings, can do for America what no other Fraternity can do. Without entering into political debates or sectarian disputes, as in the past so in the future, let us build upon the foundations laid by our fathers, and make America what its poets and prophets have dreamed it should be; and to have even a little part in such a work is honor enough - IT IS HONOR ENOUGH!

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