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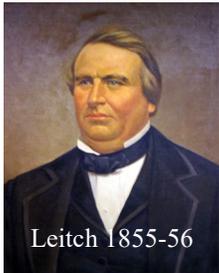
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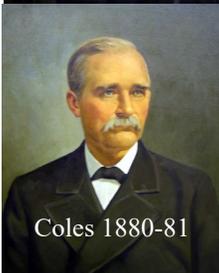
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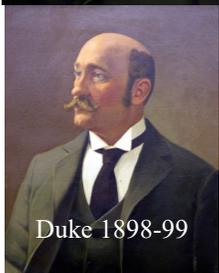
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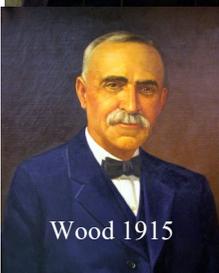
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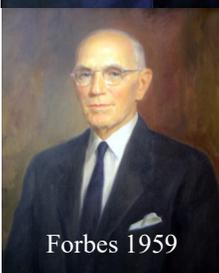
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Brethren,

February finds us preparing to serve our children better by the inclusion of the Virginia Child Identification Program into our Lodge and District. We have taken the initiative under the guidance of Worshipful Jason Pattison. This month's program will be a presentation on this program so that we can understand how the program works. Please make an attempt to come out for the presentation. It will be well worth knowing how our fraternity is focusing on a problem of society.

We are setting some goals for this year: 100% participation in the Widow's Aid Fund; the achievement of Morlock Award from the Masonic Home of Virginia where each member in the Lodge gives at least \$5.00 to the Home; 10 Masons Raised this year; An April breakfast and "Bring a Friend" gathering and Subordinate Lodge Officer training by our DEO on a Saturday morning in April. How can you help? Participate!

We will be transitioning the Hiram Journal mailings. The information about the Lodge activities will be presented via email monthly. The Journal will be a bi-monthly publication and the first class mail will be used to send out a reduced number of articles than 200. Twice a year we will use bulk mail to send out specific packages to all of our members. We will continue to stay in connection with our widows by our flower program and the bi-monthly journal. Your cooperation will aid our secretary in performing his duties well. I thank you in advance.

Our District Deputy Grand Master will make his Official Visit at our March stated communication and the Grand Master will make his Official Visit to the 18th Masonic District on Friday, June 17, 2016. I am certain R W Reinhold will appreciate your support for each of these endeavors.

Wor. Pattison needs your support in a donation for the VaChIP. This is a 501c3 corporation, so all donations are tax deductible. Please make your checks to "Virginia CHIP, Inc."

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

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



Samuel D. Caughron	02/24/1992
William H. Dorsey	02/10/1961
Michael Allan Haas	02/12/1979
George G. Hocker	02/03/1999
Nathan M. Hoffman	02/26/1964
John T. Lawson	02/19/1958
Lewis A. Martin, III	02/21/1979
Donald Hogan Misner	02/26/1957
Timothy P. O'Brien	02/24/1994
Hollis T. Proffitt	02/23/1954
William F. Reinhold	02/23/1973
Edgar S. Robb	02/08/1966
Oakley C. Straley	02/04/1966
Thomas F. Wilson	02/15/2011



Important Dates

- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, February 1st, 6:30 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)
- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, February 8th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, February 9th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, February 15th, 7:00 PM.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, February 17th, 7:30 PM. ***Please note; New Location, 72 Lambs Lane Stanardsville, VA***
Official Visit of the DDGM. WSL Visitation.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, March 7th, 6:30 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)



The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges, with our DDGM, RW William F. Reinhold and piper for the evening, Brother Mark Chapman.



Robert Burns Dinner

Brethren, At our January Stated Communication the Lodge celebrated our distinguished Scottish brother, Robert Burns with a traditional Burns Dinner. The Haggis was piped in by our very own Senior Warden Brother Mark Chapman. The Haggis was brought in and laid before the Worshipful Master with great pomp and ceremony by our head chef, RW James F. Dickerson and his assistants. The address was made to the Haggis by our Worshipful Master after which, toasts were given to the Chef, Piper and Haggis. The Chaplain then blessed the Haggis with the traditional Selkirk Blessing. The Haggis was then piped out of the Lodge and a delicious Scottish meal was enjoyed by all present.



Shown above are various pictures of our Robert Burns Dinner. At top are our chefs for the evening, The Worshipful Master presents the program on Robert Burns, The Haggis itself, Our honored guest for the evening, MW Buck Buchannon, GM of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge in 2003, The executive chef, RW James F. Dickerson and his sou chef, Brother Bob Romanac. Brother T. C. Dickerson and RW Mike Griffin present short programs during the dinner.

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts &

Prayers

(Give them a call or send a card)

- RW Mike Hollar recovering from back surgery.
- Brother Maury Kingman.
- Wor. Richard Cook recovering from a broken hip.
- RW Hank Booth back in the hospital.
- RW Harlan Phelps recovering from double pneumonia.

2016 Dues

Brethren,

Your dues are used to run your lodge and are now due for the 2016 year. If you have not as yet seen to this please attend to this when you can.

Brethren,

The Worshipful Master has two important goals this year. The first is to implement the VACHIP program and the second is for Widow's Sons' Lodge to obtain the Morlock Award before June 2016 when the Grand Master makes his official visit to the 18th Masonic District. Below is some information regarding these two goals:

Widow's Sons' Lodge is requesting assistance in funding the initial purchase of the VACHIP, Inc. computer system.

This includes for \$2,000 computer, \$600 printer and \$30 for wireless connection.

The VACHIP program is a comprehensive child identification and protection tool designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing children. Not only do we include children, but teenagers, adults and senior citizens in the event that they go missing. Because EVERY ONE IS SOMEONES CHILD. This program is provided "free of charge" to every Virginia family who wishes to participate.

Please make your tax exempt checks to VACHIP and send to our District VACHIP Officer;

Jason Pattison

377 Windsong Rd Barboursville, VA 22923

The Morlock Award

The second goal is for the Lodge to obtain The Morlock Award and present the monies earned in this endeavor to the Grand Master on his official visit to the 18th Masonic District in June. All proceeds to go to the Masonic Home of Virginia. The Worshipful Master would like to raise at least \$15 per member in this endeavor. At present our Lodge has 252 members which comes to a total contribution of; \$3,780. Please remember the greatest of these is charity for our faith may be lost in sight, hope ends in fruition but charity extends beyond the grave throughout the boundless realms of eternity. Widow's Sons' Lodge could use your help in achieving this worthwhile goal.

The Morlock award is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Home. The award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5 or more in any one year. This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given. The Masonic Home is convinced that as more Masons learn to give to support the Home, the dollar totals will follow.

This award is named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94.

This is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Please send your contribution to:

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60

P.O. Box 6262

Charlottesville, VA 22906

Mark "Morlock Award" in the memo space of your check.

The Masonic Blue Slipper

Many Masons, do not know the meaning the masonic blue slipper.

It is a small lapel pin in the shape of the bottom of a blue slipper. In the bottom half of the slipper is the Square and Compass. On the heel

portion is the all Seeing Eye. Over the years the wives, mothers and daughters of Masons have grown to wear them when traveling alone away

from home. But many Masons, do not know of them or its meaning.

If you

every meet a woman, wearing "The Masonic Blue Slipper", here's the story of it.

The Masonic Blue Slipper is a symbol for the "Masonic Wives, mothers and daughters and widows" with a history in the Bible story of Ruth. Any woman wearing one of these or its symbol is under the protection of Masons.

Long ago, during a famine in Israel, Elimelech took his wife Naomi and their two sons, left Bethlehem, and went into the land of Moab. The two sons married Moabite women. Then Elimelech died, and shortly after his two sons died. Naomi decided to return to Israel. At first both wanted to go back with Naomi, but Naomi would not have it. Ruth was persistent and travelled back with Naomi back to Bethlehem.

It was rough times, but they were able to get help from a distant relative of Elimelech named Boaz, who had a good farm outside of town. Naomi was a bit crafty, and before long Boaz fell in love with Ruth. But the law of the land was a bit stiff. So Boaz set up court at the city gate as was the custom then. Boaz sat down at the gate because he knew there was a kinsman more closely related to Elimelech than he was. So when the kinsman came by, Boaz called him and asked 10 men of the elders to sit with them. Boaz bargained with his kinsman. The kinsman said he would redeem Elimelech's property. But when he found out that he would be responsible for Naomi and Ruth he backed out and told Boaz he would not redeem or protect Elimelech's interest. The biblical passage reads as:

Ruth 4: 7-8; "And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it., Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel."



The kinsmen drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband and a redeemer of Elimelech's property. From that point on and forever after Naomi and Ruth became a part of the family of Boaz, that is, came under the sponsorship and

protection of Boaz and his family. Boaz took Ruth as his wife, and their son Obed became the father of Jesse and grandfather of King David.

The shoe is a symbol of promise, and the Masonic Blue is the color of perfection. The tekhelet dye comes from Murex snails whose blood is purple until exposed to sunlight when turns sky blue. The sky blue does not fade and is everlasting. Blue threads are woven into Jewish holy garments and the Israeli flag is blue.

The Masonic Blue Slipper represents that the woman is the relative of a Mason, under the protection of Masons and under the unfading oath of all Masons to protect widows and orphans. Thus the slipper has become an emblem to identify loved ones of Masons to other members of the Craft.



Sour Cream Biscuits

"so quick and easy"

Yield: 8-10 Biscuits

1 cup self-rising flour
1/4 tsp. baking soda
3/4 cup sour cream



Combine all ingredients. Stir until smooth. Turn dough out onto floured surface. Roll out 1/2 inch thick. Cut with 2 inch biscuit cutter. Place biscuits on greased baking sheet (or Parchment paper) and bake in preheated 450 degree oven for 8-10 minutes.

(from: Good Cookin' from the Heart of Virginia Cookbook, Lynchburg, VA, 1985)

Ladies,

If you need help, a call or a visit, please do not hesitate to call a Mason in your area or an officer of the lodge as listed on the back page of this newsletter. We will do our best to help you.

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